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OUR TWENTIETH VOLUME.

WE start to-day on another Volume, and while we ask our friends to continue to us the consistent support they have accorded us hitherto, we would urge on them to endeavour to introduce our journal to their younger brethren. At the present time matters of vital interest to the Craft are continually being brought under notice, and we strive to give these that attention they so urgently claim. We venture to say that our labours are not of a light character, and we feel the lack of appreciation on the part of the Craft at large is a matter of thoughtlessness rather than of design. It is an old saying that the production of a Masonic journal is a labour more of trouble than profit; we trust we may never have cause to say this has been a bitter experience of our own.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL.

WE publish elsewhere full particulars of the 86th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, together with a list of the Returns made by the contributing Lodges and Brethren in London and the Provinces. The account is interesting, and we venture to add will prove highly gratifying to the numerous friends of the School. When a man's powers have been subjected to a strain of unusual severity it commonly happens, nay, it may be regarded as a law of nature, that he sets about re-establishing equipoise by indulging in a period of repose. An excess of force in one direction must be counter-balanced by a defect of force in another. Thus a grand effort last year in aid of the funds of the Boys' School having been deemed imperative, in order to meet, to a certain extent, the growing demands upon its resources, it would have surprised few people if there had been somewhat of a diminution in the average receipts on Saturday last. This anticipation, however, we are glad to say, has not been realized. It is true that the Festival of 1883 yielded £23,000, while that which was held at the Crystal Palace on the 28th ult. realized only £14,000. But the difference as nearly as possible represents the amount that was subscribed towards the Fund for erecting additional premises at Wood Green, so that, as a matter of fact, there is little, if any difference between the amounts subscribed towards the General Fund on the two occasions. This is one of our reasons for describing the result of Saturday's celebration as being so satisfactory. The unusual effort which had to be put forth in 1883 in order to meet an unusual demand was successful in its purpose, but the success has been achieved without detriment to the requirements of the ordinary fund. Another gratifying circumstance will be found in the increase of this, over last, year's Festival receipts, if we add together the totals subscribed to all three Charities but omitting the Building Fund account. In 1883 these amounted together to between £37,000 and £38,000. This year they are nearer £42,000 than £41,000, namely:—Benevolent in February £14,660; Girls' School in May £13,040; Boys' School in June £14,060 Grand total £41,760. Indeed, all things considered, we have good reason to be proud of the current year's results, nor are there many sobieties of which it can be said that the sum raised by voluntary contributions is about equivalent to the interest on £1,500,000 ordinary Government Stock, to say nothing of the money disbursed in Charity by Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand and Private Lodges, and local Masonic Charitable Associations.

But to return to the event of Saturday. We have stated incidentally that the Subscriptions and Donations amounted in round figures to £14,060, and at once we must take the opportunity of congratulating all who had a part in securing this result. The sad and sudden death of the Duke of Albany, who had consented to occupy the chair on the occasion, cannot but have had a most depressing effect on the governing body of the Institution and its energetic Secretary. It was no more than natural that with so illustrious a President to assist them they should have been looking forward to reap a glorious harvest of contributions, but their anticipations never reached a state of fruition. About three months ago the terrible news came upon us like a thunderclap that the Queen's youngest son was dead, and the brilliant hopes and expectations which had been established on the promise of his chairmanship disappeared, just as though they had never had any existence. In one sense this calamity placed Bro. Binckes in a worse plight than if in the interval that had elapsed since his previous Festival he had cast about in all directions for a Chairman and been uniformly disappointed. In any circumstances he had barely three months left him in which to supply the vacancy and in so short a period the circle from which he must make a choice would necessarily be more restricted. However, he was fortunate enough to secure the services of the Lord Mayor, though, owing to a prior engagement, his lordship was unable to carry out one part of the customary programme, and take the chair at the distribution of prizes. Still, this was comparatively a slight disappointment, except, no doubt, to the boys. The Festival passed off admirably under the auspices of our great Civic chief, who is the very personification of geniality, and what, no doubt, in the eyes of many of our readers will be looked upon as of still greater importance, a Freemason of long standing and highly distinguished. We question if Bro. Binckes could have enlisted the services of a brother who was calculated to do greater honour to so important a celebration, one who, possessing an equal presence, would by his kind example have succeeded in stirring up a more genuine enthusiasm. At all events the Lord Mayor, as he was a means of giving pleasure to others, must also have been the recipient of pleasure. He conferred honour on the Board of Stewards and their respected and energetic honorary Secretary, and the latter, on their part reciprocated the honour by adding grist to the Boys' School mill to the extent of over £14,000, and we venture to imagine that manifold as has been his lordship's experience as a chairman during the term of his mayoralty, no similar festivity at which he may have been the central figure, has yielded such considerable results, or results which will be productive of a greater amount of good. The Stewards, too, must have experienced a glow of pleasure when the total was made known by Brother Binckes. Whatever of laborious and disagreeable work had to be

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done in connection with the Anniversary had fallen on their shoulders. Canvassing for subscriptions is never a very pleasant duty even among Masons, yet they must have canvassed to good purpose to have raised so grand a total. The disappointments they may have experienced, instead of having a depressing effect, must have nerved them to make still more laborious efforts in order to secure the needed lists of subscriptions. So with regard to Bro. Binckes, who certainly had more than his ordinary share of difficulties to cope with. We have already alluded to the greatest of all his disappointments, the sad and unforeseen death of his promised chairman, and we have told how this gap in his arrangements was bravely and so very competently filled by Lord Mayor Fowler. But those who have had no experience of Festivals in aid of a Charitable Institution can have but a very imperfect idea of the trouble involved in bringing together a strong representative Board of Stewards. The refusals, the withdrawals, and, in the case of new men, the inexperience which the organizers of such bodies have to put up with are a constant source of annoyance and vexation. However, as eels are said to grow accustomed to the ordeal of being skinned, and in time feel seriously aggrieved if they are not required now and again to undergo it, so we presume Bro. Binckes, after his twenty-four years course of organising Boards of Stewards, would begin to think that Time was on the eve of being merged into Eternity if he had no obstacles to overcome, no denials to vex him, no resistance to his persuasive appeals to stifle. He, too, we can conceive, must be well content that his labours have resulted in so rich a harvest of subscriptions and donations as he was privileged to announce on Saturday last. Him likewise, as well as the Stewards and the Chairman, we must unfeignedly congratulate on what has taken place, entirely through his and their instrumentality, backed up, as usual, by the inexhaustible generosity of the Craft. Lastly, we must congratulate the Institution and its wellwishers on the sense of complete security which will encircle them during the next twelve months. Their path is now comparatively an easy one. What they have to do is to make use of their opportunities, and the monies which have just been poured into their coffers with no niggard hands will enable them to do this, if not without care, at all events without anxiety.

It remains for us to say a few words about the Returns. We have referred to them as an aggregate amounting, in round figures, to £14,000 but there are just a few of the items comprising this aggregate to which it would be ungraceful on our part not to make some special reference. For instance, the Royal Savoy Lodge contributes by the medium of its representative, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, no less a sum than £630, or more by somewhere about £40 than the important Province of West Yorkshire. Then Bro. George Skudder, the Senior Deacon of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, is entered for a list of £540, and we honestly confess that this illustration of Temperance and its beneficent effects is decidedly preferable to others which have been brought under our notice during the past few weeks. These lists, if they are not unprecedented, are so far above the average of what we hold to be very liberal contributions that we should have been wanting in our duty if we had not given them the prominence to which they are entitled. Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, per Bro. Charles Tayler W.M., and Universal Chapter, No. 181, per Comp. J. C. Parkinson, have likewise sent up exceptionally long lists, the former's amounting to £325 10s, and the latter's to £283 10s, and besides there is the usual array of three-figure lists, such as Bro. James Boulton, of £161, in respect of Victoria Lodge, No. 1056; Bro. A. Bellis, of £173 for the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, &c., &c. In the Provinces the lead is taken by West Yorkshire with £589, Hants and the Isle of Wight being a very good second with £512, and Cheshire and Kent close up with £498 each, Staffordshire £313, and Monmouthshire £307, bringing up the rear of those whose totals exceed £300. Amongst the other Provinces represented we notice Berks and Bucks (£163), Cambridgeshire (£174), Durham (£210), Gloucestershire, the two Lancashires, Middlesex, Nottinghamshire (£231), Oxfordshire (£141), Suffolk (£157), Surrey (£252), Sussex (£157), Worcestershire (£201), North Wales and Salop (£185), and South Wales East (£200). In fine, the Provinces, like London, have contributed freely, and we can only regret our inability to convey to them in sufficiently expressive words the high sense which the whole body of English Freemasons must entertain of their efforts. However, they have the consolation of feeling they have done their duty, and that, doubtless, will be reward enough. If we may be allowed to parody a well known adage—*Sufficit officio sua gloria.*

The Festival of Saturday was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, and was presided over by Bro. Alderman R. N. Fowler, Lord Mayor of London, J.G.W. of the year. Under the direction of an efficient Board of Special Stewards everything was done to render the banquet portion of the day's proceedings enjoyable to all who attended. The proposition of the few toasts which of necessity have to be honoured was carried out in brief but effective style. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex proposed the health of the Chairman of the day, referring to the high position occupied by him, both in public life and Masonic affairs. As Lord Mayor of London he occupied a position which had ever been a coveted one among Englishmen, while as Warden of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons he might be said to occupy a proud position among the brethren of the Craft. In all his undertakings he entered heart and soul into the business before him, and as President of their Festival had no small share in securing the success which had been achieved. Sir Francis referred to the Lord Mayor's official Masonic position in the Province of Wiltshire, with which district he also was closely associated. In reply the Lord Mayor said it would be his endeavour to prove that the opinion formed of him had not been over-estimated. He hoped to be able to feel, at the conclusion of his duties, that he had discharged them in a satisfactory manner.

The name of the Grand Secretary was coupled with the toast of the Grand Officers, and that of Bro. Plucknett with the toast of the evening,—Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and then Bro. F. Binckes announced the amount of the several Stewards' lists, a summary of which we give elsewhere. Bro. Edgar Bowyer responded on behalf of The Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Trustees, and members of Committees; and Bros. Terry and Hedges each acknowledged the toast of Success to the other Institutions. Brother T. W. Tew replied for The Board of Stewards, and Bro. Frank Richardson for The Ladies. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, who was supported by Bro. Arthur Thompson, Madame Mathilde Zimeri, Miss Helen D'Alton, with Bro. Kift at the pianoforte.

We have already referred to the work undertaken by the Special Stewards; we now give a list of them.

Br. Mather, J. L., V.-Pres. of Inst. Berridge, Robert V.-Pres. of Inst. Cooper, George, V.-Pat of Inst. Matier, C. F., V.-Pres. of Inst. Torkington, A., V.-Pat. of Inst. Clever, James	}	Unattached.
Tyler, F. J.	Lodge No.	59
Belton, Charles, V.-Pres. of Inst. ...	,, ,,	165
Hogard, C. F., V.-Pres. of Inst.... ...	,, ,,	205
Terry, J.	,, ,,	228
Joyce, H. E.	,, ,,	507
Jenkins, H.	,, ,,	860
Driver, Charles H.	,, ,,	901
Boulton, J.	,, ,,	1056
Coubro, L. P.	,, ,,	1365
Brittain, J.	,, ,,	1385
Keeble, F. T. C.	,, ,,	1426
Ferguson, Alexander.	,, ,,	1538
Tayler, Charles.	,, ,,	1624
Verry, G. Ward	,, ,,	1625
Bridges, N.	,, ,,	1669
Scurrah, W. A.	,, ,,	1744
Festa, G. P., V.-Pat. of Inst. ...	,, ,,	1900
Miller, T. Hastings, V.-Pres. of Inst.	,, ,,	1964
Clowes, R., V.-Pres. of Inst.	Province of Essex.	
Eve, Richard, V.-Pat. of Inst. ...	Province of Hants, &c.	
Maidwell, T. J.	Province of Middlesex	
Hacker, H., V.-Pres. of Inst. ...	Province of Surrey.	
Romieu, G. F.	,, ,,	
Broadley, A. M., No. 1777, Ancient Carthage Lodge, Tunis, V.-Pres. of Inst.		

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TEETOTAL LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fancy you are not alone in having noticed the contradiction between the eloquent exposition of Bro. Woodford as to the nature of Freemasonry and the reason why it has prospered so remarkably, and the objects set forth by the founders themselves of the new Teetotal Lodge in seeking a warrant for its constitution from the Grand Master. Bro. Woodford says Masonry is to be admired and respected, and has prospered, because it had "managed to gather together" within its Lodges "men of different countries, sects, and opinions, and to unite in happy sympathies and harmonious works of charity persons of the most widely-opposed opinions and of different orders and ranks in society." This is perfectly true. A Masonic Lodge affords a common ground on which may meet the Peer and the Peasant—the Quaker, Anglican Churchman, and Jew—the Tory and Radical—the Imperialist and the Democrat. Political and theological discussions are forbidden, and what they have to do when they come together is to enjoy themselves rationally, each after his own particular fashion and in a manner calculated to avoid offence to the others. This I take it is as near an approach to the Millennium on a small scale as is practicable. On the other hand, Bro. Richardson thinks Freemasonry may be made use of in promoting total abstinence from a particular kind of food, which food, be it remembered, finds favour—whether rightly or wrongly, whether beneficially or detrimentally to health, is immaterial—with a great many other people. I say this is destructive of the objects for which Freemasonry was constituted. If A may not discuss politics or religion with B and the other letters of the alphabet inside a Masonic Lodge, and so provide a means for dissipating the harmony that generally prevails, why should he be allowed to discuss the propriety or impropriety of drinking wine or beer or spirits? How many thousand instances are there not of men who for years and years were near and dear friends, and yet they fell out and became deadly enemies through differences of opinion about paltry matters? But in Dr. Richardson's opinion this question of indulgence in, or abstinence from, alcohol is not a paltry matter. From his point of view indulgence in it means death, abstinence from it life. Others, however, think differently from Dr. Richardson, and of course, if the subject of drink is broached in Lodge or at the banquet after the Lodge, a controversy at once arises and with it the very strong probability that a serious disturbance of our sense of goodfellowship will follow. Like Dr. Richardson I hold in detestation the practice in which so many indulge in drinking alcoholic liquors to excess, and like him I shall gladly welcome the day when a considerable diminution in the evils arising from this excess is perceptible. But Masonry has nothing to do with this. It is neither Teetotalism nor moderate alcoholism, any more than it is Anglican Catholicism or Romish Catholicism. It will stand up boldly against all kinds of excess as being of necessity and in their several degrees subversive of morals. It will not permit, much less encourage, intoxication at its social gatherings, and consequently the question whether alcohol is good, bad, or indifferent is not one which in any way concerns it Masonically. I trust Bro. Richardson will continue fighting his hardest against Intemperance in the shape of Drunkenness, and I wish him and all like him the success they deserve in their crusade, but he must do his crusading independently of Freemasonry.

There is one matter I have been unable to reconcile with my humble idea of sincerity. I am told the King Solomon Lodge banquet might easily have been mistaken for an ordinary Lodge banquet. The liquors looked like wine and the vessels containing them like wine bottles. It was only when you came to taste them that you discovered they were some other compounds. But if alcoholic beverages are so harmful, why hand round counterfeit presentments of alcohol? Why not boldly go in for water, pure and simple, mineral water, tea and coffee, cocoa and chocolate, &c.? Are the brethren of King Solomon Lodge ashamed of their opinions that they must deceive the world into the belief they are not teetotallers? I know there is an old maxim to the effect that you may take a wrinkle even from your enemy, but if teetotalism is so meritorious and so beneficial to health, then teetotal drinks do not need to be handed round just as if they were alcoholic drinks. I have no objection to sitting next to a teetotal brother in Lodge, or at the banquet which follows. I shall not trouble to ask my neighbour whether he is a Teetotaller or not, but if he is one, I hope he will have the courage of his opinions and appear in his proper character, not that of a winebiber.

Fraternally and faithfully,

TRUE TO THE CORE.

A PROTEST.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—No one, not a Mason, has a higher esteem for the Craft than I have: it is therefore with pain that I have read a lecture on Christianity, delivered at the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Sunday evening, 30th March. "Christianity and Religion—the one is a delusion the other a reality." Such is the burden of the lecture delivered by a Mr. H. J. Brown in a Masonic Hall.

I am, yours, &c.

7 Adelphi-terrace, W.C. F. PETRIE.

THE ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY, FROM THE GERMAN OF F. NICOLAI.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On looking over the "American Quarterly Review of Freemasonry," &c., two volumes bound in one, but lacking the first number, after wading through about two hundred pages, generally filled with learned *stuff and nonsense*, I was surprised to alight upon an *oasis in the wilderness* as it were. I mean two very sensible paragraphs, which I herewith enclose for the perusal of the faultfinders with Bro. Gould's conclusion about Sir C. Wren's Freemasonry, the firm believers and advocates of Daniel Coxe's connection with the Philadelphia Lodge, and Grand Lodge of 1731-2; and, in short, for the perusal of all *orthodox* brethren who imagine that Masonic history is an exception to the general rule required for historic composition. Hoping that the perusal of Bro. Nicolai's opinion *will do them good*,

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Boston, 20th June. JACOB NORTON.

"It is doing Masonry no wrong to deny it the prodigious antiquity which some writers have attributed to it. There was a time when just criticism, not yet existing, every historian felt himself obliged to make history which he was writing ascend to the most remote antiquity, and he collected together, without judgment or reflection, relations that were the most frivolous and unconnected. The same thing has been done as to Freemasons. Lessing somewhere says: 'Bro. Orator is a romancer.' I am afraid that the same thing must often be said of Brother Historian, especially when we see him as the author of the "Essai sur les N. N.," enriching history with his own notions, collecting all the mysterious societies into one, however different they may have been: imagining some that have never existed, and believing, like the writer just quoted, that Horace was a Freemason, because he had said, 'Hora quota est.' One, in this way may prove everything, and simply deserves not to be refuted.

"If a writer wishes to compose a true history, he should advance nothing as certain which he cannot prove by incontrovertible documents, taken from original sources and contemporary authors, and even then, much caution must be used. He must know that things that are alike are not the same, and that 'post hoc' is not always 'propter hoc.' Tradition is very well for those who are already convinced, or wish to be so; and I leave such people to their convictions with all my heart. Suppositions, or hypotheses, can never take the place of proofs: not that they are of any value, but to make them of any authority they must have a very direct relation to certain facts, and the occurrence of all the circumstances of the case should give them the highest degree of probability. But violently to unite facts which have nothing in common, to leap over entire epochs, not to be affected at the most manifest contradictions to generally-received opinions—so long as the object is to establish a favourite theory—this is not to write history, but to dream; and genius united to learning can never make it anything else than dreaming.

We anticipate there will be a large gathering of Freemasons on Wednesday next, at Redhill, to support the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who will then lay the foundation stone of the Chapel of the Royal Asylum of the St. Anne's Schools. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will hold a special meeting at the Schools, at three o'clock, to arrange for the official reception of the Prince of Wales and the Grand Officers. As there has been some question as to the admission of brethren to the ceremony without payment, we may state that members of the Craft can attend without any charge being made.

An emergency meeting of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, will be held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Thursday, 10th July, under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, the W.M.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday the 3rd instant, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Bros. Catt W.M., Penrose S.W., Cohen J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Dale S.D., H. C. Freeman J.D., Prior I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Pitt, J. Bedford Williams, Greener, &c. The evening's work comprised the rehearsal of the initiating of a candidate, personated by Bro. J. Bedford Williams. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was opened in the second and third degrees, and closed to the first. Bro. Penrose was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Catt for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was then closed.

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WHY BRO. GOULD DISCREDITS WREN'S CONNECTION WITH FREEMASONRY.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

Continued from Vol. XIX. page 387.

ONCE upon a time a prisoner was charged with sheep stealing. The lawyer engaged to defend him saw at once that the testimony of the government witnesses could not be shaken; but, as he was determined to clear his client, our smart lawyer hired a dozen scoundrels who were instructed to corroborate the testimony of the prosecuting witness, but as each of the hired witnesses, on cross-examination, was proved to have served on the treadmill, or in some prison, and their statements conflicted all round, the crafty lawyer was enabled by his *logical inferences* to persuade the jury that the government witness was on a par with all the rest; or, in other words, that the statements of all the witnesses against the prisoner were alike unfounded. And in a like manner our so-called Masonic historians have written so many vagaries about Sir Christopher Wren, and about other events, all of which upon impartial investigation have been proved utterly groundless, that even Aubrey's disinterested testimony to Wren's reception by the old Lodge, in 1691, seems now to be very unreliable and dubious.

Aubrey and Wren were both Fellows of the Royal Society, and there is no doubt of their having been intimate friends. Aubrey commenced writing his "Natural History of Wiltshire" in 1656, and finished it 21st April 1686. The whole book was written on one side of each leaf only, and, on the blank side of page 73, Mr. Halliwell discovered, about forty or more years ago, the following statement, in Aubrey's handwriting:

"Sir William Dugdale told me, many years since, that about Henry the Third's time the Pope gave a bull or patents to a company of Italian Freemasons, to travel up and down all over Europe to build churches. From those are derived the Fraternity of Adopted Masons. They are known to one another by certain signs and watchwords; it continues to this day. They have several Lodges in several counties for their reception; and when any of them fall into decay the brotherhood is to relieve him, &c. The manner of their adoption is very formal, and with an oath of secrecy."

And on the back of page 72 Mr. Halliwell also found the following statement:—

"Memorandum. This day, May the 18th, being Monday, 1691, after Rogation Sunday, is a great convention at St. Paul's Church of the Fraternity of the adopted masons, where Sir Christopher Wren is to be adopted a brother, and Sir Henry Goodric of the Tower, and divers others. There have been Kings that have been of this sodality."

The custom of conferring the freedom of the city upon a prince, nobleman, &c. is still practised by the guilds or companies of the city of London. It seems funny to read the speech of a high personage, when thanking the company for having conferred the honour upon him by making him a Bro. Fishmonger or Tailor, &c. Now, our learned Bro. C. L. Woodbury, our Philadelphia learned Bro. MacCalla, and all our learned and unlearned American Masonic Grand Lodges *in creation*, are ready at any moment to swear that St. John the Baptist was a *bona fide* Bro. Freemason. But it seems that the London Tailors Guild have at least as good a reason for believing that St. John the Baptist was a *bona fide* Bro. Free Tailor, and consequently they have a grand feast on every 24th of June. In 1607 King James and his son Henry, and a host of courtiers, dined with the London Tailors on St. John's Day, upon which occasion Prince Henry and the courtiers were all *Tailorized*. His Majesty was also invited to be made an accepted Bro. Tailor, which honour he declined, because he was already an accepted Bro. Cordwainer. Elias Ashmole, founder of the Ashmolian Museum at Oxford (and if we recollect right he was a member of the Royal Society), recorded in his Diary as follows:—

"1646. Oct. 16, 4.30 p.m. I was made a Freemason at Warrington, in Lancashire, with Col. Henry Mainwaring of Kermincham, Cheshire. The names of those that were then in the Lodge, Mr. Richard Penket Warden [or W.M.] Mr. James Collier, Mr. Rich Sankey, Henry Littler, John Elam, Rich. Elam, and Hugh Brewer."

The next mention of Masons in the Diary is in March 1682, as follows:—

"10. About 5 p.m. I received a sumons to appr, at a Lodge to be held next day, [at] Masons' Hall, London.

"11. Accordingly I went, and about noon were admitted in Fellowship of Free Masons.

"Sir William Wilson Knight, Capt. Rich Boithwick, Mr. Will Woodman, Mr. Wm. Gray, Mr. Samuel Taylor, and Mr. William Wise.

"I was the Senior Fellow among them, (it being thirty-five years since I was admitted). There were present besides myself the Fellows after named. Mr. Tho Wise, Mr. of the Masons Company this present year, Mr. Thomas Shorthouse, Mr. Thomas Shadbolt, — Wainsford Esqr., Mr. Nich Young, Mr. John Shorthouse, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. Will Stanton.

"Wee all dyned at the Halfe Moone Taverne in Cheapside, at a noble dinner prepared at the charge of the New-accepted Masons."

This Lodge which Ashmole visited in 1682 is still a puzzle to us. Nor can we positively state whether Ashmole visited the London Masons Company and dined with them.*

We have given Bro. Ashmole's Masonic jottings in full because, in the first place, they prove that non-operatives were then transmogrified into "Accepted Masons;" and second, we learn from them that the "Knife and Fork Degree" was in full blast in the then Masonic Lodges. Dr. Plot, Secretary of the Royal Society, a friend of Aubrey, Ashmole, Wren, &c. in his "Natural History of Staffordshire," printed in 1686, has also something to say about Masons; he, however, describes the humbler class of Masons, who held their meetings not in great taverns, but in public houses, and he bears evidence to the existence of the Knife and Fork Degree even among them. Governor Belcher, of Massachusetts, claimed to have been made a Mason in London, in 1704. The fashion of gentlemen joining the Masonic Brotherhood was certainly in full blast in 1691, when Aubrey penned his memorandum that Sir Christopher Wren was going on that very day to be accepted by the Masons. And, what is more! The Grand Lodge of England, in 1729, furnished additional evidence to prove that a convention of Masons was actually held in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's in 1691, for in the engraved Lodge list of 1729 the oldest Lodge is said to have been constituted in 1691. There would not, therefore, have been any reason to doubt Wren's admission into the Masonic Fraternity, as stated by Aubrey, if Anderson, Preston and Co. had never have written their Masonic histories. But, in the first place, Anderson was not cute enough to Masonize Wren in 1723; and, second, our simple-minded Bro. Anderson *over-Masonized* Wren in 1738; for, if Anderson's history was true, that Wren was a Grand Warden in 1663, then Aubrey's statement that Wren was not a Mason before 1691 must be false, and *vice versa*. Besides which, Anderson Grand *Wardened* Wren more than fifty years before the Masons had *Grands*. These conflicting statements roused the suspicions of our old friend Bro. W. P. Buchan, of Glasgow, when, after disposing of the worthlessness of the testimony of the reporter of the *Postboy*, of 1723, he reasons thus (see *Freemason*, London 1875, pp 352-3):—

"The only real piece of evidence that I have yet seen . . . is the quotation from Aubrey's 'Natural History of Wiltshire,' but that quotation does not sate that he (Wren) was enrolled among the members of the Fraternity; it merely states that . . . . 'he is to be adopted a brother.' . . . Of course we read in Preston's 'Illustrations of Masonry' that Wren was a Grand Warden in 1663, and a Deputy G.M. in 1666, but as both of these dates occur at a considerable time previous to the 18th of

* The old London Masons' guild seems to have lost its charter during the London fire in 1666, and Charles II. granted them a new charter in 1667. Whether the said Masons' guild had ever performed Masonic *goat riding* at their admissions into the guild is uncertain. But this we know, that in 1682 they neither spoke of "Lodges" nor of "Accepted Freemasons." This City Company or guild had its *Masons' Hall*; while on the other hand the Fraternity of "Accepted Freemasons," who met in "Lodges" and performed Masonic *goat riding*, had no Masons' Hall in those days in London. Now, in 1682, Ashmole claims to have been summoned to a Lodge held at Masons' Hall. Here then is a puzzle! What kind of a Fraternity was he summoned to meet? It could not have been the City guild, because the said guild did not use the word "Lodge;" and he could not have been summoned to a Lodge of our "*Mystic Tie*" old brethren, because they had no Masons' Hall. As, however, Brother Gould promises some further information upon the subject, we shall suspend further speculation for the present.

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May 1691, when even his adoption was still in the womb of futurity, it follows that, to say the least, the evidence as to Wren's Masonic career is somewhat conflicting, not to press the fact that no such Masonic 'Grands' were in existence in 1663-6."

We see now how Anderson's *overdosing* Wren's Masonry led Bro. Buchan to suspect the statements of Aubrey and all the rest. Bro. Gould's researches seem to have extended over the whole field of literature bearing upon the question at issue; for instance, "The Parentalia," a book relating to the Wren family, but especially to Sir Christopher. Bro. Gould not only examined the said work, but he even hunted up the MS. copy, and he expresses a decided opinion that it was written by Christopher, the son of Sir C. Wren. After quoting a number of extracts relating to architecture from the said work, he came to the conclusion that he could draw no inference from them that Wren was a Mason. The memoir of a family by the name of Strong he also consulted. The book was written in 1716, though not printed before 1815, and here again our author hunted up the original MS. copy. In that work he learned that Thomas Strong, in 1665, built lodgings for the scholars at Oxford, under the direction of Dr. C. Wren; that in 1675 he made a contract with the Lords, for rebuilding St. Paul's, &c. But he could find no reference in the whole book either to the "Lodge at St. Paul's," or to the phrase of "Free and Accepted Masons." In short, wherever Bro. Gould searched, whether in the writings of Wren's intimate contemporaries or in those of Wren's own family, he could discover no intimation about Wren's Masonry, save and except the solitary statement by Aubrey. About Aubrey, our Bro. Gould says:

"With a naturally curious and inquiring mind, he lost no opportunity of obtaining traditionary and personal information. This peculiarity had procured for him the character of a 'foolish gossip.' Indeed, Ray, the distinguished naturalist, in one of his letters to Aubrey, cautions him against too easy credulity. 'I think,' says Ray, 'if you give me leave to be free with you—that you are a little inclined to credit strange relations.' Hearn speaks of him—'that by his intimate acquaintance with Ashmole in his latter years, he too much indulged his fancy, and wholly addicted himself to whimseys and conceits of astrologers, soothsayers, and such like ignorant and superstitious writers, which have no foundation in nature, philosophy or reason.' Malon observes, 'However fantastical Aubrey may have been on subjects of chemistry and ghosts, his character for veracity has never been impeached.'"

Anthony Wood's opinion of Aubrey is as follows:

"He is a shiftless person, roving and magotie headed, and sometimes little better than crazed, and being exceedingly credulous, would stuff his many letters sent to A. W. with fooleries and misinformation, which sometimes would guide him into the paths of error." Anthony Wood also used to say of him, when he was at the same time in company, "Look, yonder goes such a one, who can tell such and such stories, and I'll warrant Mr. Aubrey will break his neck down stairs rather than miss him." And Toland said of Aubrey, "Though he was extremely superstitious, ... yet he was a very honest man, and most accurate in his account of matters of fact, but the *facts* he knew, not the reflections he made, were what I wanted."

Among the dreams and anecdotes that Aubrey left us, one will suffice. "Dr. Richard Napier," says Aubrey, "was a person of great abstinence, innocence and piety. When a patient or querent came to him, he presently went to his closet to pray, and told to admiration the recovery or death of his patient. It appears by his papers that he did converse with the Angel Raphael, who gave him the responses." After reading the above, we need not feel surprised to read in the *Saturday Review* of 1879, p 383, "It must be confessed that the authenticity, or at least the accuracy, of Aubrey's anecdotes of eminent men has been much suspected." The "Encyclopædia Britannica" refers to Aubrey as a "highly credulous nature," and by Rees he is styled, "A good classical scholar, a tolerable naturalist, and a most laborious antiquarian, but credulous, and addicted to superstition." (New Cyclopædia 1822, 20.) Our Bro. Gould says:—

"Aubrey's memorandum has been sufficiently examined, but in parting with it I may remark that his story of Wren's forthcoming adoption appears to me quite as incredible as the other tales relating to the architect, extracted from his anecdotes of eminent men."

We shall only add, that if the honest but weak-minded Aubrey had said that Wren had told him that he *was a Freemason*, there would have been no reason to doubt it. But as upon mere rumour, Aubrey stated that Wren was going to become a Freemason; with the mass of negative evidence before us, all that can be said upon the subject is, it is barely possible, *but highly improbable.*

(To be continued.)

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A MEETING of the above Province was held at the Masonic Hall, adjoining the Imperial Hotel, Aldershot, on Friday, the 27th ult. The Rev. Canon Portal, Provincial Grand Mark Master, presided, and there was a large attendance, including Bros. Lord John Taylour, the Rev. J. N. Palmer, R. Eve, E. E. Street, Gordon Miller, R. J. Rastrick, A. R. Holbrook, W. D. Parkhouse, H. J. Guy, J. W. Wilmott, R. W. Mitchell, F. Powell, Mursell, G. J. Tilling P.G. Mark Secretary, Marshallsay, P. H. Emanuel, W. Green, Hacker, Harrison, H. Stone, &c. The P.G. Mark Treasurer (Bro. G. Felton Lancaster) presented a very satisfactory balance sheet, and to the regret of all present tendered his resignation, owing to a press of other engagements. Bro. R. J. Rastrick was nominated as his successor, and unanimously elected. The P.G. Mark Secretary read a statement showing the progress and business of the Province, by which it appeared that there had been a larger accession of members in this Province during the past twelve months than in any former similar period. The P.G. Mark Master expressed his gratification at receiving this report, and then invested his Grand Officers, as follow:—

Bro. W. Hicknau	Deputy P. Grand Master
Lord John Taylour 320 ...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
E. E. Street 82	Prov. G. Junior Warden
H. Stone 54	Prov. G. Master Overseer
A. R. Holbrook	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
J. W. Willmott 2	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. L'Argent Bell 64	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. Dr. Mullins 54	
R. J. Rastrick	Prov. G. Treasurer
Gordon Miller 17	Prov. G. Reg. of Marks
G. J. Tilling 63	Prov. G. Secretary
Mursell 140	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
Harrison 54	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
Woodhouse 125	Prov. G. Inspector of Works
J. Parkinson	Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies
Francis Powell 305...	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
Arthur B. Atkinson 125	Prov. G. Sword Bearers
Hitchin 54	
H. Pigeon jun. 320	Prov. G. Organist
R. W. Pinnmer 140	Prov. G. Inner Guard
Perdy Harrison 54	Prov. G. Stewards
Greig 305	
Bendall 54	
Watson 17	Prov. G. Tyler

The Lodge being called upon to choose one of their number as a Steward at Grand Lodge, Bro. H. Stone, the W.M. of the Aldershot Mark Lodge, was unanimously selected to represent the Province. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet at the Imperial Hotel.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Wednesday, at Deal, under the banner of the Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096. A full report of the proceedings shall appear in our next issue.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement took place at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. J. E. Sheffield M.E.Z., Dean H., Radcliffe J., Shaw S.N., G. W. Knight P.S. Notwithstanding the intense heat of the weather there was a very good muster. This Chapter of Improvement is rapidly increasing. Its conductors cordially invite Royal Arch Masons.

The members of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, have arranged that their annual summer banquet shall take place at the Oatlands Park Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, on Wednesday next, the 9th inst. An influential Committee has been formed to carry out the arrangements, and under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Rich, the present Worshipful Master, we have no doubt but that the festival of 1884 will be as successful as any that the brethren of Prosperity have hitherto celebrated.

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The following is a full list of the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival, with the amounts accredited to each up to the time of our going to press :—

LONDON.

CHAIRMAN—THE RT. HON. THE LORD MAYOR, M.P. 69 17 6

	Lodge		
Grand Stewards'		James Burroughs	31 10 0
Grand Masters'	1	George Martin	16 16 0
Antiquity	2	William Henry Rylands	60 0 0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4	Dr G Weldon	15 15 0
St. George and Corner Stone	5	R P Middlemist	24 13 6
Friendship	6	R E Johnston	21 0 0
Royal York	7	Frederick Adlard, V. Pat.	21 10 6
British	8	F T Rushton	14 14 0
Westminster and Keystone	10	— Scrathley	17 17 0
Enoch	11	Henry Kemp	14 3 6
Tuscan	14	Alfred Williams	14 14 0
Old Dundee	18	J Frederick Huggins	40 19 0
Royal Athelstan	19	Henry Glenn	46 14 6
Emulation	21	Alderman De Keyser	10 10 0
		Brackstone Baker	10 10 0
		T F Peacock	32 11 0
Robert Burns	25	G J Moorcroft	38 17 0
Castle of Harmony	26	E C Stebbing	15 15 0
Old King's Arms	28	George Graveley	36 15 0
St. Alban's	29	Edward Terry	47 5 0
Britannic	33	R C Hallowes	67 4 0
Royal Naval	59	F J Tyler	80 6 6
Peace and Harmony	60	Henry Young	44 2 0
Prosperity	65	W Chicken	117 1 6
Royal Jubilee	72	J N Bate	105 0 0
Mount Lebanon	73	J W Marsh	69 6 0
United of Prudence	83	Wm Hy Gramshaw	15 15 0
Regularity	91	H M Bates	27 6 0
London	108	E B Holloway	23 2 0
Faith	141	George Coop	125 0 0
St. Thomas's	142	J Lewis Thomas, F.S.A.	19 19 0
Cadogan	162	G D A Schofield	22 1 0
Honour and Generosity	165	Charles Belton, V.-Pres.	63 0 0
Temperance	169	George Skudder	540 0 0
Old Concord	172	W H Harris	46 3 6
Manchester	179	J Ellwood	42 0 0
Universal	181	Edward W Stanton	38 12 0
Tranquillity	185	Harry Tipper	15 15 0
		A E Staley	10 10 0
Jerusalem	197	W Harry Stanger	34 13 0
Israel	205	Chas Fredk Hogard V.-Pres.	33 1 6
Friendship	206	Charles T Scrivener	30 0 0
Stability	217	James Addington	70 0 0
United Strength	228	James Terry	85 11 0
Prince of Wales	259	Sir Albert W Woods	36 15 0
Bank of England	263	Lt.-Col. James Peters	10 10 0
United Pilgrims	507	Henry Edward Joyce	63 15 0
Nelson	700	Thomas Butt	129 3 6
		John Bertram	10 10 0
Victoria Rifles	822	Jno Fox Seaton	47 5 0
Dalhousie	860	T B Dodson	34 2 6
		Henry Jenkins	15 15 0
		M Christian	37 0 0
Finsbury	861	E W Parkes	39 17 0
City of London	901	David Hughes	118 1 6
De Grey and Ripon	905	Charles H Driver	31 10 0
		Alex Peebles	5 5 0
Cosmopolitan	917	George Edwards	22 0 0
Rose of Denmark	975	Moreton Graham	10 10 0
Victoria	1056	James Boulton	161 3 6
Perfect Ashlar	1178	Edward Bridges	31 10 0
Urban	1196	Edward Liebmann	10 10 0
Macdonald	1216	Captain C H Nevill	26 5 0
Star	1275	D Moss	130 0 0
Blackheath	1320	A J Martin	54 1 6
Granite	1328	J Lewis Thomas, F.S.A.	101 17 0
Stockwell	1339	W F Masters	60 0 0
Clapton	1365	L P Conbro	47 5 0
Highgate	1366	R W Galer, W B Trick	121 0 0
Friends in Council	1383	K R Murchison V.-Pres.	110 5 0
Campbell	1415	R M Jones	21 0 0
Earl Spencer	1420	J C Radford	50 8 0
Great City	1426	F T C Keeble	100 0 0
Islington	1471	C Hammond	50 0 0
Henley	1472	Charles Thomas Lewis	60 0 0
Athenæum	1491	Philip H Waterlow	80 0 0
Metropolitan	1507	George Clarke	72 0 0
St. Peter's, Westminster	1537	Thomas P Borrett	64 1 0
St. Martin's-le-Grand	1538	Alex Ferguson	33 12 0
Surrey Masonic Hall	1539	M S Larlham	39 18 0
Leopold	1571	H Youngman	52 10 0
Carnarvon	1572	Albert T Pearce	105 0 0
St. Dunstan's	1589	J W Beningfield	25 14 6
Skelmersdale	1599	George Laker	46 14 6
Bayard	1615	Frank Richardson, V.-Pat	64 1 0
Rose	1622	William Hamlyn	79 5 6
Eccleston	1624	Charles Taylor	325 10 0
Royal Leopold	1669	Newington Bridges	100 0 0
Guelph	1685	E Bare	86 2 0
Anchor	1704	Thos Wells Thorpe	59 17 0
Orpheus	1706	George F Smith jun.	23 2 0
Royal Savoy	1744	W A Scurrah	630 0 0
Bromley St. Leonard	1805	R T Fennell, V.-Pres.	42 0 0
Sir Thomas White	1820	F J Vialls	24 3 0
Duke of Cornwall	1839	E J Feilding	7 6 6
Montague Guest	1900	G P Festa, V.-Pat.	27 0 0
Selwyn	1901	Alex J Bellis	178 5 0
Gallery	1928	Thomas Minstrell	28 1 6
Duke of Albany	1963	Charles Wilson	60 0 0
Clerkenwell	1964	T Hastings Miller, V.-Pres.	21 0 0
Priory Lodge of Acton	1996	Charles E Botley	51 9 0
Queen's Westminster Rifles	2021	Geo. Lambert, Pat.	10 10 0
Haven	2022	James Fisher	45 0 0
	Chapters		
Royal York	7	Edward Lawson Horne	26 5 0
St. Mary	63	Dr. E E Wendt	57 15 0
Universal	181	J C Parkinson, Pat.	283 10 0
Royal Hanover	1777	H. Brooks Marshall, Pat.	105 0 0

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

		Edgar Bowyer, V.-Pat.	105 0 0

UNATTACHED.

		Asher Barfield, V.-Pres.	10 10 0
		R Berridge, V.-Pres.	36 15 0
		H D Cama	63 0 0
		J Clever, V.-Pres.	10 10 0
		G Cooper, V.-Pat.	14 14 0
		G J Earney	32 11 0
		G Gardner	26 5 0
		C Hammerton, V.-Pat.	52 10 0
		F R W Hedges	10 10 0
		G Lambert	21 0 0
		J L Mather, V.-Pres.	31 10 0
		C F Matier, V.-Pres.	21 0 0
		J T Mickelburgh	10 10 0
		C Millbourn, V.-Pat.	63 0 0
		J J Murrey, V.-Pat.	10 10 0
		J H Price	10 10 0
		A Torkington, V.-Pat.	105 0 0
		G W Verry	106 11 0
		F B Williams	10 10 0
		Rev. A F A Woodford, V.-Pr.	10 10 0
		T Yeo	19 19 0

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

	Lodge		
Etonian	209	J Andrews	18 18 0
Hope	574	W T Toms	5 5 0
Windsor Castle	771	H D Marshall	10 10 0
Abbey	945	John Tomkins	52 10 0
Grey Friars	1101	W W Ridley	57 15 0
Vale of White Horse	1770	W Atkins	18 18 0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Three Grand Principles	441	C A Vinter	174 6 0

CHESHIRE.

Unanimity	89	J Clayton	36 15 0
St. John's	104	William Booth	36 15 0
Combermere of Union	295	W Whiston	53 11 0
Concord	323	E Taylor	36 15 0
Benevolence	336	J E Steward	42 10 6
Mersey	477	T C Thorburn	52 10 0
Zetland	537	C J Clover	36 15 0
		J P Platt	
		T Maples	36 15 0
Ellesmere	758	Thomas Kirkham	36 15 0
Stamford	1045	J Hamilton	76 14 6
		E G Parker	52 10 0

CORNWALL.

St. Andrew's	1151	Controller S G. Bake, V.-Pr.	28 7 0

DERBYSHIRE.

Royal Sussex	353	A B Plant	31 10 0
St. Oswald	850	Percy Wallis	63 0 0

DEVONSHIRE.

Jordan	1402	G J Pepprell	10 10 0

DURHAM.

Harbour of Refuge	764	C S Lane, V.-Pat.	210 0 0

ESSEX.

Angel	51	W Sowman	89 5 6
Star in the East	650	Richard Clowes	26 5 0
Liberty of Havering	1437	T Davey	31 10 0

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

	Lodge				
		R V Vassar-Smith, V.Pat.	10	10	0
Foundation	82	Rev. H. Kynaston, D.D.	24	3	0
Royal Forest of Dean	1067	R J Kerr, V.-Pres.	37	16	0
	Chapter				
Foundation	82	Rev. T. M. Middlemore-Whitbard, V.-Pres.	26	5	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Medina	35	George A Mursell	76	13	0
Royal Gloucester	130	James Robertson	91	0	0
Portsmouth	487	George Rake	21	0	0
Panmure	723	Richard Glasspool	99	15	0
Aldershot Camp	1331	Captain Croisdale	105	0	0
Landport	1776	R J Rastrick	89	5	0
		Edward Goldsmith	18	18	0
		Richard Eve, V.-Pat.	10	10	0

HERTS.

Hertford	403	Lieut. Richard B Croft, R.N.	15	15	0
Gladsmuir	1385	J Brittain	36	15	0
	Chapter				
Gladsmuir	1385	J Brittain			

KENT.

The Province			94	10	0
Peace and Harmony	199	Rev. V S Vickers	73	10	0
		Edward Lukey	220	10	0
Temple	558	William Francis	31	10	0
St. Michael's	1273	Herbert Black	31	10	0
Knole	1414	Rev. T S Curteis, M.A.	5	5	0
Sandgate	1436	Henry Waite	42	0	0

LANCASHIRE—East Division.

Friendship	44	Alfred B Bennett	42	0	0
Social	62	Edmund Ashworth, V.-Pat.	73	10	0
Antiquity	146	John Fawcett Skelton	10	10	0
St. John's	221	J Martin Ratter	10	10	0
Friendship	277	J F Tweedale			
Affability	317	W J Cunliffe	10	10	0
		J W Edwards	10	10	0
		J Wilson	10	10	0
St. George's	1723	Matthew Fielding	10	10	0
		E G Harwood	10	10	0
		Thomas B Tong	10	10	0
		John Barrett	10	10	0
Zion	1798	Morris Rosenthal	10	10	0
		G Board	31	10	0

LANCASHIRE—West Division.

Loyalty	86	Reginald Young, V.Pat.	10	10	0
Ellesmere	730	J Malcolm Kerr	10	10	0
		Thomas Forrester	10	10	0
		James Lawrence	27	6	0
Everton	823	William Brassey	10	10	0
Royal Victoria	1013	William Longbottom	21	0	0
Duke of Edinburgh	1182	Robert Martin	10	10	0
Bridgewater	1213	W Bowdon	10	10	0
Equity	1384	W J Thomson	10	10	0
Emulation	1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0
		Peter Thomas	26	5	0
		H H Smith	26	5	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Pelham Pillar	792	R J Tozer	52	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

Enfield	1237	A G Fidler	80	11	0
Lebanon	1326	C W Baker	10	10	0
Sir Francis Burdett	1503	T R Richnell	15	15	0
	Chapter				
Stanmore	1549	T J Maidwell	50	0	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

		Captain S G Homfray	307	13	0

NORTHAMPTON AND HUNTS.

	Lodge				
Pomfret	360	H J Atkins	215	5	0
Eleanor Cross	1764				

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

		J Toplis	141	15	0
Newstead	47	Isaac Davis	21	0	0
De Vere	1794				
Carnarvon	1909	Julius Marx	68	15	6

OXFORDSHIRE.

Alfred	340	H G W Drinkwater	24	3	0
Apollo University	357	Rev. F H Penny	43	10	0
		Rev. H A Pickard			
Bowyer	1036	A Johnson	10	10	0
		Joseph Reade	10	10	0
Windrush	1703	S C Wakefield	16	6	6
Thames	1895	A Brakspear	36	15	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Parrett and Axe	814	J Budge jun.	64	1	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

St. James'	482	F Derry, LL.D.	77	0	6
Abbey	624	W H Bailey	141	15	0
Portland	637	Richard Tooth	94	6	0

SUFFOLK.

	Lodge				
British Union	114	G H Grimwood	90	0	0
Royal St. Edmunds	1008	George John Paine	67	4	0

SURREY.

The Province			10	10	0
Royal Alfred	777	Charles Belton, F.R.G.S. (see London Lodge, No. 1652)			
St. Andrew's	1046	G F Roomien.	21	0	0
Dorking	1149	Frederick Flood	36	15	0
Weyside	1395	T C Eager	25	4	0
Brownrigg	1638	William Lane	47	11	0
Albert Edward	1714	Henry Hacker	21	0	0
Wallington	1892	James William Baldwin	63	0	0
Arnold	1981	W P Catterson	27	6	0

SUSSEX.

Royal York	315	W H Gibson	157	10	0
St. Cecilia	1636				

WARWICKSHIRE.

The Province			10	10	0
Shakespeare	284	J W Margetts, V.-Pres.	36	15	0
St. Pauls	567	J Boddington	36	15	0

WILTSHIRE.

Concord	632	W H Long, M.P.	10	10	0
		C Gauntlett			

WORCESTERSHIRE.

		A F Godson, V.-Pat.	201	17	0
		George Taylor			
Hope and Charity	377	J W Chadwick			
Semper Fidelis	529	W B Williamson			
Stability	564	F J Bland			

YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS.

Humber	57	Robert Hodgson	75	0	0

YORKSHIRE—WEST.

		Lt.-Col. Sir H Edwards, Bt. V.-Pat.			
		Thomas Tew, J.P.			
Probity	61	C T Rhodes			
Britannia	139	John Henry Burrows			
		Simeon Hayes			
		John Spencer			
		Joseph Needham			
		Edward Sanderson Tozer			
		Charles Dixon			
		John Hunt			
		Arthur Davy			
Three Grand Principles	208	T Bateman Fox			
Harmony	275	Joseph Lowenthal			
		Robert Henry Armitage			
Hope	302	Thomas Hill, V.-Pat.			
		J Blackman Knight			
		Charles Bramm			
		C J Schott			
St. James's	448	Jno Henry Whadcoat			
		James Gooding Lee			
		Hugh Sugden Holdsworth			
Harmony	600	Charles Crabtree			
		Samuel Render			
		James Wright			
Pentalpha	974	Francis Willey			
		Herbert Anderton Foster			
Sincerity	1019	Jno Wordsworth			
Mirfield	1102	Jno Barker			
Goderich	1211	Jno Fourness			
Scarborough	1214	William Henry Hick			
Wentworth	1239	Henry T E Holmes			
Friendly	1513	Charles Frederick Seward			
		Edward Jno Massie			
		Thomas W Embleton			
Colne Valley	1645	Joseph Crowther			
			589	12	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

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To receive H.R.H. the PRINCE of WALES, K.G.
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THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, Holborn, on Thursday, 10th July 1884, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby *summoned* to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock.

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

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On WEDNESDAY, the 9th JULY 1884,
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R. H. EVANS, Secretary.



FREEMASONRY v. THE CHURCH OF ROME.

WE have pleasure in transferring to our columns the following article, from the pen of the Editor of the *Clevedon Mercury and Courier*; we also publish the sermon to which it refers, which was preached on Sunday evening, the 22nd ultimo, at the Franciscan Friary, where an unusually large congregation had assembled. Several members of our Fraternity, we have been given to understand, were specially invited, and as a consequence the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, which meets at Clevedon, was fairly represented. The Rev. Father Mathias, who was the preacher in question, was most attentively listened to.

FROM THE CLEVEDON MERCURY AND COURIER.

"AND now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity." Thus wrote St. Paul to the Corinthians, the Apostle whose "sword was the Spirit, which is the Word of God," that sword which was never wielded by a braver hand and never responded more effectually to the impulses of a truer heart. Since the days when these living words were written, the Church founded at Rome by the Apostles Paul and Peter has had many strange experiences. A Church established on a basis of Charity and Humility has waxed wealthy, arrogant, and intolerant. Our forefathers, amid a sea of blood, swept the Romish Church from the shores of this island; they fought, bled, and died for religious liberty, and won. Taking to heart the teaching of Saint Paul, Englishmen of to-day have allowed Romish priests to once again settle down amongst them, and have met them with open hand and Christian charity. Priests not good enough for Germany, too bad for France, are with us to-day, and we are treating them as our brethren. So far so good. We are carrying out practically the teaching of Saint Paul. But in return how have they accepted our kindness? Read the Encyclical Letter of the Pope and carefully peruse the sermon on Freemasonry preached at the Clevedon Friary on last Sunday evening. This is not the first time a Pope has called down upon himself the ridicule of the world when attacking Freemasonry, but such attacks were directed to France, not England. In 1738, Clement XII. issued the Bull, *In Eminenti*, which denounces all secret societies, as, indeed, the Council of Trent had done before. It is amusing to trace through the later Bulls the inflated phrase of Papal indignation, *Providas* issued by Benedict XIV. in 1751, which, oblivions for the moment of the Society of Jesus, says, "*honesta semper publica gaudent.*" Pius VII., in 1814, issued a declamation, as also did Leo XII. in 1826, whilst Pius IX., in 1864, emphatically damns all Masons, *damnantur clandestinæ societates*. The attack on Freemasons using the ritual of the English language by the Pope was most unwarranted, and utterly uncalled for, and if the power of Freemasonry in France and Germany has been the means of exiling the Jesuits from those countries, it is only what the Jesuits themselves sought, and is, after all, a providential retaliation, for the Roman Catholic clergy of France were always most bitter in their denunciations of Freemasonry, and during the reactionary policy of Murat the younger, from 1852-62, used every effort to crush the "Grand Orient" Lodge and exhaust its funds, and because of the bitter treatment they experienced at the hands of the Roman Catholic clergy (and never having had the education of Protestantism) the "Grand Orient" threw up the belief in a personal God as a test of membership. Had the members of the "Grand Orient" Lodge of France had the benefit of a liberal religious education this would never have occurred. And now we find the Roman Catholics complaining of what they themselves actually brought about. But whatever retaliation the Roman Catholics experienced in France or Germany is no justification for the Encyclical Letter of the Pope. There are only about 350 Lodges in all France, and 314 in Germany. The thousands of Lodges and the hundreds of thousands of Freemasons are to be found in Great Britain, America, Australia, Canada, India, an empire upon which the sun never sets. And who are the brethren of the Craft? The son of the most noble woman the world ever knew is proud to subscribe himself the Grand Master of the English Freemasons. This Prince, who bears the world-renowned characteristics of an English gentleman, has successively filled the Grand Master's Chair, and takes the deepest interest in the Order. Our soldier prince, the Duke of Connaught, is a Freemason, the late talented and gentle Duke of Albany was a Freemason. All the Queen's kinsmen and the noble husbands of her loving daughters are Freemasons. Our broad-sheet would not hold the names on the grand roll of Freemasonry; the emperors, kings and princes, patricians, statesmen, dignitaries of the Church, our judges and brave soldiers, men of gentle birth, who are the husbands and sons of the most gifted and beautiful women beneath the sun. The members of the Craft are to be counted by millions, and they have but one aim—*Charity and Loving-Kindness*. They are the heralds of the Millennium, all good men and true, for it is impossible for a good Freemason to be a bad man. No man can be a partaker of the English-spoken ritual without a belief in a Supreme God—the great Architect of the Universe. At the bar of every Lodge the first question asked is, "In whom do you put your trust," and the satisfactory answer given to this question is paramount. To state that our Order compels us to support our government and protect the honour of every woman is unnecessary; the names of our brethren are a sufficient guarantee of this, and as regards our not knowing who are those brethren is absurd, for every member must be made in open Lodge in the presence of other brethren, the ritual itself renders this necessary. As regards the secrets of Freemasonry, we maintain there are none, for our Lodges are open to all good men; and yet there are secrets, and we will disclose them, they are our Masonic Charitable Institutions:—"The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." The chief patroness of these Institutions is our Sovereign Lady the Queen, the patroness Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. These are our great secrets, and in revealing them we would also state that at the present time there are thousands of poor Freemasons who have reason to thank the Divine Architect of the Universe that their footsteps were led into the light of Charity. The repeated denunciations of Popes against the Freemasons of France created Atheism and hatred of the Romish Church, which was followed by expulsion. In Great Britain, our Colonies, and America, Freemasonry will be immensely strengthened, as every good Protestant will now see that it is a duty that he owes to himself and his country to enrol himself under our banner. With us Englishmen "blood runs thicker than water," and the Encyclical letter of the Pope will cement us all very firmly together. Our Queen is to us an open book, we have studied her pious and beautiful life from childhood, her sons and daughters have grown up amongst us, their gentle lives are known alike to the highest and poorest in the land, and no breath of suspicion has ever been cast upon them until this denunciation of the Pope at Rome. And what is this denunciation worth? To every Englishman it is worth more than his birthright. It is the first public step made by the Church of Rome, the Pope has at last shown his hand. This is the beginning, the end will be the taking away of our religious liberty, the destruction of the free Press, and the imprisonment, not only of action, but of thought. The Roman Catholics contemplate that the Protestants will tamely give them all the privileges Englishmen died for. Our opinion is the same, indeed, Protestants are fast doing this. The Church of Rome does not fear Protestantism; Freemasonry it does, that is evident, or why issue an Encyclical letter and exclaim against Freemasonry from every Roman Catholic altar. The end, therefore, will be that the Church of Rome of the future will be met by a vast and powerful organization, before which all other societies will pale; this organization the Romish Church has itself created by an exhibition of priestly intolerance in a free country where its doctrines have never been questioned by Freemasons, and where its priests have been treated as honoured guests.

It was after the Resurrection. Jesus appeared a last time to the eleven on a mountain where He had appointed them to meet Him,

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and said: "All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even to the consummation of the world."—Matthew xxviii. 18-20.

A few days later Jesus ascended into heaven, and sent down the Holy Ghost to His newly-established Church and the twelve. I say "the twelve," because the eleven had already asked the Lord to choose one who "should take the place of the ministry and apostleship from which Judas had by transgression fallen" (Acts i.), and the twelve went into every country of the known world and preached the Gospel.

Ever since that time the true Church of God has never ceased from teaching and baptizing infidels, and warning her children of what they must avoid in order to please God. Many a time the princes of the world and the enemies of truth "conferred among themselves, saying: What shall we do to these men, that their doctrine may be not farther spread among the people; let us threaten them, that they speak no more!"—Acts iv. And the Popes and the bishops and the priests of the Church, imitating the behaviour of St. Peter and St. John at Jerusalem, have always answered, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."—Acts iv.

So shall we say and so shall we do ourselves, rejoicing if we are accounted worthy to suffer reproach for the name of Jesus.

Two months ago the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII., fulfilling the duty of confirming his brethren, which he received, in the person of St. Peter, from our Lord Himself, sent to all the bishops of the Catholic world, in communion with the Apostolic See, an Encyclical letter on the sect of the Freemasons.

That letter has resounded through the world and brought forth respectful disclaimers from some and wanton mimicry and truculence from others, whilst by the whole body of faithful Catholics it was received with gratitude and admiration.

As bitterness has not been wanting even here in Clevedon, I intend to show this evening what is the meaning of the Encyclical letter, and how facts themselves declare plainly that it was much needed.

Before entering into the subject, a few facts should be stated. 1st—That the Pope does not speak of Freemasonry only, but at the same time of all the sects which under different names tend to the same end, work to the same purpose, observe similar rites, and are ruled by similar laws.

2nd—That what the Pope says "must be understood of the sect of the Freemasons taken generally, and in so far as it comprises the associations kindred to it and confederated with it, *but not of the individual members of them.* There may be persons amongst these, and not a few, who, although not free from the guilt of having entangled themselves in such associations, yet are neither themselves partners in their criminal acts, nor aware of the ultimate object which they are endeavouring to attain."—(Encyclical Letter.)

3rd—That the condition required for the condemnation of those secret societies and associations is, that the candidates are bound to promise, nay, with a special oath to swear, that they will never, to any person, at any time or in any way, make known the secrets of the assembly, and that they will be strictly obedient to their leaders and masters, with the utmost submission and fidelity, and that they will be in readiness to do their bidding whatsoever it may be, upon the slightest expression of their will; or, if disobedient, to submit to the direst penalties, and death itself.

From this third point, it is evident at once that those associations which work for the purpose of binding together individuals who undertake to help one another, without any oath of the same secrecy and blind obedience, are not condemned by the Encyclical letter. Far from it; the Sovereign Pontiff encourages, in his letter, the institution of "associations or guilds of workmen, for the protection, under the guidance of religion, both of their temporal interests and of their morality."—(Encyclical letter.)

Now directly to the question.

The Pope brings this charge against the secret societies which he condemns: "Freemasonry aims at the subversion of religious and social order, by destroying religion and society." Let us see if the charge is just or not.

I. Freemasonry aims at the destruction of religion and the establishment of Naturalism.

Mark well, that in the quotations I shall bring forward, I have made use of books and reviews only which are or have been authorised organs of Freemasonry.

Now what is Naturalism? "It is the very first principle of those who call themselves naturalists, and their very name declares it, that human nature and human reason should be in all things the guide and rule." Laying this down, they care little for duties to God; or pervert them by erroneous and vague opinions. For they deny that anything has been taught by God; they allow no dogma of religion or truth which cannot be understood by the human intelligence, nor any teacher who ought to be believed by reason of his authority. But it is the office of the Catholic Church to embrace fully and to maintain in their most complete integrity the doctrines which have been committed to her alone; doctrines which, as well as her authority to teach, she has received from God Himself."—(Encyclical letter.) Here we have a complete antithesis. The Catholic Church, on the one hand, proclaiming the eternal, immutable Creator as the final end of the creature; speaking to all men of their duties to God and to one another, of temperance, chastity and judgment to come, as the prophet of the Most High; and Naturalism on the other hand, putting aside that revelation as well as holy scriptures, either denying it in terms or ignoring it, and making man in all his littleness and mutability its highest ideal, refusing to look beyond the visible scene, and accounting life its own end.

Now can there be any doubt, as a matter of fact, that Freemasonry is, as the Pope judges it, mere Naturalism? I know that that has been denied, but a negation is not a proof, and proofs I shall myself give.

The word of the divine Founder of Christianity, "He that is not with me is against me" (Matt. xii.), is as true now as it was 18 centuries ago. Masonry assuredly is not with Him, and as assuredly it is inveterately hostile to His spiritual kingdom in the world.

Judge for yourselves. Not long ago, one of the Belgian ministers, the minister of public instruction, was telling the Lodge at Antwerp; "A corpse is weighing heavily on the world—it bars the road of progress. This corpse of the past, to give it its true name, roundly and without circumlocution, is Catholicism. It is this corpse, my brothers, that we have this day looked in the face, and if we have not as yet cast it into its grave, at all events we have lifted it a little nearer thereto; it is a great result." These are the words of a Belgian Mason. English Freemasons would perhaps affirm that they do not endorse them: listen then and judge.

A few years ago an English gentleman of the name of P—— delivered a speech at Sutton Coldfield. That gentleman is apparently high in the Masonic hierarchy. At all events, he is described as "Grand Deacon," "Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex," and "Past Master" of some other Lodge. And this "Grand Deacon" is stated to have said: "The two systems of Romanism and Freemasonry are not merely incompatible, they are radically opposed to each other. The first lesson taught to the newly-instituted brother is that Masonry is free: freedom of thought and opinion and the broadest toleration in religious matters are the essence of Masonry. Masonry is in itself a religion of good works, and asks no priestly intermediary between man and his Maker. Its impressive ritual enforces the solemn truth that a man shall be judged hereafter by his actions, and it enters not into difference between faith and creed." Is it possible to offer a more complete justification than this G. Deacon here exhibits to us of the truth of the Sovereign Pontiff's judgment that the Masonic sect is merely Naturalistic? The Belgian Mason seemed to attack Catholicism only; the English one attacks Christianity itself. Freedom of thought! It is the very principle of freethinkers, who believe in nothing; and what shall I say of this doctrine? "It enters not into differences of faith and creed." Is not that the subversion of all revelation? In vain did the Son of God become a man; in vain did He teach us the true religion, the true way to Heaven; in vain did He shed His blood upon the Cross! No need of that for Freemasons—for them the faith in Jesus Christ, the faith in Mahomet, in Buddha, the faith in Satan itself are all good—Freemasonry does not enter into differences of faith and creed. What a strong proof of the truth of the word of the Divine Master, "He that is not with me is against me." I know Freemasons build churches to Christ, but that does not make any difference; as with them all sorts of faith and religion are good; they would as readily build mosques to Allah, pagodas to Buddha, temples to Reason, and altars to Satan. Yes, to Satan himself, for Masonry not only recognises its Satanic origin, and has Satan for its master and god, but proclaims it publicly and boasts of it.

In 1877 a Masonic paper, with the significant name of *The Atheist*, appeared at Leghorn, and this is what its editorial staff said in their profession of faith: "Satan is our head; it is he who is the moving spirit of the restoration of humanity, the avenging force of reason."

In February 1882 there was held in the crowded theatre of Turin a festival in honour of Satan, and at which a hymn composed by "Brother" Joshua Carducci was sung. Listen to the words of it: "Lo, he cometh, O people, lo, Satan the great! Doing good, he passeth from place to place on his chariot of fire! Hail, O Satan, hail thou rebel! May our incense and our prayers ascend sacred to thee, who hast overcome the Jehovah of the priests!" And now though some may say that Satan is the head of the Popish or Catholic Church, their words are mere childish words, as Satan himself has chosen those he intends to lead—the great rebel is the head of Freemasonry. If more proofs were wanted that Freemasonry aims at the subversion of all religion, I would quote the words of Mr. B——, orator of the Grand Orient of France, in the re union of 1881, who says: "The Catholic, Protestant, Jewish temples! Religions! Why, it is precisely against these and against the priestly work of all ages and lands that Freemasonry took her stand."

Then the Pope was right when he condemned Freemasonry as the bitterest enemy of religious order. Let us see if he was right also in condemning it as the enemy of social order.

II. When the Encyclical letter was issued the French Liberal papers asserted that Freemasonry has no longer any relation with politics; that it is, above all, a benevolent institution, without which "many a poor man would be left with wife and family uncared for"—as writes a "Member of the Order of Odd Fellows." We reply that the language held and the decisions taken in the Lodges are a formal contradiction of these assertions.

In 1882, at Ivry, Mr. D——, a Mason, expressed himself as follows: "Masonry is the school in which men are formed, even as our house is the school in which children are formed—it is Freemasonry which prepares the solutions whose triumph democracy has effected. To it it falls to end the 19th century, by crowning the work of the Revolution," and the speaker, recalling that Masonry is the school whence issued Voltaire and Danton, declared that "it ought to prepare the way for social equality."

To those who pretend that Masonry has nothing to do with politics, "Brother" Reg—— boldly answered in a general meeting of the Masonic Lodges, held at Lyons, on 3rd May 1882, that "Masonry has been, Masonry is, and always will be, *political, religious,* and *social,* or nothing at all." The same Mason goes on to say that "to believe that Masonry has had its day would be a serious error, especially in France, since the Republican *régime* "traced" on Masonic institutions, is an accomplished fact. Freemasonry has served as a model for those who by their conspiracies have brought about the present state of affairs. It is the school for those men who aspire to become leaders of democracy. The secular organisation of Masonry, with the power it derives from its secrets, its rites, its

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traditions, is the only one capable of making head against the one secular organisation of Theocracy. The events which we witness, and which we take part in, are but episodes of the struggle between these ancient foes. On the not-far-off day when we shall have completely triumphed on the political battlefield—we shall have to follow up the struggle on the social one. There again it will be the province of Freemasonry to undertake the emancipation of the people."

So much for quotation. Now, who a few years ago fired at the Emperor of Germany? a member of secret societies. Who assassinated the Emperor of Russia? members of secret societies. Who perpetrated the horrible crime of Phœnix Park, in Dublin, two years ago? members of secret societies. Who fired at the kings of Spain and Italy? members of secret societies.

We see the doings of these sects are in accord with their speeches. How then to doubt any longer that they aim at the subversion of social order? If so, the Pope is right, and nothing can be too strong to prevent Christians from joining Freemasonry or any other society of the same kind.

Now a few more words about English Freemasonry. English Freemasons defend themselves from adopting the views of the Continental Lodges, and indeed there are good reasons to believe that English Freemasonry, as at present constituted, does not contemplate or include within its object any conspiracy against Church or State, yet whatever view its official chiefs may take, some of its rank and file seem determined to assert its true character. Mr. Br——the well-known atheist, I am told, has written to the "Grand Master," asking his support for the atheistical propaganda, which he alleges it is the mission of English as well as Continental Masonry to provide. Indeed, I have heard that there are efforts made to move the "Grand Lodge" to expel Mr. B——, but why have they waited so long, and kept among themselves a notorious atheist?

Besides, English Freemasonry is in communion and in formal alliance with the principal Grand Lodges of foreign Freemasonry, if we except the Great Orient of France. This is not only proved by many published acts, but much more authentically by their own official calendars, which give the names of the representatives elected to represent the Grand Lodge of England in the foreign Grand Lodges, as well as the names of the representatives of the foreign Grand Lodges elected to represent them in the English Grand Lodge. Then the least I may say against them is that they are to be found sometimes in a very bad company.

And now, what conclusion shall we draw from what I have already stated? I have said that Freemasonry aims at the subversion of both religious and social order.

1st—Freemasonry aims at the subversion of religious order, since, whilst some Masons attack the Jewish and the Protestant persuasions, as well as the Catholic religion, others consider all sorts of faith and creed as a matter of complete indifference, which has been proved by the statements here above made, their Supreme Being or Maker is a mere nominal God and therefore Nothing.

2nd—It aims at the subversion of social order, for do not its members boast that Freemasonry is the school in which are trained and educated those who aspire to be the leaders of Democracy and the makers of social equality? Therefore, instead of reproaching the Pope with intolerance, all religious and loyal people should thank him for having openly unmasked and condemned those sects which are so much against their own convictions and feelings.

As to you, brethren, who belong to the Lodges, if there are any among those who listen to me now, consider what you have done, consider the oath which you have taken, and ask your conscience if you have the right to adhere to secret societies of any kind. If you are really Freemasons, you must have sworn to keep secrets of which you neither know nor can guess the purport; to obey masters you have never seen nor probably ever will see; and to execute orders which may be entirely against your conscience and from which every feeling of your heart and mind may recoil, and this under the penalty of the direst punishments, even of death itself. If at the moment of binding yourselves by oath you had been made fully acquainted with what you would be called upon to do, you might well answer:—"I am sure that what I have sworn to do is not wrong, and connot conduce to evil." But I repeat it, you did not know, you could not even guess, for all depended on future circumstances, and therefore you were utterly unable to judge whether what would be required of you was right or not. Your obedience was of the blindest character. You are religious and loyal, and intend to remain so; I fully believe you; but on that very account you are the more bound to keep away from those societies which may attack your honour as Christians and loyal subjects.

And you, dear brethren, you who do not belong to secret societies, keep yourselves free from them; do not be deluded by false appearances. Masons may point out to you, as belonging to their body, men of known honour and respectability, saying to you:—"Are not these honest and worthy of imitation?" But these honourable and noble-minded men must have been themselves deceived, little thinking that their religion and loyalty served as a mask to hide the odious schemes of their deceivers. Freemasonry is a sect more secret than you can well imagine, and amongst the millions who call themselves Masons, not five hundred, perhaps, know what are its immediate aims, or what means it will employ in order to attain them. In one word I pray to God that He would deign to give you all the grace either of deserting or of never entering Masonry.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.

We extract the following interesting communication from the *Liverpool Courier*:—

POPE, CARDINAL, AND MASONS.

To the Editor of the Liverpool Courier.

SIR,—I entirely concur in the views expressed at Southport this week by Brother H. S. Alpass, Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, with respect to the latest ecclesiastical attack on Freemasons, than whom none more loyally acknowledge Her Majesty's rule. The time has arrived when, as the voice of the Fraternity in this country and throughout the Queen's dominion, the Grand Lodge of England should sternly protest against such unjust denunciations and unfounded accusations as those emanating from Cardinal McCabe and the Roman Pontiff. It is quite true, as Bro. Alpass says, that frequent repetition of such reckless assertions tend to lead some doubters to believe that there is an element of truth in the accusations, and that Freemasons must in some measure be identified with infidelity, sedition, and kindred sentiments, when his Eminence Cardinal M'Cabe chooses to falsely designate it "a confederation which is organised for the unholiest of purposes."

In answer to his Eminence I have to say that Freemasonry in this country has one of the noblest of purposes in its institution, the promotion of the purest charity, as well as unswerving devotion and loyalty to the throne. The eminent Irish ecclesiastic who sits in judgment upon us and condemns us in sweeping terms may be surprised to hear that there are many children now, even in this Province of West Lancashire, who, belonging to the Catholic Church, are being educated at schools identified with the faith of their fathers at the expense of this "unholiest of confederations." "Let us not be accused of bigotry and intolerance," says the cardinal. I do not accuse him of either, but this practical issue I must certainly put—viz., that his Eminence must be either exceedingly foolish or deliberately unjust. If he knows nothing about Freemasonry as it exists in England, then he is foolish to condemn the Order; and if he does know in any measure the instincts and aspirations of the Order, then he is still more blameable for uttering what he must know has not the shadow of foundation.

The periodical fulminations of the Head of the Catholic Church, it may be said, are doubtless founded on information received of the operations of some so-called Masonic societies on the Continent, with which English Freemasonry has not the slightest sympathy or intercourse; but Cardinal McCabe, with means of observation not possessed by the Pope, must surely go with eyes blindfolded by the "bigotry and intolerance" which he disclaims if he does not see that Freemasonry here, in its teachings, requirements, and objects, is as far removed from the revolutionary Continental associations as pure truth is from the foulest error. Whether it be the feared loss of ecclesiastical supremacy, personal antipathy to the particular member of the Order upon which he poured the vials of his wrath, or a deliberate attempt to damage a Brotherhood which is to-day returning "good," in the shape of charity to Catholic children, for the "evil" of his unwarranted aspersions, I leave it for the world to judge. As a Freemason of many years' experience, I must strongly insist upon some steps being taken, both in Grand Lodge and throughout the various Provinces, to counteract the effects of an ecclesiastical deliverance which, by perverting facts, attempts to bring into disrepute thousands whose aim is to preserve and promote the peace which Cardinal M'Cabe rudely disturbs.

Let me say, ere I close, that I have had a large acquaintance with my brethren of the Emerald Isle, and all that I have claimed on behalf of the Fraternity on this side the Channel can justly be accorded to my fellow-countrymen and brethren in Ireland. Their Institutions show their charity, and their actions their loyalty, notwithstanding all that the Cardinal Archbishop of Dublin may say to the contrary. It would be well for "poor ould Ireland" if the Masonic spirit of its people were more largely cultivated and received more kindly encouragement than it does at the hands of its most prominent leader in the pure religion of "peace and goodwill amongst men." The leading characteristic of Freemasonry is contentment to do its charitable work and inculcate its exalted moral teachings without ostentation, but when so cruelly attacked as it has been within the last few days, vindication and justification of our teachings and strong repudiation of false representations should be at once carried out by our Masonic leaders, pre-eminent among whom stand his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, Colonel Stanley, and others high in the councils of the nation, none of whom, I fancy, are open to the charge of being banded together for the promotion of infidelity, sedition, and revolution.

Yours, &c.

THOMAS M'CRACKEN.

Liverpool, 28th June 1884.

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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 JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 7th JULY.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton

R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
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, Buyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
238—York, Masonic Hall, York
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
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
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
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.
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1543—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
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1709—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester

R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 904—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 8th JULY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hamp-stead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Cliff-n Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Middelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)

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
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, 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
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

1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
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
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

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. 288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, 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, 9th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1691—Loudesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1972—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1996—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

Special Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, at the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's, Redhill
Summer Outing of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, Oatlands Park Hotel, Walton-on-Thames
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
126—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 Atbol, 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
299—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Symnathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
698—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
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
1090—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Ryker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1400—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 99—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 262—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 809—Ethelreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 996—Strawberry Hill, Greyhound Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1177—Dudley, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester

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THURSDAY, 10th JULY.

Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 4 p.m.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1436—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
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, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

25—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
205—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
335—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
338—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
345—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
360—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
433—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1569—Bala, Plasgroch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, 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
1783—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
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M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 11th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
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R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
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M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
552—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
962—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
997—United, George Hotel Colchester.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 136—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 12th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
192—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1886—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stanasfield, Todmorden

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HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Saturday last, for the purpose of clearing the list of candidates for the second and third degrees, and to lessen the amount of work set down for the next regular meeting on the 9th instant. There was a very good attendance, and every Officer being in his place, the ceremonies were admirably conducted, and a most useful and instructive evening resulted, to the satisfaction of members and Visitors alike. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Henry Phillips, opened his Lodge punctually at seven p.m., and was supported by the Right Worshipful Brother Colonel M. Ramsay P.D.G. Punjaub P.M., Bros. H. Maunder Williams S.W., John Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. and Secretary as J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. and Treasurer, J. W. Hartley S.D., H. Hooper J.D., G. W. Knight I.G., Hakim P.M. Assistant Secretary, W. H. O'Reilly, N. R. Mackinnon, S. S. Young, G. R. Langre, R. Neilans, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, S. Richardson J.W. 183, E. A. Francis 1651, G. Van Nolen 188, and B. De Solla 244. The work of the evening comprised three passings and four raisings, the whole of which was most admirably conducted by the W.M., who has evidently spared himself no pains to secure a perfect acquaintance with ritual and ceremonial, and who rules his Lodge with a dignified courtesy worthy of general emulation. The work of the Officers—and we would note for special commendation that of the S.D.—was also perfect, and in consequence the entire proceedings went smoothly throughout. There is an earnest about the rulers and members of the Honor Oak which presages an enviable notoriety for this Lodge in days to come, and it is to be hoped that such zealous efforts on behalf of pure and simple Masonry may not be lessened as the years roll on. The Lodge was closed shortly after ten o'clock, and by the half hour the brethren were on their way towards their respective homes.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Robinson W.M., Bunker S.W., Forss J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Catling S.D., Watkinson J.D., Smyth I.G., Brasted P.M. Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Christian, Obelon, Kite, Smith, Dickens. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jenkins candidate. Bro. Watkinson worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Smith 1524 was elected a member of this Lodge. Bro. Bunker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Collingridge W.M., Western W.M. 1693 S.W., Brook W.M. 299 J.W., P.M. Forge acting Preceptor and Treasurer, Rhodes S.D., Ware J.D., McMillan I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woodman candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in second and third degrees. Bro. Turner will preside on Monday next, 7th July. Bro. J. Bayne, of Citadel Lodge, 1897, was elected a member, and Lodge was closed in due form.

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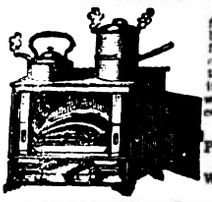
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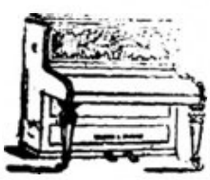
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PAPAL DENUNCIATIONS OF FREEMASONRY.

WE are afraid the habit into which the Romish priesthood has fallen of denouncing Freemasonry at intervals of time more or less frequent is a somewhat stale theme to write about. Many, indeed, will consider we have done enough in reproducing one of these denunciations in our columns and the severe criticism to which they were afterwards subjected by the local organ of the town in which they were uttered. But there is an expression which is doubtless familiar to our readers, and yet is not always sufficiently appreciated by them. It has been wisely said that if you only throw dirt enough some of it is sure to stick, and the ignoble dirt-thrower is not unmindful of the truth of this saying when he is casting his unsavoury filth at other people whom he hates, but dares not meet openly in a fair field. His one object is to destroy or damage the fair fame of worthy persons, and he is indifferent as to the means, if only he can succeed in his purpose. He is perfectly well aware that in every Society there are some black sheep, and his great anxiety is to reduce people into the belief that the black sheep are the rule and the white ones the exception. This is a trick of argument which the unscrupulous sophistic is fond of practising, because he knows it will delude those weak-minded who do most of their thinking by deputy into adopting opinions which it is his business to circulate. There is also another point, the importance of which it is unwise to put too low an estimate upon. This is the danger of imagining that people will take a self-evident proposition for granted. Where only honourable means are employed by rival disputants, no harm will follow if a mistaken opinion is passed by unnoticed, on the ground that it refutes itself. But Freemasonry in its resistance to bigotry is not contending against a scrupulous opponent. Its struggle is against one which has never known the nature or influence of a scruple, and to which it has ever been a matter of supreme indifference whether the means it employed to enforce its ends were fair or foul. It cannot, therefore, afford to allow the aspersions cast upon it by the Romish priesthood to pass unresented; there are so many people who will affirm that silence in the face of a number of foul charges or accusations is equivalent to an acknowledgment of their justice. No honourable or reasonable man will ever permit himself to believe that Freemasons are a Society of monsters unfit to cumber the earth with their presence. Unhappily, the number of men who are neither honourable nor reasonable is legion, and Freemasonry, therefore, is bound to observe an offensive-defensive attitude when it is cruelly and untruthfully denounced as only a fraction of a degree less dangerous to religion and morality than the author and abettor of all evil himself. In short, with a priesthood perpetually flinging dirt at us, with the certain knowledge that some of it will succeed in sticking, and with the equally certain knowledge on our own part that aspersions which are not denounced or contradicted will be considered by the unthinking many as justifiable, we Freemasons are to a certain extent forced into a position of active resistance against our unscrupulous enemy. We would rather avoid the conflict, but if we do not defend ourselves, people will deny us even the courage of our opinions.

There is nothing new in Freemasonry being denounced by the Pope and his subordinate priesthood, but the recent Encyclical of his Holiness and the utterances of his lessable and influential followers disclose, perhaps, a more than usually envenomed hatred of the Craft and its belongings. We notice, likewise, in it and them, that the same inveterate spirit of hostility is accompanied by the same or similar astuteness which has characterised previous denunciatory Bulls, but at the same time the fallacies contained in these abusive documents are numerous and outwardly plausible enough to mislead the general public. The Pope has declared that Freemasonry is mere Naturalism, that is, it takes human nature and human reason as its guide and rule in all things. This assertion is justified in the Sermon we published last week, by a description of the character of Freemasonry as drawn by Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. in a speech he made some time since at Sutton Coldfield. Said Bro. Parkinson :—"The two systems of Romanism and Freemasonry are not merely incompatible, they are radically opposed to each other. The first lesson taught to the newly-instituted brother is that Masonry is free; freedom of thought and opinion and the broadest toleration in religious matters are the essence of Masonry. Masonry is in itself a religion of good works, and asks no priestly intermediary between man and his Maker. Its impressive ritual enforces the solemn truth that a man shall be judged hereafter by his actions, and it enters not into differences between faith and creed." The meaning of this is obvious, namely, that a man will be judged hereafter not by the particular form of religion he may have adopted or been brought up in, so much as by the character of the life he lives. If a man recognises that there is a Supreme Being who ruleth and directeth all things, and endeavours to the best of his humble ability to live up to his ideal of what that Supreme Being has fixed apparently as the standard of a good man's life, it is of secondary importance in what particular form of worship he may approach Him. It is an inversion of the natural order of things as well as a desecration of man's intelligence for any one, be he priest or layman, to suggest that our happiness in the hereafter depends primarily on our acceptance of certain dogmas, and secondarily on our daily conduct. The Romish clergy, with the Pope at their head, very naturally decline to recognise this broad truth. If it were possible for them, by some almost miraculous process, to become converted from this narrow bigotry to broad and liberal views of religion, they would find at once that they possessed a far more powerful influence for good, though it would be an influence as unlike as possible that which they now exercise and which is of the world worldly. A good Freemason respects religion both in the abstract and the concrete, that is to say, he recognises the almighty power of the Great Architect of the Universe and all His attributes; but he does not think it essential his recognition of that power and those attributes should be particular in its character. Moreover, he concedes to others the right he claims for himself, namely, the right to choose their several modes of approaching the Deity. Nay, he goes further than this. When he finds there is a common ground, namely, belief in God, on which he and others can meet together, he respects them as he respects himself, by neither saying nor doing anything which is calculated to disturb their belief. It is nothing to him that one of his associated brethren is a Mohammedan, another a Jew, and a third a Roman Catholic, a fourth a Christian of some Protestant denomination, and so on. He is content with

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the knowledge that they one and all worship the G.A.O.T.U. according to the light that is in them, and one and all strive, as they believe He would have them strive, to live a life of good works. The Pope and his priesthood cannot, or for reasons of their own, will not see the extreme beauty of this respect for all kinds of religious belief. What says the Rev. Franciscan whose sermon we quoted last week, "Is it possible to offer a more complete justification" than Bro. Parkinson's remarks "of the truth of the sovereign Pontiff's judgment that the Masonic sect is merely Naturalistic. The Belgian Mason seemed to attack Catholicism only; the English one attacks Christianity itself. Freedom of thought! It is the very principle of freethinkers, who believe in nothing; and what shall I say of this doctrine? It enters not 'into differences of faith and creed.' Is not that the subversion of all revelation? In vain did the Son of God become a man; in vain did He shed His blood upon the Cross! No need of that for Freemasons—for them the faith in Jesus Christ, the faith in Mahomet, in Buddha, the faith in Satan itself are all good—Freemasonry does not enter into differences of faith and creed. What a strong proof of the truth of the Word of the Divine Master, 'He that is not with Me is against Me.' I know Freemasons build churches to Christ, but that does not make any difference; as with them all sorts of faith and religion are good; they would as readily build mosques to Allah, pagodas to Buddha, temples to Reason, and altars to Satan. Yes, to Satan himself, for Masonry not only recognises its Satanic origin, and has Satan for its master and god, but proclaims it publicly and boasts of it." This is an average specimen of what passes for argument with these ministers of religion. It answers its purpose, because the bulk of those to whom it is addressed are too unlearned to perceive that, logically, the parts of which the so-called argument consist are contradictory of each other. Educated men know well enough that "freedom of thought" has nothing whatever in common with what is ordinarily known as "free thinking." Freedom of belief as applied to religion cannot possibly have anything to do with freedom to believe in no religion at all. When a Freemason tells you, and tells you truly, that he respects equally all religious faiths, he uses the term in its every-day sense, in the sense which commonly attaches to it. Those who substitute human reason for belief in God are of no religion whatever, as ordinarily understood of men. So men who believe in Satan, the Spirit of Evil, have no religion. God, the Architect of the Universe, is omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent. He is All Good as well as All Wise, while Satan, even if he were not a mere minister, is the Author of Evil. This Reverend Father must have been actuated by a spirit of malevolence little short of Satanic when he set them down as worshippers of Satan, because they do not think it indispensable to men's happiness in the hereafter that they should fashion their religious belief in the manner prescribed by a Pope of Rome. The real secret which underlies these periodical denunciations of Freemasonry is that the Romish Clergy are afraid of that grand spirit of toleration by which the Freemasons are actuated towards each other, and towards mankind generally; of that Charity, both in thought and action, which they practise as well as preach. These Clergy see, in the success of Masonic principles, the downfall of their own supremacy. They see clearly enough that as the former advance, the latter must retire, and from the narrow point of view of their own worldly wisdom, they would far rather see the world come to an end than that it should be enlightened and improved by the principles of Charity and loving-kindness enunciated by the Freemasons.

Other points in the sermon require to be touched upon, but these must be reserved for another article.

DUTIES OF MASTER.

THE office of Master of a Lodge is elevated and responsible, and the most important in the whole system of Freemasonry, as the entire Institution is largely dependent upon that Officer for its character, reputation and prosperity. It may be safely asserted, as a general rule, that the character and standing of the members of a Lodge can be correctly judged by the character and standing of their Master. If he be a man of intelligence and high moral worth, we may be sure that his Lodge is composed of "good men and true."

In view of the magnitude of the office, it is important that the powers, prerogatives and privileges of the Master should be well understood, both by those who rule, and those who are governed. The powers and privileges of a Master of a Lodge are fully equal to the prominence and importance of his office in the Masonic system. No one, except the Grand Master or his Deputy, can preside in his Lodge in his presence without his consent. He may call to his assistance any Master Mason he pleases, whose work in his presence he is alone responsible for, and is equally authoritative and binding as his own. Such Master Mason may even occupy the chair, and confer the degrees, and his work will be strictly legal, if the Master be present and consenting.

A Master is solemnly bound to support the bye-laws of his Lodge. He may command the attendance of his Officers and members, at any time, by summons, and they are bound to obey. He may appoint all committees of his Lodge not otherwise specially provided for; may decide all questions of order, or Masonic law; and his decisions are final, unless reversed by the G. Lodge upon appeal regularly taken. He is not bound by the usages of parliamentary bodies, except as he may please to adopt them. He has the right to instal his Officers after he has been himself installed, and also his successor in office.

The Master is, however, in all cases bound to conform to the Constitution and edicts of the Grand Lodge, the bye-laws of his own Lodge, and the ancient established usages and landmarks of the Order. He would not be justified in refusing to put any motion, regularly made and seconded, not conflicting with these. He cannot refuse to declare a vote or ballot, when regularly taken. Though he may call any brother to the chair in his presence, he cannot authorise any brother, not even a Past Master, to preside in his absence. In the absence of the Master, all his powers and privileges are vested in the Wardens, in regular succession, and cannot be delegated to any one.

But there is another and no less important light in which we should view the office. We mean the Master's part in conferring the degrees. No member of the Order can have failed to observe that the *manner* in which the degrees are communicated has a large influence upon the mind of the candidate for our mysteries. It is hardly too much to say, that the first impressions of a candidate remain with him through life, and in proportion as he is favourably or unfavourably impressed upon his first admission to the Lodge, will be his future zeal and usefulness as a Mason. In view of this fact, how important it is that a Master of a Lodge should not only be a man of unblemished character, but of impressive manner and speech. When delivered with deliberation of manner, and in distinct and feeling tones, the beautiful symbolism and moral teachings of Freemasonry fall upon the mind and heart of a candidate with tenfold power. Indeed, there is no resisting their force. Though they fall as gently as the dew, they penetrate as thoroughly as that silent messenger of heaven.—*Messenger and Times.*

STAND BY THE ANCIENT LAND-MARKS.

IT is a dreadful crime to initiate a man with the tip of his little finger off. Such an outrage is a crime not to be overlooked. The shadows of our forefathers would haunt us in the dark hours of midnight if we thus violated the ancient landmarks. One Grand Master (M.W. Bro. Matthews, Texas), however, has actually been bold enough, after doubtless much deliberation and many sleepless nights, to rule, to come to the conclusion, that although "a man with a glass eye, or one who has lost a portion of the second finger of his right hand are ineligible as candidates for Masonic honours, one afflicted with bronchitis might be accepted." Well, well, this is such utter nonsense that we really weary of it. A man with consumption, having a cavity in his lung, would, of course, by this brother's ruling, be decidedly ineligible. We are glad to note, however, that the committee on his address said:—

"Your committee strongly incline to the view that too much

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importance is attached to trivial defects of body, and entirely too little attention directed to moral defects.

"If a good workman applies to work in a quarry, what sense is there in looking in his mouth, as a horse trader would into the mouth of a horse he was bickering over, or of running your hands over his joints to see, perchance, if some joint in his leg or ankle was not a little stiff, or to shake something before his eyes, to see if he would blink?

"Masonry requires no such foolishness. It is the mental and moral, and not slight physical defects, which now more than ever require microscopic attention."

We are wearied of the whole subject of "physical qualification." One Grand Master actually ruled that if a man had a cataract in the eye he could not be admitted. How about a corn on the foot? A mole on the hand, or a wart on the nose? One is as reasonable as the other. If candidates for Freemasonry must be "perfectly sound," let us have the physician to test their lungs, the surgeon to examine their joints, the chiropodist to see to their feet, the oculist and aurist their eyes and ears, the dentist their teeth, &c. The whole thing is a farce and an arrant humbug, a remnant of the dark ages, a disgrace to Canadian and American Freemasonry (for in Great Britain, Ireland, and continental Europe, they know not this *American* dogma and this laughing stock of sensible men). Away with it!—*Canadian Craftsman.*

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AT REDHILL.

ON the 9th inst. the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their daughters, visited Redhill, where His Royal Highness laid the foundation-stone of the chapel of the new schools of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, with Masonic honours. The Society was established in 1702, and the present institution is, at Streatham Hill, Surrey, affording a home to the children of those who have once moved in a superior station of life. Further accommodation being necessary, new schools are at present in course of erection at Redhill, which will accommodate 400 boys and girls, the cost being £38,000, of which, prior to the 9th inst. £17,000 had been subscribed. Their Royal Highnesses arrived at Redhill by special train, and were received by the Mayor and Corporation of Reigate. The Royal party were conducted to a pavilion adjoining the new buildings by the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff of the county, and by the President (the Archbishop of Canterbury) and members of the Committee of the Asylum. Meanwhile a numerous company had assembled in a marquee where the foundation stone of the chapel was to be laid, the assemblage including a gathering of the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Surrey in their regalia. The Princess of Wales and her daughters were afterwards conducted to places on the dais in the marquee, being immediately followed by the Grand Masonic procession from the Royal pavilion. The procession included the Prince of Wales (the Most Worshipful Grand Master), the Earl of Lathom (Deputy Grand Master), Lord Cremorne (Grand Senior Warden), the Lord Mayor (Grand Junior Warden), Baron de Ferrieres (Senior Grand Deacon), and other principal Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Amongst others present were General Brownrigg (Provincial Grand Master of Surrey,) Lord Suffield, the Mayors of Croydon and Guildford, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, the Lady Mayoress, the Bishop of Rochester, the Earl and Countess of Lovelace, Lord and Lady Monson, Sir Trevor Lawrence, Lady Henry Somerset, Sir Sidney and Lady Waterlow, Sir E. Watkin, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, the Masters of the Cordwainers', Salters', and Vintners' Companies, Mr. H. Edwards, M.P., Sir George Macleay, Sir Valentine Fleming, and General Sir R. Wilbraham.

After the Hymn of Praise had been sung by the children of the asylum and prayer offered up by the Bishop of Rochester.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, as president of the asylum, delivered an address to the Prince of Wales, remarking that the object of the society was to receive, clothe, and educate children who, it was agreed, were the poorest of all, whether orphans or not —namely those who having been born in a superior position found themselves almost destitute. The asylum received children of any nation, and it had provided up till the present for 4,000 children. It had no endowment, but entirely depended on voluntary contributions. The requirements of the institution necessitated the erection of the new schools at Redhill.

The Prince of Wales then made the following declaration:—Men and brethren here assembled to behold this ceremony, be it known unto you that we being the lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe, we have among us concealed from the eyes of all men secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted in peace and honour to the Masons of ancient times and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brethren in our Order ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to erect a house for the worship and praise of the Most High, which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him, and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on the work, I call on you to unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The Grand Chaplain (the Rev. Dr. Tristram) then offered up prayer.

The Prince of Wales, having declared it his will and pleasure that the corner-stone of the chapel be laid, commanded the Grand Secretary to read the inscription on the plate of the foundation-stone.

The inscription was: "This corner-stone of the chapel of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society was laid by His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons, on July 9, 1884." Next the Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing the coins, and the Grand Secretary placed the plate on the lower stone. The cement was spread on the upper face of the lower stone, and the Prince of Wales adjusted the same with a trowel handed to him for the purpose, after which the upper stone was slowly lowered with three distinct stops. The Prince of Wales now proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which were successively delivered to him by the Junior Grand Warden, the Senior Grand Warden, and the Deputy Grand Master. Being satisfied in these particulars His Royal Highness gave the stone three knocks with the mallet handed to him. The corn-cocopia, containing the corn and the ewers with the wine and oil were next handed to him, and he strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies. The architect then delivered to His Royal Highness the plan of the intended building, and the Prince having inspected the plan returned it to the architect, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan.

The Prince of Wales accompanied each act of the laying of the foundation-stone with the usual Masonic declaration, announcing corn as the emblem of plenty, wine that of joy and gladness, and oil that of peace and unanimity.

Ladies and children afterwards placed on the stone purses and contributions on behalf of the building fund, the sum so contributed being about £3,000, and the proceedings concluded with the benediction, pronounced by the Archbishop of Canterbury. A guard of honour was furnished by the 2nd West Surrey Volunteers, and the band of the Scots Guards performed during the afternoon.—*Daily Chronicle.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SUPPLEMENTARY to what we published last week, in reference to the Festival of the Boys' School, we may add that—

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, Royal Savoy, No. 1744, should have been described as Vice-President of the Institution.

Bro. Jas. Laurence's List, for West Lancashire, has been increased by four Guineas. His total now stands at £31 10s.

Bros. A. E. Staley, Tranquillity, No. 185, and J. Boulton, Victoria, No. 1056, should have been described as Vice-Presidents of the Institution.

These corrections were made in a later edition issued by us last week.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the Presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer. The minutes of the meeting of the 7th June were read and confirmed, and other minutes were read for information. Sixteen petitions to place candidates on the list for the October election were considered. One was accepted conditionally, and two for admission by purchase were agreed to. One petition was rejected as being ineligible. Outfits of £5 each were granted to three ex-pupils of the Institution. The total number of candidates for the election in October was declared to be fifty-eight, and this number was recommended to the Quarterly Court. The Secretary, Bro. Binckes, reported the completion of the purchase of Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Linden-villas, Wood-green. Notices of motion for consideration at the next Quarterly Court were then handed in.

The members of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. The minutes of the meeting of the 11th June were verified. The death of one annuitant was reported, and the Warden's report for the last month was read. A vote of thanks was passed to the Committee of the Boys' School for granting permission for the band of their Institution to attend at Croydon on the occasion of the Stewards' visit. The report of the Finance Committee was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques. Two petitions of widows were read; one was received, and the other ordered to stand over.

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MORALS AND DOGMA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our mutual friend, Bro. John Constable, showed me a cartoon bordered with the pictures of all the playing cards in the pack. The story annexed to it was, that a soldier was brought before a magistrate charged with having amused himself with a pack of cards while in church during divine service. The soldier, however, assured the magistrate that he used the pack of cards as an almanac, prayer book, bible, indeed, anything but playing cards. The ace, said he, reminded him of one God; the deuce, of Father and Son, the tray, of the Trinity; the four, of the four Evangelists, and so he continued to the end of the pack.

Bro. Singleton, G.S. of the D.C., delights in similar flights of symbolising. In the *Voice of Masonry* he endeavours to enlighten his readers,—that the doctrine of the Trinity is taught in the three degrees of Masonry, and goes on to enumerate "three degrees"—"faith, hope, and charity,"—"brotherly love, relief, and truth," &c. And our high degree Christianising Masonic writer seems to think that he has made an entire new discovery. I can, however, point to a dozen shallow-minded Masonic writers who have reasoned in the same way before; but, as Bro. S. headed his article with "Dogma" I was, therefore, induced to examine Bro. Albert Pike's big book, viz., "Morals and Dogma," designed for the high degrees of the southern jurisdiction of the United States. As to the best of my belief the said book has never been noticed in your periodical, I thought that a few remarks thereon would do no harm.

Briefly, the book is a compound of immense learning, sophistry, conceit, some good ideas, and very dubious historical assertions. To give an idea of Bro. Pike's learning I glean from a very few pages at random the following names, subjects, &c.

Strabo, Philo, the Sohar, Moses, Mahomet, Nimrod, Lucifer, the Apocalypse, Plato, Sepher Yezriah, Occultism, Kabalah, Aristophanes, Cicero, Hermes, Prometheus, Poseidon, Zeus, Sabazius, Zareus, Theraputici, Dionusos, Sphinx, Trinds, &c. This will suffice to give you an idea of Bro. Pike's extensive information, and next for a specimen of high degree sophistry; but as the paragraph is accompanied with an engraved cube, the reader must place before him a "perfect ashlar," with a corner of the stone facing the observer's nose, then look at the stone, or imagine that he is looking at the stone, in the position above described. And now for Bro. Pike's high degree philosophy.

"If we delineate a cube on the plain surface we have visible three faces and nine external lines drawn between seven points. The complete cube has three more faces, making six; three more lines, making twelve, and one more point, making eight. As the number 12 includes the sacred numbers 3, 5, 7, and 3 times 3, or 9, while its own two figures 1 2, the unit monad or duad, add together, make the sacred number 3, it was called the perfect number, and the cube became the symbol of perfection."

Comment on the above is superfluous. The reader will doubtless regard it as very sublime. And now for Bro. Pike's historical information. Bro. Gould refers to the prophet Jeremiah inoculating Ireland with Freemasonry. Bro. Pike tells something equally startling. He says:—

"The first Masonic legislator whose memory is preserved to us by history was Buddah, who about a thousand years before the Christian era reformed the religion of Manous." Again,

"The Essenes were of the eclectic sect of philosophers, and held Plato in high esteem. The great festivals of the Solstices were observed in a distinguished manner by the Essenes."

Unfortunately Bro. Pike gave no indication where he found the above information; but anyhow it proves that the Essenes were Johannite Masons, and after this new revelation by Bro. Pike, why, of course, every high degreer of the southern jurisdiction of the U.S. is bound to observe the two St. John's days, though they are not quite the Solsticial days. The next, however, consists of something like common sense. Bro. Pike says,

"Man never had a right to usurp the unexercised prerogative of God, and condemn and punish another for his belief. Born in a Protestant land, we are of that faith. If we had opened our eyes to the light under the shadow of St. Peter's at Rome we should have been devout Catholics; born in a Jewish quarter of Aleppo we should have contemned Christ as an impostor; in Constantinople we should have cried "Allah il Allah—God is great and Mahomet is his prophet." Birthplace and education gives us our faith. Few believe in any religion because they have examined the evidence of its authenticity and made up formal judgment upon weighing the testimony. Not one man in ten thousand knows anything about the truths of his faith. We believe what we are taught, and those are most fanatical who know least of the evidences on which their creed is based. Facts and testimony are not, except in very rare instances, the groundwork of faith. It is an imperative law in God's economy, unyielding and inflexible as Himself, that man shall accept without question the belief of those among whom he is born and reared. The faith so made a part of his nature resists all evidence to the contrary, and he will disbelieve even the evidence of his own senses rather than yield up the religious belief which has grown up with him, flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone.

"What is truth to me is not truth to another. The same arguments and evidences that convince one mind make no impression on another. * * No man is entitled positively to assert that he is right where other men, equally intelligent and equally well informed, hold directly the opposite opinion. Each thinks it is impossible for the other to be sincere, and each as to that is equally in error. * * * Here is a man superior to myself in intellect and learning, and yet he sincerely believes what seems to me to be too absurd to merit confutation, and I cannot conceive and sincerely do not believe that he is both sane and honest, and yet he is both. His reason is as perfect as mine and he is as honest as I.

"Therefore no man hath or ever had a right to persecute another for his belief, for there cannot be two antagonistic rights; and if one can persecute another because he himself is satisfied that the belief of that other is erroneous, the other has, for the same reason, equally as certain a right to persecute him.

"Masonry is not a religion. He who makes it a religious belief falsifies and denaturalises it. The Brahmin, the Jew, the Mahometan, the Catholic, the Protestant, each professing his own peculiar religion * * * * must needs remain in it, and cannot have two religions; for the social and sacred laws adapted to usages, manners and prejudices of particular countries are the work of men.

"The sincere Moslem has as much right to persecute us as we to persecute him; and, therefore, Masonry wisely requires no more than a belief in One Great, All-Powerful Deity, the Father and Preserver of the Universe. Therefore it is she that teaches her votaries that toleration is one of the chief duties of every good Mason, a component part of that charity without which we are mere hollow images of true Masons, mere sounding brass and tinkling symbols."

I could extract dozens of pages with repetitions of the above ideas from Bro. Pike's book, but sufficient has been given to show, 1st. That Masonry requires of its votaries belief in God only; and 2nd. That dogmas have no connection with morality. Nay, I can even prove that dogmas are antagonistic to morality. Thus, morality has always been the same, is the same, and will continue the same. While, on the other hand, dogmas have always differed, differ now, and will continue to differ. Morality never caused religious persecution. But dogmas were not only the cause of such persecution, but very religious saints taught that it was "moral to deceive and lie in order to promote the interest of the Church." And our Bro. Pike well knows that in American Lodges the morality of lying and deceiving is the rule. He knows that every W.M. here lies when he initiates a Jew. And also that our American Grand Lodges, without exception, sanction and uphold lying for the sake of the Church as a virtue. If, therefore, Bro. Pike's liberal utterances had been sincere he should have been foremost in rebuking against our American Masonic fraud. This he never did. But to prove his crookedness, after asserting that "Masonry requires no more" than belief in God, he further tells us that—

"The Holy Bible, square and compasses, are not only styled Great Lights in Masonry, but they are also technically called the furniture of the Lodge. And, as you have seen, it is held that there is no Lodge without them. This has sometimes been made a pretext for excluding Jews from our Lodges, because they cannot regard the New Testament as a Holy book. The Bible is an indispensable part of the furniture of a Christian Lodge. The Hebrew Pentateuch in a Lodge, and the Koran in a Mahomedan one, belongs to the altar, and one of these and the square and compasses, properly understood, are the Great Lights by which Masons walk and work.

No one explained more forcibly the fact that dogmas are impressed upon every one by his early education and surroundings, and when once so impressed, it is almost impossible for any one to change his dogmas for others; and, in short, there is no free will about belief or disbelief in dogmas. Now, I assert, that neither Christian, Jew, or Mahomedan joins Masonry for the purpose of adopting as their respective Great Lights either the Bible, Pentateuch, or Koran. The Church, Synagogue and Mosque had already impressed each of the above-named religionists with the importance of their respective sacred books. But while each sect professes to believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, in reality, however, their Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man they apply exclusively to their respective sects. Hence, the dominant sect everywhere persecuted the weaker sects. In 1658, or so, the Royal Society, by its regulations, opened its doors wide for scientists of all nations and all religions. In short, they adopted the idea—"Let a man's religion be what it may," if well qualified, he shall not be excluded from membership of their society. In 1723 the then members of the Masonic fraternity adopted the same idea and incorporated it into their Charges. Now, without a sectarian book in the Lodge, the scheme of uniting the good and true of all denominations into a Brotherhood might have succeeded to perfection. Indeed, the Royal Society prohibits all sectarian notions from discussion during its meetings. But Freemasonry requires a sacred book to lay on its altar. Hence, according to Bro. Pike's admission, instead of uniting all sects into one Lodge, we must have here a Church Lodge; there a Synagogue Lodge; and elsewhere a Mosque Lodge. The sectarian book, then, is the cause of dividing instead of uniting. In short, Masonry merely reproduces the old arrangement, viz., Church, Synagogue, Mosque, &c. The mischief of the old system arose from the perverted teachings of the respective Priesthoods. Each taught that virtue and goodness was monopolised by his own sect, and that prejudice will never be exterminated from the minds of each and all until they can meet in one and the same Lodge, when every one can have the opportunity of satisfying his mind that there are just as good true and upright men in other sects as there are in his own. Then, and then only, will the grand truth of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man be properly understood and appreciated. But such a consummation is only possible where all kinds of sectarian books and sectarian hints and allusions are excluded from the ritual.

Let us, however, take a retrospective look at the time when our Freemasonry was born and compare it with the present. Then the law for burning witches was still on the English statute book. The Copernican system of astronomy was under the Papal ban, and I doubt whether it was taught in Oxford. Geology was a mere embryo, and "evolution" was unknown. In addition to the numerous scientific discoveries which conduced to undermine the old orthodox faith

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the discoveries of biblical MSS., biblical researches and criticism necessitated a reformed edition of the New Testament and Old Testament too. The German and Dutch theologians have done their share in questioning the authenticity or genuineness of various books in the Bible. The "Essays and Reviews," Dr. Samuel Davidson's "Introduction to the New Testament," and Professor Robinson Smith's lectures, &c., all helped to fracture old beliefs. But if we look further back we find that an eminent Rabbi is mentioned in the Talmud, who taught that the book of Job was a fiction. The learned Erasmus doubted the inspiration of the Apocalypse, and Luther bluntly denied the said book as neither "apostolical nor prophetical." The above facts were unknown to our old brethren who formed the Grand Lodge, and Christians then believed that every word in the Bible was alike inspired. Hence, when the phrase was first introduced into the Masonic ritual, viz., "Let the Bible be the rule and guide of your faith," it was doubtless very appropriate, at least as far as Christians were concerned. But now even a Christian might be bold enough to ask, "How much of the Bible, and what part thereof, am I to believe?" Or, "Am I to believe in the King James's Bible or in the new translation?" And for these reasons, probably, Bro. Speed P.G.M. of Mississippi, though evidently a sincere Christian, suggested to his Grand Lodge the substitution in the above phrase the word "conduct" for the word "faith." I was, of course, pleased with Bro. Speed's proposition, indeed it is not often we hear of an American Grand Master who makes sensible suggestions. But with all due respect to Bro. Speed, I think that, in order to avoid theological discussion among Masons, which the present system will engender ere long, it would be better for all parties concerned to remove sacred books from Masonic altars, and banish all sectarian buncombe from the ritual and from the Masonic press, for if, as Bro. Pike admits, "Masonry is not a religion," &c., then sectarianism is against the true spirit of Masonry.

If, however, our Trinitarianizers and saint-worshippers must have a Christianized Masonry, let them say what they mean and mean what they say. Instead of resorting to Jesuitical quibbles, let them boldly demand of their respective Grand Lodges to pass a law that, in future, no man shall be admitted into Masonry who does not believe in the inspiration of every word in the Bible, in accordance with the requirements of the Westminster Confession.

I shall only add, that I have perused about a third of Bro. Pike's work, the remainder I merely glanced at here and there. So far as I could judge, the latter is much of a muchness with the former, and, take it all in all, it may be briefly summed up with—

"What is new is not true, and what is true is not new."

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S. 27th June 1884.

AN OLD RECORD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Beach House, Stretford, near Manchester,
5th July 1884.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—On looking over an old minute book of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44, I found amongst other curious matter the enclosed minute of the Lodge of Reconciliation, held in Manchester in 1814, by the Ancient and Modern Lodges. As this may interest some of your readers, I send the copy of the minute herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. G. SMITH P.M. 44.

August 2 1814.

Talbot Inn,
Market St.
Manchester.

At a meeting of the fraternities of Freemasons of The Old & New Systems. A Lodge of Reconciliation was held. Present (on the part of the old system):

W.M.	Jno. McClelland of Lodge	59/39	in the chair
S.W.	Terence Devine	,,	85/62
J.W.	Jno. Wyche	,,	250/201
S.D.	Jno. Macguire	,,	347/275
J.D.	Wm. Toft	,,	366/289
Secy.	Barny. Kavanagh	,,	347/275
Treas.	Pat. Murphy	,,	377/296
P.M.	Hy. Dey	,,	351/278
Tyler.	Daniel Macguire	,,	347/275

Also Bros. Jno. Tute of 366/289, James Hall 378/297, Jno. Martin 59/39.

Opened on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree of Masonry.

August 2nd 1814.

Lodge of Integrity 267/212

The Lodge was opened in due form on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree of Masonry, for the purpose of forming a Lodge of Reconciliation between the two Fraternities.

Present—Bros. (on the part of the new system):

Bent,	of Lodge No.	599/580	W.M.
Chew	,,	267/212	S.W.
Boslem	,,	599/580	J.W.
Booth	,,	507/403	S.D.
Bentley	,,	507/403	J.D.
Pidgeon	,,	267/212	Secy.
McDowall	,,	599/580	Asst. Do.

Bros. Musgrove, Lynch, and Harlehurst Tylers.

A message being sent by the W.M., Jno. Bent, requesting the attendance of Lodge of Ancient Masonry, which had previously been opened in an adjoining room, the following Brs. presented themselves as such as is mentioned before.

The two W.M. having exchanged the O.B.'s as is used by both Fraternities to the satisfaction of all Brethren present, likewise the usual forms &c. of each, an O.B. of Reconciliation was given by the two W.M.s, repeated by the whole of the Brethren present, and accepted as an act of union according to the instructions from the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasonry of England.

On the motion of Mr. Pidgeon, which was seconded by Br. Chew, that the thanks of the Lodge of Integrity be given to the Brethren forming the above Lodge, for their ready and punctual attendance for the purpose above specified, which was carried unanimously, and as unanimously carried were the thanks of the above Lodge to the Lodge of Integrity.

The thanks of the Lodge of Reconciliation was unanimously voted to Bro. Bent W.M. for his impartial and upright conduct this evening.

Chas. Pidgeon } Joint	Jno. Bent W.M.
B. Kavanagh } Secys.	Jno. McClelland W.M.

"UNATTACHED" STEWARDS AT THE FESTIVALS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—"Honour to whom honour is due," and all honour, say I, to those brethren who come forward, Festival after Festival, and prove it is possible to get together a goodly amount for the Charities, without assistance from their respective Lodges, for such is what I imagine to be implied when Stewards are returned as "unattached." I do not wish to "look the gift horse in the mouth," or to offer any slight to these "unattached" Stewards; I ask, for information, how is it that a brother prefers to return himself as "unattached" rather than associate the name of his Lodge with his own, and thereby bring honour on it in addition to that which he personally earns by serving and working as a Steward? I may be wrong, but I fancy the list of "unattached" Stewards some years since was much smaller than it is now, and I fear that if the list is allowed to continue to grow as it has lately it will be the means of creating an impression, which I hope is an incorrect one, that Lodges are not as enthusiastic in their support of the Institutions as are private individuals. In the list of "unattached" Stewards which appeared in your last issue in connection with the recent Festival of the Boys' School, I see the names of brethren who have, for years past, been unceasing in their efforts to promote the welfare of the Charities, and it seems to me a great pity that the large amounts they have contributed should be lost to the credit of the several Lodges with which they are associated.

I may tell you, Sir, that this query is only the prelude to another I have had it on my mind to put:—Out of the total annually subscribed to the three Charities, how much is actually voted from the several Lodges? I have been a visitor at Lodges on more than one occasion when a member has proposed to serve as Steward, and represent it at one of the Festivals, when it has been stated that the Lodge would not be able to afford anything to put on the brother's list, so that in those cases the Lodge had the credit of sending up a Steward with a list of some pounds of which it had not, directly, contributed anything. Is there any connection between the two states to which my queries refer.

I am, &c.

ONE WHO HAS SERVED AS STEWARD.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn has been elected Deputy Grand Master and Governor, in room of the late Bro. Whyte Melville, and his Lordship has appointed Bros. William Mann S.S.C. Deputy Governor. Alexander Hay and William Hay have been re-elected Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, D. Murray Lyon has succeeded Bro. Mann in the office of G. Secretary, and Doctor George Dickson Grand Treasurer *vice* George Murray, C.A., deceased. The other office-bearers are:—Bros. Earl of Mar and Kellie Grand Sword Bearer, J. T. S. Elliot Grand Banner Bearer, Rev. T. N. Wannop Grand Chaplain, Earl of Kintore Grand Marischal, A. Mitchell Deputy Grand Marischal, R. S. Brown Grand Introductor and Examiner, Wm. Edwards Grand Constable of the Tower, H. J. Shields Grand Guarder, W. M. Bryce Deputy Grand Guarder, W. N. Fraser, J. Webster, and F. E. Villiers Grand Stewards. The Office Bearers, with L. Mackeray, Jas. Crichton and J. Kirk form the Executive Committee. Lord Rosslyn's installation will take place early in October next. At the banquet in Freemasons' Hall, on 4th inst., the Deputy Governor, Bro. Mann, was supported by Bros. Thomas John Haynes Provincial Grand Master, and Cresswell D. Haynes Provincial Grand Master Depute of Gibraltar, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Dr. James Carmichael, J. Dalrymple Duncan, Edward Armitage of Cambridge, and others.

The following dinners have taken place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the current week?—

Monday 7th—Regularity Chapter; Wednesday, 9th—Installation banquet of the United Lodge; Friday, 11th—Dinner of the Sette of Odd Volumes.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CORNWALLIS LODGE, No. 1107.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Bull Hotel, Chislehurst, on which occasion Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Daniells W.M., supported by A. Hubbard S.W., Moll J.W., J. Storey P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Kent Treas., C. Reuter P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Kent Secretary, J. Edwards J.D., Piddock I.G.; also Past Masters J. J. Michael P.P.G.P. Kent, J. H. Simmonds, and T. Puzey P.P.G.D.C. Kent. The minutes having been read and confirmed. Bro. P. Hart was examined and entrusted, and the Lodge having been advanced, he was regularly passed by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, it shewed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. A board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. A. Hubbard, the W.M. elect, was regularly presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. who rendered the ceremony in the perfect and impressive manner for which he is so noted. The W.M., after having been saluted, appointed the following Officers:—Moll S.W. Edwards J.W., Storey Treasurer, Reuter Secretary, Piddock S.D., Walker J.D., O. Seefells I.G., and Thomas Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed, Brother Reuter giving the concluding addresses in a very impressive manner, and otherwise assisting in the work by undertaking the duties of D.C. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. placed on the breast of the I.P.M. a jewel, which he had great pleasure in presenting in the name of the Lodge, and with it he tendered the heartiest good wishes from the members. Bro. Daniells having suitably acknowledged the gift, a vote of thanks was passed to Bros. J. J. Michael and C. Reuter for the able and impressive manner in which they had performed the ceremony of installation. Each of these brethren replied, and then Bro. J. Storey was again elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, an office he has so well filled in the past. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed. An enjoyable banquet followed, the general arrangement of which, together with the quality of the wines and viands supplied, reflected great credit on the hostess (Mrs. Wain). At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace had been said, the customary toasts were honoured. The W.M. felt they could all bear testimony to the geniality which the Provincial Grand Master shewed towards the Freemasons of Kent, while as regarded the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, they all knew his great qualifications. The Cornwallis Lodge had been especially honoured in the number of Provincial collars which had been bestowed on its members. Bro. Puzey replied. He was one of the youngest members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and felt pleased to see the kind way in which the toast was received wherever it was proposed. Bro. Daniells gave the toast of the W.M. This was a task which gave him great pleasure. The working of Bro. Hubbard was well known. He was qualified to fill the office to which he had just been appointed. In replying, the W.M. said that all his energies would be at the command of the Lodge. While supported by such brethren as those he saw around him, he felt sure the success of his year of office was certain. He then proposed the health of the Past Masters. The Cornwallis Lodge could boast of Past Masters equal to any in the Craft, and he hoped it would long enjoy their advice and guidance; in such a case it must flourish. Bro. Daniells responded in brief and appropriate terms, and then the Visitors were honoured. Each of these brethren in turn acknowledged the compliment paid them, and referred to the general good feeling which prevailed in the Lodge. The Installing Master (Bro. Michael) and the Director of Ceremonies of the day (Bro. Reuter) were then toasted. Bro. Michael expressed the pleasure he felt in rendering any service to the Lodge, which it was his anxious desire to see prosperous and going on successfully. He felt their present W.M. was in every way calculated to fulfil the duties of the chair to their satisfaction. Bro. Reuter followed, and then came the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. No better officers could be found in any Lodge. The way in which they had worked had conduced in no small degree to the success of the Lodge. They had filled their respective offices for a matter of ten years, and had performed their duties ably and faithfully. Bro. Storey having thanked the brethren, said he felt it a great pleasure to be among them again. If there were no other brethren desirous of acting as Steward, he should be pleased to do so, and represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School. The toast of the Officers followed, the W.M. referring in well chosen terms to the merits of each. The toast having been honoured and acknowledged, the Tyler was summoned; he gave the closing toast, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion. Among the Visitors were B. Kauffmann 1732, F. Fletcher 1732, D. Davis 72, J. G. Gall 174, H. T. Goodall P.M. 784, Pawson 1732, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 1314.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 8th instant, at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent, and like many similar gatherings which take place a few miles from the "Great City," and other large centres of industry, took more the form of a summer outing than the hard day's work and formality which usually attend installation meetings held in town during the winter months. There was a large attendance of brethren, and a pleasant trip was enjoyed. The W.M. of the past year opened the Lodge, and was supported by Bros. E. Harvey S.W., D. Keyes J.W., J. Wyer P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Kent Treasurer, E. Coste P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent Secretary, Barber S.D., G. R. Bolton J.D., and the following Past Masters:—Brothers F. A. Harvey, S. Carrington, W. Carrington, Seaman P.P.G.D.C. Kent, &c. After the formal confirmation of the minutes of the last regular Lodge, and of a Lodge of Emergency, a board of Installed Masters—of whom there were sixteen present—was formed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Harvey, was presented and installed into the chair by his predecessor, who performed the ceremony in a most creditable manner. Having been saluted according to ancient custom, the W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Keyes S.W., Bolton J.W., Wyer Treasurer, Coste Secretary, Barber S.D., J. Finch J.D., H. Leavers I.G., Kift Organist, W. Seaman P.M. D.C. and Steward. Bro. Seaman P.M. said it was usual to appoint one of their number to represent them on the Charity Committee of the Province. Bro. E. Coste had served them very well in the past, attending the several meetings which had been held in various parts of the Province. He accordingly had much pleasure in proposing his re-election to the position. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Carrington and carried unanimously. Bro. Coste tendered his thanks to the W.M. and brethren for having elected him. It was an honour to be associated with such a Province as Kent, which was always foremost in any good work undertaken by Freemasons. Bro. Wyer considered it a pleasing duty he felt himself called upon to fulfil. It was to propose a vote of thanks to the I.P.M. Bro. Bond, for the admirable manner in which he had installed his successor in the Acacia Lodge, and also for the efficiency he had displayed in the discharge of his duties as Master during the past year. He hoped Bro. Bond's successor would follow the good example that had been set him, and that his term of office would be as successful as that just concluded. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Seaman P.M. and carried by acclamation. The I.P.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge until the second Tuesday in September, the brethren afterwards setting down to banquet under his presidency. Grace having been sung, the loving cup, presented by Bro. Barber S.D., was handed round, and the W.M. proceeded with the usual toast list. In giving the health of the Provincial Grand Master—Viscount Holmesdale—the chairman referred to his presidency, last year, at the Boys' School Festival, when the total contributed was unprecedented in the annals of charitable institutions. Lord Holmesdale was one who entered heart and soul into the work of Freemasonry, and did everything that lay in his power to promote the interests of the Craft in general and of his own Province in particular. The toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers present and past was next given. The W.M. had great pleasure in giving this toast, more especially because they had two past and one present Provincial Grand Officers among them. These were Bros. Seaman, Coste, and Wyer, whom they were all proud of as members of the Lodge, and all felt were worthy of the honour that had been conferred on them. Bro. Wyer was the first to reply to the toast. He had been the first initiate in the Lodge and well remembered, on the day of his admission, being told to work and wait. He had filled every office in the Lodge, and also in the Chapter, and was now pleased to respond on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers. Bros. Seaman and Coste followed. Bro. Bond I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M., who, he said, would do all that lay in his power, both in act and deed, to promote the interest and welfare of the Acacia Lodge and render it a success. He felt sure that the Lodge would flourish during Bro. Harvey's occupation of the chair. He was an efficient worker, and had already shown he was a capable President. He was satisfied he would prove himself worthy of their esteem. The W.M. said he accepted his position with mingled feelings of fear and pride. He did not know whether he was capable of following in the footsteps of those who had preceded him in such a manner as to satisfy the brethren; he should try his best, and if he was supported by the Past Masters, as he felt sure he should be, he hoped to be successful. He felt very proud of his position in the Lodge, and thanked those assembled for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast proposed in his honour. The toast of the Visitors came next. The W.M. was pleased to see so many guests around them, and felt sure the brethren generally had been gratified that their meeting had been so well attended. Bro. Smeed, in the course of his reply, paid a just compliment to the working of the I.P.M., whose rendering of the Installation ceremony had particularly impressed him. Other Visitors followed, each referring to the way in which the work had been carried out, and the general efficiency of the Lodge. The W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master. Those who had seen his working during the past year knew how well he had earned the jewel which it was now his pleasure to place on Bro. Bond's breast. Those who had preceded Bro. Bond in the office had no doubt done well, but he ventured to think that none had better deserved the compliment of a jewel than had Brother Bond. It was a great pleasure to him (the speaker) to be called upon to make the presentation, which he did with the hope that it would long be displayed in the Lodge on the breast of its worthy recipient. Bro. Bond tendered his thanks. He hoped to be among them for very many years to come, and trusted he might be able to render the Lodge some small service in the future. He should always do his best whenever he might be called upon. The W.M. proposed the toast of the other Past Masters, referring to the services each had rendered to the Lodge. This toast was well received, and was responded to by each of the brethren interested in it. The toast of the Masonic Charities was then given. The amounts sent up from Kent shewed the brethren of the Province had the interests of the Charities at heart. They had among them that evening a Mason—Bro. W. A. Scurrah of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744—who had taken up no less a sum than £630 for the Boys' School. This was a large amount to raise, and it reflected great credit on the brother who had collected it. The W.M. had much pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. Scurrah with the toast, and that brother suitably responded. The toast of the Officers came next, the W.M. specially dwelling on the merits of the Senior and Junior Wardens. They, as well as the junior officers who had that day been invested, he hoped would give satisfaction. He knew they were well qualified to perform the duties required of them. With the toast he coupled the names of the Secretary and Treasurer, and those two brethren having

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replied, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion, and the brethren returned to town, having spent an enjoyable day. Among the Visitors were:—Brothers W. A. Scarrah 1744, W. Smeed Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden Middlesex B. Kauffman 1732, W. Vincent P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Baker 1732, C. Tayler W.M. 1624, J. Henning I.G. 1287, Folson 1604, W. F. Hammond 569, Stamp 1194, Proctor 1288, Herbert 77, L. Solomons P.M., Bond 1624, Rothschild P.M. 1677, Flatterly P.M. 1624, Reid 946, Murphy 171, J. Archer 1413, Meredith 55, W. Medwin 1613, McGregor 22, F. Bland 1613, J. B. Smith 1507, J. Gibbs 1613, C. Smith 1445, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 10th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Penrose W.M., Cohen S.W., Greener J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Pitt S.D., J. Bedford Williams J.D., Ingram I.G.; Bros. Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, and H. C. Freeman, Lewis, &c. &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lewis candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was opened in the third and closed to the first degree. Bro. Lewis, of the Lodge of Justice, was then elected a member, and Bro. Cohen was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, N. Present—Bros. Marsh W.M., Forss S.W., Catling J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Watkinson S.D., Smyth J.D., Jenkins I.G., Brasted Preceptor; Bros. Wardell, Christian, Bunker, Baker, Bannister, Caperce, T. Clark. After preliminaries, Bro. T. Clark offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Wardell worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Watkinson worked the second section of that lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Forss was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

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PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 2.

AN installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Landport, on Monday, when Bro. Willmott was ably installed W.M. by Bro. Lancaster. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. Gieve I.P.M., Buck S.W., Westaway J.W., Barnden M.O., Sanders S.O., Elverston J.O., Ellis Treasurer, Guy Secretary, Béchervaise Registrar, Fay S.D., Irish-Lloyd J.D., Gilbert I.G., Miles Organist, Brickwood D.C., Pike and Boad Stewards, and Carter Tyler.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois follows the abominable practice of publishing the names of petitioners for Masonry rejected by Lodges under her jurisdiction—a sort of black list alongside suspensions and expulsions from the Order. Texas and perhaps a few other Grand Lodges do the same thing. Did it never occur to the minds of these Masons that some good men as live, men worthy of the highest honours of Masonry, are sometimes rejected by one black ball, apparently cast through misapprehension or some unworthy motive? It is a great wrong to such men to place a stigma on their character by enrolling their names as unworthy of becoming Masons. No possible good can result from such a practice, and it should be abandoned at once and for ever.—*Masonic Advocate.*

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction will in future hold its meetings at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, W.C. The brethren assemble on Thursday evenings, at eight o'clock, and give a cordial greeting to all Craftsmen who pay them a visit. Bro. W. H. Richardson P.M. 1384 is the Preceptor, and Bro. G. Reynolds 1614 the Secretary.

The consecration of the Wilson Iles Lodge will take place at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant. The ceremony will be performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Hertfordshire, assisted by the Worshipful Bro. J. E. Dawson D.P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held on the same day, at 2·45, at Cheshunt Great House.

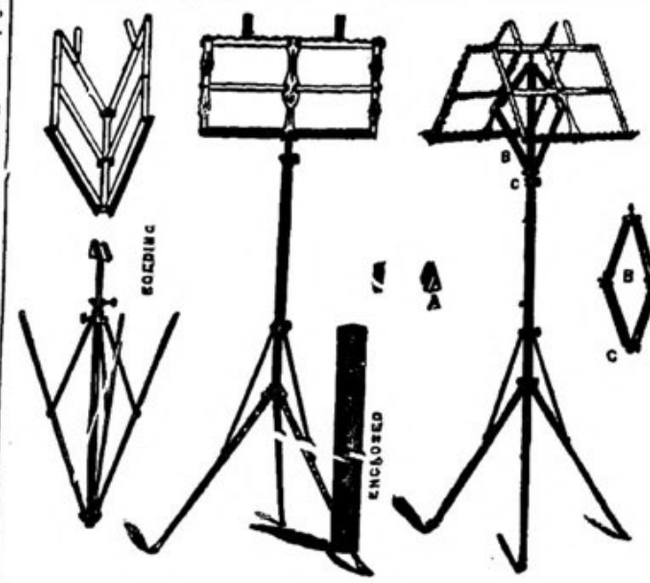
The Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, was well attended. Comps. Dean M.E.Z., Gregory H., George J., Radcliffe S.N., Shaw P.S., went through their duties in a very satisfactory way.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 14th day of July, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To receive, and consider the approval of, a list of Fifty-eight Candidates, on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which Twenty-seven Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 13th October 1884.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By W. Bro. Controller S. G. BAKE V.-Pres.:

"That when Voting Papers have been signed by those to whom they have been addressed as qualified Voters, and passed on, for the purpose of being polled on the next day of election, such Voting Papers shall be received as valid, although the parties signing them may have died between the date of so signing and the day of election for which such Voting Papers were issued."

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By Bro. A. J. GOPSON, V.-Patron:—

"That the first paragraph of Law 63 (pending for admission by purchase) be rescinded."

That the following addition be made to Law 55:—

"This rule is not to apply to cases where the subscribing member dies within three years from the date of his initiation."

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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from Vol. XIX., page 403.)

AT the close of our last article we remarked that it would only be just to Aubrey and Bro. Gould if we reserved such further remarks as we considered it desirable to offer till another occasion. We need not, however, dwell at any considerable length on the Aubrey

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statement. In determining its value, Bro. Gould first of all devotes a few paragraphs to the character of Aubrey himself, in order that his readers may be the better able to judge of the value of his testimony. From these we learn that he was a credulous person. Ray, for instance, is quoted as saying in a letter to Aubrey, "I think—if you give me leave to be free with you—that you are a little inclinable to credit strange relations," while Hearne remarks of him, "that by his intimate acquaintance with Mr. Ashmole in his latter years, he too much indulged his fancy, and wholly addicted himself to the whimseys and conceits of astrologers, soothsayers, and such like ignorant and superstitious writers, which have no foundation in nature, philosophy, or reason." Anthony à Wood writes, "He was a shiftless person, roving and magotie-headed, and sometimes little better than crazed; and being exceedingly credulous, would stuff his many letters sent to A. W. with folliries and misinformations, which sometimes would guide him into the paths of errour." On the other hand, according to Malone, "However fanatical Aubrey may have been on the subjects of chemistry and ghosts, his character for veracity has never been impeached;" and Toland, who we are told "was well acquainted with Aubrey, and certainly a better judge than Wood," writes—"Though he was extremely superstitious, or seemed to be so, yet he was a very honest man, and most accurate in his account of matters of fact. But the *facts* he knew, not the reflections he made, were what I wanted." This array of statements, which Bro. Gould has derived from the authors mentioned, are not in the order in which he has quoted them. We have taken the liberty of re-arranging them, because they seem capable of classification under two heads—those which describe him as a credulous man, and the two which, while allowing him to possess certain weaknesses, yet claim that he was a man of unimpeachable veracity and most accurate in his account of matters of fact. Bro. Gould has either not noticed, or has ignored, this classification, which considering that his first business was to determine the value of a statement of Aubrey's is not a little surprising.

Having cleared the way by supplying us with the above opinions as to Aubrey's credibility, Bro. Gould passes on to a consideration of the statement, namely that Wren "is to be adopted a Brother," on which he remarks: in the first place "Two comments suggest themselves. The first, that even had one copy only of the manuscript been in existence, the *prediction* that a particular event was *about* to happen can hardly be regarded as equivalent to its *fulfilment*. The second, that in transferring his additional notes from the original manuscript to the fair copy, which may have happened any time between 1691 and the year of his death (1697), Aubrey, who was on good terms with Wren would have supplemented his meagre allusion to the latter's initiation by some authentic details of the occurrence, derived from the great architect himself, *had there been any to relate*." We must, however, give Bro. Gould credit for having supplied an alternative view as regards the second of these comments. "Candour, however," he says, "demands the acknowledgment, that the transcription by Aubrey of his original entry may be read in another light, for, although Wren's *actual* admission is not made any plainer, the repetition of the first statement—unless the fair copy was of almost even date with the later entries in the earlier MS., which is, I think, the true explanation—will at least warrant the conclusion that nothing had occurred in the interval between the periods in which the entries were respectively made, to shake the writer's faith in the credibility of his original announcement." This is reasonable enough; in fact we have but little fault to find with this portion of Bro. Gould's treatment. Where we think he is too exacting is in supposing that Aubrey in his jottings about eminent men would be at the pains of hedging round his anecdotes with those defensive evidences which an historian, who knows he is writing for future generations, will be at the pains of discovering, wherever possible. Nearly two centuries have elapsed since Aubrey made his casual memorandum about Wren, with whom he was on familiar terms. But it does not seem to have occurred to him that his memorandum would have been made the subject of an elaborate conjecture by Bro. Gould. Had he anticipated any such keen examination of his statement, it is probable he would have been at the trouble of verifying or contradicting it. But he left it unaltered in both copies, because, in all probability, it never occurred to him to concern himself further about the matter. Aubrey appears to have done no more than record in a simple memorandum something that was about to happen in connection with a great public character of his day. Whence he had obtained his information is not stated, but it is recorded as though it were a matter of common report, and we learn elsewhere from a source quoted by Bro. Gould, that in the year to which the proposed admission of Wren into the Fraternity is assigned, something of importance in Freemasonry took place or is imagined to have taken place. But Aubrey, though a recorder of passing events, or rumours, could not have foreseen that the question whether Wren was or was not a Mason would be looked upon as of vital importance by a writer living towards the close of the nineteenth century. As to Aubrey having shown his credulity in an especial manner in connection with his anecdotes of celebrities, we must bear in mind that Bro. Gould lays great stress on Aubrey having been personally acquainted with Wren. Therefore, however conspicuous may be his credulity in connection with his chit-chat about other celebrities, we are justified in attaching greater value to his statement about Wren and the Masons; "This day,"—the 18th May 1691—"is a great convention at St. Paul's Church of the Fraternity of the Accepted Masons: when Sr. Christopher Wren is to be adopted a Brother: and Sr. Harry Goodric . . . of y^e^ Tower, and divers others." Of course we recognise the difference between a prognostication and its fulfilment, but as there is nothing incredible in the record, there is no reason why we should concern ourselves about Aubrey's credulity in ordinary cases.

As regards the idea that if Aubrey's statement is correct, it conflicts with the other statement of Anderson about Wren having held high office in 1663, we have already pointed out that in the latter year Wren may have been a Mason in the sense of having been the King's Master of Work, while in 1691 he may have been received into the Fraternity as what we now call a Speculative or non-operative member. This is only conjecture, but it shows at all events that the two theories are not necessarily conflicting. It is quite possible Wren may have been made a Mason in both capacities.

We have now completed our examination of this portion of Bro. Gould's work. We have carefully, even minutely, considered the opinions he has placed on record, and the conclusion that we have arrived at is, that his hostility to the theory of Wren having been a member of our Society has not strengthened his fame as an impartial historian. We have already pointed out that, though it is impossible with the evidence before us to prove that Wren was a Freemason, either in an operative or non-operative sense, that is, as the King's Surveyor-General of Public Works or as a Free and Accepted Mason, the probabilities are all in favour of his having been associated with our Fraternity in either or both senses. We have also indicated our belief that, in this event, he would have been connected almost as a matter of course with the present Antiquity Lodge, the then old Lodge of St. Paul's, from the fact of his having been professionally engaged in the building of our great cathedral, and not with the old Horn Lodge of Westminster, though the latter was chiefly composed of men of station and Antiquity was not. We admit that it is impossible to go further than this in support of the tradition that Wren was a Mason, but at the same time we are satisfied in our humble judgment that Bro. Gould has exceeded the limits of impartial criticism, and that for some unaccountable reason he has shown a most decided bias against a theory which, we repeat, if it cannot be established, can at least claim the merit of being in accordance with a reasonable probability. We must also renew our belief that Bro. Gould, in thus dealing with the tradition, as if it were a matter of the very last importance, has made a great mistake. If even it is established that Wren was a Mason, the position of seventeenth century Freemasonry will only be strengthened to this extent that one more distinguished public character will have to be included for certain among our Masonic worthies. If such proof is never forthcoming, or if it is ever established that Wren was *not* a Freemason, Freemasonry will still retain its position.

We shall deal with the subsequent chapters contained in this volume later on.

(To be continued).

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual meeting of the Freemasons of Kent was held on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, at the Guildhall, Deal, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by His Worship the Mayor, Bro. J. R. Lush. The town of Deal was gaily decorated in honour of the meeting, and the inhabitants seemed to thoroughly enter into the spirit of the proceedings. Provincial Grand Lodge was presided over by the Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, and having been opened with the customary formalities, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were confirmed, and then the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were submitted; these showed the expenditure during the past year of a total of £470 10s in Charity, the following amounts having been disbursed :—

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The other items of expenditure, as well as the receipts, were of the usual character, and after the latter had been provided for, there remained a balance of £262 3s 4d on the General Fund, and of £270 16s on the Charity Fund, a state of affairs that must be extremely gratifying to the members of the Province. Brother Thorp was re-elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the following brethren were appointed as the other Officers for the ensuing year:

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Geo. Band P.M. 1096	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
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£20 to the Widow of a late member of No. 20.

£25 to the Widow of a late member of No. 1449.

The confirmation of these grants was proposed by Bro H. Monckton, and was carried, after which the following grants from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund were proposed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, viz. :—

£52 10s to the Girl's School in the name of the Provincial Grand Secretary, completing his qualification as Vice-President to that Institution, and £52 10s to the Female Fund of the Royal Benevolent Institution in the name of the Provincial Grand Secretary, also making him Vice-President of that Institution.

The sum of £2 4s be transferred to the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

These also were carried, and then the Provincial Grand Master proposed that the following grants be made from the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund, viz. :—

To the Boys' School on behalf of the following Lodges, £10 10s each, 913 Plumstead, 972 Canterbury, 1050 Rochester, 1063 Malling, 1089 Sheerness, 1096 Deal, 1107 Swanley, 1174 Chatham, 1206 Sandwich, 1208 Dover - - - - - - - - £105

And to the Girl's School on behalf of the following Lodges, £21 each, 1096 Deal, 1107 Swanley, 1174 Chatham, 1206 Sandwich £84

And to the Aged Freemason's Institution on behalf of the following Lodges, £21 each: 1208 Dover, 1209 Ramsgate, 1223 Riverhead, 1273 Sittingbourne - - - - - - - - £84

These grants, being put to Provincial Grand Lodge, were also carried, and then a third proposition was brought forward by the Provincial Grand Master :—That a vote of thanks be presented to Brother Warne, for his valuable services in connection with the production of the Provincial Manual. His Lordship spoke of the great value of the Calendar to the Province, and bore testimony to the careful way in which it had been compiled during the few years in which it had been issued. He considered it contained a mass of information useful to the brethren of Kent, and felt that Brother Warne was entitled to the thanks of the brethren for the care he had bestowed on its compilation. He looked upon it as a model of what a Provincial Calendar should be, and spoke of the difficulties attached to its continuation, owing to the lack of support experienced. He felt it was worthy of more general support than it had hitherto received, for although Brother Warne was not an actual loser by its publication, it was a matter that should produce something to recompense him for the trouble he took in its preparation. The proposition, after being seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who said he also felt a deep interest in the work, was carried, and then Brother Warne returned thanks. He related some very painful experiences of the want of appreciation on the part of the brethren. There were, he said, something like 3000 Masons in the district, and yet only 300 copies of the work were sold. He suggested that as the Provincial Grand Lodge had taken the matter in hand, and paid the balance of the expense out of its General Fund, some sort of pro rata support should be given by the Lodges to the Calendar. The brethren then proceeded to St. Andrew's Church, where a special service was held, and a sermon preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. E. G. Banks. At its conclusion a collection was made, which realised a sum of £13. We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without referring to the many features of interest which this church presents. It has some handsome stained glass windows, presented by Freemasons and others, but the time at our disposal did not permit of our making a thorough inspection of them. We specially noticed one, however, which bore the following inscription :—

"Dedicated to God's glory by the Brethren and Companions of the Wellington Lodge and Chapter of Freemasons, in memory of William Matson Cavell, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.D., Alderman, Magistrate, and Four times Mayor of Deal, and many years Warden of this Church. Deceased May 20th 1879. Aged 75."

The brethren after the service returned to the Guildhall, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. A banquet followed at the St. George's Hall, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured and acknowledged in much the usual way. The arrangements for the day were made with that care and thoroughness which characterises the brethren of Kent, and as a result the meeting passed off most successfully.

HOLLOWAYS' PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system; one Pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fulness, and flatulency—indications of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them, overcome all acrid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperatures, which is most desirable for preservation of health.

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PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AT MASONIC HALLS.

FREEMASONRY has earned for itself the respect of the outer world—or rather, we suppose we must say, of a section of the outer world, when we remember the recent Roman Catholic attack on it; and not only has it gained respect, but in some cases it has come to be looked upon as something almost superhuman. Freemasonry, however, cannot work miracles, in the ordinary acceptation of the term, and is not capable of transforming a man of questionable ideas into an angel by the simple process of initiation, although it may do much towards removing some of the minor evils with which mankind is afflicted when once its teachings come to be fairly understood and are forcibly impressed upon the minds of candidates. As it is impossible to convert every one who is initiated into a living exponent of the principles of Freemasonry, it is absurd to suppose that Freemasonry is to be held responsible for the actions and speeches of all who may have been admitted within its ranks. It is equally absurd to suppose that the Masonic Order is to be called to account for all that is done in the numerous Masonic Halls and other places of assembly which, rightly or wrongly, have been associated with the name of the Craft. We cannot understand what ground the writer of the letter which appeared in our last issue, under the heading "A Protest," has for believing that Freemasonry had anything to do with the meeting to which he refers as having taken place at had the Masonic Hall, Melbourne. Even in this country we could find dozens of "Masonic Halls" which have not a Masonic ceremony conducted within their walls for years past, nor would it be a very difficult matter to name others which have never been converted to the uses their name would imply they were built for.

We quite believe that "no one, not a Mason, has a higher esteem for the Craft than" our correspondent of last week, and while we thank him for his high opinion of the Order with which we are associated, we feel he will excuse us saying that his letter is not calculated to add to the reputation of the Craft he esteems, inasmuch as he directs attention to an event, and gives it a sort of semi-Masonic origin, which we venture to state the Freemasons of Melbourne were in no way answerable for. In very many towns the Masonic Hall is the only large public place of assembly, and it would be about as reasonable to make the Freemasons of the district responsible for all that occurred in it as it would be to call on the parish authorities for an explanation of every statement made in their Town Halls, or to ask the Lord Mayor of London to be answerable for the utterances made within the precincts of the Mansion House. It is such letters as the one to which we refer which are made use of in fabricating such attacks on Freemasonry as the one recently formulated by the Pope. We may next hear of the matter as a lecture delivered under the auspices of the Masons of Melbourne, and referred to in the English Masonic newspapers, for it is by such tactics that very many of the charges made against the Order have assumed any importance they may now bear. We do not actually object to the letter of our correspondent; we are in a measure obliged to him for referring to the subject, as it has enabled us to point out the ease with which an event which really had no connection with Freemasonry might be twisted into an attack on the Order, and which, at a future date and without details at hand, might, perhaps, be difficult to refute.

It may be known to many of our readers that some short time since Bro. John Wills, the eminent florist and horticulturist, endeavoured to transfer his large business into the hands of a Limited Liability Company. He was, however, unsuccessful in carrying out this project, although the scheme received encouragement from several distinguished noblemen, who promised to become Directors and Shareholders. Legal proceedings resulted, but we are pleased to be able to announce that Bro. Wills has come forth unscathed from the ordeal. His counsel stated "that the prosecution" had been most rightly abandoned, and in this course the learned Recorder said he entirely concurred. It is only fair to give this fact publicity, and we hope in future greater success in his business avocations will be the result of the exertions of Bro. Wills.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.

TO one who has always lived up to the full measure of his ability as a man in the discharge of the multifarious duties that may have devolved upon him in this life, even to the allotted period of three score and ten years, with the infirmities of age upon him, and feeling that he must relinquish his accustomed place in the great treadwheel of labour; to such an one it must be a great satisfaction to know that he is held in high esteem in the community where he resides; and especially so among those who have been brought into the closest relationship and known him best. There will come a time in every man's life when the plaudit "well done, good and faithful servant," will be worth more to him than untold wealth in gold, or the sycophancy of a fawning public homage.

We are pleased to present an instance in illustration of this idea, in the case of Bro. Charles Fisher, late Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Bro. Fisher was born on the 20th day of July 1806, at Middletown, Penn. At the age of twenty-eight he moved to Indiana, and settled in the city of Indianopolis. He was made a Mason in Centre Lodge, No. 23, on the 30th day of January 1836. His life since has been one of Masonic activity. He served the Lodge continuously as Secretary until quite recently, a period of more than forty years. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge in 1836, and was elected Grand Secretary in 1838, serving one year. He was elected Grand Treasurer in 1847, which office he has filled up to the last meeting of the Grand Lodge. It was our desire and that of many of the old Masons that he should be continued in that position as long as he lived. But being unable to attend personally to the duties of the office, a majority of the Grand Lodge decided otherwise. Upon retiring from office the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge:—

Whereas, Our venerable Brother Charles Fisher, who has faithfully served the Grand Lodge as Grand Treasurer for the last thirty-seven years, has been compelled to relinquish that position by reason of the loss of his sight; therefore be it

Resolved, That our dearly beloved Brother Fisher has the individual heartfelt sympathy of the Officers and Members of this Grand Lodge in his great affliction, and that we will always hold in grateful remembrance his long and faithful service as Grand Treasurer; his invariable urbanity as an Officer; his devotion to Masonry, and his exemplification of its principles and teachings in his daily life for half a century, all of which reflects great honour upon this Grand Lodge, and presents to Masons throughout the world an example worthy of imitation.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary present to Brother Fisher a certified copy of this action under the seal of the Grand Lodge.—*Masonic Advocate.*

Amongst Public School Clubs that have recently been formed, "The King's College School Old Boys' Club" may be mentioned. It has a Committee of well-known gentlemen, amongst them the Principal and Head Masters of King's College, Leopold de Rothschild, Esq., Baron A. de Watterill, Sir Algernon Borthwick, Bart., and Richard Webster, Esq., Q.C. Mr. W. B. Collyns jun., of 5 East India Avenue, E.C., is Honorary Secretary *pro tem*; Bro. Hatton 150 Strand, W.C., has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer *pro tem.*

On Monday evening, at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, several members of the Western Circuit and some friends at the Bar entertained Mr. Petheram, Q.C., at a farewell dinner in celebration of his recent appointment as Chief Justice of the North-West Provinces of India. Mr. Edward Clark, Q.C., M.P., occupied the chair, and among those present were Mr. Arthur Charles, Q.C., Mr. A. H. J. Collins, Q.C., Mr. Bompas, Q.C., Dr. Phillimore, Q.C., and Messrs. A. Vigor, E. Bullen, T. T. Bucknill, J. F. Moulton, H. Reed, J. G. Witt, E. J. Castle.

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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 JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 14th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1628—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1696—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1791—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1932—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

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
302—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
306—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
307—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Manle-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
734—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
940—Williamson, St Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1595—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1681—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1818—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1891—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1881—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey

R.A. 146—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. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 15th JULY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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.
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
462—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
890—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall
1062—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 510—St Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 16th JULY.

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—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 190—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
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)
754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
902—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
1048—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1397—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 258—Ambitious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Englefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 519—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. 1423—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 17th JULY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruct
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
754—High Cross, Conch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1538—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 9 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

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M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St Martin, Town Hall, Hurslem
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
269—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
543—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
545—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
567—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford

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)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1330—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1333—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1360—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1372—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotal, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raigan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 18th JULY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
765—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
826—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
975—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1119—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1780—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1395—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 831—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 85—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th JULY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 206—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1566—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1607—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
R.A. 64—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

ON Wednesday the brethren of the above Lodge, together with their ladies and friends, had an outing. The charming locality of Shepperton, Middlesex, having been selected, the trysting place was Waterloo Station, from whence at noon a numerous party started in special carriages. On arriving at Shepperton railway station, vehicles, which host Stone had thoughtfully provided, awaited the party, and in a few minutes the Ship Hotel, Halliford, was reached. Boating at once seemed to be the order of the day, and a small fleet of well-handled craft put forth on the bosom of old Father Thames, who good-naturedly on this occasion was as placid as a mirror. Early in the afternoon upwards of fifty sat down to a *récherché* repast, provided in the manner for which the Ship Hotel is so deservedly noted. The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Jas. Addington, occupied the chair, the vice being filled by Bro. J. Granville S.W. Among members of the Lodge present were Bros. Marfleet P.M., H. Nixon P.M. and Secy., T. Hinks Treasurer, J. R. Hinks S.D., Marshall, Banbery J.W., John Parker, James Parker, P. H. Garner, J. Brown, W. Gorrie and D. Finch. Among the visitors were Bros. D. Rose P.M. 78, 1622 and D.C. 1475, W. Cowley P.M. 1559 Rose Lodge, H. Vickery P.M. 1475, 1622, G. Tennant S.W. 48, E. A. Harris Jordan 201 P.M., R. Darling Duke of Albany 1963, G. Wood Gundulph 1050, H. A. Osmonde Royal Military Lodge 1449, W. C. Page P.M. 1475, and J. J. Brinton J.W. Sphinx 1319. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal, Masonic and Patriotic toasts were given. The Vice-president proposed the health of the President, and remarked that they were all much indebted to him for the success of the day's outing. The members of the committee were aware that no pains had been spared to make the outing a success. Up to that moment it had been successful. The chair of their Lodge was filled by a Master who did all he could to promote the welfare of Freemasonry in general and his Lodge in particular. Of this, from time to time, they had had abundant proof. The idea of a Lodge outing, to which ladies should be invited, had originated with their President, and therefore he (the speaker) would propose his health. The President in an exceedingly modest speech acknowledged the compliment. It had been his constant endeavour to promote the interests of the Lodge, and he cared not what amount of time or trouble devolved upon him providing his efforts were successful. He had for a considerable time endeavoured to accomplish what had been achieved that day. He could not see why the ladies should not on occasions like the present be with them. They were under great obligations to their lady friends in various ways, and once at least during the year he thought they should participate in their enjoyment. There was also another matter which he would recommend for their consideration, namely, the desirability of having a ball during the ensuing winter. There was only the will wanting, and he hoped that that fact would not be overlooked. He did not intend to occupy their attention by making a long speech, inasmuch as the ladies in particular would much rather be enjoying a view of the beautiful country around them and in breathing the pure, fresh air rather than listening to prosaic speech. He fully appreciated the kind motives which prompted the Vice-president to eulogise him, and in all sincerity he thanked him. The President then proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bro. Nixon responded. For the Visitors Bro. Rose replied, and then Bro. Hinks jun. acknowledged the compliment paid the ladies. Several other toasts followed, and then an adjournment was made to the open air. Altogether a most delightful day was spent. The party returned home at a reasonable hour, and thus the first outing of this Lodge was a matter of the past.

PRIORY LODGE, No. 1996.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, High-street, Acton, W., on Monday, 7th July. The W.M., Bro. C. E. Botley, was supported by Bros. W. Roebuck I.P.M., G. Wright S.W., F. Botley J.W., the rest of the Officers, and a good attendance of the brethren, with Visitors. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Benjamin Hardy was duly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, and the W.M. gave the lecture on the Tracing Board of the degree. The sum of £3 3s was voted from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge towards the temporary relief of a distressed brother in Acton. The W.M. announced that at the recent Festival of the Masonic Institution for Boys, at which he served the office of Steward for the Lodge, the amount of his list was £51s 9s, the total amount collected being £14,060. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to antient custom, and adjourned until the first Monday in November next. The brethren then drove to the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, where an excellent dinner was served by Host Sadler. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, interspersed with songs by Bros. F. Gillett, E. Monson jun., F. Botley, and the W.M. Bro. E. H. Sugg presided at the piano. During the evening the W.M. and brethren were honoured by the visit of the Deputy Grand Master for Middlesex, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, and after a most enjoyable outing, favoured by splendid weather, started on the return journey to Acton about 9·30.

MR. CHARLES DU-VAL had the honour of appearing at Marlborough House on Monday last, the occasion being a garden party given in celebration of the birthday of the Princess Victoria of Wales. A large and distinguished party were present, including their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Royal Princesses, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, the Countess of Spencer, the Countess of Rosebery, Viscountess Folkestone, Marie Marchioness of Aylesbury, Lord Suffield, Viscountess Mandeville, Lieut.-General Sir Dighton Probyn, Col. Ralph Vivian, Christopher Sykes, Esq., and others.

At Scarborough, on Tuesday, Charles Arthur Courbet, of the ripe age of 64, and described as an artist and well educated, was sentenced at, the borough sessions, to nine months' imprisonment for having obtained various sums of money from different persons by falsely representing that he was a Freemason, a professor of languages at Durham University, and in distressed circumstances. The prisoner had been twice previously convicted of felony, and accordingly pleaded guilty, probably finding the evidence too strong for him.—*Evening News.*

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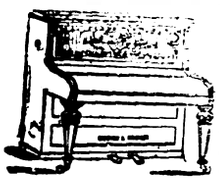
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PAPAL DENUNCIATIONS OF FREEMASONRY.

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IT might have been expected that the minister of a religion which ranks charity among its chiefest virtues would have shown, even in his sternest denunciations of evil, that he was animated by a spirit of kindness, by somewhat of that spirit which led the Author of Christianity to invoke the Divine forgiveness on his persecutors. It might also have been expected that a priest, who is presumably an educated man, would have made it his business to learn something more about Freemasonry and its doings before passing upon it, in common with all other secret societies, that wholesale condemnation which occupied so conspicuous a place in the sermon we published a fortnight since. But the preacher of that sermon does not impress us favourably as a man either of kindly disposition or very profound knowledge. Had he possessed even that slight acquaintance with the scope and character of our Society which it is in the power of every one to obtain from its published laws and regulations, he would not have made the mistake of classing it among the religious and political secret societies of whose terrible proceedings the world is every now and then informed by the medium of some fearful atrocity, such as the assassination of Czar Alexander II., or the Phœnix Park murders. Yet the Rev. Father has not scrupled to do this. Having quoted the remarks which are alleged to have been made by a French Mason at Lyons in May 1882, and which are no more evidence of the character of Freemasonry than are the casual utterances of the pot-house politician of the fundamental principles of this or that particular form of government, he proceeds in this strain: "So much for quotation. Now, who a few years ago fired at the Emperor of Germany? a member of secret societies. Who assassinated the Emperor of Russia? members of secret societies. Who perpetrated the horrible crime in Phœnix Park, in Dublin, two years ago? members of secret societies. Who fired at the Kings of Spain and Italy? members of secret societies. We see the doings of these sects are in accord with their speeches. How then to doubt any longer that they aim at the subversion of social order? If so, the Pope is right, and nothing can be too strong to prevent Christians from joining Freemasonry or any other society of the same kind." Thus, in the opinion of this reverend expositor of religion and morals, there is no distinction between Freemasonry and the secret societies which committed or attempted the foul murders he enumerates.

We should like to know what opinion would be formed of our Society if we, as an organ of English Freemasonry, were to follow the example of this priest and denounce religion as he has denounced our Society because of the crimes committed by men who had been trained in some kind of religious faith. Supposing, for instance, that we were desirous of lowering the character of Christianity in the world's estimation, what is there to prevent our writing after this fashion: "Who a few centuries ago destroyed the Templars? A Christian king abetted by a Christian Pope. Who exterminated the Albigenses? Christian generals instigated by a Christian Pope. Who massacred the Huguenots? A Christian king supported by a Christian Pope. Who perpetrated all kinds of atrocities against other so-called heretical Christians? Christian princes aided and abetted by Christian Popes. These flagrant cruelties were perpetrated in the name of Christianity, and consequently nothing can be too strong to prevent men from joining that or any other religious society of a similar kind." In saying this, we should be in a better plight than this priestly castigator of Freemasonry, because his association of the crimes he enumerates with the Society of Freemasons is known to be devoid of all foundation, whereas those we have enumerated owed their origin to the ambition or bigotry of professed Christian princes both temporal and spiritual. Yet the very last thing it would occur to us to do would be to denounce Christianity on the ground of the evil deeds which had been enacted by unworthy professors of its tenets. We recognise to its fullest extent the broad truth that a religion must not be held responsible for the enormities that are practised under the cover of its name, and it would have manifested a more charitable frame of mind in this preacher had he been content to denounce the crimes and the societies which promoted them without falling foul of us, who are as innocent of all association with them as himself.

It may be that after the tremendous and, be it added, the very discreditable onslaught on Freemasonry we have just commented upon, the rev. gentleman felt he had exceeded the limits of decency. Or, it is possible that he may have exhausted his store of Billingsgate. At all events the next paragraph is gentleness itself by comparison. The remarks it contains refer to English Freemasonry, and our reverend antagonist is pleased to allow that "English Freemasons defend themselves from adopting the views of the continental Lodges, and indeed," he adds, "there are good reasons to believe that English Freemasonry, as at present constituted, does not contemplate or include within its object any conspiracy against Church or State." We are thankful for small mercies, and are glad to find that English Masons are, as a body, exempt from the charges he makes against continental Lodges. But while we recognise the kindness and good sense which have prompted this exception in our favour, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that his condemnation of Freemasonry is general in its terms. Logically therefore, his exception of English Masonry is valueless. His make-believe of an argument stands thus: Freemasonry as a society is worthy of utter condemnation; therefore, English Freemasonry, as a branch of that society, must be included in that sentence. But English Freemasonry is not engaged in any conspiracy against Church and State, and hence it is not worthy of condemnation. We may take this latter proposition as a compliment, but that will not make the whole statement otherwise than self-contradictory. However, it is contrary to rule to look a gift horse in the mouth, and we accept the compliment. But even this is qualified. "Whatever view its official chiefs may take, some of its rank and file seem determined to assert its true character." To this it is allowable to reply by a kind of *tu quoque* in manner following. However just may be the doctrines enunciated by "official chiefs," that is, the Romish priesthood, some of the "rank and file," that is, the lay element, seem determined to assert their true character. We take the doctrines as propounded by the official expositors of the Romish Church, the false doctrines of unworthy lay members we reject as of no value. But, says our very logical critic, "Mr. Br——, the well-known atheist, I am told, has written to the 'Grand Master,' asking his support for the atheistical propaganda which he alleges it is the mission of English as well as continental Masonry to provide. Indeed,

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I have heard that there are efforts made to move the 'Grand Lodge' to expel Mr. Br——, but why have they then waited so long and kept among themselves a notorious atheist." It is to be regretted that the author of these remarks is not in the habit of doing his best to authenticate what he is told or what he hears. We presume the person referred to in the above remarks is Mr. Bradlaugh, who certainly was a member of the Brotherhood at one time, but who is no longer such. We "have been told" that when this person assumed his present *rôle*, he surrendered his Grand Lodge certificate. At all events, he is not a member of any Lodge, and would be peremptorily refused admission into one if he had the audacity to present himself. As for the suggestion that he has written to the Grand Master for the purpose stated, the reverend friar may as well invite us at once to believe the moon is made of green cheese or some other equally monstrous absurdity; while as to formally excommunicating a man who is no longer one of us, we should be lowering ourselves to the status of fools by doing so, at the same time that we should be paying him a compliment to which he has no shadow of a title. The wisest course to pursue is to withhold from him all publicity, to ignore him utterly, as though there were no such person in existence.

But this hearsay statement about Mr. Bradlaugh is only part of the qualification of the compliment paid to us English Freemasons. It is added, "Besides, English Freemasonry is in communion and in formal alliance with the principal Grand Lodges of foreign Freemasonry, if we except the Great Orient of France. This is not only proved by many published acts, but much more authentically by their own official calendars." We have no intention of denying the soft impeachment. We are in alliance with those foreign Grand Lodges the general tenour of whose Masonic faith is the same as ours, whatever may be the sins of omission or commission of which individual members may be guilty. Some continental Lodges and brethren may encourage a religious or political bias, but if this is done in spite of the laws prescribed by their respective Grand Lodges, we heed it not. We should as soon think of excommunicating a whole religion because some of its professors daily violate its teachings.

In the portion of the sermon that follows, the author repents of his passing gentleness and again attacks us with his accustomed ferocity. "Freemasonry," he says, "aims at the subversion of religious order," their Supreme Being or Maker being "a mere nominal God, and therefore nothing." It also "aims at the subversion of social order." Finally, as regards the men of rank and position who have voluntarily sought admission into our ranks and been accepted, these, we are told, "must have been themselves deceived, little thinking that their religion and loyalty served as a mask to hide the odious schemes of their deceivers. Freemasonry is a sect more secret than you can well imagine, and amongst the millions who call themselves Masons not five hundred, perhaps, know what are its immediate aims or what means it will employ in order to attain them." We need not trouble ourselves about these statements. They have been made times innumerable before, and as often as they have been made, they have been refuted. In fact, they refute themselves. People, whether distinguished or not, do not offer themselves for acceptance into a society when they know they will be deceived.

The truth is, Masonry may always look to be denounced by the Romish priesthood, because its members loyally guard the secrets trusted to them. This ought to be a feather in their cap. The Romish priesthood loyally guard the secrets of the confessional; no one would believe them if they were so treacherous as to betray them. Why can not they tolerate another set of men who are equally loyal and would stand the same chance of being disbelieved if they attempted anything disloyal? There is room in the world for both of us, and the Pope will be doing a great service if he denounces those who merit denunciation, the evil-doers, slanderers, traitors, and so forth, not men who are harmless and are desirous of living in peace and harmony with their fellow-men.

In the course of the sale of the Crossley Library, at Sotheby's, next week, a rare book, interesting to students of Freemasonry, namely, T. Taylor, "On the Eleusinian and Bacchic Mysteries," will be sold. It was printed at Amsterdam, and published in London in 1791. There is also another work, entitled "The Perjur'd Freemason Detected," published in 1730.

SYMBOLS.

JACOB'S LADDER.—Jacob's Ladder is one of the most beautiful as well as expressive symbols in Masonry. It comes down to us through the long line of the ages, bearing not only the history of an important event in the life of a great man, but laden with the great and wonderful truth that though man is greatly the inferior of God, yet there may be a very intimate intellectual relation between God as Creator and man as creature. It matters not how, or by what methods, God may choose to communicate his thoughts, whether in a state of consciousness or unconsciousness in man, the fact remains that God has often directly communicated to man His wishes as to conduct in this life. It is not our place to vindicate any of the questionable actions of Jacob in his conduct toward Esau, nor are we to suppose that there was any commendation on the part of God of any of those wrongdoings; but, to the contrary, there seems, in the deep anxiety of his mind, and his conscience deeply troubled by fear, great punishment for those wrongs. But there is ample evidence of the tender mercy of God in forgiving his sin, and having formerly selected him for a purpose He now reassured him that this purpose should be fully consummated. In his hour of dire extremity God comes to his assistance, so we are to learn that in God we have "an ever present friend in time of trouble," which to a believer in Him, as all Masons should be, is one of the most valuable lessons of Freemasonry. The ladder will naturally represent the method of the communication, and the angels the intelligent agents bearing the thought.

The teaching of the Lodge upon this point is rather of an arbitrary than a natural character. In former symbols Masonry is represented as world-wide in character. Being so, no symbolism would better represent the covering than the canopy of heaven studded with the silvery stars; hence this vision of Jacob furnishes a good ideal for conveying this thought. Because of the Masonic explanation, three *principal* rounds and seven in all, each bearing an important thought, we are not to suppose that this was the teaching at the time of the event; but that they are deductions showing important truths incorporated in Freemasonry. It needs no argument to show their arbitrary character; but this arbitrariness does not in any way detract from their value.

Using these teachings, as shown, we have faith, hope and charity as the principal elements of instruction, blended with those of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. The first three we have as the theological truths, and the four as the cardinal points of a life of virtue. The first are the direct teachings of God's Word, and the others are essential to all godliness. The seven embody all the elements of a godly life, which are no less binding upon a Mason than a Christian; hence it is often truthfully said that a Mason living up to the teaching of Freemasonry will meet the commendation of God.

The mystical ladder was a symbol of great value in the religions of antiquity, in some representing the different planets and in all the highest elements of morality. As a canopy always represents honour and protection, honour because he who occupies the chair beneath it is always held in reverence by those who have elevated him to that position, protection from the heat and elements, so we have the thought that there should be a deep and holy reverence for God, and a recognition of the fact that He exercises the power of a protector over us in all the affairs of life. There is no law of nature, physical or mental, for which we are not indebted to Him; no blessing that we can receive of which He is not the author. If we claim our own efforts as the means of producing them it is but the exercise and use of the laws He has made. Carrying the symbol through all its changes it is full of instruction, but none have more moral value than those represented in the symbolic rounds of the ladder. The Manual is very brief upon the three principal rounds of the "theological ladder," representing the teachings as "faith in God, hope of immortality, and charity to all mankind;" but they involve three of the greatest principles of morality known to man, being the principals to which the others are inferior.

FAITH.—Faith is usually applied to religion, and because of this fact many do not regard it as applicable to the walks of all life. It is not an unnatural, but a natural element of the human mind, one which is being exercised in every day life. There is no greater faith than that exer-

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cised by the child in the parent; nor is any element more common than the faith of the employe in the employer. The child recognises in the parentage a strong love; its protection in the hour of sickness and danger, its provisions of food, clothing, home. Offer to the little one a home abounding in wealth, luxuries and privileges which its humble, comfortless home cannot afford, yet it clings to the love of those surrounded by poverty. Offer to the dweller in the Alpine valleys, surrounded by barren rocks, all the blessings of a fine home in the rich, alluvial and boundless prairie, yet he will cling to the rocky valleys because with them are blended all the faith and joys of his days of childhood, from which greater pleasures cannot take him. The employe recognises the willingness, ability and faithfulness of the employer, and from these facts he involuntarily reasons: "During the days of my labour I see none of my reward, yet I know that at the end I will receive all my due."

Whether a man is a Christian or not there is every reason for him to have faith in God. Through all the years of human history that kind hand has supplied the laws of nature producing the growths that have supplied the necessities of man. By reason we know that there lies within God that great power to continue the supply, so by a practical faith man plants and cultivates, knowing that as in the past so in the future these same laws will be supplied. We know that this great commander of all law is a being of infinite intelligence, and, by the teaching of the vision of Jacob, that there may and can be an intelligent communication of thought between the higher and lesser minds; hence it is our privilege as men to communicate with that God; yet it is not to be confined to the ordinary physical things, but to the higher elements of life. If we have reason for faith in God in minor things, we have also in the greater. By reading the Word which is represented as our light and guide of life, we are constantly shown the ability and willingness of God to provide for our eternity and happiness, and by reasoning from these elements of his character we are fully assured that they will apply to us as readily as to others. Our faith in God should, therefore, be implicit. Viewing the teachings of Masonic symbols in their true light there are as many obligations for a Mason to exercise faith in God as for a Christian.

Hope of Immortality.—"Hope is the combination of desire and expectation." We may desire a certain event to happen yet have no reason to believe that it will occur. We may often expect something that is not only not desired but utterly repugnant to our wishes. When we speak of hope in its truest sense we first desire the occurrence of an event and expect it to come because all the conditions of its coming are fully met. We desire a visit from our long absent son, but because of poverty, or sickness, and great distance, we do not expect it. We wish for the coming of another, and knowing of his health, prosperity, and the promise of his coming, we fully hope for it. Now, to hope for immortality is one thing, but merely to desire it is an altogether different one. Almost all persons desire immortality, while many make no effort to attain it. So long as there is no effort to attain it there can be no reason to expect it, but when we desire it and are making all efforts to attain it, there is a strong reason to hope for it. The teachings of Masonry are not merely those of desire, but of hope in the fullest sense. From the reasoning of science upon the indestructibility of matter, and from the teachings of God's Word, there is no reason to doubt the fact of immortality. There being such a state it must necessarily be divided into two states to accommodate the mental and spiritual character of the two states of existence in the earth, the righteous and the unrighteous, because of the utter incompatibility of the spiritual association of these two elements of society, for experience teaches us here that there is no greater source of mental misery than being compelled to associate continually with incompatible spirits. In the hope of "immortality" there is no other idea involved than the thought of a permament association with the pure, which necessarily implies the presumed purity of him who accepts these teachings, for in order to accept that immortality we must be pure. Referring to the elements of the word hope, the question becomes pertinent to every Mason, Do I desire this immortality of the righteous, which meets with but one answer from all? If I desire it, have I any reason to expect it? I have if I accept the provisions of God, and, believing, am making efforts to attain it. There can be no higher or holier hope than this and all should make it an object of spiritual culture through life.

Charity to all Mankind.—This element of the human mind is often wrongly interpreted, for men generally make it apply to the gifts to relieve temporal distress; but this is only the lesser part of this great quality. Charity has a broader meaning. We are warned against hasty condemnation of our brethren. Before condemnation we are to inquire as to the circumstances of the wrong. Were there not extenuating circumstances? Were there not great aggravations? Charity is to be exercised not only in palpable sins, but in the ordinary faults and idiosyncrasies of life. It leads us to help the fallen, though down by his own fault; to give cheer in hours of gloom; to cast sunshine and joy where clouds and sorrow had prevailed; to condemn the sin but not the sinner, and to throw the mantle of love over him who would be redeemed. So comprehensive is this word in its broadest sense that it covers almost if not all things embraced in the thought of love. It is not confined by any narrow limits, but is as large as the Lodge, which covers the earth and reaches to the skies, hence the brotherhood that it embraces takes all men. Being a part, if not the sum and substance of all purity, it is required of all who would be godly.

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To those who find it necessary to seek occasionally some slight relaxation from the cares and distractions of business, without incurring the expense of a jaunt into the country, we can strongly recommend a visit to the Health Exhibition, or, as some one has absurdly christened it, the Healtheries. It is easy of access from all parts of the metropolis, the cost of entrance, five days in the week, is only 1s, and once you are there you will have enough to do to see a tithe of the attractions which have been brought together in the exhibition buildings and the surrounding gardens. If you are in search of a tonic in the shape of fresh air you can lounge or wander about in the latter, listening to the strains of music from the military bands which play almost without intermission from 3 p.m. to closing time. If your taste inclines to the study of food preparations, you will have no difficulty in satisfying it in the South Gallery; do you seek to know what our ancestors looked like in civil or military costume, betake yourself to the West Quadrant—an obliging policeman will guide you to the locality—and there you may profitably spend an hour or two in examining a whole regiment of lay figures clad in the dresses worn by ladies and gentlemen, male and female domestics, and horse, foot, and artillery, at different periods in English history. The East Quadrant is devoted to modern dress. In the West Gallery, Annexe, and Arcade, may be seen those exhibits which need the assistance of machinery in motion in order to display their merits. In the Central Avenues are shown all kinds of art work, the walls being hung with designs by the students of South Kensington. Elsewhere foreign countries display their wares, Belgium having an annexe all to itself, while China is similarly fortunate, and as its collection was only arrayed in order last week, it constitutes for the present one of the chief attractions in the exhibition. About the quaintest and to the Londoner one of the most interesting parts of the display is that known as "Old London," in which at certain times of the day it is rather a difficult matter to manœuvre one's way, so great is the throng of the visitors who gather here in order to form some idea of what London shops looked like two centuries ago, and how the rooms above these shops were fitted and furnished for the well-to-do people who did not disdain to live in them from year's end to year's end. Thanks to the liberality of the London companies, this part of the exhibition is about as perfect as money could make it, the houses being exact representations of the originals, which were not all in one street, as they are here, but were scattered about in the principal thoroughfares. Here, too, may be seen a reproduction in lathe and plaster of one of the old city gates—the Bishopsgate—and one of a city church, the principal bed-room of a city inn, and last, but not least, the pillory and stocks, in which people who had misconducted themselves paid the penalty of their misdemeanours. The shops are occupied by members of some of the companies, and in several cases the hands engaged in the business that is carried on are clad in old style dress, such as was worn when a London street resembled the counterfeit presentment which daily attracts such crowds of visitors. In fact, it matters little which way one turns, whether to the Galleries, the Quadrants, the Annexes, or the Gardens, there is all day long something to be seen which will please the multitude as well as those who have special tastes to satisfy, and at the same time care has been taken that every one, according to the length of his purse, shall have the opportunity of satisfying the claims of hunger and thirst.

Our worthy and esteemed friend, "Old Mug," celebrated his golden wedding on Tuesday last, the 15th inst. We feel assured his Masonic friends, and their name is legion, wish him and his wife many more years of happiness and prosperity.

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THE GRAND LODGE OF S. AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have seen it stated, with reference to the events which have culminated in the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge of South Australia, that "it is true, undoubtedly, that a large majority of all our Lodges have joined the movement, but still leaving a minority averaging about a dozen in each Lodge faithful to the Grand Lodge of England." From this it is argued that, as "the Book of Constitutions says, that when a majority leaves a Lodge the power of assembly remains with the minority, provided three brethren continue," it practically follows that "*all* our Lodges remain under us, and we are bound (as in case of Montreal) to support them." I am not so presumptuous as to question the law as laid down by the Book of Constitutions, but I very much doubt if the author of the above argument is justified in his application of the law to these South Australian Lodges. Assuming his statement as to the minority of about a dozen in each Lodge remaining faithful to the Grand Lodge of England, I yet fail to see how the Grand Lodge can do anything else than accept the new order of things, limiting any further action she may deem it wise or politic to take to protecting the interests of those Lodges, if any, which prefer remaining under her ægis. In what they have done our Australian brethren have acted deliberately, not hastily. From the account you reproduced in your columns in the early part of last month, it appears that it was not till after certain preliminary, but informal negotiations, that "the first active step was taken on 30th July 1883," when a meeting, convened by Bro. H. M. Addison, D. G. Treasurer, English Constitution, and presided over by Bro. H. C. Mais, Past D.G.S.W. of the same Constitution, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, and it was resolved that "immediate steps" should be taken towards establishing an independent Grand Lodge. After a long correspondence the project was adopted, an Executive Committee, composed of leading representatives of all three Constitutions, was formed, a Grand Master was selected in the person of Bro. S. J. Way, Chief Justice of the Colony, and on 17th April last the Grand Lodge was constituted. There are no signs of hurry, much less of agitation, about this. The high position of the Grand Master is a guarantee against his being a consenting party to any movement of a "factitious" character and proceeding "from a small body of agitators," while his principal Officers are equally above the suspicion of being "agitators." The Past Grand Master, Bro. H. C. E. Mucke, was Dist. G. Master, under the Scottish Constitution; Bro. H. E. Downer, Deputy G. Master, was Deputy Dist. G. Master, English Constitution; Bro. A. M. Simpson, G S. Warden, was a Past Pro. G.J. Warden, Irish Const., Bro. J. Ramsay, G.J. Warden, was Dist. G.J. Deacon, Scotch Const.; Bro. Rev. F. S. Poole, G. Chap., a Past D.G. Chap. E.C.; Bro. W. B. Webb, G. Reg., Dist. G.D. of C., Scotch Const.; Bro. S. Solomon, Pres. Board of Gen. Purp., Dist. G. J. Warden, English Const., and J. H. Cunningham G. Sec., Dist. G. Sec. English Const.

Then, as to the minority remaining under the original Constitution, if we assume they so remain according to the *literal* interpretation of the law, they cannot be allowed to do so, according to its spirit. In the absence of any further information, I can only venture to suppose that each Lodge dealt with the question as submitted to it, of having a Grand Lodge for the Colony, in the usual manner; and just as the minority, had it been the majority, would have considered the question as settled in their favour, was binding on their opponents, in which case the Lodge would have remained as before under our Grand Lodge—or that of Ireland or Scotland, as the case might be—so are they now bound to accept the decision of the majority and loyally stand by them under the new order of things. As far as I can make out, the movement has been conducted openly, deliberately, and constitutionally. Over a thousand brethren are said to have taken part in the constitution of the Grand Lodge, and considering that the Lodges are scattered over a wide extent of the country it is difficult to see how a more numerous gathering could have taken place, or why such more numerous gathering should be deemed necessary in order to give effect to the deliberate votes of the different Lodges. When only one Lodge stands out from the movement, we may reasonably consider we are as near unanimity as is possible short of being unanimous.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

THE POPE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Your recent article and other reports published during the past few weeks lead me to hope that a few remarks thereunto relating will not be deemed out of season.

Why the Pope should have issued his veto against Freemasonry is not far to seek.

Freemasonry is *free*, and instils in its members the love of *truth*, invites all to study the Scriptures in their entirety *without bias*, only admits (in England) men of *loyalty, honour*, and undoubted integrity, *compels* respect for *chastity*, teaches the blessing of *charity* in its fullest sense, love to all men, and a strict adherence to honesty and *truth* in all our dealings.

In the first place, no staunch Romanist *can be free*; he must *submit* to his priest.

Secondly—He may only read *portions* of Holy Writ, or if he does read the whole, is not allowed to interpret for himself, but has to *accept* the Pope's rendering.

Thirdly—He cannot profess that loyalty to the throne that is required by the Craft, because he may at any moment be compelled to turn *rebel* should the Pope and his sovereign be at variance.

Some of my intimate friends are Roman Catholics, but far from condemning the Craft, they have expressed a strong desire to join, which they cannot do without forsaking the church of their fathers.

Does it not seem incredible that in this 19th century the Pope, a man of undoubted intelligence, should be so ignorant of the good done by the Freemasons, when everybody else is aware, if only from the public prints, that it is one of the noblest charitable institutions of this country? Or is he wilfully blind, and fearful lest he should lose control over his adherents?

Some little time since he said Freemasonry could "only flourish in irreligious countries," like England, Germany, and Belgium; but in *religious* countries, like Ireland, Portugal, and Spain, *it could never gain a firm footing*. Even France was mentioned, but I fear she has lost her good name of late. *Republicans like liberty.*

Irreligious ENGLAND! the greatest empire the world ever knew, and whose greatness has been attained as much by the Bible as the *sword*.

GERMANY! the first military power in the world, whose head is revered for his advocacy of religious and charitable institutions.

BELGIUM! a thriving country, where the utmost liberty is enjoyed; and although so small, respected by all Europe.

Now to look at the *religious* countries! IRELAND! or that part of it where the Romish Church is paramount. Is it not still, as it always has been, the hotbed of *sedition* and vice?

The public prints say, Yes.

PORTUGAL! is there a more licentious land under the sun? Is there another country where chastity is *less* respected? I say, No; not even Turkey, where women are only the toys of men.

SPAIN! Who is the cause of the continual civil wars in Spain? "*The Priest.*" Who condones the offences of the wealthy (providing they pay) against the peasant? "*The Priest.*" Did not the Priests in Spain try to get into Lodges that they might sow dissension, and thereby bring the Craft into disrepute? Yes.

Now I should like to know whether any brother thrives less, enjoys less domestic happiness, or is *less respected*, because the Pope has thought fit to excommunicate him? I think the old story of the "Jackdaw of Rheims" will apply in this case.

"No one seems one penny the worse," and I fear his Holiness has been using very bad language to very little purpose in cursing Freemasons. It was doubtless thought a master-stroke of policy when the Earl of Ripon was induced to "go over" to Rome—it was expected that would accelerate the breaking up of Freemasonry. What is the answer to that? Since that time upwards of 600 new Lodges have been established, and the usefulness and munificence of the Order is everywhere admitted.

As this epistle is prompted by the *damnantur clandestinæ societates* of the Pope,

I beg to subscribe myself,

Yours,

NICK.

"DENMARK,"—A NEW LAWN GAME FOR 1884.

"THERE is nothing *new* under the sun," so runs the old adage; yet, according to a recent article in the *Daily Telegraph*, 14th April 1884, I have a right to use this adjective in describing my game, for the author of the article says: "It is not a little remarkable that nearly all the open-air games in which the human family have indulged, from the days of Homer down to the present time, have revolved round *a ball* of some kind." "Herodotus, again, attributes the invention of the ball to the Lydians, and at least one passage of the Iliad shows us that some game with 'ball' was played at the Siege of Troy."

The games for open-air are, first and foremost cricket, football, curling, golf, racket, American base ball or rounders, lacrosse (the game of the wild Indians, and national sport of Canada), croquet and tennis; and of these the last two only (Badminton with shuttlecock being added) can be considered agreeable or elegant for ladies to indulge in.

Having often heard the remark that "croquet was not sufficiently active for eight players, and that ladies are often much overworked by tennis," my idea was, and my aim has been, to invent a game which shall avoid these extremes, and serve as "a change" from other games, "variety" being, according to Shakespeare, "the spice of life."

Croquet and tennis also require a considerably larger, also a level lawn, which it is not the good fortune of all to possess, nor, if possessed, is it always convenient to spare or obtain a gardener to mow, roll, and "mark" the ground at a moment's notice; all of which is unnecessary in "Denmark," a lawn of 36 feet by 20 feet being sufficient, slight inequalities of ground immaterial, while the four small flag-posts serve to mark the distances should the "lawn marker" not be at hand.

My next thought was to secure the necessary exercise of muscles for both ladies and gentlemen, and at the same time to sustain the interest in the play, as far as possible, on both sides, so that although inventing a game adapted for ladies, the gentlemen should also feel that they had *something* to do, needing exertion and some skill.

Finally, I have endeavoured to vary the exercise in each set of rules, with three different modes of playing "Denmark," so as to render it useful to small or large mixed parties of different ages and various tastes.

To attain these ends I decided on adopting "a ring" as a change

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from the time-honoured "*ball*," and this ring, which I have had some difficulty in getting made to my mind, so as to be thoroughly practical, is of cane, covered with split cane, and differing entirely from the flimsy "la Grace" ring known to children, or the heavy "quoit" ring suitable only for gentlemen.

I may also name that "Denmark" offers a more equal advantage to players who are *short-sighted* than tennis, in that it will by practice be easier for them to throw a ring to a *fixed* distance, than it is for them to hit an object moving with uncertainty in their direction; no such player being (even with the aid of specially made glasses) capable of judging with exactness of the distance of the ball from them, or of seeing it, whether coloured red or not, until within a few yards of them.

"Denmark" has also the advantage of being adapted for "rainy days" or wintry weather, where families are so fortunate as to possess halls or large vacant rooms, when it will be found a useful substitute for the daily walking exercise, and may often prevent the disappointment occasioned by a "rainy day" for a garden party.

I hope that my kind readers will favour me by a trial of the game, and inform me how far I have succeeded in the aims I have had in view, in the invention of "Denmark;" and if they derive the "health and happiness" from it which I desire, my labour will not have been lost.

The revised second edition of rules and diagrams are so clear that very little further description is necessary; the first act is, however, to measure the ground, 36 by 20 feet, then fix the four flag-posts at corners; next measure for centre of court, on which place large flagstaff stand; then slip on the wooden joints as numbered on to iron stem, placing the first or lower canopy always 5 feet from the ground (or floor); next the remaining joints of flagstaff (shortest length of which may be omitted if fixed in hall, to reduce height), then follows second canopy, and the pole with large flag, which is also omitted indoors should height of hall not allow of flag-pole, and the wooden ornament substituted to fix canopy.

Now we are ready to begin, sides are chosen, rings and staves selected by those choosing these parts, and the more actively disposed place themselves, if ladies by their "mile" of 20 feet, if gentlemen by their "mile" of 36 feet, in order for running, and proceed according to the rules.

The "first set" can be played by 4, or even 12, 14, or 16 players if wished, and I should term this the most active and liveliest of the three sets of Rules.

The "second set" is the most quiet for ladies, and suitable for a hot summer's day.

The "third set" affords good exercise in "catching the ring" for *all* players, and can be made generally active for all if desired, by playing the "long game," in which all have equal running exercise, and each player has a good rest between his "runs."

A "scoring marker" is a special feature in this game, saving much trouble on this head.

C. N. H. MANBY,

in Our Magazine."

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was holden at the Masonic Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Thursday, the 10th inst. The St. Augustine Chapter, No. 779, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Chapter assembled, having been opened, the M.E. Grand Superintendent Comp. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. S., &c. (accompanied by his Grand Officers) was received in due form. Amongst those present we noticed Companions Rev. John Denton P.Z. as P.G.H., E. F. Mammatt P.Z. as P.G.J., Clement E. Stretton P.Z. as P.G.S.E., W. Carrick Crofts P.Z. as P.G.S.N., W. S. Allen P.Z. P.G. 1st Assist., Thomas Coltman P.G. Treasurer, H. Blood P.G. Registrar, Joseph Young Z. 279 P.G.D.C., Rev. W. Langley P.Z., A. Balmforth Z., John Hassall, C. J. Wilkinson, J. Tanser, and a large number of members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly read and confirmed, the rolls of Chapters and Provincial Grand Officers were called over and met with general response. The M.E. P.G. Superintendent installed Comp. A. Wood as Z. of the De Mowbray Chapter, No. 1130. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were received, a vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Coltman for his valuable services as Treasurer, and he was unanimously re-elected to that office. The M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent appointed his Officers as follow, and invested those present:—

E. Comps.	G. Toller jun.	P.G. H.
	E. F. Mammatt	P.G. J.
	S. S. Partridge	P.G. S.E.
	W. S. Allen	P.G. S.N.
	R. Dalgleish	P.G. P.S.
	F. Amatt	P.G. 1st A.S.
	Dr. Willan	P.G. 2nd A.S.
	Thomas Coltman	P.G. Treasurer
	Rev. C. H. Wood	P.G. Registrar
	A. Balmforth	P.G. Sword Bearer
	C. J. Wilkinson	P.G. Standard Bearer
	Joseph Young	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
	W. Musson	P.G. Organist
	Thomas Dunn	P.G. Tylers
	James Tanser	

Companions Denton and Mammatt, on behalf of the St. Augustine Chapter, expressed their thanks to the P.G. Superintendent, Comp. William Kelly, for his kindness in holding the meeting under its banner. The other routine business having been concluded, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed in due form. The annual banquet then took place, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

ERA CHAPTER, No. 1423.

THE installation meeting of this popular Chapter was held on the 12th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Comp. J. Faulkner M.E.Z., Dr. Ryley (M.E.Z. elect, by dispensation) H., T. Goodchild (H. elect, by dispensation) J., T. C. Walls P.Z. S.E., E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.D.C. Middx. Treasurer. Visitors—Jas. Stevens P.Z. 720, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. After the Chapter had been formally opened, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Board of Installed Principals was in due course opened, and Comp. Dr. Ryley, M.D., was installed M.E.Z., and Comp. T. Goodchild H. Comp. J. Mason P.Z. was to have been installed Joshua of the Chapter, but he was unable to be present on this occasion. Comp. James Stevens, who acted as Installing Principal, carried out the labours of the day in an eminently successful manner. The newly installed Principal appointed and invested the following as Officers: Comp. T. C. Walls S.E., E. H. Thiellay Treasurer, G. S. Wingate S.N., and Gilbert Janitor. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Comp. Faulkner I.P.Z. for his gift of five pounds towards the furniture of the Chapter, and a vote of thanks was also given to Comp. Jas. Stevens for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of installation. The Chapter was then closed, and the company sat down to an excellent dinner. The M.E.Z. presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch Toasts in eloquent terms. In speaking to the toast of the Grand Superintendent the M.E.Z. said Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was one whom they were all proud of. The Grand Superintendent had been invited that evening, but he had a previous engagement and could not be present. All who knew him, however, respected him, and no better Superintendent could be found to fill the high and important office. Comp. Walls, in an able speech, responded; he felt proud at having to speak on behalf of their respected chief. Comp. Faulkner I.P.Z. had now great pleasure in proposing the health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Dr. Ryley was in every way competent to fill his important post, and the Companions all wished him a prosperous year of office. The M.E.Z. said he felt great gratification in listening to the manner in which the I.P.Z. had proposed the toast in his honour. He regretted he had not had an opportunity of conducting the duties of the chair. He might tell them his profession took up much of his time; but he would throw himself on the indulgence of the Companions, and by their help he hoped to be able to carry out the duties of his office. His earnest endeavour would be to promote harmony in the Chapter. In speaking of the P.Z.'s the M.E.Z. said, to propose a toast in their honour was a very pleasing duty. To Comp. Faulkner infinite credit is due; he had performed his duties in every respect to their satisfaction. Whatever work he undertakes he ably carries out, both in Lodge and Chapter. After happy reference to personal friendship, Dr. Ryley said it was with great pleasure he had to place on his breast the jewel which all agreed he well deserved. The jewel is of very elegant design; it is of solid gold, and set with precious stones. Comp. Faulkner I.P.Z. in reply, said he was proud to hear the compliment paid him; he had had very little opportunity of showing his ability, but he hoped to have the opportunity of assisting the M.E.Z. during his year of office. The toast of the H. and J. was next given. Comp. Goodchild would perform the duties of his chair to their satisfaction. The M.E.Z. regretted the absence of Comp. J. Mason J. Comp. E. H. Thiellay and Goodchild responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed a toast in honour of Comp. James Stevens P.Z., who came specially to instal the Principals. The impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony was enhanced by his perfect working. He would ask them to do full honour to the toast, with which he would also associate the name of Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. Comps. James Stevens and H. M. Levy severally responded. The toast of the S.N. Comp. Wingate was given and duly responded to. The Janitor's toast was given, and shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a close. Comps. James Stevens and Walls contributed to the harmony.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE LATE PRINCE OF ORANGE.

Mr. Stuart, the British Minister, on Wednesday placed upon the coffin of the late Prince of Orange a wreath with the following inscription on the ribands attached to it:—

"A tribute of brotherly regard and respect to Alexander, Prince of Orange, Grand Master of Freemasons in the Netherlands, from Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Freemasons in England."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—These remedies are unequalled throughout the world for bad legs, wounds, foul sores, and ulcers. Used according to directions given with them there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Many poor sufferers who have been patients in the large hospitals under the care of eminent surgeons, and have derived little or no benefit from their treatment, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills. For glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy, and diseases of the skin there is nothing that can be used with so much benefit. In fact, in the worst forms of diseases, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these medicines, used conjointly, are irresistible.

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EXCESSIVE LEGISLATION.

WE desire to call your attention again to what we said one year ago in relation to the danger of excessive legislation.

This evil is apparent in nearly all our social, civil and ecclesiastical organizations, and we also think it will be generally admitted that our venerable institution has suffered more or less from this law-making epidemic. A few words, therefore, upon this subject, will not, we trust, be considered entirely out of place, even in this conservative Grand Lodge, which in so large a measure has been content to follow in the footsteps of the fathers, by taking as its guide to a great extent the unwritten laws and traditions of our Ancient and Honourable Society.

Freemasonry, in its deep underlying principles, is essentially different from all other human organizations. We are not only a Society, but our Order is a grand old historic institution; and it is important that we should ever bear in mind this great truth, that *human institutions, unlike those of Divine origin, are not made, but grow.* The germs of Freemasonry are of the highest antiquity;—as these germs found congenial soil in the wants of our common humanity, they gradually developed under the moisture and sunshine of Divine favour, until this strong sturdy oak of Freemasonry stands to-day with its roots reaching so far back into the past that neither the storms of adversity nor the sunshine of prosperity can do more than break off a few decaying branches, or wither and dry up some of those superfluous leaves which flutter in the passing breeze.

For the first century after the introduction of Masonry into this country it flourished and spread with wonderful rapidity. During this period, the Craftsmen were busy in genuine Masonic work, and had comparatively little time and less inclination for making new laws. It was at the close of this first century in the history of American Freemasonry, some fifty years ago, that the social, religious and political storm of Anti-Masonry burst upon the States, and raged with a fury seldom, if ever, equalled in the history of this country. Lodge rooms were closed, active work suspended, while death rapidly reduced the roll of membership, and for a time it appeared to those outside the Fraternity that our ancient institution, with all its traditions, legends, rites, and conservative teachings and discipline, was doomed to utter extinction. In these dark and troublous days nearly a generation passed away, during which few found admission to the Order.

Upon the revival of Masonry, the raw recruits soon outnumbered those veterans who had survived the dark days of persecution; and it is not surprising that many of these new recruits, who were men of middle or past middle age, with habits of thought and character already fixed, should have failed to fully appreciate or assimilate the conservative teachings and discipline of such an Institution as ours. These brethren influenced, unconsciously it may have been, by the universal drift of the times, enacted a multitude of new laws, many of them not in harmony, and others, we fear, in direct conflict with the spirit of those deep underlying principles of our ancient Institution.

The truth of this statement is easily ascertained, by an examination of the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the country during the past twenty-five or thirty years, which are filled with these new and conflicting constitutions, laws, regulations, and approved decisions.

We feel, therefore, that there is grave cause for alarm, and that, unless there is some check to this law-making mania, the old landmarks, laws and usages of Ancient Craft Masonry will be buried under the rubbish of modern so-called improvements; and in place of that Grand old historic institution, Freemasonry, we shall have a modern society, with everything ancient eliminated from it except the name.

We do not wish to be understood as advocating the theory that no further legislation is necessary, for, as we have already said, human institutions must have growth; but we no wish to impress upon this Grand Lodge, with all the force and earnestness possible, the necessity of acting with great care and only after mature deliberation in the adoption of any new laws or regulations.

Instead of meeting particular cases by constitutional changes and new regulations, we think in the great majority of instances it would be found that they are already provided for under our ancient laws, usages and traditions; but if not, then it would be practicable to dispose of the larger part of them. simply by vote of the Grand Lodge, or by action of the Grand Master, whose high powers and prerogatives, thanks to our predecessors, have in this jurisdiction been carefully guarded and maintained, and are to-day fully recognized by Rhode Island Masons.—G.M. LYMAN KLAPP.

SECTARIAN RITUALISM IN MASONRY.

THE cosmopolitism of Freemasonry is one of its bold characteristics. It belongs to no one country more than another, but inhabits all, so far at least as civilisation extends. It opens its doors to men of every race, sect and opinion, requiring only a belief in God, a good character, and such mental and physical qualifications as will enable a man to prove himself a Mason, and to perform such labour as may be required of a member of the ancient and honourable fraternity. It does not question a man's religious connections or opinions, but leaves him free to enjoy them to the fullest extent of his own choice. They are a matter entirely outside of Masonry.

Associating men together upon a platform, such as we have outlined above, it must be evident to every thinking mind, that all forms and ceremonies pertaining to the Order should be divested of everything of a sectarian nature, otherwise they become a mockery and distasteful to a portion of the members. Tracing the ritualism of Ancient Craft Masonry as far back as possible, in its primitive days, it is found that this idea then prevailed. In the secret work of Lodges, and in the arrangement of public ceremonies there was nothing objectionable to any man's religion, or that prevented him from participating in them as a Mason. All could take part in them and heartily join in the response—"So mote it be."

It must be apparent to every well-informed Mason that this distinctive feature of Masonry should be carefully guarded in order to perpetuate the institution agreeably to its original design. To do this everything of a sectarian nature must be kept out of its ritual and ceremonials, whether private or public. Old forms that have stood the test of centuries should not be thrown aside and others used to please somebody's fancy. No one man has any more right to make a change than another, and if one is permitted to do so, the same privilege may be conceded to all. When this is done the old Masonic ship may just as well haul down her standard as *Ancient Craft Masonry.*

We have before us a printed copy of the "Order of Service" used in laying the "Foundation Stone" of the Freemasons' Hall in the city of Providence, R.I., on the 7th of June last. We have often participated in like ceremonies, but have never before seen an "Order of Service" like this one. It appears to be a co-mingling of Masonry, Templarism, Christianity and the Mark Master's degree. These ceremonies were performed by the Grand Master of Masons of Rhode Island, and are declared to be "according to the customs and usages of Free and Accepted Masons." The Grand Master is supported by two Eminent Commanders of Knights Templar, who cross their swords over the stone, while the Grand Master says: in the faith of Him who is the CHIEF CORNER-STONE hewn from the mountain without hands, we lay this Foundation Stone; in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST. *Amen.*"

"*Response.* The stone which the builders rejected is become the Head of the Corner." The Grand Chaplain invokes the blessing of God upon the work in which they are engaged, and asks that "they may attain heavenly felicity by that righteousness which is through JESUS CHRIST our Lord."

If this is Masonry, and "according to the customs and usages of Free and Accepted Masons," the present generation of Masons outside the "Little Rhody" state have been wonderfully misinformed. We are not disposed to believe that such is the case. Whoever prepared this "Order of Service" exhibited a very limited knowledge of Masonry, and we are surprised that any Mason exalted to the high position of Grand Master should use such a ceremony in the name of Masonry. We are not over captious in this matter, but are discussing it from a Masonic standpoint, as we believe, for the good of Masonry. We are opposed to all such innovations,

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even in the public ceremonies of the Order, and protest against allowing the privilege of preparing a special "Order of Service" whenever they are to be performed. If this practice cannot otherwise be broken up it should be by legislation of Grand Lodges.—*Masonic Advocate.*

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

IT is doubtless within the recollection of our readers that prior to the consecration of the above Lodge the Baroness Burdett-Coutts presented the brethren with the Lodge furniture. The most noticeable portion of this was the magnificent embroidered covers to the pedestals and tables. So pleased was the Baroness with the way in which this work had been executed that as a reward to those who had been engaged upon it, she invited them to spend a day with her at Holly Lodge, Highgate. Saturday last, 12th inst., was the day appointed for the employés of Messrs Jones and Co. to pay their promised visit. Leaving the premises, 236 Regent Street, in omnibuses, specially chartered for the occasion, the young people, to the number of nearly sixty, in addition to the managers, foremen, forewomen, &c., proceeded to Highgate. The weather was unfortunately unfavourable and quite spoiled what was anticipated would have been an enjoyable ride, but thanks to the provision against the wet the visitors were enabled to reach their distination without in any way suffering from the elements. It had been arranged that the party should be conveyed up Highgate Hill by the Steep Grade Tramway, the Directors having most kindly offered to allow their cars to be used for the purpose, but in consequence of the inclement weather it was determined at the last moment to drive direct to the grounds. On their arrival the guests were received by the Baroness in the verandah, where luncheon was provided. At the conclusion of the luncheon the Senior Manager present, Bro. Cantle, proposed the health of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, he said that the whole of the staff employed by Messrs Jones and Co. looked upon their reception that day as an act of the greatest kindness and consideration. He was pleased that her ladyship had expressed her satisfaction at the way in which their work had been produced, and he considered that in asking them to Holly Lodge she had done them a very great honour. The Baroness, who was received with acclamation, then addressed the gathering, and said how pleased she was to receive them; she regretted the day was so unfavourable; she hoped, though, that it might yet clear up to enable them to inspect the grounds and that she should see them there again on a future occasion. The manner in which the young people had performed their work had given her the greatest satisfaction, and she remembered with pleasure seeing their nimble fingers at work during the progress of the embroidery. The design too was most beautiful, and the manner in which her own arms had been incorporated with a representation of "The Abbey" caused the production to become really a work of art. Her ladyship said that she should have much pleasure in showing her visitors over the house, and letting them see the various objects of interest therein; she was sure that from the artistic qualities they had proved themselves to be possessed of, they would appreciate the works of art they might see. The visitors then accompanied the Baroness over her house. At the conclusion of tea, which was also provided in the verandah, Bro. Burdett-Coutts W.M. of Abbey Lodge addressed his visitors in reply to a vote of thanks which had been unanimously accorded him. He said that he was exceedingly glad to see them all, and in the name of himself and the Baroness tendered them a hearty welcome. The work they had executed would ever be highly appreciated by the Abbey Lodge, and would in years to come maintain their reputation for good workmanship, and that of true benevolence and kindness on the part of the Baroness. Towards evening the weather fortunately cleared up, and enabled the young people to roam about the grounds, which they evidently did with considerable pleasure. Soon after sunset, the visitors, under the charge of Brother Baker, were duly conveyed home in safety. During the afternoon and evening, Bro. James Hill conducted a capital selection of instrumental music, and as the weather became finer, dancing was resorted to with considerable animation. The day will long be remembered with pleasurable feelings by the employes of Messrs. Jones and Co.

There will be an emergency meeting of the Abbey Lodge at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday, 28th instant, when Bro. Burdett-Coutts, the W.M., will work the three degrees—raising five, passing five, and initiating five candidates.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 17th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Coen W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., W. T. Hunt jun. J.W. S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Catt S.D., H. C. Freeman I.G., Hutchings P.M. (Preceptor), and Bros. Lewis, G. Emblin, &c., &c. Business—Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Lewis answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Later on, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. Hunt, the chair being given up to him for the purpose. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bros. W. T. Hunt jun., Emblin, H. C. Freeman, Catt, Stringer, and Thomas were elected as Stewards for the first banquet, which will be held on the 20th August, at the White Swan, High Street, Deptford.

Beadon Lodge, No. 619.—The July meeting was held on Wednesday evening, at the Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich. Bro. R. P. Forge, the Master, presided, and several of the old Past Masters of the Lodge were present. As it was the day for the election of a Worshipful Master, the brethren unanimously chose Bro. Norrington, the Senior Warden, to fill the office of Master for the ensuing year. They re-elected Bro. Leeaw P.M. as Treasurer, and Bro. Church as Tyler. The bye-laws were, according to custom, read, and the Audit committee appointed. A donation of £5 from the benevolent fund was made to a case of distress, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Forss W.M., Catling S.W., Watkinson J.W., Bunker S.D., F. Carr Sec., Baker I.G., Brasted Acting Preceptors, Waddington, Marsh, Wilson, Kite, Whelon, Dunston, Verney, Packman, Wardell, &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Smyth answered the questions leading to the third. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of the sublime degree was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Watkinson worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Dunstan and Verney of Lodge 1326 and Bro. Packman of 975 were elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Catling was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the regular meeting, last Monday, at Bro. Baker's, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Detmer W.M., Turner S.W., Rhodes J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Hancock S.D., Parkes J.D., Cosgrove I.G.; Bro. Hall P.M. 1693. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Forge acting as candidate. Bro. Collingridge, as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Hancock W.M. Southgate Lodge was elected a member, and Bro. Turner was appointed to fill the chair on Monday, 21st inst. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Detmer for his able working, and Lodge was closed in due form.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.—The monthly meeting was held on Saturday last, at Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Minstrell. Mr. Paul Hugh and Mr. J. C. Cleverley were initiated; Bro. W. M. Duckworth S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the next year; Bro. Henry Massey was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Very Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed, and a Past Master's jewel voted to Bro. Minstrell.

At the Quarterly Court of the subscribers to the Masonic Girls' School on Saturday last, Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair, an Honorary Vice-Patronship of the Institution was conferred on Bro. J. G. Chancellor, in consideration of many years' valuable services. Thirteen vacancies were declared for the October election, for which there are thirty candidates.

The Quarterly Court of the Boys' School was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton presiding. The list of fifty-eight candidates was passed for next election, and of these twenty-seven will be offered the benefits of the Institution at the October Quarterly Court.

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THE GRAND MARK LODGE of this Province will assemble at Oxford, under the Banner of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July 1884, when and where all Grand Lodge Officers of the Province (present and past), and Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons are invited to be present. (Morning Dress, Masonic Mourning).

The Committee of General Purposes will meet at the ALFRED MASONIC HALL at Eleven a.m. precisely, to audit the Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and to transact any other business requiring their attention.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be formed at the same place at Half-past Eleven o'clock a.m. and close tyled at high noon, when the Business of the Province will be transacted.

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In order to ensure the comfort of every Brother who attends, the Worshipful Masters of Lodges are requested to send (addressed to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Jesse Terrace, Reading, or to W. Bro. F. Ryman Hall, Summerhill, Oxford), not later than Saturday morning, the 19th July, the names of all who propose to be present at the Banquet.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason,
THOS. J. PULLEY P.M. P.G.S.D.,
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Reading, 1st July 1884.

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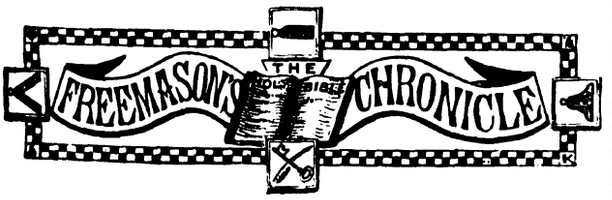
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CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM KELLY LODGE, No. 339.

ON Friday afternoon, the 4th inst., a large and influential company of Mark Master Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, to witness the consecration of a new Mark Masons' Lodge. For several years past Mark Masonry has been making rapid progress, but in no shire has its noble and dignified characteristics been more warmly espoused than in Derby, which county now boasts three Lodges, viz., the Duke of Connaught, No. 246, the Derby, No. 302, and the Lodge which was on Friday brought into existence, the William Kelly, No. 339. At present these are included in the Province of Leicester, which embraces the counties of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby ; but the hope is indulged that a dispensation for the constitution of Derby as a separate Mark Province will be issued at no very distant date. The new Lodge is named after the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, of Leicester, who is, we believe, the Senior Grand Mark Master of England, having served the Craft with distinguished ability and unflagging zeal for well-nigh half-a-century. The William Kelly has been formed, it may be added, under the auspices of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Craft Masonry, and its headquarters are at the Swan Hotel, Winsbill ; thus, whilst it will tend to promote Mark Masonry in the populous town of Burton-on-Trent, its geographical situation will ensure its recognition as a Derbyshire Lodge. The promoters of the Lodge are to be congratulated on having secured, as its chief consecrating Officer, the venerable gentleman whose name it bears. Prov. Grand Master Mason Kelly, who received a cordial and respectful greeting from the brethren present, was accompanied by Bro. the Rev. S. Watben Wigg, of Northampton, Provincial Grand Mark Chaplain, who took a prominent and distinguished part in the ceremonies of the day. There were also present :—Bros. E. C. Milligan P. Prov. J.G.W. P.G.I.G. (England), Percy Wallis Prov. J.G.D. P.G. Steward (England), Joseph Young P. Prov. S.G.W., T. Worthington Prov. S.G.W., Thos. Cox Prov. J.G.W., Clement E. Stretton P.G. Secretary, S. Knight Prov. G.M.O., W. L. Ball Prov. G.D. of C. (W.M. Designate), G. T. Wright W.M. 246, R. Taylor W.M. 19, Thomas Horsley, John Smith, A. Woodiwess, T. Carter Wigg, C. Webster, E. Horne, W. J. Piper, J. Walker, J. Greensmith, W. L. Dodd, and others. The ceremony of consecration was performed in a most impressive manner, and was followed with the deepest interest. The Prov. G.M. Master assured the brethren of the kindly interest he took in the Lodge, and intimated that as its godfather he had presumed to make it a present in the shape of a set of handsome silver jewels for its Officers. The oration on the occasion was delivered with great effect by the Prov. Grand Mark Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. S. W. Wigg), who congratulated the brethren, not only upon being permitted to use the name of William Kelly, but in having that distinguished Mason to perform for them the act of consecration. Having paid a glowing tribute to the long, faithful, and able services of Bro. Kelly, the speaker exhorted the young Masons present to try and emulate an example so marked by nobility of purpose, and purity of action. After some further observations concerning the moral obligations of Masonry, the Orator proceeded as follows :—"There is one other lesson to be learnt in this degree to which I may venture to allude, especially as just now we have occasion to put it into daily practice. I mean that every Mason who does his work honestly and well must not expect to escape misrepresentation and censure, especially if his work be somewhat different and better than the work of those around him. The position of Freemasonry at the present moment affords a striking illustration of the truth of this teaching. If there is any body of men in the world who are peaceful, law-abiding citizens of the countries where they dwell, when fairly treated, who carry out the principles of their order in deeds of benevolence, which though only half revealed, excite admiration in the breasts of those who behold them, who treat all forms of religion with respect, while holding devoutly their own simple creed, who encourage in every possible way morality and all social virtues, I say boldly that this body of men is the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and yet it is against this very Order that the Bishop of Rome has recently made charges so monstrous and absurd that they would provoke a smile were the matter not too serious for levity. And notwithstanding that our brother the

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Lord Carnarvon mildly and temperately denied and refuted them, they are again brought forward in the Continental newspapers, and repeated with added insult by a Roman Cardinal in our sister island. It is a maxim of the Court of Equity that the complainant must come into court with clean hands, and that is also the opinion of every right-thinking man, but measured by that rule how would our accusers fare? The Bishop of Rome may in some measure be pardoned for including in one sweeping anathema, not only the Masons of Italy and France, of whom it may be presumed he thinks he knows something, but also the Masons of England, Germany, Scandinavia, and America, of whom it is very evident he knows nothing. But when our fellow-subjects repeat these slanders, and emphasize them in the repetition we have a right to bid them look at home. I admit most fully and freely that the true principles and tenets of Freemasonry are diametrically opposed to the teachings and practices of the society to which they belong. The great principles on which our Order is founded are the common brotherhood of man, charity in word and deed, truth at all hazards, obedience to all lawful authority, loyalty to the Sovereign in whose realm they dwell, and a humble reverence for the Sacred Name of the Great Architect and Great Overseer of the Universe. These facts can be proved, not only from our Masonic records, but from a far safer and unerring authority, the lives and actions of Freemasons generally. We are far from saying that in a society so widely extended as ours evil men have not contrived once and again to shelter themselves or their designs under our banner, but they were aliens to our Fraternity and traitors to our principles. It is true that in Italy and France Masonic Lodges have been perverted to other purposes than those for which they were consecrated, but we must remember when men are denied liberty of speech and action, when tyrants, regardless of the inalienable rights of every son of man, strive with an iron hand to crush out the spirit of freedom, men are driven to use any means within their power to regain that of which they have been unjustly deprived; and we cannot wonder that our brethren, freeborn as they are, should be the first to resist the unlawful encroachments of a despotic monarch or a tyrannical priest. For what is branded as "sedition" and "atheism" by kingly and priestly tyrants, history sometimes writes "patriotism" and "religion." In those countries where a reasonable liberty is enjoyed no complaints are made by kings or bishops of the evils of Freemasonry. Princes are members of our Fraternity, and ministers of religion join our assemblies. Loyalty to the Sovereign under whose protection we dwell is one of our fundamental rules; to go no further than our own country, it is no slight proof of our loyalty that the Heir to the Throne is the freely elected head of our Order, while we may remind the Bishop of Rome that members of *his* society tried to assassinate one of our Queens, and to blow up with gunpowder both Houses of our Parliament acting on principles which the Church of Rome to this day has not disavowed. If our accusers have such a strong antipathy to secret societies, how is it that the infallible predecessors of the Bishop of Rome sanctioned the so-called "Holy Inquisition," with its secret dungeons and its penal fires? And why does he himself harbour in his palace, even in his private council chamber, the agents of the most powerful and unscrupulous secret society in the world, the Order of Jesus, commonly called the "Jesuits," men who have not obtained a high reputation for either morality or patriotism, and who have been summarily expelled, at one time or another, from almost every country in Europe for their disloyal practices. Charges of sedition, come with a very bad grace either from the Bishop of Rome or an Irish Cardinal. There is a homely proverb, of which I take leave to remind those who have thus accused and anathematised us; it is, that "curses, like chickens, come home to roost." We Freemasons have been cursed before; we were excommunicated in 1738 and again in 1865, but like the effect of that solemn anathema in the "Jackdaw of Rheims" the result has been that "nobody seems one penny the worse." While there are plain indications that the day is not far distant when the Bishop of Rome will be glad to seek an asylum in one of those countries whose most loyal subjects he has now so wantonly insulted! But, brethren, we know our plain duty in spite of misrepresentation, and even insult. We must patiently persevere in our allotted task until that day when the great Overseer shall perchance revoke the mistaken decision of his subordinates, and when with unerring skill He shall try every man's work of what kind it is, and to him who has been faithful and industrious shall a reward be given far exceeding his expectations and deserts.

"To him that overcometh are
The raiment bright, the crown, the throne,
The new name written on the stone,
What time shall shine that morning star."

Whose rising brings peace and tranquillity to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

The Provincial Grand Mark Master subsequently installed as first Master of the new Lodge, Bro. William Lawrence Ball P.M. 246 Prov. G.D. of C., who is widely known as an able and enthusiastic supporter of many degrees of the Masonic body. Bro. Ball invested his Officers in the following order:—Bros. J. R. Cain S.W., Edgar Horne J.W., G. R. Dalton M.O., Dunwell S.O., R. B. Barrett Secretary, J. C. Webb S.D., R. Roberts R. of M., C. F. Whitehurst I.G., J. Johnson Tyler.

At a later period, a large number of the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, purveyed by, and served under the superintendence of Bro. S. Steel, who was cordially thanked for his disinterested labours. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the health of the new W.M. and of the Prov. G.M. Master being received with an especial degree of enthusiasm.—*Derby Daily Telegraph.*

By command of the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Workington, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant.

PROV. G.M.M. LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE Annual Meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, on Thursday, the 10th instant, under the Presidency of the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. Amongst those who attended were F. Davison D.P.G.M., W. C. Brighten, T. C. Walls, C. F. Hogard, H. J. Lardner, Captain Stephens, Rev. S. Maude, Christian, Hollington, W. H. Goodall, D. P. Cama, H. Stephens, Humphries, J. Inglis, Pearson, Klenck, Lambert, Pulman, Lovegrove Faija, H. Baldwin, G. J. Dunkley, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Binckes P.G.J.W. Grand Secretary, C. Matier P.G.J.W., &c., Edgar Bowyer, H. Higgins, Gimingham, H. M. Levy, Right Hon. Viscount Molesworth, Vincent, Pargeter, Humphries, Stedman, E. Hoare, A. W. S. Hoare, A. Tisley, Scratchley, and Goodall.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the previous meeting, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on the 7th July 1883, were read and confirmed. The roll of Lodges forming the Province was next called over, and, with few exceptions, each of the twenty-five was represented. The re-appointment of the R.W. Prov. G.M.M. Bro. Col. F. Burdett, Bart., was formally read, and the report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted, ten guineas was unanimously voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the list of Bro. H. Lovegrove P.P.G. Supt. of Works, who has undertaken the office of Steward at the ensuing Festival, and the sum of five guineas was voted to the fund for the relief of Mrs. D. M. Dewar. The following appointments were then made:—

Bro. F. Davison	Deputy P. Grand Master
Faija...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
Proffitt	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Cama	Prov. G. Master Overseer
Vincent	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
Bowyer	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. Viscount Molesworth ...	Prov. G. Chaplain
Rev. T. M. Gorman	Prov. G. Chaplain
Hammerton...	Prov. G. Treasurer
Burroughs	Prov. G. Reg. of Marks
Brighten	Prov. G. Secretary
Tisley	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
Taylor	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
Goodall	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
Pargeter	Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies
Humphries	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
Stedman	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
Holliday	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
E. Hoare	Prov. G. Organist
Scratchley	Prov. G. Inner Guard
J. Smith	Prov. G. Stewards
H. White	
Rumball	
A. W. S. Hoare	

Bros. Williams, Cama, Scratchley, and Turner, were nominated as Grand Mark Stewards for the ensuing year, and the following were elected on the Board of General Purposes: Bros. Hogard, Lardner, Lambert, and Klenck. After routine business Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served, Brother Colonel Sir Francis Burdett presiding.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 59.

THIS event took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street London, on Friday, the 11th instant. The founders are well known in almost every phase of Masonry, and amongst those who attended on this occasion were Comps. Jabez Hogg, C. Greenwood, Raynham Stewart, J. Lewis-Thomas, E. M. Lott, H. Sadler, G. Cooper, A. Millar, C. E. Ferry, C. H. Driver, H. S. Goodall, J. H. Thompson, R. Eve, A. M. Broadley, and C. F. Hogard. Comps. S. B. Wilson, C. Belton, F. Binckes, F. C. Matier, F. J. Tyler, J. L. Mather, A. J. H. Goldney, and C. E. Soppet, are the brethren named in the warrant as the founders, and the ceremony of consecration was undertaken by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., who was assisted by Comps. J. Neal York G.S., Cambridge H., Rev. C. W. Arnold J., Frank Richardson D. of C., and Edgar Bowyer Scribe N. The usual formalities having been observed, the Consecrating Officer called on the Rev. C. W. Arnold to give an oration, after which the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. In due course the Principals were installed; Comps. Stephen Barton Wilson Z, Charles Belton H., and F. Binckes J. The Officers appointed were: Comps C. F. Matier S.E., A. Torkington S.N., Tyler P.S., P. Goldney 1st A.S., J. L. Mather Treasurer, Soppet D. of C., and Walkley Janitor. The usual vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer was proposed by the M.E.Z., and seconded by Comp Belton; it was further resolved that Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, James Neal York, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Frank Richardson, and Edgar Bowyer, be elected honorary members. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke having acknowledged this compliment, letters of apology were read from brethren who were unable to be present. Proposals for exaltation, and joining members were handed in, and the Chapter was closed. A banquet afterwards took place at the Holborn Restaurant.

The Supreme Council, 33°, consecrated a new Rose Croix Chapter at South Norwood, on Friday, the 11th instant, when Ill. Brother William Milligan 30° was installed first M.W.S. The new body is styled the Norwood Chapter, and stands as No. 90 on the roll of the Supreme Council.

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MR. BOGGS, A MASON.

MR. and Mrs. Boggs were living a quiet life in one of our retired streets. He had recently joined the Masons, and, as a matter of course, attended the Lodge with enthusiasm. Like all beginners, he goes to Lodge every night; if there were double the nights every week he would have an engagement for every night; in fact, there are not evenings for Boggs to get around, and Mrs. Boggs doesn't like it. He tells her, when he gets home, that at nine o'clock, at Lodge, they had the first degree, at ten the second, eleven the third, at twelve the fourth. As there are only three degrees, he tells her the fourth is only a supplementary one, and sometimes it takes until one o'clock, on special occasions, to confer it; that it is a beautiful degree, and oh, how he wishes she could see it. She naturally wishes she could; curiosity is immense with certain people. Whether this is a leading characteristic of the ladies is not the purpose of the writer to determine, but as Boggs is a man of undoubted veracity it is supposed she believed every word he said. However, time will tell.

By observing the manner Mrs. Boggs addresses her lord and master, you always tell what kind of humour she is in. When it is "Boggsy," how sweet—sugar is a mild comparison; when it is "Mr. Boggs," look out—there may be trouble brewing, the coast is not clear; but when its "Boggs" its a never-failing indication that a storm is imminent, a regular old-fashioned typhoon. Boggs knows the condition of a Chinese port after one of those terrible battles of the elements, and he takes the necessary precaution that his household shall not meet a similar fate.

The other evening, our brother got home quite early, and gave, as a reason, that at the Lodge they had the first degree, initiation only. She said, with a sweetness that would rend the most obdurate heart, "Boggsy, tell me all about it, what you did there; I would really like to know. Of course, I am not inquisitive; do not want to know what is not my own affairs; but, Boggsy, I know you are dying to tell me—now ain't you?"

Boggs (aside): "Hang it! No I ain't. I wish that word had choked her. What shall I do? Suppose I must keep peace in the family."

"My dear, I will at some future time tell you all about it; but you must excuse me just now, as I must go to my study, and there write an important letter which I had quite forgotton."

He retired from the room, and in solitude gave himself to meditation. He concluded he would invent some sort of a story which would answer the purpose. It is easy enough to plan, but to put the same into practice is quite a different thing. He knew if he told her that they did nothing but sit round and tell funny stories, that she would have good reasons for telling him that he had better stay at home. Then, again, if he depicted the scenes of Satan's horned animals, and gridiron eccentricities, that are generally attributed to this particular institution, she would tell him that was conclusive evidence that he should stay in at nights, and not be making such a fool of himself. Whenever he would speak of being passed to the second degree she would wonder if that meant to be suddenly passed out through a hole in the wall, as she had often seen the same done at the theatre in the pantomime. When he spoke of being raised to the third degree she would invariably ask how many feet. He would tell her it was simply a figurative expression, and meant that he was elevated; fit to associate with a king; that he was above the common level of humanity; high-toned; aristocratic; that he might look down on mankind, with silent contempt, a sort of mingled disgust. This was the significant meaning that he placed on the word *raised*, and which he delivered with such emphatic enunciation that she had misgivings whether or no she was a fit companion for him.

One evening Boggs came in very late. He thought he would be smart and deceive his wife, thus making he think he had not been out late; so he crept in cautiously, so as not to disturb her, and moved the hands of the clock back, as he supposed, three hours, and then while looking for a match, and getting a light, he asked why she retired so early! She looked at the clock and addressed him in a manner that was touching, in accents that spoke volumes.

"Boggs, do you think I am a fool? This is early, isn't it? He looked at the clock, and sure enough it was early—in the morning. He had turned the hands the wrong way, and they marked the hour three o'clock!

When we get into trouble the next thing is to get out of it, and it too often happens that we jump out of the pan into the fire.

"Boggs, this is a pretty way to treat me."

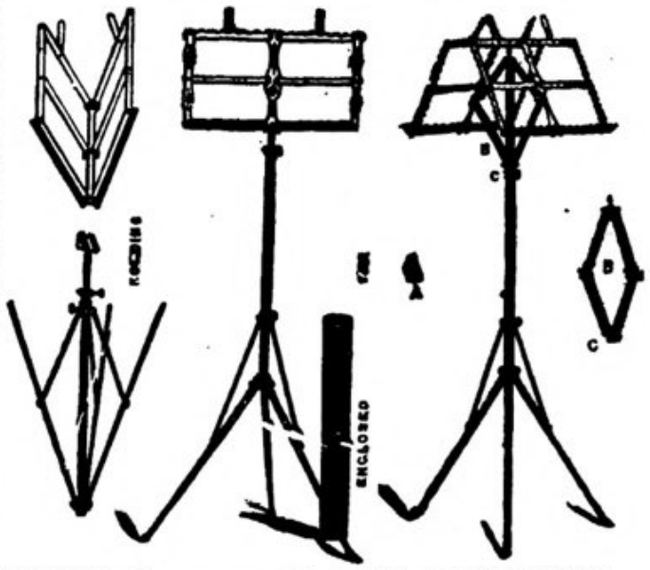
"But, my dear, we had the fifth degree; an extra occasion. After the fourth degree, all the brethren went down to Kilduff's bil——." Gracious Jupiter! What had he done! Exposed himself! He tried to make the story run smooth, but the more he said the more he got tangled.

"Boggs," she said, "stop where you are. That's a failure; you can't blind my eyes with any such nonsense. I've found you out; you can't come your fifth degree dodge over me." Quite a little time elapsed and not a word was spoken, when she continued: "Boggs, if you will come home at a reasonable hour, in future, I will forgive you." And he was only too glad to promise that he would.—*Canadian Masonic News.*

The Chaucer Lodge of Instruction hold their Festival at Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday next, 23rd instant. Tickets and all particulars to be obtained of Bro. W. Wingham, 2 St. George's circus, Southwark.

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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 JULY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1558—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1807—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
R.A. 64—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

MONDAY, 21st JULY.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
176—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)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 303 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1668—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
582—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
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
1206—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1973—Saye and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 246—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 951—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd JULY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)

Prov. Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Berks and Oxon, Oxford
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, .30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JULY.

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)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
763—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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
734—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
1264—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
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 24th JULY.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruct
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 25th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 93—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 1098—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 161—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards, Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 12th JULY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1541—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LODGE OF HONOUR, No. 526.

AT the regular meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, on the 9th inst., the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Clark, presented to Brother J. Ridd Hayman P.M. 257, 309, and 1990, Past Prov. Grand Registrar of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, a handsomely bound address engrossed on vellum. The ceremony was performed on behalf of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation 1990, a Lodge composed entirely of Past Masters, in the formation of which much was done by Bro. Hayman, who was its first W.M. Brother Hayman having left his own province and come to reside in Wolverhampton, the brethren of No. 1690 resolved upon signifying their appreciation of his services in a befitting manner, and as their first Master found it impossible, from stress of business, just now to go and receive the testimonial at their hands, the present Worshipful Master requested Bro. Clark, of whose Lodge Bro. Hayman has just been elected a joining member, to present the address, the request being conveyed in a letter in which the writer said: "Brother Hayman is held in the very highest estimation in this province, by every Mason of his acquaintance, from the Provincial Grand Master downwards. He has served as W.M. of three Lodges in this district, and his removal from amongst us is felt to be a great loss to the Craft, to which he has rendered valuable services as Provincial Grand Registrar; but by no one is his departure more deplored than by the members of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation." The following is the text of the address:—

"Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Hampshire Lodge of Emulation 1990. Extract from minutes of meeting held May 10th, 1884. Resolved, that the best thanks of the Lodge be given to W. Bro. John Ridd Hayman for his zealous and energetic labours in the formation of the Lodge, and the conspicuous Masonic ability and courtesy with which he conducted its affairs as the first Worshipful Master; and that this expression of opinion be recorded on the minutes, copied on vellum, and presented to Bro. Hayman, with the fraternal regards and best wishes of the members of the Lodge. G. F. LANCASTER W.M., S. R. ELLIS, Secretary."

The Worshipful Master congratulated the members of the Lodge of Honour upon the accession to their ranks of so distinguished a Mason, and the recipient of the handsomely bound address made a suitable response.

THE LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE fourth annual summer banquet of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. There was a good attendance of brethren of the Lodge, Visitors, and Ladies. Amongst those present were Bro J. P. T. Couture W.M., Mrs. and Miss Couture, Bro. C. Veal P.M., Mrs. and Miss Veal, Bro. Magrath P.M., Mrs. and Master Magrath, Bro. T. Wooding P.M., Mrs. Wooding, Bro. Hardy, Mrs. and Miss Hardy, Bro. and Mrs. Wise, Bro. and Mrs. Oppenheim, Bro. Blaney, Bro. and Miss Beard, Bro. Collier and Mrs. and Miss Collier, Bro. and Mrs. Blain, Bro. and Mrs. Joslin, Bro. and Mrs. King, Bro. and Mrs. Stichling, Bro. Dale, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Bennett, Bro. Twinn (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. Twinn and others. Bro. Couture W.M. of the Lodge, occupied the chair, the vice-chair being filled by Bro. C. Veal P.M. The banquet, which was served in first-rate style, seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by every one present; it being finished, grace was said, and the usual loyal and other toasts duly honoured. Bro. G. King ably responded for the visitors, and Bro. F. H. Dale for the ladies. The W.M. informed the company that there were brakes in waiting to take them for a drive, and the whole of the party embraced the opportunity of viewing some of the lovely scenery of Epping Forest and enjoying the fresh air. On returning to the hotel tea and coffee was served, and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, a quadrille band having been specially engaged. Bro. Stichling, of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, ably officiating as M.C. Altogether, a most delightful day was spent, and the party returned to town declaring that this had been the most successful and enjoyable of any of their summer outings.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Amongst the brethren present were C. H. Phillips W.M., H. Maunder Williams S.W., J. W. Hartley J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. and Treasurer, John Hammond P.P.G.D. Middx. P.M. and Secretary, H. Hooper S.D., F. Wootton J.D., G. W. Knight I.G., F. France W.S., P. Hakim Assist. Secy., F. Fuller, G. R. Langley, C. E. Pearson, W. H. O'Reilly, Geo. Mordey, E. Bye sen., J. A. Gilbert, A. C. Chew, A. Pitman, E. Bye jun., D. Baird, &c. The Visitors were the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley P.P.G. Chaplain Herts, H. Bendell W.M. 1580, W. H. Williams P.M. 104, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216 and 1426, B. de Solla 244, G. Van Volen 188, J. Liebtenfeld 205, Wakefield Reed 1922, G. R. James 166, &c. The work before the Lodge since the former regular meeting had been greatly lessened by an emergency held a week previously, and on this occasion there were but two candidates for third, and one for the second ceremonies. Mr. Albert H. Chew, of Southampton, was a candidate for initiation. The whole of the work was ably performed by the W.M. and his Officers, and the W.M. showed great coolness and presence of mind under the very unusual circumstance of sudden illness occurring to the candidate for raising. On the conclusion of the several ceremonies a vote of ten guineas to Bro. Hammond, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was carried, and after the dispatch of usual routine business the Lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour, and a pleasant evening was spent in harmony.

CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

THE installation meeting of this small but efficient and prosperous Lodge was held on Monday, 14th inst., at the School-room, Park-road, Esher, when one of the first initiates, Bro. Benjamin Williams, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Goddard, the very efficient W.M., who advanced Bro. Aldous to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a most impressive manner. Bro. Goddard then vacated the chair in favour of that excellent Mason Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. Bro. Frances was, by the unanimous vote of the brethren, made a P.M. of the Lodge, and the P.M. jewel, which had been voted to him, was placed on his breast by Bro. Goddard P.M. This interesting business concluded Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and Bro. Williams was duly installed by Bro. Frances in his usual impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. F. W. T. Goddard I.P.M., Samuel Ward S.W., J. M. Bastone J.W., Thos. Vincent P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Surrey Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Surrey Sec., A. Fisher S.D., W. Woodin J.D., E. Pincott I.G., V. W. Morfitt W.S., T. Bowler Tyler. The W.M., on investing Bro. Vincent as Treasurer, said,—Bro. Vincent, as a reward for your very efficient services as Treasurer of this Lodge since its foundation, and as a mark of the respect in which you are held by the brethren generally, I decorate you with this Treasurer's jewel, which has been unanimously voted to you by the brethren, and I trust that you may be spared many years to wear it and to continue your valuable services to the Claremont Lodge, of which you were the first W.M. and Founder, and in which you are held in such high esteem. Bro. Vincent thanked the brethren for this continued mark of their esteem for his services, which are but a labour of love to him. He should wear the very handsome jewel near his heart, and whenever he looked upon it should remember the many happy days he had spent in the Claremont Lodge and the great kindness and affection evinced towards him by the brethren. He loved Freemasonry, his heart and soul were in it, and long may it and the Claremont Lodge flourish. Besides the members of the Lodge the following brethren were present as visitors—Bros. J. Tickle 1702 P.P.G.R. Middlesex, Thos. Charlton 1702, W. Porcheron 12, J. Rhodes P.P.G. Organist Surrey, Palmer, &c. The Lodge business ended the brethren sat down to a most récherché banquet. The W.M., in a most effective manner, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Responding for the Visitors Bro. J. Tickle said,—W.M. and brethren, I return you, on behalf of myself and my Bro. Visitors, our sincere thanks for the very cordial manner in which the toast of our health has been received. It is always a great pleasure to me to visit the Claremont Lodge, because I am sure not only to receive a hearty welcome but to see good work. The very excellent manner in which Bro. Frances performed the installation ceremony was most pleasing to me, but I was particularly struck with the opening and closing of the Board of Installed Masters, and could wish that all Lodges emulated the Claremont in this particular. I was much pleased to hear the eulogies pronounced upon my worthy and esteemed Bro. P.M. Vincent, especially to see him decorated with the Treasurer's jewel of the Lodge. He richly deserves all his honours, for a better and truer Mason I am sure cannot be found. I thank you most sincerely for our reception, and shall be pleased to see any of the brethren at my own Lodge. Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was closed with the Tyler's toast.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

THERE was a numerous attendance of members of the Masonic Craft at the Freemasons' Arms, Landport, on Friday, 11th inst., When Bro. J. G. Mason was installed in the chair of the above flourishing Lodge, the duties of Installing Master being ably carried out by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Charles Travess). After the installation the W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. C. Travess I.P.M., James Doidge S.W., John Jackson J.W., G. F. Williams Treasurer, John Laverty P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. and Henry Stockall Secretaries, G. R. Strick P.M. D.C., Edwin Pratt S.D., Joseph Mitchell J.D., James Ruddy I.G., W. Robinson and W. J. Stephenson Stewards, Vinnicombe and Exell Tylers. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the dining-room, where an excellent banquet was provided, at which the newly-installed W.M. presided. During the evening a chaste P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by members of the Lodge, was presented to Bro. Travess, in recognition of his able control of the affairs of the Lodge during the past year.

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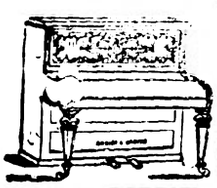
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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

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IN the second part of his consideration of early Freemasonry in England—chapter xiii.—on "The Cabbala—Mysticism—the Rosicrucians—Elias Ashmole," Bro. Gould devotes a considerable amount of space to each of these branches of his subject, showing what is the Cabbala and whence its origin, while as to Rosicrucianism he sets himself to combat—and we think he has done so successfully—the theory that Freemasonry was derived from it. "I shall not attempt," says he, "to discuss the vexed question and one which, after all, is impossible of any clear solution, whether some of the ideas inculcated by Fludd, and adopted doubtless more or less in their entirety by numerous visionaries, may not have found their way, may not have percolated, as it were, into the Masonic ranks; but it is, I think, tolerably clear that not only was there no deliberate adoption of the Rosicrucian, or rather Fluddian tenets by the Masons, but no possibility of such a thing having occurred." Again, "It is tolerably clear that no Rosicrucian Society was ever formed on the continent. In other words, whatever number there may have been of individual mystics calling themselves Rosicrucians, no collective body of Rosicrucians acting in conjunction was ever matured and actually established in either Germany or France. Yet it is assumed, for the purposes of a preconceived argument, that such a Society existed in England, although the position maintained is not only devoid of proof, but conflicts with a large body of indirect evidence, which leads irresistibly to an opposite conclusion." And further on it is admitted there was an Astrologer's Feast, and that there may have been an Astrologer's College, while there was no kind of concealment as to the manner in which the various descriptions of the "black art" were prosecuted; "there is, however, no trace whatever of any Rosicrucian *Society*, and it is consonant to sound reason to suppose that nothing of the kind could either have been long established or widely spread without at least leaving behind some vestiges of its existence in the writings of the period." Lastly, we are told, and the statement may be taken as conclusive, "It will not be difficult to carry back the history of the Freemasons beyond the point of contact with the Rosicrucians." It will be difficult to show that something which precedes is derived from something which follows.

The rest of the chapter, in which Elias Ashmole and his possible or probable influence on the Craft of which he was a member are discussed, is the most readable portion, because it is the least abstruse and we have something tangible to guide us. We are inclined to give greater credit to Ashmole than Bro. Gould. "We can scarcely bring ourselves to regard as a mere collector of unconsidered trifles" the historiographer of the knightly Order of the Garter, the founder of the Ashmolean Collection at Oxford, who, in his own time, was honoured with the patronage, if not with the friendship, of his sovereign and his sovereign's brother, afterwards James II. It may be he "was not the kind of man to influence any considerable body or bodies of his fellow men either for good or for evil, to inoculate them with his own ideas, or to guide their steps into new fields of inquiry." But he seems to have been a diligent and painstaking student, and if Pepys and Evelyn speak of him somewhat slightingly, it is no more than we must expect of rival gossips. As to his having been more intimately connected with Freemasonry than the entries in his Diary concerning his initiation at Warrington in 1646 and his presence at a Lodge meeting in London in 1682 would at first appear to warrant, we incline to Bro. Gould's belief that "it is difficult to account for his being *summoned* to a Lodge at Masons' Hall, London, in 1682, thirty-five years after his initiation at far-distant Warrington, if he held altogether aloof from Masonic meetings in the *interim*, or what is virtually the same thing, strictly concealed the fact of his being a member of the Fraternity. Is it likely, under either supposition that the Masons of the metropolis—even had the fact of his initiation in any way leaked out—would have gone so far as to *summon* (not invite) their distinguished and 'unattached' brother to take part in the proceedings of a society upon which he had long since virtually turned his back? It is probable, therefore, that he did in some way keep up his connection with the Freemasons, but that it was on such a slender character"—we do not go quite to this extent—"as not to merit any special mention. He might not, and probably would not, have entered into any detail—his Diary scarcely gives details on any point except his ailments and his lawsuits—but he would probably have given at least notices of his having attended Lodges, had he done so with any frequency, as he does of having attended the Astrologers' feasts." The man who is said to have contemplated writing a history of Freemasonry must have taken more than a "slender" interest in its pursuits.

The Chapter which follows is without doubt the most interesting in the volume, Bro. Gould having embodied in it the latest researches made by himself and others in respect of early English Freemasonry. Thus the entry in Ashmole's Diary as to his initiation in a Lodge at Warrington in 1646 appears in quite a new light now that the labours of Bro. Rylands have been made public. Previously it appears to have been the general opinion that Ashmole and Col. Mainwaring were the earliest instances of gentlemen being received into the Craft, but the inquiries of Bro. Rylands show that the majority, if not all, of those present at their initiation were certainly not Operative Masons. On this point Bro. Gould writes so clearly that we cannot do better than quote his remarks. "Down to the year 1881," he observes, "the prevalent belief was that, although a Lodge was in existence at Warrington in 1646, all were of the 'Craft of Masonry' except Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring. A flood of light, however, was suddenly shed on the subject by the research of Mr. W. H. Rylands, who, in perhaps the very best of the many valuable articles contributed to the now defunct *Masonic Magazine*, has so far proved the essentially *speculative* character of the Lodge as to render it difficult to believe that there could have been a single operative Mason present on the afternoon of 16th October, 1646. Thus Mr. Richard Penket(h) the *Warden*, is shown to have been a scion of the Penketts of Penketh, and the last of his race who held the family property." And then he proceeds: "The two names which next follow were probably identical with those of James Collyer or Colliar of Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, and Richard Sankie, of the family of Sonkey, or Sankey of Sankey, as they were called, landowners in Warrington from a very early period; they were buried respectively at Winwick and Warrington—the former on January 17, 1673-4, and the latter on September 28, 1667. Of the four remaining Freemasons named in the 'Diary,' though without the prefix of 'Mr.,' it is shown by Rylands that a

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gentle family of Littler or Lytlor existed in Cheshire in 1646; while he prints the wills of Richard Ellom, Freemason of Lyme (Lymme), and of John Ellams, husbandman of Burton, both in the county of Cheshire—that of the former bearing date September 7, 1667, and of the latter June 7, 1689. That these were the Ellams named by Ashmole cannot be positively affirmed, but they were doubtless members of the same yeoman family, a branch of which had apparently settled at Lymm, a village in Cheshire, about five miles from Warrington. Of the family of Hugh Brewer, nothing has come to light beyond the fact that a person bearing this patronymic served in some military capacity under the Earl of Derby in 1643." Bro. Gould then proceeds to indulge in the following appropriate observations: "The proceedings at Warrington in 1646 established some very important facts in relation to the antiquity of Freemasonry, and to its character as a speculative science. The words Ashmole uses, 'the names of those who were *then* of the Lodge,' implying as they do either that some of the *existing* members were absent, or that at a previous period the Lodge-roll comprised other and *additional* names beyond those recorded in the 'Diary,' amply justify the conclusion that the Lodge, when Ashmole joined it, was not a new creation. The term 'Warden,' moreover, which follows the name of Mr. Richard Penket, will of itself remove any lingering doubt whether the Warrington Lodge could boast a higher antiquity than the year 1646, since it points with the utmost clearness to the fact that an actual official of a subsisting branch of the Society of Freemasons was present at the meeting." For ourselves, and with Bro. Rylands as our guide, we prefer taking a still bolder course, and pointing out that, as the members, including Mr. Penket the Warden, who were present at the initiation of Ashmole and Mainwaring, were what we should now call Speculative Masons, meeting together under some kind of settled government, and as it is extremely improbable that such a Lodge so governed had sprung into existence suddenly, we are justified in dating the existence of a speculative era in Masonry back to some period preceding that usually assigned to it in England, namely, the close of the year 1646. We may not be able to show how or when it began; it may or may not have had something to do with the initiation of Robert Moray or Murray at Newburn-on-Tyne in 1641, as recorded in Lyon's history; or, the Lodge being located in the North of England, the introduction of gentlemen into a Masons' Lodge may have been influenced by the examples cited by Lyon as having occurred in 1634 and following years in Edinburgh or Mary's Chapel Lodge. In any circumstances it is hardly credible that the Lodge at Warrington with non-operative members as part of it was not in existence before 1646.

WHY BRO. GOULD DISCREDITS WREN'S CONNECTION WITH FREEMASONRY.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

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As many of our readers have never seen Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 and 1738, we must inform them that each edition is prefaced with a history of Masonry. The history of the pre-1717 constitutions begins with Lamach; Anderson begins with Adam, and his second history is of course longer than the first. In the latter we are informed that on the 29th of September 1721, the Grand Lodge requested Dr. Anderson to revise Payne's Constitution of 1720; what kind of a constitution Bro. Payne compiled no one knows. Anderson's new constitution was approved by the Grand Lodge, 25th March 1722, and in January 1723 it was presented to the Grand Lodge in print. We have before us the two original editions, and have culled from each all the passages wherein Wren was mentioned, and here they are, with the respective pages annexed.

1st. "King Charles II. founded the present St. Paul's Cathedral in London, ... much after the style of St. Peter's at Rome, conducted by the ingenious Architect Sir Christopher Wren." (First edition, p 41).

2nd. "Nor should we forget the famous theatre at Oxford, built by Archbishop Sheldon . . . . . in the King's time, which among his other works was designed and conducted also by Sir Christopher Wren, the King's Architect." (*Ibid.*)

And 3rd. "Bow-Church Steeple in Cheapside—Built by Sir Christopher Wren." (See note, p 46.)

Second Edition. 1st. "Charles II. . . . . in his travels had been made a Free Mason, ... he was resolved to encourage the Augustan style by reviving their Lodges, and approved of their choice of Henry Jermyn, Earl of St. Albans, as their Grand Master, who appointed Sir John Denham his Deputy Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren and Mr. John Web Grand Wardens." (p 101.)

2nd. "Thomas Savage, Earl of Rivers, succeeded St. Alban as Grand Master, 24th June 1666, who appointed Sir Christopher Wren his Deputy, and John Web and Grinlin Gibbons as Wardens. But the Deputy and Wardens managed all things." (p 102).

3rd. "The King and Grand Master ordered Deputy Wren to draw up a fine plan for the city." (*Ibid.*)

4th. "Gilbert Sheldon . . . . . at his cost, built [the Theatre at Oxford which was] conducted by Deputy Wren and Grand Warden Web." (p 103).

5th. The King with Grand Master Rivers . . . . . in due form levell'd the foot stone of New St. Paul's, designed by D.G. Master Wren, A.D. 1673." (p 103).

6th. "The King also founded Chelsea Hospital for old soldiers, ... a new palace . . . . . and another palace at Winchester, designed by Grand Master Wren." (p 104).

7th (1674). "George Villars, Duke of Bucks, an old Mason, succeeded as Grand Master of England, but being indolent, he left all his business to his Deputy Wren and his Wardens, and demitted A.D. 1679. (p 105).

8th. "Upon the death of Grand Master Arlington 1685, the Lodges met and elected Sir Christopher Wren Grand Master." (p 106).

9th. "The King [William III.] was privately made a Free Mason, approved of their choice of Grand Master Wren." (p 107).

10th. "This year [1695] Brother Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond, ... Master of a Lodge at Chichester, coming to the annual assembly and feast at London, was chosen Grand Master, ... Sir Christopher Wren was his Deputy Grand Master, ... and who acted as before at the head of the Craft, and was again chosen Grand Master A D. 1698." (p 107).

11th. "Grand Master Wren, who had designed St. Paul's, A.D. 1673, as Master of work, ... had the honour to finish it . . . . . and celebrated the Copestone when he erected the cross on the top of the cupola in July A.D. 1708." (p 108).

And 12th. "Some few years after this [1708], Sir Christopher Wren neglected the office of Grand Master, yet the old Lodge near St. Paul's and a few more continued their stated meetings."

We see now that Sir Christopher Wren is mentioned three times in the 1723 edition and twelve times in that of 1738. In the first, Wren is styled merely as the "ingenious Architect," or the "King's Architect," and in the 1738 edition, he was a *Grand*, &c. How or where Dr. Anderson got the extra information in 1738 can readily be imagined. But in 1763 or '4, an anonymous book was printed, viz.: "Multa Paucis," which *out-Andersoned* Anderson. It contains a longer list of pre-1717 Grand Masters than Anderson gave, and that instead of four Lodges in 1717, we have in the "Multa Paucis" six Lodges. We have shown in a former paper that the Roberts' MS. improved upon the Harleian MS. No. 1942, by adding the date of "December 8th, 1663," to a certain assembly referred to in the latter, and that Anderson, in 1738, altered the date of Robert's assembly, and made it on St. John's Day, 27th December 1663, but "Multa Paucis" says that assembly was held in 1661, and mentions no St. John's Day. We shall, however, give but one quotation from "Multa Paucis" about Wren, viz.:

"But our good old Grand Master Wren, being struck with age and infirmities, did from this time [1710] retire from all manner of business, and on account of his disability would no more attend the Lodges in visiting and regulating as usual."

The next witness of Sir Christopher's Freemasonry is Dermott, author of the "Ahiman Rezon," the *gospel* of the so-called *Ancients*. In the second edition of the "Ahiman Rezon," after referring to Anderson's statement about Wren's neglecting the Lodges, Dermott says:

"The Doctor's assertion is certainly true, and I will endeavour to do justice to the memory of Sir Christopher

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by relating the real cause of such neglect. The famous Sir Christopher Wren, Knight . . . . . Grand Master of the most antient and honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, ... having served the crown upwards of fifty years, was (at the age of ninety) displaced from employment, in favour of Mr. William B-ns-n, who was made surveyor of the buildings, &c., to his Majesty King George the First. The first specimen of Mr. B-ns-n's skill in architecture was a report to the House of Lords that their house and the painted chamber adjoining were in an immediate danger of falling; whereupon the Lords met in Committee, to appoint some place to sit in while the House should be taken down, but it being proposed to cause some other builders to inspect it, they found it in very good condition . . . . . The Earl of Sunderland, then Secretary, gave them [the indignant Lords] assurance that His Majesty would remove him [viz., Bunsen].

"Such usage, added to Sir Christopher's great age, was more than enough to make him decline all public assemblies, and the Master Masons then in London were so much disgusted at the treatment of their old and most excellent Grand Master, that they would not meet, nor hold any communication under the sanction of his successor, Mr. B-ns-n. In short, the brethren were struck with lethargy, which seemed to threaten the London Lodges with a final dissolution."

Now, the joke is, the dismissal of St. Christopher from the office of surveyor did not take place until 1718, that is a year after the Grand Lodge of England was constituted, and with regard to the "Multa Paucis" statement about Sir Christopher's infirmities, Bro. Gould shows that Wren was a member of Parliament until 1712; in 1713 he published a reply to an anonymous attack made upon him in a pamphlet called "Frauds and Abuses of St. Paul's." The same year he surveyed Westminster Abbey, and wrote an excellent and scientific report on its structure and defects. In the year 1717, the year the Grand Lodge was formed, he wrote a reply to the Commissioners for rebuilding St. Paul's. In 1718 (says his biographer Elmes), "witnessed the disgraceful fall of Sir Christopher Wren, in the eighty-sixth year of his age, and forty-ninth of his office as Surveyor-General of the Royal buildings; his mental faculties unimpaired, and his bodily *health* equal to the finishing as the head of the office the work he had so ably begun."

Preston's evidence about Wren was also sifted by Bro. Gould. The "Illustrations of Masonry" by Preston was printed in 1772, and in 1812 the twelfth edition of that work was printed during the author's lifetime, and each successive edition was of *course* enlarged. Comparing the successive editions of his [Preston's] works [says Bro. Gould], we find such glaring discrepancies that, unless we believe that his information was acquired, as he inserts it, piecemeal, or, like Mahomet and Joseph Smith, each fresh effort was preceded by a special revelation, we must refuse credence to statements which are unsupported by authority, contradictory to all known testimony, and even inconsistent with each other."

Besides publishing the "Illustrations," Preston delivered a course of lectures in 1774, all of which raised his reputation and made him famous among Masons. On the 15th June 1774, he was elected member and W.M. by the Lodge of Antiquity. This compliment he endeavoured to repay by puffing up the early importance of the said Lodge. In 1779 the said Lodge got into dispute with the Grand Lodge, and the 1781 of Preston's edition received, among other new matter, the following resolution, which he claimed was passed by the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, or so, viz.:

"That every privilege which they [the four old Lodges] collectively enjoyed by virtue of their immemorial rights, they still continue to enjoy, and that no law, rule or regulation, to be hereafter made or passed in Grand Lodge should ever deprive them of such privilege, or encroach on any landmark which was at that time established as the standard of Masonic government."

Strange to say, the above "compact" was never doubted, and even our Bro. Gould quoted that very compact a few years ago, as a matter of fact, when we happened to pitch into and demolish Bro. Gould's arguments, by proving to his own satisfaction that the so-called *compact* originated in Preston's brains. In consequence of the dispute of the old Lodge with the Grand Lodge, the old Lodge seceded from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and with the sanction and approbation of the *fossil* Grand Lodge at York, the Lodge of Antiquity declared itself an independent Grand Lodge; Preston thenceforth began to puff up the importance of the York Grand Lodge, styling it "The Grand Lodge of All England," and quoted *lots of history* from the old York records. Bro. Gould says:

"In the use, however, of the word 'records,' the author of the 'Illustrations' sets an example which has been closely followed by Dr. Oliver, and whenever either of these writers presents a statement requiring for its acceptance more than ordinary credulity, it will invariably be found to rest upon the authority in the one case of an old *record*, and in the other on a *manuscript* of the Society." And again, "Thus records of the Society are cited by Preston in proof of the initiation of Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, and Henry VI., and the latter, *on the same authority*, is said to have perused the ancient charges, revised the Constitutions, and with the consent of his Council honoured them with his sanction."

The reader can now form an opinion on Preston's powers of invention. We shall therefore content ourselves with giving merely Bro. Gould's brief summing up of Preston's successive historic additions, thus:

In 1775, it is first stated that Wren presided over the old Lodge of St. Paul during the building of the Cathedral. Between 1775 and 1778, the only noteworthy circumstance recorded is the possession by the said Lodge of the *historic* mallet employed to lay the foundation stone of St. Paul's. In 1792, however, a mass of information is forthcoming, viz., that Wren patronised the Lodge of Antiquity for eighteen years, that he presented it with three candlesticks during the period of his Mastership, and 'lodged' with the same body—of which Gabriel Cibber and Edward Strong were members—the mallet so often alluded to."

Thus Anderson and Preston falsified Masonic history: the former, in order to puff up the importance of the old Craft, and the latter to puff up the importance of his Lodge. We see no indication that Brother Gould had access to the records of the Lodge of Antiquity; but from other sources he shows that the members of the said Lodge in 1717 held a lower social rank than the members of the fourth Lodge. Now, if Wren had been connected with the said Lodge up to 1710, or even if Wren, Colonel Goodric, "and divers others," had joined the said Lodge in 1691, as asserted by Aubrey, the membership of that Lodge in 1717, would have consisted of the highest respectabilities in the Craft, and it would have furnished the premier Grand Master in 1717. Dr. Oliver, indeed, made Sayer the G.M. of 1717, a member of the first Lodge. But Bro. Gould shows that he belonged to the third Lodge; and with the exception of Sayer, and two members of the first Lodge, who were Wardens in 1718 and 1721, all the remaining dignitaries who then figured in the Grand Lodge belonged to No. 4. Again, in 1723 No. 1 had *twenty-two* members; No. 2, *twenty-one;* No. 3, *fourteen;* and No. 4 had *seventy-one*. The three senior Lodges had no member of sufficient rank to be described as "Esquire," while No. 4 had *ten* noblemen, *three* honourables, *four* baronets or knights, *seven* colonels, *two* clergymen, viz., Desaguliers and Anderson, and *twenty-two* esquires. Previous to the formation of the Grand Lodge, it was the custom for the oldest Master Mason to preside over the Lodge. At the preliminary meeting of the four Lodges in 1716, as well as in 1717, previous to the election of the Grand Master, Anderson informs us that upon each occasion "the oldest Master Mason, now Master of a Lodge," presided over the two assemblies. The said Master Mason was probably a member of the oldest Lodge, and we can imagine no better reason for the omission of his name than his social inferiority. Bro. Gould further shows that members of No. 1 visited a Lodge in 1730, and the visitors consisted of operatives.

With all due deference, therefore, to the defenders of Wren's Masonry, it is our firm belief that if the said defenders were jurors in a case involving a certain sum of money, and the claimant's evidence consisted of a newspaper statement, and a paragraph written down by a "credulous gossip," such as Aubrey is described to have been, while, on the other hand, there was a mass of negative evidence to show the improbability of the claimant's testimony, *as just-minded men* we believe the said jurors would decide against the claimant; and unless some new evidence should turn up on the question at issue, all that

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can at present be urged by the said defenders of Wren's Masonry simply amounts to this, "Well, after all, Sir Christopher Wren *may have been a Mason.*"

Wren's Masonry, then, rests upon no better foundation than the Grand Mastership and Mastership of the Saints John; the Grand Mastership of Henry Price; Oliver's notion of the mutilation of the third degree; Preston's assertion that words were changed; the "Compagnonage" theory, by Bro. Gould; the assumed connection of Coxe with Philadelphia Masonry in 1731; the Malcom Charter; the Athelstan Charter; the Cologne Charter; the Frederick the Great Charter; the Edward 3rd Constitution; the Masonryof De Molay; the Locke MS.; the Henry Bell Letter; the new notion of the *Keystone* that part of its recent discovered record is in *Franklin handwriting*,* and its older notions that Franklin's silver fish knife is not a fish knife but a *Masonic Trowel*. In short, with "may be" and "may have been," we can easily defend even ghosts, witchcrafts, astrology, fortune telling, spiritual mediums, and all other kinds of superstition. "May have been" and "may be" should therefore be discarded as evidence by every historian. Hence, as long as the believers in Wren's Masonry can bring forward no better argument than "he may have been," Wren's connection with Freemasonry *cannot be classed among Masonic facts.*

MUST BE IMMORTAL.

THE careful investigations which are constantly being made into the origin and gradual development of Masonry have awakened new interest throughout the world, and the untiring zeal with which these researches are being prosecuted is bringing forth from the hidden recesses of the past, evidences of so conclusive a nature that will ere long establish as facts many of those beliefs which, founded upon symbolism and allegory, have in the minds of many been considered more of a traditional than of a substantial character. The general belief in the great antiquity of Masonry, for which some of the ablest of its devotees have contended, bids fair to be rescued from the shadowy realms of doubt and to be finally enshrined upon the altar of truth.

The organization of primitive Masonry established a nucleus around which the generous sentiments of humanity formed, developed, and at last crystallised into formulas and united action for the freedom of mankind from the thraldom of ignorance and the power of superstition.

The formation of brotherhoods was the first check to irresponsible power, and the freedom of thought, encouraged by harmony of action and mutual desire, aroused a spirit of inquiry, stimulated investigation, encouraged mental culture, and thus paved the way for discoveries in science and the arts, and all the beneficial results which flow from careful deliberation and research.

This practical principle being recognized and established naturally awakened a keen interest in the minds of men, and the rapid increase in numbers, and the growing influence of its adherents at last produced a marked effect upon the governments of the earth, and gradually moulded law and literature into a spirit of magnanimity tempered with mercy. The growth of such a power could not escape the vision and careful inspection of governmental rulers, and as all primitive governments were founded upon the religious sentiment, the early struggles of Masonry constitute a history of combat with ecclesiastical dogma.

The records of these long years of arduous and unremitting opposition by every species of religious creed and political power present for the consideration of the careful student of history a spectacle of sublime resignation, determined perseverance, and the most remarkable exhibitions of heroic sacrifice. It is impossible to conceive the baneful effects of the successful assaults upon the early efforts of the Masonic brotherhood.

It is beyond all human calculation to compute the benefits to mankind which have resulted from the persistent efforts and stern integrity of the founders of this organization. Passing its probationary period at a time when every principle of justice was aroused; when man was a slave and the rulers alone had rights; when political government was merely an attendant upon the supreme authority of Church; when civil governors were the servants of priests; when the thunders of ecclesiastical power reverberated throughout the world, and all temporal power crouched at the feet of clerical dominion in abject submission; what a mighty work was here to be accomplished, and what fearful consequences were to be entailed upon mankind by the efforts of heroic men and sterling advocates of humanity, in struggling through years of adversity and despair, against the vengeance and vindictive retribution of a herculean power thoroughly established and determined to crush with relentless hand the slightest opposition to its authority?

Through ages of persecution and outrage has the Masonic spirit struggled for existence, and its triumphs have crowned every noble sacrifice, every successful principle, and every grand display of intellect, physical energy, and political and moral advancement.

"To suffer woes which hope thinks infinite;
To forgive wrongs darker than the death of night;
To defy power which seems omnipotent;
To love and bear; to hope till hope creates
From its own wreck the thing it contemplates;
Neither to change, to falter, nor repent;
This like thy glory, Titan, is to be
Good, great and joyous, beautiful and free;
This is alone, life, joy, empire and victory."

The true principle which inspired the noblest of sacrifices, and the grand exhibitions of physical and moral courage, have become blended with the spirit of every age, increasing in power as time advances, and giving fresh vigour and a new impetus to each succeeding epoch. The spirit of magnanimity and freedom and the thirst for knowledge which have thus been encouraged have given to the world its present liberal jurisprudence, and excited the genius of enterprise. The purity and beauty of architectural adornment which were established under Operative Masonry have never been improved. From the time that the Tyrians were first renowned for architectural taste, 1100 B.C., Operative Masonry has presented new styles of beauty, more chaste and refined. From Tyre and the Temple the art passed to Greece, and from thence to Rome; but the Corinthian column is as much to-day the standard of taste as when the marble piles of Athens were the pride of Greece and the admiration of the world.

The spirit of free thought and mutual protection under Masonic teaching has advanced the world in a ratio impossible to compute. The human mind, relieved from the bondage of superstition, advances to the accomplishment of its wonderful results. The arts and sciences, and all branches of useful learning and their practical application, go hand in hand with moral development under true Masonic teaching, and he who is not imbued with the full measure of appreciation of both is merely a Mason in name.

It is the duty of all Masons to cultivate knowledge in every department. Perfect freedom encourages investigation; and the downfall of despotic power and ecclesiastical dominion permits the exercise of mental culture without fear of physical punishment. When men are controlled by fear, inquiry is at an end, and knowledge is supplanted by ignorance, and all power will soon pass from the ignorant many to the cultivated few. In such a condition of mental servitude men soon become the victims of the political or spiritual priesthood, who, in the person of a demagogue on the one hand and a prelate on the other, are always standing ready to resume the sceptre of power which knowledge takes up and ignorance lays down.

Unanimity of sentiment is a sure evidence of intellectual retrogression. When men begin to think they begin to differ, and from the friction of thought and discussion result those magnificent evolutions which the spirit of Masonry has always encouraged and supported.

While the necessities of Masonic union and Brotherhood for mutual protection against the vengeance of despotic power have to a great extent disappeared, the danger of apathy is to be guarded against. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and when men no longer experience the effects of tyranny they are apt to forget that the cause which produced the effect is still in existence.

* The most recent outburst of the *Keystone's* "faith" is, that *part* of his recently discovered record was written by Franklin. We remember when very great experts in Boston and elsewhere declared that certain manuscript pages, bound up with a copy of Franklin's Constitution, now in Boston, were *positively* in the handwriting of Franklin. But the experts were *mistaken*. Bro. MacCalla of the *Keystone* has already jumped *to too many* wrong conclusions to justify us in putting trust in his mere faith about Franklin's handwriting, or indeed anything else he has to say that favours his Philadelphia Mother-Masonry hobby.

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Once permit the sentiment of fancied security to become dominant, and the want of zeal will soon be manifest in the gradual subsidence of mental and moral culture. Masonry is that beneficent guide that, faithfully obeyed, preserves its followers from the extreme of selfishness on the one hand, and ignorant simplicity on the other, and whenever the cause languishes for proper interest and support, such temporary lulls in its progress may be sought for in the fact that the true spirit has not kept pace with numerical increase, and that the test of merit, without which no cause can prosper, has not been applied in accordance with established and infallible rules. No plant can bloom in uncongenial soil, and no man can become a Mason who has not within him those natual elements of character which ever unfold and expand under Masonic teaching. While the physical danger to Masonry may, in a sense, be past, the moral danger is still apparent. The record of its brilliant exploits should be kept untarnished by its defenders of the present. To us is confided the sacred trust, and if we permit that already gained through ages of sacrifice and toil to be lost, how justly will we be held amenable to the bitterest execrations! Its power is now established and its influences potent in all the avenues of social, moral and political life.

We are enjoying the fruits of a dear bought victory, and let us appreciate our present position and not fritter away by neglect or personal considerations, the result of such patient heroism. Let us preserve this priceless boon in its pristine purity. Coming down through ages of darkness, terror and bloody persecution, let us cherish the teachings and examples of a cause hallowed by the memories of the greatest and the best of mankind; enshrouded in a halo of immortal glory, let us defend not the shadow but the substance.

Let us remember with grateful emotions that a principle which can survive the struggles of barbaric forces, the throes of tyrants, the cunning sophistries of astute and wily counsellors, and the concentrated fury and hate of ecclesiastical power and dominion, must be immortal. Let the light continue to shine with undiminished splendour; let its influence be kept pure and unsullied, and uncontam inated by unworthy association; let its power be felt as of old in the councils of kings and in the humble walks of life. Thus will it continue to flourish for the amelioration of mankind, until the darkest recesses of ignorance, and the lowest abyss of misery shall be penetrated by its light and relieved by its charity.

"In silence
Steals on soft handed charity;
Tempering her gifts, that seem so few,
By time and place,
Till not a woe the bleak world see,
But finds her grace."

Voice of Masonry.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence, was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, with Bros. Joshua Nunn President, James Brett Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice President. The brethren confirmed recommendations made at the June meeting to the amount of £355. There were 31 cases on the new list. Five of these were postponed, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved, with a total sum of £615.

A meeting of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Grand Council, England and Wales, &c. (M.W. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., G.M.); of the Metropolitan Council, Time Immemorial (Bro. George Lambert W.M.); and of the Four Kings' Council. No. 7 (Bro. C. H. Driver W.M.), will be held at 8a Red Lion Square, on Thursday, 31st July, at five o'clock, to admit duly qualified brethren to the Allied Degrees; to elect the W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the Metropolitan Council and for the Four Kings' Council; and to decide on day for holding the annual meeting for Installation of Metropolitan Council.

Bro. G. S. Graham, well-known to many of our readers as a most versatile entertainer, is now on his way to New York, where he has undertaken a musical tour. We doubt not the passengers by the good ship "Alaska," the vessel he has selected, will avail themselves of the proverbial kindness of our worthy brother, who is ever ready to assist in making the hours pass pleasantly.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

THE other day His Royal Highness the Grand Master, having occasion to speak of the enormous amount of labour entailed by our railway system, paid a well-deserved compliment to the unflagging zeal and industry of the railway servants as a body. Had it come within the scope of His Royal Highness's remarks, he would doubtless have spoken in terms equally complimentary of the never-ending anxiety of railway directors to promote as far as possible the comfort and convenience of the public. We have daily evidence of this, not only in the ease and regularity with which the ordinary passenger and goods-traffic is worked, but likewise in the exceptional facilities for travelling which are offered at certain seasons of the year; not only of what they do in respect of single holidays, when people are obliged to content themselves with a rush to the seaside or into the country and back again within the space of twenty-four hours, but, and especially, of their arrangements during the summer time, when they are better able to spare time and money for that relaxation from business which is indispensable to health and profitable labour. It is, indeed, astonishing how cheaply, rapidly, and safely people can travel now-a-days, even the longest distances, and even if they never have anything better to offer in the way of facilities for cheap travelling, they are entitled to our thanks for what they have done. We have but to look at the special time-tables which are issued during the Tourist Season in order to certify ourselves of this fact. Here, for instance, are the Tourist Arrangements made by the Great Western Railway Company for the present year, and if we look carefully through them we shall find it difficult, if not almost impossible, to point out where, in reason, any improvement can be made. The country traversed, or for which tickets are issued by this Company, includes some of the finest and most attractive parts of England, Wales, and Scotland, and we are not exaggerating when we say that in the arrangements they have made, whether we look at the prices charged or the facilities that are offered for breaking or extending the journey, the directors have shown themselves most considerate as well as most liberal. It may be stated, in the first place, generally, that the directors issue tickets for all classes—first, second, and third—which are available, to begin, with for two calendar months, and with some few exceptions are renewable on certain by no means exacting conditions for any further period up to but not exceeding the 31st December 1884. These tickets are purchaseable in London at Paddington, at the principal stations on the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railways, and at Cook's Tourist and Excursion Offices, Ludgate Circus, E.C.; and at Birkenhead, Chester, Liverpool, and Manchester, at the stations and offices indicated in the tables. Then the parts of the country which the line traverses, or with which it is in communication, is mapped out so as to suit best the convenience of all sections of the public, both those who prefer settling down in some given resort and there spending their holiday, and those who would rather move about from place to place in some particular district, and making themselves acquainted with its scenic and other attractions. Thus, taking the West of England, passengers in the North Devon Circular Tour travel by rail to Minehead *via* Taunton, thence by coach to Lynton, Ilfracombe, and Barnstaple, or *vice versâ*, and may break the journey at Watchet, Minehead, Lynton, Ilfracombe, &c., in addition to the stations at which tourists to Minehead or Ilfracombe may alight, that is, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton. As regards visitors to a particular place, all we need do is to refer them to the time tables for the prices of the several classes of tickets and the hours appointed for the departure of the different trains.

These Circular Tours may be made in North and South Wales by no less than seven different routes, of which the following may be taken as examples. By the First Route the passenger travels by rail to Tenby *vid* Whitland or New Milford and back to Carmarthen, thence *vid* Pencawler, Manchester and Milford, and Cambrian Lines to Dolgelly, returning from Dolgelly, *vid* Bala and the Vale of Llangollen to Ruabon, and thence to Shrewsbury, or *vice versâ*, and may break the journey at any station on the route between Gloucester and Whitland, at Strata Florida and Lampeter, and at any Station between Aberystwith and Dolgelly, Dolgelly and Ruabon, and Ruabon and Shrewsbury, enabling him to visit Gloucester, Chepstow, Newport, Swansea, Tenby, Aberystwith, Dolgelly, Bala, the Vale of Llangollen, and all places of attraction on the Circular route. In the Fourth Route, which is one of the Tours of the Valley of the Wye, passengers from London, Reading, and Oxford travel *vid* Swindon, Gloucester, Hereford, and Abergavenny to Monmouth, returning *vid* Pontypool Road, Newport, Gloucester, Swindon, or *vid* Symond's Yat, Ross, Gloucester, and Swindon, or *vid* Redbrook, Tintern, Chepstow, Gloucester, and Swindon, or *vice versâ*, and may break the journey at Hereford, Ross, Symond's Yat, Gloucester, Tintern, Chepstow, Newport, Usk, Raglan, and Abergavenny. The charges are from London by the First Route 1st Class 95s; 2nd Class, 70s; by the Fourth Route, 1st Class, 58s 6d; 2nd Class 42s 6d. Other trips are marked out, to the Lakes of Killarney, to the Channel Islands, *vid* Weymouth, to Scotland, to the English Lake District, the Isle of Man, and to France, the fares being in all cases reasonable, and similar facilities being offered in each case. For particulars we must refer our readers to the Time Tables, which contain every information which is likely to be needed, while the directions are so explicit that the traveller will have some difficulty in going wrong.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

IT may be said that the members of the Mark Degree have this week had their lines cast in pleasant waters. At any rate those who took part in the gathering at Oxford, on Tuesday, and afterwards assisted at the Crystal Palace, on Wednesday, could not but have been gratified with the success that attended the efforts of those to whom was entrusted the carrying out of the arrangements for these meetings. The members of the Mark Degree are essentially a united family, and in whatever district we may learn it has been decided a meeting is to be held, we are almost sure to see the same genial spirits, and enthusiastic men with whom we at once feel there is every chance of enjoying ourselves. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berks and Oxon held its meeting this year at Oxford, under the banner of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247. The brethren assembled at the Alfred Masonic Hall, at half-past eleven, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, who was supported by the Very Worshipful Bro. Charles Stephens, Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, and a large number of Present and Past Grand Officers, amongst whom we may enumerate the following:

W. R. Bowden P.P.G. Org., James Rutland 257 P.P.G.O., A. H. Simpson 225, E. J. Trendall Prov. Grand Treasurer, H. D'Almaine W.M. 225, Edward Margrett P.M. 235, F. W. Ansell P.M. 247, W. E. Flanagan P.M. 235, F. H. Lyon P.M. 27, G. J. Cosburn W.M. 27, W. Thompson 55, E. L. Shepherd 225, Rev. W. Mortimer Heath P.M. 90 D.P.G.M. Dorset, G. Shanks P.M. 35, W. W. Morgan, Stephen Knight M.O. 27, H. H. Hodges P.M. 257, H. J. Mount Sec. 257, S. Bradley P.M. 225, J. R. Wilmer P.M. 325, F. Ryman Hall W.M. 247, J. W. Lindars Sec. 235, W. Graham 27, W. Frampton 247, J. M. Dormer 247, J. H. Dukes P.M. 55, John Leary 247, James Jenkin P.M. 247, H. C. Rogers 55, H. Green I.G. 235, E. Head S.W. 27, J. J. Thomas S.D. No. 1, F. H. Marychurch Secretary 27, J. B. King J.D. 225, A. C. Hewitt J.O. 257, F. J. Ferguson J.D. 235, W. W. Ridley 235, H. J. Drinkwater Reg. of Marks 247.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally constituted, the roll of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers was called over, and explanations for absence tendered in a satisfactory way. It was then found that the several Lodges in the Province were all adequately represented, and the brethren present confirmed the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Reading, 9th October 1883. The Report of the Provincial Grand Secretary was next presented; this was followed by the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, both of which were received. The Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer showed a balance in hand, after all liabilities had been discharged. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Mark Master, seconded by Bro. Stephens, Bro. E. J. Trendell was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the Provincial Grand Master re-invested Bro. Stephens as his Deputy. The appointment and investment of Officers resulted as follows:—

Bro. H. H. Hodges P.M. 257	Prov. G. Senior Warden
F. Ryman Hall W.M. 247... ...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Geo. J. Cosburn W.M. 27	Prov. G. Master Overseer
H. D'Almaine W.M. 225	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
H. W. Homann P.M. (239) S.W 235	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. H. C. Rogers, M.A., 55 ...	Prov. G. Chaplain
Rev. A. T. Morland 225	Prov. G. Chaplain
B. P. Lascelles, B.A., 55	Prov. G. Reg. of Marks
E. J. Trendell 225	Prov. G. Treasurer
T. J. Pulley 235	Prov. G. Secretary
J. W. Lindars 235	Prov. G. Assist. Secretary
William Frampton 247	Prov. G. Inspect. of Works
A. H. Simpson 225...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
F. H. Marychurch 27	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
F. J. Ferguson 235...	Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies
B. Challenor jun. 225	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
John O'Leary 247	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
A. C. Hewitt 257	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
E. S. Mackrell 27	Prov. G. Organist
E. Head 27	Prov. G. Inner Guard
T. R. Vowles 235...	Prov. G. Stewards
J. E. Sydenham	
J. B. King 225	
W. Hemmings 235...	Prov. G. Tylers
G. Norwood 55	

Amongst other matters that were brought under the notice of Provincial Grand Lodge was an announcement, made by Bro. Binckes, that a Moveable Grand Lodge would be held at Exeter on the 6th August proximo, when Lord Kintore would preside. The Prov. G. Master thanked Bro. Stephens for the continued and valuable assistance he gave; the Earl of Jersey also referred to the loss the Province had sustained by the death of the Duke of Albany. The services rendered to Mark Masonry by the late D. M. Dewar were recognised, and a vote of £3 3s was unanimously agreed to in aid of the fund for that Brother's widow. The sum of Five Guineas was voted towards the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a statement made that the Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. Pulley) would serve as Steward at the Festival to be held at the Crystal Palace on the following day. Bro. Homann tendered his services as Steward for the Festival of the same Fund in 1885, and shortly afterwards Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren immediately repaired to Folly Bridge, where a steam launch was in readiness, and a truly enjoyable trip to Nuneham was indulged in. On arriving at their destination the party inspected the grounds of Colonel Harcourt, M.P. for Oxfordshire, and after spending an hour most profitably the return journey was undertaken. A banquet followed, at the Alfred Hall, where the after proceedings were carried out in the same spirit of congeniality that had characterised the work of the day. The musical ability of a capital glee party was well exercised, and the efforts of Brother Rowley, who superintended this feature of the days proceedings, were cordially recognised. The members of the Alfred Lodge, who conceived and so well carried out the arrangements, deserved, as they received, the thanks of all who were present. On the invitation of Brother D'Almaine it was arranged that the next annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge should take place at Abingdon under the banner of the Abbey Lodge, No. 225.

MARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Annual Festival in Aid of this Fund was celebrated on Wednesday, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The R.W. Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, Provincial Grand Master of N. and E. Yorkshire, presided, and was supported by an influential body of Stewards and prominent members of the Mark Degree. As usual at this Festival the *menu* had been carefully considered, and the arrangements throughout were as complete as on former occasions. After the cloth had been cleared the first toast—The Queen and Mark Masonry—was introduced, and heartily responded to. The second toast—The M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore—met with a hearty reception, the Chairman making graceful allusion to the services of the Earl of Kintore. After reference had been made to the Past Grand Mark Masters, Bro. Lloyd Jones Parry, M.P., proposed the health of the R.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason, the Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, Bro. Henry Venn, acknowledging the toast. As the senior Grand Officer present he thanked Bro. Parry; he was exceedingly grateful to the Grand Master for making him a Grand Officer; but he felt the compliment was not so much bestowed upon him as upon the Old Kent Lodge. Personally he could not be known to the Grand Master, and therefore he thought it was the services rendered generally, by various Lodges in the Provinces and in London, to the Charities, that brought the brethren under notice. To advance the cause of charity was an object all Masons should have in view. Lodges as well as individuals should subscribe; however, he found that it was the same individuals year after year who contributed both to this and the other Masonic Charities. He wished to see the practice more universal, and then the great funds would be greater. He trusted the brethren present would stimulate others with whom they were associated to join in contributing to the Charities.

Sir Pryse Pryse proposed the health of the chairman. In reply Bro. Woodall said that living so far as he did from the great metropolis he had hardly thought he should have been in a position to preside on such an occasion. Through the kindness of the brethren, however, the duties imposed on him were of so light a nature as to afford him great pleasure in attending. He thanked the brethren for their presence, and he thanked the brethren of the Mark Lodge for their great kindness to him during his Masonic career. He was a Mason of many years' standing, but he had

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found in Mark Masons a stronger social bond of union than in the ordinary body.

The Chairman, in proposing Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and Education Fund, said they were all very glad indeed, whether Mark Masons or no, to contribute to funds by which their distressed brethren might find relief and assistance. The peculiar nature of the educational branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund was one which commended itself to every one. At the time when the great Masonic Institutions were instituted the system of primary education in this country was by no means in a high position. It was lower than in many continental nations which had enjoyed less peace and tranquillity than England. It was short of what it was in the northern kingdom of Norway, for in that country it was laid down that it was the duty of the community generally to insist on such an education being given to the children as would enable them to hold a position in society. He trusted this fund would be successful, and hoped in the course of time it would be owing to the existence of the invaluable Schools of Masonry, as well as to the primary education of children educated near their own homes, and among their own brothers, sisters, and playmates, whereby they would be fitted for the work of life. This Fund had enabled children educated in the northern provinces to continue their education at the northern universities. In Northumberland and Durham the Provincial Grand Master would give them some assistance, and therefore he (the Chairman) would venture to put before them all the claims of the Benevolent Fund in relieving distress. As one who had taken a great deal of interest in the matter since he left the University of Oxford, he was glad to aid on every possible occasion the claims of this fund. He therefore proposed, with the greatest cordiality, Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The following list of subscriptions was then announced :—

	£	s	d
The Chairman	25	2	6
Thos. J. Palley (Berks and Oxon)	23	3	0
P. de E. Collin (Cumberland and Westmoreland)	11	11	0
H. W. Madeley (Devon)	20	0	0
Rev. C. J. Martyn (East Anglia)	10	10	0
Wm. Watson (Kent)	27	16	0
Reginald Young (Lancashire)	21	0	0
Jack Sutcliffe (Lincolnshire)	51	6	6
H. Lovegrove (Middlesex and Surrey)	10	10	0
D. P. Cama "	42	0	0
T. Y Strachan (Northumberland and Durham)	42	0	0
E. C. Patchitt (Nottingham)	47	6	0
Capt. C Hunter (North Wales)	5	5	0
E. C. Mather (Grand Masters' Lodge)	10	10	0
J. W. Faller (Bon Accord T.I.)	10	10	0
Herbert Dicketts (Old Kent)	85	11	6
E. L. Shepherd 1	15	15	0
E. H. Thiellay 1	5	5	0
Rev. Samuel Maude 7	10	10	0
E. B. Bright 13	42	0	0
Charles Chalk 28	11	15	6
Richard Eve 54	21	0	0
Henry Stone 54	10	10	0
Alex. Ferguson 59	5	5	0
Thomas Cable 75	5	14	0
Oscar Browning 112	10	10	0
T. H. Smith 115			
A. F. Warrillow 115 & 318	10	10	0
T. E. Taylor 144	5	5	0
W. A. Weston 220	35	0	0
Bro. R. Nicholson 257	5	8	0
Cornelius Davies 259	5	5	0
Samuel Chadwick 277	5	5	0
Percy Wallis 302	26	5	0
James Terry 315	5	5	0
L. Jones Parry, M.P. 321	5	5	0
George Taylor 330	10	10	0
Henry Faija 331	21	0	0
Ralph Gooding 332	10	10	0
James Neal York 335	25	0	0
Robt. Berridge (Unattached)	5	5	0
Edgar Bowyer "	10	10	0
G. Cooper "	5	5	0
Baron De Ferrieres "	5	5	0
C. H. Driver "	32	10	0
Dr. G. P. Mickley "	10	10	0
Capt. H. Stephens "	5	5	0
A. Williams "	5	5	0
Total	£832	19	0

Bro. Herbert Dicketts replied to the toast. It was the Stewards' duty to return their most sincere thanks to the President for the ready manner in which he had consented to take the chair on this occasion. He was happy to say that the Stewards had tried to do their duty, and they were pleased beyond measure to know that they had been endeavouring to assist a Society in which he had the most complete and confident reliance. They were met that evening for the promotion of its success, and to carry out Masonic principles. They were not only called upon to do their duty to the Mark Benevolent Fund, but to every state of society, and it would be a delight to the brethren if they saw what was done by those who were members of the General Board. They did not attempt in any way to enter into competition with the grand Masonic Institutions. Many of those present, who subscribed to the Mark Benevolent Fund, were Vice-Presidents and Life Governors of the three Institutions. He was only returning thanks for those kind brethren who had allowed his name to be pressed upon them. If they would only take into consideration this Fund, they would find it was administered with all power. Grand Lodge of England had its Fund of Benevolence, the administrators of which met once a month; but this Mark Benevolent Fund was of a different character, and the Educational Branch was intended to educate the children of parents who had been reduced, and give them the education which they would have had if nothing had happened to their parents. Such a Society was deserving of all support, and he assured the brethren and ladies that they never sat round a table where there was more honesty of desire to do the best that could be done for a Society.

Brother Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, proposed The Board of Stewards; he remarked that the amount of subscriptions announced that evening showed progress; it was a larger sum than they had ever announced before. Bro. Captain Hunter replied; it was quite by accident he was present; the Stewards, one and all, were convinced of the value of the Fund, and appreciated very highly the kind manner in which Bro. Binckes had spoken of them. The toast of the Ladies was responded to by Bro. R. P. Spice.

Bro. Edwin Lott, Past Grand Organist, undertook the musical arrangements of the evening; he was assisted by Madame Raymond, Bros. Arthur Weston, T. Tremere, and Egbert Roberts.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held at the Public Hall, Maldon, on Wednesday, the 13th day of August next, at 1·45 o'clock p.m., under the presidency of the Right Honourable Lord Brooke, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

The next meeting of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, will take place on Monday, 11th August.

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By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE:—8a Red Lion Square, London, W.C.
15th July 1884.

BUSINESS.—Open Grand Lodge in form. Proposed by M.W. Bro. Canon PORTAL, M.A., P.G.M.M.M.—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted to 'The Hughan Testimonial Fund.'" General Business. Close Grand Lodge.

A Banquet will take place at 5:30 o'clock precisely, at the Rougemont Hotel. Tickets 5/- each (exclusive of Wine).

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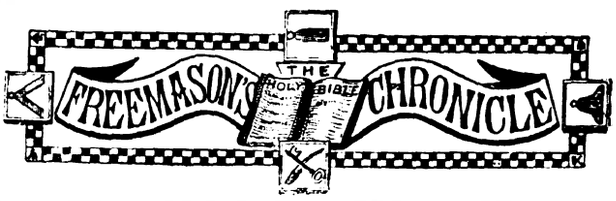
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MASONIC CENTENNIAL IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE Craft in New Brunswick held its Centennial Celebration at St. John, N.B., on 1st July 1884. It began (as we learn from Bro. Charles E. Pierce, of Boston) with the opening of Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple, Grand Master Ellis presiding. Grand Master Major General Laurie, of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and other distinguished visitors were present, and several addresses were delivered. At 1·30 p.m. there was a grand procession of the Craft. This was followed by a large and enthusiastic Masonic gathering at the Institute, where Bro. John V. Ellis Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Brunswick, delivered a lengthy and deeply interesting Masonic address. We quote from its opening as follows:—

Many of the loyalists were Masons. An inside history of the Revolutionary war would show that in it Freemasonry played an important part.

In the army of the revolted Colonies, from Washington down, there were many Masons, as there were among their French auxiliaries, who, as opportunity offered, not only interested themselves in the ordinary work of the Craft, but found solace and comfort in the precepts and maxims of the society; who followed with much satisfaction speculations on human brotherhood; who, amid the horrors of civil war, could meditate upon the pleasures of peace, and who, moreover, were sometimes benefitted by the operations of a society in which the feelings of human brotherhood tended to mitigate the miseries of an unhappy fratricidal war. As the war went on, Lodges increased. There were many Lodges in the regiments on both sides, and on both sides the larger number of these Lodges derived their authority from the division of the English Craft which called itself the Ancient Grand Lodge, in which Laurence Dermott was the principal power; and many of the peculiarities of that section of English Masonry, affected in some degree by transmission through the older colonies, are still stamped on the Craft in this Province. A number of loyalists, who had seen service in the army, came here, and they were scarcely settled in their new home before they again turned their attention to it for what relief it might afford amid the very great troubles by which they were encompassed. In the enjoyment of all that we have to-day, we enter very little into the feelings, the disappointments, the struggles of the loyalists. It is easy to praise the patriotism which we ascribe to them, and thus to throw a halo of romance over the first years of our city's existence; it is not so easy to get a true idea of what life here was; to judge what ideals were realised, what disappointments were encountered, what hopes were shattered. On a clear understanding of all this we need not be surprised at the fact that Freemasonry in an organised form, and actively at work, is older here than our province: older than the civic organisation over which you, Mr. Mayor, preside; the oldest, indeed, of the permanent foundations of a civil or social kind existing in New Brunswick to-day.

On 7th November 1783, Bro. Jared Betts, of "His Majesty's Prince of Wales Regiment," wrote a letter from St. Ann's, now Fredericton, N.S., to Bro. Jos. Peters, Secretary of the Masters' Lodge, at Halifax, looking towards the founding of a Lodge at that place. On 6th March 1784, "Elias Hardy, W.M. of Lodge 169," similarly addressed Worshipful Bro. John George Pike. No. 39, of the *St. John's Gazette and Nova Scotia Intelligencer*, of Thursday, 9th September 1784, contains the following notice:—

"At a meeting of a respectable body of Ancient Brethren, the 7th instant, it was agreed to give this notice to every Ancient Brother Mason on the River St. John, that on Tuesday, the 21st instant, will be held at Brother Kirk's, a meeting of Ancient Masons at his new Lodge Room, Lower Cove, for the purpose of preparing and installing the proper officers for constituting a Lodge, where the attendance of every Ancient Brother is earnestly requested.

"Parr, September 8 1784."

The warrant for the Provincial Grand Lodge at Halifax came out in 1784, from Lord Antrim, then Grand Master of the Ancient Grand Lodge, and the Halifax authorities proceeded to regulate their work. Nine warrants were issued in 1784; five in 1785, and three in 1786. The last of these, No. 17, was issued 6th December of that year to Hiram Lodge, the regular communications to be held at St. John, New Brunswick, on the first Tuesday of the month, at the house of John Kirk, which house was undoubtedly on Lot No. 1234, on what is now Britain, but which was then St. Andrew's Street, commencing 40 feet east of Germain Street. The warrant was signed by Governor Parr, who had succeeded Mr. Pike in the Grand Mastership.

The 54th Regiment—famous because Wm. Cobbett, grammarian and reformer, was in its ranks—arrived here in June, 1785, and brought with it a regimental Lodge. No doubt many civilians were received into the Lodge in this regiment. On the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, in 1786, this Lodge attended the parish church in a body, and the *St. John Gazette*, of January 9, 1787, editorially announces that there is "now in press, and will be published on Saturday next, 'The Pleasures and Advantages of Brotherly Unity; a sermon preached before the Right Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the 54th Regimental Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons

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in the Parish Church of St. John, December 26, 1786, by George Bissett, A.M., Rector of St. John, and Missionary of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.'"

Grand Master Ellis was followed by His Honour, the Mayor of St. John, Bro. James MacGregor Grant, who said, in the course of his address:

Brethren, I am happy to say that I appear before you not only as Mayor of the city, but as a member of this ancient and honourable Fraternity. It is true I am only a Master Mason—one of the rank and file of the great Masonic army, whose banners have been unfurled over every part of the habitable globe, and upon whose dominion the sun never sets. Still, I am proud of that position, and when our Worshipful Grand Master referred to the days that have passed, I could not help recollecting the stormy winter's night, in 1858, when in the grand old fortress of Stirling Castle, overlooking Bannockburn, I was initiated into the Lodge of the 69th Regiment. I might say, as the W.G.M. has referred to it, that refreshments were furnished in those days which were of a more exhilarating nature than what we obtain at present, and the gatherings often extended into what Robbie Burns called the "wee sma' hours." Speaking of Burns, a name dear to every Scottish heart, he was a Mason himself, and at one time Master of Kilmarnock Lodge. This reminds me that the first centennial celebrated in a public manner on this side of the Atlantic was that of the poet Burns. Then came the centennial in the city of Philadelphia. Afterwards the centennial of our own city, and to-day we are here celebrating the centennial anniversary of Freemasonry in this province. I think the brethren will all agree with me that these centennial celebrations are most desirable. They furnish food for reflection for every thoughtful mind, and they recall many events of the days gone by, and serve to keep green in our memory the names of those men who have been head-lights in the world's history.

To the visiting brethren I extend a warm welcome, not only as Mayor of this city, but as a Brother Mason. May this day form a green spot in your memories, and lead you more and more to look after the interests of our Craft. And now, one word in conclusion: when the next centennial celebration in Masonry in this province comes around, although our bodies will be mouldering in the dust, although the sprigs of acacia, those beautiful emblems of immortality, shall be strewn over our graves, let us trust that our spirits will find a resting-place in the Grand Lodge above. Let us hope that we shall rejoice for evermore in the presence of the Grand Master above—the Great Architect of the Universe, whose power, greatness and glory, all true Masons profoundly reverence.

The Rev. Bro. Dr. Macrae followed, saying:—

You have summoned me to discharge a congenial duty, to sound the praises of Masonry, to set forth the grounds why it is this day honoured among us; to vindicate it from the charges by which our most noble Fraternity is often ignorantly aspersed; in a word, to exhibit the Temple of Masonry, so far as my powers may avail, in all its beauty and grandeur of symmetrical proportion. To such questions as the following it will be becoming to essay brief answers on an occasion so auspicious in the history of our Fraternity. What is the Spirit and Creed, if so it is becoming to express myself of Freemasonry? What are our aims? What principles govern us? By what tenets are we held together, and what virtues—what cardinal virtues, if any—do we profess to abide by and uphold? It is almost a duty to ask, it is a privilege of the most honourable character to be favoured with an opportunity so distinguished of answering these and the like questions, in view, partly, of the sceptical tendencies of our age, partly of the attacks—the able, but utterly unwarrantable and even grotesquely absurd attacks—to which we have recently, in very high quarters indeed, been subjected.

Most Worshipful and Brethren: Masonry, I begin by saying, has performed a feat which has hitherto transcended the efforts of any or all of the religious denominations of earth to accomplish. And hence, perhaps, the virulence of the vituperation with which it has been assailed. It has built a platform so easy of access, and yet so firm in structure, that upon it can and do stand, side by side, co-operating in the spirit of loyal friendship, peace and harmony, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Brahmin. To have done this without insisting upon the conversion of one to the views and beliefs entertained by the other, to be able to secure the most sincere and hearty co-operation in kindly deeds of men of all races, all ranks, all callings, all denominations, governed by a spirit of mutual sympathy, to be the object of his attachment, and the bond of union to rich and poor, to learned and comparatively unlearned, to effect in happiest combination the blending of equality with order, the equality that consists in community of privilege with the Craft which demands and justifies gradation only in official rank; to do this without kindling jealousy—nay, to the consuming of every feeling of the baser sort in the fire of a noble, a limitless, albeit a secretly manifested charity—this is an achievement which may fitly command more than a passing notice from the philosopher, the statesman, and from members of the profession to which it is my chief honour to belong. It is coming to this, in fact, in the history of the world, that he who can successfully place his hand on the leverage afforded by Masonry possesses a power, thank God, a power for good—to which the only limits are the limits of time, and of the universe of our race.

"But yours is a secret organisation," it is said; "why secret, if you have not something in reserve, a body of esoteric doctrine, of which you are ashamed?" No, Brethren, I am not ashamed of our secrecy. Let me, once for all, avow my glorying in it, while, at the same moment, I proclaim what the spirit and purpose of that gracious secrecy is. Hear it, ye who revile us: it is the secrecy inculcated in the words: "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth." It is the mantle which cloaks our beneficence, which forbids our ever recording our good deeds, leaving them to be judged by the One All-Seeing Eye. It is that robe of need on the one hand, when need arises; of charity on the other, when Brotherly charity is solicited, wearing which, two of our Fraternity can confer with each other, as in a twilight, amid which the blush of shame on the brow of the one, the flush of power to relieve on the brow of the other, is invisible. That is our secret, that is our secrecy.

Bro. Major-General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, made the concluding address, saying:—

I hesitate to open my mouth, for fear that I may in some way mar the effect of the eloquent oration just delivered by our Rev. Brother. It appears that Freemasonry was introduced into the Province of New Brunswick from Nova Scotia. If from Nova Scotia came the seed which has flowered so gloriously and brought forth such fruit as we see in this day's grand turn-out, surely from Nova Scotia may come welcome congratulations of the grand effect produced to-day. These, as Grand Master of Nova Scotia, I offer to you with heartfelt sincerity. The Grand Master of the profession to which I belong, the great Napoleon, enunciated this adage: "That Providence fought on the side of the strongest battalions;" but did not always act upon that himself, for he trusted very much to brilliant leadership and small forces. You, in this province, have the advantage of brilliant leadership. But, Sir, generals without an army would be a poor fighting force, and while I can congratulate the Craft on the ability of the leaders they have amongst them, I must also congratulate the leaders on the kind of men they have to follow.

The entire celebration was a grand success, and we congratulate our brethren of New Brunswick, and especially of St. John, upon the pleasurable and truly Masonic character of their centennial celebration.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

A GREAT deal has been said and written as to the office of Grand Representative being a mere sinecure, and we are willing to admit that too often brethren appointed to these positions are apt to allow it to become so. On the other hand, we contend that the appointment is one of great importance, and faithful representatives can do much to draw the lines of friendship and amity between sovereign bodies closer, if they do their duty.

A Grand Representative should always thoroughly verse himself in the history, status and constitution of the Grand Lodge that he represents—he should annually report to both the Grand Lodge he represents and the Grand Lodge to which he is appointed—he should be the exponent and supporter of the Grand Lodge that appointed him.

For example, if any differences occur between Grand Lodges, the Grand Representatives, if they understood their duties, should invariably give impartial reports of the same—express the views and feelings of those they represent, acquaint also the Grand Lodge they represent with the sentiments of the brethren of the jurisdiction near which they are commissioned.

The difficulty is, a brother is appointed generally a Grand Representative *ad vitum*, and after a year or two almost forgets the name of the supreme body he represents. We know—

(1.) A commission should never be granted for more than two years.

(2.) Grand Lodges should insist upon annual reports, or in default thereof resignation.

(3.) No brother should be permitted to hold more than one commission near the same Grand Lodge at the same time.

(4.) Honorary membership and rank should be conferred upon the Grand Representative by the Grand Lodge.

(5.) As Grand Master and Grand Secretaries are really *ex officio* representatives of their own Grand Lodge, they should not, during their term of office, be allowed to hold any commission.

By adopting regulations of this character we are confident the position of Grand Representative would soon become one of great honour. We know some representatives who always faithfully report, and are actually sought after by sister Grand Bodies, but the vast majority, we fear, are very indifferent as to their duties. Of course, our remarks apply to similar positions in all the other Grand Bodies.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

POSTAL BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.—The estimated number of letters posted for delivery within New South Wales during the year 1883 was 31,258,300, as against 25,737,300 for 1882; the number of letters posted for delivery in the Australian Colonies and New Zealand was 1,401,900, as compared with 1,202,600 for 1882; and the number of letters posted for foreign dispatch was 585,200, as against 498,300 for last year. The total number of letters posted in the Colony during 1883 was 33,245,400, as compared with 27,438,200 for last year. The number of newspapers posted in the Colony was 18,344,500, as against 16,970,100 for 1882. The total number of parcels, &c., was 1,435,900, as compared with 1,037,400 for 1882. The total number of post cards was 259,400, as against 222,800 for 1882. The increase in the number of letters posted is at the rate of about 21 per cent.; in the number of newspapers about 8 per cent.; in the number of packets about 32 per cent.; and in the number of post cards about 16 per cent. The average number of letters posted in 1883, in proportion to the population of the Colony, is estimated at 38 to each person.

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KNOW THYSELF.

IN these degenerate times we often hear our brethren express themselves somewhat after this fashion:—What a pity it is that the tenets and teachings of Masonry are not better lived up to; while often those who give utterance to such thoughts are very far from putting into practice what they profess to admire.

Did it ever occur to you, my Brother, that your character and conduct through life might materially benefit or injure the cause of Freemasonry? Do you remember when you were first admitted among Masons, how your heart warmed towards every true Brother; how that grip caused a pleasurable thrill, like an electric shock? You were afterwards passed, and secured more light. This should have caused you to think seriously of the ordeal you had lately passed through. When you were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason did you not feel that those who participated in that degree ought to be good men and true? Can you ever forget the sensations you experienced at that time, while taking part in so solemn and impressive a ceremony. With your first impressions came zeal for advancement, and a general desire for knowledge. Proceeding onward, have you fulfilled your first promise to yourself? Have you striven to improve others, and to become an ornament to the Order of which you are now a member? If you have practised the golden rule, and rendered assistance to your brethren in their laudable undertakings; have avoided slander and evil speaking; if you have evinced a genuine Masonic character; have exercised charity in your feelings towards an erring brother, and have felt inclined to throw a veil over his shortcomings; have tried to bring him back within the fold, or have warned him against impending danger; you have done much towards the fulfilment of that promise. If you have done otherwise, what right have you to expect that your fellow-men should be more perfect than yourself? Brother, reflect; give these matters calm consideration; it is vain to conclude that Freemasonry raises and improves all those who are initiated into its mysteries. If its effect is not visible in the life and department of its members, it naturally follows that such men do not profit by their connection with the Fraternity. Such as have made no progress in developing the internal qualities of the heart and mind have not acquired the true knowledge of Freemasonry. Masonry inculcates sterling charity; and the noblest and most acceptable of its duties is its highest reward. The kind word spoken; the gentle admonition and sound counsel; the timely aid, with the ennobling inspiration to raise the drooping spirits of the lowly. Brother, be of one mind; love your neighbour; avoid unprofitable discussion; show to the world that when you became a Mason Masonry did something for you.

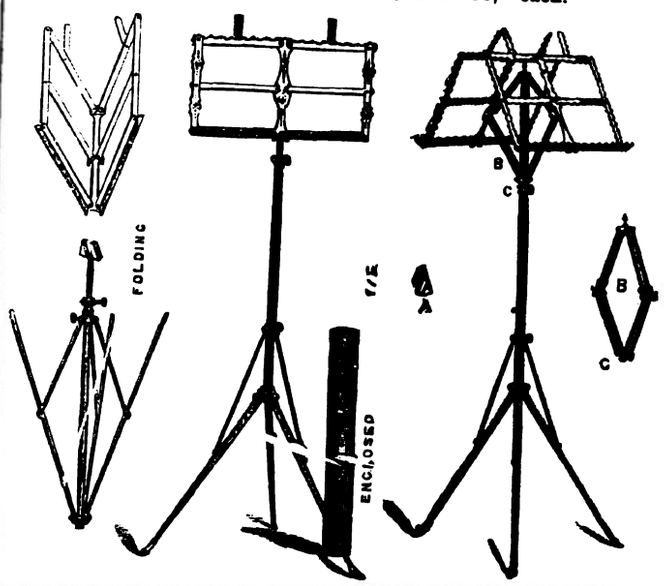
The usual weekly Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, when the Companions assembled at 8 o'clock sharp, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Comp. Gregory occupied the chair of Z., Hall H., George J., Radcliffe S.N., Shaw P.S. There was a good attendance, notwithstanding the weather was unfavourable for those residing at a distance. All Royal Arch Masons are kindly invited, and will receive a hearty welcome at this Chapter of Improvement.

The Ancasta Chapter, No. 1461, is to be consecrated by M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent, at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Tuesday next, the 29th instant.

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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 JULY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1841—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holden Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Fastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 28th JULY.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 29th JULY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1639—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley

WEDNESDAY, 30th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 130 Powerscourt-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pinner-street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
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, Morley Hotel, Berwick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, 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
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 31st JULY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruct
87—Virtuvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1458—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Belford Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
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, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
696—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st AUGUST.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Edmonton Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
948—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1268—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.
1365—Creston, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, Gentleman's Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure Chapter of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Plantagenet, Portugal Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
473—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
847—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Cheriton, Masonic Rooms, Cheriton Cum Hardy
1491—Hornet, 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, Salem-street, Bradford.
1691—Galeworth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Tenterden
Central London Chapter of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
198—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1253—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

THE annual meeting was held on the 28th March, at the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Durban. The R.W. District Grand Master Bro. R. J. Finnemore, presided, and there was a very large attendance of brethren to support him. The District Grand Lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock, and after the customary routine business had been disposed of, the District Grand Master said: Brethren, I have, as your District Grand Master, convened you to-day for several reasons. In the first place, this is the anniversary of the formal opening of our District Grand Lodge, and it is necessary to appoint new Officers. In the next place, it is desirable that no further time should be lost in passing Bye-laws. I drafted a code in 1882, which was printed and circulated amongst the Lodges; but owing to impending changes in our Constitutions it was thought advisable, and recommended by Col. Clerke, the G. Secretary, that we should postpone the settlement of this matter until the final revision of the new Book of Constitutions in England had been completed. I have not yet received a copy of the new Constitutions; but from a summary of alterations which has been published, and which I have carefully studied, I have been enabled to ascertain in what respects the old Constitutions had been amended, and with this knowledge I have now carefully drafted a second code, which I shall lay before you to-day for your consideration and approval. In preparing the new code, which I have made as brief and simple as I conveniently could, I have adhered as far as possible to the resolutions which were passed at the last regular communication of District Grand Lodge, which was held under my presidency in Pietermaritzburgh in September last. Beyond the necessity for appointing new Officers and finally passing the Bye-laws, subject to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, there is also another reason why I wished to meet you here to-day, namely, that being about to leave the colony for some months, after a residence of nearly thirty-four years, for the purpose of revisiting the mother country, I was desirous of bidding adieu to my Masonic brethren, and of arranging sundry Masonic matters of importance preparatory to my departure. During my absence from the colony the Masonic government of the district will devolve upon the Deputy District Grand Master, assisted by the District Board of General Purposes; and I feel sure that you will accord to my Deputy during my absence the same hearty support and ready co-operation which it has been my privilege to experience at your hands. As to the amended Constitutions, I find that I am now empowered to appoint the President of the District Board of General Purposes, who will rank next to the District Grand Registrar. The appointment of two District Grand Standard Bearers is also authorised, and the offices of District Assistant Grand Secretary is now provided for and recognised by the new rules. I think it well also that I should exercise the power of appointing two District Grand Chaplains, as there are so many candidates desirous and deserving of holding office in District Grand Lodge that it is difficult, if not impossible, for me to adequately recognise the claims of all of them. I would recommend that the District Board of General Purposes be constituted without further delay, as there will be many matters arising for their consideration. From the reports of Lodges for the past year, it will be seen that the state of Freemasonry generally in the district is eminently satisfactory and encouraging. It is true that no new Craft Lodges have been opened in the district during the past year, as it was anticipated they would be. Unfortunately difficulties arose which prevented our Newcastle brethren realising their wish to obtain a charter; and I understand that the brethren at Ixopo have abandoned for the present the expressed intention of establishing a Lodge at their place, because it is considered that the Carnarvon Lodge at Richmond will suffice, for some time to come, for the wants of the brethren in the locality. The recent erection and dedication of two new Masonic halls, one at Richmond, the other at Greytown, and the position generally of the existing Lodges, however, furnish satisfactory evidence of the vitality and progressive character of Freemasonry in the district, and is a subject of congratulation. Sundry matters of detail connected with the Craft have at different times during the year been submitted for my decision and action. Thus, there was one appeal to me from the decision of a private Lodge; one application for permission to temporarily change the place of meeting of a Lodge; several application for my ruling on points of order or practice; sundry amendments of bye-laws of private Lodges submitted for my approval; and various other matters, including, I regret to say, a few applications for pecuniary relief or assistance. All these matters have been dealt with by me as they arose, and in such a manner as circumstances would enable me to deal with them. Business of this nature, as well as necessary communications with the Grand Secretary in London, the Deputy District Grand Master, and the District Grand Secretary from time to time, has entailed upon me an amount of correspondence which is not inconsiderable; but notwithstanding my official and other duties I have endeavoured to settle all points as they arose and to ensure as far as possible that there should be no delay in answering letters. The experience of the first year of our District Grand Lodge has thus shown that the home authorities rightly judged that the time had arrived when local government of the Order in the Colony had become necessary. I may here mention that W. Bro. George Russell D.G.S.W. is compiling for publication a history of Freemasonry in the district, more particularly with reference to the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, with which he has been so long and honourably connected; and I have no doubt but that this publication will be found to be of great interest to members of our Fraternity. I have the pleasure also to announce to you that W. Bro. M. H. Emanuel, of Lodges 738 and 1192, P.M. 1069, has kindly made a present to the District Grand Lodge of a handsome silver square and compasses, which I now submit for your acceptance. The District Grand Secretary will read to you the letter which accompanied the presentations. I am sure I am only expressing the unanimous feeling of members of District Grand Lodge when I say that we sincerely appreciate the gift; and for my own part I value still more the kindly expressions towards myself as District Grand Master which accompanied it. My sincere thanks are due to the outgoing Officers for their attention to their duties during their tenure of office; and I thank you all, brethren, for your salutations and reception of me to-day. I will not now detain you from the more important business of the meeting with any further preliminary remarks, but will conclude with the time-honoured wish that as the labours of our District Grand Lodge have been begun in order, and the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe has been invoked on our proceedings, so may they be conducted in peace and with a true regard to the best interests of the Order, and be closed in love and harmony.

The following brethren were subsequently duly invested District Grand Officers:—

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G. Russell	Senior Grand Warden
J. Smith	Junior Grand Warden
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W. A. Smith	Grand Sword Bearer
D. Deeves ... ... } T. Cook ... ... }	Grand Standard Bearers
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W. H. Kinsman	Grand Pursuivant
B. Ireland	Assistant Grand Pursuivant
S. Ford, P. Flett, W. F. Stanton, R. Willis, D. Crabbe, and J. Schuls ... ... }	Grand Stewards

At the conclusion of business a banquet was served, and on the removal of the cloth the customary toast list was gone through.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 24th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—J. Bedford Williams W.M., Coen S.W., Greener J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Stringer S.D., Penney J.D., Catt I.G.; Bros. Freeman, Church, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. H. Freeman candidate. Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was then closed in due form. The first annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction will be held on the 28th August, at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, under the presidency of Bro. B. R. Banks W.M. of the mother Lodge.

The members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, amongst whom are several Volunteers, have invited such of the Canadian team, now at Wimbledon, as are Masons to their meeting on Monday next, the 28th inst, at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed street, Paddington. Brother Andrews P.M. 77 will occupy the chair, and a numerous attendance is anticipated. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS OF MASONIC CURIOSITIES.

AMONG the many assemblies it has been our pleasure to take part in, during the time the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has been in existence, few were of greater interest to the lovers of the past history of Freemasonry than the exhibition of Masonic Relics which was held at York during the visit of the British Association to that city a few years back. In a Society which enjoins so much secrecy on its members, and which has always discouraged the publication of its doings, except among a restricted few, it is but natural that a great amount of doubt and uncertainty exists as to the past, and it is therefore very desirable that every means should be adopted, which may suggest themselves, to collect together old documents, relics, and curiosities, bearing on the past history of Freemasonry, in such a manner as to bring them under the notice of those who may find in them the means of tracing the Craft through some of the periods where its history is uncertain, or in confirming some of the many theories which have been put forward at one time or other, and which, at present, are looked upon more as probabilities than certainties. At the time of the York Meeting, in 1881, we urged the advisability of establishing a permanent Museum, to which articles of Masonic interest might be given or lent, and we are still of opinion that such an undertaking would prove successful, and of great interest to Masons throughout the world, and indeed to all who take an interest in the doings of the Craft a little beyond the portals of their own Lodge. There are innumerable relics of the past, scattered about the country and abroad, which would soon find their way to a properly constituted centre, and, when once a demand was established, others, which at present are forgotten or unheard of, would come to light in the general search that would follow a properly directed appeal.

The Masons of Worcester are about to follow the example of their brethren of York, which we may add was repeated early in the current year, and are now organising a Masonic Soirée and Exhibition, which is to be held at Worcester, on the 27th inst. They invite the loan of old medals, jewels, cups, glasses, seals, charters, certificates, aprons, engravings, minute books, &c., and are preparing a catalogue which will contain particulars sufficient to stamp it as a standard work of reference to all interested in Masonic antiquities. We have little doubt but that a very interesting collection will result, and we hope the efforts of the Worcester brethren will prove another step towards the foundation of a National Masonic Museum such as we have previously advocated.

As regards the arrangements for the gathering at Worcester, we may state that the Guildhall Buildings have been placed at the disposal of the Committee, and that the Mayor, Bro. W. B. Williamson, and the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., will guarantee the safe custody and return of any exhibits with which the Committee may be entrusted. All the articles lent for this year's gathering at York are promised, as also are many others which have never before been publicly exhibited. We can but repeat the request of those who are organizing this display, that all brethren or Lodges who may possess curiosities or articles of interest to the general body of Freemasons will lend them for the coming Exhibition, which we understand is to be kept open for a week, during which time a series of Lectures and papers on Exhibits and other Masonic matters will be delivered by distinguished brethren.

The Grand Lodge of the Province is to be held the day after the opening of the Exhibition (viz. on the 28th inst.), so that visitors will have other Masonic attractions than those of the soirée, lectures, and display of curiosities, thus rendering a visit to the ancient city of Worcester an event of the greatest interest to Freemasons, many of whom will no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity.

LUX E TENEBRA.

A LUMINOUS brother whose adumbrant buncombe betrays the atmosphere, and whose *nom de plume* smacks of the vernacular of the Holy Empire, represents us, in the April Number of this magazine, as having "started out, *a la* Don Quixote, to fight wind-mills," and in the May number he again appears chewing the same cud of enticing fancy.

If it shall appear that setting the facts of history, over against the flatulent assumptions of groundless pretence, is fighting, then the aptness of the concluding portion of his figure, at least, will be established.

It is but charitable to assume that so far as the reckless assertions and pert flippancy of inuendo which mark our brother's criticism have a personal direction, they do not indicate that consciousness of a weak position which sometimes prompts an attack upon a person, in order to divert attention from his arguments; but illustrate rather that readiness to dogmatise which characterise those who wear inherited opinions of conventional cut, and that exuberant self-complacency which finds nothing in this world quite so impertinent as a fact that refuses to fit into the design before supposed to be all-embracing in its perfection.

It is hard to find a common ground for debate with one who thinks there can be any gilt in winning truth comparable to that of suppressing it; but this is no new difficulty. The world has always been full of people who looked upon that hand as impious which persisted in letting in light enough upon their fetishes to compel a re-adjustment of their conceptions of them. Nor is it a difficulty that promises to come to a speedy end; for indeed we must all confess that as no human mind is capable of comprehending truth in all its relations, so among the things most sacred to us all are our misconceptions. It will, perhaps, be a long time before we get so far rid of inherited tendencies that we can see our individual idols broken without a shudder of fear that the moral order of the universe is somehow in danger; but mankind in masses, inspired by the courage that comes of touching elbows, is getting well on to an agreement that it is safe to follow truth, no matter how time-honoured may be the error to which it runs counter, and that in the end it will prove itself to be, like beauty, its own excuse for being.

The fact that our brother may not be in accord with this general consensus does not forbid the hope that some examination of his criticism may prove profitable even to him, while for a stronger reason it ought to prove so to others less fortunate. There is little in his efforts to favour the impression that he would consciously misstate matters; yet if the lack of information respecting the results of modern Masonic research, and the confusion

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regarding some of the most elementary propositions in Masonic law, evinced in his articles, are unconscious, how great must be the need of elementary instruction among the masses of the Craftsmen whose distrust of their illuminating powers still keeps them out of print.

It is to be presumed that up to the time of the publication of our recent articles in this magazine, our brother had read nothing from our pen unless it be an oration delivered in the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1869; otherwise he would have escaped the blunder of accusing us of having been compelled to abandon the premises of our February article by since discovering that the division of Masonry into degrees was not recognized by the Grand Lodge until after the Charges of a Freemason had been collated and agreed to. Ten years ago, in a printed report, we called the attention of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to this very point.

It is convenient to refer here to another intimation of shifting. Our brother twice refers to our oration of 1869 with the implication that our present position is somehow inconsistent therewith, but just how he does not point out. If it were a matter of the slightest concern to us whether we could be convicted of inconsistency by testing our utterances of to-day by what we then said, we might take time to point out the difference between broadly referring to some of the salient features of an institution, and attempting a critical analysis of some disputed point in its polity; but no necessity for this exists. Fifteen years ago we must have believed many of the fictions current in the then standard works on Masonry (including some to which it is apparent that our critic still clings), and it is quite possible that our oration may give evidence of it. Without hunting it up to see what we did say, we think our subsequent study must have been to little purpose if we would not now be ashamed to repeat it. The question is not whether we agree with what we then said, but whether what we now say is sound or unsound; and this question is not to be settled by general charges of "shifting," or "speciousness and subtility," or attempting "to create imaginary antagonisms and distinctions already existing."

This sort of general arraignment is easy and cheap, much easier, as we shall see, than to show wherein the speciousness and subtility lie.

In our April article we thus formulated three essentials which we conceived to stand out broadly in the character of the Institution, necessary to its identification, and specifically recognized in the law of its being: 1st. "Its broad basis of fellowship, which obliges Masons only to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished." 2nd. "Its organic structure, by which the Craft is divided into Lodges each of which is represented in the supreme governing body, the Grand Lodge, by its Masters and Wardens." 3rd. "The exclusion of all distinctions from the body of the Craft, save those of Master, Fellow, and Apprentice." These our brother calls "specific new tests." How new are they? Of the first, all save the first six words is quoted from the Charges of a Freemason. On the subject of the second, the third of those Charges has the following: A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work; hence that assembly, or duly organized society of Masons, is called a Lodge. * * * It is either particular or general, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the regulations of the General or Grand Lodge hereunto annexed." On turning to the regulations referred to, we find (Reg. XII.) that "the Grand Lodge consists of, and is formed by the Masters and Wardens of all the regular particular Lodges upon record." The third requires no comment; it speaks for itself.

These propositions are sufficiently specific; certainly they are not new. Are they new as tests by which to determine whether a body claiming the Masonic name is legitimately entitled to it? Manifestly there was a time when every body of Masons in existence could answer all the requirements imposed by them, and as manifestly these so-called specific new tests were a part of the conditions under which only the rites of Masonry could be practised and administered. This time included the period during which some of those bodies did, and others did not confer the distinctions of Fellow Craft and Master Mason as degrees, a fact which shows that the division of the one esoteric ceremonial of Masonry into three did not affect the structure of the Lodge in its relations to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge continued to be, both in fact and law, the only representative Masonic body known. In attempting to discredit the proposition that the Grand Lodge is the only representative body known to the law of the Institution, but without making it plain to our obtuseness what bearing the question has upon that point, our brother asks: "If, then, it was permissible and lawful to elaborate the Institution from one to two, and finally to three degrees, was it not equally lawful to elaborate it to seven or more?" If the Grand Lodge had elaborated the Institution to seven, or seventy, or seven hundred, it would then be in order to inquire whether there was the same basis for the seven or more, as for the three, in the law which—notwithstanding his assertion to the contrary—circumscribes the action of the Grand Lodge. But the pretence of elaborating to seven or more was not made by the Grand Lodge; it was made by those who had no authority whatever to say in what Masonry consists.

Nobody will claim that at the time the elaboration occurred there was anywhere in existence any governing body in Masonry save the Grand Lodge. If it could be clearly shown that that body, acting under the mistaken impression that power is equivalent to right, had violated the law to whose immutability it had solemnly assented, would the difficulty of establishing the legitimacy of the work of irresponsible degree mongers, acting without its authority, be one whit lessened? Because a powerless Craft had acquiesced in the results of such a violation on the part of the Grand Lodge, would it thereby be constrained to accept as an accomplished fact the assertion of one or a dozen individuals whom they had invested with no authority whatever, that he or they had added one or a hundred degrees to Masonry? In opposition to our showing that the change from one esoteric ceremonial to three did not change the relations of the Lodges as constituents of a representative body, nor in any essential particular the relations of the craftsmen to each other or to the law, our brother further says that the Old Charges do not mention the Master Mason's degree. It is equally true that they do not mention any degree; but they do recognise the distinctions of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and the General Regulations "annexed" point out where the Apprentices may be admitted to those distinctions. At that time those regulations provided that the Apprentices should be admitted to those distinctions only in the Grand Lodge. It was wholly within the legitimate power of the Grand Lodge to provide, as it did subsequently, that they might be conferred in the constituent Lodges, instead of within its own body; because it is conceded that the Regulations may be altered by the Grand Lodge, so long as the landmarks are not thereby disturbed, and because in making this change the Grand Lodge did not run counter to any provision, expressed or implied, of the Charges of a Freemason, the Ancient Constitutions of Masonry.

But this brings us up against the extraordinary assertion of our critic, that "the Ancient Constitutions are no longer the fundamental laws of our Grand Lodges, for each has its own!" Here is no hint that the Ancient Constitutions of Masonry stand on any different footing than the constitution and by-laws of a Grand Lodge. Indeed, he mixes them all up together, proceeding to say: "These constitutions, charges and regulations were formulated in the misty past, changed, and revised, and amended, many times afterwards, * * * and contained an express provision that 'every Annual Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority to make new regulations, or to alter these, for the real benefit of this Ancient Fraternity. Provided always, that the old landmarks be carefully preserved.'"

There is no evidence here of any suspicion on his part, that the Grand Lodge in asserting its authority to amend the General Regulations, was not also claiming the right to annually amend the Old Charges; none of any suspicion that the guaranties of those Old Charges constituted, almost wholly, the very landmarks to which the proviso referred.

The statement that the charges were changed, revised and amended many times contains the germ of a serious error, because it conveys the impression that the many versions published, and referred to dates prior to 1723, rest on the same sort of authority as the Charges of a Freemason. It was not until after the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717 (for there was no Grand Lodge at York in 925, as our brother still seems to believe, nor elsewhere until the Grand Lodge was formed in London), that

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any attempt was made to collate the manuscripts scattered among the Lodges as their individual property. With this beginning of the Institution in its present form, when Speculative, or, as it is more expressively called by Bro. Gould, *Grand Lodge* Masonry, had become fully evolved, a movement was inaugurated for a definite understanding of its relation to pre-existing laws. The result was the compilation of what was held to be genuine and essential, and thus sifted, in the form of the Charges of a Freemason, it was agreed to by the Grand Lodge as the organic, the unchangeable, and—to use a word which we fear will grate upon our brother's sensibilities, but for which there is no wholly satisfactory equivalent—the "fundamental" law.

So far from its being true that "they impose nowhere metes and bounds, limits or circumscription on the definitions of Freemasonry," they were for the express purpose of defining and identifying Masonry so far as it could be done in print; and if our brother will carefully compare the essentials of what he has received in another way with what is there printed, he will see how correct is Bro. Mackey's statement that they embody "the most important points of the ancient written as well as unwritten law of Masonry."

For what purpose are landmarks set up if they do not impose metes and bounds?—and what purpose can metes and bounds serve if they do not limit and circumscribe the definition of Freemasonry?

Our brother says that the question of title to the Masonic name is not dependent on the three conditions formulated by us, except in so far as they embrace recognised landmarks indispensable to all Masonic bodies, and, happily for our purpose, cites the requirement of a belief in DEITY as an instance of such indispensability. "Unbelief in DEITY," he says, "would at once destroy such title." Yes, but how do we determine that this requirement is an essential part of Masonry? But finding it in the Charges of a Freemason, side by side with the guaranty of entire freedom of religious belief within the limits of that requirement, the other half of the landmark "concerning GOD and religion"—that landmark the observance of one-half of which our brother readily admits is essential to prove the title of a body to the Masonic name, while at the same time he accuses us of "speciousness and subtility" for insisting that the other half is likewise essential.

He gives as a reason for his opinion that it cannot be determined whether a system is Masonic or not by the examination of its organic structure; that "the Craft, in early times, and for ages together, was often under the worst kind of an oligarchy, an absolute Grand Master, and whom they had not even always elected." Whatever point this might have, if correct, as against our position that no system can be identified as Masonry which does not possess the structure and the form of government required by the organic law of the Institution, disappears in the face of the following facts: the Craft never had a Grand Master whom they had not elected; the government of the Craft was never vested in an absolute Grand Master; if an absolute Grand Master had existed he would not have been any kind of an oligarchy; and Grand Masters had not been known for ages, did not exist in early times, and were probably, almost certainly, unknown until the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717.

Whether the Capitular or Cryptic bodies are legitimately entitled to the Masonic name, he is persuaded does not depend upon the Ancient Charges, "but solely and simply upon whether they practise or administer Masonic rites." Yes, but upon what depends it whether the rites practised *are* Masonic, or are only improperly called so? Until this point is cleared up they cannot be put in as evidence that the bodies administering them are Masonic bodies; and if in attempting to clear it up it shall be found that in administering these rites is involved any denial of the guaranties, exclusion from any of the franchises, or any additions to the primary distinctions of the charges under whose constraint all definitions of Masonry must be framed, it will likewise be found that our brother's conclusions, like his premises, are sometimes drawn from unreliable sources.

Something in the nature of a boomerang is his inquiry of final and annihilating tone—"By what authority does Bro. Robbins set himself up as the judge on the orthodoxy of the various Masonic bodies in the world?" It is, or ought to be, identical with that in which he finds his warrant for the exercise of similar judicial functions in the article in which the question occurs. Both of us have been specifically enjoined to carefully preserve the ancient landmarks entrusted to our keeping, and the authority for the judgment necessary to this end is fully commensurate with our duty. We are sorry to note, however, that he overlooks this equality of responsibility, and protests in oratorical terms against the right of anybody to pass judgment upon the authority of certain bodies to administer Masonic rites, unless the exercise of such rites takes the form of that silent acquiescence which is a judgment in their favour.

He appears to have been betrayed into this protest by discovering in us, as it seems to him, the fell purpose to set up each Grand Lodge "as the exclusive power to dispense chartered authority to administer Masonic rites within its jurisdiction." If that is our purpose our action is sadly subsequent, inasmuch as the relation which Grand Lodges from their inception have borne to Masonic rites has rarely been better expressed than in the language we have quoted.

As evidence of our design he puts in the following from our February article: "'Among the Grand Lodges of this country, Illinois, at least, by formal declaration, holds it to be impossible for any body of men outside of the regular successors of Grand Lodge organised on the basis of 'The Charges of a Freemason,' identified in those charges by direct reference to the Grand Lodge Regulations thereunto annexed, and maintaining the representative form of government rooted therein, to acquire the authority to administer the rites of Masonry."

For two reasons, the first of which is that our brother may be able to judge whether the above foreshadows some occult design, or whether it fairly reflects what the Grand Lodge set up for itself five years ago, we reproduce the following from p 50, Ill. Proc. 1879, which was formally and unanimously concurred in by the Grand Lodge: "We utterly deny that any body save a representative Grand Lodge can by warrant or charter create a Lodge that has any claim whatever to the name of Masonry, or that can administer its rites; and as emphatically deny that any body which establishes as a condition of eligibility to membership therein, any distinctions save those known to 'The Charges of a Freemason,' viz.: Master, Fellow and Apprentice, or which admits that any organisation based upon, or by virtue of, distinctions other than these, may supervise, veto, or in any manner restrict its action within the sphere circumscribed by those charges, is a Grand Lodge within the meaning of Masonic law."

Our second reason for reproducing this is to make plain to our critic what we presume we had already made clear to most, viz., that in this action the Grand Lodge was not referring to associations like the Capitular and other bodies whose members had been made Masons under the Grand Lodge system, but to so-called Masonic bodies of the "Scotch-Rite" system in other countries, which, while lacking the structure and representative form of government rooted in the Charges of a Freemason, assumed to administer the Masonry of the Lodge.

In referring to the "rites of Masonry," or to "Masonic rites," the Grand Lodge did not have in mind the rites conferred by chapters, councils, commanderies, and the like, and by their members called Masonic. It neither knows nor can know anything of any Masonry outside of that which is defined by the Charges of a Freemason, and of which, by the same law, the Grand Lodge, with its constituents, is made the sole conservator; and, we may add, the conservation of which is the sole excuse for the existence of that body.

It knows nothing of the rites administered under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, and it has no power to grant, or even to tender, either the privileges, rights, or authority which, through our eloquent brother, it gratuitously repudiates; and it can have no interest in the work of that or any other body made up of the Masons of its obedience, but not known to its law, unless those Masons seek to impose upon the Craft and upon the world a definition of Masonry other than that which, under the constraint of the landmarks, the Grand Lodge is alone authorised to formulate and set forth; or unless those Masons are clandestinely administering elsewhere, some portion of that Masonry which it alone is authorised to administer or define.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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MASONIC SECRECY.

THE Secrecy of Masonry has given rise to some of the most absurd stories, in regard to its objects and purposes. Behind bolts and bars, curtained windows and grim sentinels, the members of the Lodge are supposed to meet and hold familiar converse with Satan, who acts as chief counsellor and adviser in maturing wicked plans to cheat honest people and make money. Of the thousand and one of these ridiculous stories, there is not one that is worth a moment's notice, for they are all the legitimate children of a morbid credulity, based upon the depths of the most profound ignorance. There are those, however, who lay some little claim to intelligence, who imagine that they have demolished all claims to GOOD in Masonry, when they say: "The wicked seek darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." This sentence, with all its Divine force, is not applicable to Masonry. And why? Because the reason assigned why darkness is preferred to light, because their deeds are evil, is for ever cut off and disproved by the history of Masonry as an institution. "An evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit." If there was evil in Masonry, its antiquity has certainly offered ample opportunity for the development of that evil in *deeds of fruition*. But unfortunately for the enemies of Masonry, it, as an institution, has borne no such fruit. That there have been dishonest men connected with Freemasonry at every period of its existence, is doubtless true. But this is no argument to disprove the general beneficent influence of Masonry as an institution. By the same process we might demolish the religion of Jesus; for he had a disciple that was both a LIAR and a TRAITOR. The absurdity of such reasoning is apparent.

Because secrecy has been abused and made the cloak for evil, we are not to conclude that everything which is withdrawn from the gaze of the public eye, is of wicked and direful import. God, Himself, moves in mystery, and works out his plans in secret. The operations of Nature are secret and mysterious. Can you explain to me the secret process, by which the juices of the earth, which are absorbed by the roots of trees and herbs, are some of them converted into bark, some into the harder wood, and some into the feathery foliage that spreads its mantle of green and living beauty around the earth in spring and summer? And yet what beauties and blessings flow from this mysterious and secret process! Not only are the operations of God and of Nature secret and past finding out, but man carries in his own bosom a secret laboratory which none but God can read. Secrecy is a constituent of our natures, and as God is said to have made nothing in vain, He has bestowed it upon us for wise and useful purposes. We may abuse it, as we do all of his gracious gifts, but this does not prove it to be intrinsically evil. It is a necessary principle and lies behind and controls, to a greater or less extent, the affairs of every-day life. Every man has his secrets. Every family has its secrets and private transactions; and who would wish to raise the curtain and expose the sacred privacy of the family fire-side to the sacrilege of evil eyes and idle tongues?

Secrecy is necessary in the affairs of government, and is the mainspring of all our actions, whether for good or evil. If it is absurd to say, that a man is wicked, because you cannot pierce his breast and read his thoughts, is it not equally absurd to say that the objects and purposes of a Society or Fraternity of men are wicked, because they meet and work in secret? "*By their fruits shall ye know them.*" This is the true TEST, and Masonry cordially invites it.

I trust that I have now said enough to convince the most sceptical that secrecy is not an evil, or the evidence of an evil; but that it is necessary to individual success, and the peace and harmony of the family circle; if so, I can see no good reason why it may not be used by a Fraternity or Association of men for like purposes and with like results.

The objects and principles of Masonry are not secret. True, it has a secret language, and the ceremonies and business of the Lodge are not for the eye or ear of the uninitiated. This, in my opinion, is the circumstance that gives to Masonry life, and efficiency for good. If its mystic language was unfolded, there would be no means to distinguish between the worthy and the unworthy. Its semblance would be put on by dishonest men, when its advantages were to be gathered, afterwards they would deny its authority and neglect its duties. And, here permit me to remark, that while the Mason is commanded to be charitable towards all mankind, he must first deal kindly with his suffering Brother if worthy, then with his neighbour, and then with the stranger at his gate. "Charity begins at home," but there is no necessity for its ending there. Yet the man who would lavish his substance on strangers, to the neglect of his suffering and worthy Brother, would be considered "worse than an infidel." Our mystic language enables us to recognise that worthy Brother, and prevents those from drawing *wages*, as workmen, who have never laboured on the Temple. It enables the workmen to recognise each other everywhere and under all circumstances.—*Bro. W. D. Wood's Address.*

MEMORY.

IT has frequently been a matter of surprise that some of the best educated men among the Craft have been unable to study and retain the ritual, charges or lectures appertaining to Freemasonry. Among the faculties which furnish forth our mental outfit, there is none perhaps in which greater vagaries of variation are manifested in different people, or even in the same persons on certain subjects and at different periods of their lives, than in the power of memory. Mr. Locke calls it "the storehouse of our ideas," and if this be so, it is quite evident that although in some cases the stock in hand may be of a very miscellaneous description, in others it amounts to little else than a "beggarly account of empty boxes." There are those the retina of whose intellectual eye is so absorbently receptive and tenaciously retentive that almost everything brought within the range of its subtle and keen purview is permanently photographed, framed, glazed, and hung up, while of others the mental impressions are as transient and superficial as though written on water or traced on sand. The aforesaid philosopher evidently thought but small things of the average human being, for, he adds, "the narrow mind of man not being capable of having many ideas under view at once, it was necessary to have a repository in which to lay up those ideas which it may afterwards have use of." It is found with many that this notion of laying up has very much the same result as that over carefulness which, for safe custody, secretes some document or memento, or article of value in a remarkably private place over which "Lethe, the river of oblivion, rolls its watery labyrinth," and the seclusion of the sacred object becomes far more inviolable than was ever contemplated. The force of memory is with some people quite a marvel. The memory consecrated to the service of trifles is special and, *sui generis*, it is a distinct natural endowment, with its own charm of unlaboured spontaneity; it is an instinct, as much as that subtle reasoning and discriminating faculty which is concentrated in the nasal organ of the canine race. Apparently, the "caverns of memory" resemble so many domestic cupboards or school lockers, some of which exhibit interiors trim and tidy, while in others chaos sits and roosts. The mnemonic deficiencies of some people are exceedingly droll and occasionally tiresome. We are all familiar with cases in which the screws of some memories run loose, where the reproductive energy never seems equal to the strain of labelling anybody with his right name, and where life is dotted along with records of the unwelcome and grotesque contretemps in which this weakness is ever fruitful. The faculty of never forgetting a face or a name, and "putting asunder" what fate has "joined together," is a gift that carries with it a mighty power of pleasing, and a great personal influence. If punctuality be the politeness of princes, this intuitive gift of recognition, ministering as it does to that self love of which nobody ever yet had a scant supply, must be as politic as it is prepossessing.—*Freemason's Chronicle, Sydney.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weakening weather.—The sultry summer days strain the nerves of the feeble and decrepit, and disease may eventuate unless some restorative, such as these purifying Pills, be found to correct the disordering tendency. Holloway's medicine gives potency to the nervous system, which is the source of all vital movements, and presides over every act on which maintains the growth and well-being of the body. No one can over-estimate the necessity of keeping the nerves well strung, or the ease with which these Pills accomplish that end. They are the most unfailing antidotes to indigestion, irregular circulation, palpitation, sick headache, and costiveness, and have therefore attained the largest sale and highest reputation.

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LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

LAST week we spoke in general terms of praise of the excellence of the arrangements made by the different Railway Companies for the comfort and convenience of the travelling public, this excellence being particularly shown in the case of their programmes for the Tourist Season. In this, as indeed in all other respects, the London and North Western Railway Company stands well in public estimation. Their Tourist tickets, like those of other Companies, are issued under the most favourable conditions as regards price, are available in the first instance for two months, and are renewable on moderate terms for any further period that may be desired, provided the term does not exceed the last day of December of the current year. They are issued at Euston Station and at all the principal stations on the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railways, as well as at the termini of the London Brighton and South Coast and London and South Western Railway Companies, and the Parcels Receiving Offices of the London and North Western Railway itself. The terms of issue are likewise similar in many other respects. Thus, holders of these tickets to North Wales are at liberty to break the journey at Crewe, Chester, Flint, Holywell, Mostyn, Prestatyn, Rhyl, and any intermediate stations in the direct route between Rhyl and their destination, both going and returning. Passengers may also break the journey at Kenilworth, Leamington, and Lichfield. Then there are Circular tours for North Wales, North and South Wales, North, South, and Mid Wales, &c., &c. Thus, if we take the case of the North and South Wales Circular Tour, Tourists travel *vid* Shrewsbury and Llandrindod to Carmarthen; thence to Tenby and back; from Carmarthen to Aberystwith *vid* Lumpeter; thence to Dolgelly and Barmouth; from Barmouth to Portmadoc and Carnarvon, *vid* Afon Wen, returning from Carnarvon *vid* Bangor and Chester. Or it may be worked in the reverse direction, at the option of the passenger, only he must state at the time of booking what direction he proposes to travel. So, in the case of the Carmarthen, Tenby, Aberystwith, and Mid Wales Circular Tour, passengers travel *vid* Shrewsbury, Llandrindod and Builth to Brecon; from Brecon to Llanidloes and back to Builth Road Junction; thence to Carmarthen, *vid* Llandovery; from Carmarthen to Tenby and back; thence *vid* Lampeter to Aberystwith, returning from Aberystwith *vid* Machynlleth and Welshpool. Or the journey may be made in the reverse direction, if so stated at booking. The tickets issued for these and the other circular tours are 1st and 2nd class only, and are in the former case, 1st class, £5 6s; 2nd class, £3 16s; in the latter, first class, £5 9s; 2nd class £3 19s. Tickets on the same liberal terms and offering similar facilities are issued to the English Lake District, Yorkshire, Scotland, Ireland, and Isle of Man. In all cases the Company has done all in its power to study the convenience as well as the pocket of the traveller. In certain trains sleeping accommodation is provided, while every possible facility is offered for continuing journeys, where desired, by means of the different steamship companies; while coaches, omnibuses, &c., &c., are to be found in communication with the Company at the principal stations on the line. The Company also issues Excursion tickets, and tickets for shorter periods, the public in these cases being equally benefited. However, those of our readers who may be anxious to obtain further and fuller information, will do well to place themselves in communication with the General Manager, Mr. G. Findlay, at Euston Station. Their inquiries will be received courteously, and answered, we doubt not, satisfactorily.

BY THE SEA.

IT is marvellous to note the many changes that have recently taken place in Merry Margate. Though this justly celebrated watering place cannot be described as the resort of the "Upper Ten," the well-to-do class of tradesmen continue their annual visits, and doubtless derive benefit from the healthful breezes that prevail here at all seasons of the year. And now for a few words as to the improvements we have referred to. The Fort and Cliftonville may almost be characterised as a new colony, the builders have so studded the district with substantial and handsome dwelling houses. At Westgate-on-Sea, the Jetty has been extended, and a capital band nightly enlivens the scene with well selected music. The Assembly Rooms at Margate proper, if we may so describe it, are as popular now as ever they were, and the proprietors deservedly receive the patronage they so ably cater for. It will be remembered by many of our readers that the old rooms were destroyed by fire; but the new building, inaugurated on the 19th ult., under the management of Bro. H. E. Davis, is a decided improvement on the one it has taken the place of. The principal room is 101 feet 6 inches long by 55 feet broad. The flooring, which is of figured oak, rests on indiarubber. An excellent concert is provided every evening, and in Bro. Jarvis the lovers of Terpsichore have an efficient Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Williams (of the Caledonian Hotel, John Street, Adelphi), in conjunction with Bro. Ingram has here opened a capacious room for Balls and other entertainments; the services of the Brothers Raynor have been secured, while the musical arrangements have been entrusted to Bro. Thaddeus Wells. At the Theatre Royal Miss Kate Santley, with a talented company, has been the attraction. The entertainments at the Hall by the Sea, under the direction of Bro. Geo. Sanger, have also been well attended, while the menagerie has given special amusement to a large number of the smaller fry. Taken altogether, the visitors to Margate this year will find plenty to amuse and attract them.

The Revised Book of Constitutions: Critically Considered and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps. One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

THE LATE BRO. E. AUSTIN.

LOCAL literature, and particularly the branch of it which is associated with journalism, has sustained a loss which will be widely and deeply regretted by the death, on 25th July, under painfully sudden circumstances, of Bro. Ebenezer Austin, the proprietor and editor of the *Clifton Chronicle*. The deceased gentleman, who was in his sixty-sixth year, had enjoyed, through the greatest part of his life, a robust state of health. Some months ago, however, he was attacked by an illness which betrayed symptoms of heart disease, and led his medical attendant to fear that his life was a precarious one, and that his death might ensue at any moment. The treatment to which he was subjected appeared so much to restore his health that the more sanguine among his friends began to hope that the mischief was not so deeply seated as had been feared. He came into the city on Wednesday, apparently in his usual health, and transacted a few matters of business, and on Thursday evening he was engaged in a business interview with the Rev. Canon Percival, during which he betrayed no symptoms of illness. Between eight and nine o'clock yesterday morning he was in the act of dressing, with a view to going to some engagements, when he was suddenly seized. Medical aid was promptly summoned, and Dr. Marshall, his usual attendant, being from home, Dr. Beddoe attended with all possible speed, but before he could arrive Bro. Austin had fallen back in his chair, and tranquilly expired. Although his death in this sudden manner may be said to have been foreshadowed, it came with a terrible shock at last, and the sensation produced yesterday in the many circles in which he was known was one of intense sorrow and profound regret.

Not only in his professional career, but amongst a very large circle of personal friends, the deceased gentleman was highly esteemed for his kind-heartedness and unfailing geniality, and some three years ago his friends and colleagues of the press celebrated his fiftieth year of journalism by inviting him to a banquet in Clifton, at which they presented him with an address as a mark of their appreciation of the ability, energy, and integrity by which he had always been distinguished in his literary career, as well as of his personal worth and kindly characteristics. He was born in October 1818, at Bath. His elder brother, the Rev. Thomas Ralph Austin, D.D., died a few months ago in America, and he leaves another brother, Mr. J. Battle Austin, of Leigh Woods; and an elder sister, Mrs. Hugh Massey, of Chester. His parents lived at Hackney, and his father, who possessed considerable literary attainments, was engaged for a time on the editorial staff of the *Bath Chronicle*, and subsequently on that of the *Bath and Cheltenham Gazette*. Deceased, who was left an orphan in 1830, was apprenticed in the following year to Mr. George Wood, proprietor of the *Bath and Cheltenham Gazette*, and he contributed his first report to that paper on 14th June 1836. After an early reporting career, whose success won repeated acknowledgment from the highest quarters, he, in 1848, became the official shorthand writer to the Bristol District Court of Bankruptcy, the proceedings of which he for many years reported, first for the weekly and subsequently for the Bristol daily papers. He was also a well-known attendant as shorthand writer and reporter at the Somerset Assizes. In August 1855, he succeeded the late Mr. William Matthews as Bristol correspondent of the *Times*, a position which he had held ever since, and latterly in conjunction with his son, Mr. Alfred Austin. In April 1864, the *Clifton Chronicle*, which he had edited for many years, passed into his hands, and he has continued to edit it from that time. In 1861, in conjunction with some friends, and a few other members of the Bristol press, including Mr. Joseph Hatton, who was then a member of the editorial staff of the *Bristol Mirror*, deceased materially helped to start the Bristol Histrionic Club for the purpose of giving amateur performances for charitable purposes. He had the honour of being elected, in March 1862, the first president of the newly-established club, and for many years he not only took a most active part in its proceedings, but there was seldom a public performance without his writing an original address for it. He also wrote for it a dramatic rendering of the trial scene from Dickens's "Pickwick Papers." In connection with the Histrionic Club he took a lively interest in a series of performances on behalf of the National Lifeboat Institution, for which no less than £150 was raised, and by this means was procured the "Bristol and Clifton" Lifeboat, since stationed at Lossiemouth (N.B.), and from that time the club has, we believe, every year contributed £50 for the maintenance of the boat at that station. From no inconsiderable amount of fugitive matter contributed to the newspapers with which he had been connected, the deceased gathered and published a series of sketches which originally appeared in the *Clifton Chronicle* as "Stray Leaves from the Notebook of a Provincial Reporter." These were reprinted, and, with some additions in 1872, were published in a small volume entitled "Anecdotage." He was remarkably punctilious in the matter of quotations, in which he was considered more than an ordinary authority, his memory being most retentive down to the last. His wife died just seven months ago. He leaves one son (Mr. Alfred Austin), who was his partner, one married and two unmarried daughters, and an adopted niece. The late Mr. Austin as a Freemason was a member of Colston Lodge, No. 610, Bristol.—*Bristol Mercury, Saturday, 26th July.*

Bro. T. L. Jefferson, whose death occurred recently, left a bequest of 5000 dollars to the Masonic Home, of Louisville, Kentucky, and 1000 dollars to the Lodge of which he was a member.

Bro. Alfred Abrahams, of Lodge of Israel, No. 205, has recently taken possession of the King's Head Hotel, High-street, Margate, heretofore in the occupation of Bro. Clubb P.M. Bro. Abrahams intends to hold a Lodge of Instruction here; also a Chapter of Improvement.

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PRE-UNION CHAPLAINS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Several months ago I stated in your paper that the Grand Lodge of England had no Chaplain before 1313. But before my article reached you, I informed Bro. Sadler that I had made a mistake, and gave the following reasons, which misled me. First, when I copied, some years ago, the list of all the Officers from 1717 to 1791, from Northouck's Constitution, I found no Chaplain in the said list. Second, several publications of 1762 and later distinctly state that the Lodges subject to the Grand Lodge of 1717 used no prayers in their ceremonies. Third, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had no Chaplain before 1797, and I will here add that the Edinburgh Lodge had no Chaplain before 1798. However, it is certain that the G.L. of England appointed Dr. Dodd G. Chaplain in 1775. Northouck even intimates that the Grand Lodge had a Chaplain before 1775, but whether his statement is correct, I know not. Perhaps Bro. Sadler, or some other brother, will be kind enough to inform you about it. How often the Grand Lodge had a Chaplain after Dr. Dodd lost his office has never, I believe, appeared in print. I have, therefore, copied from Northouck's Constitution of 1784, and from the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, up to 12th May 1813, every Grand Lodge meeting when a Chaplain attended. In order to simplify it, I shall give the year, the name of the Chaplain, and the number of times he attended in each year. Dr. Dodd was appointed 1st May 1775, and up to 3rd June

1776.	Dr. Dodd attended	4 times
1781.	Dr. Sydney Sweeney attended	2 ,,
1782.	Rev. William Peters G.P.P.* attended	2 ,,
1787.	Rev. H. A. Eccles attended	2 ,,
,,	Rev. W. Peters G.P.P. attended	1 ,,
1789.	Rev W. A. Eccles attended	1 ,,
1790.	,, ,, ,,	1 ,,
1791.	,, ,, ,,	1 ,,
1792.	,, ,, ,,	3 ,,
1793.	,, ,, ,,	2 ,,
1794.	,, ,, ,,	1 ,,
1795.	,, ,, ,,	1 ,,
1797.	,, ,, ,,	1 ,,
1799.	,, ,, ,,	2 ,,
1800.	,, ,, ,,	2 ,,
1802.	Rev. Dr. Coghlan ,,	2 ,,
1803.	,, ,, ,,	2 ,,
2804.	,, ,, ,,	3 ,,
1805.	,, ,, ,,	4 ,,
1806.	,, ,, ,,	3 ,,
1807.	,, ,, ,,	3 ,,
1808.	,, ,, ,,	4 ,,
1809.	,, ,, ,,	1 ,,
1810.	Rev. Thomas Vialls P.G.M. for Radnorshire attended	1 ,,
,,	,, Coghlan ,,	1 ,,
1811.	,, ,, ,,	1 ,,
1812.	,, ,, ,,	4 ,,
1813.	,, ,, ,, up to 12th May	3 ,,
	Sum total	58 ,,

Assuming that between 1st May 1775 and 12th May 1813 the Grand Lodge held only four meetings a year, then, during that period, it must have met at least 153 times. Out of the thirty-eight years, for

12 years the Grand Lodge had no Chaplain at all. For
9 years the Chaplain attended but once a year. For
8 years the Chaplain attended but twice a year. For
5 years the Chaplain attended but three times a year. And for
4 years the Chaplain attended but four times a year.

Or, in other words, out of 153 meetings of the Grand Lodge between 1775 and 1813, a Chaplain attended 58 times. I believe my figures are correct; but, if not, I shall be obliged to Bro. Sadler if he will correct me. I am very sorry that I cannot furnish similar information about the Grand Lodge of the Ancients. But I hope either yourself, or Bro. Sadler, will take the trouble to supply it.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 11th July 1884.

* Can any one inform me the meaning of "G.P.P."?

[We believe the initial letters mean Grand Portrait Painter.—ED. F.C.]

The Hon. Sir J. Burford Hancock, Chief Justice of Gibraltar, has been appointed Provincial Grand Mark Master of Gibraltar. He will be installed in his office in the course of next month.

The meetings of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, have been adjourned, for the usual summer vacation, until Friday, 19th September.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF "A DEFENCE OF MASONRY, PUBLISHED A.D. 1730."

We have great pleasure in reproducing the following interesting communication from Bro. R. Freke Gould, Author of "The Four Old Lodges," &c. &c.:—

To the Editor of the Keystone.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I send you a few lines, trusting by the notice of a small puzzle in Masonic archæology, to make some slight amends for a protracted silence, which your kindness in heaping favours upon me renders even less excusable. The point I wish to refer to is the following:—"A Defence of Masonry" was printed, as we know, with the Constitutions of 1738. This, according to the title or caption, was "publish'd A.D. 1730." Now, has any brother seen a copy of the "Defence," of earlier date than 1738? I have not myself, though I have examined the newspapers of 1730 with some care and attention. Next, who wrote it? It is utterly unlike anything published by Anderson under his own name, and the letter from "Euclid," which follows it in the Constitutions, unless inserted for purposes of mystification, is quite inconsistent with the theory of the editor having written the essay. Euclid begins:—"Bro. Anderson, after thanks for printing the clever DEFENCE" (I follow the typographical arrangement of the original), and alluding to the "unbiassed *author*" says, "Tho' had he been a *Free-mason*," &c., &c. The Constitutions of 1738 were dedicated to Frederick Prince of Wales, who was initiated by Desaguliers in 1737. The learned natural philosopher is also one of the persons to whom the authorship of the *pamphlet* has been ascribed. But not to say that no pamphlet has yet come to light—at least I believe not—is there a show of evidence forthcoming, which will show us anything *known* to have been written by Desaguliers, expressed in a similar style, and garnished with like references to the ancient learning? Now, could the author have been Warburton? He was one of the Prince's Chaplains. The first volume of the "Divine Legation," which contains his examination of the sixth book of Virgil's "Æneid," was published in January 1737-8. Here occurs our first difficulty. If the "Defence" was really printed in 1730, either Warburton wrote it, or he borrowed the ideas of *somebody else*, when he composed his dissertation on the Mysteries (1737-8). But this is almost impossible. All the evidence tends to prove that in the view Warburton took of the purport of the sixth book of the "Æneid," he was considered by the learned world to have struck out for himself an entirely *new* path. The possibility of the "Defence" having been written *after* the publication of the first volume of the "Divine Legation," will next suggest itself, in which case the date, 1730, must be read 1737. The full title of tract, as given in the "Constitutions," is: "A Defence of Masonry. Published A.D. 1730. Occasioned by a *Pamphlet* called *Masonry Dissected*." And I think we may assume that the words "publish'd A.D. 1730." refer really to Prichard's "Exposure," and should properly terminate the sentence. Upon this supposition the "Defence" may have proceeded from the pen of Warburton, who, in a sermon printed in June 1738, is described as Chaplain to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, whilst the "Constitutions," as we learn from Anderson's preface, were not published until November; or, of course, his ingenious hypothesis, as made known in the "Divine Legation," Book II., Section IV., may have been seized upon and adapted to the purposes of the "Defence," by an unknown hand. Regarding, as I do, the authorship of the "Defence of Masonry," as one of those subsidiary puzzles encountered in Masonic investigation, which are worthy of examination by "curious readers," I have ventured on the preceding remarks in the hope that the subject may be deemed worthy of more critical inquiry than the limits of a communication like the present will admit of.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

ON 11th June, the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia held a semi-annual Convocation. But little business was transacted. One important measure, however, was adopted, viz.: the following change was made in the Grand Constitution: "When a brother has been elected to receive the degrees, and an objection is entered against him, said objection shall be held to have the same effect as if a blackball had been cast against him, unless said objection shall be withdrawn; and if, after one or more of the degrees shall have been conferred upon him, and an objection shall be entered against his further advancement, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated Convocation (unless further time be given) report thereon, and upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degrees in the same manner as if no objection had been made."

The Grand Lodge of this District adopted a similar law in respect to objections made to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason.

The reasons for this law will be found in the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge (in Annual Proceedings for 1883, pp. 36-38), consisting of Past Grand Masters Robert B. Donaldson, E. G. Davis, and Noble D. Larner; based upon a well-recognised principle, that a Mason when made and received within our Fraternity is entitled to consideration, more than a profane. He has some *Masonic* rights which are bound to be recognised by the Fraternity, and if any Mason has a *valid* objection to the advancement of a brother, he should have no good reason for withholding it from a proper committee; who would, most assuredly, after proper investigation and a confirmation of such reasons, so report and be

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sustained by the Lodge. This was done to prevent the too often repeated objections of spiteful Craftsmen in our midst against good and valuable material which has been laid upon the scaffolds of our Temple, and which said objectors only desire to have "kicked over among the rubbish." Almost every Lodge is *cursed* by some of such fellows, who delight in keeping out good men against whom they have "run foul" and been "hurt."

The 22nd June being Sunday, and so near the natal day of "John Baptist," the brethren of Stansbury Lodge, No. 24, of this jurisdiction, determined to revive the good old Masonic custom of celebrating that day by attending church, and listening to a sermon. Stansbury Lodge holds its communication at Brightwood, a "hamlet" about three and a half miles north of Washington City, and within the boundary lines of this District. Not very far from Brightwood, and immediately adjacent to the grounds of the "Soldier's Home," is the Rock Creek Cemetery; and within the grounds of that cemetery is the old historic Rock Creek Church situated on the "*summit of a delicious slope.*" At this church, on 22nd June, Stansbury Lodge assembled in goodly number of her own membership, with the Most Worshipful Grand Master Myron M. Parker and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary W. R. Singleton, of the Grand Lodge, and Most Excellent Grand High Priest Burton R. Ross, of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, with a large number of brethren from various other Lodges in the city. The services were conducted by the rector of the church, Brother the Rev. J. B. Buck, assisted by Brother the Rev. Dr. William A. Harris 33, lately rector of St. Andrew's Church in Washington, and formerly the rector of Rock Creek Church. The sermon was on the subject of John the Baptist, and although quite short was an excellent exposition of the character of that celebrated forerunner of the Divine Master. The Lodge was in charge of its Officers:—Bros. F. G. Alexander Worshipful Master, T. M. F. Dowling Senior Warden, William E. Nally Past Master and Junior Warden, B. D. Carpenter Past Master and Secretary, and G. W. Balloch P.M. Past Junior Grand Warden Treasurer. A select number of brethren of fine musical talent and cultivation, from the city Lodges, assisted several of the members of the Lodge in rendering the sacred music of the Episcopal Service. Rock Creek Church is the oldest church building in the district of Columbia, and also of this part of Maryland. General Washington, when President and residing in Washington, attended this church.

The church had been beautifully dressed with flowers; particularly the chancel, in the middle of which, in front, was a magnificent "flower cross," quite three feet in height, and its base surrounded with flowers. This reminded us of Hood in his Ode to Rae Wilson:—

"Hard by the wayside I found a cross,
That made me breathe a prayer upon the spot,
While nature of herself, as if to trace
The emblem's use, had trailed around its base
The blue significant 'forget-me-not.'
Methought the claims of CHARITY to urge
More forcibly, along with FAITH and HOPE,
The pious choice had pitched upon the verge
Of a delicious slope,
Giving the eye much variegated scope;
Look round, it whispered, on that prospect rare,
Those vales so verdant, and those hills so blue!
Enjoy the sunny world so fresh and fair,
But—(how the simple legend pierced me through!)
"*Priez pour les Malheurieux*—pray for the unfortunate."

The three principal rounds of Jacob's ladder, mentioned in this ode so very beautifully and gracefully, come in very appropriately for this Masonic occasion; but the most striking allusion is in the "forget-me-not," which flower should be remembered by all present, particularly by the Masons, who will bear in mind their *first* "Patron;" as in the origin of Masonry in Europe John the Baptist was their first Patron; and to complete the "lines parallel" John the Evangelist was sometime thereafter added; and the winter Solstitial festival became such to Masons to be matched with the other. The baptismal font was also beautifully adorned with flowers.

Of all the beautiful objects of creation, the ALMIGHTY has not made any more beautiful than flowers; nor is there anything more enjoyed by the cultivated, than those delicious blessings when so gracefully and tastefully offered in the house of the ALMIGHTY GIVER of them. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these;" and thus the thought occurred to us as we there enjoyed, not only the solemn worship and interesting services of the sanctuary, but our hearts went up in grateful thankfulness, and our eyes were delighted with the exquisite play and mingling of the brilliant colours and the manifold kaleidoscopes presented in the various groups of flowers and graceful foliations. The air was deliciously pervaded with the mingled perfumes distilled from these laboratories of nature, which ascended as incense from grateful hearts to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, the Giver of every good and perfect blessing.

Truly it is good to praise the LORD, for His mercy endureth for ever. Amen and Amen!—*Voice of Masonry.*

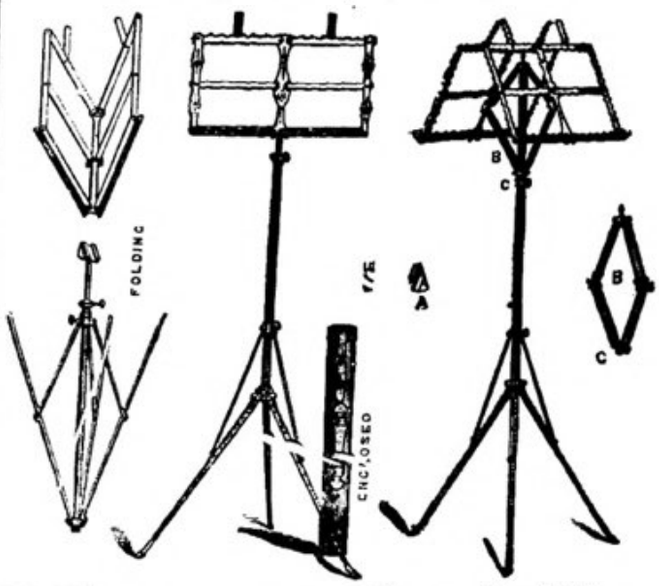
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The first published account of the public laying of a corner-stone in this country, of which we at present have any knowledge, was that of the laying of the corner-stone of the capitol of the United States, 18th Sept. 1793, by Washington, acting as Grand Master *pro tem:* and who was also at the time President of the United States. The account describes it as "one of the grandest Masonic processions which ever took place in the United States;" from which we infer it was not the first.—*Sunday Times*, New York.

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By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

OFFICE:—8a Red Lion Square, London, W.C.
15th July 1884.

BUSINESS.—Open Grand Lodge in form. Proposed by M.W. Bro. Canon PORTAL, M.A., P.G.M.M.M.—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted to 'The Hughan Testimonial Fund.'" General Business. Close Grand Lodge.

A Banquet will take place at 5:30 o'clock precisely, at the Rougemont Hotel. Tickets 5 - each (exclusive of Wine).

N.B.—To facilitate the arrangements for the comfort of the Brethren attending the Banquet, application for Tickets must be made not later than Saturday, 2nd August, to W. Bro. G. F. Gratwicke, Provincial Grand Secretary, Raleigh Lodge, St. Thomas, Exeter.

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By command of the Prov. G. Master,

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12th July 1884.

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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 August next, at six o'clock in the evening.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th April, to the 15th July 1884, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Balance Grand Chapter - -	1458	8	9	Disbursements during the quarter -	212	12	8
,, Unappropriated Account -	205	3	4	Balance - -	1653	16	1
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which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Companions Charles Gore Ring as Z, William Foster Rooke as H, the Rev. Adolphus Frederick Alexander Woodford as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Greta Lodge, No. 1073, Keswick, to be called the Greta Chapter, and to meet at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick, Cumberland.

2nd. From Companions Barnet Nicholls as Z, Carl Otto Kopp as H, Rodham Home Cook as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ionic Lodge of Amoy, No. 1781, Amoy, to be called the Amoy Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Amoy, China.

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

The Committee further recommend to Grand Chapter that the following Companions be appointed a Committee to revise the Royal Arch Regulations and assimilate the same so far as practicable with the revised Edition of the Book of Constitutions of the Craft, viz.:—E. Comp. Lt.-Col. John Creaton, Thomas Fenn, Robert Gray, Edward Letchworth, John Sampson Peirce.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G. Pr. Soj.
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th July 1884.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, Comp. Dean M.E.Z., Hall H., Knight J., Radcliffe S.W., Shaw P.S. The various duties devolving on each officer were sustained in a most perfect manner.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE Annual Communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, under the banner of the Derwent Lodge, No. 282, at Workington. In the absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Bro. Lieut.-Colonel F. R. Sewell, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by a large body of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Maryport, under the banner of Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's statement of accounts were passed as read; they showed a good balance to the credit of the Province, and Bro. James Gardiner was again, by a unanimous vote, elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Wm. Court P.M. 60	Prov. G. Senior Warden
Richard Robinson P.M. 229 .	Prov. G. Junior Warden
James C. Mason P.M. 60 ...	Prov. G. Master Overseer
Henry Peacock W.M. 229 ...	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
J. W. Robinson P.M. 151 ...	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. E. M. Rice W.M. 282 ...	Prov. G. Chaplain
J. Gardiner P.M. 151 (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treasurer
J. A. Salkeld P.M. 282	Prov. G. Reg. of Marks
G. Dalrymple P.M. 216 (re-apointed)	Prov. G. Secretary
Richard Wilson W.M. 216 ...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
Thomas Atkinson W.M. 213 ...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
J. H. Raven W.M. 151 ...	Prov. G. Inspect. of Works
David Bell S.W. 216	Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies
Thomas Mason 229	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
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F. T. Allatt Secretary 216 ...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
James Cooper Organist 282	Prov. G. Organist
J. H. Hartley S.W. 282	Prov. G. Inner Guard
Albert Bunyan J.W. 60 ...	Prov. G. Stewards
John Rothery S W. 213 ...	
W. Shilton J.W. 229	
W. Wagg Tyler 282	Prov. G. Tyler

It being the year for this Province to nominate a brother to the M.W. G.M.M. for the appointment as Grand...

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Steward, Bro. Edward Tyson P.M. 213 P.P.G.J.W. was, without a dissenting voice, nominated for the high distinction, which he justly merits. The following brethren were appointed to serve on the Committee of General Purposes: Bros. J. Nicholson, P. De E. Collins, E. Tyson, and T. Dixon. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Dewar Fund.

The Provincial Grand Secretary then moved as follows: "That a Provincial Grand Lodge Fund be established for the purpose of granting relief to brethren of this Province who may have fallen into distress or difficulty, or who may have become disabled by accident, old age, or infirmity; and for assisting indigent widows or children of brethren of this Province, and other charitable purposes, exclusively of a Masonic character, in order to maintain the honour and dignity of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and that the sum of £30 be placed as a nucleus from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds to form the same, and a surplus only over that amount to be available for purposes as herein mentioned."

Several brethren expressed themselves as highly favourable to the scheme, and it was carried by unanimous vote.

There being nothing further, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, served by mine host and hostess of the Central Hotel, and presided over by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, supported by the Grand Officers. The usual Loyal and Mark toasts were given and responded to, and with the Tyler's toast ended one of the most agreeable Provincial Grand Mark meetings ever held in "canny Cumberland."

A moveable Grand Mark Lodge will be held at the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, on Wednesday next, the 6th inst., at 4 p.m., when, among other matters, it will be proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted to "The Hughan Testimonial Fund." A banquet will take place at 5.30 at the Rougemont Hotel. Both the Great Western and the South Western Railways offer return tickets at a fare and a quarter from any of their stations, on production of Masonic Clothing to the Booking Clerk, a system of "Masonic sign" which is becoming general under such circumstances.

YORK LODGE (T.I.)

AT the regular quarterly meeting of this Lodge, held on the 15th ult., Bro. M. Millington in the chair, a Chaplain's jewel was presented to the Lodge by Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. Deputy Prov. G.M.M.M. of West Yorkshire. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., a guinea was voted to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and on the motion of the W.M. a guinea was voted to the Dewar Fund. Two candidates were proposed, and there being no other business the Lodge proceeded to instruction, and the ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, the chair being assumed by Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M. G.J.O. After the close of Lodge the members met at refreshment.

CONSECRATION OF THE WHARTON LODGE, No. 2045.

THE Wharton Lodge, No. 2045, was consecrated on the 29th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Willesden, by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, who was assisted by Bro. Frederick Davison G.A.D. as Senior Warden, Bro. George Lambert P.G.S.B. as Junior Warden, V.W. Bro. Ambrose Hall P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, and Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D. of C. A large number of brethren were present, and after the Lodge had been opened in the three degrees, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke announced the granting of the warrant by the M.W. the Grand Master, and congratulated the founders on the success of their efforts. Bro. Frank Richardson then ranged the petitioners in due form, and read the warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of England, whereupon the Consecrating Officer inquired whether the petitioners approved of the Officers named in the warrant, and having been answered in the affirmative, called upon the Chaplain, Bro. Ambrose Hall, to deliver the oration. At the close of the oration, the acting W.M., assisted by his Officers, performed the ceremony of consecration. The ceremony of installing Bro. William Side P.M. 1507 as W.M. was then proceeded with, being rendered most impressively by the Grand Secretary, and it is due to all concerned to say that the work throughout was very ably performed. The W.M. then appointed his Officers, and Bro. the Rev. J. C. Wharton, vicar of Willesden, P.M. 375, was elected Treasurer. A banquet afterwards took place, at which the Worshipful Master presided.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. D. ALLCROFT, PAST GRAND TREASURER.

HIS Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, who is President of Christ's Hospital, presided on Thursday, 24th ult., at a very pleasing ceremonial, namely, the presentation to Bro. J. D. Allcroft, the treasurer, of a portrait by Mr. Hubert Herkomer, A.R.A., and a very fine group in silver. A large number of ladies and gentlemen, governors of the hospital, were present in the court-room, amongst whom were:—Mr. J. Derby Allcroft (treasurer), Alderman Sir T. Dakin, Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, Mr. Alderman Staples, the Rev. Sir E. Graham Moon, Bart., the Rev. H. G. Watkins, the Rev. J. Dunlap Dunlap, Sir J. Tyler, Mrs. J. Long, Miss Long, Miss Walters, Mr. C. Inglis, M.D., Mr. C. Ansted, Mr. W. W. Landell, Mr. C. N. Wilkinson, Mr. C. W. C. Hutton, Mr. W. Hine Haycock, Mr. A. Powell, Mr. J. Long, Mr. W. W. Fuller, Mr. H. P. Gilbey, Mr. P. Ralli, M.P., Mr. B. A. Wilcox, Mr. W. C. Dalrymple, Mr. J. P. Gassiot, Mr. H. P. Leschallas, Mr. T. J. Reeves, Mr. R. Lodge, Mr. J. H. Clutton, Mr. E. R. Goodrich, Mr. H. R. Everington, Mr. M. H. Stone, Mr. C. H. Silverside, Mr. Deputy Fisher, Mr. H. Lainson, Mr. J. R. Worcester, Mr. Dipnall, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. C. Ravenhill, Mr. H. Withers, Mr. Deputy Arnold, Mr. H. Maudslay, Mr. J. Morris (receiver), and Mr. Dipnall (clerk). The Duke of Cambridge said it was his pleasing duty in the name of the Governors and Subscribers to ask Mr. Allcroft's acceptance of the picture they saw on the wall before them, and the additional piece of plate to which the surplus amount received had been applied. He really had not felt that there was any necessity to go very deeply into the question of the worth of their Treasurer. He was so thoroughly appreciated and known to every member of the Court, and by everybody connected with the hospital, that it would be useless for him to attempt to describe the sentiments they all entertained with regard to him. Going beyond their own walls, and looking around them at other institutions, for instance, that next to them—St. Bartholomew's Hospital as well as St. Thomas's Hospital—they would find the name of their Treasurer upon the list of Governors of those two great charities. He would also remind them that he was one of the Treasurers of the Sons of the Clergy. He only mentioned these points that he might have an opportunity of saying that the good work that their Treasurer performed was not entirely confined to their own body, but that it lent its beneficial influence to the assistance of various other good institutions, proving yet more fully his large-heartedness, and the feeling of generosity towards the human race which actuated him and he was a man beyond all others who was qualified in every way to undertake such work as that in which he was engaged, and in which the Governors of Christ's Hospital had had the advantage of meeting him. There was no one had had a larger share in arriving at the conclusion that he was the fittest man they could find for the office of Treasurer than their friend the worthy Alderman, Sir S. B. Phillips, who, together with Mr. Whitbread and Mr. Helps, acted as a committee at the time of his appointment. He (the Duke of Cambridge) remembered at the time going to Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, and saying he thought they had found a man who would take the place of the former Treasurer, and how thoroughly this had been true as regarded their friend Mr. Allcroft all present knew. He (the Duke of Cambridge) thought it must have satisfied his friend, Alderman Sir S. B. Phillips, to see this day arrive when the whole body of governors so thoroughly appreciated the intelligence with which he had brought to their notice their friend, Mr. Allcroft, and how entirely he had been justified in his recommendation. He was sure also it would be very gratifying to Mr. Allcroft to see that this distinction was paid to him in the presence of his old friend, Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, and the numerous other ladies and gentlemen who were present to-day. He (the Duke of Cambridge) took this opportunity of saying that institutions such as that in which they were interested were of immense value and importance to this great land. It had become the fashion to a certain extent now-a-days, alas! to look down upon such institutions, he did not know why. Theirs was a very old country, and it had become very great, and they had become a very great nation, and he could not help thinking that all these kind of institutions had done much towards bringing this great nation to the proud position to which it had attained. He would remind them that they had had an opportunity of judging of the ability and talent of their friend Mr. Allcroft, in managing the institution for 11 years. He himself had had the honour of presiding at this board for 30 years, and he could only say that the respective treasurers he had had to meet, whether it was Mr. Pigeon, Mr. Gilpin, or Mr. White, or the committee of which his worthy friend, Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, was a member, or Mr. Allcroft, each and all had devoted the whole of their talent and an immense amount of anxiety to the interests of the institution, and had supported the president in a manner for which he would ever feel most deeply grateful. In conclusion he could only beg Mr. Allcroft, on his own part and on the part of the body of ladies and gentlemen, the governors, to accept these testimonials as a mark of the feelings of respect which they entertained for him personally, or for the valuable assistance he had given in the management of this great institution.

Mr. Dipnall then opened the oak cabinet, which contained the piece of plate, which he then handed to Mr. Allcroft amidst loud cheering.

The Duke of Cambridge said there still remained the picture. He could not hand that to Mr. Allcroft—it had been handed to the institution, but they were very proud indeed to ask his acceptance of the piece of plate. He then read the inscription upon the testimonial as follows: "Presented to John Derby Allcroft by H.R.H. the President and other Governors of Christ's Hospital, on the occasion of his portrait (presented by subscription) being placed in the court room of the hospital, in recognition of his zealous and able services as Treasurer. 24th July, 1884."

Mr. Allcroft, who was received with loud cheers, said he would like just simply to express as far as he could his thanks for the shape which they had given to their good wishes with respect to himself,

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With respect to the portrait he hoped that whilst hanging upon these walls it would not lead to any reflections afterwards as to the kindly words that had been used to-day. So long as it might please the governors to continue him in the office of Treasurer he trusted he would still continue to merit and receive their warm approbation and support. To His Royal Highness he begged to offer his special thanks for the uniform courtesy and very gracious condescension with which he had always received him and listened to anything he had to say. He felt that acting under His Royal Highness as President of the hospital he had had an example before him of devotedness to the interests of the school which he had never yet felt equal to following; but he had endeavoured to the best of his ability, and in his own position, to carry out the same principles. He had been Treasurer of the hospital for eleven years, and this had given him the opportunity, amongst other things, of making very sincere and warm friendships amongst the Governors. It had also given him a great amount of interest to occupy the time, which, in God's providence, had been left at his disposal apart from his business. There was, however, one drawback which had made itself felt during his eleven years of office, to which he would refer, and that was whilst when he came into office the estates of the hospital had been increasing in value, during the latter part of that period the reverse had been the case. Rents had been going down, and arrears had been accumulating, and, so far as their income was concerned, had they been dependent entirely upon their estates, they would have been in an awkward predicament. There was fortunately, however, another side of the question, and that was that the town property of the hospital had increased in value with about equal rapidity, and that thus the deficiency had been made up, so that in taking the balance they were in as good a position as before. In one respect, the hospital was very much to be congratulated. He happened the other day to have put into his hands a speech which had been made at a gathering in connection with the hospital, in the year 1738, in which he read that they had then about the same number of children as at present—that is, 1180—who were then at Hertford, Ware, and London. It was there stated that the number of deaths during the year had amounted to 13. They had fortunately no longer to regret such a state of things, owing doubtless to the better sanitary arrangements of modern days, and to the care exercised by their medical officers. When the subject of the testimonial had been first mentioned to him, the thought that had crossed his mind was, "Is this a hint that I have been Treasurer long enough?" and he had had to consider that question, but he did not believe that anything of the kind had been intended. Had he thought so he would have been most content to place himself in the hands of the governors, but so long as health and strength were given to him he was prepared to devote a little more time to the school. One especial reason why he would not like to give up the duties of Treasurer at the present time was the fact that in the coming year he was told they were to have a new school. This had modified his intentions, and he had determined for the present, subject to the approval of the governors, to continue his efforts, which, from what His Royal Highness had been kind enough to say, they had thought to be successful. His endeavour had been to continue the school and the property and the condition of every thing connected with the hospital in its prosperous state, and he had always had in his mind the wish so to act that he could feel he was acting for Him whose name the hospital bore. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips proposed a resolution, which he was sure would be consonant with the feelings and opinions of the Governors, both present and absent. This was that the thanks of the Committee and of the Governors be tendered to his Royal Highness, the President, for the very kind, generous, and admirable manner in which he had made his presentation. If anything could add to the pleasure which must have been felt by their excellent friend, Bro. Allcroft, at receiving the testimonial, it was that the presentation was made by his Royal Highness the President. He (the Alderman) thought he might venture to say that it was a source of great pleasure that his health had permitted him to be present upon this impressive occasion. The Rev. Sir E. G. Moon, Bart., as Vice President and Chairman of the Committee, seconded the vote of thanks. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips put the motion, which was carried with acclamation. The Duke of Cambridge in responding, remarked on the kindly feeling of reciprocity which had always existed between the Governors and himself. He assured them he had a great feeling of attachment to every one of the Governors of the Hospital because they were Governors of the Hospital. As long as God enabled him to continue at the head of the Institution, he trusted he might have the valuable assistance and advice of the present Treasurer. He had never known one more faithful, zealous and conscientious than Mr. Allcroft. The testimonial, which had been provided by the individual subscriptions of the Governors, and quite apart from the funds of the Hospital, consisted, as already stated, of a three-quarter length portrait of the Treasurer, painted by Mr. Hubert Herkomer, A.R.A. This is an admirable likeness, and, coming from such an artist, it is superfluous to say it is painted with great skill and power. Mr. Allcroft is represented seated in an arm chair, looking straight in front of the picture. It is intended to send the portrait to the next Royal Academy Exhibition. The piece of plate consists in the first place of a base of polished ebony, measuring 15 inches by 14 inches. Upon this rises a polished silver pediment, upon which is reproduced the pinnacles outside the gates of the hospital, and each angle is one of the turrets. Upon the front is the coat of arms of the hospital, and at the back the coat of arms of Mr. Allcroft. Upon this three steps lead to a plinth, upon which stands a figure in frosted silver of Edward VI., the founder, whilst on each side are figures of a boy and girl in the ancient costume—which is still worn, so far as the boys are concerned—of the children of the hospital. Upon three sides of the plinths are bas reliefs of the dining hall, the writing school, and the grammar school, and upon the other is the inscription. The whole forms a very beautiful work of art, and reflects great credit upon the designers.—*City Press.*

FREEMASONS IN AMERICA.

THE following are Bro. Josiah H. Drummond's Masonic statistics for 1884, gathered from the latest Grand Lodge Proceedings:—

Grand Lodges.	Members.	Raised.
Alabama	7,878	380
Arizona	355	44
Arkansas	10,209	602
British Columbia	293	13
California	13,579	839
Canada	18,442	1,258
Colorado	2,918	276
Connecticut	13,942	508
Dakota	1,533	217
Delaware	1,378	52
District of Columbia	2,904	152
Florida	2,117	162
Georgia	10,355	504
Idaho	438	27
Illinois	44,007	2,233
Indiana	23,700	981
Indian Territory	533	78
Iowa	19,715	1,475
Kansas	11,353	864
Kentucky	15,565	837
Louisiana	4,199	153
Maine	19,650	772
Manitoba	1,092	176
Maryland	4,759	110
Massachusetts	26,583	1,216
Michigan	27,181	1,379
Minnesota	8,065	647
Mississippi	8,897	299
Missouri	24,594	1,122
Montana	939	63
Nebraska	4,417	464
Nevada	1,247	44
New Brunswick	1,961	104
New Hampshire	7,987	303
New Jersey	11,946	546
New Mexico	321	47
New York	70,700	3,682
North Carolina	8,065	310
Nova Scotia	2,801	192
Ohio	31,359	1,818
Oregon	2,981	162
Pennsylvania	35,829	1,881
P. E. Island	454	11
Quebec	2,840	200
Rhode Island	3,654	130
South Carolina	5,201	240
Tennessee	15,434	579
Texas	17,514	998
Utah	468	24
Vermont	7,739	351
Virginia	9,053	—
Washington	1,390	132
West Virginia	3,500	226
Wisconsin	11,903	664
Wyoming	384	80
Total	587,321	30,620

Last year the membership was 579,826, the raised 28,374, showing an increase of 7495, or 10½ per cent. on the membership, and 2246, or almost 8 per cent. on the raised.—*Keystone.*

The annual rifle match between the two teams selected from the members of the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 852, and the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, took place at Rainham, on the 29th ult., and was won somewhat easily by the junior Lodge, led by Corporal N. Green; the South Middlesex team being led by Colour-Sergeant Hobbiss. After the match the two teams returned to town together, the visitors being entertained to supper by their brethren of the London Rifle Brigade, at headquarters, where a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held to-day (Saturday), at the Athenæum, Enfield, under the presidency of R.W. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.S.G.W. of England, the Provincial Grand Master. The agenda of business, which is of the usual routine character, contains a notice of motion by the Prov. G. Master that sums of fifteen guineas each be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. At four o'clock the brethren will proceed to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, where (by the kind permission of the Vicar) a service will be held. A banquet will be served at five o'clock, the fee for which is 8s 6d, exclusive of wine. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our 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, 2nd AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Rottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent

MONDAY, 4th AUGUST.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Buyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
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
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
650—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—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
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1796—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester

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, Prince Street, Hull
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

TUESDAY, 5th AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

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
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
304—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.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
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.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

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, 6th 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—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St., at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
811—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
883—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction).

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
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.)
1083—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clavport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
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1356—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
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1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley

R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 7th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruct
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
117—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
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1674—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, York
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
309—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
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.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

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1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1331—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1382—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1804—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1814—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1860—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1887—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 406—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire

FRIDAY, 8th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1305—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
862—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
897—United, George Hotel Colchester.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 9th AUGUST.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

1627—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

An emergency meeting was held at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday, 28th ult., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Burdett-Coutts; Bros. Spink I.P.M., Baker S.W., J. A. Jones J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Hunt P.M.), Gibson S.D., Montague J.D., P.M. Shand Secretary, Roger Treasurer, Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, H. Baker I.G., C. C. Piper Steward, Walkley Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Spoon P.M. 1420, Wynman 188, Smallpeice P.M. 969, Charles D. Hume 209 742 P.P.G D.C. Berks and Bucks, Perkins 720, W. Lloyd 145, George Grand 172, &c. After preliminaries, Bros. John Hayler, Henry Hambling, Frank B. Wyatt, William E. Wood, and John H. Montague were passed to the second degree; Bros. Wheeler, Browne, Martin, Mainwaring, Dunstan, and Smith, candidates for raising, were examined and entrusted, and afterwards raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Messrs. A. Talbot, Charles Davies, W. G. Holland, John Douglas Dick, and George Dexter, were initiated. All the ceremonies were performed in the most accurate and impressive manner; after other business had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a neat repast. Grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., and accepted by the brethren with enthusiasm. The W.M. responded in a most satisfactory manner. The toast of the evening, that of the Initiates, came next on the list, and best wishes were expressed for their future prosperity. In reply, the Initiates thanked the W.M. for the courtesy shown them. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by all present. Bros. Hume and Smallpeice expressed their admiration at the excellent working of the W.M. in conducting the three degrees; the toast of the P.M.'s was cheerfully greeted, and then the Officers were complimented. The Tyler brought a most pleasant evening to a close. The Lodge now stands adjourned to the second week in October.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on 28th July at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed Street, Paddington, W. Present—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. 77 W.M., F. T. C. Keeble W.M. 1426 S.W., C. E. Botley W.M. 1996 J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 P.Z. Preceptor and Treas., H. Dehane I.P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Sec., J. Stevens P.M. 720 P.Z. S.D., F. Botley J.D., C. S. Mote I.G., W. H. Chalfont I.P.M. 1425 Steward. Past Masters Bros. Geo. Davis P.M. 167 P.Z., Capt. A. Nicols P.M. 1974 P.Z. P.P.G.S. of W. Punjaub, M. S. Spiegel P.M. 188, J. Higgins P.M. 1732 1381 P.Z. Visitors—Bros. P. G. N. Goldney 40 St. John's G.R.C., J. Brotheridge 1649 2021, J. Davis 169, A. Turner 1818. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degree, and resumed to the second. The first and second sections were worked by Bro. Davis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cursons was examined and entrusted; Lodge resumed to third degree when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge closed to the first degree. Bro. P. G. N. Goldney, 40, St. John's Hamilton, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Higgins was elected a member. A vote of thanks to Bro. Andrews was recorded for the admirable manner he had performed the duties of W.M. The Lodge was closed and adjourned until 11th August, when Bro. Chandler will be W.M.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 31st ult., at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Present—Bros. R. T. Stringer W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Pitt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., W. T. Hunt jun. S.D., Coen J.D., Catt I.G. Past Master Bro. J. J. Hutchings (Preceptor), and Bros. Penrose, Lewis, H. C. Freeman, and Emblin. Business—The Lodge was opened, and after confirmation of minutes the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Penrose candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and called off. On resuming, Bro. Stringer vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Hurst, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Catt personating the candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and routine business transacted.

The Summer Entertainment to the annuitants resident in the buildings of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was given at Croydon on Wednesday, when the Secretary of the Institution (Bro. Terry), Mrs. and Miss Terry, the House Committee, and several of the subscribers and friends of the Institution, both ladies and gentlemen, went down by special saloon carriage on the South-Eastern Railway, and assisted in contributing to the enjoyment of the Old People for a few hours. The weather was fine, and the company had an opportunity of strolling in the pretty grounds of the Institution. They also visited the annuitants at their homes before entering on the entertainment in the large hall. As usual, the proceedings, the expense of which is defrayed by subscriptions apart from the funds of the Institution, were very successful. The party broke up shortly after ten o'clock.

A strongly representative meeting of brethren was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the object being to present to Sir John B. Monckton, till lately, and for a period of ten years, President of the Board of General Purposes, a testimonial in recognition of his great services in that capacity. The chair was taken by Bro. Ralph Clutton, Vice-President of the Board, and among those present were Colonel Clerke G. Sec., Sir Albert Woods G.D. of C., Frank Richardson P.G.D., J. L. Mather, &c., &c. The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver punch bowl, accompanied by a suitable address on vellum, beautifully illuminated. We sincerely congratulate Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton on this testimony to his eminent abilities, it being the more significant from the fact of the principal promoters and contributors having been colleagues of the Past President.

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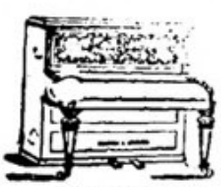
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AN AMERICAN IDEA OF FRATERNITY.

WE are occasionally indebted to our American contemporaries for some spicy illustrations of the strength of their Masonic kindliness of feeling. It seldom happens, however, that we are favoured with such a paragraph as was quoted a short time since from the *Masonic Chronicle* of Ohio. Our readers have no doubt heard ere this of the jealousy which characterises the inter-relations of the American Grand Lodges. If we had never had any evidence of this before, it would have been forthcoming in the denunciations of our Mark Grand Lodge by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, Comp. Graham Past Grand Z. of that Body having particularly distinguished himself by the successful manner in which he fanned the flames of discord. It is of course not strange that where every Grand Lodge appears to be lying in wait to catch every other Grand Lodge tripping, this anxiety to promote discord should be as catching as the measles or other contagious disorder. But, in the gentleness of our heart, we confess to have been somewhat taken aback by the unmitigated insolence of the following excerpt from our aforesaid Ohian contemporary: "The grand work," says this *Masonic Chronicle*, "of showing the feeling held by the American Grand Bodies in regard to the conduct of the G.M.M.M. Lodge of England in the Quebec matter is going bravely on. The Grand Chapters of Connecticut and Vermont have recently declared for non-intercourse. Let the good work go on." It may be our contemporary was hard up for news, and the opportunity served of offering an opinion on some abstruse point of Masonic jurisprudence which it will never have the sense to understand, but only on this or some other, but equally frivolous or objectionable ground, can we understand a Masonic journal chuckling over the extension of those inharmonious relations which unfortunately so often exist between bodies that are supposed to be, above all other bodies, knit together by the ties of brotherhood. We are not just now concerning ourselves about the origin of the difference which has arisen between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Mark Grand Lodge of England. It matters little to our present purpose which of the two disputants is responsible primarily for the outbreak. In our eyes, however, it is a source of the deepest regret that a quarrel should have broken out between two Masonic Supreme Powers, and so far are we from rejoicing over the extension of the quarrel that nothing would give us greater pleasure than to hear it had been determined with the utmost possible credit to both the litigants; unless indeed it were in our power ourselves to resolve the difficulty and restore harmony where we are compelled to say it is so much needed. The *Masonic Chronicle* of Ohio thinks differently, and we all know it is an honourable Masonic journal, inclining itself to one object only, that of promoting goodfellowship among Masons all the world over, so that in time to come it may be able to point with a feeling of pride to yet one more illustration of the loveliness of brethren dwelling together in unity.

It may be that we misunderstand our contemporary, and that he is of the more modern belief that the best way for a man to show his love for his neighbour is to kick him downstairs. It is just possible this *Masonic Chronicle* may labour under the impression that Masonic harmony is most freely promoted by a series of squabbles conducted in exceeding bad taste by pens that have been previously dipped holder-deep in gall. If so, with the Quebec Grand Chapter and the Mark Grand Lodge of England already engaged in a combat *à outrance*, the Grand Chapters of Connecticut and Vermont hurrying up to have their part in the fray, and other Grand Chapters probably waiting only for the signal to discharge the artillery of their venom at the English mark, we seem to be well on the way towards reaching the ultimate stage or degree of beatitude, Comp. Graham, with his gall-engulfed pen as a substitute for a trumpet, doing duty as the archangel of peace, and directing us to our appointed seats in the universal conclave of Masonic Harmony. This is no doubt a very pretty picture, and the ultimate triumph of Masonic principles as thus expounded by the Ohian *Chronicle* will probably console us for any difficulties we may happen to encounter by the way. But, in England, the original home of modern Masonry, we are not quite so sanguine about the efficacy of the American nostrum for attaining universal Masonic harmony. It may be through lack of knowledge or through lack of common sense, or that, as some people are known to be colour-blind, so are we English Masons blind to the beauties of Masonic jurisprudence as interpreted by American experts—it may be owing to these cases, taken singly or conjointly, or to some other cause as yet undiscovered—at all events, we in the old country are not, nor are we ever likely to be, of the opinion that the safest way to promote harmony among the brethren is to set them at loggerheads with one another. We regret sincerely that a difference has arisen between the Supreme Powers that respectively govern the Royal Arch Degree in Quebec and the Mark Degree in England. Still more deeply do we regret that the original sphere of this difference between these two powers has been enlarged, and that it now comprises the Supreme Royal Arch authorities of Connecticut and Vermont. We cannot bring ourselves under any circumstances to consider this extension of the quarrel as "a grand work." Nothing will induce us to say of a quarrel, when the litigants in the field are more numerous than they were originally, the "grand work" of denouncing and excommunicating each other is "going bravely on." Nor do we think it consistent with our duty as Masons to pray that "the good work may go on," that is, that the dimensions of a quarrel, which in the first instance was confined to two bodies, but has since come to include others, may become greater and still greater. Our great anxiety is that the differences may be put an end to as speedily as possible, and if the Quebec Grand Chapter will but intrust itself to the guidance of reason and common sense, instead of permitting itself to be led by the nose by that terrible fire-eater Companion Graham,—at whose utterances we in England all laugh most consumedly, after the manner of good-natured kind-hearted Masons—there is no obstacle to the immediate determination of the difference. We have purposely avoided saying anything about the cause of the dispute, which we know to be of the most absurdly trivial character, but we shall not avoid pointing out that the first in the field to create this hubble bubble was Comp. Graham, armed *cap-à-pie*, with all his honours thick upon him, and ready to crush to atoms with his injurious diatribes any one daring enough to question his exposition of the law and the facts. Comp. Graham's performance may seem, in the estimation of our contemporary, to be a "grand work" and a "good work" and his enlist-

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ment of certain weak-minded sympathisers in Connecticut and Vermont may be a proof that the "grand" and "good" work is "going bravely on." Be it so, only we in England must be excused if we think differently. We are not yet of the opinion that harmony is got out of discord by a fire brand, or that Firebrand Graham is one and the same person with the apostle of universal peace and harmony. Something of this kind may be the American idea of Fraternity; it is not ours in the mother country of Freemasonry.

SYMBOLS.

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Originally they were not designed to represent any moral quality or teach any lesson, but organizations of later date have appropriately adopted them for that purpose. The lesson making them represent the checquered character of life is in perfect keeping with the character of the work. As ordinarily pictured it requires some imaginative power to develop the full force of the lesson, but as seen in its true character it is very easy to see how the originators of the moral teachings of the emblem could use the figure and fact in imprinting such truth. As the figures upon the pavement represent the different phases of human life, at once showing its surroundings of beauty and pleasure, then the scenes of the public conflict of men, so we are taught that it represents the checquered life we are all living. At one time we are surrounded by pleasure and the mind is at ease; then comes the dark storms of adversity or deeply perplexing sorrow settling about us as the storm-cloud settles about the mountain's brow. We are not, in the hour of prosperity, to lose sight of the All-Wise Protector, nor are we in adversity to charge that Being with punishing, but in calmness bear all for the MASTER'S sake, remembering that as the prosperity is the result of our industry so many times the adversity is the result of our inadvertence or some unlooked-for misfortune.

The accustomed Masonic teaching of this symbol corresponds with this thought, the body of the pavement indicating the varied scenes of life, and the border the manifold blessings with which God surrounds us. Webb makes the star in the centre represent the star of Bethlehem. This may have been the true intent of the originator of this part of the emblem, as it is undoubtedly a thing of late date, for while there was a central figure in the ancient pavements, there is no authority to show that it was common to all. This part in the courts was often occupied by a fountain.

Practically human life is an ever-changing scene; but there is no time when we are not surrounded by the wonderful blessings from an Almighty hand, showing that while our lives present many adverse points, there is no time, not even in the very greatest adversities, when we may not be within the call of the Divine ear, to whom all our wants may be made known.

BIBLE.—The Bible is by no means a small part of the symbolism of Masonry. As a book of practical importance it is the most valuable part of Freemasonry, because from it the very foundations of the Institution are taken. It is the guide and light of every true Mason. It is to be deeply regretted that some, perhaps, may take it more in the character of a symbol than in its true light. Almost, if not everything else is a symbol, but the Bible is a practical and faithful guide when its instructions are followed. There are no adversities of life where a corresponding comfort may not be found; no prosperities where counsel is not given; no temptations where an antidote is not presented; no moral or spiritual teaching that is not embraced within its pages. Where there is so much within its pages we cannot afford to award it any second place in Freemasonry. If we are true Masons in every way we will be found searching for its counsels and learning its directions for life.

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SQUARE.—The Square, while a lesser symbol, is also one of great importance in its teaching. Square, for measuring the stone or wood, its symbolism enforces the necessity of true and perfect dealing with our fellows, which, like the Bible, implies conscientious action, inculcating the very highest elements of morality. It embraces not only financial dealings, but all the actions of life wherein any points of honour are involved; embraces the rule of action that "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Dealing squarely with men and strictly following this rule sometimes, in emergencies, involves intricate questions as to what is strictly right; sometimes under given emergencies men are sorely tempted, but an appeal to the faithfully instructed and controlled conscience will lead us to the right. If we meet emergencies where intricate questions or strong temptations are presented, and imaginatively change places with the other party and ask, "If I were he how would I like him to deal with me?" the difficulty will soon be solved and we will know exactly how to deal with the brother. The lesson is not that we are to deal squarely with the brother only, but with all men. It goes into all the actions and elements of life; in commercial dealings; when character is assailed; when an enemy is approaching; when the name of a brother's family is being tarnished by slander; when reputation, character or property is in danger, and in a thousand ways where a true brotherly action is demanded, even if that be the brotherly reproof though we may know that, temporarily, it may sever strong friendships, yet to deal squarely with men we must carry out the teachings of the symbol.

COMPASSES.—The Compasses teach that we are "to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds." While Masonically this is purely emblematic, yet its biblical and moral foundation is just as strong as any other emblem. While it is true that it relates to self yet constructively it applies to many others. To gratify selfish desires we may deprive our dear ones of necessities, and many times entail pain. To deprive self will ensure happiness, comfort and joy to others. The gratification of the desire of conquest in Alexander the Great entailed pain, horror and death upon thousands; to have suppressed that desire would have left nations in the enjoyment of comfort and peace. To gratify desire for drink entails misery upon families; to suppress that desire brings joy and comfort to many households. So in a thousand ways through all the ramifications of human society this thought of the suppression of desire may apply.

Keeping the passions in due bounds applies more intimately to self. The main point of the thought is easily comprehended by all men. Controlling the great passion of men is most essentially conducive to their virtue, and to the peace of their sweetest family tie. Failing to control this is the loss of one of the highest manly virtues or the breaking the tie of love that should be the holiest of human life. But passion means more than this, for there are other passions, though in the main not so important, nor are they

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apt to be continual. The exhibition of anger is unmanly in any one, and is the absence of all spirituality in the Christian. If it does not cause criminations of conscience, as it should, it leaves a deep feeling of sadness or engenders an inexcusable hatred. These, being only a few of the meanings of this symbol, are ample to show the great importance of its teaching.

THE BURNING TAPERS.—While the burning tapers represent the Sun, Moon and Master, yet they may also represent the degrees of influence and character among men. We may be serving for the same purpose and engaged in the same pursuits, but our character and influences are as varied as our talents. The sun and moon are for the purpose of light, but their degrees are vastly different. As they are the leading lights of the Universe so the Master should be the leading light of the Lodge; and Masons should occupy the place of light among men as Christians are commanded to do by their SAVIOUR.

LEVEL.—As a symbolic jewel the level indicates equality. Practically there is little equality among men. Wealth, station, occupation, some religions, modesty and arrogance, education and ignorance, are among the leading causes of inequality, although the real merits of a given number may be the same. With GOD all men are equal. In the Lodge there is no distinction, not because men would not make them, but because the Lodge in this respect follows the guidance of Divine instruction. Then even if there were the disposition to establish inequality the whole working of the Fraternity precludes it. We should, at least as far as possible, follow this thought in our associations among men and count all upon their real merits.

PLUMB.—The Plumb "inculcates rectitude of conduct;" hence, like the compasses, indicates more of self than the level. Rectitude means "Rightness of principle and practice; exact conformity to truth, or to the rules prescribed for moral conduct, either by Divine or human law; uprightness of mind; uprightness; integrity; honesty; justice." (Webster). By this definition rectitude is seen to mean a great deal. It gives very little latitude for the inconsistencies of life. Involving principle and practice it demands a close observance in self of all that self teaches. It admits not of preaching without practice, but demands both. Exact conformity to truth applies to all things that may occur between any two parties. It implies a strict adherence to all moral law. There is no room for vacillation of mind or action.

How noble and true would all Masons be if they lived up to the instructions of these last few symbols! One by one they develop every moral quality known in the catalogue, prepared by the Divine Mind. Beginning with faith in God and ending with the highest quality of Christian grace they leave nothing untaught that would make us good men. They touch the moral qualities involved in all the actions and associations among men; every mental secret and public action of self.

ASHLAR.—In its rough state the ashlar represents the stone in its original state as taken from the quarry; rough, full of protuberances, sharp points. Perfect, it represents the same stone as coming from the hand of the workman, beautifully polished and ready to glisten in the wall of the building. Rough, it indicates the rough imperfect state of our moral nature, as we come into the world corrupted by the sin of humanity that has been carried down through the generations of man. Perfect, it teaches the perfection of character as developed by the refining influences of education and religion. A view of that class of men who have ever ignored all refining influences will easily show what men are when left to self and devoid of all refinement, while the character of a pure, godly and refined man may show what may be done by the teaching and practice of a higher life. Masonry in all its teachings ignores the first and advises the other.

TRESTLE BOARD.—In architecture the trestle board is a synonym of plan, design, care, observance of rule and thought; so also in Masonic teaching it acknowledges the design and rules of the Divine in all moral law; for the preceding symbols show these laws for moral action very plainly and simply that all Masonic conduct, whether with regard to self or our connective relations with others, should be regulated by the highest rules of morality.

How pure and good men might be if they strictly followed such laws as these; how near the highest Christian standard; how little wrong to self or conscience; how little wrong to others; how much good by implication if not by actual deed; how elevating their character; how the tone of public morals would be elevated; how near perfection men might be! Nothing would be left for doing but accepting a REDEEMER as a personal SAVIOUR and the direct spiritual communion between man and his GOD would be perfect.—*Voice of Masonry.*

MEDIÆVAL BUILDERS.*

THIS essay, which by the way is dedicated to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., "is rather intended"—so runs the preface, "to aggregate certain historical facts, drawn mainly from contemporaneous records, than to use the same to philosophise for the purposes of theory." But though the scope of the inquiry has been narrowed, so as to make the eleventh century "a central point of divergence and examination," the study as presented to us is a most interesting one, and should be read carefully by all students of mediæval Masonic history. The builders of whom Bro. Fort writes were men who exercised a powerful influence, and in maintaining their claims to freedom at a later period of the Middle Ages "arrayed their entire body against the authorities of both Church and civil government." Before the thirteenth century they were "content to show respect for the laws of Monastic life." But later, "they came into conflict with the prelatial functionaries on a point of governance alleged to be an important element in conventual discipline. In a word, the guild of constructors wanted to continue the growth and cultivation of their beards. This was insufferable by the regulations sanctioned by the hierarchy, on several grounds, the principal of which was the sharp distinction that a clean-shaved" face made between the world and professed devotees, the beard signalising the pomp and being "associated with the splendid dissipations of secular society." In 1230, William, Abbott of Premontré, ordered them to shave off their beards, but they refused, and as regards this refusal, Bro. Fort says, "it presupposes boundless courage to confront a power in the full swing of its dominion, rendered doubly embittered against defection from prelatial regulations, through vengeance meted out with an unstinted hand to the vanquished heresies of southern Europe." And he continues, "Vigorous manhood had long since been reached by these defiant *barbati* constructors, as attested by the offending affluence of beards, and therefore they possessed physical endurance for the singular tournament, but their diversified and widespread brotherhood supplied numbers almost equal to those of the Monks themselves. Such answer as they returned to the venerable prelate is also characteristic of the Mediæval Masons. They said if the execution of this order were pressed against them 'they would fire every cloister and cathedral in the country.' The decretal was withdrawn. Had this strange body been one of the ordinary craft guilds, it would have tasted the grinding force of church subjection by the fearful powers that daunted the spirits and agonised the flesh of recalcitrant heretics of that age. What renders the complete immunity of these builders the more remarkable is, the singular fact that at the same epoch, in the year 1220, and not far remote in Brunswick, twelve masters of as many guilds were publicly hung, but for what crime the contemporary records fail to disclose."

After referring to the complete blending together of different guilds with the Masons, and pointing out that "the Masons of the Middle Ages must have received their technical education, arithmetical or geometrical, invariably from the priories," Bro. Fort remarks that concurrently with the study of this science of geometry, "a tendency continually reveals itself to use its abtruse problems as the basis of philosophical speculation, thus blending the visible theorems with unseen operations of the spirit, resembling somewhat the transfusion of theosophic Masonry into the ancient practical Craft." And again it is shown how Architecture stands out superior to other arts, "not merely for the solemn interest blended with it, but for the display of that practical handiwork of unpliable material by skill of hand conjoined with great mental education. No significant culture of intellect was demanded of the remaining Middle Age artificers," while "in many respects mediæval

* A Critical Inquiry into the Condition of the Conventual Builders and their Relations to Secular Guilds in the Middle Ages. By George F. Fort, Author of "The Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," &c. J. W. Bruton, 706 Broadway, New York. 1884.

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Masons must have been sharply distinct from subordiate guilds." Lastly, plans for the construction of sacred edifices "appear to have received both the decision and sanction of a fully assembled Lodge after careful discussion and searching inquiry into mathematical possibilities." We are further told that "it was no doubt at an early period of the Middle Ages that the typical notion associated with the Solomonian Temple was understood and transmuted into practical use by the guilds of Masons;" and that this Temple "was symbolised to delineate the Universe," the point admitting of no controversy, for reasons which are clearly set forth by the writer.

These remarks, perhaps, are somewhat disjointed, there being much in the intervals between the points we have noticed, which, but for the demands on our space, we should gladly have referred to. But they will serve to show how careful and elaborate is the inquiry instituted by Bro. Fort, so that what alone remains for us to do is to repeat our advice to Craftsmen to give this interesting essay a thorough and complete examination.

ESSAY BY BRO. DR. MILLMAN.

THE following interesting essay, which we reprint from the *Canadian Craftsman*, was read by Bro. Dr. Millman at a recent regular meeting of St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London. It is well worthy of perusal, and we cordially recommend it to our readers :—

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—Being one of those who suggested that we should have recitations, songs, &c., at our regular meetings, when there was not any other work to occupy our time, I felt it my duty to do something by way of an example, with the hope that it would stimulate others, much abler than myself, to present us with papers of interest and instruction. At the last regular Communication I promised to prepare a short paper, but while doing so, I knew I was undertaking a task very difficult for me to carry out. Like many others I have devoted very little time to the study of Masonry, have very seldom visited other Lodges, have had little opportunity of hearing Masonic addresses, and I have had only one or two Masonic works to which I could refer. My paper is merely, therefore, made up with a few ideas from these books, and the knowledge I have gained since I became a member, together with some points which have struck me in connection with the Order.

Masonry is defined to be a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. I consider it more than this. It calls from us one of the greatest attributes man possesses, viz., faith. The questions a candidate is first asked are—Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being? Do you believe that that Supreme Being will punish vice and reward virtue? It is certainly gratifying to find our Order, which is so closely allied to Christianity flourishing as strongly as ever, notwithstanding that infidels, agnostics, and other so-called advanced thinkers, announce that Christianity is weakening.

We belong to an Order which is considered not only the most ancient, but the most moral institution that has ever existed, as every character, figure, and emblem depicted in the Lodge conveys a moral lesson and serves to inculcate the practice of virtue in all its genuine profession. Each of our Lodges stands on holy ground, supported by three pillars—Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty; and in it is represented a ladder, reaching from earth to heaven, the principal staves of which are Faith, Hope, and Charity; Faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, Hope in salvation, and to be in Charity with all men. Above all this, a ladder rests on the volume of the Sacred Law, in which are taught the wise dispensations of Divine Providence, and which belief strengthens our Faith. It is in this Book that the Almighty has been pleased to reveal more of His Divine will than by any other means. It is to rule and govern our faith, while with the well-known symbols of Freemasonry, the Square and Compasses, it is to regulate our lives and actions.

The grand principles on which Masonry is founded, are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. By the exercise of Brotherly Love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family; the high, the low, the rich, and the poor, are created and sent into the world for the mutual aid, support, and protection of each other, and thus men of every country, sect, and opinion are united. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on every man, and we should ever be ready to soothe the unhappy and sympathize with their misfortune, while Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every Masonic virtue.

In the government of the Fraternity I have quoted Preston. He states :—

> Three classes are established among Masons, under different appellations. The privileges of each class are distinct; and particular means are adopted to preserve those privileges to the just and meritorious. Honour and probity are recommendations to the First Class, in which the practice of virtue is enforced, and the duties of morality are inculcated, while the mind is prepared for a regular progress in the principles of knowledge and philosophy. Diligence, assiduity and application are qualifications for the Second Class; in which is given an accurate elucidation of science, both in theory and practice. Here human reason is cultivated by a due exertion of the intellectual powers and faculties; nice and different theories are explained; new discoveries are produced, and those already known beautifully embellished. The Third Class is restricted to a selected few, whom truth and fidelity have distinguished, whom years and experience have improved, and whom merit and abilities have entitled to preferment. With them the ancient landmarks of the Order are preserved; and from them we learn the necessary instructive lessons which dignify the art and qualify the professors to illustrate its excellence and utility. Such is the established plan of the Masonic system. By this judicious arrangement, true Friendship is cultivated among different ranks of men, Hospitality promoted, Industry rewarded, and Ingenuity encouraged.

The members of this noble Order should exemplify the teachings of it by a regular course of life, by being ever willing to act up to its principles, and merit the distinguishing characteristics of every true Mason, viz., Virtue, Honour, and Mercy.

Having thus, in a cursory manner, shown that our Order possesses a perfect government, has grand principles, is founded on a religious and moral basis, and is the most ancient institution existing, and that its members are represented to be men of virtue, honour, and mercy, I ask, is this all true? I fully believe it is as to the principles of the Order, but from observation I must state that I do not think the majority of the members come up to what is expected of them, or fulfil the vows they have taken upon themselves. The Order demands that men who are admitted shall be of strict religious principles, of mature age, of good moral character, temperate, industrious, and capable of earning an honest livelihood. Shall be able to read and write, having no mental defect or physical deformity. Do we find our Masonic brethren, as we meet them in the journey of life, answering the above description? Of some, I am afraid we must reply in the negative. We should be very careful in the selection of men applying for admission. There is a great responsibility resting with our examining committee. It should be very careful when inquiring into the history of an applicant to find out everything about him, and if it find some fault in him, to name the same to the Lodge, even if it consider the fault trifling; then the other brothers can better exercise their judgment when casting their ballots. After a ballot is cast let it be final, and let there be no reconsideration, unless some brother announces that he made a mistake in balloting. Let me here state that while each brother has a vast power conferred on him by the black ball, he should remember that an indiscriminate use of it is decidedly wrong. He should consider well the character of every applicant. I trust it is unnecessary to remind you that it is entirely wrong for any one to black ball an applicant through any personal animosity. Should there be such a brother, he is certainly guilty of gross un-Masonic conduct.

The next point: Why do men ask to become members of the Order? They are prompted to do so by a favourable opinion preconceived of the institution; a desire of gaining knowledge and rendering themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellow creatures. They must, however, arrive at these opinions unbiassed by the improper solicitations of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or any other unworthy motives. I believe almost every candidate applies with the above good intentions, and if admitted, intends to fulfil all that is implied. At first he is pleased with the workings and surroundings of the Lodge, and makes noble resolutions to become a true and useful Mason. But it is a common thing to see him before long become indifferent. He finds older Masons negligent of their duties, and he soon forgets to be true to himself, and falls away to become a Mason only in name. The older and more experienced Masons should take the new member by the hand and lead him kindly along the path

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of virtue, honour, and truth, until he attains a certain knowledge of the practical working of Masonry. It is a great mistake to allow him to grope along alone and unaided amid the comparative darkness with which he is more or less surrounded. Teach him to practise the glorious principles of the Order; teach him to be firm to his faith, true to himself, and true to his fellow Masons.

In the unwritten laws of Masonry there is the command, attend to your Lodge. It is most important that every Mason should regularly go to his Lodge and take part in the proceedings. No Mason can know or care much for Freemasonry who fails to take an interest in the Lodge and its doings. The younger members should be there to learn, and those that have experience and wisdom should be there to teach. It is matter of regret that the majority of the members of St. George's (and I believe that the same may be said of most Lodges) make it a practice not to attend the meetings, and thus not only disobey the command of their Lodge, but deliberately ignore their solemn obligation.

Our Lodge has a membership of one hundred and fifteen, and of which nearly one hundred live within a cable tow of this place of meeting, but out of that number we very seldom have twenty present. The largest attendance is on the night for election of officers, when there may be as many as thirty-five on the register. There might be many explanations for this non attendance. One is, the brethren may not have been sincere when they said they joined the Order from the preconceived good opinion they had of it, and a desire to be of further assistance to their fellow creatures, but rather joined from curiosity, and that curiosity very soon exhausted itself; or, possibly, joined owing to the solicitation of some over-zealous, but very unwise brother.

Another explanation is, they may have been quite sincere, but found, after being a member for a short time, that the preconceived idea they had formed was a mistaken one, and also found the meetings very monotonous and uninteresting. This, however, will not excuse them. They should remember the solemn promise they made, "I will ever afterwards act and abide by the ancient usages and established customs of the Order;" and one of the ancient usages and customs is, all members must attend their Lodge when they possibly can. Other reasons for non-attendance might be cited, but the above will suffice.

Now, if the meetings are monotonous and uninteresting who is to blame, but the members themselves, and more especially the officers. And here we come to a very important point. As a rule, we meet, open Lodge, read minutes, pass accounts, and close, barely doing anything else. Sometimes we have some work to do, then we appear so anxious to get through with it, that we call emergency meetings in order to expedite matters. At these meetings we congratulate ourselves on our prosperity. True, we are adding new material, but where is the old?

Many Lodges are conferring degrees almost every meeting night, and on that account are considered very successful. With them there is too much work and very little recreation. Masons, like other men, enjoy sociality, and when a Lodge becomes nothing more than a manufactory for making Masons, the thing becomes very tedious. I say that Lodge that shows the largest attendance is the most successful. There, in all likelihood the brethren are alive to their obligation, and the programme of the evening is such, that, instead of becoming monotonous, it is attractive and entertaining.

There are many ways in which the few hours we are together each month could be made pleasant; and, if we will only put our shoulder to the wheel, I am satisfied we shall not only have an increased attendance of our own members, but will be honoured by the attendance of many from our sister Lodges.

If our Worshipful Masters, who are placed in the East to employ and instruct the brethren, have not time to get up the lectures of the different tracing boards, perhaps some of our Past Masters would be prepared to favour us. If not, then let portions of the lectures be read, and by way of instruction let the members be catechized thereon. They will thus become acquainted with the meaning of the many signs and symbols, of the major number of which, most of us are ignorant.

I would like to ask how many of our members could easily work their way into another Lodge. I am sure it would bother some, and yet our Lodge does not appear to care. Could not an evening be spent very profitably now and then, in having, in open Lodge, two or three brothers undergo an examination on the questions asked Masons visiting strange Lodges? Let one brother answer the questions for the first degree, another those of the second, and a third those of the third degree. Then, again, good practice would be for the officers to vacate their chairs and have them filled by other brothers, allowing them to go through the opening and closing of the different degrees.

To have success in getting the members to attend regularly, I believe they must be employed, and while so employed will not only be Masons in name, but become so in deed and act, and soon will take a lively interest in the Order, and will have a desire to get a better knowledge of its mysteries.

I must refer to one other point, and that is the practice of canvassing for office for yourself or your friends. It is absolutely bad, and is quite contrary to the teachings of Masonry. No man can advocate his own cause or that of another, without saying something disparaging of others, and although he may think he is not doing so, he is actually doing an uncharitable act. Rather let him, no matter how anxious he may be for the office, be ready to compromise; and I think where there are several brothers eligible for the chair and willing to take it, if elected, let the senior be chosen. If every one detested canvassing as much as I do I am satisfied no wire puller or canvasser would ever be elected. Let each one stand on his own merit, and the right man will be chosen. We have only to look to the political status of the country to see that canvassing is utterly and fearfully demoralizing.

I shall now close with an extract from the pen of a brother Mason:—

The object of every Mason should be to raise the standard of Freemasonry; to make the Fraternity what it should be, a Brotherhood in the highest sense of the word, of honourable, true and upright men. We are presumed to be engaged in a sacred work, and if we are derelect in our duties and careless with regard to our responsibilities, we have forgotten the principles that we promised to support, and negligent of those important lessons that it should be our pride to teach and our glory to practise. The earnest Craftsman never obtains sufficient light in Masonry to satisfy the hungry cravings of the soul for more knowledge. It is this eager desire to learn more, to penetrate deeper into the hidden character of our mysteries, that possess such a charm for the delver in the mines. The Mason who loves his art is constantly discovering something new, something fresh, something to cause study and thought. It is this invisible, intangible something that is the real charm that is so irresistible to the faithful Craftsman. We cannot be too careful in training, in educating the candidate that seeks more light in our mysteries, so that he may be able in time to instruct others in the true service of the Craft; but whilst we are diligent in so doing, how very necessary it is that we should be wise in thought, cautious in word, and prudent in action—in truth, that we should be true to ourselves. Our efforts should ever be to advance the interests of our race, to teach mankind to be better and purer, and to be faithful to the doctrines inculcated in the Lodge-room by practising them in our daily course of life. Thus should we uphold Masonry, and thus should Masonry exalt us. Let not one of us ever be ashamed to avow our principles in those noble tenets of our Order which have been handed down to us through countless generations, and which are all based on the glorious, heaven-inspired doctrine of a belief in *the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man*. Brethren, be true to yourselves and faithful to the Craft.

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BRO. CHARLES MANBY, F.R.S.

THE death took place, on Thursday evening, of Bro. Charles Manby, F.R.S., Hon. Secretary of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The late Bro. Manby was born in 1804, and was the son of Aaron Manby, ironmaster, who built the first seagoing steamship made of iron, and which, named after its constructor, caused much interest by making the journey direct from London to Paris. On this occasion Bro. Manby, then a lad of seventeen, had charge of the engines, the vessel being commanded by Sir Charles Napier. Some time afterwards Bro. Manby became connected with the firm of Manby, Wilson and Co., who originated the Paris Gas Company, and large ironworks at Charenton, and he also reorganised the great ironworks at Creusot. Bro. Manby was entrusted by Sir Robert Peel with a portion of the preliminaries for the Great Exhibition of 1851, and to him was due the idea of a guarantee-fund for the construction of the building. He was one of the International Scientific Commission held at Paris in 1856 on the subject of the Suez Canal. He was also the originator of the organisation known as the Engineer and Railway Volunteer Staff Corps. In 1876, a testimonial, consisting of a purse of £1,000 and a silver salver, engraved with the names of the subscribers, was presented to Bro. Manby on behalf of the members of the Institution of Civil Engineers, to mark their sense of his services as Honorary Secretary for twenty years. This office he retained until his death. The late Bro. Manby was greatly respected by a large circle of Masonic friends.

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BRO. NORTON ON THE WREN TRADITION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have gone over most of the ground traversed by Bro. Norton in his elaborate essay on Wren's alleged membership of our Society, and it is because I have done so that I find myself under the necessity of differing from him. I hope to have more to say on the subject in a future letter, but before going into the question as he treats it, I prefer reading his contributions over again, the demands on my time having made it imperative that I should go through them somewhat hastily. Much of his argument I perceive is derived from Bro. Gould's History, or perhaps it were better I should say, Bro. Norton appears to have endorsed Bro. Gould's conclusions, and pretty much on the same grounds as have been advanced by the latter. What I would now point out is, that while Anderson, Preston, and other Masonic writers—some or all of them to a greater or less degree—go to one extreme in accepting everything, Bro. Norton is determined to go to the other extreme, and reject everything which cannot be vouched for by absolute authorities in black and white. It is very well for him to say that "'May have been' and 'may be' should therefore be discarded as evidence by every historian." I hold that to summarily dismiss reasonable probabilities as utterly unworthy of acceptance, because they are not vouched for positively, is, in dealing with the history of a mysterious fraternity like ours, a mistake if it is not almost equivalent to an inexcusable abdication of the functions of an historian. It is nowhere shown, so far as our present knowledge goes, that Wren was a Mason, though it has been again and again asserted that he was. Yet there is nothing improbable in the assertion. On the contrary, there is every likelihood of his having been associated with our early Lodges in some way or other, and particularly with our present Antiquity, No. 2, which in his day met in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's Cathedral. A question like this is not one to be submitted to an ordinary jury such as would be called upon to decide "a case involving a certain sum of money." It is a delicate question—I use the word "delicate," as indicating that elaborate points must be considered in the attempt to arrive at a judgment—which it would be ridiculous to expect the average juror would have sense enough to discuss. I would rather have the allegation of a "credulous gossip" and a mere "newspaper statment," even though unfortified by other evidence, than the verdict of such a jury as Bro. Norton seems to have in his mind. The value of the former may be small, but the value of the latter would be still smaller. The former were contemporary with the event they allege or suggest to have happened, the latter would have no qualification whatever to determine such an issue, and nothing therefore to recommend their decision to our acceptance. A man may be able to decide that a shilling and two sixpences are equivalent, but that would not make his opinion valuable one way or the other in respect of something said to have taken place 200 years ago. Some Masonic writers may have gone too far, but we shall not set matters straight by not going so far as reason and common sense would justify. However, I hope, as I have said, to write more fully on this question, and without further remark, therefore, beg to subscribe myself as being

Fraternally yours,

YOUR REVIEWER OF BRO. GOULD'S "HISTORY."

TOURISTS' HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I see by your paper that you take an interest in pointing out to intending holiday makers the various summer excursions, and having had a long residence (thirty years) in South Wales, during which I have been a constant traveller, I may state that I have become acquainted with very many places of interest and pleasurable resorts in South Wales not generally known, as they are not often referred to in the several tourists' guides; in fact, are out of the beaten track; but which, nevertheless, in very many instances possess more features of interest and beauty than those that find place in such books. Furthermore, some of the places I refer to have this further advantage—they are not so expensive to visit. Now, as very many excursionists will this year be denied, for well-known reasons, their Continental holiday trip, I would remind such that they will find out-of-the-way nooks in Pembrokeshire and the adjacent counties which will well compensate for any loss they may sustain. I shall be happy to supply any of your friends who may be desirous to see this part of South Wales with particulars how to do so if you will only let me know.

In the season there is plenty of shooting, fishing, and real hunting.

Yours truly,

HENRY BARHAM.

5 High-street, Haverfordwest,
2nd August 1884.

The Revised Book of Constitutions: Critically Considered and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps. One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

PRESENTATION TO SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON.

IN order to mark the personal good feeling for Sir John B. Monckton, and their high estimation of the manner in which he has for ten consecutive years presided over the deliberations of the Board of General Purposes, a considerable number of the brethren, who have served on the Board during the above period, met at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 30th ult., for the purpose of presenting to Sir John a souvenir of his long service and the appreciation of those who had served with him. This took the form of an exceedingly handsome silver "Collar Bowl," forty-two inches in circumference, manufactured by Bro. George Lambert, of Coventry-street, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Right Worshipful Brother Sir John B. Monckton, Past Grand Warden, by many present and former members of the Board of General Purposes United Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of England in slight recognition of his eminent services as their President for a period of ten years. July 1884."

Among those present were Bros. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) P.G.W., Thomas Fenn P.B.G.P., Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., Rucker P.G.D. and President Colonial Board, Frank Richardson P.G.D., P. De L. Long P.G.D., G. Burt (ex-Sheriff) P.A.G.D.C, Robert Grey P.G.D., John Messent P.G.S.B., Letchworth G.D., Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, Ralph Clutton V.P.B.G.P., W. Bristow P.G.S., Chynoweth P.G.S.; P.M.'s Headon, Mather, Hogard, F. G. Dobbs, R. Motley, Festa, and Lionel Monckton P.G.S.B. Oxon.

Bro. Ralph Clutton being called to the chair, rose amid cheers, and explained that as the Vice President of Sir John B. Monckton's last Presidential year, he had been invited to make the presentation for which they were assembled. They had met, he said, for the purpose of offering to their friend and brother, the late President, a token of their great esteem and fraternal regard on his retirement from the active duties he had so ably and courteously performed during the long period of his occupying the chair of the most important Board in the Craft. Occasions such as the present were usually tinged with the sadness always attendant on a parting, but they were glad to feel that while no longer able to perform the arduous duties of the chair, their esteemed brother remained an ordinary member of the Board, where they hoped occasionally to see him and have the benefit of his experienced advice. After some further remarks expressive of the desire of the brethren that the proposed presentation should be limited to present and former members of the Board since 1874, Brother Clutton, amid much cheering, begged Sir J. B. Monckton's acceptance of the piece of plate then on the table, together with a scroll of vellum, on which was beautifully illuminated the resolution of thanks unanimously passed by the Board on his retirement.

Sir J. B. Monckton replied as follows: Bro. Vice President and Brethren,—During my tenure of the office I have just relinquished, many occasions have arisen of difficulty on the one hand and gratification on the other, but never have the two been so combined as they most truly are at the present moment. The gratification you cannot doubt; indeed I see it reflected in your fraternal faces. The difficulty is not so much that I am at a loss for words to express the sentiments that animate me, but that I scarce know where to begin, and where and when to leave off—there seems so much that may be said; but, nevertheless, I will endeavour to be brief. First, let me remark on the peculiar nature of this testimonial, this handsome and, if I may say so, appropriate gift of yours; appropriate and acceptable in more senses than one. In the first place, it is most acceptable because it is not the result of a begging box sent round the Craft, most illogically asking brethren far and wide to contribute in favour of a brother they have many of them never even seen. Such a result, whether it had taken the form of a coach and horses, or a room full of furniture, or life governorships of the Charities, would have been to me most unpalatable. Your gift, however, comes in the welcome shape of a mark of esteem from my own fellow labourers of the last ten years, sharers with me in work for the general good of the Craft; work sometimes light, sometimes laborious, but always harmonious. Work that included the greatest Masonic ceremony of our, and almost of any time: the Installation of our Royal Grand Master in 1875, at the fitly-named Royal Albert Hall, in the presence, and with the assistance of, ten thousand rulers in the Craft, and that ended, so far as my presidency was concerned, with the heavy and important labour involved in the revision of the Book of Constitutions, and when I speak of both of these important matters I fully bear in mind how thoroughly the labouring oars in each case were borne by others than myself, others who grace this little ceremony by their presence here to-day, and so it has been, Brethren, throughout my period of office. We have been conscientious and willing workers together for one common good, and in the repeatedly-expressed approbation of Grand Lodge we have had our common reward. My special reward, however, in addition to the signal mark of the Grand Master's favour, conveyed in his graciously promoting me to the position of Past Grand Warden of England, comes to me to-day. You ask me, as it seems, not to forget the many hours we have worked together, and as an appropriate token of your fraternal wishes, you seem to say "Should forgetfulness at any time arise, down with it, and drown it in the Bowl." Brethren, that shall be so; while I live, this handsome and capacious bowl shall be to me an emblem of the breadth and depth of your esteem and regard, and when on this earth the circle of my Masonic duties is at length complete, those who come after me shall look upon it as an undying evidence of that brotherly love which is the first of the three grand principles of our Order.—*City Press.*

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 6th inst., and, notwithstanding the small amount of business on the agenda paper, and the counter attractions of the holiday season, was fairly well attended. The three Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. John Havers, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, respectively. The collar of Assistant-Grand Director of Ceremonies was conferred on Comp. Colonel Taylor, of Bristol, who, although formally appointed at the regular meeting in May, was not then invested in consequence of his unavoidable absence. The report of the Committee of General Purposes, which we published last week, was adopted, on the proposition of Lieut.-Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. J. Lewis Thomas, and then the two recommendations of the Committee that Charters be granted for new Chapters came on for consideration. The petitions being in all respects regular, the prayers thereof were granted, and thus the Greta Chapter, to be attached to the Greta Lodge, No. 1073, to meet at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick, Cumberland; and the Amoy Chapter, to be attached to the Ionic Lodge of Amoy, No. 1781, to meet at the Masonic Hall, Amoy, China, received official sanction. The only other item of business was the appointment of a Committee to revise the Royal Arch Regulations, and assimilate the same so far as practicable with the revised Edition of the Book of Constitutions of the Craft. Here also the recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes was acted upon, and Comps. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Thos. Fenn, Robert Gray, Edward Letchworth, and John Sampson Peirce were appointed. Grand Chapter was then closed.

There was an exceptionally good attendance of Royal Arch Companions at the North London Chapter of Improvement at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Highbury, on Thursday evening. Comp. Dean filled the chair of M.E.Z., Hall H., Knight J., Radcliffe S.N., Gregory P.S., Comp. Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was most carefully rehearsed, and then Comp. Capt. A. Nicols delivered the descriptive lecture of Moses's Rod. A very agreeable and instructive evening resulted.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Buckinghamshire will be held, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, at the Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, on Saturday, the 30th instant. Provincial Grand Mark Lodge will be opened at 3·15, and a banquet will be served at four o'clock. Brethren wishing to attend are earnestly requested to notify their intention to John R. Wilmer, Prov. Grand Mark Secretary, Newport Pagnell, not later than Tuesday, the 26th of August. The London and North Western Railway Company have kindly consented to issue return tickets at any Station between London and Wolverton, at the usual single fare and one-quarter of the same, on production of the summons. Brethren to appear in morning dress, and to wear Masonic mourning.

ARMED BURGLARS.—On Wednesday evening a meeting was held at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury, to further the objects of the Committee for presenting a testimonial to Police-constable Chamberlain 416 N., who was shot by an armed burglar in Park-street, Islington, in June last. Bro. Captain Wiltshire occupied the chair, and £26 was collected in the room. It was resolved that the parish be canvassed by the Committee, and that a public meeting be held in order to further elicit the sympathy of the general public. The meeting further resolved that Police-constable Miller (who was in company with the injured man at the time of the outrage, and who behaved in a courageous manner) should receive one-fifth of the amount realised, and also that the Home Secretary be asked to extend the same consideration to Chamberlain as he had to the Hoxton constables.

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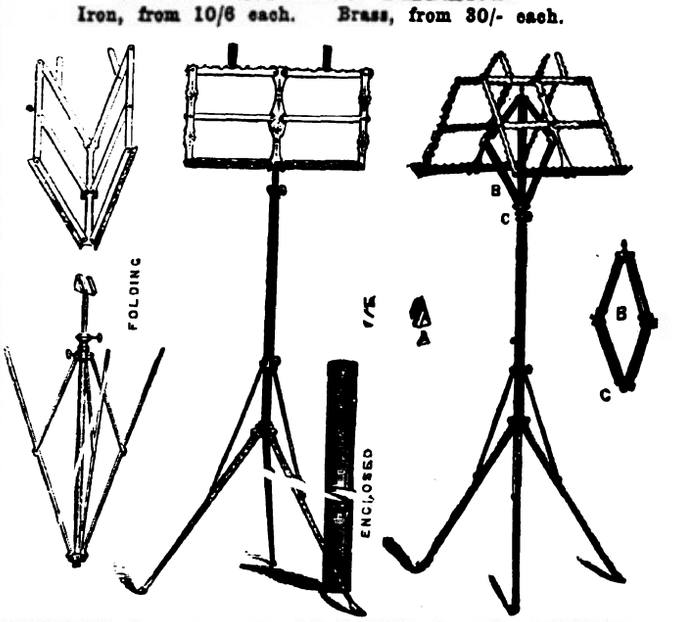
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Glasgow ... ... ,,	4 20	6 0	8 0	10 15	6 35	6 55	8 0
Greenock ... ... ,,	5 50	7 15	9 5	11 42	7 50	7 50	9 48
Oban ... ... ,,	9 43	—	—	4 45	12 15	12 15	2 34
Perth ... ... ,,	6 50	—	9 35	11 50	8 0	8 15	9 55
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Greenock ... ... ,,	5 58	9 40	...	8 12	8 12
Edinburgh (Waverley) ... ... ,,	4 32	8 40	5 47	7 26	7 25
Perth ... ... ,,	9 20	11 50	8 23	9 55	9 55
Oban ... ... ,,	...	4 45	12 15	2 34	2 34
Aberdeen	...	3 20	11 40	2 15	2 15
INVERNESS ... ... ,,	...	8 0	1 30	6 20	6 20

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THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Athenæum, Enfield, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W. of England and representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. There was a good muster of present and past Prov. Grand Officers and other brethren. Among the Officers of the Province of the past year who attended were Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp Dep. G M., F. B. Archer S.W., Rev. Robert Fawsett Chaplain, H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary Treas., H. C. Levander P.G.D., German Fehrenbach S.D., T. W. Ockenden J.D., C. C. Pearce Supt. of Works, H. W. Mayes Assistant Pursuivant, and John Gilbert Tyler. Among Past Provincial Officers were Bros. F. Davison S.W., G. English J.W., Rev. F. De Crespigny Chaplain, J. Tickle Registrar, F. W. Levander S.D., C. Harding S.D., W. Stephen Grand Pursuivant S D., H. Lovegrove Supt. of Works, T. Massa Supt. of Works, J. H. Thompson S.B., C. S. Brown Dir. of Cers., J. W. George Organist, J. W. Baldwin and J. Driscoll Pursuivants. The Visitors comprised Bros. Frank Richardson P.G.D., J. Terry P.P.G.S.W. North and Hunts, Rev. Charles H. Roberts Prov. G.C. Essex, E. Baber P.M., John Green P.M., T. Clark, E. Dalzell 1549, Lawler, &c. After the usual formal business Bro. H. G. Buss was re-elected to the Office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, and then the Officers for the year were appointed, as follows:—

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H. J. Adams	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. R. Fawsett	Prov. G. Chaplains
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J. Faulkner	Prov. G. Senior Deacons
A. G. Fidler	
A. Bryant	Prov. G. Junior Deacons
T. W. Cooper	
R. P. Tebb	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
R. W. Forge	Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies
J. T. Skinner	Prov. G.D.D. of Ceremonies
G. C. Harding	Prov. G. Asst. D. of Cer.
D. P. Cama	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
H. Baldwin	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
J. J. Marsh	
E. M. Lott	Prov. G. Organist
W. H. Lee	Prov. G. Asst. Secretary
H. W. Mayes	Prov. G. Pursuivant
J. Featherstone	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
J. Gilbert	Prov. G. Tyler
C. W. Pridmore 1310	Prov. G. Stewards
W. Taylor 1503	
W. A. Rogers 1549	
J. F. H. Woodward 1691 ...	
C. Graham 2024	
C. J. Ashford 2048	

A motion by the Prov. G. Master, to the effect that the sums of £15 15s be granted from the Provincial Benevolent Fund to each of the three Institutions was carried, as also were two other grants, from the same fund, for the relief of cases brought under the notice of Prov. G. Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to close the Lodge and the brethren repaired, in procession, to the church of St. Mary Magdalene, where, by kind permission of the Vicar, a special service was held. On the return of the brethren to the Athenæum they sat down to banquet, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen. In doing so, he referred to the recent birth of a child to the Duchess of Albany, and hoped it would prove a relief to Her Royal Highness in the great affliction she had recently experienced. Her Majesty the Queen had shown her kindly disposition in the sympathy she had bestowed on her daughter, and in many other ways recently. In giving the next toast he spoke of

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the great pleasure it gave English Masons to honour the toast of their Grand Master. It was now some years since the Prince of Wales had accepted the rulership of the Craft, and as long as he had been associated with it he had done all that lay in his power to advance its interests. We have heard of him on several occasions lately, associating Freemasonry with his good works—laying foundation stones, and in other ways doing what he could for the good of the country. He was equally at home on any subject. Only the day before he had been present at the meeting held to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery, and then he had spoken in a manner that had seldom, if ever, been equalled. The speaker felt that every Mason who had the opportunity of reading the Grand Master's speech on that occasion would be proud of their ruler, who might truly be said to have taken up the position of first man in the country, and to thoroughly uphold it. As Masons, we should be proud of him as Grand Master, while, as Englishmen, we should honour him as heir to the throne. The next toast, that of the Grand Officers, was another always received with acclamation, not only in the Province of Middlesex, but all over the country. We have some of the ablest men in the kingdom serving as Grand Officers, notably among them being the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Officers not only fulfilled their duties during their term of service, but continued to take a leading part in the Order afterwards. It could be said that they not only did all they could to promote the interests of their more particular friends, but also of the Craft at large. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. F. Richardson, who felt that the Craft was never better presided over than it was at the present time. He could but notice at the table one who might justly be denominated a shining light in Masonry—Brother Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary. When appointing Bro. Buss as Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Master expressed a wish that he might live for ever, as he did not know what the Province would do without him. If this was the case in their district, what could be said of Freemasonry at large? truly it would be an all but irreparable loss should they lose the services of Bro. Buss.

Bro. Raymond Thrupp, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, then proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master. He considered it the toast of the evening, and was proud of proposing it in honour of the good old English gentleman who ruled over the Masons of Middlesex—Bro. Sir Francis Burdett. He knew that few words sufficed in that district to ensure a hearty response, and accordingly gave them "the health of their Provincial Grand Master." The Chairman considered the task of replying was perhaps the most difficult which fell to his duty. He had held the position of Provincial Grand Master for a period of seventeen years, and felt great pleasure in reappearing among them, feeling assured he had many friends around him. He had been anxious so long as he had presided over it to see the Province advance, and was proud of its present position. In 1867, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was formed, there was only three or four Lodges; now he was happy in having 34, all of which were a credit, not only to Middlesex, but they would also be to any district of the country. He felt proud to preside over such a section of the Masonic community. He might not be able to do as much in the future as he had in the past, and regretted that calls in various parts of the country were likely to take him away from them more than formerly, but he should be among them at heart, and should continue to devote all his exertions to the Province of Middlesex. It had been a great pleasure to him to confer the various offices on the brethren who had that day been appointed, and he hoped the honour thus conferred on them might be stepping stones to higher positions in the Order.

Bro. Richardson proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Thrupp, who briefly replied, and then (the P.G.M. having left) gave the toast of "the Charities." In the course of proposing it he announced that the collection at the church had amounted to £8 12s 9d, which amount had been increased by a grant of £2 2s from Prov. Grand Lodge funds, a course which Sir Francis had felt would meet the approval of the brethren. Bro. Terry replied to the toast of the Charities, in an able speech. He hoped the increase made that day in the sums given to the Institutions was but the first of many. He felt that in so prosperous a district as Middlesex the brethren would not long be content with giving only forty-five guineas among the three institutions.

The proceedings shortly after were brought to a conclusion, and the brethren separated.

THE ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY.

THERE are some men who make themselves so much a part of the office they fill, that it seems almost impossible to disassociate the one from the other. We learn to look upon certain work as falling by right to certain individuals, and can hardly imagine any one else undertaking to perform it, much less taking the place of be who has carried it on for years, and yet, in the ordinary course of things, changes must occur. The oldest and most valued of servants cannot continue their labours for ever, and there must in every case come a day when a desire for a quieter life or the more exacting claim of death, compels us to realise that a man and the work he has been engaged on for years are to know each other no more. Such is the case among English Freemasons of to-day, and we are pleased to say that it is a desire for well earned rest, after a long and useful association with the Craft, that threatens to rob us officially of one of the best known Masons of the day. Bro. H. G. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, is about to resign his appointment, and it may truly be said of him that it will be hard to find a successor. He is one who by kindly bearing has won the respect of all with whom be has come in contact, and while he is personally known to a a very large number of English Craftsmen it would be a difficult matter to find one to whom he has given offence. or by whom feelings of animosity are entertained towards him. He is universally respected, and few men are more worthy of respect than he.

It will be in the recollection of our readers that a short time since Bro. Buss had a severe attack of illness, from the effects of which it can hardly be said he has yet fully recovered, and as he has already been engaged some thirty years in the Grand Secretary's office, he has acted wisely in deciding on retirement. He has well earned the rest he is about to seek, and which, we trust, he will enjoy for many years to come. We have little doubt but that the brethren of England will show their appreciation of his services in a practical manner when the announcement of his resignation is formally made in Grand Lodge, which it is expected will be at the next Quarterly Communication, in September. Meanwhile, we feel sure that Bro. Buss has the best wishes of every member of the Craft, not only that he may be restored to the blessings of health, but that he may live for many years to enjoy his well earned repose. We trust even though Bro. Buss may close his official association with Freemasonry, that he will not wholly sever his connection, and that we shall see him at Lodge meetings in the future as we have in the past, if not so frequently as hitherto, at least as often as his health will permit.

OPERATIVE MASONRY AND THE PRINTING PRESS.

IN its early history, Freemasonry everywhere applied the unlimited resources of architectnal skill to developing divine ideas through symbolised stone. Operative Masonry erected to God the grandest temples on earth, and filled them with aspiring pilasters and mystic arches. Freemasonry worked out in granite blocks the thoughts and aspirations of the middle ages. Popular imagination found its correct exponent, and religion conveyed its most impressive lessons of faith and submission, in these works of art. No other means could so accurately evoke that Christian emotional element underlying the rude and rugged character of social life at this period. The single object which presented itself to the Masonic architect was to find suitable expressions for the heart-yearnings and moral aspirations of the people. This purpose was pursued with a persistent zeal, which resulted in art productions of wondrous beauty and uniformity. So long as architecture realized the anticipations of the middle ages; so long as Freemasonry, through the erection of superb edifices, furnished an adequate outlet for national ideas, just that long

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Masonry continued to create exquisite temples of worship, and preserved a vigorous existence as an operative science. When, however, popular thought found expression by means of printing presses, church architecture began immediately to retrograde, and with it operative Masonry rapidly declined, and with it many of the abstruse and abstract principles of the building art were totally lost.—*Victor Hugo.*

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 31st ult., when one petition to place a child on the list of candidates for the April election was read and approved. The only other business was of the usual formal character, excepting that the Secretary announced a legacy of £50, less income tax, had been received from the estate of the late Bro. A. W. Hardcastle.

At the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, the business, beyond that of routine character, consisted entirely of voting assistance to former pupils of the Institution, two sums of £5 each, one of £10, and one of £15 being granted. There were no petitions to be considered, which, in connection with the fact that only one required attention at the corresponding meeting of the Girls' School, would seem to imply that the Schools are at last able to cope with the demands made on them, at least during the month under consideration. The Secretary of this Institution reported the receipt of a similar legacy to that received by the Girls' School, from the late Bro. A. W. Hardcastle.

R.W. Brother Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, appears to have some lucky escapes from accidents which oftentimes prove serious or even fatal. The other day, when the dynamite explosion occurred close by his residence in St. James's Square, our respected Brother was resting on a couch in the room nearest to where the infernal machine was thrown, but no ill consequences befel him. On Monday he was returning in his brougham from the camp, in Wynnstay Park, of the Denbighshire Volunteers, of which he is Colonel, when the horse fell, breaking the shafts and fore part of the carriage. Sir Watkin, who is still an invalid, was seated in a chair in the brougham, and of course quite incapable of helping himself, but several Volunteers came to his rescue and conveyed him home, no injury, fortunately, having resulted to the hon. Baronet.

On Tuesday three men appear to have been hanging about the residence of Bro. George Mackay, of Kendal, P.G. Secretary Cumberland and Westmoreland, with the intention, as is supposed, of burglariously entering it and carrying off some of his valuables. Their movements, however, created so much suspicion that one of them was arrested on the spot, while his companions bolted. But the police and spectators followed them over some four miles of heavy country, and though one of the two threatened the police with a loaded revolver, he was gallantly felled to the ground and captured. The other escaped. A large number of implements in common use by this class of gentry were picked up or found on the persons of the prisoners.

We have received, from Bro. W. R. Bowden, a well-executed photograph of the Mark Master Masons of the Province of Berks and Oxon who took part, with us, in the enjoyable trip by steam launch to Nuneham, on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the members of the Province, as reported in these columns in our issue of the 26th ult. We regret Bro. Bowden has not given the name of the artist, but doubtless he will rectify this omission. The grouping is admirably arranged, while the proper moment for effect seems to have been most happily secured. We have seen many specimens of instantaneous photography, but seldom have we been more satisfied than with the one now under notice. Doubtless those of our readers who were present may desire to have a copy of this picture, as a souvenir of their visit. We advise them to make application for same to Bro. Bowden, 59 High Street, Oxford.

MIDLAND RAILWAY TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

THOSE who intend availing themselves of the opportunities offered the public by the Midland Railway Company for excursions and tours of a prolonged character, will do well to consult Mr. John Noble, the General Manager of the line. That gentleman is to be seen at the terminus at St. Pancras, and will, with his accustomed courtesy, be only too happy to furnish such information as may be desired. Or they may make their application at the Moorgate Street and Victoria (L. C. and D.) Stations, at Kentish Town, the Midland Offices, 445 West Strand, Cook's Excursion Offices, Ludgate Circus, and Euston Road, 28 Regent Circus, Piccadilly, 8 Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar Square, &c. &c. We may help them slightly, however, if we announce that Tourists' Tickets for Ireland, available for two calendar months, but except in the case of Belfast and Dublin, not for a more extended period, are issued in connection with all trains on the Midland system. They are either for 1st Class and Saloon, or 3rd Class and Steerage, there being none issued in the latter, however, in respect of the North of Ireland Circular Tours, and "Dublin and the Lakes of Killarney," the prices charged for which are 110s and 115s respectively. By the other routes the charges range from 104s 6d to Londonderry, to 75s to Belfast (via Barrow) 1st Class; and 55s to 35s 6d 3rd Class to the same destinations respectively. Travellers to Scarborough, Harrogate, Filey, &c. in the North; Buxton, Matlock, and Ashbourne in the Midlands, and Scotland *vid* Settle and Carlisle, may have tickets at reasonable cost, which are available to the 31st September, those issued for the Oban Circular Tour being in connection with Mr. D. Macbrayne's Royal Mail Steamers "Iona" and "Columba," and the cost inclusive of such. Every facility is offered in selecting the route to be traversed, as well as for breaking the journey at convenient intervals. We may add that two months' Tourist Tickets are issued under equally favourable conditions as to route, &c. for the English Lake District, the Lancashire Sea Coast, and the Isle of Man. These last mentioned tickets may be extended to the 31st December, or where used in connection with coaches or steamers, to the close of the coach or steamboat service, on payment of the difference between the tourist fare and the sum of the two single journey fares. In short, the Midland, like the other principal Railway Companies, makes a point of consulting the wishes and convenience of the public, and is most liberal in the facilities it offers, both as regards the original prices of tickets, and the smallness of the addition required when tickets are extended beyond the two months' term. Its omnibus service for the conveyance of intending travellers to its Terminus at St. Pancras is also a feature which entitles the Company to public commendation.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Bros. R. J. Stringer W.M., Coen S.W., Catt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., W. T. Hunt jun. S.D., Penrose J.D., Ingram I.G. Past Master Bro. Hutchings (Preceptor), and Bro. Prior, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Prior candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the third, and closed to the first degree. Bro. Coen was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thurday.

Ubique Lodge of Instuction, No. 1789.—A meeting was held at the Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, on Friday, 1st instant, when there were present:—Bros. Wade W.M., Brindley S.W., Forscutt J.W., Boulton P.M. Preceptor, Green sen. S.D., Hayes J.D., Glover I.G., Coughlan Secretary, P.M. Rev. C. A. Solbé, Bunce, Hiel, Ardiviero, McCullagh, Power, Purnell, C. White. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual able manner, Bro. Bunce being candidate in the first, and Bro. Power, who answered the questions leading to the second degree, candidate for that ceremony. Lodge was resumed to the first, when Bro. Purnell, Creaton 1791, was unanimously elected a member. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the Lodge change its meeting place. Bro. Brindley S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held on Wednesday next, at the Public Hall, Maldon. As usual, the Great Eastern Railway Company offer special facilities for those brethren who desire to attend. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 1·45.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will be held at Penzance, on Monday next. The agenda paper, amongst other matters, provides for contributions for annuitants, and suggests the making grants towards the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund.

Bro. William Stephens, Grand Pursuivant, is about to make a voyage to Australia for the benefit of his health. For some time past Bro. Stephens has been suffering from a troublesome illness, and a sea voyage has been recommended by his medical adviser.

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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 AUGUST.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Peckham, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

1687—Unity, Harrow
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 11th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1624—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

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
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
295—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
837—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
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 99—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough

TUESDAY, 12th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 4.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
186—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
486—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
488—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
493—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
803—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
826—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
850—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
866—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
720—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Soleup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 162—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th AUGUST.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
869—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Cheapers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex, Public Hall, Maldon
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, 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 Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottingbamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Horncea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

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. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meridian, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 14th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6 30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—D Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
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203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1114—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
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1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royal Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1418—Fa.con, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
1580—Cranborne, 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
1802—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 464—Haverfordwest, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 15th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 245 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)

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766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1365—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1543—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1728—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Pentalpha C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
443—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
616—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
841—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
963—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1365—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 861—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 957—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 185 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Bonnington, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Mount Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1338—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

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ON the North-West side of London, midway between Kilburn, Harlesden, and Kingsbury, stands the ancient little village of Willesden, small in itself but the centre of a large district already in the hands of the builders, and which will ere long be an important London suburb. There, on the 29th of July, at the White Hart Hotel, a number of brethren, some of them distinguished amongst the Craft, and all apparently earnest Masons, assembled, on the occasion of the Consecration of a new Lodge, appropriately called "The Wharton," in honour of the Vicar of the Parish, who has resided at the vicarage 21 years, and has devoted much labour to Freemasonry. Moreover, he is a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Berks and Bucks, and esteemed, both for his devotion to his church and the general interest he takes in the welfare of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. The Lodge room forms a pretty, and by no means inconvenient Temple. The Tyler is provided with a suitable room, with access to the Hotel, Garden, and Lodge. The banqueting room is separate from the Temple, and is well adapted for Masonic purposes, there being every convenience for the comfort of the brethren. Punctually at 4 the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D., Grand Secretary of England, took the chair of King Solomon and performed the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation in his accustomed easy and graceful manner. He was ably assisted by W. Bros. Frederick Davison G.S.D. as S.W., George Lambert P.G.S.B. as J.W., Rev. Ambrose Hall P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, Levick P.P.G.S.D. as I G. There were also present:—Bros. Leterd P.M. 255, Frank Harold P.M. 1056, Henry Stiles P.M. 1507 (the founders of the Lodge); Harmon 1507, Shoobat 766, J. Super P.M. 1769, A. Barnes P.M. 1050, S. P. Walker W.M. 733, W. Cuff P.M. 1608, F. Lamena P.M. 255, A. Ball 50, H. Turner W.M. 1608, S. Polak P.M. 1608, G. Brude P.M. 511, J. J. Thomas J.D. 753, E. J. Watson P.M. 11, T. H. Hartley 1608, T. Cannatt 1586, T. B. Jones 1321, W. M. Stiles 1744, S. J. Humphries 733, H. W. Read P.M.1287 and 183, T. Crannar 172, G. Cheviot 901, &c., &c. Bro. H. Stiles P.M. 1507, assisted by Bros. W. M. Stiles, Harmon, Wharton, and Gawith, very efficiently carried out the musical portion of the service. In addressing the assembled brethren, the Consecrating Officer explained the motive of the meeting, and proceeded to say that the number of Lodges in London had pretty well reached its limit. New neighbourhoods, however, were the exception, and in this instance there was no Lodge in the locality; the facts of the case had been represented by several brethren of repute, and the Grand Master had granted a Warrant for a new Lodge. He would advise the brethren not to be in a hurry to build up a Lodge. It was too common a fault to hasten to make up a large list of members, to the danger of admitting those who were not suitable. The outside world took more interest now than heretofore in Freemasonry, and the fame of the Institution and the munificent Charities of the Order was a powerful attraction to many to join who afterwards found themselves in a false position. Care should be exercised in the admission of members, and time should be taken in order to select those who were really capable of appreciating the Craft. A good beginning had been made in the selection of the W.M. designate, whose experience would be valuable, and through whom high hopes might be formed of the future of the Lodge. The petition and Warrant were read in due course. The former was signed by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Side P.M. and H. elect 1507, R. J. Bude I.G. 511, H. Charlton 1101, Rev. J. C. Wharton P.P. Grand Chaplain Berks and Bucks 591, A. H. Longhurs P.M. P.Z. 1425, A. B. Bude 1366, J. Jackson Gawith S.W. 706. The petition was recommended by the Kilburn Lodge, meeting at the Queen's Hotel, Kilburn, through its Officers, as follows:—Bros. Turner W.M., G. A. Barclay S.W., W. J. Warlton J.W. The oration of Rev. A. Hall was an able composition, and dealt chiefly with certain points of interest in connection with the Fraternity. It was declaimed with the author's accustomed energy, and was very warmly approved. The Consecration was then proceeded with, and carried on in the manner so characteristic of Bro. Shadwell Clerke. After the final benediction, the W.M. designate, Bro. W. Side, was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Clerke, who omitted a portion of the service as the W.M. had passed the chair. After the usual salutes had been made, and congratulations offered, Bro. Bude was appointed S.W., Charlton J.W., Rev. J. Wharton Treas. and Chaplain, Gawith Secretary. The appointments of the other Officers were deferred until next meeting. Bro. Thomas was appointed and invested as Tyler. Several candidates were proposed for initiation, and names handed in as joining members. The W.M., in a few well considered words, spoke of the important position he had just been placed in, and moved that a special vote of thanks be given to the Consecrating Officer for his services that day, and to those brethren who had so ably assisted him, also offering them the Honorary Membership of the Lodge. Bro. Gawith seconded the resolution. Bro. Colonel Clerke, in returning thanks for himself and Brother Grand Officers, accepted with pleasure the membership accorded them by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to dinner in the banqueting room. The W.M. was supported by Colonel Clerke and Bro. Richardson on his right, and the Rev. Bro. Hall, Bros. Davison and Lambert on his left. In all about 40 brethren sat down. The dinner was served a la Russ, and was of the most récherché description. A feature that should be especially mentioned was the magnificent display of flowers with which the table and room was decorated, while great praise is due to Bro. T. B. Jones for the very successful manner in which he carried out his first Masonic banquet. After the removal of the cloth, the Royal and Masonic toasts followed in quick succession. The W.M. proposed the health of the Consecrating Officers, which was responded to by Bro. Ambrose Hall. Col. S. H. Clerke proposed the health of the W.M., and in an able speech spoke of his past work and the bright future before him. The W.M. suitably replied, and then proposed the "Visitors," calling upon Bros. Read, Stiles and Harold; these brethren returned thanks. The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. Stiles, Bros. Harman, Harold and Charlton assisting. The Tyler's toast, about 10.30, brought to a close a very pleasant day, and all parted well pleased, wishing the W.M. and the Wharton Lodge every future success.

PLUCKNETT LODGE, No. 1708.

A VERY pleasant summer outing of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 21st July. The brethren assembled at Charing Cross Station at eleven a.m., where they found saloon carriages waiting to convey them to Sevenoaks. Here they found several commodious brakes had been provided, and the party drove to Panley's Hotel, and after partaking of a slight lunch, had a splendid drive round the scenery of Knowle Park, the beauties of which pleasant locality were much appreciated; the brethren returned to the hotel at half-past four, and sat down to a most récherché banquet, which had been provided for them by the host. The whole of the arrangements were ably organised by Bro. E. T. Daniels. The following Officers and brethren were present:—J. Hayes W.M., Howard S.W., Hamilton J.W., Austin J.D., Hay I.G., J. S. Simmonds P.M., Dr. Wright P.M., and Plowman. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Birdseye P.M. 569, Kaufman S.D. 1732, and Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. 534.

ALBANY CHAPTER, No. 151.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter took place on Wednesday, 30th ult., and was influentially attended. The ceremony of installing the Principals was performed by the Grand Superintendent of the Province (Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P.), and the Provincial Grand Scribe E. was also present. The following were invested as Officers for the year:—Comps. Major J. Walsh P.Z. Chapter St. Paul 1210 P.D.G.S.B. Bengal Z., Francis Newman P.Z. and Treasurer East Medina Chapter 175 P.P.G.S.N. H., G. A. Mursell J., Rev. E. W. Watts Treasurer, S. Wheeler Scribe E., R. B. Cheverton Scribe N., C. T. Allen P.S., D. S. Pring 1st Assistant Sojourner, I. Golden 2nd Assistant Sojourner, and Charles Knell Janitor.

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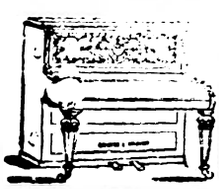
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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 50.)

HAVING fully considered all the circumstances connected with the Lodge at Warrington, in which Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring were admitted into the brotherhood of Freemasons, Brother Gould, à propos of Ashmole's visit to a Lodge in London in 1682, turns his attention to the Masons' Company, the archives of which he has had the rare privilege of studying. We do not feel that there is any necessity for our dwelling upon this portion of the volume further than to point out that the author conclusively establishes that the Masons' Company and the Society of Freemasons of London were separate and distinct bodies. It will doubtless be in the recollection of our readers that the MS. Constitutions in the possession of the Lodge of Antiquity has appended to it the names of "Robert Padgett, Clerke to the Worshipfull Society of the Free Masons of the City of London," and "William Bray, Freeman of London and Free Mason." The date of this MS. is 1686, and the question in doubt has been as to whether this "Robert Padgett" may not have been the Clerk of the Masons' Company. This point is now set at rest. To quote Bro. Gould's own words, "The records reveal that in 1678 '*Henry* Padgett Citizen & Mason,' had an apprentice bound to him. Also that in 1709 *James* Paget was the Renter's Warden. But the clerk, not being a *member* of the Company, his name was vainly searched for by Mr. Hunter in the records postdating the Great Fire. The minutes of 1686 and 1687 frequently mention 'the clerk,' and the payments made to him, but give no name. The old 'Accompte Book,' however, already mentioned, has an entry under the year 1687, viz., 'Mr. Stampe, Cleark,' which, being in the same handwriting as a similar one in 1686, also referring to the clerk, but without specifying him by name, establishes the fact that 'the Worshipful *Society* of the Free Masons of the City of London,' whose clerk transcribed the 'Constitutions' in the possession of our oldest English Lodge, and the '*Company* of Masons' in the same city, were distinct and separate bodies."

Passing over as much as relates to the meaning to be attached to the word "Freemason" as used in books, epitaphs, &c., of early date, Dr. Plot, Dr. Rawlinson, Chester Freemasonry as illustrated by the discoveries of Bro Rylands, not because the views set forth by Bro. Gould are by any means unreasonable—they are the reverse of that, and should be carefully studied—but because we have extended our remarks beyond what the narrow limits of our space will justify, we enter upon a consideration of Chapter XV.—the last in the present volume—in which the subject of Early British Freemasonry as regards England is still pursued. The opening portion of this is devoted to an elaborate study of the relative values of the Old Charges, as enumerated in Chapter II, and, as a consequence, of the traditions to be found in them. Here again, but for the difficulty just referred to, nothing would give us greater pleasure than to act as guide to our readers in respect of this portion of the volume. It is desirable, however, we should devote some space to what concerns the Legend of the Craft, and the period to which it is traceable. On this point Bro. Gould remarks, "The precise measure of antiquity our Masonic traditions are entitled to, over and above that which is attested by documentary evidence, is so obviously a matter of conjecture, that is to say, from the elevated plan afforded by the Masonic writings (MSS. 1 and 2), which, speaking soundly, carry the Craft Legend a century and a half higher than the Lansdowne (3) and later documents, it will be possible, if we confine our speculations within reasonable limits, to establish some well-grounded conclusions. These, if they do not lead us far, will at least warrant the conviction that though, when the Halliwell poem has been produced in evidence, the genealogical proofs are exhausted, the Masonic traditions may, with fair probability, be held to antedate the period represented by the age of the MS. (1) in which we first find them, by as many years as separate the latter from the Lansdowne (3) and Grand Lodge (4) documents." He then proceeds: "The Legend of the Craft will, in this case, be carried back to 'the time of Harry III.,' beyond which, in our present state of knowledge, it is impossible to penetrate, though it must not be understood that I believe the ancestors of the Society to be coeval with that reign. The tradition of the 'Bulls,' in my judgment, favours the supposition of its going back at least as far as the period of English history referred to, but the silence of the 'Old Charges' with regard to 'Papal Writings' of any kind having been received by the Masons, not to speak of this theory of Masonic origin directly conflicting with the introduction of Masonry into England in St. Alban's time, appears to deprive the *oral* fable or tradition of any further historical weight." Having noted Fort's opinion and compared certain passages in the Halliwell poem and Cooke MS., to the remarkable similarity of the excerpts from which latter he draws attention, he remarks, "It does not seem possible that the 'Book of Chargys' cited at lines 534 and 641 of the Cooke MS., and which I assume to have been identical with the 'olde boke' named in the poem, can have been the 'Elements of Geometry.' The junior document (2)"—that is the Cooke MS.—has: "'Elders that were before us, of Masons, had these Charges written to them as we have now our Charges of the story of Euclid, (and) as we have seen them written in Latin and in French both.' This points with clearness, as it seems to me, to an uninterrupted line of tradition, carrying back at least the familiar Legend of the Craft to a more remote period than is now attested by extant documents. It has been forcibly observed that 'in all the legends of Freemasonry the line of ascent leads with unerring accuracy through Grecian corporations back to the Orient,' which, though correct, if we confine our legendary history given in the manuscript *Constitutions*, is not so if we enlarge our horizon, and look beyond the 'records of the Craft' to the further documentary evidence, which adds to their authority by extending the antiquity of their text."

What follows relates to the Egyptian mysteries and cognate matters, the Holy Vehme, &c., &c., and the ancient Gothic customs described by Fort. As regards the last, Bro. Gould alludes to three, "the formal opening of a court of justice with a colloquy; the Frisian oath—'I swear the secrets to conceal (*helen*), hold, and not reveal;' and the 'gait' or procession about their realms made by the Northern Kings at their accession, initiated in the Scandinavian laws, under which, at the sale of land, the procession was incomplete until a circuit had been made around the property." As regards the last of the three, Fort is quoted as instituting the following parallel: "During the installation ceremonies of the Master of a Masonic Lodge,

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a procession takes place of all the Craftsmen around the room before the Master, to whom an appropriate salute is tendered. This circuit is designed to signify that the new incumbent reduces the lodge to his possession in this symbolic manner." As regards the other two, it is remarked, "To what extent these, or any other portions of the existing lodge ceremonial, are *survivals* of more ancient customs, cannot be accurately determined, but the evidence, such as it is, will by no means justify the belief, that the derivation of any part is to be found in the sources which are thus pointed out to us. The mode of opening the proceedings of a court, or society, by a dialogue between the officials, may be traced back to a very remote era; but it will be sufficient for my purpose to remark, that, as the Vehmic ceremonies, of which this was one, were of 'Old Saxon' derivation, they must have been known in Anglo-Saxon England before the time of Charlemagne." As to the Frisian oath, it is contrasted with the concluding words of the Sloane MS. "These Charges that we have rehearsed, and also all other y^t^ belongeth to Masonrie you shall keepe; to y^e^ vttermost of yo^r^ knowledge; So help you god and by the Contents of this booke." With brief allusions to the Hiramic and Edwin legends this Chapter and with it the Volume is brought to a conclusion.

There are several matters we should like to have touched upon, but the length of our review must be accepted as an apology for having passed them unnoticed. The volume as a whole is a worthy continuation of its predecessors, but as we have pointed out at length, we are unable to agree with the author as to his views about the Wren tradition. In the first place, we consider he has been far too exacting in his treatment of it. He does not seem to have considered it enough to indicate that actual evidence of Wren ever having been a Freemason is not forthcoming as yet, and that as yet therefore it is impossible to establish it as a fact. He seems to have acted the part of an opposing counsel, and to have set himself to denounce even the shadow of a possibility that Wren was ever a member of our Fraternity. Probably, Bro. Gould will understand our meaning better if we suggest that, had he taken as great pains to support the tradition as he has taken to destroy it, a very large number of brethren would have accepted his views but too readily, not because they would have established the fact of Wren having been a Freemason, but because they would have chimed in with the reasonable probabilities of the case. In the next place he has, in our opinion, committed the still graver mistake of attaching the greatest importance to the tradition; when, as we have been at the pains of showing, the question whether Wren was or was not a Freemason, however interesting it may be as a distinct and separate study, cannot possibly have the slightest influence on the course of Masonic history. In the discharge of our duty as impartial critics, we have laid considerable stress on this part of the volume, and have expressed our opinion freely, but at the same time in the most friendly spirit. As regards the rest of the volume, however, we have hardly anything but praise to offer.

A VISTA OF THOUGHT THROUGH A GRIDIRON.

A RECENT writer indulged in a jeremiad over what he termed "the loss of the gridiron." We never met with an instance of such gigantic ignorance. One might infer that this Jeremiah was born and reared in Neptune, or the Dog-star, so oblivious does he appear of all sublunary things. The only truth he uttered was, that the gridiron opens up a "vista of thought." It does, indeed, but not of the stuff which he labels "thought." He says this nation has *lost* its gridiron, and in consequence everything is going to the dogs. We deny his assertion; the gridiron is *not* lost. He says, further, that we may dispense with all other adjuncts of civilisation, and roam contentedly in the forest shades, if we but possess a gridiron! True, very true. We endorse also his antiquarian researches concerning this famous utensil. "What memories it evokes, historic, personal, romantic! Sacred in ecclesiastical history as the funeral pyre of a saint, famous in the legends of philosophy as the central object of a club of undying names, dear to us all as associated by the subtlest of all connecting links, the sense of smell, with the appetising odours of our childhood's home! How can we overvalue it? Let us strike for the gridiron. But with all his appreciation of its dignity, antiquity and value to mankind, this anonymous writer is on the wrong scent. He is a nineteenth century Don Quixote, fighting the windmill of the frying-pan. Now, there is no antipathy or opposition whatever between the gridiron and the frying-pan, in their higher range, and there is not the least danger of the gridiron being crowded out of use or existence. We appeal to history and tradition to justify our assertion. From the very beginning it has been used, and so far as we can now judge, its use will be continued until the last syllable of recorded time. The gridiron! Was it not employed in the Osiric Mysteries in Egypt, the Mythriac in Persia, the Cabiric in Thrace, the Adonysian in Syria, the Dionysiac and Eleusinian in Greece, the Scandinavian among the Gothic nations, and the Druidical among the Celts? Did not King Solomon himself employ it, and, with the assistance of the two Hirams, make its use universal throughout the Masonic world? Did not George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Marquis de Lafayette, James Buchanan, De Witt Clinton, Chancellor Livingston, Chief Justice Marshall, and a host of other worthies, dignify it by sitting upon it for a short space of time? And then consider the great host of the living who bided their time while pensively shifting from one bar of the gridiron to another, in order to find a refreshing spot. There is Hughan, and Fort, and Gould, and Vaux, and Mitchell, and Paton, and Nisbet, and Meyer, and a great cloud of other Craftsmen, who learned patience and fortitude while upon the mysterious gridiron. Strange that so airy a utensil, composed mainly of extended holes kept apart by dividing slots or bars, should compass such good for mankind. Surely, it is the true seat of knowledge, as the coals that underlie it are the real source of light. What says the Great Light itself? "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things which are." Exactly true. That despised and base thing, the gridiron, is the great base-burner of the world. From it emanate light and knowledge. By it a man is lifted up the moment he sits upon it. Through it he sees the fiery flames which are to make a lasting impression upon him, and on it he sits as a hero enthroned. Who, after this, will lament the decadence of the gridiron? We know it is not much in use among the profane, who prefer the frying pan, and who eventually, many of them, get out of the frying-pan into the fire; but where is the Lodge that does not keep its gridiron constantly in order; where is the Masonic Temple that is not full of these classic utensils; and where is the Mason who has not sat on one to his content? Shame on the man who has no more regard for the truth than to assert that the gridiron is being disused, or going out of fashion. It was never used so much as now. Children cry for it, and cannot wait until they are twenty-one years of age to receive it by merit, and, as a consequence, Grand Masters are occasionally impelled, from a sense of duty, to dispense with legal age and make a youth-under-age a Mason. Princes and presidents, statesmen and warriors, lawyers and doctors, savants and gentlemen of elegant leisure, all are devotees of the gridiron. It looks as though the gridiron would make the conquest of the world. It appears as though light and knowledge would, through its instrumentality, be universally dispensed. Shade of King Solomon! who could have dreamed that your sanction of the use of the gridiron would give such efficacy to the omnific declaration, "Let there be Light!"

"Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

—*Keystone.*

Warrants for two Mark Lodges have recently been granted, the first is the Egerton of Tatton Lodge, No. 341, which will hold its meetings the first Friday in the month, at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, and will be conducted on temperance principles. The second, No. 342 on the roll of Grand Lodge, will be styled the Chelmer Lodge, and will meet at Chelmsford, in the Province of East Anglia. Brother the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., is the W.M. designate of the former Lodge, and Bro. J. P. Lewin W.M. designate of the latter.

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THE KEYSTONE AND SAINTS JOHN ONCE MORE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I SUPPOSED that my paper on the above subject, reprinted from the (London) Freemason's Chronicle in the *Masonic Truth* of 3rd March, would have shamed the *Keystone* editor from repeating his folly. But there is no shame in him; he is determined by hook or by crook to impress his ignorant readers with a belief—

First, that the Masons of the middle ages had the Saints John *only* for their patron saints:

And second, that in Scotland, for about three hundred consecutive years, the Masons, and more especially the Edinburgh Lodge, kept up the custom of celebrating the Baptist's Day.

And to accomplish his purpose, the Philadelphia Christianising Masonic luminary resorts to the meanest pettifogging tricks, saying more than the truth here and less than the truth there, and takes care to appeal to sectarian prejudices. For instance, the 24th of June, he says, is the summer solstice, but every schoolboy knows better. The Baptist, he says, "taught as we teach, this truth by degrees." Now, 1st, where and when did the Baptist teach *by degrees?* And 2nd, if the Baptist taught truth like the *Keystone*, then the less we have to do with him the better. Again, he says, "St. John had a noble ancestry, as Freemasonry has." This is in a measure true, because *both noble ancestries are alike pure fiction*. In 1736, he says, four Scotch Lodges recommended that the annual election of Grand Masters should take place on the Baptist's Day; but he carefully concealed the fact that the Scotch Grand Masters were never elected on the Baptist's Day; and still again he says, The Edinburgh Lodge, "No. 1," celebrated St. John the Baptist's Day in 1757; but he carefully conceals the facts, *which I shall show up hereafter*. From Gould's third volume, he quotes that in 1671 the Bishop of Durham granted a charter to a Masons' Guild, which ordained for the Guild to elect their officers on the Baptist's Day; but the partizan editor of the *Keystone* ignores the fact that in 1671 they never dreamed either of *speculative* or *cosmopolitan* Masonry. The Masonry of to-day is as unlike the Masonry of 1671 as the 1671 Masonry was unlike Masonry of 1471. Thus, the 15th century Masons had to go to confession, and to adore the virgin, saints, &c. The 17th century Masons dispensed with confession, adoring the saints, &c., but they retained the old Masonic Law, viz., "To be true to the Church," &c.; and as the Bishop commanded them to observe the Baptist's Day, they had to do it. Now, as well as the Masons of the 17th century could depart from the sectarian notions of the Masons of the 15th century, so could the Masons of the 18th century expunge the old sectarian law, "To be true to the Church;" and for the same reason the English Grand Lodge of the 19th century threw out of the ritual sectarian notions, which were tolerated by the Masons of 1717. Now it would be just as absurd for a Catholic to demand the restoration of saint worship in a Lodge, because in the 15th century the Masons did worship saints, or for any one to demand the restoration of the old Masonic law, viz., "To be true to the Church and to entertain no heresy," because the Masons of the 17th century had that law, as it is for the *Keystone* editor to quote the Charter of the Bishop of Durham of 1671. In 1723 the Masons substituted for the old law, "To be true to the Church," the new law of *Masonic universality*. Thenceforth, all that was required of a candidate for Masonry was belief in God and the practice of morality, and I have yet to learn *why Masonic morality sanctions lying and deceiving*.

The *Keystone* editor argues that St. John taught truth, &c., and therefore Masons ought to celebrate his Day, to keep us in remembrance of him. He should, however, have remembered that as Masonry is now constituted, *what is truth to one Mason* is not *truth* to another: hence, in a Masonic gathering, each Mason should keep his religious *ism* to himself. But if Christians deem it necessary to keep St. John in remembrance, it belongs to the Church to celebrate the Saints John Days, and not to Masons.

Let us, however, put the shoe upon the other foot. Suppose a Christian in Constantinople joined a Lodge, under an impression that it was *unsectarian*, but he was soon undeceived by finding that the Lodge was dedicated to the Holy Prophet Mahomet, that it was opened and closed in the name of the Holy Prophet Mahomet, &c., and when the Christian brother objected to it, he was answered, "O, the Holy Prophet taught truth, and we should therefore keep his name in remembrance," &c., I venture to assert, that the disappointed Christian would feel the same degree of contempt for the *Mahomedan fraud* as the Jewish Mason feels for the *Christian fraud*.

The fact is, the very designation of the 24th of June and 27th of December as St. John's Days originated in *fraud*. Mr. Fosbroke, in his Cyclopædia, says:

"The heathens were much delighted with the festivals of their gods, and unwilling to part with those delights; and therefore Gregory Thaumaturges, who died in 265, and was Bishop of Nacaesarae, to facilitate their conversion, instituted the annual festivals! hence, the festivals of the Christians were substituted for the Bacchanalia and Saturnalia—the May games for Floralia—and the keeping of the festivals to the Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, and divers apostles, in the room of the solemnities at the entrance of the sun into the sign of the zodiac, according to the old Julian Calendar." (*Hone's Year Book, column* 986.)

Well, St. Gregory Thaumaturges, which means the *wonder worker*, *lied* for the purpose of converting the heathens, and our editor of the *Keystone* endeavours to perpetuate lying in the Lodge, to gratify his malicious desire of annoying and insulting brethren who have no faith in the holiness of the Saints John.

The *Keystone* editor, as already stated, wants to make his readers believe that the Saints John have monopolised the patronage of the Masonic Fraternity; he still ignores the facts I have given in my former paper, viz., that in the 15th century the English and German Masons adored the "Four Holy Martyrs" as their patron saints; an Alnwick Lodge adored St. Michael as its patron saint; the Paris Masons adored St. Blaise as their patron saint; the Zamora Masons adored St. Julia as their patron saint; St. Eulalia was the national Masonic patron saint of Spain. In Scotland each Lodge had a different patron saint, such as St. Thomas, St. Ninian, St. Mungo, St Bride, &c. Now, it is very curious, that while the sharp-eyed editor of the *Keystone* discovered in the third volume of Bro. Gould's history about the Durham Bishop stipulating in a charter he granted to Masons, to hold their annual meetings on the Baptist's Day, he omitted to notice, in the first volume, that at Rouen, in 1610, the Masons adored Saints Simon and Jude as their patron saints. Now, I venture to assert that Saints Julia and Eulalia, Saints Simon and Jude, &c., &c., had as much connection with Freemasonry as the Saints John had.

The fact is, the Christian dogma of *mediation* was the parent of saint patronage. At first it was supposed that the Son's mediation with the Father was sufficient; it was next discovered that if the Virgin mediated with her Son it would be better; and last, to make it still better, the saints began to be solicited to mediate with the Virgin, &c. The saints then began to be regarded as a kind of *Celestial lobbyists*, who could, with their importunities, influence the decrees of the powers above. When this notion once took root, every kingdom, city and village, every church and chapel—in short, everything in creation, had its patron saint. Mr. Hone in his second volume of "Every Day Book," column 85, says that even every joint in person's fingers and thumbs had its distinct and separate patron saint. And how can any one suppose that in those days the Craft guilds could suppose it possible to succeed in their business without having also patron saints? Now, "*our ancient brethren*" were in those days just as silly as the members of other Crafts were, and so they also had their patron saints. But in return for the supposed services the saints rendered to the Crafts, the Craft members undertook, or rather were compelled, to have wax candles burning night and day on their patron saint's altar, to employ a priest to say mass at the said altar, and to *blarney* the saint with grand compliments. In Scotland, the city authorities supplied every new guild with a chapel or an altar for its especial use; and as every chapel and altar had been dedicated to a saint, the guild that accepted the altar or chapel adopted its saint for their patron saint. In 1475 the city authorities of Edinburgh chartered a guild composed of Masons and Carpenters, and there happened to be just then a vacant chapel in St. Giles Kirk, that had formerly been dedicated to the two Saints John. The chapel needed repairing, and it was therefore disposed of to the new guild on condition of their repairing it and keeping it in repair; and, hence, the charter ordained that the guild should "assent to certain statutes and rules made amongst themselves, for honour and worship of Saint John," &c. (see p 231 "Lyon's History"); and Bro. Lyon adds:

"It seems to have been because of its neglected condition that the altarge was assigned by the Magistrates to the care of Masons, and not from any preference they or their colleagues in the guild [the Carpenters] entertained for the Saints John over St. Ninian, St. Thomas, or any other of the saints, in whose honour altars were sustained by their fellow Craftsmen in other parts of Scotland." ("Lyon's History," p 236.)

Bro. Gould, in his first volume, page 194, to which I have already referred, while he shows that some Crafts confine themselves to one patron saint, such as the Cordwainers, who everywhere had St. Crispin, and two or three other trades who had special saints; Bro. Gould goes on to say:

"Fraternities appear to have been generally dedicated to patron saints of the churches or chapels in which their altars were raised. At Rouen, in 1610, the Masons had a Fraternity under the patronage of Saints Simon and Jude, who, as far as I am aware, were never even traditionally connected with the building Craft."

In connection with the four Scotch Lodges, who recommended in 1736 for the Scotch Grand Masters to be elected on the Baptist's Day, the editor of the *Keystone* quoted from a foot-note in Bro. Lyon's history, page 170, as follows:

"Because it had long been customary among the Fraternity to hold their principal assemblies on the Baptist's Day."

And thus he leads a reader of the *Keystone* to suppose that it was so. But Bro. Lyon follows up the quotation thus:

"And upon this assumption [that is, that the Baptist's Day among Masons was an old custom] the fabulous story of the Craft's ancient connection with St. John the Baptist has ever since been perpetuated. The raising of the 24th of June to the rank of a red-letter day in the Scotch Masonic Calendar is more likely to have been done after the example of the English Grand Lodge; for, taking the records of the Edinburgh Lodge and of Kilwinning as conclusive evidence on the point, the holding of Lodge assemblies on St. John the Baptist's Day was never a custom of the Scotch Fraternity until after the erection of the Grand Lodge [in 1736]. Of all the meetings of the Lodge of Edinburgh that were held between the years 1599 and 1756, only some half dozen happened to fall on the 24th of June, and the first mention of the Lodge celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist is in 1757. The custom was afterwards observed with more or less regularity for about sixty years."

Having afforded the reader an opportunity of judging the *Keystone* editor's method of dishing up one-sided evidence to prove that for three hundred years the Scotch Masons celebrated the Baptist's Day, I shall now show that he was as inaccurate about the Grand Lodge of England. He says:

"Early Masonic historical references to St. John the Baptist's Day are numerous. The Grand Lodge of England was revived on 24th June 1717, and the annuals were kept on that day for the next ten years; after which it was observed on St. John the Evangelist's Day."

Before I proceed to show how little truth there is in his statement, viz., "after which it was observed on the Evangelist's Day,"

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I must give Dr. Anderson's narrative about the saints days. In the 1738 edition of his Constitution, he says:

"The annual feast has been held on both Saints John's Days, as the Grand Master thought fit; and on the 25th of November 1723, it was ordained that one of the Quarterly Communications shall be held on St. John the Evangelist's Day, another on the Baptist's Day, every year, whether there be feasts or not, unless the Grand Master find it inconvenient for the good of the Craft, which is more to be regarded than days."

If, then, the good of the Craft ought to be preferred to saints days, then I maintain that it is good for the Craft to adhere to its profession of *Masonic universality*. It is good for the Craft that no Mason should be suffered to annoy and insult another Mason with his religious ism. It is good for the Craft that every man should do unto another as he wishes to be done by; hence, it is for the good of the Craft to discontinue observing sectarian saints' days. And above all, it is for the good of the Craft to put a *stop to all manner of lying and deceiving*. If they must have Christianity in Masonry, let them call it by its proper name, and cease humbugging the world with their *pretended* "Masonic universality."

I have shown in the previous paper upon this subject, that not a solitary pre-1717 English Masonic MS. mentions the name of the Saints John. The *Keystone* editor pretended that the Robert MS. alluded to Saints John's Days, but such is not the case. Even the unscrupulous Dr. Oliver did not attempt to prove that it was an English custom among Masons previous to 1717, to celebrate St John's Days; and if even it could be proved that all the English Masons observed the St. John's Days before 1717, that is no reason why we should observe them, as already shown. But my present purpose is to show how much truth there is in the *Keystone's* statement, that "after which," meaning after 1726, the English Grand Lodge "observed the Evangelist's Day." I have carefully examined all the English Constitutions up to 1784, and noted down all its days of Grand Lodge meetings. Whenever a saint's day happened to fall on Sunday, and the G.L. met on the ensuing Monday, I numbered it among the saint's days; but when the saint's day occurred in the middle of the week, and the meeting of the G.L. was held either a few days before or after the saint's day, I did not number it among the saint's days, and here are the respective years when the G.L. of England held meetings on saints' days:

BAPTIST'S DAY.

1717, 1718, 1719, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1727, 1735, 1741, 1742, and 1750.

EVANGELIST'S DAY.

1721, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1736, 1813.

And now I have proved *conclusively*—First, that the Saints John did not monopolise the Mason's patronage. Second, that the old Scotch Masons did not have a custom of celebrating the Baptist's Day. And even the Edinburgh Lodge, though the original city charter required the members to have their annual on the Baptist's Day, yet, between 1599 and 1757 they met but six times on 24th June; then, for about sixty years, they observed the said day *more or less regular*; and since 1817, they evidently ceased to celebrate it altogether. And they would not even have observed it at all if they had not been misled by "Anderson's History of Masonry."

And third, instead of the English Grand Lodge continuing to celebrate the Evangelist's Day after 1726 for many years, as any one would infer from the *Keystone's* statement, the above figures show that the Grand Lodge of England, during a period of ninety-seven years met thirteen times on the Baptist's Day and only six times on the Evangelist's Day; and between 1750 and 1813, a period of sixty-three years, it held no meeting on either of the saint's days; and the meeting in 1813 would probably not have been on the saint's day if they had not met for the purpose of uniting with the *Ancients*. The *Ancients* seem to have met on the Evangelist's Day—perhaps they adhered to the custom simply because the *moderns* abandoned it; but be that it may, it is certain that since 1813 the Grand Lodge of England never again met on St. John's Day. And what is more, in 1814 the Rev. Dr. Hemming, a Christian clergyman, who did not approve of *Masonic lying and deceiving*, revised the Masonic ritual, and expunged therefrom all allusions to the Saints John. And the Grand Lodge of England got on very well ever since, without the aid patron saints. And this fact itself must convince even the timid and weak-minded brethren (except, of course, the *Keystone's* luminary) that *celestrial saint lobbyists* are no longer essential, either for the perpetuity or prosperity of the Masonic Institution.—*The Masonic Truth.*

GIVING THE SIGNS.—We have frequently noticed that many brethren on entering a Lodge make the sign in a very careless and slovenly manner. There would certainly be no fear of any non-Mason who might see them gaining sufficient information to enable him successfully to imitate the true sign. In our opinion strict attention should be paid to the manner of making the signs, which ought to be given with military precision. We have seen some brethren, who have been long enough in the Craft to know better, give a sign in a rapid and imperfect manner as they strode across the floor of the Lodge as if in haste to secure a seat, giving it, too, a couple of yards or so before reaching the spot opposite the pedestal. There is a want of respect not only to the W.M. but to the whole Lodge in such a manner of doing it, and indeed to Freemasonry itself. Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and we think it is the duty of the Officers of the Lodge to call back any careless brother who errs in this respect, and make him go through the form properly. The W.M. should not recognise a slovenly salute, and the J.W. and the Deacons especially should check the practice.—*Rough Ashlar.*

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Annual Grand Lodge of this Province assembled at Aldershot on Friday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, W. W. B. Beach, M.P. There was a large attendance of brethren from various parts of the Province, including many from the Portsmouth district. After some formal business a resolution was proposed by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer P.G.S.W., and seconded by Bro. Pack P.M. P.P.G.S., in the following terms:—"That it is desirable, having regard to the increasing numbers of the Craft, and the extent of the funds contributed from time to time from this Province to the central Masonic Charities, that a duly qualified brother be appointed by this Provincial Grand Lodge to act as the representative of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight on the General Committee of each of these Institutions." The resolution having been carried, it was proposed by Bro. A. Leon Emanuel P.M. P.P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Harker, and unanimously agreed, that the following brethren should represent the Province on the Committees of the Masonic Institutions:—Bros. R. Eve P.M. P.P.G.W. for the Boys' School, T. Francis P.M. Havant Girls' School, A. Barfield Past Master, Past Provincial Grand Deacon Benevolent Institution. In the absence of Bro. G. Felton Lancaster, Bro. R. J. Rastrick Past Master P.G. Treasurer, moved the following resolution:—"That it be an instruction to the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee to consider and formulate a scheme for establishing a Charitable Fund for this Province, to be supported by voluntary contributions, having for its objects the education and maintenance, in the vicinity of their own homes, and under the care of parents or guardians of the children of indigent or deceased Freemasons of the Province, either entirely or pending the election of such children to the central School. A copy of such scheme to be sent to each Lodge prior to the next Provincial Grand Lodge." The resolution was duly carried, and will be laid before the Charity Committee, to bring up a report at the next Provincial Grand Lodge. The accounts for the past year, which were of a highly satisfactory character, were presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. R. J. Rastrick), and passed. The election of Treasurer for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. Rastrick was unanimously re-elected. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed the Officers of the Province for the ensuing year, and as will be seen by the following list, the number of Officers appointed is larger than on any former occasion, this increase being due to the fact that there are now over forty Lodges in the Province. The Officers were appointed in the order given below:—

Bro. W Hickman 130	Deputy Prov. G. Master
Major Smith 2016	Prov. G. Senior Warden
W. Gammon 76	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. Dr. Mullins 1971	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. A. C. Hervey 309	
James Cole 130	Prov. G. Registrar
R. J. Rastrick 1069	Prov. G. Treasurer
J. E. Le Feuvre 130	Prov. G. Secretary
T. Page 1903, J. Pomeroy 723 ...	Prov. G. Senior Deacons
Dr. H. Grier 1971, G. H. Pack 175	Prov. G. Junior Deacons
Ernest Hall 257	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
D. S. Pring 151	Prov. G. Directors of Cers.
J. Robertson 130	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
R. W. Mitchell 903	Prov. G. Dep. Assist. D. of C.
E. Worth 195	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
R. W. Beale 487, C. H. Liddell 804	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
W. Horton 319	Prov. G. Pursuivant
G. R. Strick 1428	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
Sylvester 1903	Prov. G. Organist
Saunders, Jacob, Glasspool, Lewis, J. E. Buck, Patstone	Prov. G. Stewards
Exell, Biggs	Prov. G. Tylers

A very handsome present was made to the P.G. Lodge by Bro. M. Emanuel P.G. Registrar, consisting of a very large and handsome silver-gilt emblem, for use in the Lodge. Bro. Major Hooper P.M. P.P.G.W. also made a valuable present to the Lodge in the shape of a silver-gilt set of consecration vessels. Hearty votes of thanks to both the brethren named were carried with acclamation. A banquet was subsequently held at the Imperial Hotel, at which there was a large attendance.—*Portsmouth Times.*

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. C. Daniel W.M., Pitt S.W., Rich J.W., Walker (Secretary) S.D., Haynes I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Schweitzer and Roberts. After preliminaries, Lodge was opened in second degree, and Bro. Schweitzer answered the usual questions leading to the sublime degree of a M.M., and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Schweitzer answered the questions leading to the second, and the ceremony of that degree was rehearsed. Bro. Pitt was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Lodge was closed in harmony, and adjourned till Tuesday, 19th August.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Bro Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Forge W.M., Hunt S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Snook J.D., Trewinnard D.C. and Preceptor, Stretch I.G., and many other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Woodman, as candidate for installation, took the obligation leading to the Master's chair, and the ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Forge, the addresses being especially well rendered. Lodge was closed, and the brethren enjoyed a little harmony, Bros. Snook, Woodman, Bainer, and Telfer assisting, while Bro. Collins Organist 1693 accompanied the various brethren on the piano.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

AS with the Railway Companies which we have referred to in recent numbers of this journal, so with the Great Northern Railway, the Tourist Arrangements for the current season are on the most liberal scale and so contrived that intending travellers will have some difficulty in not finding trains that will suit their convenience. The tickets issued for Scotland are available for the return journey without extra payment to the 31st December, except in the cases specified in the Time Tables. The main route is *vid* the East Coast, York, Newcastle, Berwick, and Edinburgh. Those for Perth and Stations North of it, are *vid* Granton (by the Perth Ferry route), and also *vid* Larbert, Stirling and Dunblane; those to Forres, Nairn, and Inverness either *vid* Dunkeld or Aberdeen; and those to Keith and Elgin either *vid* Dunkeld and Torres, or *vid* Dunkeld, Boat of Garten, and the Strathspey route, and also *vid* Aberdeen. In the case of tickets for Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Stirling, and Dundee, the journey may be made either *vid* Newcastle, Hexham, and Melrose, or *vid* Berwick, the fares being the same by both routes. Alternative routes are offered in other cases, only passengers must indicate at the time of booking the route they wish to travel, as it is not permissible to go by one and return by the other. In the case of the Oban Circular Tour, travellers may proceed on the outward journey by Glasgow or Helensburgh, and thence by steamer *vid* Ardrishaig, Kyles of Bute, and the Crinan Canal, returning by rail *vid* Larbert, Stirling, Callender, and Dalmally; or, they may reverse matters, making the journey outwards by the latter and homewards by the former. As regards breaking the journey, this may be done both going and returning at Peterborough, Grantham or Doncaster. York, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Bilton, Belfast, Berwick, and stations north of Berwick. These privileges and facilities apply equally to all passengers, whether by 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Class. Intending visitors to Norway and Sweden must book for Hull, whence the journey is continued by the Mail Steam Service of Messrs. Wilson, Sons, and Co., the lines of departure for the different parts of destination being stated in the Time Tables. For Scarborough, Whitby, and other well-known pleasure resorts lying to the North-East of England, similar tickets as for Scotland are issued, similar arrangements being made as to choice of route and for breaking the journey. In the case of Skegness, Alford, and Mablethorpe, on the Lincolnshire Coast, and Yarmouth, North Walsham, and Norwich in connection with the Eastern and Midland Railway, there are issued both fortnightly and return Tourist tickets, while, as regards the Isle of Man, the tickets are not extended beyond the two calendar months for which they are issued. For Ireland, Dublin, Belfast, and Londonderry, as well as for the Lancashire coast, the tickets, which as in all cases are issued up to 31st October, are available for two months. The fares charged are moderate in the extreme, and are issued for 3rd as well as for 1st and 2nd Classes. However, those who may desire further particulars have only to make application at the King's Cross Terminus, or the Moorgate, Victoria (L. C. and D.), or Finsbury Park Stations, and they will learn all that is requisite, or they may apply at the district Booking Offices in Cratched Friars, High Holborn, Oxford-street, Piccadilly Circus, &c., &c., &c. At all events people wishing to avail themselves of the Great Northern system for their holiday trip or tour will have no difficulty in learning what must be done and paid, while those who start from King's Cross will find the Great Northern Omnibus Service very useful in conveying themselves and their luggage to their starting point. Of the comfort and convenience, even to the Pullman sleeping cars, which this Company places at the disposal of its passengers, we need say nothing: they are too well and too generally known to need anything in the way of commendation.

THE VALLEY OF THE CLYDACH.

NOTWITHSTANDING all that has been said and written as to the manifold beauties of the scenery in our own comfortable island home, and in spite of the great inducements offered by our different railways to people in the hope they will take the trouble to become acquainted with some of these beauties, there is still a large number of persons who imagine they cannot enjoy a holiday unless they spend it on the Continent. They fancy they are travelled men and women if they have spent a few weeks in trudging about Normandy, or in going up the Rhine, or through Switzerland, but their own country has apparently few, if any, attractions, for them; or if there are any places with which they may claim a somewhat familiar acquaintance it is the fashionable watering places and inland resorts, and when they have visited these, they consider they know as much as it becomes Britons to know of Great Britain. It does not seem to strike them that there are districts in England, Wales and Scotland which will stand comparison with the best of continental scenery. Our mountains may not be as lofty as the Alps, or our lake systems as extensive as in Switzerland, but for comfort and cleanliness, for the variety and health-giving qualities of innumerable parts of the country, and above all for the excellence and cheapness of our means of travel, we shall find little abroad which cannot be matched at home. And just now particularly, when the general talk is of the Cholera that has broken out in the South of France, and is apparently extending its ravages, there is greater reason than ever why we should direct our thoughts, or better still our steps, towards the beauty spots in our own country, which only require that we should become acquainted with them in order to be appreciated as they deserve. Where, for instance, shall we meet with finer scenery of its kind than is to be found in Devonshire, Cornwall, in North and South Wales, in the Midlands, in the English Lake District, in the Highlands of Scotland, and in other districts which might, but need not, be enumerated? Many, of course, of these are visited, and at times by such numbers that it is difficult to obtain accommodation. These are the fashionable resorts, but there are others equally worthy of being visited, which are comparatively, if not entirely unknown, to the average Englishman. Of one of these latter we are able to speak from personal knowledge, and as it ranks among those which are least known, we shall perhaps be doing a service to our readers if we attempt a brief description of it. As regards locality, it is situated west of Abergavenny, in Monmouthshire, a very convenient centre for tourists to select who may wish to make excursions into the neighbouring counties of Wales, or through Monmouthshire itself. From Abergavenny to Brynmawr, which the visitor should make his headquarters, is only a short distance, the railroad by which it is traversed passing through the Valley of the Clydach, which we do not hesitate to say is one of the finest and healthiest localities in this or any part of Britain. The scenery is diversified enough to suit all tastes. Those who chiefly desire to be "far from the madding crowd," will find peace and quietness to their heart's content. If they are in search of scenic beauty it will meet them at every turn. If hardy exercise is what they need, the rugged hill country will sufficiently tax their walking powers. If, unfortunately, they should be invalids, there is nothing like the clear, fresh air of the Clydach Valley to reinvigorate them, while if they are afflicted with rheumatism or similar malady, the mineral springs with which the neighbourhood abounds are known to possess most wonderful curative properties. In short, if a man needs health, or to restore it; if he desires absolute repose, or to indulge in some good stiff cross-country exercise, in any of these cases he will be afforded a splendid chance of having his wishes accomplished if he visit Brynmawr and the Clydach Valley. It is a locality of surpassing beauty, with its shady nooks, bold precipitous hills, its clear rippling streams, its waterfalls and rapids, and, above all things, that best of all medicines, a pure, bracing air, which drives all distemperatures, whether of the mind or body, out of our system. People who believe there is no place under heaven like the pleasant resort they specially affect will laugh at the idea of visiting any other locality. But Brynmawr and its neighbourhood is only one out of many places in Wales which, though easily accessible, are comparatively unknown, but which when known will become as popular as the best among the familiar haunts of the day.

Having spoken in general terms of the neighbourhood and its beauties, it is only fair that we should devote some further space to a description of the particular features which characterise it. It should first of all be mentioned, however, that to Bro. Chambers, of Treda, the public is indebted for the Clydach Valley being opened up as a resort for tourists, and that it was Mr. Neat, of Beaufort-street, Brynmawr, who took the initiative in the movement. Until some three or four years since, when the enterprise was well taken in hand by these gentlemen, this valley, though not exactly *terra incognita*, was accessible only to the hardy pedestrian. Now, thanks to the formation of well-laid footpaths, the steps that have been cut in the rocks where they rise most precipitously, and to the bridge which leads to the springs, even an invalid need not deny himself the pleasure of exploring the country and enjoying some of the most exquisite scenery to be met with in Wales or elsewhere. Local poets are wont to be enthusiastic, and as they are somewhat effusive in their praises of local beauty, so are they apt to get a little "mixed"—to use a vulgarism—in their strains. However, Mr. Simpson's lines, addressed to the river Clydach, if not marked by any great poetic beauty, faithfully enough pourtray the scene:—

"Oh, beautiful stream,
Trees, ferns, flowers, rocks;
The sunshine's bright beam,
The pebbles, the shocks
Of each fall, but increase
Thy power to please.
While thankfully thou
Dost constantly show
Their beauty and glory."

To appreciate the description, we should be acquainted with the language of the country, but in our ignorance of the latter we must content ourselves with the lines as they are presented to us, and that they are expressive of something exceptionally attractive there cannot be the shadow of a doubt. As to the falls and springs—to which reference has more than once been made—the highest of all is the Rainbow Fall, in addition to which are the Ennis Porth y Glyn Fall, the Lesser Falls on the Tram Road side, and the Horse Shoe Fall with the Ffynon-is-faen Springs, which are remarkable for their great medicinal properties. Among other attractions are a kind of Dripping Well or Jacob's Well, as it is locally known, and the Arm-chair Fall, so called from the shape of the receptacle or basin, into which the water flows. These springs, though the water has not been analysed chemically, have proved a very efficacious remedy in cases of rheumatism, weakness, &c., &c., and certainly entitle the valley to a high rank among health resorts, while the varied scenery, the cascades, deep ravines, precipitous rocks, the rich verdure, &c., equally entitle it to be regarded as a pleasure resort. Only one point remains to be satisfied, and that is, as to the means of access to this enchanted valley, but no difficulty here presents itself. A few hours journey from Euston Terminus by the London and North Western, and thence by the Cambrian Railway, over which the L. and N. W. R. Company has running powers, and we find ourselves in Brynmawr, with the Valley of the Clydach before us, with all its heights and recesses awaiting our exploration.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A SPECIAL meeting of the House and Building Committee was held, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m., on Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of examining the tenders for the erection of the new building at Wood Green. Among those present were Bros. Berridge, J. L Mather, W. Roebuck, and Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary. The following firms, 14 in number, tendered estimates for the work, namely—Mr. E. Conder, Messrs. Bangs and Co., Humphreys and Son, E. Laurence and Son, Ashby Bros., Ashby and Horner, Perry and Co., Deakin and Son, Martin Wells and Co., Grimwood and Sons, Peto, Fish, Prestige and Co., M. Patrick and Son, and W. and T. Denne, the work for which these were submitted being ranged under the three heads of schools and laundry, assembly hall, and sundry fittings, as follow :—

	School and Laundry.	Assembly Hall.	Sundry Fittings.	Total.
D. King and Son ...	£8.530	£3,820	£985	£13.335
Ashby and Horner ...	8,543	3,627	1.054	13,224
Humphreys and Son ...	8,700	3,500	950	13,150
M. Patrick and Son ...	8,400	3,600	950	12,950
Bangs and Co. ...	8,403	3,583	948	12,934
Grimwood and Sons ..	8.475	3,440	984	12,899
W. and T. Denne ...	8,450	3,428	930	12,811
E. Laurence and Son ...	8,255	3,595	943	12,793
Ashby Bros.	8,307	3,482	988	12,777
Peto Bros.	8 273	3,442	963	12,678
Perry and Co.	8,129	3,525	950	12,604
Martin, Wells and Co.	8 400	3.250	860	12,510
E. Conder	8.094	3.333	910	12,327
Fish, Prestige and Co.	7,966	3,400	946	12,312
Architect's estimate ...	£8,282	£3,560	£943	£12,785

The tender of Messrs. Fish, Prestige and Co. was accepted, and we congratulate this firm on the result, more especially as the work already done by them for the Institution has invariably given satisfaction.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The death of three male annuitants was announced, and it was intimated that the Supreme Council had renewed their annual gift of tea, sugar, and tobacco to the residents of the Institution. A vote of thanks was directed to be forwarded to the donors for their handsome present. Cheques for the ensuing quarter's annuities were ordered to be signed. The applications of two widows for half their late husband's annuities were granted. The petitions of one man and three widows were examined and passed. It was unanimously resolved to forward a letter of condolence to Lady Wilson on the death of Sir Erasmus Wilson.

Obituary

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SIR ERASMUS WILSON P.G.D.

THE country has sustained a heavy loss by the death of Sir Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., whose many and valuable contributions to medical science, and whose numerous acts of philanthropy—notably his enlargement of the Sea-Bathing Infirmary at Margate—were recognised three years since, when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood. As a surgeon he will be best remembered as our greatest authority on diseases of the skin, his "Students' Book of Diseases of the Skin" and "Report on Leprosy" being among his ablest and best-known works. He became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1831, a Fellow in 1843, a Member of Council in 1870, and President in 1881. No doubt the public will remember him best from his having charged himself with the entire expense—amounting to upwards of £10,000—of bringing over to this country the obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle, which many, many years ago was presented to the British nation by the then Pasha of Egypt. In Masonry, though his career was comparatively a short one, our deceased brother won for himself a high position. He was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, in 1870, of which, as well as of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, Greenhithe, he was a Past Master. He was a Past Z. of St. James's Chapter, No. 2, having been exalted to the R.A. Degree in December 1871. In 1874-5 he was a Grand Steward, being President of the Board of Grand Stewards at the Installation Festival of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. In 1878 he was appointed a G.S. Deacon of United Grand Lodge, and G.S.N. of the Supreme G. Chapter. He was a Vice Patron of all three Institutions, and had five times served the office of Festival Steward, viz. twice for the Boys' School, once for the Girls', and twice for the Benevolent Institution. His funeral took place on Wednesday; among those present to pay the last tribute of respect being Bro. Col. Creaton Past Grand Treasurer.

BRO. T. MORING, P.M.

WE have also to announce the death of Bro. Thomas Moring, P.M. of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, where he was initiated on the 1st October 1850. In 1859 he was raised to the chair, and at the time of his death held the responsible office of Treasurer. Bro. Moring was a contributor to all three Institutions, and, in addition, he had served as Steward for the Girls' School and the Benevolent.

WILLIAM CARTHEW DAVEY W.M. ELECT 1512.

THE funeral of the above highly respected brother, whose almost sudden death occurred last week, took place at the Norwood Cemetery, on Monday, the 11th instant, and was attended by a large assembly of sorrowing relatives and friends, amongst whom were many brethren, members of his respective Lodge and Chapter, and others. The burial service was rendered in the private chapel of the Lambeth Workhouse, of which the deceased had been for many years the able and valued Master. Amongst those present at this service were Brother P. W. Funnell, the Chairman of the Board of Guardians, the two Vice Chairmen, Messrs. Mills and Forman, and many other influential officials and residents connected with the Parish. A large proportion of the congregation followed the cortège to the Cemetery, where had assembled numerous members of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, of which the deceased was W.M. elect, and of the Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, of which he was a Past Officer. Amongst these we noticed Bros Thomas Moody W.M., Past Masters T. Hammond, T. W. Ockenden, and C. W. Fox; W. Hammond P.M. Secretary, Ballard, Ealy, and others of No. 1512; the M.E.Z. and Comps. J. C. Woodrow, and James Stevens P.Z., with other members of the Lebanon Chapter; W. Pound P.M., J. Brown, Allison, and many brethren from the neighbouring Lodges. These, with the principal Officers of the Workhouse and several boys and girls from the Parochial Schools, constituted a gathering at the grave far larger than is usually witnessed on similar sad occasions, and testified to the esteem in which our late brother had been held by those who had benefited by association with him. At the close of the solemn and impressive ceremony, and after due respect had been shown to the bereaved relatives and sorrowing friends, the brethren and companions gathered around the grave of their lamented brother, and depositing sprigs of acacia upon the coffin, paid the last sad tribute of respect to one whose memory will long be cherished amongst them.

BRO. JAMES COVERLEY.

THE death of this venerable brother occurred on the 6th instant, in his ninety-sixth year. Bro. Coverley was a P.M., and for over forty years Secretary of the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212; and was certainly one of the oldest Freemasons in England. He was initiated in the Euphrates upwards of 49 years ago, and continued a working member, holding the office of Secretary, down to the time of his death. We believe he never joined another Lodge. The funeral took place at Ilford Cemetery, on Wednesday last, the 13th instant, and besides a numerous attendance of sorrowing relatives and personal friends, there was a large assemblage of the members of the Euphrates Lodge.

The Æolus Waterspray Ventilator, which was fixed eighteen months ago in the Physicians' Consulting Room of the London Hospital, has given such satisfaction to the Medical Staff that another installation of the Æolus System in the Throat Consulting room has been resolved on. The work is now in hand.

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THE RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2023.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, on Tuesday, 12th inst., at half-past two o'clock p.m. punctually. The brethren were summoned thus early in the day in consequence of the full agenda paper that was presented. Notwithstanding the intense heat, there was a full attendance of the members to support their Worshipful Master, Brother B. E. Blasby. After Lodge had been formally opened, Bros. Aldin, Rowland, Covell, and Aldredge were raised to the sublime degree, Bro. Blasby conducting the ceremonies. Bros. Ford and Hampton were then passed by the Senior Warden, Bro. C. I. Digby P.M. 933, who proved himself a competent exponent of the Ritual. Bro. Blasby now resumed the chair and passed three additional candidates, viz.: Bros. Abell, Skene, and Gowing. There were several candidates for initiation, but the demands of the holiday season prevented some from attending; the ballot, however, was taken for Mr. Henry Frederick Nash, proposed by Bro. Skene and seconded by Bro. Blasby W.M.; for Mr. Edward Henry Smith, proposed by Bro. Marjason and seconded by Bro. Reynolds Treasurer; and for Mr. W. Williamson, who had for sponsors Bros. J. M. Lucas and J. H. Ford. The result was satisfactory, and Mr. Smith being in attendance, was introduced and regularly initiated by the W.M. The Draft copy of the Bye-Laws, as approved by Grand Lodge, was adopted, and orders given that they be printed and circulated. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. Amongst those who attended we may mention Bros. W. F. Reynolds P.M. 820 Treasurer, W. R. Phillips P.M. 975 Secretary, J. P. Houghton S.D., H. Sapsworth I.G., J. Ireland D.C., T. Callander A.D.C., and C. Maton and Messum Wine Stewards. Bro. Banks was the Tyler, and Bro. F. Albert Crowe was a most efficient Organist. The Visitors present were:—Bros. W. W. Morgan Worshipful Master 211. R. W. Forge W.M. 1656, Louis Honig 1319, and C. T. Curtis 1950. A capital banquet was supplied by Bro. John Munro, who personally superintended. The W.M. introduced the customary toasts with commendable brevity. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Forster Reynolds, who briefly touched upon the merits of Bro. Blasby, who he stated had but one desire, and that was the advancement of the Richmond Lodge. He knew the toast would receive a hearty reception, and in offering it for the acceptance of the brethren, he had every confidence that they would do it full honour. After thanking the brethren, Bro. Blasby said he scarcely felt Bro. Reynolds was justified in speaking of him in such complimentary terms However, he was intensely gratified at seeing so goodly an attendance; this was the more satisfactory as the oppressive heat of the last few days had had a most detrimental effect upon business operations, and he had scarcely hoped to be so well supported by the members of the Lodge. He could assure them he appreciated the honour they had shown him by attending. The Visitors' toast was responded to by the brethren we name above, all expressing the pleasure they had experienced in the way the work had been carried out. Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings throughout were enhanced by some capital singing. In concluding this short notice, we congratulate the brethren of this new Lodge on the satisfactory progress it is making.

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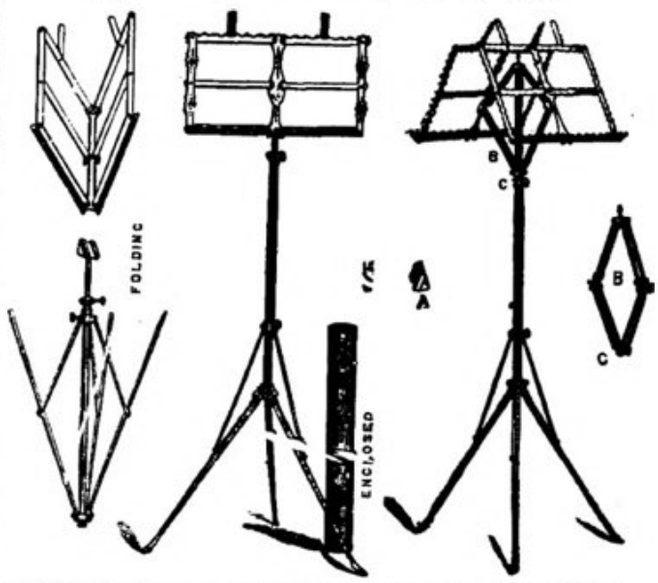
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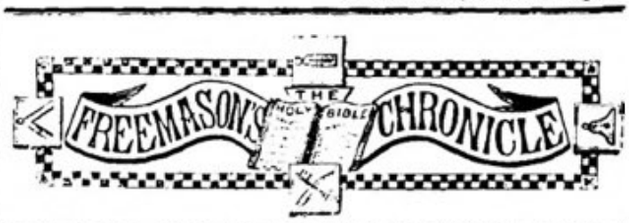
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After the brethren of the Province had formally saluted their chief, Brother Thomas J. Ralling, Provincial Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, held at Parkeston, on the 1st of August 1883. Communications that had been received were then referred to, and apologies for inability to attend offered, amongst others from Lord Waveney Provincial Grand Master Suffolk, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Rev. S. R. Wigram, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Lord Claud Hamilton, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, &c. The Lodges of the Province were well represented on the roll being called, and the total membership showed a decided increase, 1007 being the number now returned as against 887 at the corresponding period last year. The report of the Auditors was received and adopted, and then Lord Brooke called on Brother Dehane, who read the Report of the Charity Committee, as follows :—

At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Charity Committee was in debt 194 proxies; these have since been paid.

The following candidates have been elected, viz.:—Florence Ann Motion 1765 votes, Daniel Heigho 1314, George R. Bowler 681 S. Greenhill 788, Magdalen Jager 1541, Jane Elizabeth Ives 1256. We regret, however, that Mrs. Allen was unsuccessful; she now has 800 votes to her credit; 486 were brought forward from last election, polled 314 out of a total of 416 sent to the Committee, of which 102 were marked for Mrs. Jager and Ives, who had very considerable outside help.

On referring to the Calendar which will be brought to the notice of Provincial Grand Lodge later on, it will be found there are 417 womens' votes in the Province, which, if sent to the Committee, will be sufficient to secure her election next time. Mrs. Allen is now the only candidate before the Province.

On analysing the number of votes received by the Committee, we find there were 1090 from the Province, and 1438 outside the Province making a total of 2528. Now, up to the present time there are 1975 votes held by the brethren in the Province, being the large increase on last year of no less than 861. This is doubtless owing to a very great extent to our much esteemed and Very Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presiding at the Girls' Festival. The following statement perhaps will be interesting :—

	R.M.B.I. Female.	Male.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1881 .	149	161	436	250	996
1882 .	149	161	471	301	1082
1883 .	150	163	482	319	1114
1884 .	383	377	496	486	1742

There are also annual subscribers with the following votes, which, of course, not being permanent, cannot be taken into count, viz.—

34	169	19	11	233

making a grand total to the present time of 1975.

The Committee consider that all Essex Patrons or Vice-Presidents of either of the three great Masonic Charities should be members of the Provincial Charity Committee, and now ask this Grand Lodge to sanction the same. They are at present :—The R.W. Bro. the Lord Brooke 650. V W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick 51, Bro. Joseph Clever Treasurer 2005, W. Bros. Richard Clowes I.P.M. 650, George Cooper Treasurer 214, V.W. Bro. Joshua Nunn 1312, W. Bro. Ebenezer Shedd P.M. 276, 1543, Z. 276, Fredk. Wood P M 1600. The Committee also consider it would be advisable that steps should be taken that representatives from the four Chapters and two Mark Lodges may be added to their number, and now ask for sanction.

The thanks of the P G. Lodge are due to many, besides the following brethren, who very materially assisted the Committee at the elections by collecting the proxies. The numbers collected are as follows :—Bros. J. T. Austin S.W. 1457, 66; George Corble P.M. 453, 122; H. E. Dehane I.P.M. 1543, 258; J. Glass P.M. 453, 103; James Godwin P.M. 1343, 118; A. Lucking P.M. 1000, 262; Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51, 515; E. Shedd P.M 276 675.

We refrain from taking up more time of P.G. Lodge by tabular statements, but should any desire information under that head we shall be pleased to give it.

We trust the steps the Committee have taken to secure the election of the different candidates, and the very happy results, will meet with the approval of this Grand Lodge.

R. Clowes,
E. Shedd,
H. E. Dehane,
Representatives of the Committee at the Elections.

This Report having been adopted by the members, Lord Brooke addressed the Brethren of Provincial Grand Lodge. He recalled to the minds of those present the intense gratification he had experienced on the occasion of his visit to Maldon, when the Blackwater Lodge was consecrated. Since then two other Lodges had been added to their roll; namely the Brooke, No. 2005, and the Tilbury, No. 2006. These Lodges, as indeed were all in the Province, were progressing most satisfactorily, and he thought this might be accounted for by the intense zeal displayed by his Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, and the Prov. Grand Officers generally. To all he tendered his best thanks for their cordial and hearty support. The Provincial Grand Master next referred to the Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May last, at which he presided, when a sum amounting to over £13,000 was realised. This was the more gratifying as the time was essentially one of depression; but he invariably found that Freemasons were never backward in supporting their noble Institutions. Personally he thanked the brethren for the liberal way in which they had contributed. He scarcely thought there was any other feature that required to be touched upon by him, but he could not let the occasion pass without some reference being made to the loss the entire Craft had sustained by the death of the Duke of Albany. After speaking of the occasion on which he had the honour of being installed as Provincial Grand Master, and of the gratification the late Duke had felt at his reception by the members of the Province of Essex at the time of his visit to Colchester, Lord Brooke said he would not urge, after the time that had elapsed, that a letter of condolence should be sent from their Provincial Grand Lodge, but if the brethren thought well of his proposition, he would suggest that he should write a private letter to the Duchess of Albany expressing the sympathy of the Provincial Grand Lodge with her in her affliction. In conclusion, while being fully alive to his own shortcomings, he could assure the brethren he felt the greatest pleasure in coming among them, and was much gratified with the hearty reception he had met with. Bro. Andrew Durrant was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and then Lord Brooke, addressing Brother Philbrick, requested the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to continue the duties he had hitherto fulfilled so satisfactorily, and gracefully alluded to the honour recently conferred by the Grand Master on him by appointing him to the office of Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of England. He (Lord Brooke) trusted Bro. Philbrick might find time, amidst his multifarious engagements, to continue his exertions for the welfare of the Province of Essex, which hitherto had resulted so satisfactorily. Bro. Philbrick thanked the Provincial Grand Master. He could assure him his had been a labour of love. He fully appreciated the high honour that had been conferred on him by the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, but his first hope had been, on hearing of his appointment, that it might not necessitate any severance of his connection with the Essex brethren. The Provincial Grand Officers were then invested as follows :—

Bro. Donald S. Baynes W.M. 2006 ...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
J. C. Earle I P.M. 214	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. W Morgan Jones S.D. 697...	Prov. G. Chaplain
A. Durrant P.M. and Treas. 276...	Prov. G. Treasurer
W. Herbage W.M 2005 ...	Prov. G. Registrar
T. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 ...	Prov. G. Secretary
T. J. D Cramphorn I.P.M. 1024...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
J. Gilling P M 1280	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
A. Mead W.M. 276	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
A. Lucking P.M. and Sec. 1000 ...	Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies
A. Richardson W.M. elect 1977 ...	Prov. G.A.D. of Cers.
F. V. Willson P.M. 160... ...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
G. A. Enstace I.P.M. 697 ... }	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
John Dean P.M. 433 ... ... }	
G. F. Smith jun. 1977	Prov. G. Organist
H. G. Everard W.M. 650 ...	Prov. G. Assist. Secretary
Daniel Bartlett P.M. 1343 ...	Prov. G. Pursuivant

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C. Floyd I.P.M. 1817 ...	...	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
T. S. Sarel	...	Prov. G. Tyler
R. Haward Ives W.M. 51	...	Prov. G. Stewards
John Hutley W.M. 1024	...	
W. Strutt 1977 ...	...	
S. H. Ellis 1977 ...	...	
A. Durrant jun. 276 ...	...	

The several notices of motion as set out in the agenda paper were then considered. The first, which stood in the name of Bro. Andrew Durrant, P.G. Treasurer, was as follows:—

"That, in accordance with Rule 164, New Book of Constitutions, By-Law VIII. be amended by the addition of the following fees:—For Registering a new Lodge, £2 2s; for Registering By-Laws, 5s; for Registering Amendments of By-Laws, 5s."

In speaking to this motion, Bro. Durrant stated he was sure no body of gentlemen, who had it in contemplation to establish a new Lodge, would object to pay these fees; he had, therefore, no hesitation in putting it forward. The motion was seconded and agreed to *nem con.*

Bro. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, proposed—

"That for the better custody of the Books and Documents belonging to the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Secretary be provided with a Fire-proof Safe at a cost not exceeding ten guineas."

This was also agreed to. A proposition by Brother A. Lucking—

"That the Collars and Jewels for the Provincial Grand Standard Bearers be provided out of the funds of the Province"—

Elicited considerable discussion; it was urged that some of the Lodges would perhaps like to contribute these articles; in fact, would prefer to do so. Brother Glass moved as an amendment to the proposition that the question should stand over for consideration at the next Provincial Grand Lodge, and this amendment was carried. The discussion, however, had this practical result; later on in the evening it was announced that Bro. Philbrick would present Provincial Grand Lodge with a suitable sword, Bros. Herbage and Clever undertook to supply the necessary banners, and the Provincial Grand Master promised to provide the collars.

Brother James Godwin W.M. 1343 proposed—

"That this Grand Lodge approves of the Calendar compiled by Bros. E. Sheild and H. Debane, and recommends that the same shall be distributed throughout the Province under the sanction and by the order of this Provincial Grand Lodge."

Some amount of time was spent in considering this question, but in the end the publication of the Calendar was authorised by Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Godwin kindly guaranteeing to make good any financial deficiency that might accrue. Amongst other matters, it was agreed that a sum of money, not exceeding £15, be voted out of the funds towards the expenses of the day; a vote of thanks was recorded to the Maldon Lodges for the entertainment they had provided; and a similar compliment was paid to the Great Eastern Railway Company for the facilities they had offered to the brethren to attend the meeting. Bro. the Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M. 1024, replied for the brethren of Maldon, and shortly afterwards Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at the Blue Boar Hotel, and the after proceedings were of a truly harmonious character. Lord Brooke presided. Bro. Edmund Gowers superintended the musical arrangements, and was ably supported by Bros. A. S. B. Sparling, J. J. C. Turner, and G. T. Smith.

The Prov. G.M., speaking to the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past, said that with regard to the late Duke of Albany, whose memory was still green among them, his Royal Highness considered that one of his most pleasant Masonic experiences was connected with them in the town of Colchester, and his lordship felt sure they would always look with interest to the doings of those who were dear to him—the Duchess and his children. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President of the Board of Benevolence, responded, and paid a tribute to the part Bro. Philbrick had taken in the revision of the Book of Constitutions. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master said he rose to propose the toast of the evening, the health of the Prov. Grand Master Lord Brooke. As Essex men, they were proud of their Prov. Grand Master, and their Prov. Grand Master had told them, in no unmeasured terms, how proud he felt of the Province when the Secretary of the Girls' School announced that the contributions from Essex exceeded those of any other Province in England. Long might Lord Brooke be spared to preside over them; long might the Province be prosperous, uniting, and increasing, and long might Lord Brooke find them in that state to which the Province had now attained. The Prov. Grand Master, on rising to respond, was received with applause. He thanked the brethren most heartily for their kind and warm reception; and in paying a tribute to his predecessor the late Lord Tenterden he said he felt he could only in a very distant measure tread in his footsteps; but if he could not make so deep a mark in the Masonic history of Essex as Lord Tenderden made, he trusted they would bear with him as far as they could, and support him as heartily as they had hitherto done. The Prov. Grand Master next submitted the Provincial Grand Officers, and in doing so he referred to the discussion which had taken place in Lodge as to providing new regalia, &c. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, replying, said his Lordship had struck the key-note when he said that, glad though they were of an accession to their numbers, quality was what they wanted. They were strong enough and respected enough to say that they could not afford to have a candidate brought forward unless "the tongue of good report" was heard in his favour. Bro. R. Clowes, in a neat speech, proposed the Visitors. Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School; Bro. Tracy, the Secretary of the Province of Suffolk, who expressed his earnest wishes for the prosperity of the Province of Essex; and Bro. Thompson responded to the toast. The Prov. Grand Master then proposed the Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province, coupled with the name of Bro. Glass, W.M. of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, who responded.

MARK MASONRY.

VISIT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND TO EXETER.

THE annual moveable Grand Mark Lodge of England was held at the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, on 7th instant, when the Grand Lodge paid their first visit to Devonshire. This county holds the proud position of being the senior Province of Mark Masonry in England, but no active steps were taken by the Provincial Lodge to invite the Grand Lodge to hold a meeting in Devonshire until recently. At the Torquay meeting of the Provincial Lodge last year the representatives of St. George's Lodge, Exeter, suggested that such an invitation should be given, and it met with general approval. In April last the proposition was formally adopted at the Provincial Lodge, at Newton Abbot, and the newly-installed Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, readily accepted the invitation to pay a visit to Exeter. The general arrangements have been made by a Committee of Officers from the Provincial Grand Lodge and St. George's Lodge, who were presided over by the P.G. Master of Devon Colonel Tanner-Davy. The Royal Public Rooms were selected for the meeting, and the decorations were carried out by a Sub-Committee comprising Bros. E. T. Fulford, J. Algar, and H. Stocker. The large hall was transformed into a handsome Lodge-room, and was decorated with banners of various Lodges in the Province, Knight Templar shields, and a collection of plants lent for the occasion by Messrs. Lucombe, Pince, and Co. The banquet at the Rougemont Hotel in the evening was arranged by a Committee consisting of Bros. W. F. Quicke, O. Bodley, and J. Algar, the general supervision of the whole arrangements for the day being placed in the hands of Bro. G. F. Gratwicke, Provincial Grand Secretary. A Provincial Grand Lodge was held previously to the meeting of Grand Lodge, and brethren attending both Lodges were invited by the Dean and Chapter to look over the Cathedral. At noon a large number of visitors met at the west door, and were courteously conducted over the grand old edifice by the Rev. H. E. Reynolds, Librarian of the Cathedral, who spared no pains to thoroughly explain everything that was to be seen, and to make the visit as interesting as possible. The picturesque grounds of Rougemont Castle were also thrown open by Mrs. Gard for the inspection of the brethren, and many availed themselves of this privilege, and also took the opportunity of looking over the Albert Memorial Museum, the Guildhall, and some of the ancient houses in High-street. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock. Colonel Tanner-Davy P.G.M. presided, and the other Officers present were:—Bros. Walter G. Rogers P.P.G.S.W. as D.G.M., W. Vicary Senior Grand Warden, A. Latimer Junior Grand Warden, J. Lane G.M.O., G. M. Burden Teignmouth G.S.O., W. H. R. Sanders G.J.O., E. Hibert Cross, M.A., Grand Chaplain, G. F. Gratwicke Grand Secretary, W. H. Cawse Grand Assistant Secretary, H. Stocker as G.S.D., G. C. Searle G.J.D., J. Wills Grand Superintendent Works, A. Bodley P.P.G.J.O. as G.D.C., G. Huxham A.D.C., A. Tout Grand Sword Bearer, L. E. Bearne Grand Organist, J. Haywood Grand Pursuivant, H. Rogers Grand Steward, and James Gidley P.G. Tyler.

The P.G. Secretary (Bro. Gratwicke) announced that the addresses of condolence on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., passed at the P.G. Lodge at Newton Abbot had been acknowledged both by Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany. The letter from the Home Secretary (Sir W. V. Harcourt) was addressed to himself, in the following terms:—

"Sir, I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the members of the Society of Mark Master Masons resident in the County of Devon, on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, the Duke of Albany, K.G., and I have the satisfaction to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the address very graciously."

On the motion of the Prov. G. Master, seconded by Bro. Rogers, and supported by the Revs. Bros. Whittley and I. Crosse, it was unanimously resolved that the P.G.M.M. Officers and members of the P.G. Lodge of Devonshire desire to express their gratitude to the M.W. the Grand Mark Master for the readiness with which he has kindly accepted the invitation to honour this, the senior Province by holding his first moveable Grand Lodge in Devonshire, and in the ever faithful city of Exeter, whose Masonic records are of such antiquity. The Rev. T. Russell moved, and Bro. E. T. Fulford seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for per-

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mitting the brethren to go over the Cathedral, and to the Rev. H. E. Reynolds for so kindly conducting them; and also to Mrs. Gard for throwing open the grounds at Rougemont Castle. The Grand Mark Lodge of England was opened about four o'clock on the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore G.M.M.M. presiding. The noble Grand Master was accompanied by the following Officers and acting Officers of Grand Lodge, besides the members of the Provincial Lodge, viz.:—The Right Worshipful Col. Tanner-Davy P.G.M.M. Devon as Deputy G.M., R.W. Bros. R. C. Else P.G M.M. Somerset as P.G.M., H. H. Locke P.P.G.M. Bengal as S G.W., Sir Charles Edward Palmer J.G.W., Henry Venn G.M.O., W. Roebuck P.G.M.O. as G.S.O., Thomas J. Pulley P.G.S.D. as G.J.O., C. F. Matier P.G.W., R. V. Howard D.G.M.M. Dorset, Rev. H. G. Morse and Rev. R. P. Bent P.G. Chaplains, F. Davison P.G.S.W. G. Treas., Frederick Binckes P.G.S.W. G. Sec., Charles W. Duke S.G.W. Sussex G.S.D, C. W. Radway J.G.W. Somerset G.J.D., Robert Berridge G D.C., J. Lane G.A.D.C., Controller S. D. B ke G.S.B., E. T. Fulford P.G.S. as G. Sr. Bearer, W. Morris G.I.G., Viscount Molesworth P.G.C., Percy Wallis P.G.S. P.G.J.D., W. S. Gillard P.G.S. and P.P.G.J.W. Somerset, C. J. Martyn Deputy M.G.M. G.S.W., G J. Palmer Dorney G.J.W., H. Horsard Hodges P.G.S.W. Berks and Oxon, H. G. Martin St. Albans P.P.G.S.B. Sussex, G. H. Baynes Reed Falmouth, Herbert Spencer Birmingham S.O., Thomas Murray Gorman Oxford P.G.C., &c. The first business was the reading of letters of apology for non-attendance from a number of distingnished brethren, by Bro. F. Binckes G. Secretary. Bro. F. Davison G. Treasurer moved, and Controller Bake seconded, that the sum of £10 10s be voted to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and the proposition was carried unanimously. The vote was acknowledged by Bro. Radway on behalf of Bro. Hughan, who was unable to be present. The Provincial Grand Master of Devon then conveyed to the Grand Master in suitable terms the vote of thanks previously carried to the Grand Lodge for their visit to Exeter. The Earl of Kintore, in acknowledging the compliment, returned thanks for the hearty welcome extended to him by the brethren in Devonshire, and expressed the pleasure it always gave him to do anything he possibly could to promote the interests of Mark Masonry. The routine work having been got through, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form with solemn prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Rougemont Hotel, and an excellent repast was served up by the Manager, Mr. Hussey. The Earl of Kintore presided, having on his right the Provincial Masters of Devon and Somerset, on his left Sir Charles Palmer and Viscount Molesworth, and the various present and Past Officers in the immediate vicinity. Between sixty and seventy of the brethren who attended the Lodge were also present. The vice-chairs were occupied by Brother W. Vicary, the Provincial S.W., and Brother W. G. Rogers, the Worshipful Master of No. 15. After dinner various Masonic toasts were proposed, the speeches being interspersed with music. The Earl of Kintore, before proposing the first toast, acknowledged the kindness experienced by himself and all the Officers of the Grand Lodge. Fired by a good dinner he was prepared to speak at length, but he saw at the head of the toast list the line—

Brief, I pray you, for you see it's a busy time wi h me.

And he should take care to conform to those words. The health of the Queen having been duly honoured, the health of the Prince of Wales was proposed, the noble chairman stating that he saw the Prince on the previous day, and was desired by him to convey to the brethren his hearty good wishes. The health of the Grand Master was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, and received with enthusiasm. The Grand Master, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed great satisfaction at the flourishing condition of Mark Masonry, there being no less than 355 Lodges. He was highly pleased with the reception given them that day, and he would promise that if ever in any Masonic position he was again invited to Devonshire nothing over which he had control should prevent ' is attending. In conclusion, he expressed his opinion—which he was sure all would endorse—that Devonshire was presided over by one of the most able and popular Masters that ever ruled a Province. The Provincial Grand Master of Somerset proposed the Past Grand Masters of the Order, and the Deputy Provincial Master of Dorset gave the Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Officers of England, for whom Sir Charles Palmer responded. The health of the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, his Officers, and other toasts followed.—*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette.*

ASSYRIAN ANTIQUITIES AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

THE authorities of the British Museum have recently opened a new Assyrian Room, containing a choice selection of monuments and inscriptions, forming a series of records recovered from the grave mounds of Babylon and her sister cities, extending over a period of more than thirty centuries. The most ancient object for which a definite date can be obtained is a small ovid of pink and white marble found by Mr. Rassam in the foundations of the temple of the Sun god at Sippara. It bears an inscription of Sargon I, King of Agade, the Akkad of the Bible, one of the quarters of Sippara. The date of this interesting object is established by the statement of the Babylonian historian Nabonidus, which is found on an inscribed terra-cotta cylinder placed beside it as B C. 3750. Earlier however, than this record are the cones from Tel-Ho and the black granite socket of a gate in the same case. There is also a fine tablet, a joint ex-voto by the Elamite King Kurbar-Maduay and his son Eriaku, King of Larsa; while close adjacent is the capital of a column bearing the name of a King of Guti, the Gomi, or Nations of the Bible. These inscriptions, which are about the time of the Abramic migration, call to mind the Mesopotamian allies who invaded Palestine during the life of the Patriarch—Gen. xiv. 1. Of the middle age of the Babylonian empire, that is the period from the twelfth to the ninth centuries before our era, there are a most interesting and well-preserved series of monuments. The most important is the terra-cotta muniment chest which was found buried beneath the "Holy of Holies" of the Sun temple at Sippara, in which were the stone tablet of Nabubaliddina—B.C. 860—and the cylinders of Nabonidus, who repaired the Temple in B.C. 550. This tablet of Nabubaliddina is one of the most valuable records in the collection, furnishing a complete résumé of the sacrificial code of the temple, with a list of the festivals. In the cylinder of Nabonidus found with it, the war of Cyrus Astyages and the capture of Ecbatana are mentioned. We have brick and stone tablets from Kilch Shergat, the ancient Assur—the metropolis of Assyria—and the fine terra-cotta cylinder of Tiglath-Palieser I.—B.C. 1120—which formed the test papers for the proof of the accuracy of cuneiform decipherment forty years ago. There are also fine cylinders of Sargon II.—B.C. 721—the Tartar, who came up against Samaria and Ashbod, the Taylor cylinder of Sennacherib recording the siege of Jerusalem, and the Bellino cylinder, of the same king, recording the war against Merodach Baladan. The finest specimen of these great Assyrian chronicles is the cylinder of Assurbanipal—B C. 668—the Sardanapalus of the Greeks, which was found in 1878 by Mr. Rassam while clearing away a wall in the north-west palace at Koyunjik. Containing nearly 2000 lines of writing, it is yet in such perfect preservation that hardly twenty lines are injured. On the right of the doorway is a case filled with curious bowls, with talismanic inscriptions written in Hebrew, Syriac, and Cufic.

One example may be especially quoted on account of its illustrating the influence of Babylonian mythology on the Jews. Among the phrases are the following: "May the Almighty one of Israel be around him, like the Strong ones who surround the bed of Solomon." "May the four Arch-angels and the Seven Spirits of the Throne guard him." In the centre of the bowl are the initial letters of Peace, Rest, Safety and Truth, and rude drawings of the Tree of Life and the Breastplate.

Fragments of painted bricks, tiles, and cornices from the palaces at Koyunjik, Nimroud, and Babylon, reveal the great artistic and scientific skill of the decorative artists of the past, and portions of a frieze or fresco composed of tiles on which are drawn warriors, priests, and royal personages in procession, remind us of the designs in the Temple of Belus described by Greek writers. Some of these bricks come from the Babylonian palace discovered by Mr. Rassam in 1878 in the Imjailebe mound, which he considers was the building in which Belshazzar's feast took place.—*The Times.*

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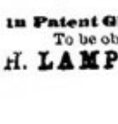
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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 AUGUST.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Pecleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Khare Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Stud Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

611—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel Twickenham
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

MONDAY, 18th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd, Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
1440—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. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C. 23—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 19th AUGUST.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1399—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1466—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1581—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction).
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 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
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 448—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 490—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. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 20th AUGUST.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
869—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1589—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
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, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Lovel Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 13 7—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 21st AUGUST.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1186—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St Martin, Town Hall, Pursiem
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
630—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
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)
1298—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)

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766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1256—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S. W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 184—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards, Heath, Sussex

SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1276—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Beckenham, Crown and Anchor, 79 Bury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone

CHINA.

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A SPECIAL Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Wednesday, 18th June, when there were present Right Worshipful Bro. Cornelius Thorne District Grand Master (in the chair), J. I. Miller Deputy District Grand Master, H. Evans Past District Senior Grand Warden, and many other present and Past District Grand Officers and Visitors. The members of the District Grand Lodge and Visitors having taken their respective places in the Lodge, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master Bro. C. Thorne entered, accompanied by the District Grand Officers, and was received in due form. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Worshipful Bros. O. Middleton W.M. Tuscan Lodge No. 1027, D. M. David W.M. and G. A. Allcot P.M. Doric Lodge No. 1433 Chinkiang, J. Innocent W.M. Union Lodge No. 1951 Tientsin, and a telegram from Worshipful Bro. D. A. Emery P.M. Doric Lodge No. 1433 Chinkiang. The Right Worshipful District Grand Master said that the circular informed the brethren that they had met to pass a vote of condolence on the death of their deceased Right Worshipful Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. The brethren might, perhaps, consider that the meeting had been delayed rather long, but a meeting of the District Grand Lodge in a place like Shanghai could not be called at a moment's notice. At the time the news was received of the death of their distinguished brother, many members of the District Grand Lodge were absent from Shanghai, either in Hankow or elsewhere, and it was deemed advisable to delay the meeting till now. He was pleased to see so many brethren present, especially those from the sister Lodges. Their Right Worshipful brother who had passed away was not known perhaps personally to any one present, but they had all heard and read of his many good acts during his lifetime; he had rendered most valuable service on educational and other important subjects; and had not only laboured for the good of Freemasonry, but in other good works that conduced to the benefit of his fellow countrymen. Knowing that it was impossible for him to speak as he would wish, he would read from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of 26th April, the speech made by Bro. W. W. Beach in seconding the address of condolence at the meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England, on 24th April 1884, as it set forth more fully than he was able to do the manner in which his Royal Highness had worked for the interests of Freemasonry. Having read this speech, the Right Worshipful Master said it expressed the general feeling of the brethren in England, and he would, without further preface, move the adoption of a vote of condolence which he had prepared to be forwarded to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Right Worshipful District Grand Master then read the vote of condolence which he proposed. Bro. J. I. Miller Deputy District Grand Master said, that after the very able manner in which the District Grand Master had placed the resolution before the District Grand Lodge, it would be presumption on his part to say much. He begged to second the motion, and to heartily endorse every word that the Right Worshipful District Grand Master had said, and he was sure it was the feeling of every member of the District Grand Lodge that the vote of condolence should be passed unanimously. Bro. C. J. Holland W.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge Scottish Constitution, on behalf of the members of his Lodge, expressed their regret at the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of their distinguished Worshipful Brother, and begged to endorse the sentiments expressed in the vote of condolence. Bro. M. H. Cook P.M. in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Massachusetts Constitution, on behalf of his American brethren, also cordially endorsed the sentiments that had been expressed. The Right Worshipful District Grand Master remarked that it was gratifying to the members of the District Grand Lodge to know that the brethren of their sister Lodges working under the Scottish and American Constitutions so cordially joined with English Masons not only in their pleasures but in their sorrows, and he warmly thanked them for their presence and the kind feeling they had expressed. He then asked whether it was the will and pleasure of the members of the District Grand Lodge that the vote of condolence he had read should be adopted and forwarded. The vote of condolence was then unanimously passed, and the Right Worshipful District Grand Master said it would be forwarded to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, together with a printed copy of the minutes of the last meeting,

THE EDUCATION OF MASONS' CHILDREN.

The Right Worshipful District Grand Master said that before he closed, he should like to mention that an important subject had been mooted in one of the English Lodges, and before long action would have to be taken. It was the subject of forming some school, or at least subscribing to some fund, whereby Masons could do something towards the education of the children of brethren who died poor, instead of leaving them to the charity of brethren in a casual manner. Brethren were aware that during the last few years applications had been made on behalf of children of Masons who had belonged to the Cosmopolitan and Ancient Landmark Lodges, and it seemed to him that any action that was taken should be united. He asked brethren to seriously think the matter over, and if any brother at any time had any suggestion to make he would be pleased if he would communicate with him, and he would call a general meeting so that the matter could be discussed.

There being no further business, and nothing more offering for the good of Freemasonry, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, the brethren separating in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

CURIOUS MASONIC INCIDENT.

THE following sketch of the burial of Bro. Isaac G. Wile, of Rochester, N.Y., who died in New Mexico, was written for the Albany *Press* by Mr. Lamb, who was one of the party with whom Mr. Wile was travelling, and who is now one of the *Press* editorial staff. After describing the journey from Fort Garland, N.M., to Conejos, the last scene was described as follows: Wile was the son of a prominent Rochester merchant. He had been married about two years before, and at the time of his departure from home carried with him his wife's portrait and that of their child, a sprightly-looking infant of a year's growth. From the poor man's constant reference to both, we almost grew to know them, and the most melancholy task ever allotted to me was to convey to that broken-hearted woman the intelligence of her husband's sad death. The piteous calls for his wife and child were heartrending in the extreme. At ten o'clock a signal from Mac drew us to the tent, and in a few moments the agonising suspense was over. One of our party lay dead in our midst. No words can express the feelings that had possession of all at that moment. Thousands of miles from those he loved, a buffalo robe strewn on the grass his couch of death, without a single person other than ourselves within reach who could speak a word of English, and we as complete strangers beyond the associations of a month, there was something peculiarly desolate about the death-bed.

At this moment occurred one of those curious incidents that sometimes will happen, that are beyond all explanation and carry with them in memory a sense of weirdness and astonishment. We had not for three weeks met with a single person who could speak English. All our surroundings were Mexican. We were far away from travelled lines, 180 miles distant from telegraph or railroad, and at a point where visitors rarely if ever entered. As breakfast was preparing the following morning, six fine looking men strolled into camp, each bearing on his face a look of earnest seriousness. They inquired closely, but respectfully, into the circumstances of Wile's death, and asked to be permitted to view the remains alone. The request, while it occurred to us as singular, was granted, and the party passed to the spot where lay all that was mortal of our departed friend, awaiting burial. After some time spent in consultation, the oldest of the party returned to camp and said: "Gentlemen, your dead companion was a Mason, as we are. We desire to take charge of his burial, in order to conduct it in accordance with Masonic custom. We feel the delicacy of the situation, but ask your indulgence of this request."

It is unnecessary to say that the request was granted, and the six Masons secured some rough boards, out of which they improvised a rude coffin, prepared the body with every token of respect, conducted a full ceremonial, dug a grave with their own hands, and laid poor Wile to rest, as we stood by, interested spectators of the proceedings. The strangers then took their leave, disappearing as quickly and mysteriously as they had come. Whom they were we did not know, nor whence they came, nor how they had learned either of Wile's death or of the fact that he was a Brother Mason. The incident made a very deep impression upon our minds. None of us members of the Fraternity, we remarked with astonishment the mystery and completeness of the entire proceeding, and became satisfied that there was more in Masonry than we had before suspected, in an experience in which tape and flurry, and, to our mind, meaningless terms and ceremony made up the total. To those of the Fraternity who read these lines, it will be gratifying to know that the real benefits of the Craft found an exemplification in such a remote locality and under such peculiar circumstances, and it cannot fail to create and foster a feeling of confidence and pride in the recognition of its possibility. Whatever may be said against Masonry, no member of that party who watched the tender care and solicitude of utter strangers for a fallen Brother, can remove from his mind the conviction that Masonry, in some degree at least, as exemplified by that illustration, means a common Brotherhood among men.—*Rochester Morning Herald.*

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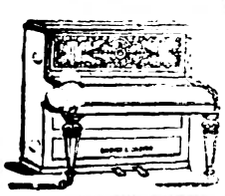
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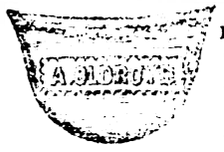
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A NEW WORK ON MASONRY BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN P.G.D.

IT will be welcome news to our readers that there will be published, at no very distant date, another historical Masonic work by our respected and indefatigable Bro. W. J. Hughan, while to the students of our Craft it will be still more welcome news that the new work will deal especially with Royal Arch Masonry in its association with the English Rite of Freemasonry. It is unnecessary for us to point out that the subject is a difficult one to handle, nor are we venturing into the domain of flattery when we affirm that of the small but diligent band of Masonic writers there is no one more competent to treat of such a subject so exhaustively. The full title of the work will be "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry, especially in relation to the Royal Arch Degree," and in the seven chapters of which it will consist will be severally discussed the following subjects, namely, in Chapter 1, "Rise of Masonic Degrees;" Chapter 2, "Investigations on the Third Degree;" Chapter 3, "Premonitions of the Schism;" Chapter 4, "Advent of Royal Arch Masonry;" Chapter 5, "Organisation of the Seceders;" Chapter 6, "Extension of Additional Degrees;" Chapter 7, "Constitution of the Grand Chapter." The Appendices will contain, as matter supplementary to or illustrative of the body of the work, the "Charter of Compact (R.A.) 1767;" "Laws of Grand Chapter," 1st Edition, 1778; "Charter of Compact (K.T.) 1780;" "List of R.A. Chapters, 1769-1813;" "List of Grand Superintendents, 1778-1813." Among the illustrations will be included "Seals of the Grand Lodge of ALL England" (York)—seal and counterpart; "Seals of the Grand Chapter of ALL England" (York); Jewel of the "Nine Worthies"—both obverse and reverse; and the obverse of the Centenary Jewel, Royal Arch. The Preface will be from the pen of Bro. T. B. Whytehead of York, a worthy friend and collaborator of Bro. Hughan, and the whole will be dedicated to another conspicuous and most enlightened Craftsman, who, we understand, is among the oldest of the author's friends, and his early instructor in Masonry—Bro. Dr. Hopkins, of Bath.

From this synopsis of the contents of Bro. Hughan's further contribution to Masonic history the reader will be in a position to form some estimate of its character. That is, he will know beforehand the ground that will be traversed, and if he has devoted any time to the study of Masonic history he will probably be able to form a pretty shrewd guess from the order of the contents, of Bro. Hughan's theory of the origin of the Royal Arch Degree. But he will not be able to formulate, even approximately, an idea of the immense amount of labour which an enquiry of this nature must have involved. For ourselves, we have long known that it was in Bro. Hughan's contemplation to write some such work as we are now privileged to announce, though it is only now we are certified of the exact form in which the result of his labours will be presented to the Craft. We were aware he had been busying himself in collecting information about the Royal Arch Degree, and in a very few weeks, or it may be even days, we shall be in the full enjoyment of his elaborate collation. That it will be elaborate we make bold to predict; that it will be so thorough as pretty well to exhaust our present store of knowledge—not only what is food, but likewise what is caviare to the general—we feel tolerably certain, while that it will enhance the fame of the author by showing him at his best—which is invariably when his task is one of exceptional difficulty—we have no manner of doubt. The only part of the news that has reached us, on which we feel inclined to throw the cold water of disbelief is, that the promised history, which is Bro. Hughan's seventh separate contribution to our literature, will also be his last. There are far too many important Masonic questions yet unsettled for Bro. Hughan to resolve on laying aside his pen in the fulness of his intellectual vigour.

There is one little scrap of information to be added. The work, when published, will be obtainable from the author only ("Grosvenor House," Torquay), at the modest price of 7s 6d, post free.

MORE OF THE QUEBEC IMBROGLIO.

THE other day we referred, in general terms, to the discordant voices which prevail in the Province of Quebec, our remarks being based particularly on the edicts of non-intercourse with the Grand Mark Lodge of England, published by certain American G.R.A. Chapters, and the pleasure such edicts had afforded to a Masonic contemporary of Ohio. To-day we are under the necessity of reverting to the same subject, in consequence of our having received copy of an "Answer" by the Victoria Royal Arch Chapter (English) of Montreal "to untruthful printed matter in the printed Proceedings of 1883 in the self-named, but unrecognised, Grand Chapter of Quebec, with copies of letters refuting the same." The circumstances described in this pamphlet are not new to us. We have long known that differences existed between the brethren of the English Lodges in Montreal and the Quebec brethren as to the legality of the Victoria Royal Arch Chapter, No. 440 on the roll of Grand Lodge England, the Grand Chapter of Quebec maintaining that the original warrant had been surrendered as far back as 1863, and consequently that the warrant of confirmation, since issued by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, was illegal; while the Anglo-Montreal brethren asserted that the original warrant had been stolen, not surrendered; that there had never been any break in the continuity of the said Victoria R.A. Chapter's existence, and that its present status was strictly in accordance with the requirements of Masonic law. These circumstances, we repeat, have been known to us, in outline, for some time past. We now have them before us in the pamphlet that has been forwarded to us, with a grave particularity of detail which strikes us as being fatal to the contention of the Quebec G. Chapter, and most discreditable to its sense of honour. We understand and respect mere differences of opinion; we fully recognise that there may be two or more opinions as to the details of a particular occurrence; but we fail to see how there can be any opinion, much less any difference of opinion, about an event which never happened. It is perfectly true that the warrant of the Victoria R.A. Chapter disappeared on a particular occasion in the summer of 1863. This is vouched for by Comp. Badgley, District G. Superintendent of Montreal, and other Companions who were members of the said Chapter at the time of its disappearance, and have remained members ever since.

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But it is still more true that a warrant which had already disappeared from its legal guardianship could not possibly be surrendered by the representative officer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and remitted by him to that body. It is necessary, it seems, we should point out for the edification of Quebec Masons that a thing may be existent, or it may be non-existent, but it cannot be both existent and non-existent at one and the same time. It would puzzle a wiser even than Solomon to remit a document which, from its previous disappearance, it was impossible he ever could have received. Thus the story of the surrender of the original Chapter warrant and the consequent illegality of the present Victoria Chapter refutes itself, if indeed it were not sufficiently refuted by the fact of over fifteen of its present Companions having been on the roll of the Chapter previous to 1856.

It may possibly be suggested that the allegation as to the surrender of the Warrant may so far rest on a basis of fact that several of the members seceded from the Chapter, and received a warrant constituting them a Chapter from the then Supreme Authority of R.A. Masonry in Canada, while those who did not secede took no steps to resent the movement by maintaining the original Chapter in a state of activity, that, as a consequence, the course pursued by the latter must be considered as tantamount to an acquiescence in the proceedings of the seceded Companions; and, therefore, that the said original Warrant was virtually, if not actually and as a matter of formality, surrendered to the Grand Chapter of England which had granted it. We cannot, of course, in the absence of the requisite information, undertake to trace the history of the Victoria Chapter from its constitution till now. But even if the Companions who remained true to their allegiance to England took no trouble to proclaim a self-evident fact, we have, under the hand and seal of Companion Badgley, then as now District Grand Superintendent of Montreal, and others, that the warrant was abstracted not surrendered; that they never acquiesced in the abstraction, and that they decline now, as they have always done, to recognise the abstraction as equivalent to a surrender. But it will be as well perhaps to describe the circumstances as narrated in this pamphlet.

Companion John O. Brown, S.E. of the Victoria Chapter, writing under date Montreal, 1st April 1884, to the Grand Scribe E. of England, states among other things, that Comp. A. Grant G.S.E. of Quebec, in his letter to the Grand Scribe E. of England of the 28th April 1883, declared that the Victoria Warrant was returned to the Hon. Judge Badgley shortly after the establishment, in 1864, of the Mount Horeb Chapter under Canada. The same Companion Grant, in another letter, dated 8th October 1880, tells the Grand Scribe E. of England that "in the year 1863 the then Victoria Chapter, No. 440 E.C., *voluntarily* surrendered and delivered up its warrant (English) to the G.S. of Montreal, to be returned to England through the G.Z. of Canada," adding thereafter that "the then Victoria members at the same time petitioned for and received from the G.C. of Canada a Warrant to form and constitute themselves into a new Chapter, entitled the 'Mount Horeb, Montreal,' which was duly constituted in January 1864." Comp. Brown designates this latter statement as a "barefaced falsehood;" asserts that only eight of the Victoria members proved disloyal to their Constitution, and that there are now "on our roll, and in obedience to our Chapter, over fifteen Companions who were with us previous to 1856." These are the principal statements and counter-statements. Towards extracting the truth from these contradictory allegations, we have, in the first place, a letter from Comp. J. H. Dorwin, P.Z. of the Victoria Chapter, dated Montreal, 31st October 1883, relative to certain "letters of A. A. Stevenson and Thomas Milton, as published in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Quebec for 1883," in which occurs the following passage: "I say, as a member of the Victoria Chapter, the Chapter never surrendered its warrant. The warrant was stolen during the session of the Chapter, whilst the members had temporarily retired for refreshments, and on their return to the room it was gone. I have been a member of the Chapter from its organisation, in January 1847, and will continue to be till I die. If the warrant was unanimously surrendered, as Mr. Stevenson says, please tell him he did not get my consent, nor Companions Brown, Chitty, Smith, Thompson, Frazer, Cliff, and others who are still with us in Victoria." The next document is a letter from Comp. G. S. Frazer, which is the more valuable from the fact of his admitting that, at the personal request of the Grand Z. of Canada, he assisted, or at all events did not oppose, Comp. Milton in the steps the latter took to establish the Mount Horeb Chapter, that is, the Quebec successor of the English Victoria Chapter. The third document is a letter from Comp. J. O. Brown, which, however, may be passed over, as he is the author of the pamphlet. But the most important evidence of all is Comp. Badgley's letter of the 1st May 1883, in which, having verified the fact of the abstraction of the warrant,—Comp. Badgley says, he entered the Chapter room, just after the warrant had disappeared and in the heat of the excitement which followed its disappearance. He goes on to state, "seeing that the abstraction was the result of a preconcerted plot, and that nothing would be gained by continuing the present excitement, the assembly broke up without making any resolution, the loyal members withdrawing in the expectation that effective means might be adopted for recovering their stolen warrant, or replacing it by a warrant of confirmation. The Chapter consisted of about thirty members on the roll, of whom all continued loyal to their English connection, except *seven or eight*, who joined the Canada warrant as Mount Horeb Chapter, and neither at that time of the abstraction, nor subsequently, has the Chapter, or have its loyal members, voluntarily dissolved or attempted to dissolve their Arch connection with England. Subsequently, all endeavours having failed to recover their stolen Warrant, upon representation to the Arch authorities in England, of the occurrences above mentioned, a warrant of confirmation was granted them, with its present name of Victoria Chapter, which still exists and prospers." In a further paragraph, Companion Badgley characterises the statement already referred to as made by the Grand Scribe E. of Quebec to the Grand Scribe E. of England in 1880, that many years ago "the Warrant of Victoria Chapter, English Constitution, Montreal, was duly returned to the then representative officer of the G. Chapter of England here, the Hon. Judge Badgley, of Montreal, to be by him remitted to the Grand Chapter of England," as "an absolute and utter falsehood, inasmuch as no such warrant has ever been returned to me for transmission to England, or for any such purpose." He also describes the opinion of the Grand Z. of Quebec expressed for him by the Grand Scribe E. Comp. Grant in another letter, dated 8th October 1880, namely "that very grave irregularities have been committed from the delay in the transmission to England for cancellation of the said voluntarily-surrendered warrant, and that communication had been received by the G. Chapter of England from the said Chapter with reference to its said surrender," as being "entirely gratuitous and unfounded, as no such voluntary surrender was either made or transmitted." What makes this last testimony of all so valuable is, that Bro. Badgley has been D.G. Master of Montreal under the G.L. of England since 1849, and G. Superintendent under the English G. Chapter since 1851.

The above evidence which Comp. Brown has adduced in support of his allegations is such that no amount of ingenuity or misrepresentation on the part of the Quebec authorities can overcome it. Its authors speak from an intimate personal knowledge of what happened at the time of the abstraction of the warrant and has happened since. The conduct of the Quebec G. Chapter and notably of Comp. Graham, who is the moving spirit which guides, if not originates, these disturbances, we prefer passing over in silence, but we wish it to be understood that our silence is that of contempt, that any body of men could have so far forgotten the honour of their Masonic obligations as to have lent the weight and sanction of their authority to such discreditable proceedings.

THE GROWTH OF MASONRY.

THE following interesting address was delivered by P.G.M. Bro. Hamilton Wallis, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple, Trenton, New Jersey, on 15th July 1884:—

M. W. GRAND MASTER, BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:—The occasion which has called together this assemblage, not only affords satisfying proof of the zeal and energy of the Brethren in this community and of the continued growth of Masonry among you, and thus

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a bright augury of the future, but it marks a "resting place" in Masonic history—it is one of those events destined to stand out prominently in the future history of the Craft. It seems, then, appropriate to the occasion, that we who are actors in it should pause a moment, briefly note the occurrences that have led up to our present assembling, gather from them the lessons they teach, and from the experience of the past learn lessons that may prove valuable in the future.

Without attempting to recount the early history of Masonry, obscured as it is by the mists of the past, and involved in uncertainty and speculation, it will suffice for our present purposes to know that long before the settlement of this continent, the Brotherhood of Free and Accepted Masons had become a well-established and honoured institution in the mother country. With a full appreciation of its inherent worth, our English forefathers sought to share its benefits with those who, braving the perils of an almost unknown sea and hardships of an absolutely unknown wilderness, had planted here the seeds of Anglo-Saxon civilisation.

The early settlers of New Jersey included many Brethren respected and honoured by their contemporaries, and whose names and fame have come down to us, but the growth of Masonry was impeded by the absence of any recognised Masonic authority. To supply this want the Grand Master of England, in 1730, commissioned Daniel Coxe, an eminent lawyer of those days, and afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Province of New Jersey, to be Provincial Grand Master of the Province of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Brother Coxe was a resident of Burlington, where his remains are buried, and wielded the first Masonic authority upon this continent. A Masonic centre being thus established, the growth of the Craft has been steady and unprecedented; with an active membership in the United States of more than half a million, it wields an influence for good, the extent of which is little appreciated, because its work is quiet and unassuming.

Returning now to the Masonic history of South-western New Jersey (West Jersey, as it was formerly called), we find that the Lodge was organised in 1763, at Princeton, under a warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and was named St. John's Lodge. History is silent as to the work or fate of this Lodge.

Next a Lodge was formed at Baskinridge, in 1767, and was known as No. 10 on the Pennsylvania Registry. One of the members of this Lodge, Ebenezer Blatchly, afterwards took part in the institution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. In 1781 a Lodge was constituted at Burlington by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as No. 32; its successor still exists as Burlington Lodge, No. 32 of this jurisdiction. These are all the Masonic Lodges organised in West Jersey prior to the Constitution of M.W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1786, with David Brearly, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as M.W. Grand Master. At a communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge, held at New Brunswick, 20th December 1787, a warrant was granted to Aaron Dickinson Woodruff Master, Thomas Bullman S.W., and Anthony Reckless J.W., to hold a Lodge of Freemasons at Trenton, Hunterdon County, to be known as Trenton Lodge, No. 5. Thus was formed the Mother Lodge of this city from which has sprung the many others through whose well-directed zeal the building, soon to grace this spot, became possible. At this point the history I have endeavoured to trace may well stop. The remainder of the story is known to you all and you would be but wearied by its repetition.

But all history has its lessons, well worth the careful study of all of us. He who fails to gather them, to ponder them, and to be guided by them, deliberately throws aside revelation that can illumine the dark and misty future.

What, then, is the lesson to be learned from the history of Freemasonry; what is the secret of its astonishing vitality, its wide-spread influence and its marvellous growth? Whether we strive to trace its origin to the Temple of Solomon or are content to recognise it as the legitimate successor of the guilds of the dark ages, its history has been a wonderful one, unparalelled by any merely human institution. It has seen societies innumerable rise, flourish, and sink into oblivion. It has survived where empires have crumbled into pieces. In monarchical England, in imperial Germany, and in republican America alike it exists and flourishes. Nations the most enlightened, as well as those still steeped in ignorance and the bigotry begotten of ignorance, alike give it their sanction and support. Political persecution, the anathemas of popes, and the opposing frowns of uninformed zealots, only add to its vitality and vigour. Societies are formed, the sole object of whose existence is its overthrow—but they, sink into obscurity and are forgotten, while Freemasonry lifting no hand in its own defence, refraining from retaliation against its traducers, by word or act, but pursuing the even tenour of its way undisturbed by opposition, undismayed by threats, thrives in spite of it all.

What is the reason for all this? What the secret that but few of its votaries have unravelled and none of its enemies have ever fathomed? In our search for it we need not go as those philosophers who preach the doctrine "whatever is is right," but it can be claimed with all certainty, that no human institution can permanently succeed which is not founded upon principles that commend themselves to the human reason as altogether righteous. What, then, are the fundamental principles of our Fraternity that commend this ready acceptance by humanity in all its varying phases? They are neither numerous nor hard to discover. Freemasonry teaches the existence of God and the dignity of man. Both these teachings commend themselves to humanity.

The first may be said to be implanted in man almost as an instinct. The human mind cannot compass the idea of a result without adequate cause, and hence all mankind instinctively accepts a First Great Cause for all created things. The infidel may call it "chance," or "nature;" the modern agnostic may accept it as the unknown or unknowable—like the Athenians of old, erecting their altars to the unknown God—the savage knows it as the Great Spirit, the nations of the earth acknowledge it by different names, but all people accept the Great Cause of causes a Great Original, a belief in whom is a necessity of the human mind. This universal belief of humanity is one of the corner-stones of Masonry. Whatever differences may exist between Masons of different countries, the central fundamental belief in an existing, omnipotent, and beneficent God is common to all. The doctrines with which the Church surrounds Him, the fine-spun reasoning of the schools regarding Him and his attributes, find no place in Masonry. It teaches simply human dependence upon an all-wise, all-powerful Creator and preserver of all things. Nor is this religion. Religion in all its differing phases has to do with man's salvation; Masonry assumes no such mission, but simply points to God, the Great Cause of causes, and thus satisfies, to some extent, this human craving, and thereby commends itself to humanity. But men everywhere, in addition to other instinctive belief in a Higher Power, cherish the conviction that manhood in itself, stript of all adventitious circumstance, is entitled to recognition and consideration. Burns happily expresses this belief when he says:—

> "The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
> The man's the gowd for a' that."

This conviction is universal, and the effort to put it into practical effect has caused nearly all the great revolutions of history. Tyranny, in its efforts to suppress it, has debased men until the dignity of manhood has been nearly lost; but manhood has at last asserted itself and the oppressor has been overwhelmed. If, in such cases, the oppressed has, in turn, become the oppressor, it is because the momentum acquired by the contest has carried its participants beyond the goal for which they started, and humanity, passion-tossed, swings, pendulum like, on both sides of the point of rest. But Masonry, like the compass, in all the storms of life, points steadfastly to this great truth—so generally assented to, so seldom acted upon—that manhood is entitled to recognition and respect for itself. This inborn sentiment of humanity finds its best exemplification in the Masonic Lodge—there each is the peer of all others; whatever may be his position in life, in the Lodge he has no superior. While authority is necessary to order among us, the authority is in the office not in the man, and he who has wielded the arbitrary power of Masonic station, becomes, in turn, but one of the brethren. So, too, none can be admitted to our ranks contrary to the wish of the humblest brother in his Lodge. Thus in the Masonic Lodge is realised true human equality. Not the equality of the Socialists, who would reduce all humanity to the level of the lowest, who would deprive men of the just influence which their God-given abilities entitle them to wield, but that true equality which recognises each man

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because of his manhood, as the equal in the Fraternity, of all others. And we Masons of New Jersey may well congratulate ourselves upon having risen to the full conception of this fundamental principle of Masonry, so that no man, possessed of the attributes of manhood and worthy to be included in the Brotherhood, can be refused admittance. Is it then surprising that a Fraternity, founded upon principles so universal, should survive all opposition and extend wherever humanity exists?

And now, my brethren, like the Masons of old, we are assembled to take our part in the erection of an important building, one which will exemplify the taste and energy of its founders for many years to come. Unlike our ancient brethren, we may not fashion the stone and timber that are to compose it, nor join them together in accordance with the designs drawn upon the trestle-board, but we can be their true descendants in preserving, intact, the great principles that united them as one great Fraternity, and made possible the transmission of that Brotherhood to us.

This structure, when completed, will be dedicated to Freemasonry—may its occupants never forget the fundamental principles of the Fraternity, may your zeal for the Institution be kept ever green by the knowledge that its foundations are the purest and the best. May your charity not only lead you to do to others as you would that others should do to you, but may it temper your judgments of each other, ever remembering that all are equally liable to err, and as this structure is destined to be an ornament to the city in which it stands, and a joy to the citizens for years yet to come, do you so carry yourselves that it will be a still greater satisfaction that the city has within its borders a society of men who not only preach, but who practise these excellent principles of Freemasonry—who not only teach but who exemplify in their lives the omnipotence of God and the true equality of man.

This address was listened to with marked attention, and was delivered in a very effective and eloquent manner.

The Doxology was then sung by all the brethren, and after the benediction was pronounced by the Grand Chaplain the exercises came to a close. The line was again formed, and the parade was continued up West State-street to the State Capitol, and then countermarched, passing up Warren-street, where it was reviewed by the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge. After this the Grand Lodge repaired to the parlour of the American House, where Past Grand Master Johnson, of Kentucky, delivered an address, complimenting the Masons of Trenton and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

THE SUN, AT RISING, MERIDIAN, AND SETTING.

THE beauty, brilliancy and power of the sun in the heavens are so apparent, that we are not surprised the ancient Egyptians worshipped this orb at its rising, meridian and setting, as a form of Deity, or rather, as personifying, in each instance, an attribute of Deity. Afterwards, it is true, this worship popularly degenerated into idolatry; but originally, the best scholars assert, the educated Egyptian priest believed, and taught, the unity of the Godhead—the supremacy of "the ONE maker of existence;" and when worship was offered to the different gods, so-called, these were regarded as but forms or aspects of the One living and true God. There were nine deities of a solar character, but among these three were chief, viz.: Horus, the rising sun, sometimes styled Harmachis, or Horus in the horizon, whose hieroglyphic representation was a hawk; Ra, the meridian or mid-day sun, whose emblem was the solar disc, or a beetle; and Osiris, the setting sun, whose appropriate hieroglyphic was the human eye. All of these forms of deity were captivating to the mind, personifying, as they did, almost equally, leading attributes of divine power and glory. How wonderful, for example, is the rising sun! The triumph of light over darkness is complete. The shades of night are dispersed, and in their place we behold a full-rounded orb springing from the horizon, that fills the earth with light, health and growth, to man, beast and plant, jewels the earth with flowers, and fills the air with aroma. The new heavens disclose a new earth; a prison house becomes a gorgeous palace. Death-like sleep gives place to vigorous life. All nature is alive. We do not wonder that Horus was styled, in the "Ritual of the Dead," "King of the World," "Lord of Heaven," "Supreme ruler of God and men," "beauteous," "blessed" and "self-existing." His anti-type in Freemasonry is the Grand Master of Masons, and subordinate to him, the Master of a Lodge. The stations of the sun and the Grand Master, their duties and their authority, are in many respects analogous. Rightly, then, may Freemasons honour the rising sun, the emblem of their most honoured officer, the symbol of glory, authority and power.

To the Egyptian priest and his disciples the meridian sun was representative of Ra, who, in the "Litany of Ra," was called "the Supreme Power," "the only one," "the master of light," "the revealer of hidden things." Ra was worshipped especially at On, or Heliopolis—the city of the Sun; and at Thebes, where he was identified with Amun, and worshipped as Amun-Ra. Who can wonder that the mid-day sun was regarded by the ancients as a symbol of God? So mighty in power, so pervasive in influence, so dazzling in glory is the monarch of the skies when he stands highest in the heavens, that he compels obedience to his commands, so that the noon-tide hour has, in all nations, and among all peoples, been regarded as a period of rest. When the sun is most active he would have man to acknowledge his sovereignty by sitting quietly and contemplatively, as it were at his feet, on his foot-stool. The Officer in Masonry who most nearly represents the meridian sun is the Junior Warden, who watches over the Craft during the hour of refreshment, and calls them to duty again when the time arrives for labour. Proud may he well be of the analogy which classes him with the solar orb when it is at meridian splendour.

There was another god of infinite perfections whom the Egyptians worshipped—Osiris, the setting sun, who descended at the close of the day into the under-world, there to preside as the great deity of Amenti, or Hades, and judge the souls of men. He was the president of the dead. He was also the type, embodiment, and exponent of one of the seed-truths of Freemasonry. Slain by Set, or darkness, he was buried, yet not for ever, but only to rise again, the next day, rejuvenated, as "Horus of the horizon." Osiris was the dead sun, to rise again, and hence the god of life eternal. He prefigured the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul—twin truths of momentous importance, often denied, denied to-day, but true yesterday, to-day and for ever. Osiris, the setting sun, prefigured the Senior Warden of the Lodge, who closes its labour, and rewards its Craftsmen, as he who was styled "the beneficent spirit," "mild of heart," and "fair and beloved of all who see him," was said to have done in the under-world, at the close of earth's labours, to all of the children of men.

Who is there that does not respect and admire the nobility of thought embodied in these beliefs of the ancient Egyptians, and more especially in the doctrines connected with them taught in the Ancient Mysteries, with which, in not a few respects, the Freemasonry of to-day is affiliated?

The Egyptians carried their worship of the sun into the noblest nomenclature of their language. The title "Pharoah" is a true Egyptian word, signifying "the sun." More than this, the living king, or Pharaoh, was regarded as the manifestation on earth of Horus, or Ra, the rising or meridian sun. Hence, no one hesitated to worship the king, in his official capacity, as actually God. Indeed, on the monuments, the king himself stands as a worshipper before his own image, and offers incense to his divine nature. Thus the adoring king was entirely distinct from the being worshipped. He was the chosen of God, a ruler of divine right, and none might rightfully oppose his sway.

Much as we admire the setting sun in nature, sinking in a sea of glory, dyeing the clouds with vermillion and saffron and ruby, it is largely a sentimental admiration, one that is regarded as more appropriate to romantic creatures of tender years, than to the matured and thoughtful being in the meridian of his power. Opposites attract each other—the rising sun of youth most admires the setting sun in nature. But not so those who are matured. They know that the setting sun, all-glorious as it is in its panopy of regal clouds, is dying, and soon will be buried in night. No, give them the rising sun. It, too, rides in a gorgeous chariot through the heavens, with prancing coursers. It, too, passes between the vales of purple and blue and crimson. But its course is onward and upward, to glory and power, aiming at the supreme sovereignty that comes at "High

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Twelve," not downward to the perpetual shades, and the burial that takes place at "Low Twelve." Freemasonry has among its brethren and officers those who personify *in this respect* the rising, meridian and setting sun. The Brother who is elected to the first, that is the junior station in the Craft, represents the rising sun—he is the Horus of to-day. All pay him respect and honour. He is the coming man. His future is bright. He will rise in the arc of authority. Bye-and-bye he will attain the chief place, and illustrate the virtues which his predecessors in the oriental chair made synonymous with the office. Then he will be the Ra of his time—the Supreme ruler. But all things have an end, official glory with the rest. The Horus of yesterday, the Ra of to-day, becomes the Osiris of to-morrow. The setting sun, all beautiful as it is, passes away. Thus do our honours leave us, and we then stand alone, in our individuality, respected for what we are in ourselves, rather than for what we were when enveloped in the transient sheen of the rising or meridian sun. May the admonition not be appropriately given to every Masonic officer:

"So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go * * * * * *
Like one that wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

—*Keystone.*

WAS SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN A FREEMASON?

FROM THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY.

AMONG the eminent English architects of the seventeenth century Sir Christopher Wren holds foremost place. A man of rare genius and varied attainments, he is best remembered as having designed and had charge of the building of many churches and other public edifices in London and elsewhere—noble structures many of them which well declare the merits and fame of the skilful architect. St. Paul's Cathedral, one of the grandest edifices in Christendom, is his special memorial, occupying, as it did, his thought and time from 1675, when the first stone was laid, to 1710, the date of its completion. On this magnificent building Wren stamped many signal proofs of his genius, so that the inscription over the north porch is most appropriate in its four closing words: "*Si monumentum requiris circumspice.*"

The architect of St. Paul's has generally been regarded as actually and officially connected with the Freemasonry that existed in the latter part of the seventeenth century. The common thought has been that Wren was a sort of connecting link between the old and the new—that while he was prominently identified with the Craft before the "Revival" he yet lived to have some knowledge of the work accomplished in 1717, as his death did not take place until 1723. Wren's connection with the Craft has received an extended traditional endorsement, while it has been affirmed by Masonic historians as a matter admitting of no doubt. Anderson, Dermott, Preston, and others, whose statements are usually held to be reliable, are all in agreement on this point, and their declarations would seem to be conclusive, albeit they fail to give desired particulars relating to Wren's Masonic membership, and are unable to trace by any clear record his supposed career as a Craftsman.

But it is now claimed as the result of a more critical investigation that the writers referred to were mistaken—that really there is no adequate evidence to show that Wren was ever inside a Masonic Lodge, and therefore there ought to be a reversal of the opinion which has so long been held respecting his connection with the Craft. This is the position taken by Bro. Robt. F. Gould, of London, who is justly conspicuous for the ability and keen research so often displayed in matters of critical investigation. In the recently published third volume of his valuable "History of Freemasonry," he vigorously opposes the commonly-accepted theory of Wren's Masonic membership. Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, has outlined the grounds of Bro. Gould's opposition, approving the same and adding thereto other arguments and inferences intended to support the view taken. Some of the points relied upon by these eminent brethren in their endeavour to discredit the theory of Wren's Masonic connection are as follows: The testimony adduced in favour of such a connection is insufficient and conflicting; the statements of contemporary writers who refer to Wren as a Mason are not entitled to credence; Anderson, Dermott, and Preston are unreliable in their affirmations on this point, and there is a mass of negative testimony which can hardly be overcome unless some new proofs are brought into the case.

The testimony of Aubrey is regarded as having but a slight bearing on the question at issue. It will be remembered that this man of scholarly attainments and unimpeachable character was an intimate friend of Wren; they were often together and closely associated in many ways. In a manuscript of Aubrey, which is still preserved, there appears a record in these words:

"Memorandum. This day, May 18th, being Monday, after Rogation Sunday is a great convention at St. Paul's Church of the Fraternity of the Accepted Masons; where Sir Christopher Wren is to be adopted a brother, and Sir Henry Goodric, of the Tower and divers others. There have been kings that have been of this sodality."

This record is not considered conclusive; it does not state that Wren has been enrolled among the members of the Fraternity, but only that he is to be received into such a relation, leaving therefore the whole matter in doubt even if the quotation is accepted according to its evident purport. But the memorandum is rejected by Bros. Gould and Norton on the ground that Aubrey was over credulous, possessed of a highly imaginative nature, and that he most likely stated Wren was about to become a Freemason having heard some flying rumour to that effect. In any case his testimony cannot be held as sufficient to establish Wren's connection with the Craft unless corroborated.

Critical examination is given to the newspaper notices of the death of Wren. The *Postboy*, of 5th March 1723, contained the following paragraph:

"London, March 5th. This evening the corpse of the worthy *Free-Mason*, Sir Christopher Wren, Knight, is to be interred under the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral."

The *British Journal*, in its issue four days later, gave this announcement:

"Sir Christopher Wren, that worthy *Free-Mason*, was splendidly interred in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday night last."

These newspaper notices do not furnish the desired proof to the mind of Bro. Gould. He says:

"I find in my notes sixteen notices in all of Wren's death, or burial, occurring between February 26th and March 9th 1723. Four are copied from the *Postboy*, and a similar number from the *Daily Post*. Two each from the *British Journal*, the *Weekly Journal or Saturday Post*, and the *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*. Single notices are given in the *London Journal* and the *Postman*. In none of these, except as above stated, is Sir Christopher designated a 'Freemason,' and this expression is not again coupled with his name in any newspaper paragraph that I have seen of earlier date than 1788."

Such absence of designation is regarded as significant, while the reference to Wren as a Freemason by the *Journal* is supposed to be accounted for on the ground that this paper "had been previously selected as the advertising medium through which to recommend the sale of the "Book of Constitutions," and was therefore quite willing to ascribe Masonic membership to the distinguished builder of St. Paul's, whose assumed connection with the Craft might help the sale of the work advertised in the columns of the *Journal*. The announcement in the *Postboy* is dismissed with the remark that it is no cause of wonder that its editor should have applied the title Freemason to Wren, when Dr. Anderson was so accustomed to thus designate important personages who were not Masons. Our thought is that such suggestions are wanting in force to set aside the statements in the *Journal* and *Postboy*.

In dealing with the proofs derived from Anderson much stress is laid upon the fact that in the first edition of Anderson's Constitutions, published in 1723, there is no declaration that Wren was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. In the history that accompanies the edition of 1738 he is spoken of as having been connected with the Craft and as having held the office of Grand Master. "How or where," it is asked, "did Anderson get the extra information in 1738?" The intimation of Bro. Gould is that there was a complete falsification of history in the statements put forth by Anderson in 1738.

Dermott's references to Wren's Masonic career are dismissed as unreliable because it is shown that so many of the statements of this writer conflict with known facts. For instance, Dermott endorsed Anderson's statement about Wren's neglecting the Lodges and attempted to explain the cause of such neglect. The explanation given is the bad treatment which Wren received from those high in authority, his removal from the office of Surveyor-General of the royal buildings, his great age and infirmities—whereas none of these causes existed in 1710, when, as is claimed, he ceased to visit and regulate the Lodges. Sir Christopher Wren was not deposed from office until 1718; he was a member of Parliament as late as 1712; in 1713 he wrote an able report on Westminster Abbey, and in 1717 made a vigorous defence of the course he had pursued in the building of St. Paul's. According to the best testimony the mental faculties of Wren were unimpaired and his bodily health was good at the time of his dismissal from office in 1718. Evidently these are discrepancies in Dermott's narrative which detract greatly from its authority.

Preston's evidence is rejected, because, beginning with almost nothing, it grew so rapidly in successive editions of his works, and because one portion of the testimony is often found to conflict with another. "Comparing the editions of Preston's works," says Bro. Gould, "we find such glaring discrepancies that, unless we believe that his information was acquired as he inserts it, piecemeal, or like Mahomet and Joseph Smith, each fresh effort was preceded by a special revelation, we must refuse credence to statements which are unsupported by authority, contradictory to all known testimony, and even inconsistent with each other."

The various additions made by Preston in his references to Wren's Masonic connection are thus pointed out:

"In 1775, it is first stated that Wren presided over the old Lodge of St. Paul's during the building of the Cathedral. Between 1775 and 1778, the only noteworthy circumstance recorded is the possession by the said Lodge of the *historic* mallet employed to lay the foundation stone of St. Paul's. In 1792, however, a mass of information is forthcoming, viz., that Wren patronised the Lodge of Antiquity for eighteen years, that he presented it with three candlesticks during the period of his Mastership, and 'lodged' with the same body of which Gabriel Cibber and Edward Strong were members—the mallet so often alluded to."

It is intimated that Preston's membership in the Lodge of Anti-

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quity, acquired in 1774, may have had some influence in bringing out the new information so well calculated to increase the prestige of that old Lodge. Bro. Norton expresses his judgment in this wise: "Anderson and Preston falsified Masonic history; the former in order to puff up the importance of the old Craft, and the latter to puff up the importance of his Lodge."

If the assertions of Anderson and Preston respecting Wren's Masonry are to be set aside we can hardly retain our respect for them as honest men. It is difficult to believe that Anderson deliberately stated a known untruth in this matter or that Preston improperly expanded the evidence to suit his own purposes. That there are discrepancies in the proof furnished of Wren's connection with Masonry will not be denied. There are inconsistent and doubtful affirmations which very probably must be eliminated from the case. There is no positive record to which we may refer, nor has any manuscript of Wren been found to furnish the decided proof desired. That there is justification for much adverse criticism of Anderson and Preston we may fully concede; but with all that is said and written we yet incline to our long-cherished opinion, that Anderson uttered the truth respecting the main proposition of Wren's connection with the Craft, and that the learned and skilful architect of St. Paul's was indeed, at one time, prominently identified with the Masonic Fraternity. With this our conviction we still wish that more light might break in upon what is now a question not easily settled.

CELEBRATION AT ST. JOHN, N.B.

THE Centennial Anniversary of the Establishment of Masonry in New Brunswick was appropriately observed in St. John, on Tuesday, 1st July, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the Province. The celebration included a well-arranged procession of various Masonic bodies, whose movements through the principal streets elicited hearty commendation from thousands of spectators. After the parade the Grand Lodge with invited guests and many members of the Fraternity assembled in the Mechanics Institute, where an historical address evincing careful research and ability, was delivered by Brother John V. Ellis, Grand Master of Masons in New Brunswick, this address being followed with a discourse on the general character and purposes of Masonry, by Rev. Dr. Macrae, a prominent divine and Craftsman, who dealt with the subject in a very entertaining and edifying manner. We reproduce, from the *Freemasons' Repository*, Dr. Macrae's oration.

MOST WORSHIPFUL AND BRETHREN:—To the addresses and responses of welcome and congratulation to which I have the pleasure already of listening, no word need be added. Equally needless, or even impossible, it would be to expound the details of the well-nigh exhaustive sketch of our century's history in this Province, given with wonted felicity of diction, permit me to say, by yourself. A different task, as I understand the matter, has been assigned to me, for the honour of being selected to undertake which I beg most humbly to thank the brethren; while, considering its importance, in view, especially of the occasion, my hearty wish is, that it had devolved upon one more competent to do it the justice it merits. Not that, under one aspect, it is a task of difficulty. The materials, so far from being scanty, oppress by their superabundance.

You have summoned me to discharge a congenial duty, to sound the praises of Masonry, and to set forth the grounds why it is this day honoured among us; to vindicate it from the charges by which our most noble Order is often ignorantly aspersed; in a word, to exhibit the Temple of Masonry, so far as my powers may avail, in all its beauty and grandeur of symmetrical proportion. To such questions as the following it will be becoming to essay brief answers at an occasion so auspicious in the history of our Order. What is the Spirit and Creed, if so it is becoming to express myself, of Freemasonry? What are our aims? What principles govern us? By what tenets are we held together, and what virtues—what cardinal virtues, if any—do we profess to abide by and uphold? It is almost a duty to ask, it is a privilege of the most honourable character to be favoured with an opportunity so distinguished of answering these and the like questions, in view, partly, of the sceptical tendencies of our age, partly of the attacks—the able, but utterly unwarrantable and even grotesquely absurd attacks—to which we have recently, in very high quarters indeed, been subjected.

Most Worshipful and Brethren: Masonry, I begin by saying, has performed a feat which has hitherto transcended the efforts of any or all of the religious denominations of earth to accomplish. And hence, perhaps, the virulence of the vituperation with which it has been assailed. It has built a platform so easy of access, and yet so firm in structure, that upon it can and do stand side by side, co-operating in the spirit of loyal friendship, peace and harmony, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Brahmin. To have done this without insisting upon the conversion of one to the views and beliefs entertained by the others, to be able to secure the most sincere and hearty co-operation in kindly deeds of men of all races, all ranks, all callings, all denominations, governed by a spirit of mutual sympathy, to be the object of attachment and the bond of union to rich and poor, to learned and comparatively unlearned, to effect in happiest combination the blending of equality with order, the equality that consists in community of privilege with the Order, which demands and justifies gradation only in official rank; to do this without kindling jealousy—nay, to the consuming of every feeling of that baser sort in the fire of a noble, a limitless, albeit a secretly manifested charity—this is an achievement which may fitly command more than a passing notice from the philosopher, the statesman, and from members of the profession to which it is my chief honour to belong. It is coming to this, in fact, in the history of the world, that he who can successfully place his hand on the leverage afforded by Masonry, possesses a power, thank God, a power for good—to which the only limits are the limits of time and the universe of our race.

"Thank God," did I say? "A power for good," did I speak of? What right, some one present may be thinking in his heart, in remembrance of recent utterances delivered from one of the very chiefest places of authority on earth, and by a man, on many accounts deservedly, held in high esteem and respect by those who differ most widely from his views and aims—What right have I, as a Mason to take the name of God into my lips, or to speak of doing good? are not Freemasons pronounced by an infallible authority to be atheists in creed? Are they not guilty, according to the same authority, of treating the relations between the sexes in a fashion and spirit the most lawless and light? Do they not seek to separate education alike from religion and morals? Is not their secrecy a mask beneath which they seek to disseminate vice and make vicious principles rampant; to corrupt the morals of youth; to overthrow government, order, religion; to promulgate the tenets of sedition, revolution, socialism, communism. In a word, are not Masons patrons and promoters of the Gospel of dynamite, foes of the family, foes of the churches, foes of society, foes of the State, friends only of social disorders and bedlamite misrule? And I speak of God, and as a Mason I use the phrase thank God. Yes, Most Worshipful, as a Mason I use the phrase thank God. I should be false, you one and all know; false to my most solemn Masonic duty, did I not habitually and expressly as a member of your Order, practise that exercise of devotion of which giving thanks to God is one part. When first we read that famous allocution signalising the close of our century's history, in which our Order is thus depicted, an allocution, it must be remembered, issued and proclaimed in the languages spoken by more than 200 millions of people, read and commented upon from pulpits or altars among well-nigh every nation under heaven, proceeding, too, from one for whom, personally, it is impossible not to cherish feelings of very great respect, alike on account of his character and his ability; when we found ourselves depicted as atheists, socialists, promoters of vice and misrule—we of whose every movement order, harmony, peace, the devout recognition of God, are the very fundamental conditions—we were as men that dreamed. We read the fulmination with an air of bewildered amazement. We read again, to pity the ignorance that can co-exist, contradictory though it may sound, with infallibility. It is not worth while to expend indignation on ignorance. Need it be said, let me now only observe, in the presence of this august assembly, that no atheist can, without perjury, enter a Lodge of our Order? Need the correlative statement be made that did a brother become an atheist, he would there and then, by the very terrible fact, cease to be, and on avowing his atheism, would be disowned by every true brother with pity and sorrow, as no longer connected with what we regard as Freemasonry.

Most true it is that we do not term or consider our Order a religion in the current ecclesiastical sense—in the sense of being a denominational organization. But though not, religion—our first, our fundamentally indispensable principle—is belief in God—in God, too, as Creator, the Architect of the Universe, in the God of Providence, in that God whose name is love. We believe, too, let me add, in prayer. Our system is permeated and throbs through and through with the spirit of religion. Open any of our authorised manuals. You will find enough to assure you that no well-conducted Lodge begins or closes its proceedings without the offering of prayer. Does this look or sound like atheism? Of the charge that we make light of marriage and kindred relations, what shall I say? What proportion of our Brotherhood are in the Benedict ranks of the married I do not know. But let our enemies compare the homes whose heads belong to our Order, from that of His Royal Highness our Most Illustrious Grand Master in England to that of the lowliest Craftsman who acts as Tyler, or in other capacity, in our obscurest country Lodge; let our enemies, I say, compare such homes with those whose members repudiate Masonry. We do not dread the results of that comparison. The daughters, sweethearts, wives, to whose deft labours the Order is indebted for the products arranged in the sumptuous fair which occupies our Temple to-day, do evidently not stand greatly in dread of the evil effects of Masonic principles upon matrimonial prospects or relations.

As to education, some day, not now—it would occupy too much time—I may tell how it fell to my lot to deliver a lecture on the relations of Masonry to education and order, in connection with an effort, happily most successful and permanent, to promote the cause of education in the interests of Masonry, in a neighbouring colony. Close against the grotesquely preposterous charge that one of our aims is to corrupt the morals of youth, let me set those tenets of brotherly love, relief, truth, to which we are pledged, and which all true Masons practise and uphold; and over against the accusations of sedition, revolution and the like, let me set our cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice.

"But yours is a secret organisation," it is said. "Why secret if you have not something in reserve of which you are ashamed?" No, brethren, I am not ashamed of our secrecy. Let me once for all avow my glorying in it, while, at the same moment, I proclaim what the spirit and purpose of that gracious secrecy is. Hear it, ye who revile us. It is the secrecy inculcated in the words: "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth." It is the mantle which cloaks our beneficence, which forbids our ever recording our good deeds, leaving them to be judged by the One All-seeing Eye. It is that robe of need on the one hand, when need arises; of charity on the other, when brotherly charity is solicited, wearing which, two of our Order can confer with each other, as in a twilight amid which the blush of shame on the brow of one, the flush of power to relieve

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on the brow of the other, is invisible. That is our secret, that is our secrecy. For Masonry, while not like its sweet sister, Odd Fellowship, an avowedly beneficiary, is yet most avowedly and absolutely a benevolent and beneficent society. Here surely, first in its proclamation of faith in God, and next in its noble tenet of brotherhood and of brotherly love, is the strength of our Order. When these aspects of life are set in the forefront of our churches, then, not until then, do I expect that this and kindred Orders will be superseded. And surely it is something that by such means, by especially the character of Masonry, these profound ethical aspects of life and duty are lifted up into the light.

The century, of which our services to-day mark the close, is memorable on many accounts. But in none, I venture to say, more than this, that in a society bound together by no selfish gain, and not avowedly religious, the great fundamental truths of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, together with his immortality, are brought so distinctively into the very forefront of human action, and that to the ranks of such a society the accessions to which should be so numerous. What a distance, well-nigh infinite, by pathways too long and devious now to be traced, has our race travelled, from the time of that primeval anarchy when one could say of another murdered by his fell hand, "Am I my brother's keeper?"—through slavery, through caste, through despotism—to a time when a society numbering its Lodges by thousands, and its members by millions, has placed on its banner, as its grand distinctive principles, the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth!

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The position of Masonry is assured. The principles of our Institution must spread. They are of the very essence of that Bible without the possession of which, open for use, no Lodge in these lands would be completely furnished. The benefits of our Order are being, and must be, growingly appreciated. The beautiful symbols of our Order are being universally displayed, and their meaning is being increasingly understood. From the rough ashlar to the evergreen all nature is seen to be tremulous with spiritual meaning, and that meaning in God o'er head and brotherly love around and within. Not one of us expects to see another centennial. But from the Lodge on High, into which through the mercy of our God we hope to enter, we may be spectators of the steady, we trust the rapid diffusion of all in our principles that is in accordance with truth. One day our secrecy shall at once be common property and yet still secrecy.

For man to man the world o'er
  Shall brithers be, and a' that.
'Tis coming up the steep of time,
  And this old world is growing brighter;
We may not see its dawn sublime,
  Yet high hopes make the heart throb lighter.

We may be sleeping in the ground,
  When it awakes the world in wonder;
But we have felt it gathering round,
  And heard its voice of living thunder.
'Tis coming, yes, 'tis coming!

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence, held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bros. Joshua Nunn President, James Brett Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. There was a large attendance, notwithstanding the holiday season. The Board of Masters, which was first held, had submitted to them the paper of business for Grand Lodge on 3rd September next. The Board of Benevolence confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the July meeting, to the extent of £140. The new list contained twenty-one cases, among them one from Missouri, U.S.A.; one from Wellington, New Zealand, one from Guernsey, one from Corfu, and one from Newfoundland. There were only six cases from the London district. The remainder were from the Provinces. In the course of a three hours' sitting five of these cases were deferred, some by request, and some because the particulars were incomplete. The remaining sixteen were relieved, with a total sum of £555.

A Joint Committee of the Hon. Artillery Company and the Balloon Society have made arrangements to celebrate, on Monday, the 15th September, the centenary of the first aerial voyage in England. The first ascent was made by Vincent Lunardi, the then Secretary to the Neapolitan Embassy, from Finsbury Fields, in the presence of King George III. and his son the Prince of Wales.

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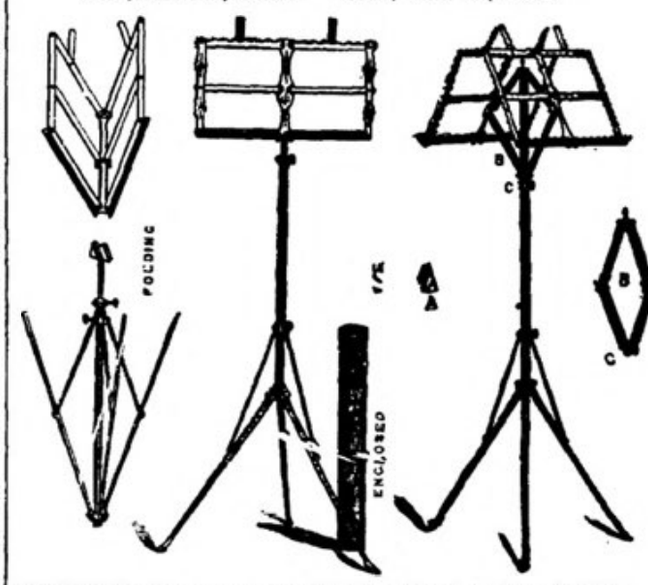
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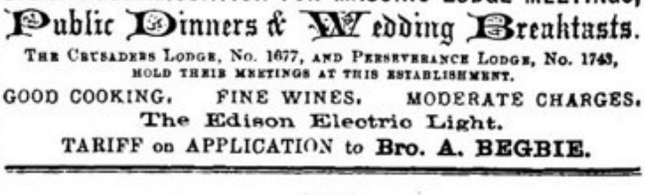
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall held its annual meeting, under the banner of the Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, at Penzance, on Monday, 11th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren, and the proceedings throughout were very successful. The brethren of Mount Sinai Lodge had taken every precaution to make the gathering as auspicious a one as possible, and their careful preparations and genial kindness and attention were much appreciated by the brethren from other parts of the Province. The Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the Central Hall, which was most tastefully embellished and conveniently arranged. In the course of the day the brethren, in regalia, proceeded to St. Mary's Church in procession, presenting a very imposing spectacle, which was witnessed by a very large number of persons. After the Lodge had closed a banquet was held in St. John's Hall, the tables and the apartments being elaborately decorated, and the catering of the highest order. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by Bro. F. D. Anderton and adopted, Bro. Chirgwin read the Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement of accounts, which showed a balance from last year of £110 17s 4d;

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collection at church, £9 15s 8d; fees of honour, £21 9s; fees for Lodges, £174 0s 6d; sale of Directories, £9 4s 6d; total, £325 12s. Balance carried forward, £198 13s 8d. The Secretary read his annual report, which showed an increase of 38 subscribing members, with the same number of Lodges, viz. 29; total number of subscribing members 1509 against 1471. In addition to that there was a large number of names in the returns marked in arrear, which were not included in the 1509. There were 114 initiations during the past year and 25 joining members, but in spite of the large increase of the initiations there had been a large falling off of brethren either from arrears or other causes. The Secretary complained of one Lodge being habitually in arrear in sending in its returns. Bro. Chirgwin read Bro. Tweedy's financial report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, which showed receipts, £505; expenditure, £115; balance, £390. The amount of capital at date of last annual meeting was £3594, being an increase of £167. There were at present four male annuitants. The amount authorised to be voted for educational grants had been increased from £60 to £80 per annum. The ordinary income was at present sufficient to meet all the grants. There was an increase of £11 in the annual subscriptions as compared with last year, and an increase of capital of £167. From the commencement of the fund in 1864 down to the present time the receipts from all sources had amounted to £5449, and the payments to £1687, leaving a balance of £3762; amount invested, £3372; balance in bank, £389. The Committee of Relief had had appeals from widows of brothers of Boscawen Lodge, No. 799, and Cornubian Lodge 50, Hayle, both of which were dealt with. Appeals were now made on behalf of a brother of Phœnix Lodge of Honour and Prudence 331, and another somewhat informally from a brother of Lodge Peace and Harmony 496, St. Austell. The Committee recommended a grant of £20 to the brother of Phœnix Lodge, and £10 to the brother of Hayle. He had pleasure in reporting that a large sum had been granted to the Province from the Grand Lodge. A brother at Fowey had received £75, two brethren £50 and £10 respectively, and a brother at St. Austell £50. The brethren would thus see that the Province had received great benefit from the Grand Lodge Fund, and he hoped that the Province would subscribe as largely as possible to the great Charities. The recommendations were adopted. Bro. Charles Truscott Prov. G.J.W. submitted his Report as manager of the votes of the Province in the central Masonic Charities. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival was held on 26th February, when London contributed £8422, and the Provinces £6219. For the Girls' Institution London contributed £6300, and the Provinces £6737; for the Boys' Institution London contributed £7712, and the Provinces £6349, making the grand totals for the Charities from London £22,435, and from the Provinces £19,306—total £41,741. At each of these Festivals Bro. S. G. Bake, Provincial Grand Steward, attended as Steward, contributing to the Benevolent Institution £47 5s; to the Girls' Institution £12 12s, and to the Boys' £28 7s—total £88 4s. These amounts might seem small, but it must not be forgotten this was the fourth year in succession that Bro. Controller Bake had acted as Steward to each of the Charities, and the thanks of the Province are due to him for his energy. He was happy to report an increase of the subscriptions, but they were not yet doing for the great Charities in proportion to what they were receiving from them, and he hoped substantial additions to the subscription list would be made during the present year. He pointed out that if Lodges would send in their papers as early as possible after receipt, it would greatly assist the manager. The report was adopted, and Bro. Truscott was re-elected manager. The brethren then proceeded to St. Mary's Church. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. De C. Treffrey P.G.C. On the Lodge resuming, grants of annuities were made to two widows of deceased brethren of the Falmouth Lodge, and to a widow of a late member of the the Liskeard Lodge. Educational grants were made to a daughter of a late member of the Torpoint Lodge, and to a daughter of a deceased brother of Redruth Lodge. Bro. Anderton moved that £50 be voted from their fund to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Widows, £25 to the Girls' Institution, and £25 to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund—Carried. Bro. Tweedy reported that the present position of the Truro Cathedral Masonic Memorial Fund was in Consols, £355, cash, £74, promised subscriptions, £42—total, 471. The Prov. Grand Master said he was pleased to add £25 to that amount, so that they might be able to say the fund amounted to £500 for certain. He wished to have their opinion as to the way in which they considered the money should be expended. The Truro Cathedral Building Committee hoped, if the amount yet required (7500) should come in, to be able to continue the work and open the building about this time next year, so that before the Provincial Grand Lodge met again something should be done in the way of deciding as to the manner in which the Masonic Fund should be expended. The present estimate (of which £7500 was yet required) included everything in the shape of lighting, heating, and fittings generally, all of the simplest kind and most temporary form, and he could not help thinking it would be a mistake for the Masonic body to give at present any one article, such as a pulpit, which would be out of symmetry with the surrounding fittings. His idea was that one of the great piers which were to support the central tower should be erected by the Masons of the county. The price of such a pier was about £500, and they were being built now. He had felt that if such a pier were built by the Masonic body, with a brass plate affixed to it, stating who erected it, that would be the most lasting and permanent record that the Masonic body could possibly adopt. At the same time, if the money came in so freely that the building was finished without the assistance of their £500, the question then might arise whether they might not add some special object to the building, but his inclination lay at present in the direction of one of the great piers. He suggested the formation of a Committee to consider the subject. Bro. Harvey pointed out that there were several Masons on the Truro Cathedral Committee, and moved that these brethren form the Committee. This was seconded by Bro. Truscott, and carried, with the addition of the name of Bro. Anderton. The Provincial Grand Master then invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. Sir Charles Sawle, Bart.	...	Deputy Prov. G. Master
Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
H. M. Harvey	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. J. De C. Treffry	...	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. E. K. Kendall	...	Prov. G. Chaplains
G. S. Bray	...	Prov. G. Registrar
F. Boase	...	Prov. G. Treasurer
E. D. Anderton	...	Prov. G. Secretary
H. Pole	...	Prov. G. A. Secretary
Dr. Mason	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
A. P. Davies	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
G. H. Small	...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
T. Mitchell	...	Prov. G. Directors of Cers.
J. Turner	...	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
F. J. Hext jun.	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
T. J. Joyce	...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
W. Rooks	...	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
Manger	...	Prov. G. Organist
J. Tregoning	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
W. H. L. Clarke	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
O. Colmer	...	Prov. G. Stewards
W. D. Rogers	...	Prov. G. Stewards
A. H. Tressidder	...	Prov. G. Stewards
W. H. Roberts	...	Prov. G. Stewards
J. Bassett	...	Prov. G. Stewards
R. Angel	...	Prov. G. Stewards
R. Reynolds	...	Prov. G. Tyler

Bros. W. K. Baker and W. Lidgey were appointed Auditors. The following were appointed the Committee of Relief:—Bros. R. Carter, W. Rowe, C. Truscott, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Secretary.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, No. 1511.

THE Yorkshire North East sea-side resort at Hornsea has up to this time been without a Chapter attached to the Craft Lodge, but with the assistance of their Hull Companions this has now been remedied. On Saturday, the 2nd instant, a large number of Royal Arch Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hornsea, for the purpose of being present at the Consecration. Amongst those present were J. P. Bell, Esq., M.D., J.P., the Grand Superintendent of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire; Comps. from the Minerva Chapter 250—M. C. Peck P.Z. P.G.S.E., Walter Reynolds P.Z. P.P.G.H., G. Hardy P.Z. P.P.G.S.E., H. W. Kemp M.E.Z. elect, W. Holder M.E.Z., Charles Wells P.Z.; from the Humber Chapter 37—R. Bevers M.E.Z. P.P.P.S., W. D. Keyworth P.J. P.P.P.S., G. D. Storey P.P.G.O., M. W. Clarke P.Z., C. T. Ganderton P.P.G.A.S., J. K. Firth; from the Kingston Chapter 1000—Comp. Thomas Sissons P.Z. P.P.G.S.B.; from the De la Pole Chapter 1605—Comps. J. R. Ansdell M.E.Z. P.P.G.S.E., C. W. Cheesman P.Z. P.P.G.O.; from the Zetland Chapter—Comps. J. S. Cumberland P.Z.; from the Londesborough Chapter—Comps. J. Scott Wilson P.Z. P.G.D.C., G. S. Highmoor, Esau Wilson, James Elgey, Eli Bryan, James Bordass; together with Comps. Thomas Wells P.Z. 208, B. L. Wells, George L. Shackles P.P.G.R., R. A. Medd, Henry Vise, T. D. Wing, and A. P. Wilson P.P.G.A. Soj., the last seven amongst other absent Companions being the petitioners. There were also present Comps. F. J. Lambert P.G. Janitor, William Clayton Janitor, and others. At three o'clock p.m a Royal Arch Chapter was opened by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent as Z., Comp. Hardy acting as H., and the Rev. H. W. Kemp as J., with Comps. Peck as S.E., and C. W. Cheesman as S.N., and J. Scott Wilson P.S., and F. J. Lambert Janitor. The M.E.G. Superintendent, assisted by Comps. Kemp, Charles Wells, Thomas Sissons, and W. Reynolds, consecrated and constituted the new Chapter in ancient form, and the former gave a most lucid address to the Companions present as to Royal Arch Masonry generally, and to the members of the newly-formed Chapter in particular, after which Ex. Companion Reynolds installed as Principals Companions B. L. Wells as Z., Thomas Wells P.Z. as H., G. L. Shackles P.P.G. Reg. as J., the other Officers invested being Comps. R. A. Medd S.E., T. D. Wing S.N., A. P. Wilson P.P.G. Soj. P.S., George Spink (by deputy) S.B., and Claton Janitor (*pro tem*). Comp. Storey presided at the harmonium. Nine candidates were afterwards proposed for exaltation, as well as several joining members. Votes of thanks were proposed by the M.E.Z. to the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, and to Companions Kemp, Reynolds, and Peck, who were also, at the suggestion of Companion Shackles, elected honorary members of the Chapter. After suitable acknowledgments and hearty good wishes from many Companions, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions subsequently set down to a collation admirably served, the newly-installed M.E.Z. presiding, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The health of the Grand Superintendent (owing to the indisposition of the M.E.Z.), given by the M.E.H., was most heartily drunk and ably responded to. The health of the newly-installed Principals of the Alexandra Chapter was given by the M.E. Grand Superintendent, and E. Comps. B. L. Wells, Thos. Wells and Shackles replied. Neighbouring Chapters was given, and was responded to by Comps. Bevers, Kemp and Ansdell. The Charities, by E. Comp. A. Wilson, was responded to by E. Comp. Peck, and the Visitors given by Comp. Medd and responded to by Comp. Jas. Scott Wilson. Some Companions having to leave at an early hour by train

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for Hull and elsewhere, others took advantage of a quiet stroll by the sea-shore previous to leaving, and so brought to a conclusion this most enjoyable day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Wells, under the banner of the Ascalon Chapter, No. 446, in the Town Hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The receiving Chapter was opened at 1 o'clock, the three chairs being occupied by M.E. Comps. Perkins Z., Newnham H., and Livett as J., and at 1.30 the M.E. Grand Superintendent, Col. A. W. Adair, accompanied by his Provincial Grand Officers, were received in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the roll of Chapters called. The Treasurer's account for the past year was received, when a vote of thanks was passed to M.E. Comp. Payne for his valuable services as Treasurer, and he was unanimously re-elected to that office. The M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:

Comp. R. C. Else P.G. St. B. ...	P.G.H.
C. L. F. Edwards	P.G.J.
Major Long P.P.G.J. ..	P.G.S.E.
Major Perkins	P.G.S.N.
Wilkinson	P.G.P. Sojourner
B. Cooke	P.G. Asst. Sojourner
J. B. Colthurst	P.G. 2nd Asst. Sojourner
E. T. Payne P.G. St. B. P.P.G.T.	P.G. Treasurer
T. C. Manning	P.G. Registrar
Livett	P.G. Sword Bearer
F. Hearne	P.G. Standard Bearer
Marwood	P.G. Dir. of Ceremonies
Newnham	P.G. Organist
Cozens and Salter	P.G. Janitors

At the conclusion of the business the alms were collected, amounting to £1 15s 6d, and it was agreed that this sum should be presented to the Wells Cottage Hospital. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to the Mitre Hotel, where the banquet took place under the presidency of M.E. P. Grand Superintendent, after which the usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged.

A WARNING TO INTENDING EMIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA.—Those accustomed to factory life, or who cannot take readily to work with the pick or shovel when required, would do well to stop at home unless certain of lengthened engagements beforehand. Although manufactures have become largely established, especially in New South Wales, their capacity for readily absorbing labour is at present limited.

Obituary.

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BROTHER JOHN HAVERS P.G.W.

WE are to-day called upon to record the death of one of the most prominent Masons of his day—Brother John Havers, Past Grand Warden. Our deceased brother's name is too well-known in Freemasonry to need much reference to the actual work he has performed for the advancement of the Craft. Few men have done more than he has, and if he has not been so active during the past few years as hitherto, it was only the state of his health which prevented it. Brother Havers was initiated on the 8th March 1838 in the Jordan Lodge, No. 237 (now No. 201), and exalted in the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 218 (now 185), on the 8th October 1839. He subsequently joined the St. George's Chapter, No. 5, and the St. George and Corner-stone Lodge, No. 5, rising in due course to the highest position in each. In 1848 the Earl of Zetland, then Grand Master, appointed Bro. Havers to the office of Senior Grand Deacon, while about the same time he received the collar of Standard Bearer in Supreme Grand Chapter. He filled the office of President of the Board of General Purposes during the years 1858, 1859, and 1860, and in 1861 was appointed Scribe N. in Supreme Grand Chapter. In 1862 he rose to the position of G.J.W. of England, and in 1865 was made J. of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was Chairman of the Building Committee for the present Grand Lodge premises, a position which will hand his name down to posterity so long as the present buildings are in existence. As we have already stated, Bro. Havers had lately withdrawn somewhat from active connection with the Craft, but that his interest in it had not abated may be gathered from the fact that at the Consecration of the University of London Lodge, which took place in May last, by the Earl of Carnarvon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Havers, who was present as a visitor, expressed his desire to become a joining member.

DEATH.

VINCENT.—Suddenly, on the 16th instant, in dentition, SIDNEY HERBERT, the darling son and Lewis of Bro. THOMAS VINCENT P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey. Aged Thirteen Months.

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 Hints in Three Parts. Edited by Brother M. C. Hime, M.A., LL.D., Barrister-at-Law, Head Master of Foyle College, Londonderry. Dublin: Printed by Brother J. Charles, 61 Middle Abbey Street. 1884.

THIS pamphlet will be read with all the greater interest from the fact of its being so rarely our privilege to draw attention to the sayings and doings of our Irish brethren. Part I. contains particulars of a concert organized in Derry in April last by Bro. Hime in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools, in Dublin. The said Concert was held under the patronage of the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, his son the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.M. Derry and Donegal, and Past G.S.W. England, and other Irish Masonic celebrities, and resulted in the very appreciable addition of £100 to the funds of that worthy Institution, a result for which Bro. Hime deserves the greatest credit. Part II. contains a very useful suggestion, namely, that, after the manner of our Hospital Sunday, there shall be in Ireland a Masonic Monday or other day specially set apart for the purpose of assisting the funds of the Irish Masonic Orphan Schools, while Part III. contains some valuable hints and suggestions by Mrs. Power O'Donoghue, wife of a most worthy Irish Mason, for those who may attempt to get up concerts and similar entertainments in aid of Charitable Institutions, both Masonic and non-Masonic. We may congratulate Bro. Hime on his excellent little publication, which we commend to the notice of our brother Masons all the world over.

Freemasonry Traced from Prehistoric Times, by a new and correct method. By a Master Mason (G.L.E.) of nearly twenty-seven years' standing, &c. London; 1884.

WE shall best describe the contents of this strange composition by stating, on the authority of its title page, that it apparently gives an insight into the "Religion of Freemasonry, Ancient and Modern," whatever that Religion may be, and contains also "an urgent Appeal to Masons, Craft and Speculative, throughout the World, to unite and form One Harmonious and Powerful Organisation, acting up to its professed Principles and Ancient Prerogatives." As part and parcel, we presume, of this wonderful scheme, the author sketches for us his "Proposed Supreme Grand Lodge and Chapter of the World," and kindly supplements this with a "Digest and Plans for a common Platform." Whether it is part of this Platform that "Ladies" are "to be admitted as co-operating ex-officio Members to the Scientific Degrees" we have not had the courage to ascertain, nor, to our shame be it said, have we concerned ourselves about the "Basis of Ancient and Future Science" as laid down by the said Master Mason. The author—unwisely we think—follows up this long descriptive title by quoting Paley—"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance; this principle is contempt prior to examination." He also quotes Solomon—"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." We have the greatest respect for Paley, and still greater respect for Solomon; but we are confident that they never would have written these opinions had they been invited to criticise a pamphlet by the "Master Mason of twenty-seven years' standing" who appends the initials "G. L. E." We doubt if they would have had the courage to read his title-page. When will Masonry be rid of these incomprehensible brothers who consider a score or two of initials tacked on to their names and the possession of a few centuries of degrees, justifies them in writing trash?

Le Monde Maçonnique. July 1884. Paris: Aux Bureaux du Journal, 32 Rue Perronet.

THE most instructive part of this number is the article on "Freemasonry in Spain"—"La Maçonnerie en Espagne"—for a translation of which, either in full or as a summary, we trust we shall be able to find space in our columns at an early date. The sketch is ample, and more in detail than any we have seen hitherto of Spanish Freemasonry.

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THE feature of these useful publications is, that they are issued at the price of *One Penny* each. The "Tourists' Travel Talk" will be found most serviceable by those for whom it has been specially compiled, that is, by people who travel out of the beaten track of tourists, where the English language is little likely to be spoken. We notice that the compiler has assumed that every Englishman who travels will have some idea how French and German are pronounced. Our own experience would not have warranted such an assumption, and in any further issue we would suggest that some idea should be given, as in our "Pronouncing Dictionaries," how the words in the French and German vocabularies must be spoken. As regards the second guide, the "Moselle," we have rarely seen a better one, or, if we look to the price only, one so well arranged and illustrated and so well furnished with needful information. The editor of these "Holiday Handbooks" is Mr. Percy Lindley, to whom the public is under great obligations for the admirable and painstaking manner in which he has performed his task. They are additions to a series which every one who is likely to travel should have among his books of reference.

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THE WORCESTER EXHIBITION AND PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

WE may remind our readers that the Masonic Exhibition to be held at Worcester, and to which we recently referred, will be opened on Wednesday next, and that the Soirée organised by the brethren of the district in connection with it, will be held that evening from 7.30 to 11 p.m. A most successful meeting is anticipated, while, as regards the Exhibition, we believe it will far eclipse anything before accomplished, and while this is not saying much—bearing in mind the fact that the two held at York are about the only previous attempts at anything of this sort—it must be remembered that Worcester has not the same Masonic antiquities associated with it as York has, and accordingly has to make up for local attractions by additional outside ones.

The regular Provincial Grand Lodge meeting will be held the following day, at the College Hall, Worcester (by kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean), at 12 o'clock. Amongst the business to be transacted is the consideration of the following notices of motion :—

(I.) By Bro. Geo. Taylor P.G. Sec.—"That the sum of £5 5s be voted from the Funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the Fund now being raised in honour of Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., and called the "Hughan Testimonial Fund."

(II.) By Bro. T. M. Hopkins P.P.S.G.W.—"That the sum of £10 10s be voted from the Benevolent Fund to the widow of the late Bro. W. B. Hooper, formerly a member of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, 529, Worcester.

The brethren will walk in procession to attend Divine Service in the Cathedral, at 2.45 p.m., when a Sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Bro. A. P. Purey-Cust, Past Grand Chaplain, and a collection made for charitable purposes. The brethren will return to the College Hall, when Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed. A Banquet will be served at 4.30 p.m., at the Guildhall, for which Tickets may be procured from the Provincial Grand Stewards, at 6/6 each, dessert and attendance included. Special arrangements have been made with the Great Western Railway Company, by which brethren may travel at reduced rates, particulars of which may be had of the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. George Taylor), Summerdyne Villa, Kidderminster.

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DE LA POLE CONCLAVE, No. 32, HULL.

AT the last meeting of this Conclave Eminent Sir Knight A. P. Wilson V.E. and Sir Knight Dr. Cooper were elected Most Puissant Sovereign and Em. Viceroy respectively.

A DIMIT.—Bro. Robert D. Holmes, of New York, long editor of the *Sunday Dispatch*, and one of the originals of the "University of Comus," used to tell a good story of a Mason whom we will call, for perspicuity, Brother Lowry. This brother, by dint of hard electioneering and other persuasive arts, scarcely admitted among Masonic virtues, succeeded in attaining the office of Worshipful Master, and holding the same for one full term. His Lodge (Good Gracious, No. 81) had suffered from ignorant and mischievous Masters before, but Lowry was more than ignorant; he was an Ignorant-ramus for all that the word implies, and as mischievous in his high position as one can well be. In attendance upon Grand Lodge he undertook the electioneering arts which had succeeded with No. 81, but egregiously failed. At the close of his term he set the whisper in circulation that "the brethren were about to present him an Honorarium," and it was so inserted in the local paper. The rumour proved true, for when his successor was installed and the Lodge had fairly shaken off their incubus, they presented him, elegantly engrossed on parchment and signed by every member of the Lodge—a *Dimit!—Voice of Masonry.*

FREEMASONS DESCENDED FROM OPERATIVE MASONS.—Sir Gilbert Scott spoke of "The Fables of the Freemasons," but other worthy successors of the Gothic architects admit the pretensions of the Freemasons to be the originators of Gothic architecture. The following extract from Fool's "History of Ecclesiastical Architecture" will prove of interest, as coming from a man who is not prejudiced too much in favour of Freemasonry. Even in England, he says: As late as the reign of Henry VI. in an indenture of covenants made between the churchwardens of a parish in Suffolk and a company of Freemasons, the latter stipulate that every man should be provided with a pair of white leather gloves, a white apron, and that a Lodge, properly tyled, should be erected at the expense of the parish, in which to hold their meetings."—*Holmes's Random Notes on Freemasonry.*

GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.

WE have been favoured with copy of the "Illustrated Guide" issued by this Company. Considering its price—only the modest sum of "one penny"—it is marvellous how such a publication can be offered to the public. With this, of course, we have no concern. What we are interested in bringing under the notice of our readers is, that the Great Eastern Railway Company makes known to its patrons, through the medium of this Guide, its arrangement for the season for Home and Continental Tourists. These arrangements are on a most liberal scale. The tariff of fares is as low as it can consistently with economy be made, while its service of trains is frequent and well regulated. It it unnecessary we should describe at any length the part of the home country which is traversed by the Great Eastern. It is enough that it includes within the range of its system such popular watering places as Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Walton-on-the-Naze, Cromer, and Clacton-on-Sea. Inland are the cathedral towns of Ely, Peterborough, and Norwich—to say nothing of the many other pleasure resorts to which it furnishes frequent and speedy access. To all these Tourist Fortnightly and Excursion Tickets are issued at remarkably low rates, by first, second, and third Classes, the charges to Yarmouth and back, for instance, being for 1st Class 27s 6d; 2nd Class, 20s; 3rd Class, 15s 6d; Excursion Ticket (Friday to Tuesday), 1st Class, 20s; 2nd Class, 15s; 3rd Class, 10s. The Tourist tickets, be it remembered, are available to 31st December. But it is probably the excellence of its Continental Service, *viâ* Harwich, on which the Company chiefly prides itself, and not without good reason. We have availed ourselves of it before now, and are speaking, therefore, from personal experience, when we say that it is impossible there can be a better or speedier route to the Continent than that worked by the Great Eastern Company. The train service to Harwich is punctual and speedy, the boat service thence to Rotterdam and Antwerp is similarly characterised, while the boats themselves are comfortably and even luxuriously fitted, there being the further advantage that the sea-passage lasts only a few hours. Moreover, by this route we are placed in direct communication with the North of Europe, while in the case of those who wish to make their way Southwards, the facilities are as great by this as by any other line. But in the North, there are some States, such as the Netherlands and Belgium, which are well worth a visit. Not only are there the usual picture galleries, museums, and places of historic interest to be inspected or visited, but the cities and towns, the people, and indeed the country generally, are unlike what we are accustomed to see elsewhere. Few people have any idea of the wealth of sights to be seen in the Netherlands, the quaint picturesqueness of its cities and towns, and the character, habits, and mode of life of its people. Those who are in search of novelty will find it in Rotterdam, the Hague, Leyden, Amsterdam, Utrecht, elsewhere in Holland and the adjoining Provinces, all these places being, thanks to the Great Eastern Company, within a few hours' journey of London, while if, having seen these hurriedly, they prefer devoting the greater part of their time to journeying up the Rhine, and making their way further South, into Switzerland, &c., &c., they will have no difficulty in accomplishing their purpose expeditiously and cheaply by the Harwich-Rotterdam, or Harwich-Antwerp route. If further information is needed, we must refer our readers to the Guide Book itself, or better still, perhaps, to the General Manager of the Line at the Liverpool-street Terminus, or the officials at the principal stations on the Great Eastern and Metropolitan District Lines.

The installation meeting of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, will take place on Wednesday next, the 27th inst., at the Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

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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 AUGUST.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone

MONDAY, 25th AUGUST.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

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)
909—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, 26th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In),
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1366—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

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, 27th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1549—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1781—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

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

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 28th AUGUST.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1313—Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 218—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields

FRIDAY, 29th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

We can recommend visitors to Margate to call at the King's Head, High-street. Bro. A. Abrahams is here installed as manager, and ably does he carry out the duties that devolve on him. The Masonic Sundays "at Home," are well patronised; mine host takes the head of the table, and is ably assisted by his wife, who pays every attention to her lady visitors. The tariff here is reasonable; the viands, liberally supplied, are of the best quality.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, 11th inst., Bro J. Blenkin W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Past Masters Bros. T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, G. Simpson, W. Knights W.M. 570 (I.C.), and a number of other brethren. A vote of condolence was passed by the Lodge with the widow and family of the late John Metcalfe, Rector of Holy Trinity, York, and Chaplain of the Lodge, who had died since the last monthly meeting. It was decided that the money subscribed by their late brother to the Lodge Building Fund should be refunded to his widow. The ceremony of the evening consisted of the raising of Bro. Frank Collins to the third degree, which was done by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland. Official replies to votes of condolence passed by the Lodge early in the year, on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Albany, were read and ordered to be placed on the minutes. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate. The W.M. announced that an application had been received from Worcester for the loan of the curiosities belonging to the Lodge, and that it had been arranged to send a collection. At refreshment the usual toast list was cut short, owing to the heat of the weather, but the toast of Lodge 1611, which had just passed its eighth anniversary of existence, was proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and responded to by the W.M.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Bros. Banks W.M., Penrose S.W., Greener J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Coen S.D., Stringer J.D., Catt I.G.; Past Master Bro. Hutchins Preceptor, and Bros. Thomas and H. C. Freeman. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas personating the candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming closed to the first degree, when Bro. Penrose was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in September. It was unanimously agreed that the first annual banquet in connection with this Lodge be postponed until September. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Princess Charlotte of Wales Lodge, No. 570 (I.C.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge, attached to the 5th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, was held at the Masonic Hall, York, on Wednesday, the 13th instant. The W.M., Bro. Sergt.-Major W. Knights, was supported by Bros. Lieut. J. A. Banks P.M., Captain Gifford P.M., J. Todd P.M. 236, T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, Captain Baldrey S.W., and a number of officers and visitors, including Bro. Davison, of Chicago. The work consisted of an initiation, which was admirably done by the W.M., whose working will bear comparison with most Masters of Lodges. After the close of business, the Lodge met at the table of refreshment, and many toasts were proposed and songs sung, amongst those who contributed to the harmony being Bros. Captain Gifford, J. Todd, and J. S. Cumberland. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. T. B. Whytehead and Davison (Chicago), and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by the party, the only regret, generally expressed, being that the regiment was so soon to leave its quarters at York. It is intended to hold an emergency meeting, in order to enable the military brethren to take a farewell of their York friends.

Beadon Lodge, No. 619.—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich, quarters which the members of the Lodge have occupied now with satisfaction to all for more than twenty years. Bro. C. Norrington was installed as Master, and a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. R. P. Forge.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bro. Detmer W.M., Weeden S.W., Turner J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Fenner S.D., J. M. Smith J.D., Trewinnard Preceptor; also Hunt and Western. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. Bro. Collingridge offered himself as candidate for passing, and answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Three new members were elected, viz., Bros. J. M. Smith, J. E. Lawrence, and James Joseph Robinson. The brethren then engaged in harmony, Bros. Snook, Bain, Weeden, and Telfer taking part. Bro. Wright presided at the piano.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted an invitation to deliver his lecture entitled "Knobs and Excrescences," and explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree, at Kidderminster, on Saturday evening, the 30th instant, under the auspices of Lodges 377, 560, and 1874, and in connection with the Masonic Soirée and Exhibition at Worcester during the ensuing week A large attendance of Provincial brethren may be expected to avail themselves of the opportunity for hearing Bro. Stevens' views on perfect ritual.

GRAND COUNCIL ALLIED DEGREES.

A MEETING of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion-square, on Saturday the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. C. F. Matier D.G.M., Alfred Williams P.G.S.W., J. D. Murray G.S.B., Charles H. Roberts, George Mickley, Andrew McDowall, Charles H. Driver, Wm. Nicholl, and Charles Belton. The Grand Council was opened in due form by the D.G.M., who apologised for the absence of M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal G.M., and informed the brethren that the G.M. had been pleased to appoint Bro. Alfred Williams P.G.S.W. as D.G.M. Bro. Williams was accordingly conducted to the East and duly invested and installed by Bro. Matier. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Grand Officers for the year, namely:—

Bro. C. H. Driver	Senior Grand Warden
W. Nicholl	Junior Grand Warden
C. F. Matier P.D.G.M.	Grand Secretary
James Moon (elected)	Grand Treasurer
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The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read, verified, and confirmed, a report on the state of the Allied Degrees was read, from which it appears that though warrants for two new Councils have lately been granted, the progress of the order has been slow during the past year. Particulars as to the financial position of the Grand Council were furnished, and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Bro. C. H. Driver G.S.W., seconded by Bro. W. Nicholls G.S.W., to present a testimonial to Bro. Matier, in recognition of his services as D.G.M. since the formation of the Grand Council. The G.C. having been opened as a Tabernacle of the High Priesthood, and that degree having been exemplified in full, with Comp. Chas. Belton as candidate, the proceedings were closed with prayer.

EARLY IMPRESSIONS OF AUSTRALIA.—Mr. H. C. Russell, the New South Wales Government Astronomer, in a work recently issued from the Government Printing Office of that Colony, says:—"When Dampier, in 1688, sailed down the western coast, he saw nothing but 'a dry sandy soil' and the miserablest people in the world;" and later on, when the first English settlers landed on Australia, they chose a bay beautiful to look at, but there was no gold and no fruit worthy the name, the soil was barren and sandy, and the climate in the worst part of its summer. No wonder that the fame of Australia was blackened, and report made it a miserable land, subject to droughts and floods, a land in which everything was turned topsy-turvy. The summer came at winter-time. Trees shed their bark, not their leaves—were brown instead of green; the stones were on the outside of the cherries; and the pears, pleasant to look at, were only to be cut with an axe, and there was nothing to eat, 'unless, perchance, ye'll fill ye with root of fern or stalk of lily.' Such was the early verdict upon Australia. Fortunately the first colonists once here were obliged to stop. By degrees they found that everything that was planted grew well; that wheat in the valley of the Hawkesbury yielded 40 to 50 bushels to the acre, and in one memorable season actually ruined the farmers by its very abundance, for in the then limited market the price fell so low that it was not worth gathering, and it was left in the fields to rot, while the farmers sought other work. Horses, sheep, cattle, and pigs throve marvellously, and some of the cows getting away, the bush soon contained numbers of wild cattle; even wool did not deteriorate in the new colony; and step by step the facts became too strong for prejudice, and the first fleeces of Australian sheep sent to England lifted the veil; manufacturers would take gladly as many as could be sent; their demand for more wool extends with the supply, and now only from Australia can they obtain the fine wools which they need; quantity and quality of wool have increased together, and the Grand Prize at the Paris Exhibition for our New South Wales wool has proclaimed the fact far and wide. Wool has done still more for the Colony. We took possession of it as a narrow strip of coast country; the demand for pasture forced us to find a way over a hitherto impassable range, and the same want has driven all the desert out of the Colony, and covered it with thriving millions of sheep. The country which early writers upon Australia called a barren waterless desert is now growing the finest wool and yielding abundant water, and when, in 1851, it was announced that gold had been discovered in abundance, the world was convinced that Australia was a promising country after all. Year by year the people have been coming in increasing numbers to supply our great want (population), and ever as the number increases new avenues of wealth and prosperity are opening to our view."

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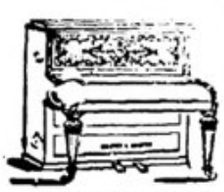
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FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

WE stated last week that we had it in contemplation to publish an English version, either in full or in summary, of the article entitled "Freemasonry in Spain," which appeared in the July number of *Le Monde Maçonnique*. The article is decidedly interesting, more especially as our knowledge of Spanish Freemasonry is somewhat limited, the materials at our disposal for anything like a connected history being extremely scanty. In fact, the bulk of the English brethren know little beyond the fact that Lodges were established in Spain, that, thanks to the tender regards of the Romish priesthood, but particularly of the Inquisition, the members had a hard time of it, and that, as shown in the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*, there is now a Grand National Orient, with a Grand Lodge, and a Supreme Council 33°, working apparently in harmony. The Orient is credited with some 180 Lodges and a membership of 14,800, while the Grand Lodge has 270 Lodges, to some 50 of which are Chapters. Thus, from the mere point of numbers Spain would seem justified in claiming a foremost position among Masonic powers, though to judge from certain remarks in *Le Monde Maçonnique*, it would seem as if Spanish ideas of the Craft inclined too much towards those prevalent in France to make it of much account as a section of the true Fraternity.

According to our French contemporary, the establishment of Freemasonry in Spain is traceable to the influence of the Duke of Wharton, who was Grand Master of England 1723. The writer of the article produces no evidence in support of this statement,-but it is by no means improbable. It is in evidence that the Duke of Wharton was in Spain about the year 1727—he married a maid of honour to the Queen of Spain in 1726—that he took part against his own countrymen at the siege of Gibraltar—a possession of ours since 1704—and that he died in a state of penury at a Bernardine convent in Catalonia in 1731. *Le Monde Maçonnique*, however, states absolutely that the Duke of Wharton was charged with the duty of introducing Freemasonry; that he repaired to Madrid in 1727, took up his quarters in the only French hotel in the Spanish capital, and having made all the requisite preliminary arrangements, that on the 15th February 1728 was consecrated in his Grace's apartments a Lodge which was afterwards ranked as No. 50 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Our own early registers bear testimony to the fact of there having been such a Lodge, and from the Appendix to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," it seems to have been erased in January 1768, but we should like to hear more about the authority on which the chief place in the account is assigned to the Duke of Wharton. This appears to have been the only Masonic Lodge in Spain till 1739, when Lord Lovel, who was at the time Grand Master, granted to Captain James Cummersford a deputation as Provincial Grand Master of Andalusia with full powers to found Lodges in the south of Spain. This gave great umbrage to the clergy and monks, and so disquieted the secular power that, influenced by the Legate of Pope Clement XIII., Philip V. issued an edict against Freemasonry, in which members of Masonic Lodges were fiercely denounced, and threatened with the severest penalties if they retained their connection with the Order, and many brethren of the original Lodge, founded in Bernard Street, Madrid, in 1727-8 suffered. However, this edict had the usual effect of causing the further development of the Craft, and in 1750-1, there were, according to the Inquisition, as many as ninety-seven Lodges in Spain. About this time, Father Joseph Torrubia, member of the Inquisition, acting under the authority of a Papal brief, was initiated as a Mason, taking the oaths prescribed of all who sought admission, his object being to obtain a complete knowledge of the members of the Spanish Craft. In March 1751, Father Torrubia placed in the Grand Inquistiors' hands list of the 67 Lodges then in Spain, when, to the latter's great dismay it turned out that pretty nearly the whole of the Masonic body consisted of nobles and members of the upper ranks of society. However, he referred the subject to Pope Benedict XIV. and King Ferdinand VI., when the King, by a decree dated 2nd July 1751, ordered the complete suppression of the Order, the penalty of death without any previous trial of any kind being assigned to all found to be members.

During the next sixteen years, Freemasonry in Spain remained in obscurity, but not without making considerable progress, and in 1767 it renounced its obedience to the Grand Lodge of England and declared itself independent, when the Count d'Aranda, Prime Minister of Charles III. and the real author of the royal decree which in the spring of that year banished the Jesuits from Spain, was appointed Grand Master, his election to that office being due to this edict. In 1780, influenced by French ideas, the Grand Lodge took the title of Grand Orient, the Count d'Aranda, however, continuing to preside with his original title of Grand Master, and so remained till 1795, when, having lost his liberty, he designated as his successor the Count de Montijo, an able diplomatist and Spanish Ambassador to the Court of Berlin. The Count was legally nominated Grand Master of the Grand Orient and it was under his auspices that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite made its appearance in Spain in 1808. One of the creators and propagators of the Dalcho theory, Count Alexander Augustus de Grosse-Tilly, G. Commander of the Supreme Council 33° in France, had a brother in Spain—the Count de Tilly. This brother, out of hatred for Buonaparte, devoted the whole of his vast energy to the service of Spain, and, under the name of Gusman, was the soul of the popular movement in Andalusia, which commenced in May and June 1808 with the relief of Seville from the French and terminated at Baylen; in fact, it was he who prepared the terms of the capitulation of Baylen, which utterly discomfited the forces of Napoleon. This Count de Tilly, on the 17th December 1808, assembled at Aranjuez several Brothers, among whom were Quintana, Saavedra, Vadillo, and Gonzalez, and constituted the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for Spain. Thus, towards the close of 1800, Spanish Freemasonry consisted of the Grand Orient, ruled by Count de Montijo, practising the English Rite of Anderson-Ashmole, and the Supreme Council, ruled by the Count de Tilly, and practising the system of Morin-Dalcho.

On 3rd November 1809 was constituted in the very dungeons of "the Inquisition itself," in the street Isabella the Catholic, a new Spanish Grand Orient, founded under the auspices of Kng Joseph, formerly Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France, by the Grand Duke de Berg.

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Thus in 1809 the Supreme Council of France, and the Grand Orient of the same country, had both established off-shoots in Spain, the Grand Orient, ruled by the Count Montijo, alone representing the original English element according to the Anderson system, but independent and confined wholly and solely to brethren of Spanish blood. The former Minister of State, Azanza, was nominated Grand Master of the new Grand Orient born in 1809 of French origin. In 1811, the Count de Grasse-Tilly, being dissatisfied with the manner in which his brother the Count de Tilly conducted the affairs of the Supreme Council of Spain, constituted a second Supreme Council on the 4th July, and the better to vindicate its dependence on French Masonic authority, he installed, in the capacity of Grand Commander of this new power, the same Azanza, who for the preceding two years had held the office of Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Spain, under the protection of the Grand Orient of France. Consequently, there were at this epoch four Supreme Masonic authorities in Spain: Grand Orient, No. 1, founded 1780—Spanish; Supreme Council, No. 1, founded 17th September 1808, also Spanish; and the Grand Orient, No. 2, founded 3rd November 1809, and Supreme Council, No. 2, founded 4th July 1811, both of French origin.

Such was the state of things when Ferdinand VII. returned to Spain, and by his decree of the 4th May 1814 closed all the Lodges, placing them outside the pale of the law, and inaugurated a second era of persecution against Freemasonry, the first dating from 1751. But hereabouts is the obscure point in the history of Spanish Freemasonry. In 1817 there would have been signed a treaty of union between Grand Orient, No. 1 and Supreme Council, No. 1, by which the Count de Montijo should have become Grand Master of the Grand Orient and Grand Commander of the Supreme Council just as the Minister Arguëlles, successor of Minister Azanza was Grand Master of the Grand Orient, No. 2 and Grand Commander of the Grand Council No. 2, but no documentary evidence of this treaty has ever been forthcoming. It is asserted that in 1818 Supreme Council No. 2 had absorbed Supreme Council No. 1, or rather that the Grand Inspectors General of the two Councils had combined for the purpose of deliberating on the steps to be taken in order to secure the triumph of liberal ideas which took place in 1820. General Riégo, the brothers San Mignel, of whom one became Marshal, and Arguëlles took part in the important deliberations on Madrid in 1818. In 1823 a clerical reaction set in. Riégo, Grand Commander of the Sole Supreme Council and Grand Master of Grand Orient No. 2, was shot and the third persecution of Freemasonry was initiated by the decree of Ferdinand VII. of 1st August 1824, condemning to death without trial every Freemason who did not submit himself to the clerical authorities by the 31st of the same month. But no submission followed, and the Inquisition secured many victims in the liberal ranks under pretext of their connection with Freemasonry. On 7th March 1825, a Lodge was surprised at Grenada in the very midst of an initiation and the Master (le Vénérable) and six others composing it were hanged there and then, while the candidate was condemned to the galleys for twelve years.

(To be continued.)

THE GREAT PYRAMID.

THERE is but *one* pyramid, and that the Great Pyramid of Cheops, or Gizeh. Seventy pyramids once stood on the margin of the Egyptian desert, but only one has a history hoary with age, and clothed with mystery. It was the parent, all others were imitations. Not only does no contemporary description of it exist, but it stood a world-wonder for fifteen hundred years before any writer, whose works remain to us, gave an account of it. No wonder we are in the dark concerning it; no wonder all manner of speculations have been made as to its origin and purpose. Probably we shall never know the exact truth about it. We are too far removed from it in time, and know too little about the history of Egypt, at the period of its erection, to justify any one in asserting positively why it was built, or to what purpose it was originally devoted. One thing, however, is certain—it is an everlasting monument to the Masonic art, a continuing example of the skill of the operative Masons of three thousand years ago.

There is no end to the fanciful theories of intellectual speculators about the Great Pyramid. John Taylor, Prof. Piazzi Smyth, H. C. Agnew, Joseph A Seiss, D.D., J. Ralston Skinner, Everett W. Fish, M.D, W. M. Flinders Petrie, William Rowbottom, Robert Hewitt Brown, and others, have created a Pyramid literature, that of itself constitutes in size no mean library. The latest contribution to the literature of the subject is of the destructive order, from the pen of President Barnard, of Columbia College, New York.* President Barnard is an ardent advocate of the introduction of the Metric system of weights and measures in this country, and he has attacked the theories of the fanciful school of Pyramidalists with considerable power, his purpose evidently being to abolish the idea that our English inch measure bears any relation to the so-called sacred cubit, which should justify its retention, and thus influence the exclusion of the Metric system. His work is written with grace and scholarly tact, and affords pleasant reading on a recondite subject. He argues that the Great Pyramid was simply a royal tomb, and that all the striking scientific analogies discovered in connecion with it are merely remarkable coincidences. Now, while we have no doubt this world-wonder *was* a royal tomb, we believe it was also *much more*. As Bro. Harry Hazel some years ago observed, in the columns of the *Keystone*, "That Cheops at his death might have been buried in it, if he was its founder, is likely enough, for the interment of a man of eminence in, under or near a religious edifice, and especially when he is regarded as its founder, is often esteemed, even at the present day, not too high an honour for a human being. But the internal passages and chambers of Cheops disprove the theory that it was erected *merely* for a tomb; and even had the mummified remains of the renowned king been discovered in the Great Pyramid, it would afford no greater proof for the tomb theory, than the discovery of a bishop's body beneath the pulpit or chancel of a church would for the assumption that the building had been put up expressly to cover the remains of the distinguished ecclesiastic."

It is not easy to comprehend the great antiquity of this monument. Abraham saw it, and Joseph spent a large part of his life in its vicinity. P.G.M. Bro. Rob Morris LL.D. (who has several times visited it), has pointedly said: "When Solomon planted the Corner-stone of his Temple on Mount Moriah, that of the Pyramid had been laid twelve hundred years!" Wonderful in antiquity, in structure, and in purpose, is the only wonder remaining to us of the original "seven wonders of the world."

We think it is a fair deduction from what we positively know of the structure of the pyramid, and the customs of the people in the era in which it was erected, that it was, primarily, a Temple of the Sun. This is, no doubt, a heathenish conclusion, but it appears to be a reasonable one. It was also, contemporaneously or subsequently, used for astronomical or astrological purposes. Many of the most ancient temples were dedicated to the Sun, and the priests and soothsayers of the times were called upon to aid at the inception of the building, by the performance of what were thought to be fitting ceremonies. Tacitus, in the fourth book of his History, gives a very striking description of the laying of the Corner-stone of the Capital at Rome, when rebuilt by the Emperor Vespasian, on which occasion "Helvidius Priscus, the prætor, preceded by Plautius Alianus, the pontiff, invoked Jupiter, Juno and Minerva, to prosper the undertaking," and then "loosed the wreaths that bound the foundation stone."

In this connection we may observe, that, as is known, the Corner-stone is always laid at the *North-East* corner of the edifice. Why? This, too, is a relic of Sun worship. The Corner-stone of the Capitol at Rome, to which we have just referred, Tacitus says was laid the "eleventh day before the calends of July"—that is, at the period of the summer solstice, the great solar festival, when the Sun reached his highest Northern declination. Now, the heathen temples always face the sun, so as to catch the first rays of the rising orb, and since at the end of June the sun rises a little North of East, the *North-East* corner of the Temple at that time is in the direct line of the rising sun,

* *The Imaginary Meterological System of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh.* By F. A. P. Barnard, LL.D., S.T.D., President of Columbia College. From the Proceedings of the American Meterological Society, New York: John Wiley and Sons.

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and first bathed with its light. Hence this corner in primitive times was selected as the most fitting place for the placing of the Corner-stone. In Masonry customs are stable and perpetual—therefore to the present day, and through all time, the North-East corner is, and will be deemed the appropriate place for the typical foundation styne of the edifice.

The Great Pyramid is, and probably will remain, one of the mysteries of the world. President Barnard says it must get out of the way of the Metric system. We have nothing against this system, and even think many advantages would result from the adoption of a universal standard of weights and measures, and the Metric system now appears to promise more in this direction than any one previously advocated. In Russia, England, and the United States it is increasingly meeting with favour, and there is reason to believe it will, after no long time, be generally adopted. It will not be, however, until after a hard-fought intellectual contest. The advocates of the Pyramid system of weights and measures have a bi-monthly organ, issued at Cleveland, Ohio, styled *The International Standard*, the July issue of which is before us as we write. It contains some twenty articles, by various Pyramidists, including Piazzi Smith, Astronomer Royal of Scotland, J. Ralston Skinner, of Cincinati, the Rev. H. G. Wood and others; and it also has a paper entitled *Pyramidal Freemasonry*, being the substance of an address read before St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, of West Kensington, London, by the Secretary of the Lodge. The subject is one of scientific and Masonic interest, and it is worthy of the attention devoted to it by so many eminent scientists and Freemasons.—*Keystone.*

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Address of Grand Secretary T. S. Parvin, delivered at the laying of the Corner-stone of the "Iowa Masonic Library Building," at Cedar Rapids, 7th May 1884.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

THE sun at its meridian height not only beautifies and adorns the day, but summons the brethren to refreshment from labour. Spring has come again to gladden our hearts. The chilled winds of winter have ceased to blow, and the snowflakes, which so lately filled the air, no more carpet the earth, while the green grass rises to lighten the sound of our footsteps.

Our traditionary Grand Master Solomon in his inimitable song says: "The flowers appear upon the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

We have come as representatives of the Lodges, of our homes, and from distant portions of our great and prosperous state. We come upon a mission, a mission of love, of learning and of pleasing duty. And surely the elements of nature around us, as well as the goodly citizens of your city, yea now *ours*, welcome us to-day and welcome the occasion of our coming.

"A rare and choice procession, this I ween,
Nor once in Rome, nor yet in Corinth seen;
No golden eagles gloating o'er their prey
In cruel triumph for a bloody day.
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Victors you are indeed!
But higher for your meed,
And noble panegyrics employ
More like to psalms on Zion's holy hill,
When the long wandering ark at last stood still."

I have counted the hours of the revolving sun above us since he rose this gladsome morning. And, as I watched his course so calm, so steady and so beautiful, 'mid the clouds my thoughts have happily journeyed backwards. They would go, and I could only in imagination follow the bent of their inclination; and so I review the years as they came passing along before me. For four decades and more has it been my lot, my ever pleasing vocation, to engage in ceremonies like those of this day. I have laid corner-stones as Grand Master, and for Grand Masters, and been dignified "from my youth up" as "Grand Orator." (Phœbus, what a name!) on such occasions almost innumerable.

I have laid corner-stones of churches and school houses, of temples of justice and public libraries, of academies of science and Masonic temples, all over the prairies of our young and growing state.

To this hour, as each returning Sabbath is ushered in by the god of day from many a hill-top overlooking the great father of waters on our eastern borders, there rises the song of praise and the morning and evening prayer from altars erected to the known God in sanctuaries touched with the Mason's hand. The recollection fills my heart anew with love to Him who loveth us all. From the capital of our state and from many a green spot along the highway over which now the iron horse hurries in his rapid journey to the Big Muddy on the west, on each school day may be seen loving children marching along to the spot, next to "home, sweet home," the dearest on earth, though they but little heed it at the time. The church and the school are the "salt of the earth" that purifies society and protects our dearest interest in life, and in the end opens for our admission the gates of the new Jerusalem. I much love to recall the instrumentality we as Masons have had in giving form, and shape, and beauty to this great work of human progress in the State of Iowa.

On many an occasion, too, have we, the Masons of our beloved Iowa, been called upon to take part in the erection of those temples at whose doors sits the blind goddess with scales equipoised in her hands dealing out imperial justice to all alike. Justice is one of the four cardinal virtues ever placed before the Masonic student, whether young or old in the profession, which he is not only to study but practise while living, if he would obtain the highest good here, and hereafter enjoy the fruition of a well-spent life.

In the building of Masonic temples we are ever expected to take a part, for they are the homes in which much of our Masonic life is to be spent, and well for all if usefully and happily spent in the practice as well as the inculcations of those principles ever calculated to make us the wiser and the better in all the relations of home, of citizens and Masonic life.

But never, my brethren and fellow-citizens, when I have been called to take a part, however humble or exalted, in a work of this kind and character, have I engaged in it with such a hearty goodwill, such a spirit of devotion, and such high hopes of the ultimate good to the Craft, destined to be the out-growth of the work we to-day have in hand. Heretofore all along these years, now two score and more, have we laboured for others, helped build houses in which other people should dwell for a season and do good. And the good which has come from their work is our abundant reward.

To-day, yes, to-day, brothers, do we come to lay the corner-stone of our own house, our home, the "Library Building of the Grand Lodge of Iowa of A. F. and A. M." a building which, as "the hands of our brothers have laid the foundation of this house, our hands shall also, we pray finish it; and then shall we know that the Lord of Hosts hath sent" us to do this work and complete the structure, the corner-stone of which we have just laid with appropriate ceremonies, witnessed by churchmen, Masons, and citizens alike with interest.

This building is to contain the large and valuable, the rare and interesting collection of works devoted to the history, philosophy and jurisprudence of Masonry and its kindred sciences—a collection at once the proud monument of its founders and of the Grand Lodge its fortunate possessor—a collection in which the citizen who wishes well of the State and its progress, alike with the Mason, may and should feel a just pride.

Masonry has left an indelible record upon the history of the past in our own and other lands, more especially, however, in this "land of the free and home of the brave" this land of progress in all that goes to make the State. "Its record has been made in books, in principles, in monuments, and upon society, and it ever should be your pleasure, my brethren, to encourage the library, now so magnificent in its proportions.

A brief history of public libraries in the past ages of the old world may not be without interest or significance in this connection or on this occasion.

The history of the principal libraries of our own country, too, is not without interest, as affording instruction and encouragement to our own efforts.

The libraries of America are classed as public libraries, college, school, theological, law, medical, scientific, national, state and state historical society libraries, ten in all.

The first in the second series, and only recently admitted in the list and so recognised by the commissioner of education at Washington, is "Masonic Libraries," and that of the Grand Lodge of Iowa heads the list as the first in its origin and largest in its extent.

We will, however, refer more fully to a single one of the Collegiate Libraries whose history is somewhat similar to our own.

When John Harvard in 1638 made his will and left the half of his estate to endow the college which bears his name, he added, we are told by the present librarian of that institution, to his benefaction his entire library of two hundred and sixty (260) books, and so the college grew upon a foundation of books. A rich soil from which to grow a most healthy and flourishing institution of learning, which has borne rich fruit in its offspring all over the land.

In 1764 Harvard hall was burned, destroying the entire library save one massive volume, "Downame's Christian Warfare Against the Devil." That warfare, as embodied in the contest between knowledge and ignorance, has in his or some other's name been waged ever since. And that volume still in the library, has become the chief corner-stone upon which has been built one of the very largest and best libraries in the new world.

When that college and library was founded in 1638, the colonists of New England, from whom our people are largely sprung and whose love of freedom, of learning, of Masonry and of libraries we have largely shared, knew absolutely nothing of this valley, of the great lakes or of the great river we inhabit. And little could they at that early day have dreamed of the changes two and a-half centuries would have wrought in their own and the newer States. Nay, in their wakeful dreams their more intelligent successors do not more than half realise the truth that is patent everywhere to all who will come and see.

Following in their footsteps we are seeking to build a hall for the collection we have made by purchase, and not by the bequest of a noble and generous patron. We seek to build not a parthenon, a lyceum, a porch or an academy—but all in one.

"A temple fit for all who sit
At Wisdom's feet,
And hers alone."

It is most fitting then that we here present a brief sketch of the origin of our own library, and in so doing we prefer, for modesty's sake if for no other reason, to let a friend speak for us, and so copy from the report of the Committee on the library submitted by Bro.

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Langridge at the last session. This, while somewhat poetical, is substantially true.

"In January 1844, this Grand Lodge was organised. In a new territory, whose inhabitants occupied only a narrow strip along its eastern boundary, with four weak Lodges, and less than one hundred Masons, its prospects of showing great literary activity were not flattering. Your Grand Secretary, however, was a reading Mason; nay, more, he was a Mason who learned, for did he not, early in his Masonic life, when he accidentally found a stray copy of what he supposed to be the first edition of Anderson's Constitutions, despairing of owning it otherwise, commit it to memory, and so make it his own beyond the danger of a rescue? A few years later, when visiting a lady friend (now as then of Muscatine), he found Cole's Abiman Rezon on the table; the lady, the time, and the occasion of the visit were immediately forgotten, until piqued at his absorption in the book and his forgetfulness of herself she curtly dismissed him with the advice that if the book was so much more entertaining than she, to take it with him. This book was the beginning of your Grand Lodge Library, and is yet upon your shelves.

"In 1845, on the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Library, acting upon the suggestion of the Grand Secretary, who reported, 'We believe that a commencement should be made, and additions made from time to time, as the Grand Lodge may be able, so that in time we may have a collection of Masonic information that may be an honour to us.' The Grand Lodge appropriated *five dollars* 'to be expended under the direction of the Grand Secretary for securing such information as he may see proper;' and thus, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we believe was laid the commencement of the first Grand Lodge Library in existence. A few individuals in this country, and in Europe, had doubtless made collections of this kind, large for the means available, but to this Grand Lodge, under the foresight of your present Grand Secretary and Librarian, is, we repeat, due the honour of leading in the establishment of the first distinctively Grand Lodge Library. Since then it has, as liberally as its means have justified, continued the same wise course, until now the wave caused by the stone is thus cast into the Masonic mill-pond, has travelled widely and more widely, until the collection of Masonic books has become, to a considerable extent, a 'craze,' and to supply the demand a business, or at least it was so until lately, as the 'search for hidden treasures' of the kind has been so thorough and microscopic as to almost exhaust the supply, and the demand for old Masonic literature bids fair to cease from sheer inability to find material for its supply.

"Nor has this Grand Lodge confined itself to the collection of purely Masonic books, in the sense only of Masonic magazines, proceedings, laws and addresses, or polemics between warring factions of the Brotherhood. As the roots of a thrifty tree stretch out into the earth as widely as do the branches into the air, and so come in relation with their soundings, so does Masonry interlace with and take its form and pressure, its growth and bent from contemporaneous matters. Political systems, scholastic and religious culture, all its various environments, have affected it as it has them, until, as in tracing to their fountain head the national peculiarities of victorious people, one has to familiarise himself also with the history of those they have subjugated; so in studying Masonry must he make long excursions into those cognate but outlying fields. With this in view your librarian has enriched your collection with books of travel, of history, of poetry, and even of fiction, while in those 'quaint and curious volumes of forgotten lore' treating of the powers of nature, of the occult sciences, and of thousands of 'uncanny subjects on which few well regulated minds desire to dwell,' your shelves contain many rare and valuable selections. And thus, commencing with a single book in 1844, the Library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, as shown by the catalogue prepared and submitted at their session in 1883, by your librarian, and including the Bower library, now contains many thousands of pieces of valuable works and pamphlets, Masonic, religious, artistic and miscellaneous, besides a handsome collection of medals, prints and articles of *vertu* and bric-a-brac, many very rare, a few uniques, and if estimated at cost to you and to Brother Bower, worth between twenty and thirty thousand dollars. Thus, in far less than the time expected by your Committee in 1845, have we reached that 'collection of Masonic information,' which the promised should be 'an honour to us.'"

Yes, from 1845 to 1882, from an appropriation of five dollars for the purchase of a book and periodical, and for binding, to the magnificent grant of 4000 dollars for the purchase of the "Bower Collection," the largest and most valuable private collection at that day in this country if not in the world, was but the period of the active life of the manhood of your Librarian who addresses you to-day.

And the increase of Masonic libraries during these latter years throughout the several states indicate a healthful growth and a greater desire for Masonic literature of the past and the present.

Here in the Library (soon to be stored in this building) are gathered the dearest thoughts and expressions of the most eminent patrons of Masonry. It is of incalculable value to the present, and to the generations that are to follow will be doubly so."

I have alluded to two brothers and quoted from one—Brothers William Baker Langridge and Robert Farmer Bower, both intelligent, earnest and successful collectors of Masonic books, and both during their entire Masonic lives the true, warm and helpful friends of the Library and its Librarian.

> "Oh for the touch of a vanished hand,
> And the sound of a voice that is still!"

For could our dear brothers but know to-day that their most cherished desires are about to be realised they would be happy beyond measure. The last Masonic paper our Brother Langridge wrote was the "Report on the Library," from which we have quoted, as we will again, in reference to this building.

Some ten or more years ago the brethren and the Grand Lodge of Iowa were crazed on the subject of the erection of a costly "Temple," and would have swamped the Grand Lodge and Masonry in Iowa too, had not the Grand Secretary opposed the foolish scheme with all his might and influence. It well nigh swamped him in the frenzy of the hour, but when they had returned to their "sober, second thought," all were glad at the failure of the scheme.

A few years later, in June 1876, the Grand Secretary, in his report as Librarian used this language under the head of "Fire Proof Building for Library." "No intelligent or thoughtful man or Mason of the state, or from abroad, has visited our library during the past year who has not expressed himself upon the risk of continuing so valuable a collection of books and papers in a *building not fireproof*. No money could replace many of the books and records if destroyed.

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The subject is of such importance that the Grand Lodge cannot long ignore it."

And strange to say, many of those same brethren now changed sides, and upon this, charged that officer with the very design they had previously advocated, and he opposed. So difficult is it to educate a large body of men or brethren to a correct and just view of a measure of great importance.

With this, the earliest reference, we give the last of 1883 and by the committee, and upon this subject of a "Fire Proof Building," the committee add: "Having secured so large and valuable a library, the question naturally arises, not less how best to care for and *preserve it from loss*, than how to increase it and add to its value. Your committee would, therefore, as our predecessors have done, urge upon you the necessity of preparing a *safe place of deposit for them*. Plans and estimates have heretofore been submitted, and are in your archives. The money is provided, and only your order is lacking to supply a place of safety. We should be derelict if we failed to urge upon you most earnestly to care for these treasures which circumstances so fortunately have placed in your hands, and for the preservation of which you are responsible to the world and to the Craft, and in which, therefore, you are so largely interested in both a pecuniary and fiduciary sense."

Year after year the Grand Secretary harped upon this harp of many strings, calling to his aid "committees on the library" and the "Grand Master" at least. Here and now we take pleasure in stating that our Grand Master Van Saun from the hour of his election in 1881 has been the earnest and best friend of this library building enterprise—a full history will be found in our committee's report of the Grand Lodge in June next.

> "We are here for this day,
> To stamp on the clay,
> A part of ourselves
> That may never die."

We must confess in this good hour that

> "We looked beyond
> Through waiting years of sun and rain."
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> "And never thought, nor word went wild;
> Content if only we could see
> This blessed day."

Brother James W. Staton, of Kentucky, President of the "American Masonic Collectors' Association," in his congratulations upon the occasion says: "Of course Brother Parvin is as happy as a father is with his first baby, in the possession and management of this vast library, and in seeing a grand building arise to receive it."

The good brother was not aware of the fact that to-day is the fortieth anniversary birthday of "his own first baby," May Parvin Lee (wife of a Mason) as well as of the library, both first seeing light in the beautiful month of May—so it is a happy May-day to all.

But we will no longer think, much less speak of the trials and tribulations through which we have passed in our progress to this day and this event—no!

> "We would not
> Call back the vanished years,
> The plans, and hopes, and fears;
> Duties, and smiles, and tears
> Are ours to-day."

But they are tears of joy and not of sadness, and to the duties of the hour we betake ourselves and go on with our work to its completion;—and when our labours are ended.

> "And when I lie in the green kirk-yard
> With the mould upon my breast
> Say not he did *well* or *ill*,'
> Only, 'he did his best.'
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> "He that does his best
> Does all he can—
> An angel could do no more."

Masonry does not consist in costly temples of beauty and strength, nor in libraries of the collected wisdom of the past and the present. Nor does it yet consist of ceremonies, however sublime and beautiful their ritual, whether secret or public as those of to-day. The fathers builded wiser than they knew when they laid the foundation stone upon which the moral and social fabric of Masonry has been built through the ages past. It is an institution of growth rather than of creation. Otherwise it had not come down upon the stream of time to us improved as it has been, and to-day exist as a potent factor in the civilisation and progress of mankind.

Masonry exists in its living principles, and consists of lives and actions, the outgrowth of those principles. It is not all of life to live and will not be all of death to die.

My brothers, our Masonry, as well as our religion, teaches us, and from this teaching "we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It is for admission to that house when the turmoils of life have ceased that we seek and ear-

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nestly labour in season and out of season. Yet we know full well that "a man is not justified by works, but by faith," and so we look to the "great light" to enlighten our darkened minds that we may pursue the straight and narrow path, whereby we may find an abundant entrance therein, not forgetting that as we journey on "we may rejoice in the work of our hands" if we but do "the works meet for repentance."

To this end we would that all who enter within our courts, to learn our mysteries, and to become Freemasons indeed, should not only study the precepts of our royal art, but practise in their daily walk and conversation the lessons which have so often and so forcibly been taught around our sacred altars, whereon no strange fire should ever be permitted to burn. None save the incense of true, faithful and loving hearts, each striving who can best work and best agree in carrying forward the good designs spread out upon the trestleboard of life by the Master's hand.

We may not always succeed; there are rains and clouds in the moral as in the physical world, but "the blue heaven is larger than a cloud" and we will look for the light of heaven.

"Whenever we will what is good
We are better because we willed;
And there is worth in an earnest would,
Although it be not fulfilled;
For it is not with success that we build
Our life—but with noble endeavour;
Full success is a prize won never."

Let us then at this good hour with the "Pleasures of Memory" thickly strewn o'er our pathway and gathered through all these forty years that have gone to return no more, resolve to do our duty to God, to man, and to our country. With the "Pleasures of Hope" brightening up before us, encouraging each to a higher attainment in life, and to the better accomplishing our destiny here, we may return to our homes and to our Lodges conscious of having willed aright, and so continue to "hope, hope on, hope ever," till the end comes: then will the "pleasures of imagination" so fondly cherished by us all be fully realised, and our work be approved by the Master Builder on high.

"For the structure which we raise,
Time is with materials filled;
Our to-days and yesterdays
Are the stones with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these,
Leave no yawning gaps between;
Think not because no man sees
Such things will remain unseen.

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While the day hath light let the light be used,
For no man shall the light control
Or ever the silver chord be loosed
Or broken the golden bowl,
May we build God's Holy Temple
In the true Masonic soul."

THE BARTHOLDI STATUE.

ON Tuesday, 5th August, Bro. W. A. Brodie, M.W. Grand Master of Masons of New York, assisted by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, laid the Corner-stone of the famous Statue of Liberty (Bartholdi Monument) on Bedloe's Island, in the harbour of the city of New York.

M.W. Grand Master Bro. W.A. Brodie, in the course of his address said:—"The question may be asked, Why call upon the Masonic Fraternity to lay the Corner-stone of such a structure as is here to be erected? Because it has become a common law practice all the world over, a custom so ancient that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, a custom which prevailed centuries before modern secret societies were thought of. But there is a special reason why we should be called upon for this special duty of to-day. No institution has done more to promote liberty and to free men from the trammels and chains of ignorance and tyranny than Freemasonry, and we as a Fraternity take an honest pride in depositing the Corner-stone of the pedestal of this statue which, we pray God, may deserve to prosper by becoming a beacon light of liberty to all men, and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world till time shall be no more. Amen."

The band then played "Old Hundred." A salute of twenty-one guns was fired from the old Fort Wood battery, when R.W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence delivered the oration. We quote one paragraph:—"Never since the building of the Temple of Solomon, have Masons participated in a work more exalted than that now in progress upon this spot. The colossal statue to be placed upon this massive base is grand in its origin, its execution and its proportions grand, as representing a pure and ennobling friendship between two great nations of free men, at peace with one another, and at peace with all the world, who thus happily circumstanced, erect an enduring monument to typify and illustrate to all the earth their love of liberty. To us, as Masons, this event evidences the growth of principles we hold most dear, and we would fain regard it as presaging the coming of a time when the love of man for his fellow-man shall unite all the races of the earth in one great brotherhood, when men of all nations shall commingle and vie with one another in the promotions of liberty and the enlightenment of mankind. If this hope is too sanguine, we may at least regard the erection of this statue, and the circumstances by which its creation is surrounded, as manifesting a remarkable extension of the principles which we cherish, for never before has a similar event occurred: and in no previous age has the occurrence of such an event been possible.—*Keystone.*

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd September 1884, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th June for confirmation.

2. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester	£75	0	0
A Brother of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham	150	0	0
A Brother of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, Carmarthen	75	0	0
A Brother of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, London ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the British Lodge, No. 8, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York	75	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Hope and Charity, No. 377, Kidderminster	75	0	0
A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmund's	100	0	0

3. 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 it has recently appeared from the Return made by a Country Lodge that a higher degree had been conferred on a Brother at a less interval by one day, than four weeks from his receiving the previous degree, and, an explanation having been called for, it was stated that the regular meeting of this Lodge falling on a holiday it was summoned to meet the day before, under the new Rule 165, and it was considered that this Rule allowed of the degree being conferred at that meeting, although one day was wanting of the four weeks. The Board thereon decided that Rule 195 remained unaltered, and in full force, notwithstanding Rule 165 and the additional Rule 130, and that the Brother irregularly advanced must be re-obligated before a certificate can be issued.

The Board beg to recommend to the Grand Lodge that a donation of fifty guineas be made to the fund now being raised for the restoration of the Church of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields, in which parish the Grand Lodge buildings and premises are situated.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of August instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £1,770 5s 10d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £14 1s 2d.

(Signed) RALPH CLUTTON,
Vice President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th August 1884.

The President will move:—

1. That the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

2. That the donation of fifty guineas be made to the fund being raised for the restoration of the Church of St. Giles's-in-the Fields.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION:—

By Brother CHARLES F. HOGARD P.M. No. 205.

To add to paragraph 19 of the Book of Constitutions—Election of Grand Treasurer—the following words:—

"In the same manner as the elected members of the Board of General Purposes."

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2049—The Ellan Vannin Lodge, Douglas, Isle of Man.
2050—The St. Trinians Lodge, Douglas, Isle of Man.
2051—The Springsure Lodge, Springsure, Queensland.
2052.—The Douglas Lodge, Port Douglas, Queensland.
2053.—The Ngamoto Lodge, New Plymouth, Wellington, N.Z.
2054.—The Wilson Hes Lodge, Waltham Cross, Herts.
2055.—The Rose of Sharon Lodge, Sydney, N.S.W.
2056.—The Alexandra Lodge, Junee Junction, N.S.W.
2057.—The Mount Victoria Lodge, Mount Victoria, N.S.W.
2058.—The Rose Lodge, Emmaville, N.S.W.
2059.—The St. Mark's Lodge, Carterton, Wellington, N.Z.
2060.—The La France Lodge, Regent Street.
2061.—The Lodge of Fidelity, Ranikhet, Bengal.
2062.—The Lodge "Victory," Fatehgarh, Bengal.
2063.—The St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.
2064.—The Smith Child Lodge, Tunstall, Staff.

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FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCE OF WORCESTER.

AN Exhibition of works of art and curiosities in connection with our ancient Order was most successfully inaugurated in the good old city of Worcester on Wednesday evening, when a conversazione was held, at the Guildhall, at which about 450 ladies and gentlemen were present, at the joint invitation of the Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., and his Worship the Mayor of Worcester, Bro. William Blizzard Williamson. Amongst those who were present we may mention:—Colonel Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G. Master Middlesex, the Dean of York the Rev. C. A. Purey-Cust, Æ. J. McIntyre, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Rev. F. J. Hill, W. J. Hughan, J. B. Brinton, M.P., Rev. Canon Butler, F. Binckes, T. B. Whytehead, Henry Smith, John Chadwick, Dr. H. Hopkins, J. S. Cumberland, C. F. Pidcock, T. Lamb-Smith, T. M. Humphries, J. R. Riley, Dr. Ringer, T. W. Tew, W. Lake, T. R. Hill, M.P., Rev. C. Black, C. H. Birbeck, H. G. Budd, A. J. Beauchamp, R. Bach, Rev. Canon Cattley, R. Smith-Carington, A. Comber, R. Eagar, A. F. Godson, Major Irwin, Canon Knox-Little, Colonel Mead, Rev. Trevor Parkins, J. Stevens, J. H. Sillitoe, J. Stallard, R. V. Vassar-Smith, George Taylor, W. H. Rylands, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c.

Sir Edmund Lechmere and the Mayor of Worcester received their guests in the Guildhall, which was most elegantly decorated for the occasion, while the exhibits, which are fully described in a well arranged Catalogue, and number some 1172 articles, were displayed in both the New and Old Council Chambers of the elegant municipal building of the City of Worcester. The company began to arrive at half-past seven o'clock, and subsequently Sir Edmund Lechmere, in addressing his guests, stated that—

Bro. the Very Rev. A. C. Purey-Cust (Dean of York) had consented to say a few words to them upon the Masonic Museum which had been collected and arranged with so much skill and ability by their valued brother, George Taylor. On his own behalf as Provincial Grand Master, he ventured to offer them all a most hearty welcome. He trusted that the arrangements which had been made for their reception might be generally satisfactory to them all. He thought they were indebted very much for the initiation of that Museum to their excellent friend the Mayor of Worcester. As they all knew, he added to the other qualifications for the various capacities that he filled in the city that of being an enthusiastic and experienced Mason. He was desirous that his year of office might be signalised by some special effort connected with Masonry. He communicated his views to him (Sir Edmund), and he ventured to suggest an idea which had often occurred to him, that of a Masonic *conversazione*, to which they might all come, and which might be made interesting by the aid of a Masonic Exhibition of works of art. The Mayor cordially concurred in that idea. To many minds a Masonic ball might have been more popular; but a *conversazione* was decided upon, and he was happy to say that the idea was taken up cordially by the brethren throughout the Province, and a great number of brethren formed a Committee to carry out that object. To those who were Masons that Exhibition must be one of great interest. They flatter themselves that no such collection had been brought together in the Midland counties, or perhaps in England, specially connected with Masonry. Their non-Masonic friends also might study those objects with some degree of interest. He dared say it would suggest a great deal of speculation in their minds, and he was sorry they could not indulge them with any exposition of their secrets. But they could give them some little insight into their history and antecedents. He hoped their non-Masonic friends would go away with the conviction in their minds that whatever might be the usages and customs and history of English Masons, at any rate they might say, in the words of the old Masonic song, "There's nought but what's good to be understood of a Free and Accepted Mason." Their signs and symbols all pointed to the fact that there was nothing in Masonry contrary to the great principles of religion and loyalty, or to those principles which they all recognised as being connected more especially with the Masonic body, brotherly love and unity.

Bro. Williamson was now called upon to say a few words, and in response to the request spoke as follows:—

He cordially agreed with Sir Edmund Lechmere that they might all derive some good by studying the many objects of interest which would be found in the Exhibition. They were very much indebted to brethren at a distance, and to Masons in every part of the country who had interested themselves so assiduously and earnestly in bringing that great collection of Masonic art together. He commended to his brother Masons a study of it. He wished it to be known that people were never asked to become Masons. If they did so it must be of their own free will and inclination. As far as he could ascertain that was one of the most beautiful collections of Masonic art ever brought together in this country. He was sure the ladies and gentlemen present would go away instructed and edified by what they had been there in connection with Masonry. He joined with Sir Edmund Lechmere in bidding them a hearty welcome.

The Dean of York was next called upon. He said:—

He rose to address them in obedience to the command of the Provincial Grand Master. The object of the Exhibition, as they had been told, was not to reveal the secrets of Masonry to the public generally; but it was hoped to disabuse certain erroneous impressions which prevailed amongst the unitiated as regarded Masonry, and at the same to afford those who took an interest in Masonry some gratification by showing them the treasures and records of the Craft in the present and the past. He thought the prejudices which existed in regard to Masonry were threefold. In the first place, it was assumed that they were a foolish body, that they adorned themselves in peculiar and fantastic dresses, and that there was really nothing to be said for them. He thought, however, that that Exhibition would show those who had that feeling at least this fact, that if they were foolish people, they would be surprised to see how large a proportion of foolish people there had been in the world. They would see in that Exhibition that the Masons went back to a very ancient date, that they had gathered in men of great position and of great eminence in all parts of the world. They would be astonished to find, perhaps, how many of those whose names were not altogether unknown in the pages of English history had not been ashamed to be enrolled as members of a Masonic province. Perhaps the impression which would be made in their mind by the Exhibition would be that after what they had seen there must be something in it. The next thing was that people were disposed to think that they were a selfish people. They thought Freemasonry consisted in nothing much better than eating and drinking. They thought the life of a Freemason was a life of incessant and interminable festivity; but if they would look at the records in the museum they would see what might be learned from the reports of the different branches of their Craft, they would see that they were far from being a selfish body, that they had the welfare of others very much at heart, that from generation to generation the one great object of their community had been to promote the welfare of others. They would see that they had always had a watchful care for the young and had provided for them, as far as circumstances would allow, the means of a good sound useful education. They would see that there were institutions connected with Masonry by which the aged and infirm were provided for, and their days of decay and decrepitude relieved. They would see also that there were ways in which the poorer members of the Craft received substantial and timely benefit and help from their brethren. Therefore he was quite sure a careful study of the Exhibition would disabuse at once any such impressions in the minds of those who might have entertained them. There was, in the third place, a lurking suspicion in some people's minds that the Masons must be a bad set of people. No less a person than the Pope had told them that they were communists, and that they disregarded the holy ordinance of matrimony, and he had implied that they were guilty of so many transgressions of the moral law and the laws of society that he had altogether interdicted them. He thought the presence of so many of them on that occasion would be the best proof as to whether they disparaged the holy ordinance of matrimony. They Masons rather flattered themselves that at all events if they were not the most ornamental order in the community, they were quite as good as their neighbours. The records in the Exhibition would show that they had ever been a body of upright and sober-minded people, who had had the best of all aims and objects in view, and had not been guilty of flagrant transgressions of laws either human or Divine, nor wandered in the devious paths of infidelity and superstition. If they could disabuse those impressions which more or less lingered abroad concerning them a great deal would be done by such an Exhibition as that to benefit Masonry in the outer world. As to the inner world it did a great deal to increase one's pride in the history and character of the Craft to which he had had the honour for more than thirty years to belong. He had great pleasure in visiting Worcester and seeing the Exhibition. He congratulated the Grand Master and the Mayor, and all connected with that Exhibition, on the great success that had attended their efforts. He hoped that gathering would form an epoch in the history of Freemasonry in the county and city of Worcester, that it would lead to an increase of members and to an increase of the more substantial benefits of stability, union, and good order, which were essentially characteristic of the body to which they belonged.

The many calls on our time this week preclude us from giving as much attention to this interesting Exhibition as we feel it deserves, but we hope to be able to devote some considerable amount of our space in future issues to a comparative analysis of the several articles described in the interesting Catalogue, which reflects great credit upon Bro. George Taylor Prov. G. Sec. Worcester, who has displayed much scholarly ability in its compilation, while the Archæological Notes of Bro. W. J. Hughan will receive, as they deserve, the gravest consideration at the hands of all students interested in Masonic History.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester held their Annual Meeting on Thursday. The proceedings throughout were of a very interesting character, and, in connection with the Exhibition to which we refer above, will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of being present. We shall publish a full report next week.

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Obituary.

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BRO. W. HICKMAN P.G.A.D.C.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death, on Friday 22nd inst., in the 60th year of his age, of Bro. W. Hickman, Deputy Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, and Past G. Assist. D. of C. of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Hickman had been a member of our Society for upwards of twenty-seven years, having been initiated on the 11th June 1857 in the Royal Gloster Lodge, No. 130, Southampton. He was elected to fill the chair of this Lodge in 1865, but had previously served as W.M. of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, which he joined in 1858, while as recently as 1878 he was inducted into the chair of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, Southampton, as its first W.M. He had also been a member of the New Forest Lodge, No. 319, Lymington, and the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359, Southampton. For very many years he had held the responsible position of Provincial Grand Secretary, and in 1875 was appointed to the higher and still more important post of Deputy to Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight. In 1871 his services were recognised by his appointment as Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies of England. He was exalted to the R.A. degree in October 1858, in the Concord Chapter, No. 394; was a P.Z., Past Prov. G. Scribe E., and Grand Second Principal of the Province; while in the Mark degree, to which he was advanced in the Economy Lodge, No. 52, Winchester, he was a Past Master of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 63, Southampton, Dep. P.G.M.M.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, and had served as G. J. Warden Mark Grand Lodge, in 1882. He had also taken the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He was a Vice-President, had served four Stewardships for the Boys' School, and was a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, for each of which he had likewise served one Festival Stewardship. He was a Life Subscriber of, and had served as Steward for, the Mark Benevolent Fund, and was an active supporter of the Masonic Benevolent Institution organized in his Province. His death will be regarded as a heavy blow by the brethren, especially in Southampton, by whom he was so well known and so universally respected. To them, as well as to the rest of his Hants and Isle of Wight Brother Masons, and to the members of his family, we beg to offer the expression of our sincere sympathy.

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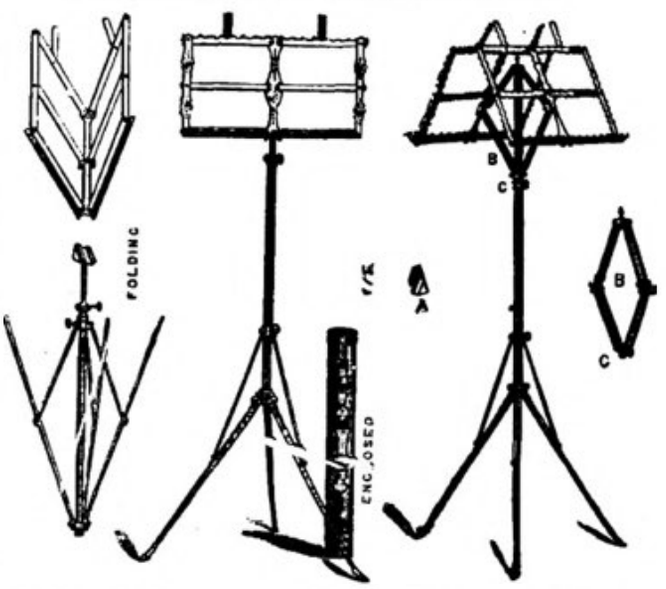
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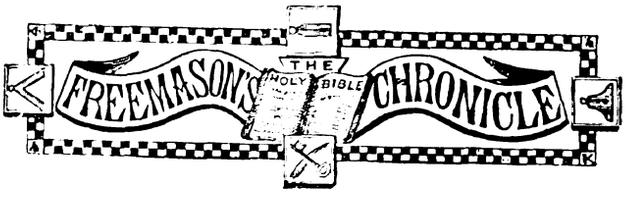
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FREEMASONRY IN YORK IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

AS TOLD BY AN OLD NEWSPAPER FILE.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, YORK.

I HAVE been employing some few hours of leisure time within the past month in looking through the files of some of the newspapers published in York during the last century, chiefly with the somewhat forlorn hope of lighting upon allusions to our Craft in this city before the revival year of 1761. We know how bare these old provincial newspapers are, how curtly they conveyed their intelligence, and how brief were their leaders. Journalists of our day might perpaps, with benefit to the temper of the reading public as well as their own comfort, combine

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to revert to these manners and customs of their prototypes of the eighteenth century.

Even as late as 1801 three of the nine weekly journals published in this broad county of Yorkshire were issued from the Yort Press, and in the previous century the printers of York had gained a prestige and notoriety for good work which was second to none in the kingdom. The first newspaper published in York was called the *York Mercury*, which made its appearance on the 23rd February 1719, and died in 1740, being the property of Thomas Gent, the celebrated York printer. In 1725 was started the *York Courant*, which in 1848 was merged in the *York Herald*; and in 1772 *Etherington's York Chronicle* saw the light, and in 1839 was merged in the *Yorkshire Gazette*. My search in the files of the *Courant*—by kind permission of Mr. Hargrove, the manager of the *York Herald*—from its earliest date to 1761, the year of the revival of the Grand Lodge at York, has been barren of any discovery of direct allusions to the Craft in York, but I find in the number for 30th January 1739, an advertisement of Anderson's Constitutions of 1738.

This day is published, in Large and Small Quarto, dedicated to H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales, and presented by the Right Honourable the Marquis of Carnarvon, present Grand Master,

THE NEW BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS,

by James Anderson, D.D.

Printed for Ward and Chandler, Booksellers, in Coney-street, York, and at Scarborough. Large paper, 10s 6d; small, 5s.

The publisher of the *Courant* at this time was Cæsar Ward, of Coney-street, York. I have not a copy of these Constitutions to refer to; but from this advertisement one would gather that the edition issued by Ward was unauthorised. If so, it would go to show that Freemasonry was very strong in York and in the North to make it worth the while of a local publisher to produce a reprint.

In the number for 4th December of the same year is announced—

"The Merry Companion," price 2s, containing 100 songs, including Hunting, Jollity, the Freemasons, &c. Published by Ward and Chandler, at the Ship, without Temple Bar, London, and at their shops in York and Scarborough.

On 11th December 1759, was advertised in the *Courant* "The Freemasons' Songs, price 1s. Printed for R. Bremner, at Edinburgh, and sold by T. Haxby, in York;" and in the same paper, of 25th April 1760, I find the following:—

Sold by C. Etherington, in York; R. Beckwith, in Ripon; E. Carbutt, in Whitby; G. Sagg, in Malton; and J. Smith, in Bradford.

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During the whole of the last century clubs and guilds of all kinds were very prevalent, and in York there were several of them. The Ancient Society of York Florists (still in existence) was one of these, the Antient and Honourable Society of Gregorians was another, and announcements of their meetings appear with tolerable regularity. The Grand Lodge at York was revived, as we all know, in March 1761, but I meet with no Masonic notices of publications or meetings from 1760 until 20th December 1763, when the following occurs:

MORRITT, Grand Master.

The FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS are desired to meet the GRAND MASTER at Mr. Howard's, in Lendal, York, on Tuesday, the 27th instant December. Dinner on the Table at Two o'clock. Tickets may be had of Mr. Tasker, Treasurer.

Brooks } Wardens.
Atkinson }

John Sawry Morritt was the father of the John B. S. Morritt who purchased the historic domain of Rokeby from the Robinson family, late in the last century, and was a friend of Sir Walter Scott. He was not made a Mason in the Lodge at York, for he was a visiting brother on the 7th October 1762, when his brother Christopher was proposed as a candidate. The Morritts had a town house in Micklegate, York, as most of the county families had at that period. Joseph Atkinson, the Junior Warden, was an operative stonemason, and the entry of his initiation and that of his brother, in the Grand Lodge records, is very interesting, since it seems to indicate that the old Lodge at York recognised its operative origin, and was following the custom of years long antecedent, when the speculative element first knocked at its doors. Thomas and Joseph Atkinson, two brothers, petitioned to be made brethren in 1761, and "being balloted for and approved of *nem con*, were accordingly elected E.P.'s and F.C.'s without paying the usual fees of the Lodge, as being working Masons." Joseph Atkinson was the builder of the bridge over the River Foss in York, and the Grand Lodge of all England attended in regalia to lay the first stone of that bridge.

In the *Courant* of 19th June 1764, appears a similar summons for the 25th June, signed by (J.) Palmes and Wilbor, Wardens, and on the 18th December 1764 is a notice headed "Palmes Grand Master," announcing a dinner for the 27th December, and signed "Willbor and Nickson Wardens." On the 18th June and 24th December 1765, the half-yearly assemblies were again advertised under Palmes Grand Master.

John Palmes was a member of a very old family established at Naburn, near York, for several centuries. He was made a Mason in the Lodge at York in May 1761, immediately after its revival by Drake and his party. Willbor the Senior Warden appears to have been a bootmaker or currier.

I find in the *Courant* for 22nd April 1766, an advertisement of another of the catch penny "exposures" that seem to have amused the public of those days advertised as follows:—

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London: Printed for G. Robinson and J. Roberts, at Addison's Head, in Paternoster Row.

Grand Master (J.) Palmes advertised his summer meeting in 1766 at Mr. John Dalton's, the Punch Bowl, in Stonegate, a regular Masonic house, the winter meeting being also held there, the Wardens on the last occasion signing themselves "Willbore and Nixon." A Lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge in London (Moderns) had been held for a few years at the Punch Bowl, but had ceased to meet when Palmes and his brethren took up their quarters there. The minutes of this Punch Bowl (or Stonegate) Lodge, No. 259, are still extant, and were described by me in the *Freemason* some years ago. The Grand Lodge of All England had in 1762 warranted a Lodge of French Prisoners of War to meet at the Punch Bowl Inn, but we have no record of any of its proceedings.

On 23rd June 1767, Agar, Grand Master, and his Wardens, Atkinson and Beckwith, publicly summoned the brethren to meet at the Punch Bowl on the 24th of the month, and again on Monday, the 28th of December, they advertised themselves to dine at the same house.

Seth Agar was Sheriff of York in 1760 and an Alderman. He came of an old family of York mercers and woollendrapers, his father having been Lord Mayor in 1744 (presumably), and his grandfather in 1724. He must have been an intelligent brother, as his name appears as a subscriber to "Calcott's Candid Disquisition" on Freemasonry, published in 1769. He was initiated in 1761.

14th June 1768 saw the public summons of another (Geo.) Palmes, Grand Master, whose Wardens were Nickson and Wright; these for the first time signed themselves *Grand* Wardens. 27th December of that year and 13th June and 27th December of the following year were again festivals, as well as 25th June of 1770, all under Grand Master Palmes, and all advertised.

George Palmes was apparently a brother of John, who had been Grand Master in 1765 and 66, and was made a

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Mason a month before his brother, although he was not raised until January 1763.

In the *Courant* of 19th June 1770, is an announcement of a meeting of the lodge at Knaresborough—

"KEDAR—MASTER.

The Free and Accepted Masons are requested to meet at the house of W. Robert Revell, the Crown in Knaresborough, on Tuesday, the 26th day of June instant, to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, and attend a regular procession to the Church to hear Divine Service, when a Sermon will be preached by a Brother suitable to the occasion.

BATESON, CLARK } Wardens.

The Brethren are desired to meet at nine o'clock, as Divine Service will begin at ten."

The Rev. Charles Kedar, Robert Revell, and William Bateson had been made Masons at York in October 1769, and at the same time a Constitution had been granted to them to open and hold a Lodge at the Crown, at Knaresborough, a small town a few miles from York, on the river Nidd. Four names were included in the Constitution, the fourth being that of John Brulart, nominated as Secretary, who also had been made at York.

In July of the same year a Constitution had been granted to John Atkinson as Master, George Dawson as S.W., Wm. Askwith as J.W., and John Carlisle as Secretary, to open and hold a Lodge at the Royal Oak, at Ripon, in Yorkshire, Askwith having been previously made a Mason at York. The Ripon brethren must have soon tired of their York connection, for a warrant appears to have been applied for and granted to them from London in June 1776.

Processions were fashionable about this time for the winter Festival of St. John is thus announced:

"PALMES, Grand Master.

"The Free and Accepted Masons are desired to meet the Grand Master on St. John's Day, the 27th December instant (1770), at the York Tavern, at nine o'clock in the morning, to attend him in procession to St. John's Church, in Micklegate, where a sermon suitable to the occasion will be preached by a brother, and afterwards to dine with him at the same tavern. Dinner will be on the table at two o'clock.

"CONSITT, "HARRISON, } Grand Wardens.

"Tickets to be had at Mr. Kidd's Coffee House, in Coney-street. Such brethren as purpose to attend are desired to take out tickets by themselves or friends before the 24th inst."

This was one of the most successful gatherings of the century in York. The brethren assembled with their visitors to the number of 120. They marched with their "colours," headed by the city band and the band of the Inniskilling Dragoons, to church, where a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Wm. Dade, on "God is Love." The bells of St. Martin's, Coney-street, rang out a merry peal; they had a famous dinner, and they appropriately ended a happy day by getting up a handsome subscription for charitable purposes. The Rev. W. Dade was rector of Barmston, in the East Riding, and an author of a "History of Holderness."

On the 24th June 1771, Gascoigne, Grand Master, and his Wardens, Harrison and Lakeland, publicly summoned their summer Festival at Mr. Matthew Kidd's, the York Tavern, and again at the same house for the 27th December. In 1772 Lakeland and Bussey were Wardens, and summoned meetings for 24th June and 28th December, the latter meeting being advertised in the *York Chronicle* as well as the *Courant*, by order of the Lodge.

Sir Thomas Gascoigne was the last baronet of the family and died in 1810. Their Yorkshire seat was at Parlington, and they claimed to be descended from the historic Lord Chief Justice Gascoigne, *temp.* Hen. IV. Sir Thomas was initiated at York, with Sir Walter Vavasour, in January 1768, but was not again heard of until he was elected Grand Master *in absentia* in December 1770. I fear he was not a very good Mason, for in December 1779 he was struck off the books for non-payment of arrears.

In 1773, Chaloner Grand Master, and Bussey and Bagley Grand Wardens, advertised their gatherings for 24th June and 27th December, at the York Tavern, and in the *Courant* for 21st December appears the announcement of the Apollo Lodge, thus:

"APOLLO LODGE.—The members of this Lodge are desired to meet their brethren on Monday next, the 27th inst., being St. John's Day. All Free and Accepted Masons desirous of visiting this Lodge admitted by applying for tickets at the bar of the George Inn, Coney-street. Dinner will be on the table at three o'clock."

Charles Chaloner, who was Grand Master in 1773, was initiated on the same night as George Palmes, in 1761, at a time when several men of position took an interest in the Lodge, but Chaloner's interest was very transient, for he never attended any meetings, and resigned in 1767, but rejoined in 1770. He was one of the old family of Chaloner of Guisborough, in the North Riding. John Bagley, his Junior Warden, was a York tradesman, and served the office of Sheriff of the City in 1790. Chaloner resigned his membership in 1775.

The Apollo Lodge was warranted 31st July 1773, so that this must have been its first annual festival. Many distinguished brethren were connected with this Lodge, and several of the members of the old Lodge, who should have stood by their mother, went over to the more fashionable body which met at the George Hotel, in Coney-street. Early in the present century most of the minutes, &c., of the Apollo Lodge were sold, with other Masonic property, to the brethren of a Hull Lodge, and are now in the possession of the Humber Lodge.

In 1774 Grand Lodge met as usual at the York Tavern, under Stapilton Grand Master, and Bagley and Bewlay, Grand Wardens. There must have been some feeling of rivalry between the Apollo and the Grand Lodges, or the meetings would not have been called as they were on the same day and hour.

Henry Stapilton was a scion of a very old house, in which, however, even in that day, very little of the original Tees-side blood was to be found, owing to lack of male heirs. He probably lived at Wighill, near York, where they had estates. They were connected by marriage with the Vavasours, of Copmanthorpe, near York, hence most likely the Masonic association. He joined the Lodge in 1773, and seems to have been popular with the brethren. In the spring of 1775, he presented the Lodge with a deer, for the purpose of getting up an extra banquet.

On 20th December 1774, appears the following:

"TANCRED,
"Provincial Grand Master for Yorkshire.

"The officers and brethren of the different lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this county, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, are desired to meet in the Apollo, at the George Inn, in Coney-street, York, on Tuesday next, the 25th day of December, being the anniversary of St. John, in order to form proper rules and regulations for the further progress of the Society.

"N.B.—Tickets to be had at the bar of the said inn. Dinner at three o'clock."

Sir Thomas Tancred was the third recorded Prov. Grand Master, the first having been Wm. Horton, Esq. (1738), and the second Edward Rooke (1740). The Tancreds are a very ancient race, their seat being at Boroughbridge, within easy reach of York.

"The Freemasons' Calendar" is advertised in the *Courant* for 20th December, 1774.

"Never before printed.
This day is published, price 9d, stitched,
"THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR,"

or an almanack for the year of Christ, MDCCLXXV., and ANNO LUCIS, MMMMDCCLXXV, being the third of the Bissextile, or Leap Year; containing, besides an accurate and useful calendar of all the remarkable occurrences for the year, many useful and curious particulars relating to Masonry. Inscribed with great respect to the Rt. Hon. Lord Petre, G. Master, by a Society of the brethren.

Est et fideli tuta silentio merces.

London: Printed for the Company of Stationers, and sold by all the Booksellers and sellers of almanacks in Town and Country."

The files of the *Courant* for the years 1775-6 and 7, appear to have been mislaid, but in *Etherington's York Chronicle* of Friday, 22nd December 1775, appear three advertisements:

"MORIAH LODGE, No. 176,

of Free and Accepted Masons under the Constitutions of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England. The members hereof are desired to meet the Master, Wardens, &c., at the house of Mr. William Blanchard, the Star and Garter, in Nessgate, York, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., being the anniversary of St. John. Dinner on the Table at Two o'clock.

This (according to Bro. R. F. Gould in his "Atholl Lodges") was a Lodge warranted by the Ancients in 1772 for the 1st Regiment Yorkshire Militia, at Sheffield, and afterwards removed to the Star and Garter, in Nessgate. I do not know that it anywhere else appears under the name of "Moriah."

STAPILTON, Grand Master.

Free and Accepted Masons are desired to meet the brethren of the

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Most Ancient Grand Lodge of All England at the York Tavern on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

BEWLAY } Grand Wardens.
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TANCRED, Provincial Grand Master.

The Free and Accepted Masons under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England are desired to meet the brethren of the APOLLO Lodge at the George Inn, in Coney-street, York, on Wednesday, December 27, being the Anniversary of St. John. Tickets to be had at the bar of the said Inn. Dinner at Two o'clock.

(To be continued).

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 27th instant, at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, when Bro. G. Rowe, the S.W. of the past year, was formally placed in the chair of the Lodge. Bro. E. J. Lewis the W.M. presided at the opening of the proceedings, being supported during the evening by the following Officers:—Bros. George Rowe S.W., A. G. Fidler J.W., P.M.'s W. Dance Treasurer, J. Linzell Secretary, G. Townsend, H. Stephens, W. M. Tegg, G. Jones, H. Clements, J. Garrod, David Roberts, J. Wells; Walter S. Cooper S.D., J. Birkin J.D., Very Tyler. At the request of the W.M., who had been very unwell for some time previously, Bro. Garrod assumed the chair, and in due course performed the ceremony of installation. His rendering of the ritual was all that could be desired, and, bearing in mind the fact that he had assumed the gavel at a few moments' notice, reflected the greatest credit on him. Having been duly installed as W.M., Bro. Rowe invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. A. G. Fidler Provincial S.G.D. Middlesex S.W., W. Cooper J.W., W. Dance Treasurer, J. Linzell Secretary, J. D. Birkin S.D., W. J. Meek J.D., E. Holt I.G., S. Goodall D.C., W. Shepherd Steward, E. Lovell Assistant Steward, and J. Very Tyler. The other portions of the ceremony of installation were then completed, after which the Worshipful Master proceeded to initiate Mr. James Ibbitson into the mysteries of the Order, performing the ceremony in a manner rarely equalled by one so fresh to the office. Before the closing of the Lodge a portrait, presented by Bro. Wells, was formally accepted on behalf of the Lodge, and a vote of condolence was passed with Bro. Oddy, who has recently lost his wife. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most enjoyable repast was provided. At its conclusion, the W.M. gave the customary toasts. In proposing that of the Queen and the Craft, he remarked that this was a toast which always came with a degree of freshness to every Mason in every part of the Empire. Every loyal Englishman was faithful to the Sovereign, and none more so than the Masonic brethren. The toast having been honoured, and the National Anthem sung, the W.M. gave the health of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He was sure that many of those present who had attended Grand Lodge must know how worthily the Prince of Wales filled the office of Grand Master. The next toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. From what the W.M. had seen he was sure that the Grand Officers were excellent men and Masons, able and willing to do all that might be required of them. Bro. Lewis the I.P.M. was pleased at being in a position to give the next toast. It was one of the greatest pleasures which followed his vacation of the chair, to propose the health of the W.M., because in doing so he asked the brethren to drink the health of one who relieved him of a great responsibility. The W.M. who had been installed that day was one who had been looked forward to for some time past. He had worked for the honour he had attained and had really received what he deserved—a position of which he was in every way worthy. He was Master of the ritual of the several degrees of Masonry, a staunch supporter of the Masonic Institutions, and had shown himself to be a worthy Mason at heart. He had proved his proficiency by the initiation that night, in a really creditable manner, of a friend of his into the Order, and had thus early proved that his intention was to uphold the dignity of the Lodge during the coming year. In replying to the toast the W.M. felt that Bro. Lewis had spoken of him in far more eulogistic terms than he deserved, he should, however, try to carry out the important duties of his office in such a manner as to render himself worthy of the praise bestowed on the present occasion. He began to realise the responsibility of the work he had undertaken, and felt it would require all his power to carry it through. He should try his best, and hoped to make the High Cross Lodge shine out second to none. With the co-operation which he felt sure he should receive from the members he hoped to be able to accomplish his desires. He felt he must now begin to speak a few words in praise of his immediate predecessor in the chair—Bro. Lewis. He had always found him a most courteous and able brother. He had presided over the Lodge faithfully and zealously during his term of Mastership, and well deserved the jewel which the members had unanimously voted to him at their last meeting. It was now his pleasure to attach this jewel to the breast of Bro. Lewis, and in doing so he could but wish he might be long spared to wear it. Bro. Lewis returned thanks. He was particularly gratified at the way in which the brethren had received the toast proposed in his honour, as it showed they were satisfied with his government of the Lodge during the past year. He was also very proud of the handsome jewel which they had awarded him, and should ever wear it as a memento of the pleasant time he had spent in the High Cross Lodge. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Initiate. He was pleased to receive him as a member, feeling assured that he would endeavour to make himself one of the best brethren of the Order. The newly-admitted brother having responded, the W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master. It afforded him great pleasure to propose this toast. The way in which Bro. Garrod had performed the work, and the ability which he had brought to bear on the task were alike creditable to him, especially when it was remembered that it was only at the eleventh hour that he had been asked to undertake the duty. The way in which he had that night been installed had made an impression on his mind that would never be effaced. Brother Garrod returned his hearty thanks for the toast, and the way in which it had been received. He had considered it a great honour to be called upon to perform the installation ceremony, and was gratified to find his efforts had met with approbation. It had been an additional pleasure to him, on the present occasion, to undertake the work, because he looked upon Bro. Rowe as somewhat in the light of a personal friend, and one whom he felt sure would do honour to the position he had been placed in. The toast of the Visitors was next given from the chair, and was acknowledged by Bros. Roberts, Durrant, Driscoll, &c. The Charities followed, and was replied to by Bro. Morgan, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Lewis, who briefly responded. Toasts on behalf of the Masonic Press and the Officers of the High Cross Lodge brought the list to an end, and the Tyler having given the customary closing toast, the brethren separated. Among the visitors who signed the register were Bros. Charles H. Roberts P.P.G.C. Essex, G. Collier 1237, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, 1579, C. C. Pearce 1237, R. Mathison 1237, John Green P.M. 27, F. Eastwood P.M. 933, J. E. Pinder 1707, W. E. Durrant P.M. 1056, W. McKay 861, W. Provost 861, N. Salmon 177, W. W. Morgan jun., A. Durrant P.M. and P.Z. 1185, 569, W. F. Green 861, J. Barker 933, J. T. Ashby 228, C. Handley 475.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1834.

ON Tuesday evening, 26th inst., there was a numerous gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Landport, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. J. Westaway as W.M. of the above Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. G. Felton Lancaster, of Gosport, to whom a special vote of thanks was awarded. The W.M. afterwards appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. G. Farney Brown I.P.M., G. T. Cunningham S.W., I. S. Gardner J.W., S. R. Ellis P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Bevis Secretary, D. T. Rule S.D., J. Muir J.D., W. W. Slade I.G., W. H. Baker D.C., R. G. Farlam and W. D. Parkhouse P.M. Stewards, J. Exell Tyler. A feeling allusion was made by the W.M. to the death of Bro. W. Hickman Prov. Deputy Grand Master, and a vote of condolence with his family was unanimously agreed to. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the dining-room, where a capital banquet was provided, Bro. Westaway presiding.

We have been requested to state that the Regent Masonic Hall (Café Royal) will be closed for a few weeks, for the purposes of cleaning and decorating.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, will re-open on Saturday, 6th September, at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, W.

At the Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, Comps. Gregory M.E.Z., Dehane H., G. W. Knight J., Shaw S.N., Radcliffe P.S., there was a fair attendance, notwithstanding many of the supporters of this Chapter of Improvement are out of town.

We understand that the fourth volume of Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry" will be issued to subscribers in October, and that the remaining volumes, V. and VI., will be published at about intervals of three months. Much of the apparent delay, we are informed, has arisen from the necessity of proceeding, at the same time, with the subject matter of two or more volumes, though the comparatively few students of our Antiquities will require no very laboured apology to satisfy their minds that the task of writing an elaborate history of Freemasonry is not one that, with any expectation of success, can be compressed within a narrow limit of time.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—For the cure of debility, bile, liver, and stomach complaints this inappreciable medicine is so well-known in every part of the world, and the cures performed by its use are so wonderful, that it now stands pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particularly for the cure of bilious and liver complaints, disorders of the stomach, dropsy, and debilitated constitution. A course of these digestive Pills painlessly but surely regulates the organs of digestion and acts most beneficially on the secretory and excretory organs generally. They expel from the secretive organs and the circulation those effete and morbific matters which produce inflammation, pain, fever, debility, and physical decay—thus annihilating, by their purifying properties, the virulence of the most painful and devastating diseases.

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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, 30th AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Rockeston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
176—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)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1662—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1653—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
261—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Ne'son of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
361—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
839—Semper Fide'is, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
838—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
860—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1130—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1311—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1339—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester

R.A. 108—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

TUESDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1340—Friends, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
130—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
236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
483—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.
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.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1003—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1382—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1760—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

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, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
238—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford st. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1932—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
296—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, 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)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
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
1015—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1065—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
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, The Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 389—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
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
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
753—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1496—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)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1632—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
133—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, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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
345—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
435—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
508—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, Blyth
695—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
723—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1098—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1135—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1364—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
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1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1839—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
R.A. 335—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 394—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1256—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1739—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel. London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 1469—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
463—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
563—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—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1367—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
1428—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1547—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—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 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 369—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1564—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Rich W.M., Hayes S.W., Walker (Hon. Sec.) J.W., Dyson S.D., Pitt I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Daniel, Roberts, Schweitzer, Maun, Weil, Harris, Schadler. After preliminaries, Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Daniel answered the questions leading to the third, and being entrusted, was duly raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. Haynes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned. This being the fifth meeting of the second Prosperity Charity Association, the brethren proceeded to ballot for the fifth Life Governorship of ten guineas, which proved in favour of Bro. Mason, Collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday last, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford; Bros. Banks W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Pitt J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Catt S.D., Coen J.D., Penrose I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings (Preceptor), Good, and G. Bolton; Bros. Lewis, Prior, &c. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lewis candidate. After routine work, Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Western W.M., Weeden S.W., Turner J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Woodman S.D., Parks J.D., Ware I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Brother Crosbie, Brother Western being candidate. The brethren saluted in the various degrees, and after Brother Western had invested the Officers, Bro. Crosbie gave the addresses in a capital manner. Bro. Weeden was elected W.M. for next Monday. After the Lodge had been closed, some harmony was indulged in, Bros. Collins and Wright accompanying the various singers.

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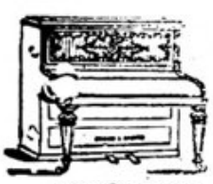
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EXHIBITIONS OF MASONIC RELICS.

THE Masonic Exhibition which was opened last week at Worcester proved even more attractive than its most enthusiastic advocates could have anticipated, and it is more than probable that the success which has attended this, and the two similar Exhibitions at York, will lead to other collections being organised in various parts of the country, and eventually, perhaps, to a permanent museum being erected, where relics associated with Freemasonry, which are now only generally available for a few days, and on such occasions as the three we have referred to, may find a lasting home, and be at all times accessible for inspection to the brethren and others particularly interested. We do not think the general body of English Masons would offer any objection to the establishment of a permanent museum under the auspices of Grand Lodge, and if the governing body of the Craft in this country would undertake the supervision of such an Institution, we feel sure that Provincial Grand Lodges, Private Lodges and individuals, would supply sufficient funds to enable its Committee to purchase relics which, from time to time, might be offered for sale, and which, without such an organisation as that we now suggest, would in most cases find their way to the United States of America. Should a proposal be made that Grand Lodge officially take the matter in hand, there would have to be an annual vote for the expenses attending the custody and supervision of the exhibits, which should be placed under the care of a regularly-appointed Curator, part of whose province it would be to search for additions to the Museum, and to take the charge of such exhibits as might be loaned by Provincial or other Committees, who might have it in contemplation to get up a collection of such relics. A permanent Museum under the auspices of United Grand Lodge of England would have to be located in London, and Provincial Committees might be organised for the purpose of collecting any mementoes of Freemasonry which might exist in their neighbourhoods. It would, moreover, be the duty of the Curator to place the claims of the central Institution prominently before each local exhibitor, and it would be fair to expect that a large addition to the exhibits of the permanent museum would accrue after each temporary one held in the country, the one acting as a source of supply for the other. For this reason also, if not for others, we think it would be desirable to arrange for the occasional loan from the London centre of rare relics to all properly organised exhibitions held in the Provinces. However, the question is one which need not be hurriedly considered, and in the meantime we may take the opportunity of congratulating Sir E. Lechmere and the Mayor of Worcester on their liberal encouragement and support of the recent display at Worcester. We would also be glad to hear the opinions of brethren on the subject.

FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

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IT was at this time, however, that English influence, which in spite of the severance of its English ties, had never wholly deserted Grand Orient No. 1, began to make itself felt. Re-united in one compact body, in order to resist the common enemy, and the persecution that was dealt out to them all in common, the Spanish Freemasons gave their allegiance to one Supreme Council, a Council that had become one by reason of the difficult circumstances in which Spanish Freemasons was placed, and which had its quarters in Madrid in a bye-street off the Calle Mayor, and under the direct protection of England and English Freemasonry. Among the members of the Supreme Council were the Infante Don Francis of Bourbon, the General San Miguel, the Ministers Lopez and Gonzalez de la Serna, Bro. Olozaga, afterwards Spanish Ambassador at Paris, the Bros. Magnan, Couder, Mozo, and others. In 1849 Don Francis was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of this sole Supreme Council and Grand Master of Grand Orient No. 2, which then absorbed within itself Grand Orient No. 1. Thus, of the two Spanish Grand Orients, one founded in 1780 and the other in 1809, there remained in 1829 but one, while as to the two Supreme Councils, founded in 1808 and 1811 respectively, but united since 1818, it was not till 1829 that the surviving Grand Orient and Supreme Council were placed under the rule of one and the same Grand Master, Don Francis de Bourbon, to whom the ex-Queen Isabella and her son Alphonse XII. are indebted for the crown, seeing that it was in consequence of his firm attitude that Ferdinand XII. maintained the abrogation of the Salic Law, which took away from women the right of succession to the throne.

In 1846, during the administration of Marshal Narvaez, took place the fourth persecution of the Freemasons, which, if not as sanguinary as those of 1751, 1814, and 1824, was certainly as cruel, and Don Francis, excommunicated by Pope Pius IX., was compelled to seek safety in flight. At the time General E. San Miguel was a member of the Supreme Council. The Infante, on quitting Spain, delegated his authority as Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander to Bros. Charles Magnan and Pinilla, the former as regards the Grand Mastership and Grand Commandership, and the latter in respect of the Grand Secretaryship, with the rank of Deputy Grand Master and Lieutenant Grand Commander. Bro. Pinilla thereupon established throughout Spain a formidable politico-Masonic power, constituting in all directions, and to the number of 350, Lodges consisting of only seven Masters, each new initiate on his reception into a Lodge being presented with a musket and a hundred ball-cartridges. Success attended this plan up to the year 1854, when Queen Isabella's Consort, King Francis d'Assissi, father of Alphonso XII., became Honorary W. Master (*Vénérable*) of a Lodge held in the palace, the titular W.M. of which was General San Miguel, while the S.W. was the Matador Pucheta. The official favours now shown to our institution, which hitherto had been accustomed to little else than war *à outrance* and without quarter, introduced elements of corruption, and Spanish Freemasonry led a very tame existence until 1865, when once again she became the heart and soul of those liberal aspirations which made themselves felt throughout the length and breadth of Spain. Then followed a period of anarchy, and after a succession of conspiracies against her life and throne, Isabella was expelled her kingdom on the 28th September 1868.

At this time the recognised chief of Spanish Freemasonry residing in Spain was Bro. C. C. Magnan. The revolu-

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tionary measures of the day had greatly excited Brother Calatrava, a Masonic veteran, who had sought rest, but had found it only for a brief period. Influenced by the prayers of a certain Bro. Castillo, a traveller in the wine trade, Calatrava took the initiative in resuscitating the famous National Grand Orient of Spain, which had been established in 1840 at Bordeaux, out of the remains of a Spanish society founded in 1812, and bearing the title of "Los Comuneros"—the communists. These "Comuneros," so called in memory of the brave Spaniards Padilla, Bravo, and Maldonado, who had been the first to protest against the Flemish tyranny of Charles V., adopted in 1812 the same method which in 1820 found favour with the Carbonari. Their Lodges were named "*Tours*," their Chapters "*Chateax*," their chambers "Louvres," their consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret the "Grand Encampment of Villalar," a place celebrated for the massacre of the "Comuneros" by the Walloons of Charles V. It was, however, the illustrious patriot Argüelles, who, in moments of difficulty taking for his guide the maxim of his enemies that "the end justifies the means," hurled these essentially political and revolutionary bodies against the positions held by the deadly enemies of liberty. Thus resuscitated by Bro. Calatrava, the National Grand Orient of Spain took its place among the governing bodies of Masonry in Spain in 1869, when liberties of every kind and without a single exception had become veritable rights. In April of this year was held, in No. 13 of the street "Las Infantas" in Madrid, a gathering of some dozens of well-known Masons, who constituted a triad of Lodges, namely, "La Lealtad," "La Mantuana," and "La Francos Caballeros de San-Andrés de Escocia (the Free Knights of St. Andrew of Scotland). These Lodges constituted themselves first of all a Chapter, then as a Grand Orient, and lastly, thanks to the number of S. I. Generals who took part in the proceedings, as a Supreme Council under the presidency of Bro. Magnan, the legitimate successor of the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Supreme Council which had been founded in 1811, and which in 1818 had absorbed that founded in 1808. Bro. Magnan was better calculated to wage war than organise, and at the commencement of 1870 he left for Santander in company with the Grand Secretary and Grand Chancellor. On this the members of the 33rd degree remaining in Madrid despoiled him in a fraternal and kindly manner of his authority, in consequence of his inability to carry out the honourable views by which he was animated, and appointed in his stead as G. Commander Bro. M. R. Zorrilla. This Bro. Zorrilla had been made E.A.P. in Lodge "la Mantuana," the day following F.C. and M.M. in Lodge "La Caridad," then Knight of the East in the Iberian Grand Orient—an offshoot which the schismatic G. Orient of Portugal had set up at Madrid in those days of Iberian hopes and aspirations—and on the fourth day, the 20th July 1870, Grand Commander. Hence having been President of the Council of Ministers in 1871 and 1872, and having during that time honoured Freemasonry with a protection which was benevolent and fraternal rather than enlightened and practical, Bro. Ruiz Zorrilla found himself under the necessity of voluntarily resigning his charge of G. Commander, and restored it formally to the Craft in an instrument dated Palencia, 1st January 1874. Therenpon Bros. Avalos and Panzano, who had been raised to the 33rd degree under the rule of Zorrilla, took counsel with the deposed Brother Magnan, with a view to his having the acts of government of Zorrilla declared null and void. This was accomplished, and the dismissal of Zorrilla having been accepted, Bro. Magnan resumed his old position of S. G. Commander, as though he had never left it. He at once appointed Bro. Carvajal as Lieut. G. Commander, and at the same meeting abdicated in his favour as S. G. Commander. Bro. Carvajal was succeeded in turn by Bros. Ferrer, Couder, Avalos, Oriero, and Panzano y Almirall, the actual S. G. Commander of that body entitling itself the Grand Orient of Spain, and to which, for reasons that will appear hereafter, we shall add the qualification of "Primary."

(To be continued.)

The *Voice of Masonry* announces the death, on 21st June last, in the forty-ninth year of his age, of M.W. Isaac B. Sharp, Past Grand Master of Kansas.

FREEMASONRY IN YORK IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

AS TOLD BY AN OLD NEWSPAPER FILE.

By Bro. T. B. Whytehead, York.

(Continued from page 139).

Etherington's York Chronicle of Friday, 3rd January 1777, has a paragraph registering a meeting of the Grand Lodge:—

"Friday last being St. John's Day there was a very respectable meeting of Free and Accepted Masons of the Most Antient Grand Lodge of All England at the York Tavern and at the Provincial Grand Lodge at Nicholson's Coffee House in this city. The brethren of both lodges attended Divine Service, the former at St. Helens and the latter at St. Martin's, Coney-street, where discourses suitable to the occasion were delivered by the Rev. Brethren John Parker and James Lawson. The brethren dined together at their respective Lodges and the day was spent with that harmony and decorum the distinguishing characteristics of the Society."

The York Tavern was selected by Grand Master Siddall as his place of meeting on 24th June 1778, and on the same day Sir Thomas Tancred Provincial Grand Master summoned his brethren to meet at Nicholson's Coffee House, in Coney Street. William Siddall was a York woollen draper. He was made a Mason in 1770 and served the office of Sheriff of York in 1765, and was twice Lord Mayor, in 1783 and 1793. In the latter year he died suddenly in the Mansion House whilst in the act of robing himself on Sunday morning for the purpose of proceeding to the service in the Cathedral.

On 22nd December 1778, the *Courant* has the following:

The Most Antient Grand Lodge of all England.
SIDDALL, Grand Master.

Free and Accepted Maceons are desired to meet the Grand Master at the York Tavern, on Monday next, the 28th December, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from thence to forward to St. Helens Church to hear Divine Service, where a sermon will be preached on the occasion by the Rev. Brother John Parker, Grand Chaplain.

Coupland } Grand Wardens.
T. Bewlay }

Dinner on the Table at 2 o'clock.

Coupland was an energetic brother, and he with others moved the Grand Lodge at York at a late period of its existence to grant a Constitution for a subordinate Lodge in York, which does not, however, seem to have been granted. Brother Parker, Grand Chaplain, was made a Mason without fees in 1776, it being considered that his services would be of great value to the Lodge.

The next advertisement is:—

Sir THOMAS TANCRED, Bart.,
Provincial Grand Master.

The Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, are desired to meet the Brethren at Nicholson's Coffee House, in Coney-street, York, on Monday next, the 28th of December, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and proceed from thence to attend Divine Service at St. Martin's Church, Coney-street. A sermon will be preached by the Rev. Bro. Wm. Johnson, Prov. Grand Chaplain. Dinner at 2 o'clock. Tickets to be had at the bar of the said Coffee House."

On 24th June 1779, Grand Master Siddall summoned his brethren to meet him at the York Tavern, and on the same day Sir Walter Vavasour, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, called his brethren to meet him at Nicholson's Coffee House. Again the Grand Lodge was called to meet at the York Tavern, on the 27th December, and to hear a sermon at St. Helens by the Rev. John Parker. On the same day the Provincial Grand Master called his subjects to meet him at Nicholson's Coffee House and hear a sermon at St. Martin's by the Rev. W. Johnson.

The *York Chronicle and General Advertiser*, published by Blanchard and Co., Coppergate, of 16th July 1779, says:

At a very respectable meeting of Freemasons at the Lodge in Wolverhampton to commemorate the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist the conversation turned chiefly upon the present state of national affairs, and many loyal toasts being drunk on the occasion, Sir John Wrottesley, as became a soldier and patriot, offered his services to the public by leading a body of his brave countrymen to any part of the globe. The Lodge immediately rang with repeated shouts of approbation, and every brother, with a zeal and ardour which ever characterize that Society in the promotion of any good design, most cordially wished for an immediate execution of so laudable and indispensable undertaking.

In 1780 the June meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was called by Provincial Grand Master Vavasour for the 26th June, at Nicholson's Coffee House, and Smyth, Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge, called his summer

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meeting at the Tavern on the same day, the notice being signed by T. Beckwith and R. Bewlay Grand Wardens, and J. Browne Grand Secretary. I find no notice given of a winter meeting, but in June 1781, Smyth summoned his brethren to the York Tavern.

Francis Smyth jun. was made in January 1778. He does not seem to have come of a York family, though he was born in York in 1737. His father was Francis Smyth, of Crosby Temple, in Essex, and Sutton Hall, near Thirsk. Francis Smyth jun. became the owner of New Buildings, in the parish of Kirby Knowle, in Yorkshire, and he married a Mary Plummer in 1762. New Buildings is a curious old place, and its history is connected with the ancient families of Constable, Scrope, and Neville, who successively were owners before the purchase by Colonel Elsley, in 1827. Its present owner is Bro. Charles Elsley.

In December of that year the Provincial Grand Lodge met in the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate, and the advertisement announced a "Sermon to be preached in the Chapel by the Rev. Bro. W. Johnson Prov. Grand Chaplain." Tickets for dinner to be had of Bro. Frobisher, in the Pavement. (Frobisher was a bookseller). The Merchants' Hall is a very curious old relic of the past, and was, and is still, the property of the ancient Guild of York Merchant adventurers. The chapel referred to is a most quaint place, under the floor of the "Hall" proper, and approached by a flight of stairs and a huge trap-door.

In the *Courant* of 18th June 1782, Sinclair, Grand Master, summoned a meeting of the Grand Lodge of All England for the 24th June, at the York Tavern, his Wardens being R. Dodsworth and E. Wolley, and this is the last public notice of any meeting of this ancient body that I find in the *Courant*.

Robert Sinclair was proposed as a joining member in December 1776. He was a barrister, and was Recorder of York. He lived in Coney Street, in a house now occupied as a linen shop. His portrait, life-size, in oils, by Jackson, R.A., is in the possession of Bro. J. Wilkinson, Town Clerk of York. His arms are emblazoned on one of the windows of the Council Chamber in the Guildhall of York.

The Dodsworths had been for many years connected with commerce in York, and this Ralph Dodsworth served as Sheriff in 1777, and Lord Mayor in 1792.

Wolley, a solicitor, came into possession of considerable estates in the North Riding. He changed his name to Copley, and lived at Potts Hall, near Stokesley. The York Lodge has his engraved portrait, and I presented a copy to Grand Lodge a short time since.

Meetings, however, were held, and, although we find no entries in the minute book now at York, yet minutes of some kind must have been kept, for they were seen by William Hargrove, who, in his "History of York," published in 1818, Vol. 3, speaking of this Grand Lodge, says: "We find it recorded that 'On the 24th of June, 1783, the Grand Master, with all the officers, attended in the great room of the Mansion House, where a Lodge in the Third Degree was opened, and Brother Wm. Siddall, Esquire, at that time the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Grand Master Elect, was installed according to an ancient usage and custom *The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of All England*, and was thus saluted, homaged, and acknowledged.'" And then he goes on to say that Mr. Blanchard, the last Grand Secretary, told him that about 1787 the meetings of this Lodge were discontinued. We have, however, evidence that in 1792 there was a meeting, on which occasion Brother E. Wolley, the York solicitor, was elected Grand Master, the memorandum of the election being in Blanchard's handwriting. Probably Wolley was never installed; but it appears to me quite plain that we may add to the list of Grand Masters at York the name of Siddall as Grand Master in 1783-4, at any rate. Blanchard was a printer and proprietor of the *York Chronicle*.

I have looked through the files of the *York Chronicle* from 1782 to 1793, and have found the advertisement calling the meeting at the Mansion House in June 1783, on which occasion there was a procession to St. Martin's, Coney-street, and a sermon by Parson Parker. By the way, the Rev. Mr. Parker lived in the Beddern, York, and kept a private school there at his residence. The *Chronicle* of the 27th June gives a brief account of the affair at the Mansion House, and adds that the brethren were entertained by the Lord Mayor after the ceremony.

The Grand Secretary's paper, of the 26th of December 1783, has the following advertisement:

"GRAND LODGE OF ALL ENGLAND.

"The Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR, Grand Master

"Free and Accepted Masons are desired to meet the Grand Master at the York Tavern, on Monday, the 29th inst., the Feast Day of St. John falling on Saturday.

"WOLLEY, } Grand Wardens.
"CLUBLEY, }

"W. BLANCHARD, Grand Secretary."

On the same day the Masons under the Grand Lodge of England were advertised to meet at Merchants' Hall, and hear a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Siddall was Grand Master next year, for the *Chronicle* advertises the Grand Lodge of all England to meet under his rule at the York Tavern, on the 24th June 1784. The Minerva Lodge, Hull, called its meeting for the same day.

There is no later advertisement of any meeting of the York Grand Lodge, but about this time our brethren seem to have begun to cease advertising their gatherings. Nevertheless, there are a few announcements of other bodies. In June 1785, the Minerva Lodge invited all Masons to meet at Mason's Arms, Chapel-lane, Hull. In December 1785, Milnes again called a gathering at Merchants' Hall, and Rodney Lodge invited all visitors to the Bull and Sun, Hull, and to hear a sermon at Holy Trinity by Chaplain Clarke. After this comes a dearth of Masonic announcements of all kinds.

There are, however, in the *Courant* several advertisements of the Provincial Grand Lodge and other Lodges still to be mentioned. In the last-mentioned number of the *Courant* is the announcement of a meeting of "Rodney's Lodge," at Hull. I quote it as it stands, because it is peculiar from the fact of the Master styling himself "Grand Master."

"Hull, June 14th, 1782.

"RODNEY'S LODGE.

"EDWARD COULSON, Esq., Grand Master.

"The Free and Accepted Masons are desired to meet the Grand Master at the Bull and Sun, in Myton Gate, on Monday, 24th June instant, being the Feast of St. John the Baptist, at nine o'clock in the morning, to proceed from thence to the Church of the Holy Trinity, and after Divine service to dine at the Bull and Sun."

Summer meetings seem to have been abandoned in York for a time. On 27th December 1782, Sir Walter Vavasour summoned the brethren to the Merchants' Hall, to hear a sermon by Bro. the Rev. Johnson, and again for a similar purpose on the 27th December 1783.

The Minerva Lodge, Hull, advertised its meeting at the Masons' Arms, Chapel-lane, Hull, on the 24th June 1784, and the Rodney's Lodge called public attention to its meeting on the 27th December 1784, with sermon at Holy Trinity, Hull, and dinner at two p.m. On the same day Richard Slater Milnes, Esq., Provincial Grand Master, ordered the brethren to meet the Apollo Lodge at Merchants' Hall, York, to hear one of Parson Johnson's sermons.

On 28th December 1785, the Rodney Lodge again invited attendances, and announced a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, M.A., the notice being signed by J. P. Hendrey Secretary.

In the *Courant* of 20th December 1784, Milnes Provincial Grand Master summoned the Apollo Lodge to the Merchant's Hall to a sermon by Johnson, and in the number for 19th December 1786, is an announcement by Rodney Lodge of a sermon at Holy Trinity Hall, on the 27th, by Rev. P. Rogers, Chaplain, signed by Anth. Atkinson jun., Secretary. The Rev. W. Johnson, who must have been a very prominent brother, was advertised to preach at Merchants' Hall at the summer meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, under Milnes in June 1787, C. Wilson signing himself Grand Secretary; and in June 1788 there was notice of the usual meeting at the same rendezvous.

The latest Masonic advertisement I have come across of the last century is the following, in the *Courant* of 21st June 1791:

MILNES—Provincial Grand Master.

"The brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 410, held at Mr. John Seller's Golden Lion, Thursday Market, are desired to meet on the 24th inst. at 10 a.m., and go to St. Sampson's Church, where an occasional sermon will be preached by the Rev. Bro. Johnson, Prov. G. Chaplain. Visiting Tickets 5s each, to be had of Bro. Seller. Dinner at 2. L. Lund Secretary."

This Union Lodge was warranted in 1777 from London, and is now the York Lodge 236.

York has always been a musical and theatrical centre, and the Masons of last century were not backward in patronising the talent. The Eboracum Lodge has an old

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playbill of 1791 announcing the patronage of the Freemasons, and a performance at the Theatre Royal. The name of the Apollo Lodge would seem to point to some regard for music; and as early as 1764 the Grand Lodge ordered "that the Freemasons' songs, set to music, be bought for the use of the Lodge. Bro. Camidge, Organist of York Minster, was an active member of Apollo Lodge in those days. His portrait in oils is now in possession of the York Lodge 236.

Judging from the specimens of the Masonic muse that have come down to us, it must be admitted that poets must have been scarce in the Lodges; and in looking through a curious collection of old broadsides and tracts from the York Press, collected by Mr. J. H. Carr, of Fossgate, I stumbled the other day upon an extraordinarily rude sample, called the "Mason's Song," from the press of "J. Kendrew, printer, Colliergate, York." I could well suppose that it was first heard at the York Tavern on the occasion of the great gathering I have mentioned, in 1770:—

When Adam in the garden was
Along with his companion, Eve,
And all the time of their innocence
I cannot tell how long they liv'd;
In the cool of the day to her he did say,
Why could you thus break my command?
She was not asham'd, who could her blame?
To kiss her love with his apron on.

It was on the twenty-first of June,
When all things were both fresh and fair,
With fifes and drums we march'd along,
Our hearts being light and free from care.
Then to the church we all did go
Where the Scriptures were made known,
In unity we did agree
Each brother wore his apron on.

See the sun, with his bright beams,
He shines o'er all the verdant plain;
The moon by night she gave her light
To all the free born sons of men.
All things were fair and beautiful:
Just when the season does come on
A pretty maid was very glad
To kiss her love with his apron on.

Did you hear the Mason's word
Was whisper'd round the other night?
No girl at all doth us annoy,
Or cares to put us in a fright;
Brethren dear, be of good cheer,
Our brandy comes both stout and strong,
Twelve times a year you must appear
Before us all with your apron on.

When winter frost and snow comes on
The fairest flower will decay;
Mortal man when his glass is run
See how he lies in the earth's cold clay!
The pretty maid, as well as Eve
Must leave this world and soon be gone;
And in short time she will not mind
To kiss her love with his apron on.

Brethren dear, I beg your leave
All for to end my simple song,
Eight hundred and two, both just and true,
Unto this loyal Lodge we do belong.
There are five steps we must take,
Before the jewels can go on;
Our Master fair sits in his chair,
God save him with his apron on.

Is it possible that the number (802) may refer to the returns of Lodges acting under Grand Lodge of York at this period?

The few comments I have thus strung together hinge upon the public advertisements and newspaper notices I have observed, and do not pretend in any sense to give a history of York Freemasonry during the last century. Far more information is to be had from the Grand Lodge minutes now in the custody of the York Lodge, 236, and to which I have referred for many facts and dates given above. Still, it is interesting to note the peculiar fashions of our Masonic forefathers, which differ so widely from our present ideas of the best way of conducting our Masonic work, and this must be my excuse for presuming to occupy so much valuable time. Probably if brethren would take the trouble to examine old files of Provincial papers we might come into possession of many facts connected with Masonry that are at present hidden away in dusty corners of sub-editors' rooms.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers. 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E

BRO. JOHN SCOTT, P.G.D.

BRO. JOHN H. SCOTT is a native of Brighton. He was born here exactly fifty-five years ago. He was educated in one of the many schools with which Brighton abounds, and he has resided here ever since; he is therefore fast becoming an old inhabitant of the town, and as such we are justified in placing his portrait in our Album of Brighton Notabilities. Bro. Scott comes of an artistic family. His grandfather came to reside in Brighton towards the close of the last century as portrait painter to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV. His father, Mr. William Scott, also lived here, and was well known as a water colour painter and teacher of drawing, and since his death, thirty-four years ago, Bro. John Scott has well sustained his position as head of his profession in Brighton. This year Bro. Scott will be represented at the forthcoming Exhibition of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours in London by a large drawing of "Rouen from Bonsecours." Bro. Scott has never taken a prominent part in local politics, his professional duties requiring his personal attention. Besides which, the sturdy independence of his own character has disinclined him, perhaps unfitted him, for co-operation or alliance with party movements. He is, however, active in doing a good turn to his friends and neighbours when the opportunity presents itself to him of serving them. He has worked energetically and to some purpose on many testimonial committees—notably the Kuhe, Cordy Burrows, Dr. Griffith, and the Gavin Pocock testimonials. He has served as Steward to the Artists' General Benevolent Institution on three occasions, and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and for the Masonic Boys' School, always presenting a handsome list of subscriptions and donations. On the presentation to the Rev. Dr. Griffith, on 20th February 1872, he was selected as one of the gentlemen who were to speak only for five minutes on the worth of the Rev. Dr.'s character in its different aspects. The Rev. J. H. North spoke of him as a friend; Mr. Douglas Fox spoke of him as a teacher; the Rev. R. S. Smith spoke of him as a clergyman; the Rev. J. B. Figgis, on his non-sectarian character; Mr. F. Merrifield, on his connection with science and art; Mr. Edward Maitland, as a man of high attainments; Mr. Albert Creak, as an old schoolfellow; Mr. W. J. Smith, on his Christian philanthropy; and Bro. John H. Scott on his social qualities. When it was proposed to place a monument over the grave of the Rev. H. Christopherson, Bro. Scott was requested to second the resolution at a public meeting held at the Royal Pavilion. At the commemoration of the Sir Walter Scott Centenary, on the 10th August 1871, Bro. Scott was call upon to return thanks for the toast of Prosperity to the Town of Brighton, which he did in a short but striking and ingenious speech which was much applauded. It is, however, as a Freemason that Bro. Scott has most distinguished himself. Of course, it is impossible to follow him in his doings amongst the mystic brotherhood; but it is well known he has attained the highest Masonic honours, not only in the town of Brighton but in the Province of Sussex, and that the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has conferred upon him high office in the Grand Lodge of England. That these rewards have been well merited is evident from the spontaneous and splendid acknowledgment of his services by his brethren in June last, when he was presented with a purse of 700 guineas, a silver goblet, and a beautifully illuminated and handsomely bound record of this magnificent testimonial. Of that event the *Freemason* of 9th June 1883 says:—"Our brethren will read with deep interest of the notable testimonial of regard and affection presented to Bro. Scott, of Brighton, P.G.D., by his Sussex and Brighton brethren. It must have been a most gratifying presentation to Bro. Scott himself, and one that many of us will feel sure no one has better deserved. We congratulate him and all concerned on this most striking evidence of Masonic sympathy and goodwill." Although, as stated, Bro. John Scott has never cared to take part in local administration, he has, in his own particular sphere, rendered Brighton many invaluable services, which he is too modest to detail, but which entitle him nevertheless to the liveliest gratitude of his fellow-townsmen.—*Brighton Times.*

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held two Special Communications in February, and one in March, in addition to the regular Quarterly Communication on the 12th of the latter month, when arrangements were made for striking a medal to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into Massachusetts, and a Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to M.W. Bro. Samuel C. Lawrence, P.G.M., in testimony of his grand work in behalf of the Temple at Boston.

From the Report of Proceedings of the twenty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, held in August 1883, in Denver, Colorado, it appears that in the jurisdictions constituting this General Grand Chapter there were 112,589 members in 1882 as against 109,540 in 1880. The total fund amounted to 9,764 dollars, and the disbursements to 2,790 dollars. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, Massachusetts, is the General Grand High Priest, and Comp. Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, New York, General Grand Secretary. The next Triennial Convocation will be held in Washington, D.C., 28th September 1886.

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REV. BRO. JOHN ENTICK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Within six months a history in five volumes, by the Rev. John Entick, was sold here at auction. I spoke about that work to Bro. Nickerson (our Grand Secretary and Librarian), but he declined to buy it for the Masonic library. The other day I happened to consult Bro. Kenning's (or Woodford's) Masonic Cyclopœdia, and by pure accident the article on Entick attracted my attention, which I herewith reproduce, just to show how little the compiler of the Cyclopœdia knew about the life of Bro. Entick. Bro. Woodford says:

"*Entick, John, Rev.*, was an English clergyman of the Church of England, of whom not much is known, except that he was a Freemason, and edited two editions of Anderson's Constitutions, 1756, 1767, and Mackey says also that of 1769. One octavo edition of 1769 has no mention of Entick, and we do not think, 'pace' Mackey, that he had anything to do with the 1769 edition. Oliver only credits him with those in quarto of 1756, 1767. He preached several Masonic sermons, some of which were published; and delivered a lecture, 'A Free Representation of Freemasonry,' at the King's Head Lodge, Poultry, London, 1751, printed in Cole's Antient Constitutions, &c., 1751. Oliver says, in his 'Revelations of a Square,' that his habits were grave and sober, that he was a good master and a fair disciplinarian, popular among the Craft, an expositor of Masonry in many printed works, and at the same time he preserved his status in the Grand Lodge. The Doctor concludes, 'which ought to have been preserved, as they did honour to his head and his heart [Query! If they were not preserved how did Dr. Oliver know about doing honour to his head and his heart?] He also, as is known, published more than one dictionary, and few of us who have used either his Latin or English dictionary will, perhaps, have remembered that it was the work of our old Masonic teacher."

It is evident from the above that neither Dr. Oliver, Mackey, or Bro. Woodford were aware of Entick's (above referred to) history in five volumes.

In Alibone's Dictionary of English Literature, I found the following notice about Entick.

"*Entick*, or *Entinck, John*, 1713-1773. Speculum Latinum, London, 1728, 8vo. New Naval History, 1758, folio. General History of the late War, by Entick and others, 1763, 5 vols. 8vo. Relates principally to the war in America. See London Monthly Review. Survey and History of London, &c., 1766, 4 vols 8vo. Not much valued. New Latin and English Dictionary, 1771, 12mo. Many editions 1786, by W. Crackelt. This Dictionary has been republished within the last few years. Present State of the British Empire, 1774, 4 vols. 8vo. New Spelling Dictionary, 1764, 12mo. By Crackelt, 1784, 12mo. 1788, 4to; 1795, 12mo. New edition, 1850, sq. Other works, he was engaged in some theological, and some political publications."

We see now that something more than his being a Freemason can be known about Bro. Entick. According to the above brief notices Entick was born in 1713, and died in 1773; his first work, ascribed to the year 1728, is evidently a mistake, for in 1728 Entick was only fifteen years old; however, it is not impossible that he may have published something in 1728. Besides which, he was the author of several other works. But the last words in Alibone's paragraph, viz. "and some political publications," rivetted my attention. I remembered having read, about twenty years ago, in May's Constitutional History, something about John Entick, but never suspected that it referred to *our* Bro. Entick, for as a rule Reverends of the Church of England in those days were the most bitter haters of popular liberty. However, I find now that Bro. Entick was a decided exception to the rule of his order; he was indeed one of the most successful champions of popular rights, for which his memory should be dear to every Englishman, or at least to every English *commoner*. Bro. Entick may be called the forerunner of Sidney Smith; he was most probably an associate of Horne, Tooke, and other patriots of that time, and was a decided thorn to the *would-be despots* of the period, as the following quotation from May's History will show:—

"The liberty of the subject was further assured at this period by another remarkable judgment of Lord Camden. In November 1762, the Earl of Halifax, as Secretary of State, had issued a warrant directing certain messengers, taking a constable to their assistance, to search for John Entick, Clerk, the author, or one concerned in the writing, of several numbers of the 'Monitor or British Freeholder,' and to seize him, together with his books and papers, and to bring them in safe custody before the Secretary of State. In execution of this warrant, the messenger apprehended Mr. Entick in his house, and seized the books and papers in his bureau, writing desk, and drawers. This case differed from that of Wilkes, as the warrant specified the name of the person against whom it was directed. In respect of the person it was not a general warrant, but as regards the papers it was a general search warrant, not specifying any particular papers to be seized, but giving authority to the messengers to take all his books and papers according to their discretion.

"Mr. Entick brought an action of trespass against the messengers for the seizure of his papers, upon which the jury found a special verdict with £300 damages." (Vol. 2nd, p 219, &c.)

It is only necessary to state that in 1765 Lord Camden severely rebuked the Secretary of State for issuing warrants, and Lord Mansfield and the other law dignitaries coincided with Lord Camden's opinion, and *all* condemned the practice of the Secretary of State as dangerous and unconstitutional.

Now, with all due respect to the opinions of Dr. Oliver about the high merit of Bro. Entick's sermons, I think that the patriotic stand he made during the most critical period of English history entitles Bro. Entick to a higher degree of veneration from every Englishman, or at least from every English *Commoner*, than all the Masonic and other sermons Bro. Entick preached during his liftime. That there exists sufficient materials for the compilation of an extended and connected biography of that distinguished Bro. Mason I have not the slightest doubt; and if our *brilliant* Masonic writers could be persuaded to give up searching for the connection of Freemasonry with Adam, Noah, Moses, Pythagoras, De Molay, Rosicrucians, &c., &c., and devote a little time for collecting materials for the purpose above indicated, I think they would do a great deal more good to Freemasonry and to their own reputations. Should a worthy brother be inspired with a desire to follow my suggestion I would recommend him not only to examine the books alluded to in Mr. Alibone's paragraph, but also to read the preface to Alibone's Dictionary, whence he will learn the sources of Alibone's information.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 19th Aug. 1884.

REVIEWS.

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Picturesque Wales. A Handbook of Scenery accessible from the Cambrian Railways. By Godfrey Turner. Published officially. London: W. J. Adams and Sons, 59 Fleet-street. Simpkin, Marshall and Co., Stationers' Hall-court. 1884.

THIS is an admirable Guide Book, and we heartily congratulate the Editor on the materials he has collated, and the manner in which he has arranged them. Prominent among the places which are described at some length is Aberystwyth, which is admirably situated for a health resort, being on a gravelly slope, and "sheltered, without being shut in, on all but its western or Atlantic side." So sparkling is its water and so pure and invigorating the air that Sir James Clark, we are told, is credited with the declaration "that a fortnight in Aberystwyth is equivalent to a month at most watering places." As to its attractiveness, we read—"Past and present, town and country, sea and mountains, lake, stream, and waterfall, invest the spot with charms for the health-seeker, the vacation-tourist, the angler, the boating man, the artist, and the antiquary. The mild salubrity of its atmosphere is so well-known that many have made their winter quarters in a place which holds forth such palpable recommendations as a genial temperature, small rainfall, sheltered situation, and cheap lodging." There is one other reason given which ought to induce people to flock to it in preference to visiting foreign parts: "As complete a change for English visitors is afforded in the manners, customs, and even language, of the people as would be found abroad, so that the element of strangeness, which is one of the main essentials to enjoyment and recreation in travel, enters as much into a stay at Aberystwyth as into an extended European tour." Other particulars equally interesting are furnished, and certainly give one a most favourable idea of the place and the country round about, the Devil's Bridge being a very conspicuous feature in the description. Dolgelly is another spot to which particular attention is devoted, and which we are told is "a charmingly quaint place in itself, little, if at all, spoilt by contact with the civilisation due to its excursion popularity." Among its principal attractions is the Torrent Walk, "one of the finest ferneries" in the district, and known, too, for the variety of its mosses; it is "considerably more than a mile long, and ends with a fall of crowning beauty and a picturesque bridge." Other places selected are Harlech, Portmadoc, and Criccieth, of all which, as well as of those we have not enumerated, detailed accounts—within reasonable compass of course—and written in an easy and most agreeable style are given. Those who may intend availing themselves of the Cambrian lines during their autumn holiday will do well to provide themselves with a copy of this "Picturesque Wales."

Bro. Thomas M. Pomeroy, Past Grand Master of Montana, had barely completed the ceremony of Installing the newly-elected Officers of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction when he was taken suddenly ill, and died after a brief illness of only four days' duration. Our deceased brother appeared to have had a kind of premonition of his approaching end. At the close of his annual address, as Grand Master, he remarked: "Something within me seems to admonish me that my work is ended; that I shall never meet you again in Grand Lodge assembled. So feeling, I now invoke upon the Grand Lodge, and every brother here assembled, the choicest and richest of Heaven's blessings. May you each and all so work that the Grand Master above shall approve your work, and welcome you to the Celestial Lodge with a 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'" Four days later he was dead.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 3rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, London. In the absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the throne was occupied by General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey. He was supported by the District Grand Master of Natal as Deputy G. Master, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as Senior Warden, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chap., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, as Junior Warden, Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., G. Chap., Horace B. Marshall Grand Treasurer, T. Fenn President Board General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Dr. Ernest Wendt Grand Secretary German Correspondence, Baron de Ferrieres S.G.D., T. Davison S.G.D., J. S. Eastes J.G.D., Sir Albert W. Woods G.D. of C., A. Richards Deputy G.D. of C., E. Locock G.S.B., Lt.-Col. S. E. Taylor G. Std. B., J. H. Matthews G. Std. B., E. M. Lott G. Org., H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., W. Stephens G. Purs., H. Garrod Assist. G. Purs., and the following among other Past Grand Officers:—Revs. A. W. Hall, C. W. S. Stanhope, Sir W. Hayes, C. W. Arnold and W. K. R. Bedford Chaplains, Bros. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, J. M. Case, R. Grey, H. G. Sandeman, C. W. C. Hutton, C. A. Murton, Ralph Gooding, H. Maudsley, and R. W. Wheeler Deacons, Magnus Ohren and Raymond H. Thrupp A. D. of C., J. Nunn and Col. J. Peters Sword Bearers, Edgar Bowyer Standard Bearer, J. Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, Thomas Cubitt, and L. F. Littell Purs. General Brownrigg, before the commencement of the business, referred to the great loss the Craft had sustained by the death of Bro. John Havers, Past Grand Warden, who had for many years been indefatigable in his exertions to promote the welfare of the Craft. Later on a motion was made by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, expressive of the regret of Grand Lodge at the event, and condoling with the deceased brother's family, which motion, seconded by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, was agreed to. In the meantime the Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, explaining that as one brother to whom a grant of £150 was then made had died since his receipt of the £50 usually paid on account, the minutes would not have to be confirmed in respect of the balance, and with this exception they were confimred. The Report of the Board of Benevolence, recommending grants as given in our last issue, was then read and agreed to, after which the Report of the Board of General Purposes was ordered to be endorsed on the minutes. Bro. Thomas Fenn P.B.G.P. then moved the proposition standing in his name, "That a donation of fifty guineas be made to the fund being raised for the restoration of the Church of St. Giles's in the Fields." Brother Fenn said that this church, in which parish the premises of Grand Lodge were situated, entirely depended on voluntary contributions for its repairs, there being no fund applicable for that end. It had been the custom on former occasions to vote small sums for this purpose, but a larger sum being now required, and many of the parishoners having subscribed £50 and £100, it had been the unanimous opinion of the Board of General Purposes that Grand Lodge should be recommended to add fifty guineas to the list. They thought such a donation would be a fitting sequel to the protest which was unanimously agreed to at Grand Lodge last Quarterly Communication against the unfounded charges which had recently been brought against the Craft. Brother James Stevens seconded the motion, and said the whole matter had been thoroughly discussed, and many more excellent reasons than the worthy President had stated were adduced in favour of the proposition. Bro. C. W. C. Hutton said he very seldom, as a Churchman, much less as a Mason, intruded himself upon Grand Lodge, but he thought it was the duty of Masonry to uphold that very high position which had made it the distinguishing feature and bond of friendship in the world. He thought that it was the bounden duty of Masonry to hold itself free from any sectarianism. He was a Churchman himself, and he should feel pleasure as a member of the body to subscribe his quota individually, but not as a member of Grand Lodge, to any fund that might be required for the restoration of the Church of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields; but he took a very strong stand and a very strong position upon that which Masonry had achieved in the world, and which he hoped it would ever maintain in the world, and that was an utter unsectarian position. They might be called upon to-morrow to subscribe for the repairs of this, that, or the other place of worship, no matter what, and he thought it was their duty as Masons to hold themselves aloof, and to recollect that grand characteristic of their Order, a universal system of morality which had pervaded the whole of humanity. If they connected themselves in any way, and Grand Lodge in any way connected itself with sectarianism, he thought Masonry would lose its position and character very much. He should not bring forward any motion in opposition, but he stood up there as an Englishman, and as a member of Grand Lodge, and as a Churchman, to say that he should feel it his duty to oppose the vote. Col. Somerville Burney said one of the principles of Freemasonry was obedience to the laws of the land. The law divided the land into parishes. Grand Lodge was situated in the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and as a parishoner it was asked to support the fabric of the parish church. Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson opposed the vote. If they subscribed in this case they would not only probably do an act which might mislead Masons into the idea that they had taken up what was commonly called a sectarian ground, but they would be bound in honour to support any works, whatever they might be. It would be better for them to subscribe as individuals. Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn supported the vote. He agreed that Masonry ought to hold itself aloof from denominationalism. They were not asked to give as Masons, but as landlords. It was a recognised rule that the owners of property in various parishes were asked to contribute to any good work, whether Dissenters or Church people. Brother Fenn having replied, a division was taken, when the proposition was declared lost, the votes being 110 to 92. Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. 205 moved—

> To add to paragraph 19 of the Book of Constitutions—Election of Grand Treasurer—the following words:—
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> "In the same manner as the elected members of the Board of General Purposes."

He explained that the nomination of Grand Treasurer would take place at the December Quarterly Communication, and the election in March, when the names of the different candidates would be printed on the balloting papers and the voting would be scrutinised. In this way time would be saved and confusion avoided. Brother Controller S. G. Bake seconded the motion. A Brother objected. Grand Lodge would be deprived of one of its privileges if this motion was carried. Instead of the members of Grand Lodge having the election of a Grand Treasurer, the election would be in the hands of the Board of General Purposes. Another Brother explained that the last brother entirely misapprehended the purport of the motion. It was only to simplify the method of election, which would still be by Grand Lodge. The Board of General Purposes would have nothing to do with it. Bro. Hogard said if his motion was carried, paragraph 19 of the Book of Constitutions would read, "The Grand Treasurer shall be nominated at the Grand Lodge in December, and be elected at the Grand Lodge in March, in the same manner as the elected members of the Board of General Purposes." The confusion at the election last March was so great that the Deputy Grand Master had to deviate from the Book of Constitutions, as it was found impossible to tell with exactitude the number who voted. The motion was put and carried, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction will resume their meetings at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, Kingsland, on Saturday evening, 6th of September. We learn that the Masonic Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction has had ten ballots in as many months, thus benefitting the Institutions to the tune of one hundred guineas.

The North London Chapter of Improvement held its weekly meeting at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Edmonds M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., George J., G. W. Knight S.N., Shaw P.S. The ceremony was rehearsed in an able and masterly manner. Comp. Captain Nicols has kindly consented to work the sections of the R.A. degre on Thursday, 11th September, at eight o'clock.

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In Memoriam.

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HORACE S. ALPASS P.G. STANDARD BEARER.

Death is "running a muck" among our Provincial celebrities. It is only the other day that we chronicled the death of Bro. Hickman P.G.A.D.C. and D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight. On Sunday, Bro. Alpass, Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire, passed away, to the regret of a numerous circle of friends and the Craft at large. Bro. Allpass was a most indefatigable worker, a distinguished member of all degrees, and a hearty supporter of our Institutions, as well as of the Charitable Association connected with his Province. The duties of Secretary of so large a district as that comprised within the limits of West Lancashire must be heavy, and it will be no easy task to find a successor to our deceased Brother. To the Province of which he was so distinguished a member, to his family, and to his large circle of friends, we tender our most respectful sympathy.

THE LATE ALDERMAN HICKMAN, J.P.

AT noon on Thursday, 28th ult., the remains of Alderman Hickman, J.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Freemasons, were interred in the Southampton Cemetery, amid many marks of respect. The coffin was of polished oak, and when placed upon the four-horse hearse was entirely hidden by wreaths sent by societies and friends of the deceased. Mrs. Hickman and the near relatives were the principal mourners, the procession being joined by the Mayor and Corporation, representatives of local bodies and societies, with a large number of Freemasons, amongst whom were Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre Prov. G. Sec., R. J. Rastrick Prov. G. Trea., C. A. Jellicoe, G. Snelling, T. P. Payne, J. W. Willmott, W. Walters, J. Robertson, H. Lashmere, R. R. Rosoman, A. J. Miller, J. B. Thomas, and J. S. Pearce. Many of the shops in the leading thoroughfares were partially closed, and there was a large attendance at the Cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Bradley, Vicar of All Saints.—*Portsmouth Times.*

We have been favoured with copy of the authorised "Report of Proceedings in connection with the Establishment of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia." It is a full record, and confirms the opinion we have before expressed as to the regularity of the steps taken both before and at the establishment of the Grand Lodge. Everything appears to have been done deliberately and in order, and it is impossible for any body of brethren to have shown greater respect for the parent G. Lodges from which the Lodges in S. Australia derive their origin than our South Australian friends. We shall describe the contents of this Report in some future number, but as we have seen it suggested considerable minorities of the members of several Lodges were unfavourable to the change, we lose no time in declaring that such a suggestion is the reverse of true. Of the 1288 English, 373 Irish, and 411 Scotch brethren, or together 2072, no less than 1633—namely, 1029 English, 277 Irish, and 327 Scotch—gave their adhesion to the movement in writing; 392 gave no answer to the circular letter addressed to them; and only 39 declined to be parties to the change. As regards Lodges, 18 out of the 20 English, 4 of 7 Irish, and *all* of the 6 Scotch Lodges voted unanimously for the Establishment of the Grand Lodge; 1 English and 1 Irish voted in its favour, but with 1 and 2 dissentients respectively; 1 English Lodge sent no official return of the result, but the majority of the members have already joined the S. Australian Masonic Union, and are pledged to the movement; 1 Irish Lodge sent no official return, and 1 other Irish Lodge did not muster in sufficient numbers, but the majority of the members are favourable. Thus our brethren in this colony appear to have been practically, if not literally, unanimous in behalf of independence.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of California was held in San Francisco in April last, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Leon. E. Pratt, Grand High Priest, as many as fifty-three Chapters being represented. From the Report it appears that the Receipts, including Balance forward, amounted to 13,848 dollars, and the expenditure to 7,073 dollars, the fund in hand being 17,638 dollars. Companion Jon. D. Hines was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell re-elected Grand Secretary.

We have to acknowledge receipt of copy of Brother Hughan's new work on the English Rite of Freemasonry, especially in connection with the Royal Arch Degree. We have just had time to glance through its contents, and have seen enough to convince us of its great value, and that it deals thoroughly, if not exhaustively, with a subject of recognised difficulty. A review of it will appear at an early date.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the Earl of Kintore, G.M. of the Mark Grand Lodge, has declared his intention of issuing to Bro. A. F. Godson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Craft) Worcestershire, a patent of appointment as P.G.M.M.M of the same Province. Bro. Godson is deservedly popular, both within and outside Worcestershire, and the whole Craft will be delighted to hear of this additional honour which is about to be conferred on him.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN RAILWAY CARRIAGES.—The London and North Western Railway Company have recently brought into use a number of new carriages which have been built expressly for the Fast Trains between London and Manchester, and between London and Liverpool. These carriages, which have provision for first, second, and third classes, and differ from the ordinary carriages heretofore used in being considerably larger and heavier, are constructed on steel underframes with eight wheels (the front and trailing pairs being fitted with Mr. F. W. Webb's radial axles), and are forty-two feet in length and eight feet six inches in width. They run with great steadiness at the high speed maintained by this line in its Express Services by which the journey from London to Manchester is covered in four and a quarter hours, and that from London to Liverpool in four and a half hours. In order to comply as far as possible with the different views entertained by railway travellers with regard to the question of saloons and compartments, the London and North Western Railway Company have, in the construction of the first class carriages of this new stock, produced an ingenious combination of both systems, whereby compartments suitable for small and large parties, as well as saloon accommodation for those who prefer it, are provided. Corridor passages afford easy access to all parts of the carriage. Lavatory and toilet accommodation is made a special feature, and there are also separate smoking compartments for gentlemen as well as a boudoir for ladies. An attendant accompanies the saloons, and refreshments can be obtained en route. The whole of the carriages are fitted up in a luxurious style, and are now running on the trains leaving Euston at 10·10 a.m., 12·10 noon, and 4·0 p.m.; Manchester at 7·45 a.m. and 4·15 p.m., and Liverpool at 11 a.m. each day.

The voting papers for the October Elections to the two Schools will be sent out next week. There are 30 candidates and 13 vacancies for the Girls' School, and 57 candidates and 27 vacancies for the Boys'. For the Girls' School there are eleven candidates from London, one from Norfolk, one from Middlesex, one from Hants and the Isle of Wight, two from Staffordshire, two from Kent, three from Northumberland, one from British Burmah, one from Durham, two from North and East Yorkshire, one from Somerset, one from the Eastern Division of South Wales, one from West Yorkshire, one from Herts, and one from Devon. For the Boys' School there are twenty candidates from London, three from Norfolk, four from Devon, two from Somerset, one from the Eastern and one from the Western Division of South Wales, two from Lincoln, two from Surrey, one from Dorset, one from Durham, one from Hobart Town, one from North Wales and Salop, one from Jersey, two from Northumberland, one from West and three from East Lancashire, one from Gloucester, one from Stafford, one from Middlesex, one from Sussex, one from Kent, one from Derby, one from Cumberland, one from Cheshire, and one from Nottingham.—*Evening News.*

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTER.

THE members of this Province held their Annual Meeting on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, at the College Hall, Worcester, the use of which had been kindly granted for the purpose by the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester, Lord Alwyne Compton. The duty of receiving and entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge devolved on the Worcester Lodge, and the efforts made by its Worshipful Master, Bro. Herbert Goldingham Budd, gave every satisfaction to those who attended. The brethren of No. 280 were summoned to attend a special meeting of their Lodge at 12 o'clock noon, and by the time fixed for the assembling of the Craftsmen of the Province with their Visitors there was a very full attendance. The Right

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Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., together with his Deputy, Wor. Bro. Augustus F. Godson P.P.S.G.W., then entered the Lodge, accompanied by the following brethren :—

J. Randle Buck P.S.G.W., Thos. Hobbs P.G.J.W. 529, C. F. Pidcock and Walter Holland P.P.G. Wardens, Rev. C. Black P.M. 1204 P.G.C., A. Sayers, W. A. Hill P.G.C. of England, J. B. Wilson P.M. 280 P.P.G. Chaplains, A. Brown P.S.G.W. P.G.T., Edwin Turner 252 P.G.R., C. E. Bloomer 573 P.P.G.R., J. Fitzgerald P.M. 377 P.P.G.R., W. Barkley P.M. 280 P.S.G.D., Thomas S. Smith P.J.G.D., G. J. Westbury P.P.S.G.D., F. G. Russell P.M. 1204, C. S. Faram P.M. 280 P.P.G.J.D., Frederick Henry Lingham P.M. 280 P.P.G.S.D., T. E. Lucy P.M. 1204 P.P.G.S. of Works, J. H. Whatley P.M. 1204, R. B. Godfrey P.M. 1097 P.P.G.S. of Works, W. E. Walker P.P.G D.C., J. T. Meredith P.M. 560 P.P.G.D.C., R. S. Blundell P.G.S.B., W. Haynes P.M. 1204 P.G. Organist, Thomas T. Troman, Mus. Bac., P.M. 573 P.P.G.O., W. C. Green P.M. 377, 560, 1874 P.G.P., Edward H. Metcalfe, P.M. 1204 P.A.P.G.P., Henry Wilson P.M. 1204 P.P.G.P., G. M. Wynne P.M. 529 P.P.G.P., W. N. Evans P.M. 529 P.P.G.P., Norman May 1204 P.G.S.

Amongst the large body of visitors who attended we may enumerate :—

E. J. McIntyre P.G.W. of England, W. Waldron I.P.M. 573, Sir F. Burdett P.G.M. of Middlesex, J. E. Stone P.M. 377, T. Vale I.P.M. 560, D. Dawes 1874, E. Lay S.D. 560, G. Hodgkiss 529, A. Marsh 573, C. Mytton S.W. 560, H. M. Jackson 573, C. E. Pipe 529, W. Dorrell Secretary 560, F. Everill 529, J. Mossopp S.D. 1874, J. S. Wood 280, A. Cookson S.D. 573, T. F. Howett J.D. 560, G. P. Brotheridge 1694, J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick W.M. 377, 560, P.P.G.S., G. Baggott I.P.M. 252, E. Putness W.M. 573, A. Sayers I.P.M. 1097, T. Clulee 564, E. A. Hicks W.M. 529, T. Price J.W. 573, E. Lorne J.D. 573, T. Taylor I.G. 573, W. J. Jackson 529, R. S. Blundell P.G.S.B. P.M. 560, C. Evans 529, G. Scriven 564, W. M. Roden W.M. 1874, H. Coldicott 529, J. Turner I.G. 252, C. Virgo 280, T. H. Pike P.M. 1204, R. Godfrey P.M. 1074, J. Kissing 573, F. Webb 564, H. Hill 280, R. V. Vassar-Smith P.G.W. Gloucester 1204, H. C. Tombs P.G.D. P.P.S.G.W., W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. of England, T. Francis P.S.G.D. of Sussex, J. A. Lloyd P.G. and Chaplain Oxon, T. Ranger P.G.A.D.C. Wilts, Rev. W. K. R. Bedford Past Grand Chaplain, R. Lack Past Provincial G.R. of Durham, G. W. Sillitoe P.J.G.W. East Lancashire, Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, A. P. Purey Cust P.G. Chaplain P.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., J. Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, F. Garner Tyler 252 and 498, S. Spittle 252, H. Scott 564, W. C. Butler 498, T. M. Humphries P.M. 539, E. J. Hobson Tyler 529, F. Binckes Past Grand Steward, J. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, J. Smith P.G. Tyler 280, F. W. Knott 280, Robert Eagar P.M. 564, F. W. Underhill W.M. 2034, J. C. Robinson P.M. 425, W. Lockwood P.M. 425 P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire, J. Mead 1971, T. Lane P.M. 120 Hereford,, J. H. Gaunt 529, T. Harris 689, J. Jordan W.M. 498, C. M. Collins P.M. 529, C. Lowe 753, T. Vale I.P.M. 560, T. Price J.W. 513, B. Robinson 564, R. Stevenson 252, E. J. Chambers 252, H. Goldingham 529, G. J. Deprill I.P.M. 1412 Torquay, W. Ellewes W.M. 74, C. E. Botley W.M. 1996, A. Comber P.M. 317 W.M. 560 P.G.D.C., J. Fitzgerald P.M. 377, T. Johnson 1204 P.P.G.R., J. H. Lawson P.M. 1235 P.P.G.S.D. Derby, J. Chadwick P.M. 44 P.G.S. East Lancashire, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, W. Underwood 1204, J. Fawcett 560, R. C. Buck 498, W. Mills Tyler 564, J. S. Cumberland Eboracum 1611 P.G.J.W. North and East Yorkshire, T. B. Whytehead 1611 P.P.G.W., H. Parry S.D. 573.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the customary salutes of honour were given, and the minutes of the last Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, as well as those of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Moseley, on 3rd October last, were read and confirmed. Letters of apology for non attendance were then read and considered, and the muster roll of the several Lodges comprised in the Province was called. This latter proceeding elicited a spirited competition, each body of representatives desiring to appear to the greatest advantage, and the announcement of the respective numbers who were in attendance was more than once challenged. The Treasurer's accounts, which at an earlier stage of the proceedings had been formally audited, were, on motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by the Senior Grand Warden, unanimously adopted. Brother A. Brown P.P.G.S.W. was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Brothers J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, J. Jordan and F. Underwood were appointed members of the Benevolent Committee. Bro. G. Taylor, Provincial Grand Secretary, read the following report of the Charity Committee of the Province :—

"Your Committee herewith present their fifth annual report. Operations during the past year have been uneventful, although marked by continued prosperity.

"In April of this year they have received 278 girls' votes, and 494 boys'.

"The girls' were used in further discharge of a debt, and the boys' were loaned.

Every vote in the Province was received except those of Bros. G. R. Godson and H. Gibson.

"This result displays such unity of action and purpose as to render comment needless, and is believed to be unrivalled by any other Province.

"For the annual election of the male and female annuitants for the Benevolent Institution there were recorded 206 widows' votes and 148 male votes. Without specifying details, which you have had supplied in former reports, your position is briefly thus :

"You have three boys and two girls in the Schools, and one widow annuitant. You are not only out of debt, but have a balance owing to you of 1,800 votes. These may be needed at any time, and hence it is hoped the brethren will not waver in their support.

"Your financial aid to the Charities continues as satisfactory as ever. The guinea subscriptions to the annual ballot scheme in April last amounted to £126—13 gs. from Lodge 252, 9 gs. from Lodge 280, 12 gs. from Lodge 377, 3 gs. from Lodge 498, 27 gs. from Lodge 529, 6 gs. from Lodge 560, 1 g. from Lodge 564, 11 gs. from Lodge 573, 2 gs. from Lodge 1097, 19 gs. from Lodge 1204, 17 gs. from Lodge 1874.

"In October last, your Secretary received 275 girls' votes and 459 boys' votes. The girls' were used to repay a debt, and the boys' were loaned. Every vote in the Province was received, except those of Bros. G. R. Godson and J. F. Roberts, the latter on this occasion having promised a friend.

"Life Subscriberships of 5 gs. each : 1 member Lodge 252, 1 Lodge 280, 3 Lodge 377, 1 Lodge 498, 6 Lodge 529, 4 Lodge 573, 4 Lodge 1204, 4 Lodge 1874.

"This sum of £126 has been increased by the donations and labours of the following Stewards :—Bros. A. F. Godson, J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, J. E. Stone, H. Rowe, and H. Wilson, representing the Benevolent Institution ; their united lists amounting to £120 15s ; Bros. A. F. Godson, G. W. Grosvenor, and J. W. Consterline-Chadwick acting for the Girls' School, with a total of £105 ; Bros. A. F. Godson, W. B. Williamson, J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, T. F. Bland, and G. Taylor supporting the Boys', with £201 17s, making for the year a total of £427 12s ; and a grand total of the six years your organization has been at work of £2,857 12s.

"A large number of subscribers to the ballot scheme have completed, and will complete next April, their £5 5s qualifications. An appeal is made to these, and others who have not yet subscribed, to continue this easy method of securing votes in our Institutions by the payment of £1 1s a-year.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge, then presented the "Charity Jewel" to Bro. Jas. Ed. Stone and Bro. J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, of Lodge 377, Bro. H. Rowe, of Lodge 280, Bro. T. F. Bland, of Lodge 564, and Bro. H. Wilson, of Lodge 1204, they having served as Stewards at two of the Charity Festivals. In doing so Sir Edmund expressed the hope that the spirit of emulation as regards charitable work would continue as paramount amongst the members of the Province as it now appeared to be, and after Bro. George Taylor had been re-appointed Secretary to the Charity Committee, and graceful allusion made to his many and valuable services, the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows :—

Bro. G. W. Grosvenor 377	Prov. G. Senior Warden
W. B. Williamson 529	Prov. G. Junior Warden
H. Wilson 1204	Prov. G. Registrar
Rev. C. Black, M.A.	Prov. G. Chaplain
Rev. H. Sayers	Prov. G. Asst. Chaplain
G. Taylor	Prov. G. Secretary
J. Foley 564	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
J. E. Stone 377	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
Hy. Rowe 280	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
A. Comber 377	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
W. Waldron 573	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
T. Vale 560	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
H. G. Budd 280	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
G. Bagott 252	
W. Haynes	Prov. G. Organist
E. A. Hicks 529	Prov. G. Pursuivant
R. Eager 564 — ...	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
A. J. Beauchamp 280	Prov. G. Stewards
R. C. Smith Carrington 280 ...	
H. F. Dale 280	
A. B. Rowe	
W. B. Hulme	
J. V. Stallard	

Bro. Taylor, P.G. Sec., in bringing forward the motion that stood in his name—"That the sum of £5 5s be voted from the Funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the Fund now being raised in honour of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., and called the "Hughan Testimonial Fund"—remarked that he need only say two or three words. Bro. Hughan had served the Province well, and on many occasions. He might especially refer to his recent labour in connection with the Catalogue of their Exhibition, just issued. He thought the Province could pay their worthy brother no higher compliment than that he now had the pleasure to suggest. The motion was seconded by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and was unanimously agreed to. A notice of motion that stood in the name of Bro. T. M. Hopkins P.P.S.G W., wherein it was proposed to vote a sum of £10 10s to the widow of a deceased brother, was ruled out of order. It was agreed that votes of thanks be sent to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester Cathedral, for the accommodation they had afforded; to the Mayor

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and Corporation of Worcester, for the use of the Guildhall for the week; and also to those brethren who had taken part in the organisation and arrangement of the Exhibition. To the Dean of York, also, was tendered a similar compliment, and it was recommended that immediate steps be taken to establish a permanent Museum in connection with the Province. During the proceedings Bro. Binckes bore testimony to the earnestness and consistency with which the brethren of Worcestershire were supporting the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and arrangements were made that Kidderminster should be the place for next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Shortly afterwards the brethren went in procession to attend Divine Service in the Cathedral, where a sermon was preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Bro. A. Purey-Cust P.G. Chaplain. at the conclusion of which a collection was made, which realised £17 2s 8d, and this amount is to be presented to the Worcester Ophthalmic Hospital and to the Worcester Society for Providing Literature for the Poor Blind. On the return of the brethren to the College Hall, routine work followed, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at the Guildhall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by most of those enumerated above. It has been a regular custom in this district that in the procession to church the volume of the Sacred Law should be carried by four Lewises, who on this occasion occupied a central position at the banquet table. At the conclusion of the repast they received bibles at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master, with suitable inscriptions in each referring to the services for which they were presented. The Lewises having retired, the toasts of the evening were proceeeded with. The first on the list, that of the Queen and the Craft, having been honoured, the Provincial Grand Master proposed that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master. Sir Edmund referred to the earnestness displayed by His Royal Highness in all that concerned the welfare of Freemasonry and of the country at large, specially mentioning his recent visits to York and Redhill. Bro. Godson gave the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge, speaking of the zeal displayed both by the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. They had among them Bro. Æ. McIntyre, a Mason who was well known throughout the Craft, and especially to the inhabitants of Worcester. Bro. McIntyre's services to the Order were of the highest character. Other distinguished Grand Officers were among them, and they felt greatly honoured by their presence. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., responded. It gave him great pleasure to acknowledge this toast; and at the same time he did so with great diffidence, as there were so many distinguished brethren present. The eulogy which had been pronounced on Lord Carnarvon by the proposer of the toast was fully deserved. The Earl of Lathom was universally beloved by Freemasons. In no district was he more respected than in his own Province of West Lancashire. The Grand Officers were ready and willing to do all that might be required of them. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke also replied to the toast, and was followed by Bro. McIntyre, who spoke of the interest taken by the Grand Officers in the meeting, and the gratification they would feel at its success. The Dean of York proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master. They had been staunch friends for many years past, their acquaintance dating back to their college days. He looked upon their Provincial Grand Master as a man who was accomplishing an immense amount of good in his generation, and doing all he could to advance the interests of Freemasonry and his fellows generally. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere briefly replied. In Masonry as in many other matters he and the Dean of York had studied together. They had both been members of the Apollo University Lodge when they were resident at Oxford. He then made retrospective allusion to the Masonic work of the Province of Worcestershire, and expressed himself as satisfied with the working of the past. He hoped to have the support of his officers and the brethren in the future, and assured them that he should not relax his efforts on their behalf. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master and the other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge; he spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Godson, and paid well merited compliments to others embraced in the toast. The Province had put itself in the front by its recent action in organising a Masonic Exhibition, and in connection with this matter the name of Bro. Taylor, the Provincial Grand Secretary, stood out prominently. Bros. Godson and Taylor having responded to the toast, Bro. Grosvenor gave that of the very Rev. the Dean of York Past Grand Chaplain of England. The Dean explained that his many other engagements had prevented his giving as much attention to Freemasonry as he should have wished. The present meeting had brought him to a city where he was not exactly a stranger; he was pleased to be among them. He could but be impressed with the dignity, regularity, and precision which had marked their proceedings, and was especially pleased with the ceremony of presentation of Bibles to the Lewises, which had taken place that evening. The Prov. G. Master proposed the toast of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bros. Hughan, Whyteheadand Stevens. Bro. Bedford, P.G. Chap. England, gave the Masonic Press, for which Bro. W. W. Morgan replied; then the Masonic Charities were referred to, Bro. Binckes responding. A special toast was made of the Mayor and Corporation of Worcester, which compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Williamson. Other toasts were given; the proceedings, which were of a most enjoyable character, were brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

THE VALUE OF FREEMASONRY.

THE Masonic Exhibition held at Worcester this week has proved a brilliant success. It was natural that so ardent a Freemason as the Mayor of Worcester should desire to associate his year of office with some special celebration in connection with his ancient and distinguished Craft. Sir Edmund Lechmere, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, seems to have been responsible for the precise form which the occasion assumed; and although a ball might have been a more popular diversion, an Exhibition of Masonic Antiquities and Literature upon a scale never before exceeded in this country is an event of greater permanent importance and interest. Sir Edmund Lechmere and the Mayor of Worcester are to be heartily congratulated upon the success of an occasion which has not only delighted Freemasons but has interested outsiders by bringing to their view a dazzling display of what may be called the historic wealth of the Order. One of the many indirect benefits which Masonry has conferred is, that it has kept in constant movement amongst the upper and middle classes of society a high standard of art and beauty. We are no advocates for "man millinery," but the notion that it is unmasculine to admire gorgeous costumes and brilliant colours has been carried to a great excess. The wearing of scarves and medals for the mere sake of appearance is not consistent with the somewhat severe restraints which Englishmen are accustomed to impose on themselves in all matters of dress. But it must be remembered that in the case of Freemasonry such decorations are intended to symbolise the great principles upon which the Order rests, or else to mark various degrees and distinctions which can only be gained by skill and perseverance in mastering the mysteries of the Craft. It has been said that next to the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer — which, apart altogether from their sacred character, are unrivalled in point of literary beauty by any writings either classic or modern—some of the formularies used by Freemasons are without equal in loftiness of ideas and sublimity of language. The jewels and medals now on display in the Guildhall testify to the instinctive alliance between art and Freemasonry. The latter can fairly claim to be a great force in encouraging skilled workmanship and artistic ingenuity. Freemasonry was an æsthetic influence in a very legitimate sense long before the reign of yellow china and the sunflower.

These are some of the indirect influences to the Order. But as the Dean of York insisted, in his excellent sermon, in these days, when every institution is on its trial, Freemasonry must have more solid and serious reasons to justify its existence. Men, the Dean added, were forming their opinions "as to whether the Craft was worthy to be preserved, or whether it ought to be relegated to the fripperies of the past." Those persons who sneer at it as a huge association of diners-out, forget the sweeping and wholesale character of such an indictment. Everybody who moves about in the world at all must recognise the fact that the Order is not confined to the *bon vivant*. Great statesmen, great painters, and celebrated men of letters, have considered it a distinction to belong to it and to make progress in it. They have been attracted by the almost unfathomable antiquity of the Craft; by its quaint usages; by its impressive ceremonials; by the chivalry which even in this prosaic age ought to be its leading characteristic; by the good it does in bringing men of different opinions and different degrees together upon a neutral ground; and by its utility as a vast charitable agency. This last point alone is sufficient to vindicate even in this age of utilitarianism the existence of the Order. The stream of charity would be deprived of a very powerful tributary if Freemasonry were to be withered up. Of course there are many important objects in life which Freemasonry does not profess to cover. It is not supposed to be the serious business of existence, nor does it pretend to bring happiness and prosperity to all who belong to it. But it does profess to be not only an ancient and an honourable, but also a useful Craft. While maintaining the quaint ceremonials of the past, it adapts itself to the necessities of the present, and is an ever active force in the promotion of charitable enterprise.

The Dean of York, in his eloquent sermon on Thursday, drew a somewhat highly-coloured picture of the scepticism of the age. It is very doubtful whether Atheism in any active or aggressive form is

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on the increase, and if it be, is it either in the power or the province of Freemasonry to contribute towards the solution of the intellectual doubts upon which Atheism rests? There are high and worthy functions for Freemasonry to fulfil apart from the pretension to modify or regulate the theological tendencies of the age. It is earnestly to be hoped that a belief in the Great Architect will always be maintained. Indeed such a belief underlies and is essential to the principles and doctrines shadowed forth in the symbols of the Craft. But while holding firmly to faith in a Supreme Being who guides the course of the suns as well as the destinies of the tiniest of His creatures, it is no part of the business of Freemasonry to associate itself with politico-theological agitation. Its main purpose, to use one of the Dean's happy phrases, is to provide "a neutral ground where, without any unreality or compromise, man meets his fellow man and learns to know him apart from those distinctions which prevail without." Freemasonry has a claim to general respect if only because in an age when the tendency of men is to multiply religious, social, and political distinctions, and to withdraw more and more into distinct groups, it supplies a "neutral ground" upon which all may find a standing.—*Worcester Herald*, 30th August 1884.

CATALOGUE OF THE MASONIC SOIREE AND EXHIBITION, WORCESTER, AUGUST 1884.

OUR Worcester brethren are to be congratulated on the success of their Exhibition of last week. It is not, numerically, a strong Province, neither can any of its Lodges boast of a very great antiquity. But it is fortunate in having for a chief a brother of long standing and high distinction in the Craft, a most energetic Deputy, and a hard-working and courteous Provincial Grand Secretary. The Exhibition was well-timed, so as to fall conveniently with the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The invitations to brethren outside the Province to do all in their power to make the gathering a success were responded to most cordially, so that we are well within the extremest limits of justice when we say that few meetings of such a character have passed off more agreeably or with greater *eclât*. There was a goodly company present, and among the brethren were men of high standing and great learning and judgment, who could view the rare exhibits brought together in an appreciative spirit. But after all only a limited company could be gathered together on such an occasion, and for the benefit of those who may have longed to be there, but could not, we purpose laying before our readers some particulars of the principal exhibits as set forth in the admirable Catalogue prepared by Bro. Taylor, Provincial Grand Secretary of Worcestershire, and annotated by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England.

The premier place is rightly assigned to the exhibits shown by Sir E. A. H. Leobmere, M.P., Bart., P.G.M. Worcestershire, whose kindly interest in the gathering will ever be most gratefully remembered by the brethren of his own Province, as well as of other districts and the Metropolis. Conspicuous among his contributions to the display will be found a copy of the "Ancient Charges," known as the "Leobmere MSS.," assigned by Woodford to about 1650, but regarded by Bros. Gould and Hughan as "late 17th century." This is numbered "8" in the Catalogue, Nos. 9 and 10 being also interesting, the former comprising a series of Masonic Calendars from 1792-1813, which belonged to George IV. when Grand Master, and the latter a collection of Lodge summonses extending from 1780 to 1800. No. 10A is also worthy of note, being an Engraving of Freemasons' Hall in 1808, and representing the Festival of the Girls' School, the Chevalier Ruspini heading the procession of Girls, George Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and three of his brothers, the Dukes of York, Kent and Sussex, being present. Nos. 11-50 and Nos. 51-67 are the exhibits sent by Bro. James Newton P.P.G.S.D. East Lancashire, of Bolton. The former group consists entirely of Medals and Tokens, several of which are pronounced by Bro. Hughan to be of great rarity. As regards the tokens numbered 14 and 15 respectively, we would suggest that the "I. Schichle," of the former, and the "J. Sketchley" of the latter are probably one and the same person, and that a clue to his identity may possibly be found in the letters "R.A. and P.G.S.," which are also present in No. 15. The group Nos. 51-67 are Masonic Books, No. 51, a Pine's Engraved List for 1734 being the most valuable, in the opinion of Bro. Hughan.

Among Nos. 68-80, sent by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe will be found an old illuminated Certificate of the year 1764; an old scroll, in two parts, of about the year 1680—copy of the old Operative Constitutions, and specially valuable, according to Bro. Hughan, from its containing "the rare Apprentice's Charge;" some old Minute Books and Aprons; and an Old Jug (No. 71) of about a century old.

The York Lodge (No. 236) and the Eboracum (No. 1611), both of York, contribute between them Nos. 81-101, several relics of the Grand Lodge of all England being among the former exhibits, while among those of the latter are a large Flagon with Masonic emblems on it, of 1694 (No. 91), and the Bible of the Grand Lodge of all England (No. 97). Nos. 100 and 101 are Aprons, one linen and the other leather, with engraved emblems on them. Nos. 102-113 are contributed by Bro. Whytehead of York, and include photograph of a Punch Jug of the very sensible capacity of 18 quarts.

Bro. W. Kelly, Past P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, sends Nos. 114 to 136, among them being several mementoes, in the shape of aprons, jewels, &c. worn by them, of the late Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., and the 1st Earl Howe, both predecessors of Bro. Kelly in the government of the Province. No. 121 is a certificate from the Atholl Grand Lodge, dated 10th September 1764, and having the signature of Laurence Dermott G. Sec. No. 137, exhibited by Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, is an ancient brass seal, supposed by Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis to have belonged to a Templar Preceptory, probably of foreign origin. No. 142—one of a number of exhibits sent by Bro. Chas. Williams of the Moseley Lodge, Birmingham—is described by Bro. Hughan as "an exceedingly rare and valuable medal, unknown to Dr. Merzdorf, but Bro. Marvin describes one impression of it (No. 32) in Mr. Appleton's collection." Only two of this are known to be in this country, and both were to be seen at Worcester.

Bro. J. C. Robinson P.M. No. 425, Chester, contributes the warrant of an extinct Chester Lodge of the year 1766; and the Royds Lodge, No. 1204, Malvern, two old prints, which Bro. Hughan speaks of as "curious and rarely met with." No. 163 and 164, sent by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, are a balloting box and silver snuff box respectively, both the property of the Dinner Club of that Institution, while the former, which is sphinx-headed and very handsome, was presented in 1755 by the Duke of Richmond—G.M. 1724—to the Egyptian Society, and in 1852 by the late Bro. R. G. Alston to the said Club. No. 166,—one of several exhibits by Bro. John Hirst, of Saddleworth, is "A Book of the Antient Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons, by Benjamin Cole. Dedicated to Lord Kingston, Grand Master." Of this Bro. Hughan remarks: "This is one of the rarest Masonic Books known, and was printed from engraved plates. It is the First edition, and is a reproduction of a version of the Old Operative Charges." The half dozen exhibits of Mr. J. H. Carr, of York, Nos. 191-196, are old York newspapers, dated from 1764 to 1779, in which are advertisements relating principally to the Grand Lodge at York. The contributions of Bro. M. W. Clarke P.M. No. 57, Hull—Nos. 208-238G, are Masonic jewels of various kinds, one of them, 238F "of gold and silver enamelled under glass, representing H.A.B. presenting the Plan of the Temple to King Solomon and King Hiram, set with large stones." Bro. Hughan dates it about 1800, and considers it "a valuable jewel"—apart from its intrinsic worth. Bro. C. G. Wragg, Prov. G. Secretary Nottinghamshire, sends a number of certificates of different degrees, with a minute book and ancient seal—Nos. 239-248. Bro. T. Fenn, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, figures as the contributor of three most interesting mementoes—Nos. 249-251, of which the first is the Grand Lodge Clothing of the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV.; three ivory gavels presented by Lord Manser; and the Sword of the Duke of Cumberland, of Culloden fame, presented by the Chevalier Ruspini, founder of the Girls' School. The Worcester Lodge, No. 280, is a liberal contributor, its principal exhibits being valuable engravings and Books of the Constitutions, one of the former (No. 260) being said to represent the Initiation of the poet Burns, though Bro. Hughan suggests it represents his inauguration as Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. No. 284, is a scrap book, with reference to which Bro. Hughan writes—"A most interesting and unique set, simply impossible to be procured now at any price, because many of the uniques have long ago disappeared." Bro. T. Lamb-Smith, a Past Master of the same Lodge, is also among the exhibitors on an extensive scale, his contributions—Nos. 285-317—consisting principally of medals and jewels, many of them being of great rarity and value. No. 289 is described as a "Master Mason's jewel, Chelsea enamel, date about 1750;" No. 298 a "Silver Gilt Circular Jewel, Masonic Emblems, 'J' and 'B' on sides, square, compasses, level and letter 'G.' About 1790," Bro. Hughan remarking of the latter that it is "entirely original in its arrangement of the emblems, and a fine impression." Some of the jewels are old Scottish, and on that account will have been the more welcome in an English Exhibition.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, under the banner of the Watling Street Lodge, on Saturday, the 30th August. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg presided, and was supported by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Frederick Binckes, and other distinguished Visitors. The Lodges of the Province, consisting of the St. Barnabas, Linslade; the SS. Peter and Paul, Newport Pagnell; and Watling Street, Stony Stratford, were well represented. The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. J. Williams, of Aylesbury, was re-elected, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, J. R. Wilmer, of Newport Pagnell, re-appointed. The Provincial Grand Lodge unanimously voted the sum of £1 1s to the fund being raised for the family of the late Bro. Dewar, the brethren expressing regret that their funds did not permit of a larger donation. After the business of the Lodge had been completed, an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent, Bro. Revill, the landlord of the Hotel, having spared neither time nor trouble in rendering the meeting a success. We predict for the Mark Province of Buckinghamshire a brilliant and distinguished future.

We have been favoured with copy of full size drawing of the jewel presented to the daughter of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P. on the occasion of her marriage with her cousin Mr. Herbert Lloyd Watkin Williams Wynn. It conveys a very accurate and pleasing idea of the style and character of the original. The body of the jewel is a double triangle, set with turquoises, and the spaces between the points of the jewel enriched with diamonds, the intrinsic—as distinguished from the far greater extrinsic—value being about 70 or 80 guineas. The design is most artistic, and the whole reflects the greatest credit on the jeweller from whose laboratory it proceeds—Bro. J. J. Caney, of 44 Cheapside.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Rottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1502—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1555—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1923—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

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
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
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
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
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea

R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, 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
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
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. 540—Stuart, Retford
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. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Fanmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

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
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Worthing 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
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
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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 Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Horns., Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1917—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
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, 11th SEPTEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

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1459—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

25—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
315—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
316—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
340—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
646—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1309—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1563—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1597—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1762—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
963—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1156—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1206—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 96—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
463—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harriogate
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1269—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Karl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Bruce Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 1293—Bardett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

THIS excellent working Lodge held its meeting at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Jas. Ridge W.M., H. Kent S.W., W. Anderson J.W., H. Beanmont Sec., G. R. Godfree S.D., R. T. Nye D.C., Jas. Terry I.G., W. H. Gibson P.M. Prov. G. J.W., Jas. Eborall P.M. P.P.G.P., G. R. Lockyer P.M., T. Chandler, T. Hughes Tyler. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and various matters of business were considered. Bro. Gibson P.M. intimated to the brethren that it was his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the next Festival, when he desired to represent this Lodge and the Cecilia, No. 1636; he trusted he should receive the hearty support of the brethren. The W.W., Bro. Ridge, assured Bro. Gibson he might rely on the members of No. 315. Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Bentley Haynes W.M., Walker (Secretary) S.W., Rich J.W., Pitt S.D., Buggins I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. H. H. Haynes, Fellheimer, Hawkins, Ruse, and Weil. After preliminaries, Lodge was opened in second degree, and Bro. H. H. Haynes answered the necessary questions leading to the third. In due course the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Weil answered questions leading to the second degree. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. Bro. Haynes, of the Egyptian 27, was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present:—Bros. Coen W.M., Stringer S.W., W. T. Hunt jun. J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Thomas J.D., Banks I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, Penrose, and several others. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penrose personating the candidate. The Lodge was then called off, and on resuming Bro. Penrose answered the usual questions, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed. Bro. Stringer S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, and Lodge closed in due form.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on Monday last at the Fountains Abbey, Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington W. Bros. R. E. Carsons W.M., H. Purdue W.M. 834 S.W., C. Dapson J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Treasurer and Preceptor, H. Dehane I.P.M. 1543 Secretary, H. Gilbert S.D., C. G. Wetzler J.D., W. J. Stratton Steward, E. J. Brown I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Captain A. Nicols P.D.G.S. of Works Punjaub P.M. 1974, G. Davies P.M. 167, C. S. Mote, C. Webster, M. J. Green, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Webster candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Brother Brown was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, when Bro. Purdue was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until 8th September, at eight p.m.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1698.—On Monday last, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Western W.M., Turner S.W., Richardson J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Parks S.D., Rhodes J.D., Robinson I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor; and several other brethren. Lodge was opened, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. After Bro. Turner had been elected W.M. for Monday, 8th September, Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

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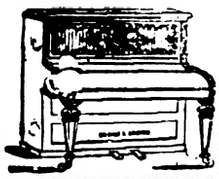
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Our friends will be able to judge from the following passage of the spirit in which the author has approached this inquiry. Says Brother Hughan: "We claim to be as fond of the Craft, and as anxious to uphold its true history and principles, as the most devoted followers of Anderson and Oliver; we acknowledge most heartily that the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons is both ancient and honourable—speculative as well as operative—even in the sixteenth century, which is almost as far back as its records take us; but as there is no evidence which proves the antiquity of three or more separate degrees beyond the last century, we cannot consent to accept the assertions so confidently made to us in our youth, and still promulgated by many, that degrees in Masonry had an existence long before the institution of the Premier Grand Lodge." And then he adds: "The views we shall advocate were far from being popular some twenty years ago, but of late there have been considerable accessions to the staff of Masonic students, and at the present time there are, happily, very many who prefer to follow where the facts tend rather, than as the fancies or wishes of others would lead them." A little further on, he explains himself more fully still. Having expressed his astonishment that any one who has read the works of Lyon and Gould can "cherish the fancy" that degrees were worked in the seventeenth century, he remarks: "Three grades there were, undoubtedly, in those early times—viz.: Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, being suggestive respectively of apprentices, journeymen, and masters; but so far as the Minutes of the Lodges testify, prior to the last century, or in fact any documents whatever, there were no separate degrees known, the only esoteric ceremony being a simple rite of initiation, its participants never being afterwards excluded from any Masonic meeting because of degrees being worked additional to, separate from, or superior to the form of reception in which they took part on becoming apprentices. The Apprentices accordingly became Fellow Crafts or journeymen on their '*essays*' or work being *passed* by competent judges, and then Master Masons according to circumstances; but never because of taking certain degrees *until the last century*. The three positions, or grades of the operative *régime*, even when speculatives were admitted, are clearly exhibited in the Old Records, but separate and distinct degrees synchronize only with the period of modern Grand Lodges and the ascendency of Speculative Freemasonry."

By way of fortifying himself in these views—though it is by no means necessary he should have gone so far—Bro. Hughan refers us to Gould, Lyon, and Mackay, and as the question which has been considered in this work is of the very greatest importance, we shall make no apology for quoting from the testimony cited by the author on his behalf. Thus, after explaining his agreement with Findel, Lyon, &c., as to there having been "only one" ceremony "in vogue up to, say, the end of the seventeenth century," whilst it is beyond all doubt there were three in 1723, Bro. Gould is quoted as saying:—"Taking a broad view of matters, we find that shortly after the formation of the Grand Lodge (1717) the control of the society had passed into the hands of sundry non-operatives. Contemporary with this, we also find that three separate degrees or ceremonies are for the first time unequivocally mentioned. It appears to me, therefore, that the rule of the Speculatives, and the *added* forms of reception, represent cause and effect."

The following is the passage referring to Lyon:—"Lyon emphatically declares that 'there were no Secrets communicated by Lodges to either fellows of Craft or

* *Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry.* Especially in relation to the Royal Arch Degree: with valuable Appendices. By William James Hughan, and a Preface by Thomas Bowman Whytehead. Illustrated. London: George Kenning, 16 and 16A Great Queen Street, W.C. 1884.

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Masters that were not known to Apprentices, since members of the latter grade were necessary to the legal constitution of communications for the admission of Masters and Fellows,' and points out further that 'if the communication by Mason Lodges of secret words or signs constituted a *degree*, then there was, under the purely Operative *régime*, only one known to Scotch Lodges—viz., that in which, under an oath, apprentices obtained a knowledge of the Mason word and all that was implied in the expression; and that this was the germ whence has sprung Symbolical Masonry is rendered more than probable by the traces which have been left upon the more ancient of our Lodge records (especially those of Mary's Chapel), of the gradual introduction during the seventeenth and first quarter of the eighteenth century of that element in Lodge membership which at first modified and afterwards annihilated the original constitution of these ancient courts of Operative Masonry."

The late Dr. Mackay is then referred to as a supporter of Bro. Hughan's theory, he having remarked to the effect that "in 1717 there was evidently but one degree, or rather one form of initiation, and one catechism . . . . . Division of the Masonic system into three degrees must have grown up between 1717 and 1730." Dro. Hughan not unnaturally comments on Mackay having post-dated rather than predated the completion of the three degrees, on the ground that the Book of Constitutions of 1723 clearly refers to a ceremony on the admission of Masters and Fellow-Craft, and then quotes him again as having laid it down in his "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry" that "it is now the opinion of the best scholars that the division of the Masonic system into degrees was the work of the revivalists of the beginning of the eighteenth century . . . . Perhaps about 1721 the three degrees were introduced, but the second and third were not perfected for many years. He who was an Apprentice was for all practical purposes a Freemason." And again the same author is quoted: "Documentary evidence is yet wanting to settle the precise time of the composition of the third degree as we now have it, but it would not be prudent to oppose too positively the theory that it must be traced to the second decade of the eighteenth century. The proofs, as they arise day by day from the resurrection of old manuscripts, seem to incline that way. But the legend I think is of much older date."

Thus far, we see that Gould and Lyon are in harmony with Hughan in essentials. We are next introduced to the opinions of Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodward, who takes a somewhat different view, and as it will be difficult for us to show the points of difference in the present paper, we must defer giving evidence of this difference till next week, when we shall have more space at our command for the purpose.

(To be continued.)

FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

(Continued from page 139.)

THE resumption by Bro. Magnan of his position of Grand Commander, on the dismissal of Zorrilla, was not regarded as legal by all the Spanish brethren, the majority of them being of opinion that, as Zorrilla had been elected after the deposition of Magnan, it was their duty to elect a successor to him, the deposed brother having no right to resume any position of authority of whatever rank it might be. Hence General La Somera was chosen Grand Commander in succession to Zorrilla by those members of the Craft who had approved the Masonic rule of Amadeus of Savoy's prime minister. In a year's time Bro. La Somera resigned in favour of Sagasta, at the time ranking as 18 degrees, and afterwards prime minister of Alphonso XII., who, in his turn, was succeeded by Bro. Romero Ortiz, Governor of the Bank of Spain, who died at the beginning of the present year, while still chief of the Grand Orient of Spain, to which must be attached the distinctive title of "Secondary."

Let us, however, resume the main thread of our exposition, so that we may place before our readers, in as clear a light as possible, the actual state of the growing edifice of Spanish Freemasonry. According to the Morin-Dalcho system, or to speak traditionally, in accordance with the terms of the Constitution of 1786, whenever a Sovereign Grand Commander laid down the ensigns of his authority, a successor must be *elected*. This being so, it is Bro. Romero Ortiz and his legally-elected successors who represent the direct and unbroken succession of the second Supreme Council of Spain, established by the Count de Grasse-Tilly in 1811, which had absorbed the Council founded in 1808 by the Count de Tilly, brother in blood to the Count de Grasse-Tilly. In other words, it is the Grand Orient of Spain to which we have attached the titular distinction of "Secondary," which can boast of a legality in accordance with the Constitution of 1786. On the other hand, if we reject the intervention of the Masonic People in the High Grades, and Freemasonry is the appanage of a numerous proprietary body, then Bro. Panzano and his "Primary" G. Orient of Spain are the depositories of the true right thus interpreted. If we go further, and attach to the High Grades both the authority and the right to interpret all Masonic laws in their own sense, it is the National Grand Orient we must turn to, seeing that it possesses a Constitution which, in its 17th article, entrusts the interpretation of Masonic doctrine to the Grand Commander personally.

Again Spanish Freemasonry, which is nothing if it does not possess creative powers, presents a number of Masonic *ensembles* constituted in view of sundry more pronounced objectives. For instance, if we are of opinion that Freemasonry is the grouping together of Masons in order to achieve some material result, we turn to Seville, where is the independent Spanish Symbolic Grand Lodge which holds that the independence of Cuba sanctions its installing itself at Havanna. If we hold that Masonry calls itself universal because it gives to all Masons alike the universal right to offer to the world a Masonry of its own, then Spain introduces us to a group of independent Lodges headed by the Lodge "Progreso," whose Master is Senator Felix Alphonso, and whose orator the former Minister Moret, by the month of the former of whom it was announced on the day of his installation—"We instal ourselves, because we are Universal Masonry and have our Chapters, Areopagi, &c. . . . . Hereafter it will be seen what we have." This Lodge Progreso on the day of installation mustered about a score of Master Masons. One might almost fancy Joseph Balsamo had returned to life. Be this as it may, the result of our careful examination of Freemasonry in Spain during the 156 years of its existence places us in possession of the following facts: Elective legality, as represented by the Spanish G. Orient of Sagasta, Romero Ortiz, and successors, musters 320 Lodges, 40 Chapters, and 15,000 members. Legality according to the right of *uti possidetis* finds a home in the Spanish G. Orient of Carvajal-Panzano, with 12 Lodges, all having Chapters, Areopagi, &c. attached to them. Legality by the right of interpretation is represented by the National G. Orient of Spain, with 60 Lodges, 10 Chapters, a Supreme Council, a Grand Council of Rites, a Sovereign G. Lodge, a Masonic Diet, a Supreme Grand Consultative Council attached, a Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret, &c., &c. The Joseph Balsamo system can boast of 3 Lodges, which are everything in themselves, and whose members must be designated in all their letters Universal Masons. As to the questionably legal independent symbolic G. Lodge at Seville, it can boast of only 10 Lodges within its jurisdiction.

Having thus described the various bodies in Spain, and added a summary of the Lodges and members owing allegiance to each, the article in *Le Monde Maçonnique* is continued pretty much in the following terms:—Spanish Freemasonry will become a force, an element in liberalism which it will be necessary to take into account, when the spread of Masonic enlightenment shall have rendered impossible the existence in Spain of Masons by possession, by interpretation, or as the outcome of a joke or mystery. This consummation cannot be postponed. If Acquaviva, General of the Jesuits, could reply to Pope Clement XIV. who pressed him to re-organise in a less pronounced form the Society of which he was the chief, "My Jesuits will be as they are or not at all," the true Mason, the man who has entirely devoted himself to Liberty and Fraternity, knows perfectly well that Freemasonry must be great or cease to exist; and that the latter contingency is out of the question, as Freemasonry is destined to become the greatest of human institutions.

Spanish Freemasonry will be modified, and it was an error on the part of Alphonso XII., who was made Master at Frankfort by "our Frederick" in 1883, to follow the

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example of his great uncle Sovereign G. Commander Don Francis de Bourbon, and say as he did—Are Spaniards truly informed of the real character of Freemasonry? There are in fact some admirable Masons in Spain, Masons gifted with the most extensive erudition, and with a knowledge which accords well with the modesty of their demeanour, such men as Becerra, Sagasta, Castelar, Balaguer, Montijo, Lanoly-Persi, Beranger, Echegaray, Canovas, Vinader, Romero Robledo, Duke Fernan Nunez, Duke Prim, and others, who are conspicuous personages, and who will always be an honour to their country.

In the field of labour, among the indefatigable workers who never ceased for an instant from their toil, are to be found such men as Utor, Diaz y Perez, Santos Granados, Feito, Caballero de Puga, Rojo Arias, Beltran, Ogea, and others, who incessantly labour to spread a knowledge of Masonry. Among the thinkers are to be found such guides to Masonic knowledge as Castro, Almeida, Fors, Foncillas, and Hiraldez.

Such is the brief sketch of "Freemasonry in Spain" from the pen of Raphael Sunyé, 33rd degree, in the pages of our Masonic contemporary for July last. A further study in reference to the same subject is promised for a future number, but it strikes us that Spanish Freemasonry bears but an indifferent resemblance, even in its most favourable aspect, to genuine Freemasonry, at least as it is understood by the best exponents of the Craft in this country.

CHRISTIAN SAINTS AND THEIR SUPPOSED FUNCTIONS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

IF all the stories written about saints were true, then, instead of talking about *saints' rest* we ought to say *saints' unrest*. It seems to me that the saints are punished worse than criminals in "*Kingdom come.*" Just imagine our two Saints John having to look after the doings of about 500,000 Masons in the United States of America; and more especially when they are divided into half a dozen camps of hostile Sovereign Grand Commanders. Why, the Saints John must be all the time on the tramp from one end of the country to the other to look after them. But if we look a little further, it would seem that the trouble of the Saints John with their Masonic protéges is but a fly-bite to what other patron saints have to suffer, for I find in the "New Curiosities of Literature," by Soane, the following startling statements:—

"St. Dismas and St. Nichols (are the patron saints or) preside over *thieves;* St. Martin and St. Urbin over *drunkards*, to guard them from falling into kennels; St. Mathurin over *fools;* St. Magdalene, St. Apa, and St. Bridget over *prostitutes.*"

Now, just imagine how impossible it would appear for two policemen to look after all the drunkards' dens in the city of Boston, and the same may be said about guardians of thieves and prostitutes of our city alone. But here we have two or three saints to look after all the drunkards, &c., in the world! But even the patron saints of thieves, drunkards and prostitutes, appear to have an easy time when compared with the labours of St. Mathurin, who has to look after all the fools in the world. Poor fellow! he cannot enjoy a moment of repose. Indeed, I cannot see how either of the saints can spare a few minutes for singing the Doxology, Old Hundred, or even the shortest Psalm. I ask now, who would be silly enough to torture himself all his lifetime in order to become a saint, when the only reward he gets for it hereafter is the function of a tramping policeman, to look after thieves, drunkards, fools, prostitutes, Freemasons, &c.? But here are some more startling statements. In Michael Wodd's Dialogue, 1554, we read:—

"If we were sick of the pestilence, we run to St. Rorke; if of the ague, to St. Peruel or Master John Shorne; if men were in prison, they prayed to St. Leonard; if the Welshman would have a purse, he prayed to Darvel Gatherne; if a wife were weary of her husband, *she offered otes at Poules* and at London to St. Uncumber."

"The following saints are invoked against various diseases: St. Agatha against sore breasts, St. Anthony against inflammation, St. Apollonia and St. Lucy against tooth-ache, St. Benedict against stone and poison, St. Blaise against bone sticking in the throat, fire and inflammation, St. Christopher and St. Mark against sudden death, St. Clara against sore eyes, St. Genon against the gout, St. Job and St. Fiage against venereal diseases, St. John against epilepsy and poison, St. Liberious against stone and fistula, St. Maine against scab, St. Margaret against danger in child bearing, also St. Edine, St. Martin for the itch, St. Maure for the gout, St. Marus against palsies and convulsions, St. Otilia against sore eyes and headache, also St. Juliana, St. Petronilla and St. Genevieve against fevers, St. Quintan against coughs, St. Romanus against devils possessing people, St. Ruffin against madness, St. Sebastian and St. Roch against the plague, St. Sigismund against fevers and ague, St. Valentine against epilepsy, St. Venisa against green sickness, St. Wallia or Wallery against the stone, and St. Wolfgang against lameness; and St. Phiacre cures certain diseases in the fundament."

Barnaby Rich, in his Irish Hubbub or English Hue and Crie, 1619, p 36, has the following passage:—

"There be many miracles assigned to saints that are good (as they say) for all diseases; they can give sight to the blind, make the deaf hear, they can restore limbs that be crippled, and make the lame go upright; they be good for horse, swine, and many other beasts; and women are not without their shee saints, to whom they do implore when they would have children, and for quick deliverance when they be in labor.

"They have saints to pray to when they be grieved with a third day's ague, when they be pained with tooth-ache, or when they would be revenged on their angry husbands. They have saints that be good amongst the poultry, for chickens when they have the pip, for geese when they do sit, to have a happy success in goslings. And to be short, there is no disease, no sickness, no grief, either amongst men or beasts, that has not his physician among the saints." Again Milton says:—

"For every limb in a man's body they have a saint. St. Atilia takes care of the head; St. Blasius is appointed to govern the neck; St. Lawrence looks after the back and shoulders; St. Erasmus rules the belly and entrails; and Saints Bergarde, Rochus, Quirinus, John, and many others, govern the thighs, feet, shinnes and knees."

So we see that St. John is not only a patron saint of American Masons, but he also doctors thighs, feet, "shinnes" and knees. The above information I derived from "Brand's Popular Antiquities." I shall return to that work again; but let us now see what Hone has to say upon the subject:—

"The dedication of each day in the year by the Romish Church, in honour of a saint, which converts every day into a festival, is a fact pretty well known to the readers of the *Every-Day Book*. It is also generally known that in certain almanacks every part of the human body is distributed among the days through the year, as subject to diurnal influence, but it is not, perhaps, so well known that every joint on each finger on each hand was appropriated to some saint. The proof of this is supplied by two very old prints, from engravings on wood at the British Museum; they are among a collection of ancient woodcuts pasted in a folio volume. It would occupy too much room to give copies of these representations in *fac simile;* the curious inclined who have access to the Museum print-room may consult the originals, general readers, however, may be satisfied with the following description:—

"RIGHT HAND.

"The top joint of the *thumb* is dedicated to God, the second joint to the Virgin; the top joint of the *forefinger* to Barnabas, the second joint to John, the third to Paul; the top joint of the *second finger* to Simeon Cleophas, the second joint to Tathideo, the third to Joseph; the top joint of the *third finger* to Zaccheus, the second to Stephen, the third to Luke; the top joint of the *little finger* to Leatus, the second to Mark, the third joint to Nicodemus.

"LEFT HAND.

"The top joint of the thumb is dedicated to Christ, the second joint to the Virgin; the top joint of the *forefinger* to St. James, the second to St. John the Evangelist, the third to St. Peter; the first joint of the second finger to St. Simon, the second joint to St. Matthew, the third to St. James the great; the top joint of the *third finger* to St. Jude, the second joint to St. Bartholomew, the third joint to St. Andrew, the top joint of the *little finger* to St. Matthias, the second joint to St. Thomas and the third

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joint to St. Philip." (Every-Day Book, Vol. II., 21st January).

And now I again go back to Brand's work :—

"St. Agatha presided over nurses, St. Catherine and St. Gregory are patrons of literari, or studious persons, St. Catherine also presides over the arts in the room of Minerva, St. Christopher and St. Nicholas preside over mariners, also St. Hermas; St. Cecilia is patroness of musicians, St. Cosmas and St. Damian are the patrons of physicians, surgeons and philosophers, St. Dismas and St. Nicholas preside over thieves, St. Eustace and St. Hubert over hunters, St. Felicitas over young children, St. Julian is the patron of pilgrims, St. Leonard and St. Barbara protect captives, St. Luke is the patron of painters, St. Magdalen, St. Apha and St. Bridget preside over common women, St. Martin and St. Urban over ale-knights, to guard them from falling into the kennel, St. Thomas over Divines, St. Mathurin over fools, St. Thomas à Becket over blind men, eunuchs and sinners, St. Valentine over lovers, St. Wilfrid over virgins, St. Yves over lawyers and civilians, St. Ælian and Æthelbert were invoked against thieves.

"Here also I may notice that St. Agatha presides over valleys, St. Anne over riches, St. Barbara over hills, St. Florin over fire, St. Giles and St. Hyacinth are invoked by barren women, St. Osyth by women to guard their keys, St. Sylvester protects the woods, St. Urban wine and vineyards, St. Vincent and St. Anne are the restorers of lost things, St. Andrew and St. Joseph were patronisers of carpenters, St. Anthony of swineherds and grocers, St. Arnold of millers, St. Blase of woolcombers, St. Catherine of spinners, St. Clement of tanners, St. Cloud of nailsmiths, St. Dunstan of goldsmiths, St. Eloy of blacksmiths, farriers and goldsmiths, St. Euloge of jockeys or smiths, St. Florian of mercers, St. Francis of butchers, St. George of clothiers, St. Goodman of tailors, St. Gore, with the devil on his shoulder and a pot in his hand, is the patron of potters, St. Hilary of coopers, St. John Port-Latin, of booksellers, St. Jose and St. Urban of ploughmen, St. Leodagar of drapers, St. Leonard of locksmiths as well as captives, St. Louis of periwig makers, St. Martin of master shoemakers, and St. Crispin of cobblers and journeyman shoemakers, St. Nicholas of parish clerks and also of butchers, St. Peter of fishmongers, St. Sebastian of pin makers, St. Severus of fullers, St. Stephen of weavers, St. Tibba of falconers, St. Wilfrid of bakers, so were St. Hubert, St. Honore and also St. Clement, St. William of hat makers, St. Windeline of shepherds, St. Anthony protects hogs, St. Ferioll presides over geese, St. Gertrude presides over mice and eggs, St. Hubert protects dogs, and is invoked against the bite of mad ones, St. Magnus is invoked against locusts and caterpillars, St. Pelagius or Pelage, or Peland protects oxen, and St. Wendeline sheep." (Brand Antiquities, Bohn's edition, Vol. I., pages 357, &c.)

The following list of patron saints for different countries and cities I copied from Chambers' Book of Days, Vol. II., p 888 :—*

"England had St. George, Scotland St. Andrew, Ireland St. Patrick, Wales St. David, France St. Denis (in a less degree) St. Michael, Spain St. James (Iago), St. Teresa, Portugal St. Sebastian, Italy St. Anthony, Sardinia St. Mary, Switzerland St. Gall and the Virgin Mary, Germany St. Martin, St. Boniface and St. George Cataphractus, Hungary St. Mary of Aquisgrana and St. Lewis, Bohemia St. Winceslaus, Austria St. Colman and St. Leopold, Flanders St. Peter, Holland St. Mary, Denmark St. Anscharius and St. Canute, Sweden St. Anscharius, St. Eric and St. John, Norway St. Olands and St. Anscharius, Poland St. Stanislaus and St. Henderiga, Prussia St. Andrew and St. Albert, Russia St. Nicholas, St. Mary and St. Andrew." Now for cities :—

"Edinburgh had St. Giles, Aberdeen St. Nicholas, and Glasgow St. Mungo, Oxford had St. Frideswide, Paris St. Genevieve, Rome St. Peter and St. Paul, Venice St. Mark, Naples St. Januarius and St. Thomas Aquinas, Lisbon St. Vincent, Brussels St. Mary and St. Gudula, Vienna St. Stephens, Cologne the three Kings with St. Ursula and the eleven thousand virgins."

I will add that, with the exception of Edinburgh Lodge and the Durham charter of 1671, I could not find in the numerous books I have read about patron saints that the Saints John were either Freemasons or were Masons' patron saints. It is therefore certain that American Masons have been merely pluming themselves with feathers of other birds, as far as the Saints John are concerned; hence, their pretension that the patronage of the Saints John is an ancient landmark *is a mere humbug;* and I am very sure that no rational Christian of the present age will be offended at my designating *saint patronage* as a mere piece of mediæval superstition. Masons' conceit about the "holy Sts. John" being Masonic patrons has long since been laughed at by men of common sense, both without and within the Masonic Fraternity. The Grand Lodge of England, who first introduced the tomfoolery of patron saints into the ritual of modern Masonry, was the first to discard it, and it is high time for American Masons to follow the sensible example of their English brethren. If, however, our Christianising Masons really deem saint patronage essential to Freemasonry, then the most appropriate saint in the calendar for that purpose would be St. Mathurin, *the patron saint of fools*, for if St. Mathurin does his duty he must necessarily know more about the *ins* and *outs* of individual American Masons than even the Saints John know. For instance, all the *high degreers*, from the Royal Arch up, are undoubtedly liegemen or protéges of St. Mathurin, and how large a majority of the remainder of the American Masonic Brotherhood are under St. Mathurin's patronage may readily be imagined, hence the Masonic patronage of St. Mathurin would, I believe, be *just the right thing in the right place*, and I think it would sound just as pleasant for the W.M. to open and close the Lodge in the name of St. Mathurin as to open and close it in the name of the Saints John. I therefore say, *that Masons should either adopt St. Mathurin for their patron saint or give up patron saints altogether.*

* A high authority on the subject of patron saints informed me that St. Marcus was the patron of unfortunate husbands whose wives were faithless.

The September meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck, Past Grand Steward, in the chair. Among the minutes read were those of the Building Committee. Bro. Binckes reported that the £1,000 India Four per Cent. Debentures were paid off, and the amount had been placed to the credit of the account of the Preparatory School Building Fund at the London and Westminster Bank. The receipt of £500, the unconditional grant of Supreme Grand Chapter, was also announced, &c. It was resolved that this amount be placed to the credit of the Preparatory School Building Fund. With reference to the funded stock of the Institution in Three per cent. Consols, it was decided no step be taken for their conversion into stock of a lower value. The Committee afterwards placed two candidates on the list for election in April 1885. An application having been made on behalf of a former pupil of the Institution, for a gift of £40 towards his advancement, by placing him with some electrical engineers, the consideration of the application was deferred till further information could be obtained. Grants of £5 each were made to two former pupils of the school, after which the Committee adjourned.

Brother Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, presided at the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There was a full attendance. Brother James Terry reported the death of two male annuitants, one of whom had been on the books since 1873 and the other since 1877. The Warden's report was read, and cheques were ordered to be signed. The Secretary reported that he had received a cheque for £500 from Supreme Grand Chapter for the Institution, and another for £70 from Grand Lodge for coals for the residents at the asylum at Croydon for the winter months. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Colonel Creaton for obtaining the vote of £500 from Grand Chapter. A letter from Lady Wilson, acknowledging the vote of condolence passed at the last meeting on the occasion of the death of Sir Erasmas, was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

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FREEMASON'S JOURNAL AND MASONIC PRESS.

FROM THE HEBREW LEADER.

WE have obtained a copy of a new four page paper having the above title, and issued in the City of New York, we bespeak it a large patronage, and trust in its success; indeed, we do not doubt its success if it will carry out its professions as contained in its leader of No. 4. The motto is of the true Masonic ring, "Purity, Harmony, Fraternity." The Publisher is Bro. John W. Keeler; Editor, Wor. W. H. McDougall; Contributors, Bros. W. Dalamater and A. J. Burton; Office, 164 Fulton-street.

In welcoming this new comer, we ardently hope it will ever bear in mind its pronounced purpose and opinion, and just so long do we desire to be its companion. The Freemason's Journal says:

"Starting upon the premise that the publication of derogatory personalities, by papers claiming Masonic support, and supposed to be animated by the pure principles of Masonic teaching, is contrary to the established idea of duty, as taught to every initiate and gradulate in our fraternal society, we have no difficulty before us in our attempts to show what should be the aim and end of Masonic Journalism * * *. The Masonic writer, above all members of the Craft, should be upright, truthful, and honourable, inasmuch as the opinions of the profane are influenced by his writing. The effect of a dishonest publication, an untruthful statement or a misrepresentation of facts is not usually regarded as serious as it is in fact.

The secret of non-success of Masonic publications in the City of New York is the hitherto unrecognised fact that there has always been too much passion, prejudice, and personal favouritism displayed in them. We have witnessed, with much sorrow, the rise and fall of promising ventures in Masonic publications, have expressed astonishment at the brevity of their existence, and still have failed to attribute their collapse to the proper cause. Starting fair, they invariably drifted upon well-known shoals, and were stranded.

One is occasionally forced to ask himself the question. Has the subject of Masonry, its morals, its fraternal ties, its charity, its great and important truths, been completely exhausted? Are we obliged, as a brotherhood, to resort to the lowest and meanest kind of journalism to secure readers? Must we fill our Masonic columns with flattery, buncombe, gush, abuse, and scandal to make them interesting to the great body of intelligent Masons? We feel like uttering an emphatic negative to each of these questions, but the facts will not warrant such answers. A brother meeting another says: 'Have you seen the Blatant Scandal this week? You ought to get it and see the way it pitches into Bro. Jones.' Straightway the questioned looks for the paper and reads a fierce onslaught on a brother whom he knows to be a good man and Mason. A laugh follows—and this they call Masonic journalism! And just this sort of thing is what has produced the lamentable lack of pure Masonic reading.

Personalities between brethren should meet with general condemnation, if for no other reason than that they encourage the worst elements of our fraternity as against the better. Of late years we have become accustomed to seeing and hearing certain of our brethren spoken of in highly slanderous and improper terms, and have forgotten our duty to make strong and earnest protest. The time is now come to make a firm stand against the villainous personal attacks upon the reputations of Masons that have become common; the time is come to shun and avoid the utterers of scandalous lies and vile insinuations against the honour and probity of well-known good men and brethren; the time is come to discourage and frown upon men (?) who make Masonry a tool to gratify a malicious nature; the time is come to deny all detractors and falsifiers the rights and privileges due the deserving brother; the time is come to show these miserable creatures of mistaken charity and to the world, that honest Masons do indeed love their honest brethren, and that they will no longer be allowed the use of their foul wills, by pen and by tongue, by press and by speech, to abuse, slander, and defame the men who have served Masonry honourably and faithfully.

Well may we ask ourselves the question: Why do we permit the vicious of the Fraternity to exercise their foul propensities in the view and hearing of all without vigorous defence? It may be said silence is better than repressive action; but silence sometimes becomes acquiescence, and in failure to defend strongly and openly we are apt to be considered as giving some credence to the defamation. Let this no longer be the rule. Crush slander by putting upon it the foot of earnest protest, and if that fails try the remedies Masonic law permits."

If the Freemason's Journal will act in the spirit it commends, it will not be long ere "Blatant Scandal" will be kicked out of decent society, when Grand Officers will cease to walk hand in hand with Mendacity, and when Lodges and brethren will stop their contributions now given for fear of the pen of the vilifier, or in other words when the necessity for present cowardice will be removed, and Masonry and manhood will assert themselves.

The twenty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of California was held in April last, in San Francisco. Sir Knight George C. Perkins G.C. presided, and twenty-two Commanderies were represented. The annual statement of accounts showed total fund 8,485 dollars; disbursements 4,434 dollars; balance 4,051 dollars. An elegant silver service was presented to Sir Knight Perkins on his retirement from the Grand Commandership. Sir Knight W. Monroe Petrie, of Sacramento, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight T. Hubbard Caswell re-elected Grand Recorder.

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REV. BROTHER JOHN ENTICK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You have given frequent opportunities of airing his views to Bro. Jacob Norton; perhaps you will spare me a small space for a few remarks anent that able and somewhat eccentric brother. I do not think I am far wrong in regarding Bro. Norton as a Masonic Iconoclast. He is always tilting at some cherished idol or other, and if he is not the Don Quixote of the Craft, he is never tired of warring against what most Freemasons regard as the picturesque and romantic surroundings of the Order. His admiration for Rationalism seems to deprive him of all reverence for Tradition. With him the absence of proof that does not amount to mathematical demonstration is regarded as positive evidence against all speculative philosophy, all tradition, and those charming poetic sentiments which abound in the Craft, and without which it would be shorn of much of its beauty and grandeur. Bro. Norton, nevertheless, has done, and is doing, good service by his sledge-hammer criticisms and his courageous and bold assertions. Like thousands of others I reverence traditions, I venerate old-world thoughts and actions, where they are not absolutely wicked, and I have a decided objection to have my idols rudely demolished before my very eyes. I believe utilitarianism to be one of the greatest curses of the present age—worse than any superstitious belief that is now prevalent or likely to arise among the Masonic body. I hold strongly, too, that to be without the traditions of the past would be a present living death. Sentiment is a greater factor in life than Bro. Norton seems willing to admit, and while I respect him for having the courage of his convictions, I should be more inclined to pay attention to him were he less brutal in assailing what he may term false and worthless prejudices.

Bro. Norton's letter in your last issue places him in a very favourable light. He there ceases to destroy, and attempts to educate. He exposes the shortcomings of what should be regarded as a high Masonic authority, and he supplies some facts which merit and demand a larger audience than the Craft affords. Bro. Entick was not only an able Freemason, the author of Latin and English dictionaries, but he was a somewhat prolific historian. This fact ought to have found a place in a work professing to be a Masonic Cyclopædia. Bro. Norton has done well in pointing out omissions in a work that should be free from such blemishes. It is another matter when political and partizan opinions and acts are in question. Bro. Entick may have been a patriot, but I hardly think, were he alive, he would claim the exceptional honour with which Bro. Norton would invest him at the expense of his brethren of the same Order. All English Freemasons know that politics are excluded from Lodges and Masonic intercourse, and it is a matter of opinion how much of the career of a distinguished brother should be given in a work purporting to be a cyclopædia. My own idea is, that all matters of a public character should be regarded in the simplest form when they in no way relate to the Craft, leaving it to the reader's desire for further information to seek it where it may be found. I fear, in the case in question, the omissions referred to by Bro. Jacob Norton are the result of ignorance and slovenliness, two faults in a compiler that go far to destroy confidence in his accuracy and judgment. Most intelligent Masons would like to know of the doings of a learned brother, more especially if those doings were of a particularly noteworthy character. Some men miss fame as others do fortune, and this appears to have been the case with Bro. Entick, who acted a real patriot's part, but who, unlike Wilkes, failed to attain the popularity that followed and still clings to the demagogue's name.

I may mention that I have three authorities where Bro. Entick's name ought to appear, but, strange to say, he only figures in one, and in that no mention is made of his patriotic resistance to the exercise of tyrannical and arbitrary authority. Where his name is mentioned, the date of his death is given as 1780. If any excuse is needed for Bro. Woodford's omission it is to be found in the fact that, in a dictionary devoted to literature, Bro. Entick's name is not to be found, and that in a popular reference book, where the name is recorded, no mention is made of facts given by Sir Erskine May in his great work. Notwithstanding this defence, I agree with Bro. Norton that Bro. Entick deserved better treatment than he has received at the hands of the compiler of the cyclopædia he refers to.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

9th Sept. 1884.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I wrote last week about Bro. Entick the Masonic library room was undergoing repairs, and I could not get any books out of the cases. I have, however, since then consulted Mackey's Cyclopædia and Oliver's Revelations of a Square. Mackey mentions Entick's History in five volumes, and another work in four volumes, and Oliver merely gives the names of several of Entick's sermons. In Gorton's Biographical Dictionary Entick is thus referred to:—

"A miscellaneous compiler; was born in 1713. Where he was educated is not known; nor, although he styled himself 'Rev. John

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Entick, A.M.' is it understood where he obtained his orders or his degree. At the age of eighteen he engaged in a controversy with Woolston, against whom he wrote a tract entitled 'The Evidence of Christianity proved from Facts,' which is supposed to be a translation from Houteville. He was subsequently a schoolmaster in the vicinity of Stepney, and wrote largely for booksellers who published in numbers, for whom he compiled the 'Naval Wars,' 'A History of the Seven Years' War.' He enlarged the edition of 'Maitland's History of London,' &c., &c. In the latter of these works he inserted a 'History of Wilke's proceedings with the City of London,' having been one of the warmest partizans. He also compiled a small Latin Dictionary, and the English Spelling Dictionary, of which great numbers were for some years sold, and had a share in composing the new 'Weekly Preparation,' and the 'Whole Duty of Man.' He died in May 1773."

As the writer of the above short notice referred to "Lysons' Environs of London," I consulted the said work. The date of Entick's burial is given therein, 23rd May 1773. Lysons mentions that Entick wrote for the anti-ministerial paper called the "Monitor," his being taken up under a general warrant, for which he recovered damages, and that twenty thousand copies of the two Dictionaries above named "have been printed at a time."

I also consulted Chalmer's Biographical Dictionary, and all that I found therein which the above paragraphs are minus of is, that Entick married a widow, and that both died the same year, and were buried in the same ground.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 30th Aug. 1884.

MASONIC EXHIBITIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have given so much prominence in your columns to the recent Masonic Conversazione at Worcester. These Exhibitions deserve every encouragement. They not only bring us, as it were, into direct contact with the past by means of the mementoes and relics of former brethren of greater or less distinction, but they are likewise calculated to foster a love of Masonic study. However, my object in writing these few lines is not to express my own opinion on the subject, but to draw your attention to the fact that our American brethren are strongly advocating similar Exhibitions. I have just had shown me an article in the *Hebrew Leader*, in which part of a former article of yours on the Worcester meeting is quoted, and the proposal is directly made to have an Exhibition or Museum of Masonic curios at New York, the proceeds to be utilised in aid of the funds of the Masonic Board of Relief of that city. This is a wrinkle which deserves attention in the old country as well.

I had the good fortune to be present at the Worcester meeting, and heard the remarks of your representative when responding for the "Masonic Press," in which he suggested that the authorities at Headquarters should take the matter in hand, and establish a Museum under the wing of Grand Lodge. I quite endorse all that he said, and hope ere long to hear that his suggestions have been carried out.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

A STUDIOUS MASON.

MARK MASONRY.

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PANMURE LODGE, No. 139.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, the 1st instant, at 8A Red Lion Square, Holborn. Lodge was opened by Brother T. Poore P.M., in the absence (through illness) of Brother Walmsley W.M. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. Vincent S.W., E. Whittaker J.W., T. E. Hawkins M.O., G. Allen S.O., E. Axford J.O., C. Tayler J.D., Bond, Grist, Edmonds, Gregory Secretary, Hobbs, &c., &c. Visitor—Bros. Matier P.G.W. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed, and the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Poore installed Bro. W. Vincent as W.M., and the Officers were appointed as follow:—Bros. Whittaker S.W., Hawkins J.W., Allen M.O., Axford S.O., Tayler J.O., Edmonds Treasurer, Pulman P.M. Secretary, Jenner Reg. of Marks, Phillips S.D., Bond J.D., Grist I.G., Lee Organist, Gregory D.C., Ray Steward. Bro. Poore gave the customary addresses in his usual eloquent and impressive manner. A ballot was taken for Brother Bolton, J.W. of the Acacia Lodge, Bromley, which was unanimous in his favour, and he was advanced to the rank of M.M.M., by Brother Vincent. Lodge was closed and adjourned till the first Monday in November. The members afterwards dined together at the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was supplied, under the direction of Bro. Hamp. The W.M., Bro. Vincent, who presided, gave the usual loyal and customary toasts, and after passing a pleasant and enjoyable evening the brethren separated.

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SEASONABLE REMARKS.

MASONIC bodies that have been taking a vacation during the heated term will mostly resume labour during the month of September. The members having enjoyed a season of rest from Masonic work should respond to the call with alacrity, and go to work with renewed vigour, and with a full determination to promote the best interests of their respective bodies and Masonry generally. There are special reasons why this should be the case at the present time. This is the great political campaign year. The next three months will be full of excitement, noise, and confusion. The great political parties are already in the field with their chosen leaders engaged in a mighty struggle for supremacy. Every man is expected to be found somewhere in the lines. In the great enthusiasm which prevails in such a contest other interests are often neglected.

Masonry has nothing to do with political campaigns, only so far as to guard the Order against injury from them. In proportion to the whole, Masons will be found in about equal numbers in all parties. The great trouble seems to be that men cannot discuss politics as they do any other subject, pleasant and dispassionately. Vituperation often takes the place of argument, and personal character is assailed by the worst of methods; sometimes with but little regard for truth. To learn to subdue the passions is one of the first duties taught in Masonry. Masons engaged in politics should be careful to observe this first duty, give no license to the tongue in the heat of public debate but such as truth, honour, and justice may warrant. Let no provocation make you forget that a Mason should always be a gentleman.

There is one pleasant thought that comes up in this connection. The Mason can find a safe retreat from the unseemly strife that he now finds in all public places where men most do congregate by going to his Lodge. Here he finds peace, harmony and goodwill. The noisy politician is conspicuously absent, or has kindly left his diatribe outside the Tyler's door. Political opponents here sit side by side, with apparently the most kindly feelings, while from the East they hear, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." They listen with earnest interest as the neophyte is instructed that by the use of the compass Masons are taught to regulate their desires, and keep their passions within due bounds. Every word they hear is calculated to make them wiser, better, and consequently happier. The Mason who can go forth from such a place without feeling that he has been benefitted, is hardly a fit subject for the honour conferred upon him on his admission.

Masonry in Indiana at the present time is on a good footing. With abundant crops generally throughout the State, the outlook for business is good. Such being the case there will be doubtless many seeking admission into the Order. The ability to pay the initiation fee does not prove a man worthy of admission. No Lodge, however poor, can afford to be influenced by such a consideration. As has been said repeatedly, numbers do not constitute strength in Masonry. The largest Lodge in the State was not represented at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge because its dues were not paid. Allowing members to become delinquent for dues was breaking down this Lodge, and there are many more in a poor, sickly condition from the same cause. Bad financial management in Lodges is the weakest point in Masonry. In resuming active labour let the first business be an inquiry as to the standing of members. Start with the determination to carry no member delinquent beyond the close of the year. The time of the Lodge will be much more profitably employed in attending to this matter than in making new Masons.—*Masonic Advocate.*

DESIGN OF THE DEGREES.

THE initiation into the first, or Entered Apprentice's Degree, was made to partake, in a slighter proportion, of those trials of physical and moral courage for which the admission into ancient and chiefly Egyptian mysteries are famous. The second or Fellow Craft's was rendered interesting by those scientific instructions and philosophical lectures which characterised later parts of the mysteries; though both degrees were made to tend to the glory of that God who had given such faculties to them and to the

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welfare of their fellow creatures. Thus instructed in morals and science, the third, or Master Mason's Degree, led them to that great truth which the sublimest part even of the heathen mysteries, though it seldom succeeded, was intended to teach, and the faithful believer was assured of a future life and immortality beyond the grave. And, whereas the heathens had taught this only by the application of a fable to their purpose, the wisdom of the pious Grand Master of Israelitish Masons took advantage of a real circumstance, which would more forcibly impress the sublime truths he intended to inculcate upon the minds of all brethren. Such is a brief outline, intelligible, I trust, to the members of the Order, of the design of that beautiful system which, when established, has long been the admiration of the world, and has stood the test of ages amid every persecution.—*Archdeacon Mant.*

VACATION PERIODS.

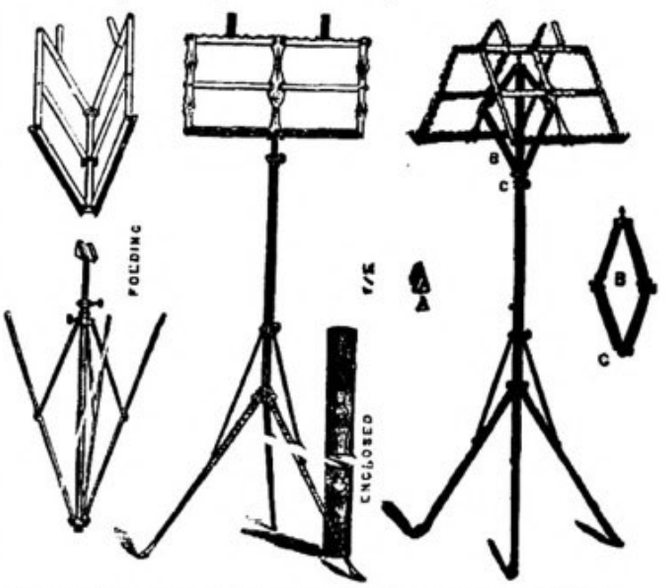
THAT a holiday is needed now and then by all who devote themselves heartily to any business or professional calling, will not be denied. All workers, if they hope to continue their toil, must occasionally intermit their labours; they must make *pauses* in life; they must break up by changes of scene and place the monotonous ways of customary existence. A vacation for the worn body and the weary brain is not merely a luxury, it is a necessity. Not all require the same kind of a vacation. In some cases, perhaps, short respites from ordinary work are best, and these may be taken frequently, as circumstances open the way. With others, however, there must be a complete change, and longer periods of cessation from routine engagements. So it is the overworked powers are recruited, and new resources are gathered with which to enter again the paths of accustomed activity.

We believe in vacations; and we trust that our friends and the readers of the *Repository* generally may be privileged to break their wonted toil, and profit by occasional seasons of rest and refreshment. We are writing these lines several hundred miles distant from home, and under conditions entirely different from those that make up the usual order in our preparation of copy for the *Repository*. Our vacation is not altogether a period of rest, for on many days we must hold the pen in hand and attempt some work; nevertheless the change of place and surroundings, and the diversion of activity which we are able to have, bring us a blessing. So it is we hope to find this vacation period, like others that have gone before it in our experience, fruitful in ministries of good. By the seaside and on the mountains—going over the old ways in familiar localities, or seeking out new regions of attraction—we hope to gather rest and refreshment, with some new zest of life, from the brief holiday with which we are favoured. May those who read these lines—our brethren privileged to enjoy some time in cessation from accustomed labours, and perchance in "Green fields and pastures new," be profited in like manner. Let us not think that we are really losing anything by taking these *pauses* in life—by doing individually what Masonic Lodges for the most part do at this season of the year, viz. calling off from labour to refreshment. If we have earned the right to a vacation we need not fear to take it, and we ought to enjoy it and profit by its gifts. It is often said that the hardest worker lives the longest, but only those live long who sufficiently break their wonted toil by the acceptance of occasional well-timed and well-spent holidays.

M.E. Sir Knight Rich. L. Wolsey, G.C., presided at the thirty-eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, held in Indianapolis, on 29th and 30th April last. Twenty-eight Commanderies were represented, and the Reports were very satisfactory. There appears to be a membership of 2,359, and the statement of account shows receipts 6,717 dollars; disbursements 3,111 dollars; balance 3,606 dollars. Sir Knight Walter Vail was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

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CATALOGUE OF THE MASONIC SOIREE AND EXHIBITION, WORCESTER, AUGUST, 1844.

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THE next group of exhibits is contributed by Bro. Lane, and consists of certificates, jewels, aprons, and jugs bearing Masonic emblems. The certificates, of which there are two, are Ancient and Modern respectively, the former having been issued by "Lodge No. 1, Jersey"—No. 98 on the "Atholl" roll—now Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, Guernsey. The latter, which was issued by "Lodge 360, Brixham (now 248)," contains the arms of the "Moderns." Of the three jewels, one (No. 320 in Catalogue) is described by Bro. Hughan as "a very fine, large, and massive jewel, either of a Master or a P.M. of a Lodge; probably the latter." The aprons, Nos. 323 and 325A, are—the former of linen "called the 'Moira apron,' containing at foot an eulogistic inscription in praise of the Earl of Moira A.G.M." the latter of white leather, bound with blue ribbon, having on the flap "an eye irradiated, on the apron Masonic emblem," with "Three Candlesticks of unequal height on a platform of three steps, in gilt." Of this Bro. Hughan writes, "This apron belonged to Laurence Kelly, bricklayer, who was in the Tippoo War. He wore it on S. John's Day, in Carlisle, 50 years ago, and its age is about a century."

Bros. T. and J. Bragg, of Birmingham, follow next, with a long array (Nos. 326-364) of valuable relics, chiefly foreign. Among them are several medals, which Bro. Hughan speaks of as "of unusual in-

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terest and importance." No. 330 commemorates the "50th Anniversary of Freedom of Lodge of Holland;" No. 336, the "75th Anniversary of Batavia Lodge (E. India)," and was issued in 1844; No. 337, the "300th Anniversary of Charter of Cologne Freemasons, 1835," the accuracy of which date Brother Hughan, though he allows the medal is a curio, very naturally treats off-hand as a little "fib." No. 334 is a "Fac-Simile of Fellow Craft Jewel" of the year 1781; No. 352 is a "Silver Master's Jewel" of 1744; No. 358 an "Ancient Fellow Craft Jewel—Brilliants and Garnets;" and No. 361 an "Oval enamelled Masonic Jewel of Prince Jerome Buonaparte, Amsterdam." Nos. 357 and 362 are—the one a "Figure of Masonry," in silver, and the other an "Ancient Masonic Device found in a Bog in Ireland."

Nos. 365-382 are from the collection of Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treasurer Wilts, and include several of what Bro. Hughan calls interesting "Masonics." No. 367 is described as a "Craft Masonry Ritual in cipher (circ. 1776) in the handwriting of Michael Burrough, the exhibitor's great grandfather;" No. 369, the "Original Minutes of Meeting of a Provincial Grand Lodge for Wiltshire, at Salisbury, 22nd September 1777, with the names of those present; including Thomas Dunckerley, P.G.M., and Michael Burrough, P.G. Secretary;" No. 370 is a "Knight's Templar Ritual in cipher (circ. 1796), in the handwriting of Michael Burrough, who was the first Grand Master for Wiltshire of the Knights Templar, on the re-organisation of that Order;" and No. 382, a "Secretary's Silver Jewel, worn in the Lodge at Devizes up to 1826."

The contributions of Bro. J. E. Le Fevre, Prov. Grand Secretary Hants and Isle of Wight, (Nos. 383-403), consist chiefly of editions of the "Constitutions of Grand Lodge of England," all of which, published during the last century are, according to Bro. Hughan, here represented, save the Appendix of A.D. 1776, which, however, is exhibited by Bro. G. Taylor. In addition are "Cole's engraved list, 1770," which, as Bro. Hughan says, is rarely met with; Cole's "Illustrations," published in 1801, containing particulars of our Masonic Schools, as then constituted, and a "Pocket Companion," published in Dublin in 1735, of which the worthy annotator remarks that it "is a little treasure, and especially valuable to our American brethren, as it contains a notice of a Lodge at Philadelphia 1730 (circa), which does not occur in any other list known." No. 402 is a "Minute Book," of the "Royal Arch Chapter, No. 174, Southampton, from A.D. 1783." As regards what Bro. Hughan says of this, we cannot do better than quote his remarks in full: "This Minute Book is one of several remarkable exhibits, which have been made known to the Craft through the Worcester Masonic Exhibition, 1884. I have never met before this with a *separate* Royal Arch Minute Book of the 'Ancients,' and thought it probably one of the 'Moderns,' as a Chapter was granted for Southampton by the Grand Chapter formed by many of the latter brethren, as No. 13, and named the 'Concord' in 1777, now apparently under the wing of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, but still named 'Concord.' The explanations afforded by Bro. Le Fevre (Prov. Grand Secretary), however, clearly prove that this Chapter was in connection with the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 174, of the 'Ancients' warranted A.D. 1772. There was, however, a 'Modern' Lodge, chartered and worked in that town by many of the brethren who belonged also to the rival organisation. This Lodge, also called 'Royal Gloucester,' was warranted in 1792, but dropped at the 'Union,' hence the members secured a higher number by retaining the 'Atholl' Charter, the Lodge now being No. 139."

Among the exhibits (Nos. 404-420) sent by Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, of Bradford, Yorkshire, will be found several Certificates, No. 404 being a Craft Certificate issued by the Ancients in 1807, and bearing the signatures of Robert Leslie and Edward Harper, respectively Grand and Deputy Grand Secretaries of that body. Nos. 407 and 408 are Royal Arch Certificates, the former English of No. 39 (Ancients) Manchester," now No. 44, and the latter Irish of "No. 383 (Ireland) Caledon." In these Bro. Hughan points out the order of the Degrees varies. No. 410 is a Knight Templar Certificate issued by No. 39, Manchester, in 1814, other than Craft degrees being granted in Craft Lodges in those days. Nos. 421-470 are chiefly Aprons, Medals, and jewels; No. 431 a Pierced Silver Jewel of "A.M. 5783," being noted by Bro. Hughan as "very rare," and No. 433, of a similar character, as "quite a little treasure." Of No. 458, an engraved Silver Medal of 1790, exhibited by Bro. Thomas Francis Provincial S.G.D. Sussex, he writes, "One of the finest engraved Medals I have ever seen; the obv. being beautifully executed. The same brother contributes two other rare engraved Silver Medals, Nos. 459 and 460, and "The Freemason's Accusation and Defence," published London 1726, which Bro. Hughan designates as "exceedingly rare and valuable." Bro. Rylands's collection, Nos. 471-491, include a number of old Masonic Aprons. No. 492, "Curious old Roll of Ancient Charges of Masonry on Parchment, date 1686," though exhibited by Captain N. G. Philips, of the Supreme Council, A. and A. Rite, is, we understand, the property of Colonel Clerke, Grand Secretary. Bro. Hughan speaks of it as valuable, though the text is of the ordinary kind, and suggests that though it has never yet been published, it "deserves to be." The Illumination contains the Arms of the City of London and the Masons' Company. Bro. Frazer, of Dublin, contributes Nos. 493-512B, No. 493 being "Rare Silver Medals of the 'Gormagons,' with original shagreen case"—the Gormagons being a society formed in 1724, in opposition to the Freemasons, but extinct in 1738. No. 494 is considered to be unique, and is described as a "Kill-Winning Medal, in copper," apparently "connected with the introduction of 'Scottish Rites' into Ireland." Nos. 513-690 are sent by various exhibitors, many of them being interesting from personal associations or otherwise, as, for instance, No. 577, "Jewel of J.G.W., which belonged to the Honble. Thomas Dundas, afterwards Earl of Zetland and M.W.G.M.;" No. 595, "The Antient Constitution of the Free and Accepted Masons, neatly engraved on copper plates, with a speech delivered by the Grand Lodge at York; also a Speech of Edward Oakley, Architect, &c., M.M., late Senior Grand Warden in Carmarthen, South Wales. Likewise a Prologue, spoken by M. Mills, and an Epilogue, &c., to which is added a curious collection of Masonic Songs. Second edition. London, 1731;" and No. 599, "Oval Silver Jewel, 1790. obv.—Arms of Grand Lodge; rev.—Masonic emblems," of which Bro. Hughan writes: "This is a remarkable Jewel, and the only one I have ever seen of the kind, having the Arms of the 'Atholl' Grand Lodge on the obv., the legends 'Holiness to the Lord,' and 'Amor, Honor, et Justitia (rev.), with such a combination of Emblems."

Nos. 601-4, exhibited by Bro. Judge Townshend, Past D.G.M. Ireland, includes three honorary decorations, which Bro. Hughan says are the finest of the kind he has ever seen. Nos. 605-616A, sent by Bro. Patchett, of Nottingham, consist chiefly of certificates and circulars, there being also a "Photograph of the Newstead warrant, 1774." Bro. Hughan remarking that he has a copy of it, "but it is dated A.D. 1755-63. None exist of the kind before 1751." Nos. 617-626 appear to be Portraits of Masonic chiefs. No. 617 being one of "Antony Sayer, Grand Master," of the year 1700, and representing him, we presume, as he was in that year, not in 1717 when he held the office of G.M. No. 626 is a Portfolio containing various "Masonics," among which is "Biographical Memoir of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, county of Cork, the only Female Freemason," respecting which we will only remark, that the qualificative "only" is, we believe, no longer applicable to this lady. The exhibits of Bro. Gration, Secretary of Lodge No. 1513—Nos. 627-634, are curious as referring to circumstances the occurrence of which is scarcely so much as recognised in our Histories of English Masonry.

The group that follows—Nos. 635-653—are sent by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, the first nine being old Mark and other certificates, which Bro. Hughan says "are most interesting to those who appreciate the additional degrees, the ninth of the series being particularly curious and rarely to be met with." Group Nos. 654-707, contains a numerous collection of medals, several of them being described as very rare. Thus, of No. 656—Silver Medal, Bro. Hughan remarks "Rare;" of No. 658 he says—"The medal is very rare in such a fine state, as both dies badly cracked soon after a few were struck off." No. 659—"Bronze Medal (proof). Accolated Busts of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence, A.D. 1802"—he describes as a "very fine impression of this beautiful medal." Respecting No. 661—"Silver Medal (elliptical). Struck in 1807 by the Lodge 'De la Vester,' to commemorate the conduct of the King of Holland on the Explosion of a Powder Ship on the Canal, Rappesburg, &c—" We are told "Marvin (212) only knows two impressions of this medal in all America. I know of but this one in England. It is engraved in the 'Trésor Numis. Napoleon,' Plate 21." No. 665 Bro. Hughan says is "very rarely met with in silver. Marvin only mentions it in copper," and the same is said of No. 669, which is "only quoted in bronze." No. 674—"Medal of the Lodge of Friendship, Paris, A.D. 1777," he tells us is a "very rare medal, only incidentally recorded by Merzdorf, but known to Marvin, who gives a plate of it in his work." No. 701 is a "Perfect Ashlar, made from a portion of stone quarried from the North Front, Gibraltar, for purpose of making specimens to present to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his visit, A.D. 1858;" No. 702—a "Mark Keystone, made from portions of marble mantelpiece taken from quarters of General Officer commanding at Sebastopol, 1855;" No. 703—"Mark Oblong Stone, made from portion of Turkish Tombstone, brought from the City of the Dead at Scutari, 1854;" and No. 704—"Royal Arch Pedestal, made from piece of marble brought from the Moorish Alhambra in Granada." Nos. 701, 702, and 704 are severally ornamented with their appropriate Masonic emblems. No. 706 is a "Box of miniature Working Tools," made by the exhibitor himself, except as to the metal portion of the work, "the Square, Level and Plumb-rule, Shovel, Skirret, and Mallet being of wood from an olive tree growing in English Military Burial Ground, Scutari, 1855."

(To be continued.)

We publish, this week, text of the Sermon preached before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester, by the Dean of York, the Very Rev. Bro. A. Purey-Cust, Past Grand Chaplain England:—

"In every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him."—Acts x. 35.

"Unless their pretensions were utterly worthless, they believed that the Craft expressed the voice which had been crying since the earliest days in the interests of humanity; a voice, as it were, of one crying in the wilderness, crying for light, for sympathy, and for order. Their ideal was surely a commendable one—one which God accepted, and which men should, therefore, acknowledge and honour. To fear God and work righteousness was the essence and aim of their Craft. It might be urged that the objects which their predecessors professed to seek had been found, and that, therefore, for all practical purposes, in these practical days, their Craft might well be swept away. He ventured to think such a Community as theirs, with its high object, its long history, and its grand mission, was as much, if not more than ever, needed. It was an age of civilisation, of life and knowledge, but was it not also an age when the recognition of God was being swept away from our midst, and the voice of the throne no longer exhorted people to morality, when national education was becoming more and more secular, when the infinite and incomprehensible mysteries of heaven were subjected by the finite mind of man to captious positivism, when things sacred and things secular were being separated, when wise men met in congress and the very mention of God's name was hushed; when a pseudo Liberality was clamouring over church disestablishment, and the last traces of the very acknowledgment of God should be blotted out; was this the time to discourage the works of such a Community? Distinctions of social rank must make many strangers to each other. Was it not surely something to find one place in the world where

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those considerations did not enter; a neutral ground where, without any unreality or compromise, man met his fellow-man and learned to know him apart from those distinctions which must prevail without. If the Craft had been a mere antiquity, a mere parade of costume, a mere histrionic ceremonial, they would have no place there that day, and his tongue would have been silent on such a subject in that holy place. But because he believed it was and would be a far more mighty engine in the future of religious and moral and social stability, he rejoiced that he was one amongst them and was speaking to them there that day. The times were too momentous for trifling, however harmless and picturesque that trifling might be. It was said that every institution in these days was on its trial, and therefore Freemasonry among the rest. Men were watching and asking what meant they by that service, and formed their opinions as to whether the Craft was worthy to be preserved or relegated to the fripperies of the past. It was not enough to assert the antiquity of their Order, and its sufficiency in the present. It was not enough to point to the roll of illustrious names that had or were filling their ranks. It would be weighed, and being weighed in a sterner and less sentimental and sometimes less friendly balance, by what they themselves individually were, and not what they professed their Craft to be. It would be proved or condemned as regards its worthiness by Christian men, and if they would gain their respect they must take heed to themselves. There were and there must be in every ancient community something which needed restoring, abuses which needed reforming, and they had their peculiar and besetting dangers and temptations. They could thankfully and boldly declare, what so many of their national institutions could also declare, that very many of the shortcomings of former days had long ago become things of the past. But it was never the time to hold their hands, it was never the time to assume that they were perfect, that they were doing all they could and ought to do. He believed a great future was open before their Craft if they were only faithful to it, and as they might look back in the past with gratitude and pride so they might look forward to the future with confidence and pleasure. The more genuine they were the better they would be appreciated, and those misrepresentations against the Order which were fast dying out would take their place among the old fables of the past. The best and only answer to such calumnies was to live so that people could respect them, for from their daily life would people form their opinions as to whether the Order to which they belonged was or was not worthy."

NATIONAL STANDARD THEATRE.

EVERY one knows how admirably this East-end Theatre is conducted by the Brothers Douglass, and there are few people, we imagine, who have not had experience of one of our worthy Bro. Willing's dramas, "original, emotional, and sensational," as they always are, and realistic likewise to the very nines. Last week was produced "Daybreak," by this popular playwright, and the best way to commend it to the notice of our readers is to advise them to lose no time in seeing it. It has been produced by Bro. John Douglass in a manner which reflects on him the greatest credit. When we say that the scenery is by Bro. Richard Douglass, we shall have said enough to warrant its artistic excellence. The cast includes such able artists as Messrs. E. Sass, R. Lyons, F. Shepherd, Miss Carlotta Addison and Miss Amy Steinberg, while some of the tableaux, notably that of the race for the Derby, are extraordinarily lifelike. Indeed, nothing can well surpass Bro. Willing's new drama, as it is nightly placed on the Standard boards, whether we have regard to the scenic and dramatic effects, or the acting of the company individually and as a whole. A rare treat is in store for those who follow our advice and witness a performance of "Daybreak."

Music Halls are usually assigned an inferior rank among our places of public amusement, but of late years the tone and character of the entertainments they furnish have been very greatly improved, and several of our Halls are well worth a visit, among them being the South London Palace, London-road, S.E., and the Metropolitan, Edgware-road. Of the former, Messrs. Poole and Ulph jun. are the proprietors, the task of management being entrusted to the latter of these gentlemen. The entertainment is of a varied character, and in all respects most praiseworthy, the principal artists being Miss Nelly Sylvester—serio-comic and dancer; the Angelotti Troupe, Mrs. Leonard Charles, double-voiced vocalist, Miss Nellie L'Estrange, and the Brothers Onda, trapezists. Grotesque comedy, and that dry humour of former days which was wholly independent of dress and other accessories, are ably represented by Mr. T. W. Barrott and Mr. Joe Colverd, the latter of whom is the epitome of geniality and true fun. The Metropolitan has for its proprietor Mr. H. G. Lake, and for its manager Mr. W. Bailey, the principal feature of the evening's entertainment being a grand ballet, styled "Iris," in which about twenty principal dancers and a corps de ballet, fully a hundred strong, are introduced. No expense has been spared in order to make this ballet as brilliant and effective as possible. Both these Halls have the further advantage of being easily accessible from all parts of the metropolis, the South London Palace being close by the Elephant and Castle, and the Metropolitan near the Praed-street and Edgware-road stations of the Underground Railway.

The Southend Regatta will take place on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. The arrangements made by the executive who have charge of the management appear to give great satisfaction. Mr. W. H. Collier has undertaken the duties of Secretary, and is ably assisted by Mr. Middleton (Treasurer) and Mr. Brazier (Chairman of Committee). Given a fine day, and the entertainment provided will, we are sure, afford enjoyment to the visitors.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

BROTHER W. McDonald, who has ably filled the chair of this Lodge during the last twelve months, completed his term of service on Thursday, the 4th instant, when he installed his successor, in a manner that gave the most unqualified satisfaction to those who attended to do honour to the occasion. The brethren assembled at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 3.30 p.m., when Lodge was opened with the usual formalities. After the minutes of last regular Lodge meeting, and those of an Emergency meeting, had been read and confirmed, the auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. James Robson, the W.M. elect, was presented by Brother Past Master Myers, and was regularly installed in the chair. The following brethren were appointed Officers for the year:—Kimball S.W., Seymour-Clarke J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. Treasurer, Downing Sec., Chamberlain S.D., Winkley J.D., Smith I.G., C. G. Young P.M. Org., and Tombs W.S. The addresses were well rendered by Brother McDonald, and after routine work, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served by the proprietors of this popular establishment, and on the removal of the cloth Brother Robson proposed the customary toasts. In his opening remarks he intimated his intention to be brief, but in speaking of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, he might direct attention to the fact that she was ever ready to sympathise with her subjects, while she was a liberal subscriber to the Institutions associated with the Craft. In referring to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the W.M. said that among his many engagements the Prince of Wales evinced a vast amount of enthusiasm in carrying out his Masonic duties. After full justice had been done to the toast of the Grand Officers, Bro. McDonald rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. It was essentially a pleasant duty he had to perform. From the zeal and ability Brother Robson had displayed in the various offices he had already filled the members were led to believe that a successful future was before them. He urged on all to give their utmost assistance, and he did this the more readily as he was assured the W.M. would conduct the business of the Lodge in a manner that would be creditable to himself. After a capital rendering of "Jack's Return," by Bro. Seymour Clarke, the W.M. replied. After thanking the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast, Bro. Robson said that from the outset of his Masonic career he had estimated at their true value the privileges of association with members of the Order. Hitherto he had been an ardent student, and now he had been promoted to his present high position his efforts should not be relaxed. His first care should ever be to promote harmony and good feeling amongst the members of the Lodge. In speaking to the toast of the Past Masters the W.M. said that the Lodge had had its periods of prosperity and its periods of depression. Circumstances over which they had no control had arisen whereby their list of Past Masters had been reduced. On the present occasion there were but three present, viz. Bros. McDonald, Myers, and Lewis. He would call on each to respond. Bro. McDonald thanked the brethren for the way they had received his name, so kindly brought before them by the W.M. His year of office had been a most pleasant one, and he had throughout been ably assisted by the Officers. It had given him intense gratification to instal Bro. Robson, who would undoubtedly prove a competent exponent of the Ritual of Freemasonry. Bro. Lewis expressed his satisfaction at seeing the Lodge so well officered; this augured well for its future success. The Visitors were next complimented, and each in turn made a few remarks, the general tone of which expressed gratification at seeing such good feeling and harmony prevailing in the Lodge. In replying to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. W. H. Myers took a retrospective glance. As one of the Founders, and always a constant attendant, he had witnessed many changes, but in his opinion they were now comfortably located, and there was every reason to believe they would have a bright future before them. He appreciated the honour conferred upon him by the brethren in electing him to the office of Treasurer, and assured them any funds entrusted to him should be disbursed with a due regard to economy, and to further the interests of the Lodge. The Secretary having added a few words, the Officers were complimented, and shortly afterwards the Tyler gave the parting toast. During the evening some capital songs were sung, and several recitations given. Miss Thomas rendered good service by her performance at the pianoforte. The proceedings were of a most agreeable character. The following were present as Visitors;—Brothers W. Cook S.W. 22, C. Robson 960, J. Cox 1766, J. G. Twinn S.D. 1306, R. W. Galer S.D. 1366, E. Brooks 766, G. Skeggs P.M. 144, James Salmon S.D. 1399, J. Sanderson 606, R. T. Dunn 1524, C. Buckhurst P.M. 157, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 10th instant, at the White Hart Tavern, Lambeth, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Bale, the W.M. of the Lodge. The other Officers present were Bros. W. Davis S.W., W. Minstrell J.W., E. Thurckle Treasurer, W. Stewart P.M. Secretary, W. Watson J.D., E. Chamberlaine D.C., R. Lambourne I.G., John Irving Steward, P.M.'s W. Robinson, J. Skirving, R. Whiting, A. Timothy, R. Hopkins; while among the members were Bros. A. Finch, W. Nickoles, Isaac Pratt, Thomas Cawthorne, Mark Wheeler, W. G. Sutton, W. Walker, F. B. Snobell, E. Woods jun., Harry Field, F. G. Goodwin, George Isaacs, H. H. Tupper, G. Barnett, R. Goodall, G. L. Knill, E. W. Nightingale, A. Gently, and many others. After a busy evening in Lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and at its conclusion,

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the usual toasts were proposed. Those of the Queen, the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers having each been honoured in turn, the health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Janeway P.M. In the course of his response, Bro. Ball expressed the pleasure he felt in being present, and congratulated the brethren both on the successful meeting they had had, and the way in which their host had catered for them. He then proposed the toast of the Initiate. It afforded him great pleasure to welcome new blood into the Lodge. He hoped the newly-admitted member would become a worthy Mason and a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Hillman replied in an appropriately brief speech. The Visitors were next honoured. The W.M. and members were happy at all times to receive Visitors. He hoped that the reception they had met with had impressed them as being a hearty one. He was sure it was the wish of all that it should be. Bros. J. London and Carrington responded, heartily thanking the brethren for the hearty and cordial welcome they had received. The W.M., in proposing the Past Masters, said that the Lodge and its members were greatly indebted to those who had filled the chair in the past, not only for what they had then done, but also for what they had done since. They were always striving to advance the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Timothy P.M. responded, thanking the company for their kind expressions. He and the other Past Masters were only too happy to do anything to advance the welfare of the Craft, or the welfare of its members. The toast of the Officers was duly proposed, and acknowledged by Bro. Davis S.W., and then the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday last, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. B. R. Banks W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Greener J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Dale J.D., Ingram I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, Lodge was advanced to the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was opened in the third, and closed to the first degree. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, and Lodge was closed in due form. The first annual banquet of this Lodge will take place on Thursday, the 25th instant, at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on the 8th instant, at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed Street, Paddington, W., when the following were present: Bros. Purdue W.M., Stroud S.W., Spiegel J.W., Debane Secretary, Chandler S.D., Wood J.D., Brown I.G., Mason Steward, Mote, Morse, Robinson, Thomas, Green, and Simpson; Visitor—Sims. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was called off and on, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sims being the candidate. The first and fourth sections were worked by Bro. Spiegel, and later on the first of the third, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Bro. Sims a member.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled, after the usual vacation, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on the 4th inst. The Officers and brethren present were:—Bros. Hamlyn W.M., Addington S.W., Loader J.W., Hilton S.D., Muirhead J.D., Brinton I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Vickery, Channon, Clauson-Thue, Vincent, Voisey, and Terry; Bros. Bird, Briant, Kettle, White, Wishart, Penney, Bromley Smith, White, Phillips, and Lindsay; Bros. Rose P.M. Preceptor and Grimwade Secretary. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. Wishart presented himself as a candidate for the position of W.M., when all those below the chair retired from the Lodge. On their return, the Master, who had just been installed, was saluted in the three degrees. After which the Officers were invested, as named above. The able manner in which the W.M. carried out the ritual elicited the encomiums of all present. At the close of the ceremony Bro. Clauson-Thue proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Hamlyn for his efficient labour, this Bro. Vincent seconded. The W.M. modestly acknowledged the compliment. The vote of thanks, as a matter of course, was unanimous. After some important business had been transacted the Lodge was closed in the usual manner.

The Great Northern Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetings on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Bewick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford street, after an adjournment of two months. Bro. W. Cleghorn P.M. 1287 is the Preceptor, and Bro. T. H. Staton P.M. 1287 the Secretary.

The M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales will shortly issue warrants for the constitution of two additional Mark Lodges, which will be known respectively by the style and title of the St. Albans Lodge, Nottingham, and British Lodge, Capetown, S.A. They will stand on the roll of Grand Lodge as Nos. 344 and 345.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

A MEETING of this body was held on Tuesday last, at York, Fra. J. S. Cumberland P. presided in the absence of Fra. Marshall the E.P., and there were also present Fratres A. T. B. Turner Const., G. Simpson P. as Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Reg., W. Brown Capt. of Guards, and others. The minutes having been read and a ballot taken for Major A. H. H. McGachen as a joining member, the Registrar read several letters of apology for absence, and also letters of thanks from brethren in America acknowledging receipt of honorary certificates. Fra. Whytehead gave notice at the next meeting to propose, and Fra. Cumberland to second the election, as an honorary member, of Dr. Rob. Morris, the American poet Mason. The Preceptory was shortly thereafter closed.

The weekly convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N. Comp. Brasted filled the chair of M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., George J., Gregory S.N., Shaw P.S. The several offices were well filled by the above named Companions.

The Knell of Pippo's Bull, by Sir John Delmarney, P.P.G.A.D.C.—Bradford, Squire Anty and Son, Millengate. 1884.—Labours under the misfortune of being very feebly written, whereas strength and elegance are the essentials of this kind of writing. The author will find that a plain unvarnished tale, written in ordinary Queen's English, will suit him better than allegory, which needs the pen of a practised and graceful writer.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Vegetarian, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix, Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbert's, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stanleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Egerton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.

1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1539—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 Hall Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutions, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Domatic, 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.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Mechanics', Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
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

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, 17th SEPTEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palace St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chalmers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Truro
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, 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, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drozer's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
683—Usk, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, 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
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 1 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

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1356—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
117—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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Strangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1439—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1577—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1624—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1908—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1171—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
86—Howard, High-street, Arundel

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98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
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
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1580—Cranbourne, 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. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 114—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, 19th SEPTEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 1'5 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
709—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond

1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1565—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street

183—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
463—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 66—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1697—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL MILITARY LODGE, No. 1449.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge took place in its unique Temple, 38 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Monday, the 8th instant. The meeting was called for 7 o'clock p.m., but it was fully 7.45 p.m. before the Lodge was opened, and then, besides the Worshipful Master, there were only three Officers of the Lodge present, viz.: the J.W., Treasurer, and Secretary. The W.M. Brother Sergt.-Major W. Carter was supported by Bros. Blamires acting S.W., Hammond J.W., Beer P.P.G.S.B. as I.P.M., Tomlins acting S.D., Capt. Jones acting J.D., Abbs acting I.G., Geddes and Bellinger as Stewards, Chaddington as D. of C., Cockersell Secretary, Blake Tyler; also Bros. Stephan, Beckett, Delasaux, &c. Visitor—Bro. Pringuer 972. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Delasaux, a candidate for passing, was entrusted, and he retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Stephan and Beckett, candidates for raising, were entrusted, and they also retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bros. Stephan and Beckett were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M. Lodge being lowered, Bro. Delasaux was passed to the second degree by Bro. E. Beer. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and the ballot taken for Bro. Linom, 173, as a joining member, which proved in his favour. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. Hammond J.W. was declared duly elected. Bro. Hammond, in a few brief words, thanked the Lodge for the honour done him. The Treasurer and Tyler having been re-elected, and there being no other business to be disposed of, Lodge was closed in solemn form.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Monday last the regular meeting was held at the Queen's Hotel, York. The W.M., Bro. Blenkin, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., Geo. Simpson P.M., M. Millington P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M., G. Garbutt W.M. 236, Sir F. G. Milner, M.P., S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., and a large number of officers, brethren and visitors. The initiation of a serving brother was the first business, and this having been done by the W.M., Bro. Storry was raised to the third degree by Bro. Millington P.M. Several presentations were made to the Lodge Library, by Bro. Whytehead and others, including a copy of the Worcester Exhibition catalogue by the W.M. Bro. Cumberland also presented a Worcester commemorative medal. Bro. Whytehead reported that the exhibits lent by the Lodge had all been returned in good order and condition, and spoke of the success of the exhibition as a landmark in the history of the Order. Several other matters were disposed of, and the Lodge was closed. Subsequently, in proposing the Health of the Master of the Lodge, Bro. Sir F. G. Milner S.W., apologised for his frequent inability to be present, owing to his Parliamentary duties. He should, however, use every effort in the recess to be with them. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Officers, expressed the hope that the Senior Warden would next year be spared in health to preside over them as Master, and thanked the brethren for their kind support during his own year, which was fast drawing to a close.—The election takes place next month.

BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

THE regular meeting of this celebrated working Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Royal George, Shoreham, under the presidency of Bro. J. Harrison P.P.G.S.W. Hants, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. C. R. Burrell P.P.G.S.W. Sussex. Bros. T. Hardy S.W., Cheal J.W., T. Packham P.M. Treasurer, A. Brazer Secretary, T. B. Power S.D., W. Swains J.D., Gill as I.G. Visitors—Bros. Hamp P.M. St. Patrick's, Broadbridge P.M. 315 and 732. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Robert Payne, which being unanimous in that gentleman's favour, he was duly initiated into the Order by the acting W.M. Bro. Harrison, who did the work in a perfect and impressive manner. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Hardy S.W. was unanimously chosen as W.M., Bro. T. Packham P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Herman Tyler. It was proposed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M., Bro. Burrell, on his retiring from the chair, as a mark of esteem and regard, and in recognition of his faithful discharge of the duties of the chair. This was carried unanimously. The members of the General Purposes and Audit Committees were appointed, and the Lodge was closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., there were present:—Bros. Turner W.M., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Trowinnard Preceptor, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ware acting as candidate. This brother answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree; and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ware again acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Parkes was elected to the chair for Monday, 15th instant. The brethren enjoyed a little harmony, Bros. Baines, Wright, R. Baker, and Holden assisting. Three new members were initiated, viz., Bros. A. Holden 1693, T. W. S. Holden 1693, and R. W. Pearcy 1227 and 1693.

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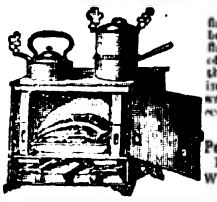
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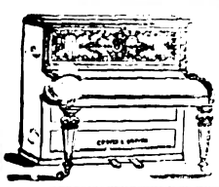
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THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Autumn Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will this year take place on Saturday, the 11th October, on which occasion thirty girls will compete for thirteen vacancies, a proportion of candidates to vacancies considerably more than was the case at the last election, when twenty-three were admitted from a list of thirty-five. Of the thirty now on the list, four are "last applications," and the first of these, No. 2, Mabel Harriet Godfrey, now appears for the third time. She is one of a family of three children dependent on a widowed mother, and brings forward 137 votes from the two elections she has already taken part in. The other three "last" cases are applications new to the present list. No. 14, Augusta Gilbert, is also one of three fatherless children; No. 23, Edith Jane Armstrong, forms one of a family of ten left to the care of their widowed mother. Her father was initiated in the Percy Lodge, No. 1427, Northumberland, in 1878, and remained a subscriber until the time of his death, which occurred in April 1883. We hope the brethren of the North will collect sufficient votes to relieve this widow of at least one of her numerous family. No. 27, Ethel Fallding, is one of six dependent on a widowed mother. Her case is accredited to West Yorkshire, and being the only one on the list from that district it would appear as though it had been adopted by the Province, in which case the election of the child may be looked upon as all but certain.

Among the most deserving cases, from a general point of view, on the present list, are Nos. 20 and 30, both of whom are children whose parents are, in each case, dead. No. 20, Minnie Madeline Mansell, is one of a family of six parentless children, two of whom, however, are partly provided for; still the case even then appears as one of the most deserving it is possible to imagine, and we hope that ere long it will be found that the Girls' School has taken care of one of these orphans. The father was a member of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, in which it is to be hoped he left a number of friends, who will now come forward and help his children. No. 30, Adelaide Frances Hughes, is the other parentless child. She is one of a family of three, and we trust will receive the hearty support of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, Kew, of which her father was a member at the time of his death.

Eight children are returned as being dependent on the widowed mother of No. 9, Beatrice Elizabeth Wright, who now comes forward for the second time, with 783 votes to her credit. Her father was a P.M. and Past Provincial Officer of Staffordshire, and it would seem, judging from the result of last April's ballot, that he has left a good number of friends behind him. In the case of No. 6, Maude Mary Bromley, there are seven fatherless children in the family. Maude has already taken part in two elections, and has 1028 votes to her credit as the result thereof. With a little energy this case should be assured for the coming contest, but as the competition will be more severe than before, it behoves her friends to leave no stone unturned to secure votes. No. 7, Frances Alice Searle, also one of seven fatherless children, has had similar experience as regards elections, with a trifle better result, the number of votes she brings forward being 1106. The case is accredited to the Province of Kent, a district which will not allow her to stand outside much longer, if a few votes can assist in securing her election. No. 11, Jessie Louisa Beilby, also one of seven fatherless children, has stood but one election, as the result of which she has 843 votes to her credit. This case is likewise accredited to Northumberland, as also is No. 8, to which we shall refer later on. No. 22, Louisa Adelaide Smithers, and No. 25, Emma Winifred Carlyle, complete the list of cases in which there are seven children dependent. Each of these are first applications, the father of the former being an old member of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London, and of the latter a P.M. of Loyal Cambrian, No. 110, South Wales (East Division), in which district he had held Provincial Grand Lodge office. No. 3, May Amelia Wheeler, is one of six children dependent on a widowed mother. She has already stood two elections, and now brings forward 891 votes. Her father was a Past Master of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865. No. 21, Alice Mary Blunt, is described as one of a family of six, of whom one is partially provided for. She has a brother in the Boys' School, and she now makes a first application for admission to the Sister Institution. No. 15, Margaret E. M. Holmes, is one of five children, whose father died in 1881. She is accredited to the Province of Durham, and now appears on the balloting sheet for the first time. No. 26, Gertrude Frances Greenwood, also one of five dependent children, has both parents living, the father however being insane, an affliction, as we have often pointed out, which seems to call for greater sympathy with the mother than does even the death of her husband. The father is a P.M. of the St. Augustine Lodge, No. 972, and a Past Provincial Officer of Kent. We sincerely hope that sufficient votes will be forthcoming to ensure this girl's early election. No. 28, Ellen Marguerite Wetherell, also one of a family of five, has her mother still living. Her father was a P.M. of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, Herts. No. 5, Edith Ellen Betts, is also one of a family of five, of whom, however, one is partially provided for. This girl now makes a third application, and brings forward 1002 votes as the result of the two elections she has taken part in. Her father was a P.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Staffordshire. There are several cases on the list in which there are four children dependent, the first being No. 1, Jane Wheeler Hutchings, who brings forward 630 votes from three previous elections in which she has taken a part. Her father was a member of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, London, at the time of his death, which occured in November 1881. No. 17, Rose Isabel Marian Woodforde, comes next. Hers is a first application case, accredited to the Province of Somerset. No. 24, Dora Annie Gibson, is a N. and E. Yorkshire candidate, her father having been a member of Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660. No. 29, Kate Sharland, is the daughter of an old Devonshire Mason, her father having been a member of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125. No. 4, Fanny Heath, one of three fatherless children, now appears for the third time, bringing forward 580 votes from October and April last. Her father was a member of Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359, Hampshire. No. 8, Florence Wilson Bush, also one of three children dependent on a widowed mother, has 680 votes to her credit from April last. She is the other Northumberland case to which we have already referred, and appears to have a good chance of ultimate election. No. 13, Florence Jane Obey, another who forms one of a family of three, is the first of the new applicants. Her father was a member, until

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incapacited, of Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, London. No. 19, Edith Fanny Tanner, has a brother in the Boys' School. She and two other children are still left to the care of their widowed mother. The father's Lodge was the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642, London. No. 12, Florence Eleanor Relph, was a candidate in April last, on which occasion she had 502 votes polled on her behalf. She is one of two children now dependent on a widowed mother, and is accredited to the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London. Her father had also held Provincial rank in the Province of Kent. No. 18, Rose Adelaide Marsac Smith, has a sister in the Institution, and is herself one of two children still dependent on her parents, both of whom are alive. The father, however, is described as incapacitated, a term which, under the special circumstances of this case, should be properly defined. This is one of the instances in which we must offer our protest against the insufficiency of the information given in the ballotting papers. No. 10, Olive Ann Hurst, appears to belong to a fortunate family. She has a brother in the Boys' School, and is herself the only child now dependent on a widowed mother. She was a candidate in April last, when 714 votes were recorded on her behalf, a total which, if repeated, will go far to place her maintenance outside the pale of further anxiety No. 16, Lilian Christine Reeves, a first application case, is also an only child dependent on her mother, who was left a widow in January 1878. The case is accredited to the Province of North and East Yorkshire.

Having thus briefly reviewed the several candidates, we may add, in conclusion, that the list does not appear to present any features of more than general importance. As usual, we have to notice the lack of particulars afforded by the Institution, and can but again express the hope that ere long it may be deemed desirable to enter more fully into details. Particularly should this be the case in those instances where one of the family is already a scholar in either of the Masonic Institutions, as although these families may be really deserving of first consideration, we should much prefer to see the benefits of our Schools distributed as widely as possible; besides which, we have always thought that if Freemasonry provided for one of a family, that should be considered sufficient—especially when we remember the large number of applications which are regularly received from those seeking to participate in the benefits offered.

THE SOUNDING OF THE GAVEL.

THERE is no working-tool in Masonry that can make music like the Gavel. When it strikes the ashlar, the Craft is instantly energised. Its echoes awaken thoughts of the highest import to Freemasons. For the two months just closing as we write, the Gavel has not been sounding in many of our Lodges, which had been "called off" in June until September. The vacation ends with the present week, and on the following Monday begins the Autumn round of labour. On Wednesday next the regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held, and on the following day that of the Grand H.R.A. Chapter, when brethren from all portions of our jurisdiction will be gathered together, for fraternal consultation and action. The summer is ended, prolonged Refreshment is over, and now we shall have again mainly Labour, alternated with such brief Refreshment as shall be needed by the Craft. Who among us will not hail the ringing of the Gavel with joy? Pleasant as our sojourn may have been by seaside, lake or mountain, there is nothing so pleasant, after all, as to greet our brethren within the charmed circle of the Lodge, to assemble in our "old home," and to extend the privileges of Masonry to those candidates whose characters have previously vouched for their fitness to receive Masonic Light. We know not whether the poet, Longfellow, had in thought the harmony that prevails in the Lodge Room, as the Gavel makes music for the Craftsmen, when he wrote:

> "The night shall be filled with music,
> And the cares that infest the day
> Shall fold their tents like Arabs,
> And as silently steal away;"

but we do know that this is an apt description of the happy state of mind of all brethren as they assemble in the Lodge at the close of the day, its business cares over, they freed from all anxieties, with leisure to enjoy fraternal converse, and hearken to the inculcation of the sublime truths which Freemasonry teaches all of its initiates. Let us joyfully hail, then, the close of the Summer Refreshment, and the opening of the Autumn Labour.

Brethren, even the Lodge "furniture" will welcome you to your old home. The first Great Light of the Craft will be open, and therein you may read a promised blessing to all good and faithful brethren. The Compasses will be open, to warn against that liberty that degenerates into licence. The Square *must be* open, ever teaching fresh lessons of virtue. In one phrase, THE LODGE IS OPEN, and this phrase speaks volumes. It implies a regular monthly or more frequent gathering of the Craft. It tells us that the social and convivial features of Freemasonry are once more prominently to be exemplified; that fraternal charity is again to be statedly and liberally dispensed to all worthy brethren who are in distress; that the portals of Masonry are open to those who have sought Masonic Light, and been approved and found worthy to be encircled by the Mystic Tie; and that again, for a long season without intermission, Truth shall be taught Masonically to many candidates, whom we trust will continuously prove to be perfect ashlars, and shining lights in the Craft.

We ALL are "called on to Labour"—not merely the Masonic triad of W.M., S.W., and J.W., but every member of every Lodge. Especially do we hope to see, this season, an outpouring of the noble army of Past Masters and life members. No brother, physically able, has the right to consider himself past obligation to minister to the strength and growth of his Lodge. The Masonic body that made him a Mason, or with which he has cast his lot, has the right to expect it shall receive his earnest, cordial, fraternal support. It is entitled to his personal presence, his council, his pecuniary aid if need be, and his assistance as a "recommender." The Lodge is *his* Lodge, his Masonic home, to be to him, next after the home about which cluster his domestic affections, the dearest spot on earth. He may not neglect it with impunity. Above all, *he* should not neglect it who has received all of its honours, been elevated to its highest official station, and by age, experience and Masonic office, been qualified to be most helpful to it in any and every emergency.

Let the work go bravely on. Let every officer of a Lodge, elected and appointed, see that he is skilled in the performance of his duty. It should be remembered that Masonic work is a mosaic, and one imperfect part mars the whole. Let no one take it *for granted* that he will act well his part, but let him prove this, in advance to his own satisfaction. It is not easy to perform Masonic work in a workmanlike manner. Such work is the exception, not the rule. There must be both study and enthusiasm, the letter and the spirit. The letter may all be there, and yet fall dead because it lacks the spirit. It is the spirit that giveth life. We have no hesitation in saying, that in every Lodge in which all the Officers pride themselves on the correct and impressive manner in which they render the ritual, there is activity, there is prosperity, there is the best fraternal feeling. In some hands there is no music in the Gavel—not so in the hands of him who is truly a Master.

That Lodge is to be sympathised with that habitually meets only to open and close. There must be a screw loose somewhere. Either the Officers are not efficient, the members are not attentive, or there are differences of opinion that have engendered unfraternal feelings. Now is the time, as we all are "called on" to Labour again, to abolish all impediments to Masonic prosperity. Every one can contribute something to this end. A regular and punctual attendance, a careful attention to the business of the Lodge, a diligent preparation for the Labour of the evening, each and all of these are of great importance. A Lodge can never rise above the status of its members—it will be precisely what the average of them are, no better, no worse. Every member exercises an influence, it may be silent, but real. His presence or absence tells on the Craft. Above all, every Officer, elective and appointed, should see to it that nothing short of absolute necessity prevents him from attendance at his Masonic meetings. He is doubly obligated to the performance of this duty, and it should be to him a matter of pride to regularly and ably perform his official functions. Let us have true music everywhere with the sounding of the Gavel.—*Keystone.*

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THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

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WE have seen that Bros. Gould and Lyon are in accord in essentials with Bro. Hughan on the subject of degrees, while Bro. Woodford holds a different opinion. The latter thinks "the present arrangement and terminology of our speculative ritual is not actually older than probably about 1720," but he has also placed it on record that "as far as our studies have gone, we believe in the antiquity of the Third Degree, though we by no means shut our eyes to the fact that time and changes may have materially affected both the phraseology of the ritual, and the corresponding features of the Third Degree. We repeat that we entirely repudiate the theory, far too hastily taken up by some, that to Anderson and Desaguliers we are indebted for the Master Mason's ceremony." Brother Hughan meets this with the reiteration of his opinion, expressed as far back as 1873, in the *Voice of Masonry*, that "anything of a ceremonial or esoteric character, to which the whole body of Masons were not entitled to be present cannot be found alluded to in any ancient document so far made public. We do not say positively there were no Masonic degres prior to the last century, but simply that up to the present time *no evidence of such has been submitted.*" Again, we are told Bro. Woodford asserts that "the older and triplex division may be traced before 1717 both in England and Scotland, perhaps not in distinct nomenclature as First, Second, and Third Degrees, but as Master, Fellow Craft, and Apprentice;" to which Bro. Hughan very cogently rejoins that "if the distinct and separate existence of the three degrees prior to the last century is not insisted on, the discussion is ended, because all must admit the fact of the three grades or positions long before the era of Grand Lodges; but it will be seen further on that our Brother acknowledges a belief in the origin of the three degrees, and that they 'betray traces of great antiquity.' It is to this we object, believing as we do that they originated about A.D. 1717." Then after adducing Oliver as being in favour of his views, our author goes on to remark that Freemasonry "has a history based upon veritable documents, such as the 'Old Charges,' dating back some five hundred years ago, and actual records from the sixteenth century; but all of these are silent as to distinct degrees, until modern innovations and additions brought about such prolific changes." The chapter concludes with references to other testimony of a like tendency, the rear being brought up by the opinion of Bro. Albert Pike, who remarks "as to degrees, I have long maintained their modern institution, for to be a degree, as I understand the term, there must be something esoteric to be revealed only to those elected and kept from all others."

Here, then, we have the case between these redoubtable champions fairly placed before us. If "degree" means nothing more than "grade" or "rank," then Hughan allows the existence "before the era of Grand Lodges" of the three degrees of E.A.P., F.C. and M.M. If, however, it is used in the sense in which Masons of the present day understand it, that is, as having a separate and distinct ceremony attached to each grade or rank, then Bro. Hughan argues, we owe its introduction to some brother or brethren "about A.D. 1717," while Brother Woodford considers it traceable both in England and Scotland at an earlier date. We have already indicated pretty clearly our agreement with Bro. Hughan, who has the advantage in this controversy of being consistent, while Bro. Woodford appears to be in a state of considerable dubiety. He says in his "Encyclopædia"—see "Degrees"—"the evidence on the subject is not to our mind conclusive, for many reasons, and it must still be left somewhat in suspense." In fact, he is, on the one hand, in the same unfortunate state, as the evidence in the passage just quoted—that is, in a state of "suspense," while, on the other hand, and taking th passages noted by Bro. Hughan as our guide, he appears to have pretty well made up his mind as to there having been esoteric degrees—if we may use the term—anterior to the epoch of Grand Lodges. Here, for instance, is an illustration of the confusion which apparently reigns in his mind as to what his own opinion really is. He concludes his remarks on the word "Degrees"—see p 152 of Kenning's "Cyclopædia of Freemasonry"—with these words—"We fancy that after all it is only a question of arrangement and terminology." In his article on the term "Master Mason," he says, as quoted by Bro. Hughan in part, "Of course we need hardly add that the present arrangement and terminology of our speculative ritual is not actually older than probably about 1720." We note, of course, that the word "present" as applied to the "arrangement and terminology" occurs in the latter sentence, but not in the former. Yet if the question of degrees is only one of "arrangement and terminology;" and if the "present" "arrangement and terminology"—that is the only one of which we have any direct and positive evidence—is not older than "probably about 1720," we can hardly understand him as believing in a pre-1717 system of degrees bearing any resemblance to our present system. There may have been, indeed, there were "degrees" in the sense of "grades" or "ranks," but no "degrees" with esoteric ceremonies attached to them as now. Bro. Woodford quotes "the Scotch Lodge Minutes or the acknowledged statutes of the Craft Lodge (1598)"—see "Degrees," p 151, "Cyclopædia"—as showing "two steps or (degrees) to have then existed. Apprentices got 'the Mason Word;' then, in the admission of 'Fellow or Master,' there was some sort of ceremony, at which Entered Apprentices should (nay, *must*) be present. Subsequently, Apprentices were excluded on the admission of Fellows and Masters." But in this passage, Bro. Woodford apparently contradicts himself, for how can there have been two steps, esoterically, at one of which the Apprentice "got the Mason Word,'" while at the other—"the admission of 'Fellow or Master'" he (the Apprentice) was compelled to be present? When we read in the column of this or any other Masonic journal that Bro. A. was *passed* and Bro. B. *raised*, we know perfectly well that the E.A.P. was compelled to be absent from the ceremony in the former case and the E.A.P. and F.C. in the latter. But there cannot well have been distinct and separate ceremonies for the two steps or degrees, if members of the inferior or E.A.P. degree were obliged to be present when the higher—that of "Fellow or Master"—was conferred. We are greatly afraid that Bro. Woodford has got himself somewhat into a fog, nor is it to be wondered at, seeing that, as he himself has said, "the question of Masonic Degrees is not an easy one to settle."

There are many other points we should like to touch upon which it may be we shall treat of in some future and separate article or articles, but which we are persuaded we could not not deal with as they deserve in the more circumscribed limits of a review. We shall therefore bring this part of our remarks to a conclusion by stating that we are pretty much of Bro. Hughan's opinion, that our system of degrees dates from about the commencement of the "era of Grand Lodges." We think, as he does, that the terms Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master were used before 1717 to indicate certain corresponding gradations of rank, but that there was only one ceremonial for admission into Masonry. Before and for some time after 1717, the operative element in Masonry exercised considerable influence. The further we advance into the eighteenth century from what is known as the year of the Revival, the smaller becomes the influence of the Operative element, and the greater that of its rival the Speculative. At the same time, as we advance similarly from 1717, we find the esoteric system of degrees gradually becoming more and more perfect. If on the other hand, there had been, speaking of course esoterically, a "triplex division" of Masonry into F.A.P., F.C, and M.M. degrees before 1717, as there has been since, each with a particular ceremonial attached to it, so that, as now, the E.A.P. could have no part in that prescribed for the F.C., and the E.A.P. and F.C. no part in that prescribed for the M.M., it becomes a matter of well nigh insurmountable difficulty to explain—what Bro. Woodford has pointed out in the case of the Scottish Lodges—how it is that members of the inferior degrees were compulsorily present at the admission of members to the superior, while it becomes equally, or perhaps still more difficult to account for the universal ignorance that prevails of the character which such threefold system possessed. When we have made allowance for differences of system between English and Scotch Masonry, we are still at a loss to explain why, as, according to Lyon, Desaguliers communicated a knowledge of the ceremonial of the Third Degree to the members of Mary's Chapter in 1721, there should have been no traces of its working for so many years afterwards, if there had been something of

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the kind, or of some other kind, but still esoteric, in existence. Again, we would ask, if there was before 1717 the same triplex division as there is now, why Grand Lodge should have reserved to itself, for some years after its establishment, the right of conferring the Master's degree, if there had been before the era of Grand Lodge any esoteric ceremonies connected with it? And why again should there have been Master Masons' Lodges, as noted by Bro. Hughan, in 1733, if for years and years before that date there had been some ceremony attached to the Degree as there is now? No doubt the object of these Master Masons' Lodges was to practise the working of the Degree, which at the time was becoming more and more common, in the sense of 'more and more' frequently taken? The more closely we examine into the subject, the more convinced are we of the accuracy of the views pronounced by Hughan, Lyon, Gould, and other authorities, and that Bro. Woodford has had the misfortune —it is not often he is so circumstanced—to pronounce an erroneous judgment in this question of Degrees. As is the case with Hughan, so it is with us, we are not prejudiced in favour of or against any particular theory, and if Bro. Woodford can at any time produce evidence sufficiently convincing to change our present opinion, we shall gladly make him the only honourable amends in our power by announcing our adhesion to his views.

The Chapter entitled "Investigations on the Third Degree" must be looked upon as supplementary to that we have been considering. The information it contains has been gathered from diverse sources and is most interesting, as will be seen when we enter upon our next article.

(To be continued.)

RIGHTNESS.

DOGMA OF THE MARK MASTER'S DEGREE.

A LARGE majority of those who are advanced to the "more honourable degree of Mark Master" look upon the first section of it as a reality; that the several incidents of inspection, rejection, detection, &c., &c., are all true, and that during the erection of the temple of Solomon it was the custom invariably for the craftsmen, at the close of the week, to personally present the result of their labours to the several Overseers for inspection.

A moment's reflection must satisfy every one of the utter impracticability of the realism of the events thus dramatically represented. Like every degree in Masonry, in all the various rites, those who invented this degree designed to convey to the minds of the postulants very important lessons. After much careful investigation we think the principal feature of the Mark degree, and the dogma, is that of honesty or rightness. That every Mason should, in the work of this life, be careful that what he presents for inspection, either general or particular, has been wrought out entirely by himself, and is, therefore, his own. Let us follow, step by step, this allegorical representation, as far as we are permitted, without exposing to the world any mysteries contained therein. First. The true form of the stones in this representation was a cube; this is the symbol of perfection. The *sanctum sanctorum* of the original tabernacle of Moses, and afterward of the temple, was cubical. We may, therefore, suppose symbolically that the walls were composed entirely of cubical stones. To the ancients the cubical form represented truth, perfection, completeness. Josephus says the Holy of Holies from its form represented heaven, while the sanctuary or holy place being in length double its width, represented the earth, as at his day the Ptolemaic cosmography represented the earth as being an oblong plain—twice as long east and west as it was north and south. John, in Revelation, chapter xxi. 16, describes heaven as being cubical in form, evidently figuratively expressive of perfection. The pattern, therefore, by which, in this degree, each Craftsman was to finish his work was a "true square;" the common term anciently for what we now denominate "a cube." The Overseers were commanded to receive no other work; hence, if an oblong block should be presented it must be rejected by them.

The three several inspections would seem to have been unnecessary for a material building; but allegorically represent to our mind very important considerations. The sixth hour of the sixth day was the closing of the week, which symbolised the closing of a life. In this life every individual has set for him a "life-task." That task is to fit himself as a "living stone" for the "spiritual temple." The rules laid down in the great books of nature and revelation all indicate that life-work should be "good, beautiful and true," that is, it should be perfectly conformable at all its angles to the "square of virtue" of the Fellow Craft. The person himself, being a "Craftsman," has had the "square of virtue" presented to him as a working tool; also as an Entered Apprentice has professed "faith in GOD," and as a Master Mason has been taught the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body, and therefore has been fully instructed as to the rules and guides by which he is expected to complete the "life-task" and fit himself for that "building eternal in the heavens."

The first inspection represents the opinion of the worldly wise; the second, a religious formalism, and the third, the spiritual tests.

The candidate represents the man who in all his life "has idled away his time," so far as the preparation of the "life-work" is concerned. He may have sedulously devoted himself to business, so as to have accumulated a large fortune; he may have become a scientist of the highest character; the world may be full of his writings as a "literateur;" he may have been constantly engaged in statesmanship and in making laws for the government of the nation, yet when the hour has come for him to personally present his work for inspection, the religion or philosophy which is to demonstrate what was his diligence in the prosecution of his "life-work" has been so neglected that he will "gather up" another's religion or philosophy and present it as his own work, ignorant of the "Marks" upon it, placed there by its author or inventor and known only to the initiated.

1st. The inspection of the world at large would, although not according to the true law, pronounce it beautiful in workmanship, although singular in form, and pass it on. 2nd. The inspection of "formalism" sees its beauty and singularity, and permits this specimen of religion and philosophy to pass, because of its outward formalism; but when the Master Overseer criticises the workmanship and the form, he pronounces it unfit for the work of the temple and it is finally rejected. Here ends the first lesson of the allegory.

The "foundation-stone" so often alluded to in the higher degrees is a "true square" or cube,—symbol of perfection.

The corner-stone which is to be laid with Masonic ceremonies should invariably be a cube, and of such hard material that if every other part of the building should be crumbled into dust the corner or foundation-stone will remain as it was when first wrought into shape. To perform the ceremony of laying a corner or foundation-stone is childishness, unless it be done from pure symbolism; hence we should fully comprehend the symbolism. As the square angles around the stone symbolise virtue, and the cubical form represents truth—perfection; so the foundation of Masonry and the perfect character of every Mason is based on virtue and truth, which constitute perfection. In the article in June No. on the "Square of Virtue" or Fellow Craft's dogma, at the close we intimated that in a future number we might show what is the rule of RIGHTNESS. We will now proceed to examine that question.

Rightness being the supreme end of all moral action, or that which every one is morally compelled to follow, the question, What is Rightness? must be correctly answered, or we may be found in continual error.

That which is conformable to any law is right. The word *rectus* implies that which is *ruled* or *straight*, according to some rule or standard. "Ethics and morals both imply in their very origin and etymology a *way* or *law*, guiding and governing human conduct, and, therefore, of course, controlling moral conclusions. In all the workings of the moral nature there is recognised or implied a moral law under which the agent is placed, and which he is bound to obey. *Rightness is found in obligatory conformity to this law.*" Pursuing our former plan of using the doctrine of ethics, as laid down by the best authors, we freely use their writings to illustrate our subject; claiming no originality except in the application thereof. Examining this question we will consider: I. The Unsatisfactory Theories of the Supreme Rule. II. The True Theory of the Supreme

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Rule. Rules of action may be either subordinate or supreme.

Having in a former number determined that the centre of moral authority is vested in GOD, and as all Masons "trust in GOD," we most assuredly must determine that the Will of GOD is the supreme rule of conduct. All other wills must be subordinate; as of parents, of the churches, of national governments, &c.

1st. UNSATISFACTORY THEORIES. A. THE FIRST GENERAL THEORY is, that the authority of the State is the supreme rule. Hobbes advocated this theory, and it is one of the forms of *experientialism*. "No one has a right to go back of the law and judge it by some imaginary standard; the civil authority is ultimate, and the citizen has nothing to do but to obey. The whole duty, where the State has legislated, is to read the law and act accordingly." In answer to this, we are simply to collect the laws of different states or nations and show, that which is right in one state is wrong in another, which at once destroys the moral force of this dictum and shows the will of the state to be a subordinate rule.

B. SECOND GENERAL THEORY: The Nature of Things the Supreme Rule. Moralists differ very greatly respecting what it is in the nature of things that furnishes the standard by which moral obligation is decided." Under this second head writers have classed, *a*. Fitness in things themselves, "*e.g.* in love and honour towards parents." Dr. Clarke said, "that from the eternal and necessary differences of things there naturally and necessarily arise certain moral obligations, which are of themselves incumbent on all rational creatures antecedent to all positive institution and to all expectation of reward and punishment." He taught that actions have a nature or character antecedent to all will or law. He maintained that this arises from the congruity between certain actions and certain relations, which are founded on the eternal and necessary differences of things. "This congruity, as perceived by reason, furnishes the supreme rule of human conduct. That course which is decided by this rule to be fit and reasonable is right, and that which is not fit and reasonable is wrong." *b*. The truth of Things: "There is a truth in everything, which obligates men to regard and treat everything according to its nature, *e.g.*, man is a rational being, and therefore ought to be treated as such." Wollaston said that those propositions are true which express things as they are. A true proposition may be denied, or things may be denied to be what they are, by deeds as well as by words. When a man lives as if he were wealthy when he is not, he does wrong. He lives a lie. The supreme rule of human conduct is, therefore, truth. Whatever action is opposed to facts, or the true, is morally wrong. Every action conformable to facts or truth must be right." *c*. "Relation of Things: There are constantly certain relations between all existing things, or facts, and there must be found the supreme standard of right and the true ground or foundation of that which is obligation. So soon as one perceives so clearly as to know these true relations, he sees the duties involved in them. Dr. Wayland says: "We all stand in various and dissimilar relations to all the sentient beings, created and uncreated, with which we are acquainted. Among our relations to created beings are those of man to man, or that of substantial equality; of parent and child; of benefactor and recipient; of husband and wife; of brother and sister; citizen and citizen; citizen and magistrate, &c., &c." "The Infinite Being in whom the Mason puts his trust" is in the relation of Creator to be created; Preserver to the protected; Benefactor to the recipient; Law-giver to the subject; Judge to the accused. We are to him in the relation of dependent, helpless, ignorant and sinful creatures. The mind of man becomes conscious of its moral obligation, connected with the very conception of this relation. "These relations are thus the rule and measure of obligation. Conformity to them is right; want of conformity is wrong." *d*. Completeness of All Being: Edwards taught that "true virtue most essentially consists in benevolence to being in general . . . . . It is that consent, propensity, and union of heart, to being in general that is immediately exercised in a general good will. "Benevolence," therefore, is the rule and measure of obligation. "That action which is benevolent is right; that action which is without benevolence is wrong."

C. THIRD GENERAL THEORY: The Nature of Man gives the supreme rule. Say some authors: "The standard of moral obligation is found in the nature of man." Different views are entertained as to what the something is in the nature of man which binds him to the right. *a*. An Immediate Intellectual Intuition. Kant said, "The conscience is simply the power of perceiving by intellectual intuition the great moral principles which constitute man's supreme law. It is absolutely infallible." Says Calderwood: "An erring conscience is a chimera; conscience is a faculty which, from its very nature, cannot be educated. Education, either in the sense of instruction or of training, is impossible. As well propose to teach the eye how and what to see; and the ear, how and what to hear; as to teach reason how to perceive the self-evident and what truths are of this nature. All these have been provided for in the human constitution." "This provision in the conscience furnishes the supreme rule of right." *b*. An Inner Sense, or Feeling, which gives moral Distinctions. Some have taught that there is a peculiar faculty of the mind whose office it is to perceive and discriminate moral distinctions, which is called moral sense. Hutchinson, receiving this idea from Shaftesbury, made it the basis of his moral system. It was carried to its extreme results by Hume "constituting virtue and vice matters of taste or sentiment." As tastes and colours, and all other sensible qualities, lie not in the bodies but merely in the senses; so right and wrong do not denote any independent quality in any object thus designated, but only an effect or sensation produced in our own minds. The agent's moral sense, or power of perceiving moral distinctions, is the supreme rule of moral conduct. That is right which conforms to this moral sense; that is wrong which does not." *c*. The Moral Emotion's: Our notions of right and wrong are derived from our moral emotions. Says Dr. Thomas Brown: "We have a susceptibility of moral emotions; and the emotions spring directly from the contemplation of actions; without any exercise of judgment or comparison, by which the actions are referred to any previous notions of right or wrong" "These moral emotions furnish the supreme rule of right." *d*. Inherent Spiritual Worthiness or Excellency of Man: Dr. Hickox said this furnishes the supreme rule of right.

Having thus in a very hasty and cursory manner reviewed the Unsatisfactory Theories, we now proceed to examine the True Theory of the Supreme Rule.

I. TRUE THEORY CONFIRMED. *a*. Mutual Relations of God and Man. Masonry is founded upon that "faith" which admits GOD as the infinitely wise, Beneficent and Holy Creator and Preserver of the entire Universe; and if there be such a faculty in His creation as a moral sense, or that faculty which can distinguish between right and wrong, GOD must of necessity be the only centre of moral authority for the world and of man as in the world. "The supreme rule by which man's conduct is to be regulated must, therefore, be the will of GOD, the Supreme Governor." Therefore Theism must, *ex necessitate*, be the basis. If any man has this "faith," or "trust in GOD," he must also believe that he is dependent on HIM; he must know himself, therefore, to be subject to GOD as his Governor; and, consequently, accountable to Him only as his Supreme Judge; and he will find in Him alone the true end of his being. This is the *ultima ratio* or final conclusion of the "dogma" of the Entered Apprentice's degree: "Holding such relations to GOD, it is evident that he can find the supreme rule of his conduct only in the will of GOD. *b*. Moral Consciousness—divided into two cases; 1st. "where there is no direct and conscious reference of the moral conduct to the will of GOD; and 2nd, where there is such reference." If there be no conscious reference of the moral conduct to the will of GOD as the standard or centre of moral obligation, and where there is no definite knowledge of GOD, even then "the sense of responsibility—one of the facts of man's moral nature, necessarily involved in the idea of moral obligation—is itself the recognition of the rule of the Supreme Governor.'"

"When in the course of experience and development, the idea of GOD springs up into full consciousness, so that there may be a direct and conscious reference of the moral conduct to Him, man cannot but feel that it is the duty of all intelligent creatures to be conformed to the Divine will." *a*. Dr. Alexander says: "As soon as we get the idea of GOD, we cannot but feel that it is the duty of all creatures to be conformed to His will. But if the question be whether, in judging an action to be virtuous it is necessary to consider distinctly of its conformity to the will of GOD, we are of opinion that this conception is not necessary to enable us to perceive that certain actions are

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morally good and others morally evil. In order to this judgment nothing is required but a knowledge of the circumstances and motives of the action. Even the atheist cannot avoid the conviction that particular actions are praiseworthy and others deserving blame." All men, therefore, by their conduct, continually recognise this supreme place of the will of GOD, even where there is a failure to recognise GOD Himself. *b.* Where there is any belief in GOD, if the believers in Him arise in their conceptions above mere fetichism, great force is thereby added to the dictates of conscience. Due consideration of such a Moral Governor impresses upon every one the duty of all rational creatures to conform to His will; "and as the idea of GOD grows in clearness, this conviction of rightful subjection to His will, as the supreme rule of conduct increases in fullness and power."

II. MAN'S MORAL CONDUCT: Individual, Social and Religious. "In all these conditions of society, and everywhere, and in all ages, clear evidence exists that man's conduct has been referred to the will of GOD as the supreme rule of right and duty." *a.* Belief in GOD and responsibility to Him. From all history we learn that there has ever been the conviction of the existence of a Superior Superintending Power over the world, and of all created beings, and of their responsibility to that Power, which has ever been represented by a personal Being. "No condition of society in any age of the world has been able to destroy it from the souls of men. The good have always rejoiced to proclaim it, and those most given to vice have borne witness to virtue and the supreme rule by condemning themselves."

III. FROM CONTRAST WITH UNSATISFACTORY THEORIES. "The theory that the Will of GOD is the supreme rule of right has the advantage over the other theories, inasmuch as the Will of GOD furnishes a definite, decisive, comprehensive and practical standard of rectitude." *a.* Other Theories Fail. They all fail in some one or all of these respects. First Theory, as to the authority of the State, takes away the very nature of right, because it becomes changeable, dependent on the judgment and prejudices of the law-makers, and which may be modified, changed, dispensed with or reversed, so that what is right to-day may be wrong at another time—what is required to be done or not done now may be *vice versâ* at some future day. Second Theory, that the nature of things furnishes the supreme rule, gives a standard so indefinite and incomprehensible as to be an impracticable standard. The Third Theory "makes rightness depend upon mere human opinion or sentiment, and so removes everything like a decisive standard. It makes right and wrong vary with man's education or with his mood." *b.* The True Theory Does Not Fail. "The will of the unchangeable GOD furnishes a definite, decisive standard of right. It will be seen from the revelations made of that will, that it also furnishes a comprehensible and thoroughly practical standard for man's guidance."—*Voice of Masonry.*

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn presided, and Bros. James Brett and Henry Garrod, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, occupied the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' chairs. There was a very fair attendance of brethren. The Board confirmed recommendations made at the August meeting amounting to £95. The new cases on the list numbered nineteen. The localities from which they came were Croydon, Stowmarket, Manchester, Portsmouth, Newfoundland, Ireland, Lostwithiel, Rochdale, Exmouth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. Helena, South Shields, Devonport, Leeds, Topsham, Pretoria, and London. Only two were from London. Eight were cases of widows. The sitting lasted two hours, and the total amount granted was £500. No case was deferred or dismissed.

The Right Worshipful Brother Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, has fixed Thursday, the 9th of October, as the date for the annual meeting of the members of the Province of Sussex. The brethren will assemble at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 2·30, when the customary business of the year will be transacted. A banquet will be provided, but the Stewards give notice that they cannot ensure a seat being allotted at the dinner table to any brother who does not purchase a ticket for the same before Monday, 6th October.

Obituary.

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IT is our mournful duty this week to chronicle the death of two as worthy brethren as ever graced our Order. Bro. George Penn, Grand Steward, P.M. 1642, P.Z. 1642, &c., and Bro. W. H. Wallington P.M. 860, have both passed away during the last few days.

Bro. George Penn died at his residence, Castle Bar, Ealing, on Saturday, 13th inst., after an illness of three months. He was initiated into Freemasonry on the 6th May 1874, in the Zetland Lodge, No. 511. Was a petitioner for, and first S.W. of, the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, in 1876, serving the office of W.M. thereof in the following year. He was afterwards elected as Treasurer of the Lodge, and in that position added to his reputation as a really genuine Mason. In 1879 he joined the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, and was at the time of his death Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of England from that Lodge. He was first Principal and Treasurer of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, and may be said to have taken a leading part, both in that and the Lodge to which it is attached. As a supporter of the Masonic Institutions, Bro. Penn's name stands out most prominently. He had served the office of Steward to all the Charities, was a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and Life Governor of the other Institutions. In 1880 he took up the large sum of five hundred guineas as Steward, representing the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge at the Festival of the Boys' School, and on that occasion filled the important office of Treasurer of the Board of Stewards. In public life, in the parish where Bro. Penn passed a considerable portion of his days, he was equally to the fore as in Freemasonry. He was a member of the Kensington Vestry, and of the Kensington Trustees of the Poor, also a Commissioner of the Baths and Washhouses of the same parish, and in many other ways took a leading part in the welfare of the inhabitants of his district. His remains were interred at Perrivale Church, on Wednesday, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Bro. Penn was highly respected by all who knew him, and will be deeply regretted by the members of the Lodges and Chapter with which he was associated, as well as by others to whom he was known.

Bro. W. H. Wallington, whose death took place on Thursday, the 11th instant, was best known perhaps in his official position as Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, a post he had filled for upwards of ten years, both with credit to himself and benefit to those whom he instructed. He was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, in April 1868, and rose to the position of W.M. thereof in 1875, since which time he has been looked upon as one of the most distinguished of the Past Masters of that Lodge, and his absence from future gatherings will appear the more noticeable from the fact that he was always most regular in his attendance. His funeral took place on Thursday, at Abney Park Cemetery, when among those brethren who attended to pay the last sad tribute of respect were Bros. Littell (P.G.P.), Weige, Dickens (Sec.), Bates, Smith P.M.'s, Pavitt W.M., Jenkins, Lamb, Clark, and others, of the Dalhousie Lodge; Wardell P.M. 95, Green, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, Dallas P.M., Bowen, Marsh W.M., Morgan W.M. 211, &c., &c. It will be long before any brother will be found to fill the place which Bro. Wallington has so long occupied as an instructor in the ritual of the three degrees, even if we ever find so jovial, painstaking and persevering a brother as he to succeed him. To the members of both families we respectfully tender our heartfelt sympathy with them in their affliction.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Any person can be made a member of the Order by being initiated; but by so doing, he for the most part only learns to know the ceremonies; but the precise meaning of Freemasonry he must learn by being afterwards instructed. In many Lodges these instructions are written out as a commentary, and are given to the Lodge from time to time: at these times the W.M. or Lecturer has ample room for explanatory remarks. In other Lodges it is left to the W.M. to instruct the brethren upon Masonic subjects, according to his own views. These instructions must form a principal part of the labours of a Lodge, and the candidate should pay great attention to them.—*Hebrew Leader.*

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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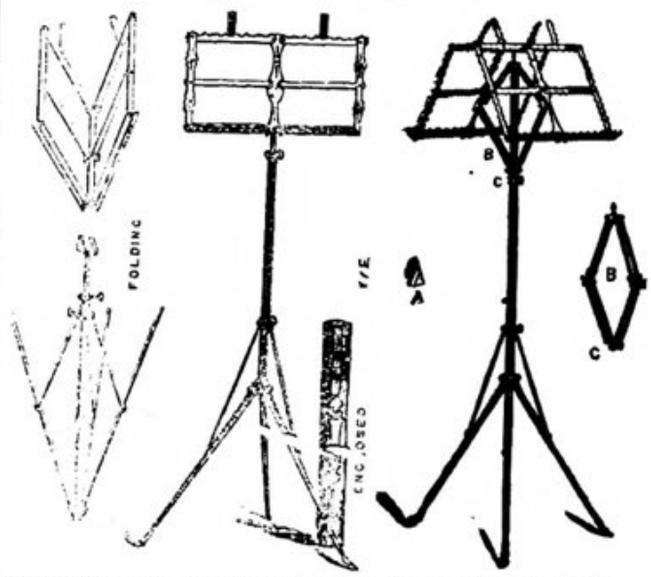
DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn, W.C. At four o'clock the brethren assembled, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Brother A. Stokes. After the minutes of the regular meeting of 12th April, and of an Emergency Meeting of 21st June, had been read and confirmed, Bro. F. H. Stollery was raised to the sublime degree. Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, was presented, and regularly installed by the outgoing Master who carried out the ceremony in the same perfect manner that has characterised his work during the past year. On the re-admission of those brethren who are not yet entitled to wear the levels, the following were appointed to the several offices: — Brothers A. Stokes Immediate Past Master, G. F. Smith sen. S.W., A. Williams J.W., T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Rossiter P.M. Secretary, H. Cattermole S.D., W. B. Marcus J.D., A. Jakins I.G., J. Da Silva Director of Ceremonies, H. S. Trego Organist, H. Auerbach Steward, Bowler Tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by Bro. Corpe P.M., who acquitted himself creditably. The new Master was now called upon to exercise himself. The ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. Christoph Herman Knuth, who was proposed by Brother J. Da Silva and seconded by Bro. S. J. Rossiter Secretary; and for Mr. John Lemon Rutledge, proposed by Brother C. W. Cox and seconded by Brother J. Da Silva. These gentlemen presented themselves as candidates for initiation. The result was unanimously in favour of both candidates, and they were introduced and took their first step in Freemasonry. Brother Dewsnap performed his share of the work of the day in such a way as to leave it a foregone conclusion that the reputation this Lodge has acquired for correct ritual will not be endangered by his interpretation. The usual routine work was then considered. The case of a brother of the Lodge who had fallen into distressed circumstances was brought under notice, and relief given from the Benevolent Fund to the amount of £5. Some resignations were tendered and accepted; a candidate was proposed for initiation; and after "hearty good wishes" had been expressed, Lodge was closed. We must not omit to mention that a Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Stokes, who was heartily complimented on the way he had conducted the business during his year of office. A capital banquet was supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, superintended by Brother E. Dawkins. The after proceedings were of a most agreeable character, the intervals between the toasts being well filled by some capital songs. It was a late hour ere the brethren separated. The following were present as Visitors:—Bros. John Etherington J.W. 1310, George Quin 334, George Bean W.M. 188, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, A. E. Staley P.M. 185. A. Hagan 1471, Walter V. Braham 1471, H. Wright W.M. elect 1827, A. P. Keeling D.C. 167, W. H. Brand P.M. 1622, A. G. Dodson P.M. 188, M. Krumm 185, J. Da Silva 205, G. Wakefield 1298, C. A. White 1777.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

FAVOURED with pleasant weather, the members of this Lodge had a very agreeable time of it on Wednesday last, at the Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. B. Linscott, who was supported by J. C. Innes S.W., John Greenfield J.W., Captain J. Finch P.M. Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.M. Secretary, F. Foxley J.D., H. Conolly I.G., E. J. Withers D.C., &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Baker P.M. 1305, Watts P.M 194, E. Ayling P.M. 975, E. Payne J.W. 1602, and W. W. Morgan 211. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. expressed his regret that there was no ceremonial work to perform; at the same time the business they were assembled to transact was of no perfunctory character, inasmuch as they had to elect a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The brethren also would have to elect a Treasurer, in addition to other matters that he was sure would receive their careful consideration. The ballot was then taken for the election of W.M., and the Senior Warden, Bro. Charles Innes, was unanimously chosen to fill that office. This compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Innes, who assured the brethren he should do all in his power to make his term of office pass pleasantly. Bro. Capt. Finch was re-elected Treasurer, and here again the decision of the brethren was received with every sign of satisfaction, while Capt. Finch expressed his pleasure at having been elected, and assured the brethren of his desire to continue to work for the advantage of the Lodge. Brothers John Soper, Greenfield, and Dearing, with the recognized Officers of the Lodge, were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts. The election of a Tyler was, however, deferred. The Ballot was next brought into requisition for Bro. Walter Holcombe, Secretary Phœnix Lodge, No. 173, who was proposed as a joining member by Bro. Finch P.M. and seconded by Bro. P.M. Allen. The result was unanimously in favour of this candidate, who took his seat as a member of the Lodge. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed, and the brethren had a trip to Cookham Bridge, by steam launch. After the return journey a capital banquet was supplied by host Deacon, and on the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were honoured. The replies were necessarily brief, but the compliments paid both the W.M. and the W.M. elect were received with the greatest cordiality. The installation meeting will take place on Wednesday, the 15th October, and we are assured that the good feeling which has been so well sustained during the Mastership of Bro. Linscott will continue while this Lodge is under the rule of his successor.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the above Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Friday, 12th inst., under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent for the Province, the Right Hon. Lord H. F. Thynne, M.P., Past G.N., who was supported by Comps. W. Nott P.G.H., T. H. Chandler P.P.G.H. as P.G.J., H. C. Tombs P.G.A. Soj. P.G.S.E., and other Officers past and present and Companions of the Province. The Report of the Charity Committee recommended that a grant of £21 be made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed upon the list of Comp. John Chandler P.P.G.H., who had offered to represent the Province as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of that Institution, at which Festival Sir Michael Hicks Beach, the P.G.M. of Gloucestershire, a Province of which Wiltshire had been and was now in intimate connection as regards Charity Organisation, was to preside. The Registrar's Report was read, it giving, as usual, an account of the present position of Arch Masonry in the Province. The M.E. Superintendent in addressing the Companions referred to the figures given in the Registrar's Report as being most satisfactory; one new Chapter, the Methuen, No. 1533, had been added to the Chapters in the Province since the last meeting, and he congratulated it on its flourishing position. This made five Chapters in all, while the total number of members of the Order in the Province was steadily increasing. His Lordship alluded also to the Provincial Grand Chapter meeting for the first time at Devizes, in consequence of the removal of the meeting place of the Chapter of Harmony from the Masonic Hall, Trowbridge, to the building in which they were then assembled, a removal which he trusted would give additional strength to that excellent Chapter. He recognised again with much pleasure the great boon to the Province in the re-appearance of the Masonic Calendar, under the able editorship of Comp. Nott, and trusted so useful a work would be continued and duly supported. He further alluded to the losses which in the past few years the Provincial Grand Chapter had sustained by death. During the past year they had from this cause to deplore the loss of one of the most active Companions in the Province, viz., Comp. Tasker, who was one of the Principals of the Thynne Chapter, No. 1478, in which he had undertaken office to assist the Companions there at the comparatively recent establishment of that Chapter and had continued to support it until his death. In reference to an inquiry from the Grand Superintendent, Companion Nott, P.G. Treasurer, the Secretary to the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, stated that such Fund now received the general support of the Lodges in the Province, and fortunately had as yet had no claim upon it for assistance, so that the whole of the annual income had been invested. The Grand Superintendent then invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows :—

Comp. H Kinneir 355	Prov. G.H.
T. P. Saunders 632	Prov. G.J.
H. C. Tombs 355 P.P.G.H. (re-appointed)	Prov. G.S.E.
A. Plummer 355	Prov. G.S.N.
W. Nott 632 P.P.G.H. (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treasurer
W. H. Burt M.E.Z. 632 ...	Prov. G. P. Soj.
J. V. Toone 1478	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Chandler 355 P.P.G.H. (re-appointed)	Prov. G.D.C.
E. S. Mackrell 1478 (re-appointed)	Prov. G. Organist
J. Savory (re-elected) ...	Prov. G. Janitor

A collection of Alms subsequently made was handed to the Treasurer of the receiving Chapter to be devoted to the Devizes Cottage Hospital, or otherwise as his Chapter may direct. After the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, the Companions dined together at the Bear Hotel, where the new host, Comp. N. J. Beale, provided an excellent repast to which the Grand Superiniendent, Lord H. F. Thynne, had contributed a bountiful supply of venison and game.

CATALOGUE OF THE MASONIC SOIREE AND EXHIBITION, WORCESTER, AUGUST, 1884.

(Continued from page 169.)

AFTER Bro. Major Irwin's contributions follow a long array of exhibits by various brethren. No. 712, shown by Bro. Wm. Dawes, of the Wellington Lodge, No. 341, is described as "The Jewel of the I.P.M. (Silver). The Compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and Blazing Star (Gilt) included; below the last, numerous emblems; above it the Square (angle downwards) supporting the Volume of the S.L., open at 1 Chron. xxiii. (erroneously engraved xiii.) 1—'So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son King over Israel,' and he, David, became I.P. King and wore a similar jewel. Over the V. of the S.L. is the Eye of the Omniscient, and above that the letter G." Brother Hughan writes of this: "Probably unique, and certainly very curious and valuable. In 'ye anciente tyme' each Brother followed his own fancy as to the design of his jewels." A somewhat similar jewel is exhibited by Bro. G. M. Waring, of Noah's Ark Lodge, No. 347, only that "in the centre of the Square and Compasses, is the Level," while, "underneath, on the left side of the Square, and between that and the segment of the circle is the Sun; on the right side the crescent Moon." Bro. Waring also contributes an "Antique Gavel, exquisitely inlaid with silver. On the face, the All-seeing Eye, above a scroll containing the motto, 'Spes Mea in Deo est'; beneath the centre of the scroll the figures '15'; in the centre the skull and cross bones. Around are the figures 3, 5, 12, and 15; underneath being the letters M. and T. N. The square, level, and plumb-rule suspended from a scroll, the level and plumb-rule between the extended compasses. The Gavel was presented to the Lodge 1st December 1772, by Brother Elwell, Wolverhampton." Brother Hughan considers this "Quite a curiosity of its kind and a treasure." No. 719, sent by Bro. G. Wyatt, of Albany Lodge, No. 151, is described by Bro. Hughan as "a most interesting contribution, and of especial importance in relation to Mark Masonry." It consists of "three oak frames, with plate glass, enclosing vellum roll of Mark Masons, with their respective ranks, and illustrated border showing the principal officers at work in accordance with the ancient traditionary working, &c." Brother E. Cooper, W.M. of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, sends three exhibits, No. 729 being an "Ancient P.M. Jewel, of great interest," which Bro. Hughan thinks may possibly be an 'Old Master's Jewel,'" there being "not many now to be seen of this design." No. 730 is a "Curious Apron, covered with Devices and Arms of Grand Lodge, 1798, (Engraved by Newman), and No. 730A an "Old Scotch Apron, mounted as a Bannerette." Bro. W. C. Everly-Taylor, M.D., of the same Lodge, contributes a "Freemason's Pocket Companion," of 1771, which Brother Hughan says is a scarce, if not an early, edition, and Bro. G. H. Walshaw, one of its Past Masters, a "French Certificate issued to a Scarborough Brother, 1787. Seal appears to be early 17th Century." Brother R. H. Peacock, another P.M. of the same Lodge, exhibits an "Early Lithograph" (No. 736) of Brother Robert Burns being invested as "Poet Laureate of the Kilwinning Lodge, Edinburgh," that is the Canongate Kilwinning, we presume, which is referred to in the footnote by Brother Hughan, the event having been commemorated in a picture executed by Bro. Watson, who was a member of the same Lodge. Bro. James Stevens contributes No. 742-753A, No. 743 being his Chart or Map of the Masonic Lodges and R.A. Chapters in England and Wales, which we fully agree with Bro. Hughan is a most useful work. No. 744 is a "Photograph representing the Masonic ladder, surrounded with emblems of the four Cardinal Virtues and other designs—very interesting and possibly very scarce." No. 749 is an "Old Mark Certificate, in Mark Cypher, from an old Lodge at Newport, Isle of Wight." No. 753A a "Royal Arch Jewel, formerly belonging to the late Dr. O'Meara, Medical attendant on Napoleon at St. Helena. The property of W. Bro. Edward Smith P.M. 873."

The next contributor is Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who heads his array of contributions with sundry Charts and Photos of Charts designed by himself, of which Bro. Hughan speaks in justly complimentary terms. Another of his exhibits is No. 769A, "Cole's List of Lodges, A.D. 1764," which we are told is a "very rare copy." The group that follows Nos. 770-788, represents the contributions of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath. No. 775 is a "Pocket Companion of A.D. 1735, with Pine's List of Lodges attached, of A.D. 1725, showing the Lodges of A.D. 1724 on the roll, and likewise both Lodges (of 1724 and 1733) in A.D. 1734-5." With reference to the 1725 List of Pine's, Bro. Hughan says that if it is "an *original*, it is of great value," as "only one other copy is known in this country." No. 776*—"List of Lodges of A.D. 1804" is described by Bro. Hughan as "exceedingly rare, and was the earliest issued by the 'Atholl' Grand Lodge. There is not a copy in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, but Bro. J. H. Neilson has one in his collection." As regards No. 777 "Freemasons' Hall Medal worn by the Master of the 'Royal Comberland Lodge,' No. 41, Bath," Bro. Hughan gives the following note. "In my 'Masonic Register' A.D. 1878, I give an account of this 'Medal' which is worn by the Master of the Lodge for the time being in perpetuity, suspended from the arms of the Square. There are only four Lodges in the country entitled to this distinction, viz., No. 41, Bath, No. 75, Falmouth, No. 154, Wakefield, and No. 237, Swansea, that of the 'Royal Cumberland Lodge' being the only *original* Medal of the Quartette. The Medal was struck in 1780."—No. 780 is an "Autotype of the

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Warrant A.D. 1733," the original being carefully preserved and adorning the Masonic Hall, Bath. No. 782 is a "Picture of the Procession of the Girls' School, two of the orphans being led by Chevalier Ruspini as the Founder of that excellent Institution, now know as the R.M.I. for Girls."

Bro. James H. Neilson, whose exhibits occupy the next place in the Catalogue, is among the most liberal contributors, there being several rarities in his collection, (Nos. 789-833). Thus No. 792 is a "Large Silver Medal of the Supreme Council of Peru, struck to commemorate meetings of Supreme Councils on 6th September 1875, Lausanne." Bro. Hughan remarks that "few of these are in circulation, especially those of silver." No. 799 is a "Photo of an old Seal, Irish Lodge 620, presented to Lodge on 15th June 1786, in consideration of which the brother presenting it was forgiven his arrears of dues." In nearly every case the exhibits numbered 803 to 813 are marked either as "only copy" or "only copy known." Thus No. 803—"List of the Grand Lodge Officers and also of Wardens of all Lodges held under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, together with their places of meeting for the year 1813."—is marked "the only copy known." So is No. 804 a "similar list for 1st October 1822."—No. 806, "Printed Circular calling a meeting for a Grand Lodge at Omagh," is said to be an "only copy," so are No. 807, No. 808—"Print of Resolutions passed at meeting of 6th June, 1808, to found a Grand Lodge at Dungannon;" No. 809—"Print of Resolutions passed on 6th June 1810, at (so-called) Grand Lodge of Ulster;" No. 810, list of Grand Officers of the so-called Grand Lodge, elected 3rd June 1812; No. 811; No. 812, "Printed Circular issued pursuant to a resolution of Grand Lodge Chapter of H.K. Templars of Ireland, convened at Dublin, the 30th January 1809, stating their body were the original founders of Templary in Ireland, and held their encampment under Charter from Royal Mother Lodge of Kilwinning of 1799." Bro. George Kenning, exhibits (Nos. 834-884) consist principally of jewels, &c., manufactured by him, and in all respects most creditable to the artists and workpeople employed by him. This group makes quite a brave show. Here and there among them are a few relics, such as No. 852, "ancient M.M. Jewel;" No. 857, "Ancient K.T. Star;" No. 861, "Ancient Masonic Coin;" No. 870, "Old Painted Apron." Bro. Binckes contributes four Photographs, two of them relating to the Boys' School Festival at Brighton, and an Allegorical Picture—"Freemasonry and Civilization." Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G. Secretary Essex is very worthily represented by group Nos. 901-910, among them being 903—a "Plumb Bob, found embedded in the wall of Mark's Tey Church, near Colchester;" No. 904, "Old Royal Arch Collar Jewel;" No. 905, an "Old Royal Arch Jewel, pierced, similar to others exhibited;" and No. 806, "'Ten-pointed Royal Arch Star Jewel. Dated A.L. 5805 A.D. 1801." The three exhibits, Nos. 911-912, are sent by Bro. J. B. Herbert, of Birmingham, No. 915 being described as a "Metal Maltese Cross; the centre being enamelled." Of this Bro. Hughan writes:—"This is a Jewel of the 'Constancy and Harmony' Lodge, Aachen. It is Marvin's No. 350, and is noted by Merzdorf." No. 913—"Copper Heptagonal Medal"—we learn from the same authority, was "struck for the 'Scottish Lodge of the Scotch Olive,' Havre," and is "Marvin's No. 124." Nos. 914 and 915, sent by Bro. W. H. Sproston P.M. St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, may be ranked among the rarities—the former being "Old Seal of the Lodge, dating from 1764"—and the latter "Old Banner of the Lodge, about the same date," with "arms of the regular Grand Lodge of England depicted" on it. The value of 919, "Wooden Gavel," lies in the fact of its being made from a portion of the timbers of H.M.S. Resolute, sent out in search of Sir John Franklin, but abandoned in 1854, and extricated from the ice and brought home in 1855.

* For further remarks on this Exhibit, see Bro. Gould's letter elsewhere.—[ED. F.C.]

(To be continued.)

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THE WORCESTER EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As your reviewer of the "Worcester Catalogue" has not yet extended beyond the No. 706, I invite your attention to a remarkable exhibit—No. 776—the earliest list of the Atholl Lodges of which any mention has come down to us. It is advertised in the printed "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge (Ancients), 7th March 1804, as follows: "A correct List of the Lodges of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," &c. "Printed by T. Burton for R. Leslie, Grand Secretary, and sold by Richard Barry, No. 106 Minories, price 1s 6d."

Although it may be imagined that a large number of copies were printed off, the one in the possession of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath—exhibit No. 776—is the first that I have been able to trace, and it comes, strangely enough, from the archives of a *Modern* Lodge.

This list, in my opinion, is the "gem" of the Worcester Collection, though exhibit No. 803, which gives the roll of Irish Lodges for 1813 is almost of equal value.

The portraits of eminent Freemasons form an interesting feature of the Exhibition, and if those of all the worthies who lived in times now remote from our own were placed at the disposal of some enterprising photographer the Craft at large would have reason to rejoice.

The result of the Masonic Exhibitions at York and Worcester must even so far have exceeded the most sanguine anticipations of their promoters, but may we not hope for still more light, and indulge in the expectation that Grand Lodge in its wisdom will enact a permissive ordinance, inviting inventories of their effects from all the Lodges under its obedience?

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

[As Brother Gould will see, our Reviewer has drawn attention to this Exhibit.—ED. F.C.]

THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have made an approximate analysis of the voting papers just issued, and added a few remarks which may perhaps be worth consideration. To me they appear relevant, and would prevent the recurrence of what some designate as a stigma on the Order, when so many last applications are being constantly sent away. Either such candidates ought not to have been brought forward, or those who bring them forward neglect their duty of supporting those they have presented. Now, in the Boys' list we have six last chances. No. 1, a London case, 418 votes to his credit; this candidate I recommend to the attention of the "District Grand Master" of the East End, Bro. J. G. Stevens, whose name is a tower of strength to any case he takes in hand. No. 10, a Devonshire lad, with only 3 votes to his credit. I do not know how many applications have been made on his behalf, but unless his supporters mean to carry him through, which is easily within their strength,—although they have three other cases on the list,—I think it would be much better to withdraw his name than to go through the farce of continuing his candidature. No. 14 hails from Norfolk (a Province which has two other cases on the list), with 696 votes to his credit; a very good number towards attaining that success which the previous support of this applicant indicates. The three remaining are first and last applications. No. 46, 10 years 11 months. Nos. 48 and 55, 10 years 8 months each. No. 46 is a Middlesex case, and, judging from what his father has done for the Institutions, ought to receive sufficient assistance to secure his election. No. 48 comes from East Lancashire, and although this Province has three other candidates, there should be no doubt about this lad's success. No. 55 is the only Cheshire case, and with a little aid from the amalgamated Provinces would be equally safe. How pleasant it would be to feel that none had gone away from the Election Room hopeless and in despair. I now come to my analysis; first, the ages of the 57 boys aggregate nearly 529 years 4 months, or an average of 9·3 and a fraction; fifty-five of their fathers have subscribed 516 years 3 months, or an average of 9 years 5 months nearly; of the other two, No. 17, the date of initiation is left out, and the other, No. 24, has a blank in that column, though the dates of his initiation and death are given. Of the fifty-seven, nine only are recorded as assisting the Institutions, while two figure as helping to found new Lodges; but this test cannot be relied on as definite, because, from the manner in which the lists for the Festivals are made up, partly of small amounts (which do not entitle to a vote), the donor's names would not appear. Of the 57 children 4 have both parents living, but in one case the father is incapacitated, and in another insane. 4 have neither parents living, and the remainder the mother only. The respective families range from 1—11, or an average of a fraction over 4½ in each, or 2·56 in all, with the exception of 2 that are dependent on their mother. It is rather singular that in both the Boys' and Girls' lists the number in family, 1—11, 1—10, respectively, consists of all numbers except 9. Now let me turn my attention to what ought to have been my first duty—our Girls. In this list of 30, the collective ages, which range from 7 years 7 months to 11 years on the day of election, are nearly 376 years 7 months, or nearly 9 years 3 months; of the 30, 4 are last chances. No. 2, from Norfolk, with only 137 votes in her favour—this Province will have a hard, but I hope a successful task, to secure this, as well as the Boys' case, but with the aid of the Province's Association it can be managed, as I see there are several Provinces without a candidate this time. Then No. 14, 10 years 7 months; No. 23, 10 years 11 months, and No. 27, 10 years 7 months, are first and last applications. No. 14, a Colonial case from British Burmah, has indeed but little, beyond dire necessity—which is common to all the cases—to recommend it, but at the same time I wish her every success. No. 23, is from Northumberland, which Province must concentrate all its strength on this, and leave the other two cases, who have further chances, for the next occasion. No. 27, from Yorkshire (West Division) is one of the certain cases, provided the Province takes it up in earnest. So, as in the Boys (with the exception of the Colonial case), I see no reasonable cause why any of these last applications should be fruitless. Of the 30 fathers, I can only give the collective and average of their years of subscription, because the worthy Secretary has put the vague term "until incapacitated" opposite five names, which "incapacitates" me from giving a true return, but the 25 have aggregated 225, or exactly an average of 9 years, ranging from 6 months to 15¾ years. Of the 30 fathers 8 only are recorded as having aided the Institutions for which their children are candidates, but the remarks I have made in the Boys' case is equally applicable here—some may have hidden their light under a bushel. Of the 30 children, 2 have both parents living—one father incapacitated and one insane; 2 have neither, while the remainder the mother only; these united families num-

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ber 140 or 4¼ each (a fraction more than the boys'); with the exception of 5, all are entirely dependent on their mothers.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

8 Thurloe-place, 16th September 1884.

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M.E. AND DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,

I am directed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, &c., M.W. G.M.M.M., to acknowledge, with his best thanks, the copy of the Proceedings of your Grand Chapter, which you have been good enough to send us.

With reference to the Quebec difficulty, I have to remark, with great regret, that considerable misapprehension appears to exist on the part of a majority of the G. Chapters of the U.S.

I have again to repeat—

1. That this G.L. claims no territorial or other jurisdiction whatever in the U.S., or within the district claimed by the G.C. of Canada.

2. With regard to the Province of Quebec, it is altogether inaccurate to say that this G.L. has issued warrants for Mark Lodges, since its recognition (under a misapprehension as to its legality) of the G.C. of Quebec.

The facts are these. There have always been, since 1760, and long previous to the constitution of the G.C. of Quebec, "Time Immemorial" Mark Lodges connected with English Craft Lodges in Montreal. Of this we have ample documentary evidence, and the main fact is admitted by the G.Z. of the G.C. of Canada, at p 16 of Proceedings, July 11, 1884. Three of these "Time Immemorial" Mark Lodges, desired to place themselves under supreme English Jurisdiction in the Mark Degree, as their members were already under Supreme English Jurisdiction in the Craft, and R.A. Degrees. This G.L. has acknowledged them as regular, by granting them what is practically a warrant of *confirmation*. It has created for them no new *status*. They were legal bodies before. Some of the principal members of the G.C. of Canada received the Mark Degree in one of these T.I. Lodges.

These Lodges could not, in our view of Masonic law and tradition, be lawfully compelled to apply for warrants of confirmation to the G.C. of Quebec for two reasons—1st, that they had no desire to join that new organization; and 2nd, that they are advised by the highest legal authority, that the said organization is illegal according to the civil law of the State, and that its members can only meet under risk of criminal prosecution. This view is confirmed by the fact that the G.C. of Quebec, in the last Session of the Dominion Parliament, attempted to obtain a legal *status*, but failed to do so.

3. At the present moment, therefore, the Mark Lodges meeting under the Warrants of Confirmation of this G.L. are the only legal assemblies of Mark Masters in the Province of Quebec. (See Hon. Judge Badgeley's letter to the M.W. G.M.M.M., at p 61 of Proceedings of G.L. of M.M.M., June 1884.)

4. I cannot but express my surprise that the G.C.'s of the U.S. should have so far overlooked one of the fundamental landmarks of Masonry as to attempt to oblige English Mark Masters to join a so-called Masonic body meeting in defiance of the laws of the State in which it finds itself.

5. Whenever a legal body working the Mark Degree is established in the Province of Quebec, it will be open to it to make advances for union to the three T.I. Lodges holding Warrants of Confirmation from this G.L., and to this course we shall offer no objection whatever; but, on the contrary, we should be exceedingly glad to see such a union voluntarily effected, and would promote it by any legitimate means in our power.

Meanwhile, in order to meet as far as possible the views of the U.S., and in the hope that a satisfactory arrangement may be made between the three T.I. English Mark Lodges in Quebec and a lawful G.C., we have restricted the action of the English Mark Lodges in Quebec to English Master Masons. We shall exceedingly regret it, if we are driven from this conciliatory position by the hostile action of the G.C.'s of the U.S.

6. These facts we beg to commend to the fraternal consideration of your G.C.

FREDERICK BINCKES P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

To the M.E. Grand H.P., G.R.A. Chapter of

DEATHS.

WALLINGTON.—On Thursday, the 11th instant, at his residence, 23 Bedford Road, West Green, Tottenham, Brother W. H. WALLINGTON P.M. 860.

PENN.—At his residence, Castle Bar, Ealing, on Saturday, the 13th instant, Brother GEORGE PENN P.M. 1642, Grand Steward, &c., &c.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., Provincial Grand Master, will hold the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of West Lancashire at the Drill Hall, Ulverston, on Wednesday next, the 24th inst., when the Craft Lodge will be opened at one o'clock, to which all Master Masons will be admitted. Business of considerable importance will be brought before the meeting. The brethren are requested to appear in Masonic mourning, as a mark of respect for the memory of the late Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary. In the meantime, Bro. W. Goodacre, as P.G. Registrar, Stretford, Manchester, is temporarily performing the duties of Secretary of the Province.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, Comp. Osborn filled the chair of M.E.Z., George H., Shaw J., Radcliffe S.N., Collinson P.S., Dehane as S.E., Edmonds Preceptor, when an instructive evening was spent.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will resume its meetings at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, 7th October.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
247—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Perrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Kingston, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Chowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
787—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Wellington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 8 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1281—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 318 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Clarence, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1075—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 296—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Virtuvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—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.
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 733—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cobbell, 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—Vermont, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1893—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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—Unions, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1612—E. Carnarvon, La Broke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
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
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, 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. 1067—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

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SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1969—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. Banks W.M., Stringer S.W., J. K. Pitt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Coen S.D., W. T. Hunt jun. J.D., Penrose I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Catt, H. G. Pitt, Emblin, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. H. G. Pitt candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming closed to the first degree. Bro. H. G. Pitt was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Stringer was appointed W.M. for the second Thursday in October. Lodge was closed in due form.

Percy Lodge of Insiruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 13th inst. Present—Bros. Parkes W.M., Turner S.W., Sheffield J.W., Ferrar S.D., Robinson J.D., Jenkins I.G., Cohen Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Ashton, Weeden, Fenner, Cross, Payne, H. P. Jones, Botley, Mullord, &c. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fenner having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Cohen worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first, and the third and fourth sections worked. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 20th instant.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 16th instant. Bro. Macklin W.M., Smyth S.W., Jenkins J.W., Cushing S.D., Watkinson J.D., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Acting Preceptor, Baker I.G.; also Bros. Allen, Robinson, Wardell, Gayton, Marsh, Christian. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Christian answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Allen worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. Gayton, of Lodge 1607, was elected a member. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed Officers in rotation. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy and condolence be forwarded to the widow and family of the late Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, who had officiated in that capacity for ten years. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 15th instant, at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed Street, Paddington, W. Bros. Stroud W.M., Spiegel S.W., H. P. Gilbert J.W., G. Read Treasurer and Preceptor, Debane Secretary, Hardy S.D., E. J. Brown J.D., C. J. Morse Steward, J. Laurence I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Captain Nicols 1974, A. E. Gladwell; Bros. C. S. Mote, W. J. Mason, S. Stretch jun., A. G. Dixon, M. J. Green, C. S. Humfress, F. R. Hayes W.M. elect 1767, W. A. Stimson, C. B. Wickens, W. B. Hatton, J. M. Chapman. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second, when Bro. Mason was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge closed to first degree, when Bro. Hayes assumed the chair, and invested the Officers. The fourth section was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Spiegel was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until 22nd of September.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Parkes W.M., Rhodes S.W., Western J.W., Goddard S.D., Robinson J.D., MacMillan I.G., Cusworth Preceptor, Galer Secretary. After preliminaries, Bro. Weeden offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge opened and closed in the second degree, when, after routine work, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

The Euphrates Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetings on Moday evening next, at eight o'clock, at Bro. Hickman's, The Mother Red Cap, Camden Town. Brethren seeking instruction will be cordially welcomed.

Bro. Edwin Storr, S.W. St. John's Lodge, No. 167, was, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Storr, as Secretary of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, has made himself very popular with a large circle of Masonic friends, all of whom, we are assured, will join us in heartily congratulating him on his preferment.

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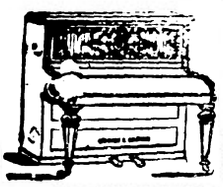
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THE OCTOBER ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE ballot paper for the Boys' Election, which takes place on Monday, the 13th proximo, contain the names of fifty-seven candidates, but as No. 55, Leo Kretschman, has been withdrawn, the number of those who will go to the poll, so far as is at present known, will be fifty-six. From this number twenty-seven are to be elected, or nearly one-half of those eligible. This is a state of affairs which, compared with some of the Boys' Elections of the past, is most satisfactory, and will no doubt afford a chance of election to many who had hardly hoped for success at this contest. Of the fifty-six candidates whose claims we have to consider, five appear as last application cases. No. 1, Horace Gale, now comes forward for the sixth time, with 418 votes to his credit. He is one of three dependent children left fatherless, in March 1881. His father was a member of No. 898, London. No. 10, Albert Edmund Crutchett, one of five fatherless children, has stood three elections, and brings forward three votes as the result thereof. His father was a joining member of No. 202, Devon, and shows a long record of membership. It is impossible to say what chance the lad has of election, as we are unaware whether his father's Province has officially "adopted" him. If they have, he will, in all probability, be elected; if not, we imagine that his case is one of those which should have been removed from the list as an abandoned one. No. 14, James Ambrose Gore, brings forward 696 votes as the result of two elections in which he has taken part. He is one of four children left to the care of a widowed mother, and is accredited to the Province of Norfolk. No. 46, Edwin James R. Nichols, and No. 48, Herbert Asquith, are the other two last applications, and both now appear for the first time. The former is one of two fatherless children, whose father was a member of the Province of Middlesex, and the latter one of five now dependent on their mother, who was left a widow early in the present year. The late Bro. Asquith was a member of the Province of East Lancashire, and had many friends there, who, we hope, will now come forward, and do their best to relieve his widow of the care of one of her five children.

There are three cases in which neither parent is living, and one in which the lad belongs to a family of three, dependent on their stepmother. No. 7, Harry Robert Graves, now makes his fourth application, bringing forward 25 votes as the result of his three previous attempts. He is one of five children who are left parentless, and is accredited to the Province of Lincolnshire. We should, however, imagine this to be one of those cases in which the Craft generally should render assistance rather than that his chance should depend on his father's Province alone. No. 52, Walter Speed, seems to be another most distressing case. He is one of a family of six, left with neither father nor mother, the former having been a member of Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, Derbyshire. The present is the lad's first application. We hope he will receive sufficient support to secure for him a place among the successful. No. 54, George Octavius Fearon, is one of a family of whom there still five children dependent on friends. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and is accredited to the Province of Cumberland, in which district his father held Provincial Grand office. No. 47, Fred Jenner, is the lad who, with two others, is now dependent on his stepmother. He is accredited to the Province of Sussex, and now makes a first application.

Forty-two of the remaining cases are lads whose father is, in each case dead, and of these two are members of families in which there are eight children dependent on the widowed mother. No. 9, Benjamin Meeds Hildred, a candidate for the fourth time, from Wiltshire, brings forward 283 votes. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and, as we have said, is yet one of eight relying on their mother. No. 41, Horace Field Aspinall—a new case—is accredited to the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, London, to which his father subscribed for nearly nine years (close up to the date of his death). Coming next on the roll we have four cases in which there are seven children dependent. No. 6, James Pullen Seagrave, who has taken part in the last three elections, stands a good chance, as he brings forward 1198 votes to start with, being indeed second on the "brought forward" list. His father was a member of two London Lodges, and the position the son now occupies on the ballot paper shows that the brethren who knew him are doing something to show their friendship. No. 23, Frank Perkins, polled 202 votes in April last. Like the last-mentioned case, this lad's father is accredited to London, he having been P.M. and Secretary of St. James, No 765. No. 30, Percy White Musgrave, has a sister in the Girls' School. He now makes a first application for admission to the Boys' Institution, and will doubtless secure a place there at no very distant date; the two Lodges his father was associated with (the Acacia and the Metropolitan, both of London) have been proverbial for their efforts on behalf of the families of their old members. No. 56, Charles Henry Wurr, comes from the Province of Nottingham, and is also a first application case. No. 16, Arthur Warner, one of a family of six, has 224 votes already polled on his behalf, he having stood at each of the last two elections. His father was W.M. of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London. No. 20, Stanley Claud Dawson, also one of six, has 349 votes to bring forward, he having been a candidate in April last. His father was initiated in Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Surrey, and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, which occurred in November 1882.

Five children dependent on a widowed mother is recorded in nine of the remaining cases. No. 3, Reginald Alfred L. Mitchell, a Devonshire lad, has eight votes brought forward to show for the four elections he has already taken part in. No. 8, Frederick Teilo Davis—a fourth application—from the Eastern Division of South Wales, has but two votes already to his credit, but his father's Province is among the best of the Charity workers, and are doubtless gathering their strength together in order to carry this, the only case they have on the list, if it is in any way possible. No. 18, James Campbell Besley, has already stood two elections. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and would himself seem to have a certain chance of being elected to the Boys', as he brings forward the large number of 1670 votes. No. 26, Frank Kingsley Manning, has four votes to his credit. He has stood one election only, and is accredited to the Province of North Wales and Salop. No. 36, Francis Buckland B. Kent; No. 39, Richard David Williams; No. 43, Edgar Howard Pope; No. 49, Isaac Harold Lester; and No. 53, Albert Taylor, are the remaining lads in this section. Pope (43) has a sister in the Girls' School, but in other respects there

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is nothing special about the cases. Kent's father was a member of No. 1297, London; Williams's of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, W. Lancashire; Pope's of Royal Lebanon, No. 493, Gloucestershire; Lester's of Nos. 199 and 1208, Kent; and Taylor's of Tranquillity, No. 274, East Lancashire.

Nos. 13, 17, 19, 29 and 38 each form one of families of four, left to the care of widowed mothers. No. 13, John Sinclair Barker Allen, comes forward for the third time, with 244 votes to his credit. His father was a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 100, Norfolk; No. 17, Charles Bernard Cooper, has had similar experience so far as number of elections is concerned, but has met with much greater success, having already polled 1070 votes. His father was a subscribing member of No. 1381, London, until the time of his death, which occurred in 1883. No. 19, William Featherstone Sharland, has 544 votes to his credit from the two contests in which he has already been engaged. His father was a Devonshire Mason, having been a member of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, a matter of eight years. No. 29, John George Hardy (Jersey); and No. 38, Alfred Llewellyn Pedley (South Wales, West Division), are both first applications. No. 21, Arthur Moore is one of a family of five, of whom two are partially provided for. He has 37 votes to his credit from April last. His father's Lodge was the Montague, No. 665, Dorset.

There are ten cases in which the families dependent consist of three children, and of these five are first applications. No. 11, William Taylor Gishford, son of an old member of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London, has 997 votes to his credit, as the result of two elections in which he has been a competitor. No. 22, Alfred Thompson Mushens, polled 10 votes last April. His father was a member of the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Durham. No. 25, Lewis John Thomas Harvey, has a sister in the Girls' School, and himself brings forward 505 votes as the result of his friends' labours in April last. His father was connected with Nos. 72, 1475, and 1658, three London Lodges, and during the few years he was associated with them appears to have gained several friends, if we may judge from what is being done for his family. No. 27, John Leathart Heinke, brings forward 183 votes from April. His father was initiated in the Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452, Surrey. No. 28, Samuel William Knight, had 311 polled on his behalf last election. His father was S.W. of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London. No. 40, John Braithwaite Broadbent (East Lancashire); No. 42, Charles William Whitehead (East Lancashire); No. 44, Sydney John Pearson (Staffordshire); No. 51, John Henry Brown (London); and No. 57, Harry Edwards Henshaw (London), are all first application cases. Henshaw has a sister in the Girls' School, but beyond that there is nothing special in any of the cases to refer to.

No. 12, Christopher W. G. Barber (London), who now comes forward for the third time, is one of a family of whom two children are dependent on a widowed mother. He has 870 votes to his credit, so that his chance of ultimate election may be looked upon as very good. No. 31, Sidney James Simpson (Northumberland); No. 35, Cuthbert John George Roddam (London); No. 37, Algernon Sackville West (London); No. 45, Arthur Taylor Richardson (Devon); and No. 50, Walter John Richards (London), each of whom are members of families in which two children are dependent on the mother, close this section. They are all first applications, and with the exception of young West (37), present no special features. He has a sister in the Girls' School.

No. 24, Richard Cephas Matthews, is an only child now dependent on his mother. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and he brings forward 853 votes from April last, a state of affairs which stamps his election as all but certain. His father was initiated in Tasmanian Lodge, No. 536, Hobart Town. No. 33, George Cannon (Northumberland), and No. 34, William Baret Macqueen (London), both of whom now appear for the first time, are also the only children dependent on their respective mothers.

In the remaining cases, which are five in number, both parents are still living. No. 2, Reginald Beaumont, now comes forward for the fifth time, with 1088 votes to his credit. He is one of ten children dependent on his parents, but why he is eligible for this Institution we do not know, as no reason is assigned. No. 4, Frederick Wallace Longman, whose father is incapacitated, is one of three children dependent. He brings forward 95 votes from three previous elections. No. 5, James Murray Green, who has already stood three elections, has not fared so well, as his total at present stands at 21 only. He and one other child are dependent. No. 15, John Augustus Miller Bailey, has 155 votes to his credit, the result of two contests. He and nine other children are dependent. No. 32, John Nicol McMillan, is a first application case. He has a sister in the Girls School, and yet there are still eleven children dependent. The father is described as insane, and thus we may say that this, the last on the list, is among the most deserving of the fifty-six it has been our duty to review. McMillan's father was initiated in a South American Lodge, afterwards joining No. 1719, London.

In closing our remarks we can but again express our pleasure at the large proportion of candidates it will be possible to elect. We hope that the most deserving will ultimately succeed.

THE ETHICS OF VISITING.

THE right of visit is one which, within certain definite limitations, appertains to every Mason in good Masonic standing. It is a right, too, which is enjoyed by every such Brother probably more than any other right conferred by Freemasonry, No other is exercised so frequently, or with results so pleasurable. It is the privilege the exercise of which practically proves the whole Masonic world to be akin. Lodges in America and China are equally within the area encircled by the Mystic Tie, and Brethren of the one may visit those of the other with a freedom and benefit that are productive of the largest good and truest enjoyment. In order to the attainment of this result the right performance of certain correlative duties is necessary on the part equally of the visitor and the Lodge, or other Masonic body visited. We shall state a few of these, in order that the ethics of Masonic visiting may be the better apprehended, and the more correctly exemplified.

The visitor should be careful to claim the exercise of his right at a time when he is aware that it is not inconvenient to the Lodge. Suppose the body meets at seven o'clock—in that event he should not, if he be a stranger, knock at the portals of the Lodge so late as nine, or it may be ten o'clock, and expect to have his call *instantly* attended to. When seven o'clock is fixed as the hour of meeting it means seven, for members and visitors, and stragglers after that hour have no right to cavil because they are kept waiting outside a reasonable length of time, or perhaps, if the exigencies of business require it, altogether. Too much indulgence is usually shown these tardy brethren. Until quite recently, for example, a whole hour was devoted, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to admitting *late* members, no business whatever, meanwhile, being transacted. Thus were those who were *diligent* in the performance of their Masonic duties made to wait upon those who were *negligent*. Now, the better custom has been adopted of limiting the time for the main reception of tardy members and visitors to the first half-hour—to the large satisfaction of punctual brethren, the quicker despatch of business, and justice to all concerned. No brother has a right to complain that two or three hundred other brethren would not sit with folded hands for an hour while he made up his mind whether he would come to see them and take part in their proceedings. The ethics of visiting do not require this, and the sooner this is distinctly understood the better for the comfort and pleasure of all concerned.

The Lodge visited, when the brother calls at a *timely* hour, and at a period when it is not engaged in labour, should recognise his mystic knock by promptly communicating with him in the accustomed manner. He should not be kept waiting unduly, any more than the Lodge should so be kept waiting. These correlative rights are reciprocal, and their right exercise entails no hardship on either party. Neither one may present an allowable excuse for the non-performance of that duty, which is required to be performed by what we may style the unwritten canon of courtesy. Freemasonry is a Fraternity, and the actions of its brethren towards each other should always be fraternal. It is equally unfraternal for a brother to visit at a *late* hour, and for a Lodge to decline to acknowledge

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the call and admit the visitor at an *early* hour, when the exigencies of the work do not forbid it.

Between the visitor and visited there stands an important officer—the Tyler. Primarily he represents the Masonic body whose door he tyles, but secondarily he owes the performance of important duties to every brother with whom he is officially brought in contact. In fact, he is the *visible* head of the Lodge. It is within, he is without, and it is, to a large degree, under his control. Every brother who addresses him, and bespeaks his kind offices, is entitled to receive them. He is the servant of the Craft. We use this term in no invidious sense, for we are all servants; but he specially owes to visiting brethren that fraternal acknowledgment of their greeting, and that prompt and reasonable response to their Masonic request, that every brother owes to another when one is in authority, and the other under his authority, and at the same time having certain well-defined rights. We are convinced that few Tylers transgress in this respect; but none should. They are stationed at the outer door as the representatives of the Masonic bodies they tyle. The dignity and utility of these bodies are, so far as the visitors are concerned, in their keeping. If they neglect to perform their duties, or needlessly delay the applicant for admission, they do injustice no less to the dignity of their own place than to that of the Lodge and the visitor. The prompt, courteous and attentive performance of duty in this regard is not only right and proper, but it reflects credit on the individual, the office, and the Lodge.

The profane world has the habit of saying "not at home" when any unwelcome visitor calls, or it is inconvenient to receive an otherwise welcome one. There is no "not at home" in Masonry. If we are anything we are a band of brothers. He who professes his willingness to go out of his way to aid a distressed worthy brother ought above all to receive him with wide-open hand when he comes in his way, and especially to see him.

Another truth in this connection is worth remembering. A visiting brother is entitled to more than twelve inches square, or any other number of inches square, of seat-room in a Lodge. He is entitled to more than to be let alone for a whole evening. Courtesy does not end at the door of the Lodge. There should follow the cordial word of welcome, the bidding to be "at home" while in their midst, and not only at entering, but thereafter, when occasion permits, there should be that sociability which above everything else gives zest to a visit by a strange brother, and causes him to remember with feelings of supreme pleasure the hour he spent with his brethren of the Mystic Tie. It is a very easy thing to treat a visiting brother fraternally, from the moment that he knocks at the door to the time he leaves the Lodge, but it has a very large result. It blesses both giver and receiver. It proves Freemasonry to be no empty theory, no lofty impractical ideal, but something which is truly and best exemplified in practice, ever displaying a courtesy as free as Freemasonry itself, and as substantial as the material masonry that gave birth and name to our glorious Fraternity.—*Keystone.*

THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

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WE remarked, at the conclusion of our last paper, that Chapter II., entitled "Investigations on the Third Degree," must be looked upon as supplementary to Chapter I., and contains a great mass of interesting information. Having stated emphatically his opinion that the "triplex division" of our Rite dates from about 1717, and having justified himself in the expression of this opinion by quotations to a like effect from Lyon, Gould, and others, Bro. Hughan sets himself to the task of producing, from various sources, such references to the third degree as are apposite to the question. The first in point of time is contained in the General Regulations of 1721, compiled by M.W. Past Grand Master Payne, the year 1721 being, curiously enough, the same in which Dr. Desaguliers is said by Lyon to have visited Mary's Chapel and communicated to the members a knowledge of the ceremonial of the Degree. The words of Regulation XIII. are, "Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow Crafts only here"—that is, the Quarterly Communication—"unless by a dispensation;" but the Regulation did not long remain in force, as, in the Grand Lodge Minutes of 27th November 1725, it is recorded, that "a motion being made that such part of the 13th Article of the General Regulations relating to the making of Masters only at a Quarterly Communication may be repealed, and that the Master of each Lodge, with the consent of his Wardens, *and the majority of the brethren being Masters*, may make Masters at their discretion. Agreed to *nem con.*" As we have already pointed out—and Bro. Hughan is of the same opinion—this does not suggest a very great antiquity for the degree. The author next quotes from the version given by Dermott in the "Ahiman Rezon," the edition from which the quotation is made being the third—of the year 1778. The passage reads thus: "About the year 1717 some joyous companions, who had passed the degree of a Craft, though very rusty, resolved to form a Lodge for themselves, in order, by conversation, to recollect what had been formerly dictated to them, or, if that should be found impracticable, to substitute something new, which might for the future pass for Masonry amongst themselves. After this meeting the question was asked whether any person in the assembly knew the Master's part, and being answered in the negative, it was resolved *nem con* that the deficiency should be made up with a new composition, and what fragments of the old Order found amongst them should be immediately reformed, and made more pliable to the humours of the people." In a note to this statement Dermott gives the names of the "geniuses"—eight in number—"to whom the world is indebted for the memorable invention of modern Masonry." In 1881, however, Bro. Gould made the important discovery that these eight brethren—whose names appear in precisely the same order both in this edition of the "Ahiman Rezon," and Anderson's 1738 Edition of the Constitutions—were present, not at a meeting held in 1717, but at the occasional Lodge at Kew in 1737 at which H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales was initiated and Crafted.

The next reference to the Degree is contained in a work entitled "Philo Musicæ et Architecturæ Societas," which was presented to the British Museum in 1859, the dates of the circumstances recorded being anterior to that of the minute of Grand Lodge sanctioning the conferring of the Second and Third Degrees in subordinate Lodges. We give the passage in full as quoted by Bro. Hughan: "On the eighteenth day of February this Society was Founded and Begun at the Queen's Head, near Temple Barr, By us the Eight underwritten, seven of which did belong to the Lodge at the Queen's Head in Hollis Street, and were made Masons There In a just and perfect Lodge, viz., Mr. Willm. Gulston, Merchant, & Mr. Edmund Squire, Gent., were made Masons the 15th of December, 1724, By Mr. Thomas Bradbury, Master of the said Lodge. Coort Knevit, Esqr., and Mr. William Jones, Gent., were made Masons the 22nd of December, 1724, by His Grace the Duke of Richmond, Grand Master, who then constituted the Lodge. Mr. Papitton Ball, mercht., and Seigr. Francesso Xanerio Germiniani were made Masons the 1st of February, 1724. Mr. Thomas Marshall, Gent., was made a Mason at the George in Long Acre some time before. The said Mr. William Gulston, Coort Knevit, Esq, Mr. William Jones, and Mr. Edmund Squire were Regularly pass'd Masters in the before mentioned Lodge of Hollis Street, and before we founded this Society, a Lodge was held, consisting of Masters sufficient for that purpose, In order to pass Charles Cotton, Esq., Mr. Papitton Ball, and Mr. Thomas Marshall Fellow Crafts. In the performance of which Mr. William Gulston acted as Senior Warden. Immediately after which, vizt.—the 18th Day of February, A.D. 1724, he, the said Mr. Willm. Gulston was chosen President of the said Society." Other particulars are quoted, but they are of less material consequence.

Passing over the theory suggested by Brother Hyde Clarke, we next come to some quotations given by Bro. Woodford from the Byelaws of a Lodge about 1730 preserved in the Rawlinson MSS. in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. The first reads thus: "3. Two pounds seven shillings at his making, and received double clothing. Also, when this lodge shall think convenient to confer the *Superior Degree* of Masonry upon him, he shall pay five shillings more." The same Bro. Woodford then gives the following regulation made by a Lodge on the 5th January, 1731-2, namely, "That all and every person or persons recommended and accepted as above shall pay for his or

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their making the sum of three pounds three shillings. And for their admittance the sum of five shillings, and every Brother who shall pass the Degree of F.C. and M. shall pay the further sum of seven shillings and sixpence." These quotations are followed by particulars furnished by Bro. Watson, of Lincoln, from the Minute Book of a Lodge founded in that city in 1730, and referred to by Oliver in his "History of the Witham Lodge." The regulation noted was passed 5th December 1732, and is to the following effect: "No Brother made in another lodge shall be passed Master in this under half-a-guinea, to be paid for the entertainment of the Masters present; and if he be a member of another lodge, he must bring the leave of the officers thereunto belonging, if the lodge is still existing over and above. The members are to be excused for five shillings, when they are sufficiently qualified to be admitted to that degree." But the following from the same Minute Book relates particularly to the Third Degree: "Tuesday Decr y 3rd, 1734; present (names given), it was proposed that there should be an election of new members, and at the request of the whole lodge, Sir C. Wray, Bart., D.G.M., was elected Master of the same, who was pleased to nominate Sir Christopher Lahr, Bart., Senr Warden, and Sidney Every, Esq., Jun. Warden for the ensuing year. But as regards our said two new Wardens, as well as several other Brethren of this lodge well qualified and worthy of the Degree of Master had not been called thereto, our said Right Worshipful Master was pleased to direct that a *Lodge of Masters* should be held at the place aforesaid, on Monday ye thirtieth instant, at which time the said (names given) should be severally admitted to the Degree of Master, on their paying severally 5s a piece to the box and 12d to the Door keeper." The Lodge of Masters was accordingly held, as appointed, and "the several Brethren following were in due form admitted to the Degree of Master (to wit), Bro. Lahr (&c.), after which a general lodge was held."

After references of a similar character to a Salisbury Lodge, dated 1735 and 1737, and one to a Norwich Lodge, dated 1743, we are told that of those present at the constitution of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath, now No. 41, on the 18th May 1733, "there were present (1) the Master, (2) Wardens, (3) Fellow Crafts, (4) six brethren described as 'Masters,' and (5) four styled 'Pass'd Masters.'" The 15th Bye Law of this Lodge, passed in the year 1746, provides that "Every Fellow Craft who is found able and cunning in the judgment of the officers, and desirous to *pass* Master, shall pay five shillings into the Treasurer's hands for the benefit of the lodge," Bro. Hughan suggesting, and very reasonably, on the strength of this, that "the 'Masters noted in the minute of 18th May 1733, were those who had received the Third Degree, the 'Pass'd Masters' being brethren who had presided in the lodge, and thus qualified as *Past* Masters.'"

As regards the records of the Grand Lodge at York, Brother Hughan considers the fact of his having obtained no help in the pursuit of his investigations from the "oldest Bye-Laws, dated 1725," is a further significant fact in evidence of the modern character of our system of Degrees. He notes, however, that there is preserved "a little narrow slip of parchment containing list of M.M.'s"—to the number of 35—"from 1729 to 1734 (*circa*)," and also that Brother Francis Drake, in his address before the York Grand Lodge on 27th December 1726, as J.G.W., declares "that three parts in four of the whole earth might then be divided into E.P., F.C., and M.M."

Bro. Hughan's attention is next directed to a question raised in this journal on 25th August 1777, by our worthy friend Bro. Jacob Norton, as to the character of Master Masons' Lodges, of the existence of which in the 1738 Constitutions he happened to have become aware a short time previously, and he (Bro. Hughan) expresses it as his opinion "that 'Masters' Lodges' described really two classes of meetings." 1. Lodges which worked the Third Degree on certain days in each month, and (2) Lodges which assembled as Master Masons only, just as some Lodges practically do now, such as the 'Fortitude Lodge,' No. 64, Manchester, the fee for initiation being so high as to be virtually prohibitive; but for joining Master Masons the cost is merely nominal. Taking this view of the subject we can quite understand how all the Lodges had the right to confer the Third Degree, some of the number working the ceremony at stated times only, and others caring but to assemble as Master Masons, leaving to the ordinary Lodges the duty of perfecting Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. In process of time, some of the first class seemingly cared as little for the Third Degree as those of the latter did for the previous ceremonies, hence arose the custom of looking to certain Lodges for the working of the Master Masons' Ritual, and thus becoming known especially as 'Masters' Lodges,' though every Lodge had just as much right to work the ceremony. Beyond question, it was considered the warrants permitted of the three Craft Degrees being worked, whether by old or new Lodges; hence this fact must be allowed its full weight in the inquiry; and no explanation can be correct which ignores that right."

The chapter concludes with the following passage: "There was a disinclination to proceed to the Third Degree manifested by many brethren during the latter part of last century, and there seems to have been some little truth, at least in the assertion made in 1730—in "The Mystery of Free Masons,"—"quoted in the *Freemason* in July 1880, to the effect that—'There is not a Mason in a hundred that will be at the expense to pass the Master's part?' So late as 1752, when the first Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall was installed, the brother who presided was only a Fellow Craft. In Scotland, matters were even worse, for in the historical account of St. Machar's Lodge, No. 54, Aberdeen, Dr. Beveridge states that 'The First Degree was always given alone, and the Second and Third together;' a large number, however, contented themselves with the First Degree, without proceeding to the others. Thus, of 260 who up to, and including, the year 1775 took the First Degree by itself, only 137 took the other degrees."

(To be continued.)

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF MASONRY.

THE difficulty of giving a proper definition of what Freemasonry is, presents itself to us at the present time with as strong a force as it has to Masonic writers in the past. Not but that there have been innumerable definitions accorded; but I make bold to say that not one of these can be held up as conveying fully the true signification of Freemasonry.

I do not propose in the present short article to propound a new definition, nor do I intend to criticise the many that have from time to time been laid before the Craft; rather do I wish to consider the several ways in which Freemasonry is presented to the minds of different Masons, and the estimation accordingly held by them of the value of our Institution.

In briefly looking at this question we have to take into consideration fully the different temperament of individuals; their mental capacity and training; their association; and, most of all, the Masonic education they have received. Considering, therefore, these surroundings in connection with my subject, I will attempt to classify, as far as possible, the different aspects in which Freemasonry has been looked upon that have come under my notice.

Some have called Freemasonry a religion, others term it a science, others again make it merely a social Institution, where the bitterness of ordinary life is (or should be) eschewed and a peaceful hour may be spent amongst men bound together by a congenial tie. There are a goodly number, again, who value Freemasonry solely for the convivial meetings attached to it, and are always to be found at Lodge when a good supper is to be had. Again, I have heard men say openly that they had joined the Fraternity to gain introduction to a certain class of individuals merely as a trading matter, and that they were forced to do so because "every one did it." Then there is the great class who join it out of curiosity, or, perhaps, because somebody in a position above them is a Mason, and it is supposed to be the proper thing to do. Near akin to this is that class of individuals who wish for congenial society, and look to find amongst the members of the Craft men of education and intellect. Lastly, there are those who call our Institution merely a charitable one.

I think that from the divisions I have made I can illustrate my views, and will take the section first that considers Freemasonry a religion.

Now there must be, I take it as a fundamental principle, in any religion that the practice of it will save the soul, and in dealing with this it is understood that I address

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myself only to Masons who must of necessity believe in the immortality of the soul. If, then, the mere practice of the principles taught in Freemasonry will purchase heaven for us, we come into direct contradiction with the teachings of Christianity. Considering, however, that our whole system is built upon the doctrines laid down in Holy Writ, and prior to 1813 the Grand Lodge of England used Christian prayers, and dedicated its Lodges to St. John, and that in America and the great part of the world the same is continued to this day, I cannot see how we can consider Freemasonry to be in any way opposed to Christianity, which it would necessarily be if a rival religion. It would also clash with all religions by asserting itself in their place. The fact that we are taught to abstain from all topics of religious controversy while in the Lodge also repels the idea of Freemasonry being a religion. It appears to me very probable that it was to combat this idea that in our lectures Masonry is designated "A System of Morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." I take it, therefore, that instead of saying that a good Mason must necessarily be a good man, we should say that a good man must necessarily be a good Mason. This way of putting it may at first blush appear as taking away from the teachings and good to be derived from the Craft, but it is not so. I hold that many men who have never been initiated into the secrets of the Craft are better Masons than numbers who have listened to our beautiful ritual, and sat under the sublime teachings of the Craft. Masonry is in the heart, and does not consist of the forms and ceremonies appertaining to it; and it is the fact of its being centred in that innermost recess that has induced many worthy and earnest Masons to look upon it as a religion. I think that we cannot too strongly disassociate our minds of the least suspicion of this idea—an idea that must necessarily be repugnant to our wives and families, who would thereby be debarred from participating with us in the benefits of what is to them as important a matter as to ourselves.

The application of the term "science" to Freemasonry has a very nice sound, and appears to carry out the idea of the system. There is no doubt but that in times past it was esteemed a science, for are we not told that Freemasonry was known of old by the word Geometry, which included all the sciences? Indeed, the pursuit of the study of this portion of Freemasonry is of special interest to those who are mentally fited for it. The demonstration of certain known laws in geometry, and their application to our system of working the degrees, &c., has a charm for certain individuals. As Freemasonry is in these days, however, more considered in its symbolic than its operative sense, the title of "science" as applied to it loses its signification, unless applied symbolically. In this sense Masonry is a science—a science of life—a study and search after that greatest of all objects—truth.

The third class may be composed of professional or business men, who, tired with the strain and fight of daily life, seek to find in a Masonic Lodge rest from the busy turmoil. The idea conveyed by this is very beautiful, and has a charm about it which, I must confess, I very much admire. In the same sense that we regard our own fireside, so do many of us come to regard our Lodge. The aim of this class of Masons is to spend a social hour with their brethren, freed from the carking cares of the world, and if to such brethren the Lodge presents this feature or characteristic, then I claim that a Masonic Lodge is a great boon, if not a necessity. It may be said that the same thing may be gained at a club of congenial spirits, and so it could, provided it took for its standard the principles of Masonry. It would then be a similar institution, but would lack the universality that the Craft has attained.

The next class is one to beware of. Those Masons who see no more in the Institution than a good supper and conviviality, and consider what has been termed the knife and fork degree the essence of Masonry, are of positive harm to the Society, for not only do they lower the whole tone of the Lodge, and drive away good earnest Masons, but they convey an idea to the outside world very prejudicial to the Craft. Let it be understood that I am not one of those who rant and rail against the festive board. On the contrary, I firmly believe that it is an integral portion of Masonry, and that in the breaking of bread and the use in moderation of God's good gifts at the social board before parting, warmest feelings and goodwill are often engendered, and ideas and sentiments interchanged between brethren who would never otherwise have had an opportunity for so doing. The class that I deprecate consists of those who care not one straw about the work of the Lodge or the practical carrying out of the principles of Masonry, and who are rarely, if ever, seen at Lodge unless there is a grand banquet provided. I disclaim such men. Their belly is their god, and of Masonry they know nothing.

The worst section, though, is the trading class. Who has not met the trading Mason? The man who will in the precincts of the Lodge—aye, even in the very Lodge itself, if needs be—put his business under your nose, and, if you will, take your order for his goods. Is there a more contemptible creature than the trading Mason? Not content with soiling his own hands, he will tell others, not Masons, that they should come in and be one of us, you know, with the intimation, or perhaps the outspoken words, that it will do your business good. God forgive the man, say I, who, once knowing the principles of the Craft, dares to prostitute its high privileges by using them to his own personal ends.

By far the greater number of men join the Craft, though, out of curiosity, or because some friend of theirs is a member. A goodly proportion of this class, having satisfied their curiosity, and merely taken their degrees, become unaffiliated, and in a short time forget all about it, except that they were once made a Mason. The pity is that they did not stay long enough to become Masons, as out of this class perhaps we lose some of what would have been our best men had they known more about things. If you ask them what they think of Masonry, they will tell you perhaps that "they were disappointed, and found nothing in it." Of this class, however, there is always a good per-centage that stay with the Craft, and should they happily fall into congenial society, they may turn out worthy and creditable Masons, for, being brought into contact with its principles and sitting under its teachings for a short time, they begin soon to appreciate the Institution.

This brings me to the class who seek in the Masonic ranks for intellectual society above the ordinary run of daily life. This class contains those who ornament our Institution, and should they be fortunate enough to join a Lodge containing the elements they seek, with a Master in the chair competent to impart instruction, and make them feel in a congenial sphere, the Craft gains a valuable addition to its ranks.

The last class I notice is that that looks upon the Masonic Institution as a benevolent society merely, whose only object is to provide funds to assist indigent members. Were this the only object of Masonry it could as well be carried out by a Committee like any other charitable institution, with all the ceremonies, &c., abolished. Many Masons there are who consider that they have performed their duty by simply subscribing to their Lodge, and, when necessary, putting down a sovereign or two in any begging list presented to them. It would ill become me to decry the charitable endeavours of brethren, but I do most heartily protest that our society is not a charitable institution. This portion of our system has grown up as a necessity of the principles we teach, and that, instead of our being banded together to dispense charity, we dispense charity as the result of our being banded together. There is a very wide difference between these two. Charity is not our primary object, but it is the outcome, and so has established itself as an important portion of our system.

The question arises whether a better system of education cannot be undertaken in our Lodges, so that those errors, which are more of the head than the heart, may be rectified, and many of our brethren brought to look upon Masonry in its best sense. Of course I do not expect that under any circumstances all will view it in the same light, the different temperaments and mental ability affecting considerably each individual; yet I think that there is room for improvement in imparting a healthy and vigorous appreciation of our Society in the minds of many who at present are wofully ignorant of its true aims and principles.

Perhaps, on another occasion, I will endeavour to point out what I consider might be done.—*Victorian Freemason.*

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THE WORCESTER EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me to add to your interesting series of articles on the Catalogue of the Worcester Masonic Exhibition, that copies may be obtained from Bro. George Taylor (Provincial Grand Secretary), Summerdyne Villa, Kidderminster, at two shillings each, post free. Bro. Taylor had a large number printed so as to supply brethren with copies of the Catalogue who were unable to attend that noted Exhibition. Impressions also of the Commemorative Medal may be obtained from the same brother, at 2s each (*white metal*), 3s 6d (*bronze*), 10s 6d (*silver*), carriage free. The interest exhibited in the matter must be my excuse for thus troubling you and trespassing on your valuable space.

Yours fraternally,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

Torquay, 20th Sept. 1884.

LEGALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—About a month ago your Masonic contemporary started a correspondence as to the legality of Freemasonry in England, but it has not gone on, and the Editorial remarks made upon the subject were so very unsatisfactory that I venture to ask you to throw some further light upon the point, if you can, or to let the information the subject demands be given to the public by correspondence in your columns.

The Act of 1799 clearly makes those Lodges *which were then existing* legal, provided they complied with certain properly defined regulations. These regulations, however, are such that no Lodge, *not existing at that time*, can comply with them.

The Act of 1817 only differs from the Act of 1799 in respect of Ireland, which is *excluded* from its operation by clause 39.

Perhaps some of the learned archæologists of the Craft can throw light upon this subject, as, seeing the position in which we stand in relation to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it is of grave importance to every English Mason.

Yours fraternally,

THE W.M. OF A LONDON LODGE.

SOMETHING NEW ABOUT THE "AMERICAN MASONIC MOTHER."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I first received the *Keystone* and the pamphlet reprinted therefrom, containing the copy of the new discovered record of a Lodge of 1731, at Philadelphia, my attention was mainly directed to the list of figures, in search of the *two guineas and a-half*, which ought to have been recorded in that book if the Philadelphian brethren ever had an English charter at that period. But no "two guineas and a-half," or the word *charter* or *warrant* did I find therein. And I believe I mentioned it in a letter to your paper some months ago. My thoughts were then so much absorbed in looking after evidence for the Philadelphia charter as to cause me to overlook a very important item, viz., that William Allen in 1731 was not the W. Master of a Lodge, but a *Grand Master*. Thus much is stated in the printed form. But Bro. MacCalla left out of print the fact that William Pringle was Grand Master Allen's "Deputy" on 24th June 1731. And now read the opinion which Bro. H. Drummond P.G.M., of Maine, has inferred from *his* newly discovered facts. Bro. D. says, "Quite recently the Ledger of St. John's Lodge at Philadelphia, existing as early as 24th June 1731, has been discovered. It is a very important historic document, and we congratulate our Pennsylvanian brethren upon its discovery. It was found by Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, in the Library of the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

"Portions of it have been photographed, and we have taken the opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of a copy sent to us by order of the M.W. Grand Master by his private Secretary, and to tender our hearty thanks for it.

"It shows that a Lodge was formed early in 1731 and maintained its organisation for several years. It confirms our former belief that the Lodge spoken of by Franklin was a permanent organisation, like the four English Lodges in 1717.

"The accounts all commence 24th June 1731; but the Lodge had previously existed, although, as we judge, only as brethren met and opened one. But on that date it seems to have been determined to make a permanent organisation. There is no evidence that it had any warrant, or existed under any other authority than that of the brethren who formed it. The 'Stock Account' is given, and while it shows a payment for the book itself, there is no item of payment for any warrant or of any sum whatever for expenses of organisation.

"Benjamin Franklin was a member, and we have no doubt that he was made a Mason in it in the early part of 1731.

"William Allen was also a member, and his account is given. It affords conclusive evidence that on 24th June 1731 the Lodge knew nothing of Daniel Coxe as Grand Master. For the account is headed 'William Allen, Esq., Grand Master.' In the 'Stock Account' William Allen is also designated 'Grand Master.' In the 'Stock Account' also William Pringle is designated on the same date (24th June 1731) as 'Depnty Master.'

"The Pennsylvania theory has been, that in 1732 Allen was elected Grand Master to succeed Coxe. But here we have evidence that on 24th June 1731 William Allen was recognised as Grand Master, and William Pringle as his Deputy, and this, too, when the Lodge first took on the form of permanent organisation.

"The discovery of this book settles that, so far as is known, the first Lodge organised in permanent form in this country existed in Philadelphia, but it also shows that the Lodge recognised William Allen as Grand Master; of course it did not recognise Coxe as Grand Master at the same time, and therefore could not have existed under the authority of Coxe." (*Report of Committee o' F.C. for Maine* 1884.)

Comment upon the above opinion is unnecessary, as far as I am concerned, but perhaps Bro. Hughan or Bro. Q. may have something to say upon the subject.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 8th Sept. 1884.

The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, will commence the Session on Monday next, 29th September, and continue its meetings every Monday evening, at seven o'clock p.m., at the Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel-road, near the London Hospital. Bro. W. H. Myers, the Preceptor, will rehearse the installation ceremony at the first meeting.

The Doric Chapter of Improvement, No. 933 will meet on the following Wednesday, at the same place, and continue its meetings every Wednesday evening, at 7.30 p.m. Comp. T. J. Barnes Preceptor.

Our Masonic vacation is nearly over, and the members of the various Lodges are looking forward to their regular meetings. During the vacation changes have taken place, and familiar faces will be missed, but this will be counterbalanced by many recollections of happy meetings in the past. Aspirants to office should avail themselves of the advantages offered by Lodges of Instruction, while those in office will feel a pride in resuming their various chairs, ready and able to give a perfect rendering of our beautiful ritual. We would recommend brethren especially to exercise care in introducing candidates. Due regard should be paid both to their moral and social position; once a Mason always a Mason is a maxim that should be well pondered.

Madame Worrell announces that her Annual Evening Concert will take place on Tuesday, 14th October, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, when the following artistes will assist:—Madame Adelina Paget, Misses Spencer Jones and Pauline Featherby, and Madame Raymond; Bros. Henry Ashton, Henry Guy, Alfred Kenningham, Frederick H. Cozens, Frederick Bevan, and Mr. James Budd. Pianoforte—Miss Bessie Waugh. Violin—Miss Adeline Dinelli. Conductor—Bro. Turle Lee. Tickets (3s, 2s, and 1s each) may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 52 Knowle Road, Brixton Road, S.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, on Tuesday, 30th of September next, at the Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W.

A Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, will be consecrated in November. The consecration has been postponed, in consequence of the alterations at Brixton Hall not being yet completed. The intention of the petitioning Companions is that the Chapter shall, if possible, be consecrated by the same Grand Officers as consecrated the Lodge in August, 1881.

On and after Friday, the 26th September, the Ubique Lodge of Instruction, No. 1789, will hold its meetings at the Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, instead of, as formerly, at the Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, 106 Buckingham Palace Road.

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SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

THE brethren of the above Lodge assembled on Saturday afternoon, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, for the transaction of important business. There were present Bros. A. Middlemass W.M., J. J. Brinton J.W., C. Wilson (Secretary), G. W. Marsden S.D., R. J. Voisey J.D., Hermann I.G., H. Forbes Steward. Bro. J. C. Bradley acted as S.W. *pro tem*, and the Past Masters present were Bros. Mansell, Sugden, H. Bickerstaff, and B. R. Bryant. The Visitors were Bros. R. Tilling P.M. 765, W. E. Johnson S.W. 134, and R. J. Vincent P.M. 1963. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Robert Elgar was then raised and thereupon took his seat in a Master Mason's Lodge. The W.M. intimated that the next important business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, together with that of a Treasurer and Tyler. He had received a communication from Bro. J. C. Reynolds jun., their Senior Warden, wherein he stated that in consequence of continued indisposition he was reluctantly compelled to resign office, and therefore hoped that some other more efficient brother would be elected for Master. The W.M., after some discussion had ensued, called on the Secretary to read over the names of the brethren who were eligible to fill the chair. This having been acceded to, a ballot was taken, which resulted in Bro. J. J. Brinton J.W. being elected. The W.M. congratulated that brother on his promotion, which doubtless had come unexpectedly upon him. Brother J. C. Reynolds Senior Warden was once more unanimously elected Treasurer and Bro. Harrison Tyler. The next business was the appointment of an Audit Committee, and on the motion of Bro. B. Bryant, the sum of five guineas was voted for the purpose of being handed over to the W.M. elect to be distributed among the Masonic Charities. After some important business had been forwarded, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to an excellent repast awaiting them, provided as usual by Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent Road. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were proposed and honoured. In proposing the health of the Master elect, the W.M. passed a warm encomium on Brother Brinton, and stated that he and all the Past Masters would render him every assistance in their power during his term of office. Their brethren was an outspoken man, and a warm-hearted one, as he had himself realised since his accession to office. The Worshipful Master elect acknowledged the compliment, and expressed a hope that with the assistance of the members of the Lodge he should be able to discharge the important duties associated with the position of W.M. satisfactorily. The promotion had come upon him quite unexpectedly; however, he would do all in his power to emulate the example of those able brethren who had preceded him in the important office. He hoped that the great Architect of the Universe would shed His rays on all their undertakings. The proceedings lasted until a late hour of the evening, and concluded with the Tyler's toast.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

THE first regular meeting since the vacation was held on the 11th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro Sims. Bros. J. R. Smith S.W., C. Stokes J.W., Power P.M. Treasurer, Walter Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Nettlefold S.D., Walker I.G., Back Organist, Brown D.C., Plummert and Clayton Stewards; also Bros. Blacklogg, Sutton, Goodyear, Blenkarn, Brown, Lane, Prior, Catt, Baker, Smith, Powell, Taylor I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Larlham P.M. 1216, Paton 205, Martin 1385, Thomson 1922 and Eidmans 225. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. Brown was raised to the third degree in a very able manner by the W.M. This being the night for election, Bro. Smith S.W., having efficiently performed every duty in the Lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Power was re-elected Treasurer. A sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to present Bro. Sims, the retiring W.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties during the year. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent supper. The W.M. ably presided, and gave, briefly and eloquently, the Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the Visitors was responded to, and some excellent harmony was rendered, by Bros. Mitchell P.M., Power P.M., Mackie and Sutton.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Criterion Hotel, Piccadilly. Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Tayler W.M., and the following Officers:—Bros. Vincent P.M. as S.W., Bottle J.W., Coulthard and Johnstone Deacons, Moorman I.G., Ray D.C., P.M.'s Fisher, Flattely, Jones and Peacock, and a large number of brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. McLewin to the rank of M.M.; the ceremony being performed in Bro. Tayler's usual impressive and perfect manner. A ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Bottle J.W. was elected (Bro. H. J. Johnson P.M. S.W. having retired.) Bro. Isaacs was unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Thomas Tyler. Members having been elected as Auditors, and to serve on the Benevolent Fund Committee; the Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the 15th of October. A very gratifying matter was the subject of some conversation during the evening. A calculation has been made and it is discovered that this Lodge, just completing its eighth year of existence, has during that period subscribed nearly nine hundred pounds to the different Masonic Charities. The brethren then separated.

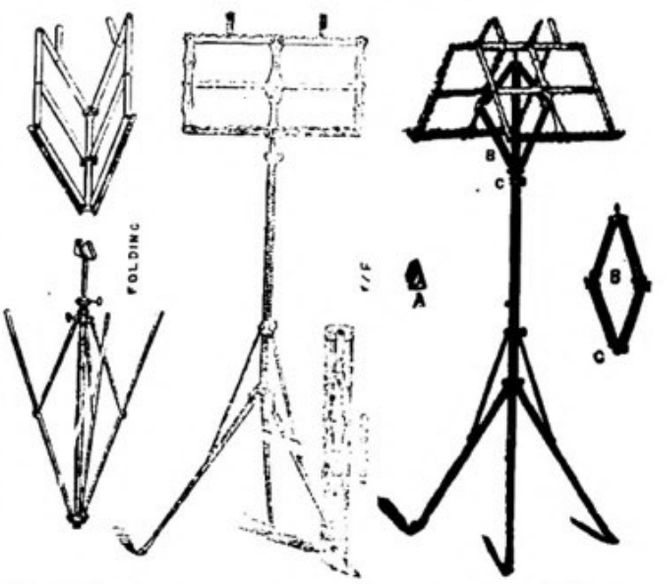
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

CATALOGUE OF THE MASONIC SOIREE AND EXHIBITION, WORCESTER, AUGUST, 1884.

(Continued from page 186.)

BRO. J. S. CUMBERLAND, of York, is second only to Bro. G. Taylor, of Worcester, in the number of his exhibits; while many of them, as indeed may be imagined from the enthusiasm and archæological tastes of our worthy brother, are highly interesting to the admirers of curios. His array of contributions extends from No. 921 to 978x, and among them we have noted No. 926, a Silver Past Master's Jewel, said to have belonged to Lodge 520—the Friendship, of Gibraltar—of which Bro. Hughan remarks—"the design is most unusual, the square being suspended from the sun, a segment confining the extremities of the square, and enclosing the 47th problem of Euclid." Bro. Hughan sets down the date of the jewel "at about 1820," under the circumstances. Of 935—"Silver-pierced Jewel of elaborate design (circa 1760)," we are told—"This is a rare beauty, and of the same style as a sketch I have of one dated 1730. It may be of a continental manufacture, and used by a French brother; at all events it is old and valuable." As to another silver pierced medal, but of 1790 (No. 936)—Bro. Hughan says he should "date it earlier. The whole of the field is cut out, leaving only the emblems, these being artistically connected and arranged, so as to form a really handsome combination." No. 944—"Gilt Royal Arch Medal, depicting the removal of the third cope stone. 'Anno Lap. 5767,'" appears to have evoked some enthusiasm from the annotator, who writes: "This medal must be seen to be appreciated. The design was adopted in 1802 by the 'Ancients' for the distinctive Jewel of the 'Nine Worthies,' or 'Excellent Masters,' appointed to visit the Lodges and Chapters." Of No. 954—"Gold-pierced Master Mason's Jewel. Copy of an antique, engraved on both sides." He says—"This is an elaborately engraved medal, diminutive as to size, but not easily surpassed as to quality of workmanship." Other jewels are similarly commended for their rarity or beauty of design. Among works bearing upon Masonry is included Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon." London: 1756—1st Edition. There is also a "Genealogie of the St. Claires of Rosslyne, by Father Richard Augustin Hay, Prior of St. Pieremont, Edinburgh, 1835. Edited by James Maidment, Advocate." Bro. Hughan observes in respect of this that it is "a rare and particularly interesting work relating to the family of the St. Claires, and of itself completely dispels the illusion that the office of Grand Master of Scotland was hereditary in the St. Clairs of Roslin, there being a wide difference between the rank of Patra"—Query, Patron—"of early days, and that of Grand Master, the latter being unknown in Scotland until 1736." No. 975 is a "Curious Masonic Work by W. Finch, A.D. 1807," with portraits, &c., which is said to be "rare in a perfect state, and as a work certainly it is curious, if not reliable." No. 976 is thus fully described—"Silver and Enamelled Seven Pointed Star, three inches in diameter. Half a circle (containing a Painting of three figures, representing Faith, Hope, and Charity) rests upon two columns of Mother-of-Pearl, between which are the Square and Compasses on the Holy Bible, above being the Sun, and still higher the letter 'G', emblems being scattered around in rich profusion. Rev. Compasses of gold cord tied with the same at the head, and confined at the points by a segment of Mother-of Pearl enclosing the Sun and letter 'G,' the whole being within a circle." This is exhibited by Bro. C. E. Ruddock, of Ripon, per Bro. J. S. Cumberland, and is pronounced by Bro. Hughan to be "a magnificent jewel."

Among the contributions of Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk is a "Large Masonic Jug—Figure of Hibernia and St. Patrick, with numerous emblems and mottoes," pronounced by the annotator to be a "rare piece, and probably unique." Bro. J. St. Clair Mayne, Secretary of Lodge No. 494, Ireland, sends "Old MS. 'Rule Book of 494 Lodge.' Dated July 21, 1772. It contains the Bye-laws of the Lodge, originally, and as altered from time to time, with signatures of the members. Among these will be found the autograph of the Duke of Wellington ('A. Wesley') and Earl Mornington, who were initiated in this Lodge." To this is appended the following note:—"The Lodge, No. 494, was originated by the Marquis of Kildare (afterwards Duke of Leinster) in 1772. In 1775 the Earl of Mornington joined, and on becoming Grand Master in 1777, presented an Apron, of an unusual kind, which the Masters were invested with down to 1856, but unfortunately it has been missing for some time. On 7th December 1790, the 'Hon. Arthur Wesley' (subsequently the Duke of Wellington) was initiated in the Lodge, the Book of 'Rules' containing his autograph and other celebrities. The initiation of the 'Iron Duke' has been questioned, His Grace (on the authority of Bro. Gould) even forgetting the fact himself, but the fact is clearly proved."

Bro. Hughan is among the more liberal contributors, and several of his exhibits—which by the way, are chiefly literary—must have attracted a good deal of attention. No. 991—"Nine Photographs of the Aberdeen 'Mark Book,' from A.D. 1670," and No. 994-998, being various versions in copy of the "Old Charges" are noteworthy. No. 1011, "Laws of the Grand R.A. Chapter, A.D. 1778" is rare, from its being the "first Edition," while the next in numerical sequence, No. 1012, which is an edition of the same Laws of 1823, is set down as valuable "because of the List of Chapters and Illustrations of the Jewels." No. 1013 is an "Original Copy of 'Articles of Union' of A.D. 1813, between the so-called 'Ancient' and 'Modern' G. Lodges. No. 1024 is the "History and Bye-Laws of No. 3 Chapter, Philadelphia, by Bro. Meyer 1874," which is "believed to be the oldest existing Chapter in the world." No. 1034 is a "Gutta-percha impression of the 'Nine Worthies Medal,'" which Bro. Hughan remarks was "struck in 1802, and resembles others issued during the last century, exhibited by Bro. Newton, Cumberland, &c. There are seven preserved by the Grand Lodge, but there were nine." Bro. the Rev. F. A. Woodford contributes among other curios a "China Masonic Punch Bowl. 1780," a "China Jug. 1821," a "Cole's List of Lodges, 1762," and sundry certificates (No. 1072). Following these are the exhibits of different brethren, and then comes the numerous group sent by Brother George Taylor, P.G. Secretary Worcestershire. (Nos. 1084-1172.) These constitute a small exhibition in themselves, and include several exhibits of value or rarity. Thus of No. 1084—"Rare Silver Medal," 1763—Bro. Hughan remarks, "This medal is similar to the one worn by Bro. Henry Price, first Provincial Grand Master for *all* America, and is quite a little treasure. It is Marvin's No. 61, who considers it of English origin, which opinion I share with him. It was 'struck in a die,' as he states, "with what would have been the field carefully cut out,' thus leaving the objects discernible on either side." Of No. 1085—"Royal Arch Jewel. Early this Century,"—we are told. "I have never seen one of this design before, the ribbon on either side hanging from the jewel being entirely new to me." No. 1086 is the "Celebrated Martin Folkes Medal," of which Brother Hughan remarks, "Several authorities unite in stating that this medal was struck in Rome in 1742, possibly by Hameroni, in the Papal Mint. It is very rare, in fine condition, and possibly the above is the only impression in this country. Bro. Martin Folkes was D.G.M. of England in 1724, under the Duke of Richmond, President of the Royal Society in 1741, and President of the Society of Antiquaries in 1750. Some very unlikely stories have been circulated about this medal, but the facts as to the Masonic and scientific eminence of Folkes are undoubted. We have only met with it in bronze." Of No. 1087—"the Royal Medal of 1802,"—we read "This is Merzdorf's 9 and Marvin's 262, and is without doubt the finest of the English Masonic Medals. It was issued in 1802 by Bro. W. Hollins P.M. 38, evidently to commemorate the patronage of the Craft by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence (George IV. and William IV.) The letters "G. P. O." have been explained to mean "Grand Principal of the Order," but they refer to H.R.H. being Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch. We have seen impressions on silver bronze, and white metal." No. 1088,—"Masonic Halfpenny Token. Struck A.D. 1794 in commemoration of election in 1790 and installation in 1792 of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G.M."—is believed by Hughan to be "unique." No. 1104 "Antique Pierced Silver Jewel in the shape of a G," we are told, is "unique in design, so far as my researches go, the letter being usually within a circle. The mottoes 'Nous vivons sur le quarre,' and 'Virtute et Silentio' are to be found on Major McGachen's Medal, and I met with the former once at Falmouth. Date about 1780." As to No. 1110,—"Silver Star Jewel. Hand holding hour-glass, on blue enamel centre, motto on wrist 'Fraternitas,' inscription on hour-glass 'centi anni,'—Bro. Hughan says it is "quite new to me, and I cannot find out its origin," while of No. 1112,—"Antique Masonic Plate, Roman figures and ornamentation interspersed with Masonic Emblems," he writes "Of most elaborate design, and probably unique." No. 1117, an old apron is noted as a "choice production" and not of an "ordinary design," No. 1129, a first Edition of the Constitutions of Grand Lodge of England of 1723, as being as a matter of course exceedingly rare. Nos. 1130-1141 are also "Constitutions," Pocket Companions, and Ahiman Rezons—all more or less valuable—while No. 1142—"the Coin Collectors' Companion, 1795"—is described in the foot-note as including "several Masonic Tokens" and as being "very rare; unknown to Henry, of London." No. 1157—"Les Franc-Maçons Ecrasés. Rare Plates, 1762"—is spoken of as a "rare edition of a very singular work, the illustrations being very suggestive," while No. 1158, "Clavel's Almanach Pittoresque, de la Franc-Maçonnerie, 1844 to 1848," is set down as a valuable little collection. No. 1164—"Freemason Examin'd' 1754. List of Lodges," writes Bro. Hughan, is "a singular work, professedly an 'exposure,' but is it so? The List of Lodges is valuable, for Calendars of that period cannot now be obtained apparently at any price."

We have now completed our review of the Exhibits as specified in the Catalogue, and annotated by Bro. Hughan. In general terms, we may remark that the work of editing has been carried out with remarkable judgment by Bro. Taylor, who, as Provincial Grand Secretary of Worcestershire, has played a leading part in connection with this successful Exhibition, and to whom, therefore, we should prove very ungrateful, if we did not pay him at least the very ordinary compliment—which, however, is considered by many as the greatest compliment that can be paid—namely, that he has carried out a very laborious work with very great credit to himself and in a manner to reflect still greater credit on the Province he is associated with. We trust it will not be long ere we have an opportunity of chronicling the success of a similar Exhibition; if not in Worcestershire or Yorkshire, at all events in some other part of the country.

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MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held at Falmouth on Monday, the 15th inst. The brethren assembled under the banner of the Love and Honour Lodge, No. 94, at the Town Hall. The use of that building for the occasion was obtained through the courtesy of Bro. H. Liddicoat, Mayor of the Borough. The members of the Love and Honour Lodge had arranged to give the Prov. Grand Lodge a very loyal and cordial reception. A Committee, consisting of Bros. Lieut. Baynes Reed, R.N., G. T. Olver, J. M. Carne, J. N. Francis, and J. Howell, Chief Officer of the Coast Guard, had been appointed to prepare the Hall, and under their management that large and lofty room had been converted into a handsome Masonic Lodge-room. In addition to the elegant insignia of the Mark Degree of the Masonic Order the room was tastefully draped with flags, and a choice collection of flowers, shrubs, plants, and rare ferns from the grounds and conservatories of Mr. E. C. Carne and Mr. W. H. Lane were judiciously distributed throughout the Hall. There was a large attendance of the brethren. Business commenced with the opening of the P.G. Lodge at 2·30 p.m. by the R.W. Bro. the Prov. G.M.M.M. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., 30 deg., supported by R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan Past G.W. of England, W. Bros. Thos. Chirgwin 18 deg., J.P., P.M. 78 D.P.G.M.M., Charles Truscott 275 P.S.G.M.W., N. J. West 87 P.P.S.G.M.W. P.J.G.M.W. *pro tem*, J. Q. James 175 P.G.M.O., J. F. Hooper 101 P.G.S.O., R. Carter 94 P.G.J.O , W. Tweedy 78, J.P., Past D.P.G.M.M. P.G.M. Treas., W. J. Johns 78 P.G.M. Sec., Samuel Mitchell P.G.S.M.D., Samuel Harvey 78 P.G.M.D.C., W. Rooks 78 P.G.M.I.G., and the following Past Prov. Private Lodge Officers and prominent brethren:—W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. W. E. Mitchell 31 deg. P.M. 206 P.P.G.S.M.W., the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., 175 P.P.S.G.M.W., W. Guy 275 P.P.G.J.M.W., W. F. Newman 94 P.P.G.S.M.W., Dr. W. Mason 78 P.P.G.J.M.W., H. Tilly 94 P.P.G.M.O., W. L. Fox 94 P.P.G.S.O., W. H. Dunstan P.P.G.J.O., T. C. Polglase 94 P.P.G.J.O., M. Little 94 P.P.G.J.O., A. Luke 275 P.P.G.M. Reg , W. D. Rogers W.M. 94 P.P.G.M.I.W., T. H. Lukes 275 P.P.G.M.A.D.C., Bros. H. P. Vivian J.O. 73, W. Huthnance P.P.G.M.St. 87, George H. B. Reed S.W., Norman Gray J.W., George Timmins M.O., G. Carter S.O., T. B. Hart Reg., J. Carne Sec., G. T. Olver S.D., J. S. Dunn J.D., W. J. Carne O., W. Anderton I.G., Wm. Rusden Tyler, J. Denton, H. Bishop, C. H. Williams, E. J. K. Nicholls, W. H. Dunston, J. N. Francis, H. Liddicoat 94, Chas. Kent J.W. 101, W. Ellis S.W., J. M. Richards J.W., Charles Hudson M.O., F. J. Culley S.D., J. O. Eva I.G., P. L. Morgan J.W., H. Dudley 175, A. Luke W.M., R. Parson M.O., J. Brewer J.O., W. J. Tredinnick Sec. 275, J. A. Collins W.M., J. W. Williams J.D. 325, J. F. Andrew 387, E. Aitken Davies P.P.G.M.J.D. Devon. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Controller Bake Prov. G.M.S.B., Gilbert B. Pearce P.P.G.S.O., Samuel Tresidder jun. Sec. 94, T. A. Kistler W.M. 73, F. H. Pool P.P.G.J.W. The Prov. G.M. Treas. Bro. W. Tweedy reported a satisfactory balance in hand. The Masters of the Lodges in the Province reported very favourably of the progress of their respective Lodges. There was a general advance in the number of members and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed. The Prov. G.M. Sec., Bro. W. J. Johns, reported that there were nine Lodges now in the Province and 279 members, an increase of about 40 members during the year. The Lodges held their meetings regularly and were preceeding very satisfactorily. Since the last annual meeting a new Lodge had been consecrated, the Lebanon, No. 325, held at Fowey, and that appeared to be going on very successfully. The arrangement by which the Fort Lodge brethren were permitted to meet alternately at Newquay and St. Colomb had worked well. It had enabled them to strengthen their numbers and they were very much pleased with the change. It enabled them to attend to their Masonic duties with far less inconvenience. That grant of the R.W. the P.G.M. was not, however, to be taken as a precedent, as such a grant would not be readily repeated. The reports were received and adopted. The Prov. G.M. said, before appointing the new Officers, he should like to make a few remarks. He was extremely gratified at the progress which Mark Masonry, as shown by the returns, was making in Cornwall. As their P.G.M. it gave him great pleasure. On the 12th of May he consecrated a new Lodge at Fowey. On that occasion he had his doubts as to the probable success of that Lodge. He thought it a little too near the Lodge at St. Austell. He was, however, very glad to find that there was no occasion for such doubts. Both Lodges were making good progress, and were reported to have every prospect of continuing to do so during the next year. Freemasonry was evidently making great progress. Attempts had been recently made to throw some slurs on the Order, which he thought were no credit to the authors of them. An attack on the Order had been issued from Rome, which he could not help characterising as being the most scandalous one that had ever been published in the English newspapers. On that attack the *Saturday Review* had thought proper to be merry, but to the credit neither of its taste nor of its judgment. The writer in that paper was pleased to say that the society was too trivial or too criminal to expose its secrets. To the brethren who understood the matter such a statement was ridiculous. To the outer world it might with great propriety be said, was it likely that the sons of the Queen who had joined Freemasonry would have done so had the Order been either trivial or criminal? Then looking at the roll of the members of the Order not only in that county, but throughout the kingdom, were they men likely to be found associated with a society which was either trivial or criminal? He could not conceive how any prominent paper could have made such remarks. Freemasonry stood upon too firm a basis in England to be injured by such sneers, or to be injured by any edict from any foreign potentate. The secrets of Freemasonry no Freemason need be ashamed of. The extinction of the Order in this country if possible would be a source of great regret. Its great and noble principle of charity was highly respected by all who understood it and treated it with justice. He could not also help thinking that it was a curious thing for persons who lived in glass houses to be throwing stones. For stones to be thrown about secrets issuing from Freemasonry from a society which abounded with secret societies, and whose secrets were looked upon very widely with suspicion, was a hardihood he had not looked for. Such secret societies, too, as were rumoured to exist should surely make it well to look at home. However, Freemasonry was on such a firm basis as must make Freemasons smile at any such extremely petty attacks, whatever views they might take as to their taste or discretion. Their society would survive any such attacks as emanated from Rome, or comments in the columns of a newspaper. Sir Charles's forcible remarks on these attacks on Freemasonry were eloquently put, were warmly applauded by the brethren, and at the close of the address received rounds of cheers. Bro. Wm. Tweedy was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Province. Bro. Hughan called the attention of the brethren to the Province being behind in rendering support to the London Masonic Charities proportionate to what was received therefrom. If the Province looked forward to further benefits from those Charities greater aid must be rendered from the Province. He proposed that a vote of ten guineas should be given from the Prov. Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Chirgwin, and carried. Bro. Hughan then called attention to the term of office of the R.W. Brother the Provincial Grand Mark Master being about to terminate, and proposed his re-election. This proposition was warmly applauded, seconded by Bro. Chirgwin, and carried. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle thanked the brethren for the kindness which they had shown him. He said he could not disguise from himself that he was getting an old man, and the time could not be far distant when he would find it necessary to withdraw from some of his public avocations, and give way to younger men. As long, however, as his age and health permitted him and it was their wish to recommend him to the office to which they had just elected him, he would endeavour to show his appreciation of their kindness and consideration. The Right Worshipful brother the Provincial Grand Mark Master then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year :—

Bro. T. Chirgwin 78, J.P.	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
H. Tilly 94	Prov. G. Senior Warden
A. Luke 275	Prov. G. Junior Warden
W. D. Rogers 95	Prov. G. Master Overseer
S. Mitchell 101	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
John Jeffrey 175	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. W. A. Bloxsome, M.A., 175	Prov. G. Chaplain
William Tweedy	Prov. G. Treasurer
W. L. Fox 94	Prov. G. Registrar
W. J. Johns 78	Prov. G. Secretary
Lieut. G. H. B. Reed 94	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
Charles Trevithick 78 ...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
W. Ellis 175	Prov. G. Inspector of Works
S. Harvey 78	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
J. A. Collins 325	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
George Olver 94	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
George Carter 94	Prov. G. Organist
W. Rooks 78	Prov. G. Inner Guard
C. Kent 101	Prov. G. Stewards
R. Parsons 275 ...	
W. Simmons 78 ...	
John Langdon	Prov. G. Tyler

The P.G.M.M., D.G.P.G.M.M., the two P.G.M. Wardens, the P.G.M.T., and P.G.M. Secretary, were elected the Board of General Purposes. Thanks were, on the proposition of R.W. Bro. Hughan, unanimously voted to the brethren of Love and Honour Lodge for the admirable manner in which they had arranged for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at Bro. R. Carter's Royal Hotel. The R.W. Bro. the P.G.M.M. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle presided. The catering of Bro. Carter was pronounced very satisfactory. After dinner the usual Masonic Mark toasts were drunk. R.W. Bro. Hughan gave a very interesting account of the marked progress being made by the Mark Degree in Great Britain and all over the world. It numbered over 150,000 members. He believed it to be one of the oldest of the Masonic degrees. The cathedrals and other ancient public buildings abounded with recognised marks of their Masonic forefathers. That degree was also one of the most interesting. The recent charges brought against Masonry were groundless. To denounce the Order as atheistical was to circulate a base fabrication. One of its very principles was the recognition of a great Creator and Ruler of the Universe. Any man who did not believe in a Godhead had no business in the Order. He had obtained admission on false pretences. And it would be but honest of him, directly he had made the discovery, to leave the Order. He had no business amongst them.—*Western Morning News.*

The great success of the Benevolent Fund established in connection with the Mark Degree in Freemasonry has long been a subject of comment among Masons generally. The Fund has an educational branch, the purpose of which is to pay for the education of Mark Masons' children in neighbourhoods in which they reside. Candidates are elected. The next election, for which there were three candidates, was fixed for the 2nd October, but the success of the fund at the last Festival was such that all three children, one girl and two boys, can be accepted, and no one will be left out in the cold. Such a result should stimulate the Mark brethren to increase liberality towards this fund.—*Evening News.*

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PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS.

A VERY interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when the Officers of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, attended at Stratton-street, to present to the Baroness, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, an illuminated address, thanking her ladyship for her kindness and liberality on the occasion of the consecration of the Lodge at the Town Hall, Westminster. The address—which was beautifully illuminated—was surmounted with the arms of the Lodge, supported by the various Masonic emblems and designs, framed in an oak frame, specially designed and carved. It contained an exact copy of the resolution passed at the first meeting of the Lodge. At the meeting it was proposed by Bro. H. Bowman Spink I.P.M., seconded by Bro. W. H. Baker S.W., and unanimously resolved,—"That the best thanks of the brethren be, and are hereby given to the Right Honourable the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, for her liberality and kindness displayed to the Lodge in presenting the Masonic furniture and regalia, and the brethren trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will be pleased to shed the rays of His benign blessing upon her Ladyship, that she may be enabled for many years to continue the exercise of her benevolent influence in the interests of the Craft, and for the general good of mankind." Signed by Bros. Burdett-Coutts W.M. and J. E. Shand Secretary, on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The Officers present consisted of Bros. W. Burdett-Coutts W.M., W. H. Baker S.W., H. Bowman Spink I.P.M., J. E. Shand Sec., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, W. Sugg S.D., R. Montague J.D., H. R. Baker I.G., J. A. Jones, R. E. H, Goffin, J. Gibson, and Piper. They were duly received by the Baroness, who was accompanied by her sister and Miss Pinn. The Worshipful Master in the name of the Lodge made the presentation, and said that the brethren of the Abbey Lodge were desirous of recording in some slight degree the appreciation of the interest her ladyship had taken in the welfare of the Lodge, and he was sure that she would be pleased to know that the Lodge had already made such progress that its success was insured. It had already taken a high position among the Masonic Lodges of the Metropolis, and had early distinguished itself in supporting the Masonic Charities. It was a pleasure to him as the first W.M. to know that the objects in the formation of the Lodge had been fully realised, and that the Baroness herself might remember with gratification that the interest she had both shown and taken in the Lodge had not been given in vain. Bro. H. Bowman Spink eloquently supported the W.M., and alluded to the close connection the Baroness and her family all had with Westminster, a connection which had even now been made more binding by the appointment of the W.M. as the first Master of the Lodge held at the Westminster Town Hall. Wherever the English language was spoken the name of the Baroness was a household word, and that because she had always been so prominent in supporting the greatest of the Masonic principles, "Charity." The Rev. R. J. Simpson also spoke in support, and Bro. W. Sugg addressed, the Baroness on behalf of the junior Officers of the Lodge. Bro. H. Baker Secretary read the vote of thanks to the Baroness, which was then handed to her by the Worshipful Master. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts said how much she was pleased with the address, and the words that had fallen from the Officers of the Abbey Lodge who had spoken. She had at all times taken great interest in the welfare of anything appertaining to Westminster, and that interest had now, if possible, been increased by the position which her husband had taken in this truly Westminster Masonic Lodge. She was happy in the knowledge that her dear sister had witnessed that day's ceremony, for she had, perhaps, even a greater memory of her father's work in Westminster than she had herself. She wished the Abbey Lodge and its members every success. At the conclusion of the ceremony refreshments were provided in the dining room, and the visitors had an opportunity of inspecting the many objects of interest in the house. Among the numerous trowels presented to the Baroness on laying various foundation stones was the one she used when the first stone of the Westminster Town Hall was laid, and among the china was a very handsome Worcester jug, having a very fine portrait of the late Sir Francis Burdett upon it, in many respects similar to that painted upon the handsome stained-glass window in the Council Chamber of the Westminster Town Hall.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. R. P. FORGE.

BRO. E. Woodman S.W. 1950 entertained a few personal friends to dinner, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., the occasion being his birthday. During the evening Bro. R. P. Forge P.M. 619, 1950, was presented with a Silver Mounted Riding Whip, a Silver Sovereign Purse, and a handsomely-framed Illuminated Address (artistically executed by Bro. J. A. Collings). These gifts were subscribed for by a few friends, as a slight mark of the esteem in which Bro. Forge is held by them. A most pleasant evening was spent. Amongst those present were—Bros. J. Osborn, Akehurst, Rhodes, Wright, Collings, Hammond, Harding, Western, Snook, Potter, &c.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday last. Bros. Western W.M., Jordan S.W., Gribbell J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Weedon S.D., Goddard J.D., Rhodes I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Cusworth, Hall, Hunt, Jones, Killick sen., Clarke, and other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Fenner rehearsed the ceremony of installation Bro. Western as candidate for the Master's chair. The W.M. was saluted, and he invested and appointed his Officers. The installing Master then gave the various addresses in his usual able manner. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Dixie acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, 29th September. A musical evening followed, Bros. Woodman, Wright, Baines and Akehurst assisting.

Friday, the 21st of November next, is the day fixed for the purpose of making a presentation to Bro. George Lambert P.G.S.B., F.G.S., P.M. Percy Lodge, W.M. of the Cutlers Company, &c. at the Holborn Restaurant, by a numerous circle of Masonic and other friends, in recognition of his services in connection with charity, and in testimony of his liberality and efforts exercised in the advancement of science, which qualities have endeared him to every class with which he has been associated. Bro. Alderman Savory, of Grand Masters' Lodge, will occupy the chair. To ensure a successful meeting a committee has been formed, of which Mr. H. F. Thomas, Past Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, is the chairman, and E M. Cutler, Esq., the honorary secretary and treasurer. We trust that whatever form the testimonial may assume it will be one of which Bro. Lambert may justly feel proud.

A new Lodge, called the Kendrick Lodge, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Thursday next. Bro. W. G. Flanagan is the W.M. designate.

Bro. W. Gray will be installed W.M. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, on Friday, the 3rd proximo.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe P.G.J. East Lancashire, installed Comps. C. Furness Z., R. Ruston H., and R. Anderson J., of the Equality Chapter, 1145, at Accrington, on Saturday last.

The Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, No. 749, resumed their weekly meetings at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate, (opposite Metropolitan Railway Station), on Thursday, the 25th instant.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday, 23rd instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Ansbecker W.M., Walker S.W., Valentine J.W., Ruse S.D., H. Haynes J.D., Haller I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Daniel, Schadler, Rich, Hawkins, Dyson, Harris, H. Mitchell, Healey, Schweltzer, Kleugenstein, Haynes. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sainte candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moss, when Bro. Dyson having answered the necessary questions, and being entrusted, was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. giving the full explanation of the working tools. Bro. Ansbecker resumed the Lodge to first degree, when Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Bro. H. Mitchell 65 and Bro. J. Healy 1348 were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Ansbecker for the able and most efficient way in which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned. This being the sixth meeting of the Second Prosperity Charity Association, the members were enabled to take two ballots of ten guineas each, which proved in favour of Bros. Walker and 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, 27th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1442—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1825—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1893—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
618—Three Graces, Private Rooms Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

TUESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Frith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
996—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croydon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
787—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
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, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1687—The Rotherey, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—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
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—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
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)
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, Kersley, 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
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme. Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
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
1357—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
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. 429—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Tuscan, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Iodic, 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, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 9 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Marquess Arms Tavern, Millbank
1956—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

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, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford

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283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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
346—United Brethren, Roya Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Da'e, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, 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
463—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.
650—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
723—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Derley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1307—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
1813—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1560—Cranbourne, 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
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 430—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
860—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1256—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
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
1389—Hanover, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
1628—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1657—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1681—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 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 360—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 4th OCOTBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 20th inst. Bros. Powell W.M., Cross S.W., Lowe J.W., Robinson S.D., Ashton J.D., Turner I.G., Fenner acting Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Ricknell, Western, Manger, Dixie, Edwards, Gregory, Barnett, Edwards and Richardson. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Western was examined, and entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Bro. Powell vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Western, who resumed the Lodge in the first degree and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Dixie acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and Bro. Fenner worked the last section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Barnett, of the Mozart Lodge, was elected member. Bro. Cross was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 27th inst.

Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.—On Monday last, at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W. Present—Bros. Underwood W.M., Sheppard S.W., Halsey J.W., Ricknell S.D., Boyden J.D., Telfer I.G., Galer Preceptor; also Bros. Wood, Finch, Cosgrove, and Ross. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Finch having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Cosgrove was examined, and entrusted. Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Bros. Telfer and Ross were unanimously elected members. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday, the 29th instant.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—On Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Fountain Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present—Bros. M. S. Spiegel P.M. 188 W.M., J. Laurence S.W., W. J. Mason J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Treas. and Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Sec., F. Chandler S.D., W. H. Chalfont P.M. 1425 J.D., S. Stretch Jun. Steward, C. J. Morse I.G.; Bros. F. G. Baker P.M. 753, W. A. Vincent W.M. 1139, W. Craig P.M. 1425, G. G. Walker W.M. 1201, C. W. Hunt W.M. 1425; Bros. C. S. Mote, W. Death, E. E. Carsons, C. B. Wickens, J. Stephens, W. H. Wadham. Visitor—C. B. Corston P.M. 865. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Ledge opened in the second degree, and Bro. G. Walker, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. Spiegel then retook the chair and resumed to the second degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation of Bro. Vincent as W.M. elect. Bro. Corston was elected a joining member. Bro. Laurence was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting. Votes of thanks to Bro. Spiegel (W.M. for the first time) and to Bro. Walker, were unanimously carried. The Girls' votes of the Lodge were given to Bro. G. Read. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned until Monday, 6th October, on account of the house changing hands.

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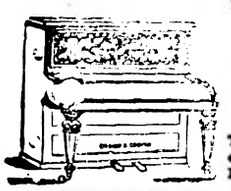
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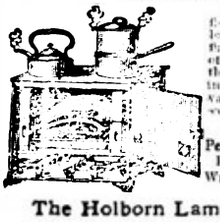
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HAVING completed his "Investigations on the Third Degree," Bro. Hughan turns his attention to the "Premonitions of the Schism," which for the best part of three-quarters of a century held English Freemasonry divided into two hostile camps, and if his labours in this direction have not been attended with the same measure of success as his earlier studies in the same volume, it is not his fault. The materials at his disposal, unless they were wholly conspicuous by their absence, could scarcely have been more meagre. Those who have devoted any time and thought to the study of our history during the first half of the eighteenth century are aware that the question which is veiled in the deepest obscurity is that of the origin of the Schism. We know that shortly after 1750 the organisation established in London in 1717 was a house divided against itself. There were two Grand Lodges where there had only been one. We also know there was no break in the continuity of the existence of the 1717 Grand Lodge, the Communications of which were held regularly year by year under a succession of regularly-appointed Grand Masters, without anything approximating to what the annotators of an old Greek play would describe as an *hiatus valdè deflendus*. Of a sudden we find that in 1753 there was a second Grand Lodge, which arrogated to itself the title of "Ancient" in contradistiction from the old and regular Grand Lodge of 1717, on which it contemptuously bestowed the epithet of "Modern." Previously the Lodges composing this new Grand Lodge had been governed by a Grand Committee, the earliest existing record of whose proceedings dates from 17th July 1751, when a General Assembly of Ancient Masons was held at the Turk's Head Tavern, in Greek-street, Soho, and the Masters of Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7—now Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 respectively—were authorised to grant dispensations and warrants and act conjointly as Grand Master. But just as it is very certain that the Four Old Lodges which met together in 1717 and established the Grand Lodge of England did not spring into existence already organised as such, after the manner of Minerva, in the Greek myth, who emerged into being fully armed from the brain of Jupiter, so it must be equally obvious that the Ancient Lodges just enumerated must have constituted themselves, or been constituted, some time anterior to the aforesaid General Assembly held in 1751. To trace out the origin of these Lodges and establish, if possible, the cause of their separation from the parent Grand Lodge—if, indeed, they had ever been connected with it and paid it allegiance—is the task which occupies Bro. Hughan in the Third Chapter of his new work. He has not, however, succeeded in unravelling the mystery because, as we have said already, there were not at his disposal the requisite means for success. What he has done is to submit in regular sequent form the few authentic references which yet remain to us to the internal differences which must have prevailed in the original Grand Lodge for several years before 1751, in which year, if not earlier, they culminated in an open declaration of war against the "regular" Masons. Let us see what these references are which Bro. Hughan has collated.

Whence originated the difficulties which led to the Schism, whether they arose out of changes in the Ritual, from changes in the government or organisation of the Craft, or from the introduction of degrees additional to those of pure Craft Masonry, all these matters still remain undetermined. Bro. Hughan considers it "may safely be taken for granted" that "attempts were made to tamper with the Ritual prior to 1740." Then we read "Some suppose that the desire for more degrees and different ceremonies originated in France. Probably such was the case. At all events the English brethren did not long rest content with the simple rite of three degrees, added to which there were also other influences at work, in consequence of the broader basis of constitution initiated by the 'Revivalists.'" Bro. Hughan also quotes from a series of articles which appeared in the *Freemason* many years since, the author of which appears to have ascribed the difficulties which beset our original Grand Lodge so soon after its formation as being due to the fact "that the opposition party was mainly composed of operative Masons, who regarded with distrust and uneasiness the transformation of the ancient handicraft society into an association for the cultivation of speculative science," in evidence of which it is pointed out that "On Dr. Desaguliers, F.R.S., being nominated as Deputy Grand Master by the Earl of Dalkeith, 24th June 1723, forty-two voted against, and only forty-three for the appointment; and on the 25th of November of the same year, a member of the Lodge held at the 'King's Head' was expelled 'for laying several aspersions against the D.G.M. which he could not make good.'" The following year more stringent regulations were passed "for the due constitution of regularly warranted lodges." In December 1730, in consequence of the publication of Prichard's pamphlet, Deputy G. Master Blackerby proposed, with a view to preventing Lodges being imposed upon by false brethren, that until otherwise ordered by Grand Lodge, "No person whatsoever should be admitted into lodges unless some member of the lodge, then present, would vouch for such visiting brother's being a regular Mason, and the member's name to be entered against the visitor's name in the Lodge Book." It is further in evidence that in 1730 P.G. Master Sayer was charged in Grand Lodge with having taken part in the proceedings of a clandestine lodge, and though he was acquitted, he was admonished, almost in the terms of the celebrated verdict of the Welsh jury, "*to do nothing so irregular in the future.*" In 1735 the Grand Master referred to the "grievance of making extraneous Masons in a private and clandestine manner upon small and unworthy considerations," and in December of the same year the constitution of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, with peculiar privileges, evoked a storm of indignation, a petition signed by the Masters of several Lodges against such privileges being presented and read, "When the appellants were heard at large, and the question being put whether the determination of the last Quarterly Communication relating to the matter should be confirmed or not. In the course of collecting the votes on this occasion there appeared so much confusion that it was not possible for the Grand Officers to determine with any certainty what the numbers on either side of the question were, they were, therefore, obliged to dismiss the debate and close the Lodge." Twice in the year 1739, on 12th June and 12th December, complaints were made about the "irregular making of Masons," and on the last occasion, though the

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Grand Master ascribed the matter to "inadvertency," it was "resolved that the 'laws be strictly put into execution against all such brethren as shall for the future countenance, connive or assist at any such irregular makings.'" The same or similar complaints were made in later years, but Brother Hughan is "at a loss to find any justification for the statement that the innovations"—from time to time complained of—"at that time consisted *in a different mode of working the Third Degree*," the minutes of Grand "Lodge not specifying any changes in the ritual," but only "irregularities in the constitution of the Lodges, as also the insufficiency of the fees. The correctness of the ceremonies, though irregular in their surroundings, is virtually admitted by the means taken to prevent such persons visiting the legitimate Lodges." After referring briefly to the alterations stated by Findel to have been made by Grand Lodge in 1747, "in the outward forms," which led to the "publication of the '*Thinker upon Freemasonry*,' and other controversial treatises, in 1752," and to Bro. Northouck's note in the 1784 "Book of Constitutions" on the year 1739, which, in Bro. Hughan's opinion, "confuses more than it tends to throw light upon the subject," he goes on to say, "We suppose it must be conceded that a change was made by the regular Masons, but precisely of what character and at what time it is not easy to indicate with any certainty, besides which the whole inquiry is beset with many and peculiar difficulties. An alteration in the 'established forms' might as well refer to the method by which visitors were to gain access to Lodges as to an actual alteration in either of the words or signs of any of the degrees. Preston's view is that the innovation 'seemed to authorise an omission of and a variation in certain antient ceremonies.' That more stringent regulations were passed respecting the admission of visitors we have already seen; and it is equally certain that, added to these, any slight departure from the ordinary customs in 1751-2, by the regular berethren, would be made the most of by their unscrupulous rivals."

The rest of the Chapter is devoted to an examination of the question as to there having been other "degrees than the first three in existence on the publication of the Regulations in 1723," Bro. Hughan's particular references being to the Preface to Robert Samber's work on "Long Livers," an alleged edition of the Constitutions said to have been "issued at Brussels in 1722," and the Rawlinson MSS. in the Bodleian at Oxford. As regards the first of these, we need only quote the following passage: "Dr. Mackay asks 'why is it that neither Anderson, nor Desaguliers, nor any of the writers of that day, nor any of the early rituals make any allusions to the higher and more illuminated system?" The answer is not far to seek in our opinion, because the fact is, there was then no such system to write about; the allusions and delusions of Samber being magnified and distorted by credulous microscopic writers to mean what evidently the author of 'Long Livers' neither knew of, nor ever intended." As to the alleged Brussels edition of the Constitutions of 1722, one of the clauses of which is said to enumerate a variety of degrees other than those belonging to pure Craft Masonry, Bro. Hughan points out that "if these regulations be authentic and genuine, no further proof is needed of the existence of additional degrees to the first three, *one year before the premier Book of Constitutions was published*, but there is not a particle of evidence that they are either the one or the other. Those who maintain otherwise have only to produce a copy of this work of 1722, to obtain from us a most ample retraction." The reference to a letter among the Rawlinson MSS. to a "fifth Order" in Masonry and the resultant theory as to the existence of Royal Arch Masonry in 1725 is dismissed with equal curtness as being of no value whatever in the elucidation of the main question.

We have now completed our summary of this Chapter, and the reader will no doubt see for himself that though Bro. Hughan has done his work of collation admirably, he has not, for the reason already assigned, been able to carry us much, if at all, beyond the point already established. Our further remarks must be held over till next week.

(To be continued.)

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ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

THERE is no degree in Craft Masonry that may be approached with as much elevation of feeling and sublime pleasure as the Royal Arch. Its interesting history, which tells of a people returning from a captive life—a life of sorrow and humiliation where Israel's daughters hung their harps on the trees and wept—returning, not only with their liberty restored, and with the approval of a mighty prince who had released them from their bondage, but returning also to that dear land they loved with a high and noble object occupying their thoughts, an object which filled their souls with comfort and an exceeding great joy—the rebuilding of that wonderful Temple dedicated to the worship of the Great Jehovah, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. The attainment of this object meant for them not only a return to the worship of their fathers, with all its ancient ceremonials being performed on the spot which to them was holy ground, but it also meant a return to national life, to a life that should again raise them to a position of respect and esteem among surrounding nations. Thus reverential emotion was mingled with a deep feeling of patriotism, and love of country, and when they once again stood within the ruined walls of their ancient Temple their hearts would be laden with a deep gratitude to the Giver of all good. This flood of recollection will necessarily come over the intelligent craftsman while working in this degree, and we seem again to remotely experience through our sympathy with its history some of that elevation of feeling, as also some of that joy and gladness which in the minds of the ancient Hebrews marked that event. The elaborate ceremonial, the imposing surroundings, and the Eastern richness of colour in which the working is set, all tend to the same feeling, and we may naturally expect that a degree in which there is so much to appreciate and admire would be much sought after.

We regret to say that in this colony this condition of things does not exist, but rather the contrary, and when we know this to be the state of affairs we should endeavour to find out the reason for it. Masonic authority tells us that the *ultimatum* of Craft Masonry is not reached until we find it in the Royal Arch, and thus a majority of the fraternity in the colony halt midway in their course, and would be, we venture to say, astonished to find that although they have taken the third degree, they are not perfect Master Masons; they possess only that which was substituted; they have not yet found that which was lost, and never can until they enter the portals of a Royal Arch Chapter. This fact is never kept sufficiently in view by those mostly interested in it. The fashion of looking on Chapter Masonry as something extraneous to the Craft degrees instead of forming its apex is too much indulged in, not only by young Masons, but by old and experienced members of the Craft. Who ever hears the Royal Arch referred to in a Blue Lodge? No one; or if they do, it is but seldom. Why should not the Masonic aspirant, after being "raised," have the importance of this degree, and the desirability in due time of his seeking to be elevated thereto impressed upon him by the W.M. of the Lodge. There is not sufficient fusion of the Masonic interest in this respect.

The lack of this is most noticeable in English Masonry, because every Chapter under that Administration must be attached to a Lodge, and assume the same number if not entirely the same name. In fact, English Chapters are the greatest losers by reason of this want of continuity of interest. Scotch Chapters work two more degrees than the English, viz., the Mark and Excellent Master, and in most cases charge as little, if not less than the English Chapter. This would not matter so much perhaps but for the rapidly increasing popularity of the Mark Degree; but when brethren find they can obtain three degrees for the same fees or for a small amount extra to those charged for the one degree (and one of those three is much talked of), they, in the majority of cases, seek exaltation in a Scotch Chapter. The Union Chapter, E.C., of Wellington, is suffering from this cause, and we would advise the Companions to endeavour to get an English Mark Lodge established, and to enter into friendly (not official) relations with it without delay. But Chapters, whether Scotch or English, all over the colony suffer from a want of attendance, and of interest taken in the proceedings and there are undoubtedly several reasons to be assigned for it.

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We think one and perhaps the chief reason is the difficulty of getting Officers of ability to do the work; and the cause of this effect may be again traced to the Blue Lodge, and to the want of continuity above referred to. The P.M.'s of the Lodge should be properly reckoned on as the principal Officers in the Chapter; but they cannot by a long way be depended on to continue taking an interest in their Lodge, much less undertake the onerous duties of a Principal of the Royal Arch. They seem entirely content when they assume the badge which raises them a step above their brethren on the floor of the Lodge, and which marks their superiority at any public appearance. they have done enough for themselves, and therefore enough for Masonry; they have attained their *ultimatum*, and they cannot be bothered any longer "It takes up so much time, you know." They do not add that it also makes a further demand on their brains, and that although some of them make liberal use of their immediate or some other Past Master in scraping through their year of office in the Blue, that without such assistance it is useless their attempting the Arch, and which from the nature of the circumstances they are not likely to obtain. If the I.P.M. of a Lodge were accustomed to look on it as a matter of course that he should next take the office of Principal Sojourner in the Chapter and so work up through the chairs until he was installed Z., and if he were taught from the first to think *that* his *ultimatum* and nothing short of it, that would be one good reason why we should see more vitality in Chapter Masonry.

We do not approve of exalting every brother in a Chapter six months after he has been "raised" simply because he desires it, for we hold that a Chapter should consist of the most worthy and most *intelligent* members of a Lodge; the ballot is always there as the safeguard of its privileges, and therefore if any other than these are found in it, the fault is with the Companions themselves; consequently we would advocate the minimum fee for exaltation, and the smallest amount for dues that can be fixed compatible with good management. It should not cost near as much to work a Chapter as a Craft Lodge. The Companions meet less often, and have not the same claims for charity, &c., coming before them as have the Blue Lodges; and as the expense of keeping up both Lodge and Chapter comes out of the same pockets, it is most desirable that the qualification of attending to Chapter duties should be made to cost as little as possible. We would urge the Principals of Chapters to take these matters into consideration, and to foster that connection between Lodge and Chapter that at present seems to be the point of severance.—

The New Zealand Craftsman.

THE TYLER'S CLUB.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

ONE evening a young Craftsman, who had been exploring and examining the several apartments of the Temple then but recently opened to him, came to the old Tyler with the inquiry what the five-pointed star represented, adding that he had no recollection of any mystic explanation of that symbol. A few of the brethren had already assembled, and the Tyler asked whether any one present could answer the brother's question. The Junior Warden turned to the young brother and asked, "How many points did you say the star had?" The brother responded, "Five," and smilingly added, "I remember now, it refers to the five points of fellowship."

The Worshipful Master remarked that the five-pointed star was a reminder of that indissoluble chain of sincere affection by which, when strictly adhered to, Masons were bound hand and heart, and so firmly that even death itself cannot sever the compact. All the circumstances and surroundings of the occasion, when the points were communicated, were such as to deeply impress not only the mind but the heart with their sacred import. The neophyte was just in possession of the object of his search; he at this instant stood erect in all the completeness of his new character as a Master Mason, and received the fraternal embrace of a Master of the Art; the full significance of the occasion might not be apparent, but a candidate who was not impressed, to some degree, with the truths then explained, was certainly presenting material that was unfit for use and suitable only to be hove over among the rubbish.

Like many other symbols in Freemasonry, the five points of fellowship had been variously explained. Thus, the Atholl Masons of the last century taught that "when the necessities of a brother call for my support, I will be ever ready to lend him a helping hand to save him from sinking, if I find him worthy thereof. Indolence shall not cause my footsteps to halt, nor wrath to turn them aside, but forgetting every selfish consideration, I will be ever swift of foot to save, help and execute benevolence to a fellow-creature in distress, but more particularly to a brother Mason. When I offer up my ejaculations to ALMIGHTY GOD I will remember my brother's welfare, even as my own, for as the voice of babes and sucklings ascend to the throne of grace so most assuredly will the breathings of a fervent heart ascend to the mansions of bliss. A brother's secret, delivered to me as such, I will keep as I would my own, because, if I betray the trust which has been reposed in me, I might do him an irreparable injury; it would be like the villainy of an assassin who lurks in darkness to stab his adversary, when unarmed and least prepared to meet an enemy. A brother's character I will support in his absence as I would in his presence; I will not revile him myself, nor suffer it to be done by others, if it is in my power to prevent it. Thus by the five points of fellowship are we linked together in one indivisible chain of sincere affection, brotherly love, relief and truth."

The Senior Warden observed that Brother Dr. Oliver had summed up the symbolism as teaching Masons to assist a brother in distress, support him in his virtuous undertakings, pray for his welfare, keep his secrets inviolate, and vindicate his character in his absence as well as in his presence, but that the more profuse language of the rituals was certainly more pleasing to the ear and effective to the candidate.

The Tyler remarked that some years before he had heard a very beautiful explanation of the symbol, which he was fearful he could not now repeat in all it wealth of thought. First, the apostle pronounced it essential, in the Christian warfare, that the feet should be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; so, in the Masonic armour, a like preparation is necessary to educate the *feet* for the discharge of the perilous and sometimes difficult duties the relief of a distressed and worthy brother imposes. This we solemnly promised to perform, and have consecrated our feet to the active duties implied. Secondly, prayer is essential for the true Mason; he cannot reach the point where he is instructed in the lessons of the five points, without prayer; if he never prayed before he *must* do it now —*and pray for himself.* This is necessary, because prayer implies religious faith. The worship of the Supreme Architect of the Universe is the soul and secret of the enduring life of the Fraternity, and springs from that belief that brings every *knee to bow*, and every tongue to confess the power and goodness of our FATHER which art in heaven. We pledge our Masonic faith to every brother that, when upon our *bended knees*, we will remember him in our devotions. Thirdly, men are brought *breast to breast*, and an intimate sympathy is established between them; the soul, whose dwelling-place is within the heart, is appealed to by the embraces of brotherly love, and is aroused to the exercise of those deep and noble emotions which fill up to perfection the measure of the true Masonic character. Masonry has a large, warm heart, as well as a clear, cool head, and when these hearts are *pressed together*, in the fraternal embrace, emotions of the purest sincerity are awakened and a vital power unites many hearts in indissoluble bonds. Fourthly, he who has ascended to the highest round in the ladder of human progress knows not how soon he may, by foul agencies ever at work around and beneath him, be brought down to the point where the *supporting hand* of a brother may be necessary to his protection and safety. Selfishness and envy, the lust for gain, and the tongue of slander and defamation may all combine to drag him down; then will the strength of the *supporting hand* of the Fraternity be extended in fulfilment of its pledge to vindicate the *truth* at all hazards. Fifthly, man would be desolate indeed, if, in his pilgrimage through life, he had no tried friend into whose *ear* he could *whisper* the deep sentiments of his pent up spirit. The man who has to tread the pathway of life alone is doubly exposed to the schemes of the designing, but he who has honestly passed through the narrow way up to the point where he has been invested with the mysteries of the five points of fellowship, stands in an invincible circle, each member of which is ever ready to warn him of approaching danger and throw around him the mystic circle of protection.

As the old Tyler ended his explanation the Worshipful Master remarked that the attentive ear had doubtless recognised a different order in the explanation of the points under the English system and our own. In the former the order is the hand, the foot, the knee, the breast and the back. We have omitted the first and added the mouth and the ear. The explanation as given by Bro. Mackay is as follows:—"First. Indolence should not cause our footsteps to halt, nor wrath turn them aside; but with eager alacrity and swiftness of foot, we should press forward in the exercise of charity and kindness to a distressed fellow-creature. Second. In our devotions to ALMIGHTY GOD we should ever remember a brother's welfare as our own; for the prayer of a fervent and sincere heart will find no less favour in the sight of heaven because the petition for self is mingled with aspirations of benevolence for a friend. Third. When a brother entrusts to our keeping the secret thoughts of his bosom, prudence and fidelity should place a sacred seal upon our lips, lest, in an unguarded moment, we betray the solemn trust confided to our honour. Fourth. When adversity has visited our brother and his calamities call for our aid, we should cheerfully and liberally stretch forth the hand of kindness to save him from sinking, and to relieve his necessities. Fifth. While with candour and kindness we should admonish a brother of his faults, we should never revile his character behind his back, but rather, when attacked by others, support and defend it.

The old Tyler added, as the Master and brethren moved toward the Lodge, that in his ramblings he had met with many Masons who were very rusty in this important point of Masonic knowledge, and that he had found more acquaintance with it among the Ohio Masons than elsewhere, for the reason that it was employed in the Lodge service more than he had observed in other Jurisdictions, and that Masons from other localities were frequently greatly embarrassed in adapting themselves to the peculiar manner in which it is used.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 304.

THE brethren of this Lodge assembled on 24th September for the purpose of re-opening their Masonic Hall, which had been closed for some months, and undergone a thorough re-decoration. The hall is one of the best in Yorkshire. The Lodge Room is a double square, measuring 88ft. long by 44ft. It is divided into five bays by broad arches resting on light pillars, with foliated capitals and corbelled bases. The roof is a waggon-shaped groined vaulting, springing from capitals of pillars which are 24ft. from the floor, the total height in the centre being 40ft. The east bay, which is divided from the rest by a broader arch supported from the floor by two tiers of double pillars, is richer in character and different in construction from the other bays. It is ornamented with ten Gothic arches, six of which are on the east wall, and two on each of the north and south returns. From the cornice above these arches the roof is coved, being divided by ribs spring from the cornice to the main arch. In the bays on the south side four lancet-headed windows have been opened out, and these are glazed with quarries of tinted cathedral glass in lead. On the north side are the entrances and fireplaces. The upper wall of the west end is divided by one large central and two smaller pointed arches, which are ornamented with simple tracery, and rest upon pillars corresponding with those on the north and south sides. The polychromatic decorations are in the mediæval style, carried out in strict accordance with the architecture of the room, and are rather suggestive of high-class church work, a characteristic made more striking by the amount of symbolic ornament used. The general effect is at the same time richly ornate, and also bright, cheerful, and warm. The dado is of dark chocolate colour, and immediately above it, and below the string course, the space is filled with a diapering and indented border, in low-toned greens. The string course and walls above, up to the ribs of roof arches, are painted a warm stone colour. Upon the string course a running ornament in dark red has been introduced, and at intervals occur a series of tablets in blue. On these are inscribed in gold: "Obedience," "Fidelity," "Truth," "Honour," "Virtue," and "Charity," (each of which it is the ambition of all true Masons to practise). Above this to the height of the capitals of pillars, the walls are marked out by a simple form of the ancient "brick pattern," symbolising Masonry, surmounted with a band and cresting of elaborate design and colour. Round the windows is a border of pleasing character. A special feature of the ornamentation of the opposite side, and indeed, of the general scheme of decoration, is the lancet-headed triangular medallions with their ornamental borders. These medallions enclose trefoils, on which are painted on quaintly figured blue and red grounds, in monochrome and gold, the winged emblems of the four Evangelists. The pillars supporting arches are painted in a low-toned blue, and are encircled at tops and bases with ornamental bands of gold and black; the foliated capitals and corbels are in stone colour, richly relieved with gilding. The ribs of roof and arches are painted a light oak colour, with enrichments of gold. The spandrels of arches are filled with chastely-designed conventional scroll-work in tones of red, green, blue, and gold, and the alternate spaces are painted a cobalt blue, dotted with golden stars. The central part of the roof is divided into panels, in which are effectively introduced the Masonic colours of blue and crimson. In the middle is a quartrefoil within a circle containing the letter "G" in pure white upon a deep crimson ground, with radiations of gold. Another quartrefoil contains interlaced triangles, and between these are the ventilators, to which are suspended the two handsome wrought iron chandeliers which light this magnificent room. The soffits of the broad arches at the east and west ends of the room are painted a light-tone of Venetian red, with ornamental margins of green. The decorations consist of a series of twelve gold ground quartrefoils, alternating with panels containing conventional ornament; within the quartrefoils upon the east arch are depicted the signs of the zodiac in light tints, freely and vigorously drawn in semi-naturalesque character. The narrow arches springing from double pillars are ornamented with zigzag margins, with a running pattern in the centre. At the west end the three arches are connected by a figured band, and at the top of the central arch are represented a crescent moon and stars in gold on azure ground. Above this is a circle containing a golden pentalpha on a purple field. The spandrels contain foliated ornaments of similar character to those of the side arches. The eastern bay architecturally lending itself to a richer treatment has been emphasised by the decorators in the ornamentation, and cannot fail to be the centre of attraction, not only from the character of the tried and honoured brethren who will occupy that exalted position, but also, from the especial richness of the mural decorations. It is approached by a semi-circular daïs of two steps covered with a blue carpet, the edges of the steps being decorated with devices symbolising water and fire. This daïs leads up to the platform, upon which is placed the Worshipful Master's chair, and on each side are ranged the seats of the Past Masters. At the back of these seats is a high dado, with a shaded chocolate ground, decorated with a brocade pattern in lighter tint and gold, figurative of the fruitful vine. Upon the string course is inscribed in golden letters, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The walls above are painted warm stone colour, and the space up to the corbels which support the arches is marked out with a "brick pattern" of more elaborate design than that upon the other walls. This is bordered with an elaborate band of ornament of varied colours, and above the W.M.'s chair is painted the "All Seeing Eye." The ten arches are filled with a diaper, with a circular medallion in the centre of each, enclosing a gold ground trefoil on which the principal symbols of the Masonic Order are illustrated. The spandrels are ornamented with conventional scroll work in polychrome upon gold-coloured ground. The central one, containing a circle, is tinted purple, and filled with a double triangle in gold, an emblem which all true Masons are taught to revere. The cove of roof between the ribs is painted to represent the Canopy of Heaven, above the cornice the sun is portrayed as rising, and with his "genial rays of light and heat dispersing the clouds of night." The decorations had been planned and arranged by Bro. Wm. Pratt P.M. P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, and the work carefully executed in a permanent and thoroughly efficient manner by the firm of Messrs. Christopher Pratt and Sons, upholsterers and decorators, Bradford, under the skilful and artistic direction of Mr. Beaven, their able decorative manager, by whom the various ornaments and devices have been drawn. First-class workmen have been employed, as is evident from the finished character of all the work. The hall is furnished with a rich Brussels carpet, in a new Masonic pattern, specially designed and adapted to harmonise with the other decorations in the hall. The colours are chiefly blue, gold and crimson, and the usual Masonic emblems are effectively introduced in the design. It is finished with a handsome border, in which the "Royal Arch" is the leading feature. The raised platform round the hall is covered with crimson cloth, and the seats are upholstered in crimson leather with brass nails. The windows are furnished with brass cornice poles, and draped with heavy crimson rep, trimmed with a broad satin border in blue and gold, the whole effect being extremely warm and rich. The Committee are much indebted to Bro. G. F. Crowe P.P.G.D., of the firm of Messrs. Denby and Co., Albion-street, Leeds, for the assistance given them in the refurnishing of the Lodge-room. The Lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. James Yates W.M., who was supported by Bros. Geo. Hill I.P.M., E. Woodcock S.W., Thos. Myers J.W., W. F. Tomlinson P.M. as Director of Ceremonies, J. Brownfoot Secretary, J. Rickard S.D., C. Normington J.D., Cockerlyne Organist, Robert Oates Tyler, S. T. Oates P.M. 304, B. Naylor 304, Charles Bloomfield 304, James White 304, J. W. Booth 304, John Proud 304, F. H. Lawson 304, J. Hallilay 304, J. K. Blakey 304, Jon Grimshaw 304, W. W. Park 304, Alfred Wood 304, W. C. Heaton 304, W. West 304, A. Ridge 304, James Beaumont 304, W. H. Hewson 304, Robert Morton 304, W. B. Townsend P.M. 304, 289, 1211, Callum 304, Alfred Williamson W.M. 289, T. E. Pritt 289, Thos. Dodds 289, Alfred Scarth Secretary 289, E. Wales Smith 289, John Dyson W.M. 306, C. E. Brean S.D. 306, Hy. Parkin 306, M. B. Yates W.M. 1042, H. Cowborough Treasurer 1042, S. Stead P.M. 1042, W. Bingham Secretary 1042, W. Jacques W.M. 1211, C Scriven S.W. 1211, Thos. Gibson P.M. 1042, John Maynard S.D. 1211, A. W. Youings J.W. 1211, Wm. Smith Secretary 1211, John Ellis 1211, Wm. Warren 1211, Wm. Furze 1211, Jas. Marston W.M. 1221, R. P. Brindley S.W. 1221, Hy. Child 1221, A. D. McGill W.M. 1311, Tudor Trevor P.M. 41, Robert Dayson 458, F. Abbott 407, F. W. Renss 208, R. Leason P.M. 1393, Rev. J. E. Player 1214, S. Scott Young 1986, Geo. Carbert 495, Alf. Billingham 24. The minutes of the last regular Lodge having been read and confirmed, the W. D. Prov. Grand Master Bro. T. W. Tew P.G.D. entered, accompanied by the following members of Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. John Wordsworth 1019 P.P.G.W. Chairman C.C., Canon Bullock 1211 Prov. G. Chaplain, W. C. Lukis 839 P.P.G.C., Richard Wilson 289 P.P.G. Treasurer, C. L. Mason 304 P.P.G. Treasurer, Henry Smith 302, 387 Prov. G. Secretary, Robert Craig 304 P.P.G.D., W. B. Alderson 495 P.P.G.D., Samuel Freeman 306 P.P.G.D., W. F. Smithson 1211, 1001 P.P.G.D. Vice-Chairman C.C., Thomas Winn 1211 Prov. G. Supt. Works, W. J. Beck 289 P.P.G.D.C., Alfred Austen 306 Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Wm. Spark 289 P.P.G.O., Herbert Green 1019 Prov. Assistant G. Secretary, J. L. Oates 304 P.P.G.P., Jas. Bedford 304 Prov. G. Steward. The W.M., in welcoming the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, said: I esteem it no light honour that it has fallen to my lot during my year of office to preside at the re-opening of these premises. It had long been contemplated by the more earnest members of the Lodge to decorate and embellish this noble hall, and to improve the adjoining rooms, but these steps had necessarily to be postponed until the complete redemption of the hall debentures had been accomplished and the property fully vested in the Lodge. This having been done, through the untiring exertions of the members of the Hall Committee, we have now to congratulate ourselves on its consummation. I need hardly remark that the undertaking was one requiring considerable courage and hope; courage because the expense involved was considerable, and hope that these rooms might ultimately become the centre of Leeds Masonic life. Many of our brethren contend that Leeds possesses advantages of centrality and readiness of access second to no town in the Province. We, therefore, not only have accommodation for the requirements of the town itself, but also for the Provincial gatherings connected with the various degrees of Freemasonry. I think I express a very general opinion when I say that the contractors to whom we entrusted the decoration and beautifying of these rooms have carried out our instructions in a painstaking and artistic manner, and I cannot forbear congratulating not only ourselves, but also the brethren of other Lodges who meet in these premises, and trust they will experience the gratification and comfort which has ever been kept before the minds of the Committee. The outlay involved has somewhat encroached upon our resources, but we indulge in the hope that our income may be increased so that no permanent burden may be felt. I not only very heartily welcome the distinguished brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge who have honoured us with their presence this evening, but also my contemporary Worshipful Masters and their brethren of the other Lodges. The W.D.P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew P.G.D.M., in acknowledging the salutation said:—Worshipful Master, Worshipful Provincial Grand Officers, and Brethren,—I feel and appreciate most deeply the very kind and hearty reception you have given me to-day, on such an auspicious and eventful occasion as the re-opening of this magnificent temple of Freemasonry in Leeds. I congratulate you, sir, and the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge, and the Masons of Leeds, on possessing such a beautiful and nigely-decorated temple; and I hope that the work which may be carried on within these walls may tend to an increase of love, harmony and good fellowship among the Craft in this town. I have visited, in the capacity in which I have the

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honour to act in this Province, many Lodge-rooms and Lodge premises, but, without doubt, this is the most splendid I have ever seen—in its beautiful and rich appearance, in its artistic design, in its decorative art, in the harmony of its colours, and in the appropriateness of its emblems. Worshipful Master, in visiting these various Lodges it has been my endeavour to make myself conversant with the histories of the Lodges, and I find from the history of this Philanthropic Lodge (which has been ruled by many able and learned Worshipful Masters), that its career has been one of long and uninterrupted harmony, both in its working and management, and of true fraternal love, which is the true characteristic of Freemasonry. May the beauty and the magnificence of this exquisite temple stimulate you to a long continuance of these Masonic virtues and practices; and may nothing occur to mar that sympathetic love which is so conspicuous on this auspicious occasion. Worshipful Master, there was one point in that neat and appropriate address you have just given utterance to with which I heartily coincide and would say a word or two upon. It is that desire that these premises should become the home of Masonic Lodges in Leeds. This idea was prompted by that true and earnest and zealous brother whom we so much mourned, and whose loss we shall feel, your late Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Bentley Shaw, whom I have had the honour to follow. It was an idea of his that in every town where there were two or more Lodges, it would be a great advantage to the Craft generally, as well as to cement more closely the brethren of the different Lodges, if they met under one roof, having, of course, their own separate rooms for instruction and for the keeping of any Masonic treasure belonging to themselves. That idea became with our late Deputy a firm principle, and I concur in it to the letter. I have striven to promote this principle with all my strength, and I do entertain the hope that I shall see this carried out to a very great extent throughout this Province. You have set a noble and generous example by the way in which you have decorated and furnished this magnificent temple and adjoining suite of rooms, and I trust you may realise the hope ere long that all the Lodges in this good old town of Leeds may concentrate themselves in one home, and may make these premises that point within their circle to aim at, and in which, I am sure, they will not err. There is one matter of regret to all of us that our late Prov. Grand Master Sir H. Edwards, on account of his health, has retired from the chair of this Prov. Grand Lodge. We look back upon his nine years' term of office with pleasure, and we pray the Great A.O.T.U. to give him yet a long life of usefulness to the town of Halifax, whose interests he has forwarded for so long a period of years. I thank you, sir, for your salutation, and I ask for the sympathy and the support of all the Lodges in West Yorkshire to help me and the Past Grand Officers to carry on the business of this P.G. Lodge, pending the exercise of the prerogative of our Royal Grand Master in the appointment of a new P.G. Master. To your mutual courtesy and kindness to the duties in the singular position I am now placed as the acting P.G. Master, and which duties can alone be carried out with harmony and dignity to the Craft, I appeal, therefore, with confidence to your mutual forbearance and co-operation. Worshipful Master and brethren, allow me again to thank you most heartily for your kind invitation to me to come to Leeds on the present occasion, and to express the great pleasure and delight I have experienced in being present to-day at the re-opening of these rooms, and I hope you may long enjoy peace and tranquillity, and meet in love and unity in this beautiful temple of Masonry in Leeds. The Rev. Canon Bullock, P.G. Chap., having read a portion of Scripture, and offered solemn prayer, the W.D.P.G.M. then declared the hall duly open for Masonic purposes. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. P.P.G.W. of West Yorkshire, who was prevented being present, owing to important business in London, sent the following address, which was read by Bro. Mason P.M.:—Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren,—It was my great privilege, as some of you will remember, to be permitted to deliver the opening address of this goodly Masonic Hall, now many years ago, and I am truly glad to be allowed to say a few more words to-day when we are assembled after a renovation and restoration of various kinds, to commemorate alike its original erection and its present reopening. Let me congratulate you all, as now the Senior P.M. of the Lodge, on a good work so happily accomplished, and so successfully carried out. When first I joined the Philanthropic Lodge, something like thirty years ago, we met in the Harrison Arms, in a lane at the top of Briggate. We then moved to Commercial Street, over Wood's, and thence to Bond Street. There it was that the plan of this Masonic Hall was elaborated and carried out by our lamented Bro. Perkins, and with the services and efficient aid of many good brethren past and gone, and some few "old boys" who still survive. The Philanthropic Lodge, since it left the Harrison Arms, a great deal at my persuasion, and with the hearty assent of a large majority of brethren, has never had cause to look back, but has always gone forward. I am myself convinced, after a Masonic membership of forty years run, more or less, that Lodges always thrive best when in their own halls, and away from the mere occasional and convenient accommodation of the hotel system. Free masonry is something more and something better than a mere portion of customary ritual and social gatherings, however good in their way; and the possession of a hall makes a Masonic body not only carefully to preserve their valuable archives, to indulge in the needful appendage to every Lodge of a library and museum, but also, from time to time, to encourage and to hail the appearance among them of our fair sisters who not only lend enchantment to the sight, and grace to the scene, but aid in confirming and illustrative the elevating tendencies and ennobling aspirations of all true Freemasonry. Happily associated together to complete the success ful labours of those who have done a good work, may our meeting this evening be a happy omen of the peaceful progress and unchanging harmony of the Philanthropic Lodge. May all good go with it in its Masonic labours and its charitable efforts. May its younger members emulate their elder brethren in seeking to uphold and perpetuate the prosperity and welfare of the Philanthropic Lodge. Had I been present I might have said much more, but you will, I think, not find fault with this short address amid other more agreeable claims and more engrossing occupations, and kindly accept "the hearty good wishes" and the fraternal congratulations of an old Freemason and your oldest Past Master. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew (who had travelled from Gloucestershire in order to be present), and to Bro. Woodford P.G.C. for his able address. The W.D.P.G.M., in responding, stated the regret he felt at the absence of Bro. Woodford. He remembered with pleasure the labours of Bro. Woodford in the Province, especially as first chairman of the Charity Committee, and also the kind assistance he had always rendered during his residence in London to all that affected the welfare of the Province of West Yorkshire. The Prov. Grand Lodge having retired the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room, where dinner was served.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 26th ult. At three o'clock the brethren assembled, under the presidency of the outgoing W.M., Bro. James Joseph Gunner, who was supported by his Officers, and the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—W. Hilton (Sec.), W. Gardiner, Walter Goss, Lloyd, Littlewood, L. Franckel, &c. Visitors:—H. Howard Hodges P.M. 795 P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, E. H. Snee P.M. 452 P.P.G. Organist Surrey, J. Plowman D.C. 975, E. Ayling P.M. 975, James Squire P.M. 3, W. H. Harris W.M. 172, A. Turner Secretary 1818, J. Culverhouse 534, J. E. Tongue S.D. 534, W. J. Kennedy S.D. 1420, J. Edwards J.W. 1662, C. Edwards W.M. elect 1507, W. Tyler I.G. 59, G. T. Wright J.D. 1612, L. Honig 1319, C. Green 1137, W. Fry (St. John's, N.Z.) Sec. 1137 E.C., J. A. Blackman 22 Grand Lodge of Canada, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, &c. After minutes of the last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. Edwin Winter and John Brooks were then raised to the sublime degree, Bro. Gunner conducting the ceremony in that perfect manner which has characterised his work since his advancement to the chair. The W.M. elect, Bro. William D. Becket, was next introduced, and having been duly obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, with full ceremony, and he was placed in the chair. On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Becket was saluted in the three degrees. The following brethren were then appointed and invested:—F. Botley S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., B. E. Blasby Treasurer, Hilton P.M. Secretary, C. Maton S.D., J. Arnold J.D., W. J. Sperring Org., J. Tarling W.S., C. Coombs D.C., G Gilbert Tyler. Bro. Blasby P.M., who had been unanimously elected Treasurer, was, unfortunately, unable to be present, in consequence of a serious accident that had befallen him a few days previously. It appears that Bro. Blasby, in company with several friends—amongst whom we may mention Bros. Foster Reynolds and W. Maton—were driving home, when a vehicle, heavily laden, collided with them, and all were thrown from their waggonette. Bro. Maton and another gentleman of the party were rendered insensible for some considerable time, but we are gratified to state they are recovering from their injuries. Bro. Blasby sustained a serious fracture of the arm, but he too is making steady progress towards recovery. We trust to be able to report, in an early issue, that all the party have regained their usual health, and we heartily congratulate them on the fact that, severe as their injuries undoubtedly are, the first fears as to the more serious consequences of the disaster were not realised. After Bro. Gunner had delivered the addresses, the ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. James Fay, who, as a candidate for initiation, was proposed by Bro. Sharp, and seconded by Bro. Brooks. The result was unanimous in favour, and Mr. Fay was introduced, and initiated by the Worshipful Master Bro. Becket. The usual routine work of the Lodge was then gone through, hearty good wishes were expressed, and Lodge was closed. The banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. John Brill, gave every satisfaction, and on the removal of the cloth the toasts received a due amount of consideration. In speaking of Her Most Gracious Majesty the W.M. said he need scarcely use many words in commending the toast to the acceptance of the brethren; the Queen was beloved by all her subjects, especially so by the Freemasons. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master, the W.M. said it was doubtless owing to the Prince of Wales taking the Grand Mastership that so large an accession had been made, during the last few years, to our ranks. However, it was a well known fact that His Royal Highness was most enthusiastic in the fulfilment of his various duties connected with Freemasonry. When proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. referred to the orderly and business-like manner in which the work of Grand Lodge was conducted. This was essentially gratifying to, and appreciated by, the Craft at large. He (the W.M.) had every confidence in submitting this toast for the acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Gunner here gave an excellent rendering of Sullivan's popular song, "The Lost Chord." He then, after referring to the usual custom which relegates the duty of proposing this, as he considered it, all important toast to the I.P.M., expressed the pleasure it afforded him on the present occasion to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Becket was an initiate of the Royal Alfred Lodge, and had passed through all the offices with credit; the members looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to it having a successful year. At this stage of the proceedings Bros. Goss, C. E. Botley, F. Botley and Gunner sang with telling effect the popular Madrigal, "Since first I saw your face." In replying to the toast Bro. Becket said he had been considering for some years past as to whether he should attain to the Mastership, and was intensely gratified that his highest aspirations were realised, and that he had attained the summit of his ambition. He thanked one and all very heartily for the reception given to the toast. He trusted the Lodge would not suffer while under his rule; of this he could assure the

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brethren, he would strive to the best of his ability to study their welfare and comfort. The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was now formally presented to Brother Gunner, and the Worshipful Master in the name of the brethren expressed their sense of the zeal and energy he had displayed while the Lodge was under his rule. After a capital musical selection by Brother Lewis Honig, the Past Masters were complimented, and replies were given by each of those present. Bro. Gunner was the last on the list, and after acknowledging the gift of the Lodge jewel, said he had been sustained in his exertions by the support he had always received from the brethren. The Initiate's toast was given, and was modestly replied to by Bro. Fay. Bros. Hodges, Ayling, Harris, Fry, and Green responded for the Visitors. The other toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, and then that of the Tyler. A capital musical programme was provided, and the entertainment of the company was well sustained by those who took part, viz. :—Bros. Walter Goss, C. E. Botley, J. J. Gunner, L. Honig, and F. Botley. Bro. Sugg presided at the pianoforte.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE brethren of this Lodge spent a most enjoyable day together on Tuesday. For some time past it has been the custom amongst the members to set apart, annually, a day in which their ladies and friends might join them in an "outing," and this year, although the day fixed for such a meeting had been protracted to a late time in the season, it may be characterised as one of the most pleasurable it has been our good fortune to participate in. The party assembled for luncheon at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at One o'clock, when the chair was taken by the Worshipful Master Bro. W. W. Morgan, who had for Vice-Presidents Bros. Henry Martin and Alfred Withers. Amongst those who were present we noticed Mrs. Alfred Withers and Mrs. Henry Martin, Bro. Thomas Crapper and Mrs. Crapper, Bro. G. S. Graham and Mrs. Graham, Bro. E. N. Little P.M. No. 86 (New Jersey), Bro. Charles Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer, Messrs. A. B. Lond and H. Smyth, Misses Hewick and E. Sutton, Bro. J. B. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Morgan and the Misses Helen and Jane Morgan, Bro. W. H. Harris, Bro. W. G. Jennings and Mrs. Jennings, Bro. W. Radcliffe and Mrs. Radcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Castell, Mr. and Mrs. Berridge, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Goddard, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Osgood, Mr. George Crapper, Mr. Ward, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Field, Mr. Arthur Field, and Mr. Crowe, &c. Later in the day the following ladies and gentlemen joined the party:—Mr. G. Woodfield and Miss Morgan, Messrs. C. J. and Edward Mather and Miss Mather, Bro. John Brill, Mrs. and the Misses Brill, Mr. Diehl, Mr. Walter F. Morgan, &c. After the company had partaken of the elegant repast provided by Bro. Brill, the President rose. After congratulating the members of his Lodge on the goodly assemblage that had met to do them honour, Brother Morgan said it was intensely gratifying to him to know they were favoured with such brilliant weather. In the early part of the morning he feared that the arrangements of the day would have to be altered, but the sun had asserted itself, and he thought on that score they had now nothing to fear. He ventured to say the arrangements for the enjoyment of their guests had been carefully considered, and he knew he could rely on all present endeavouring to carry them out with a due regard to punctuality. Consequently, after luncheon, the brethren and their visitors took a long drive in the neighbourhood, and every one enjoyed it most completely. The route lay past Kew Gardens through Richmond Park, thence to Kingston, and back by Ham Common and the town of Richmond. It is needless to say that there is not within reach of London, and hardly perhaps anywhere in England, a country which is more beautiful and richer in historical associations, Richmond Park being justly one of the foremost resorts of Londoners, where, whether they enter by the Sheen Gate—a name which reminds us of the days of the early Edwards—the Robin Hood Gate by Wimbledon, or the principal gate in close proximity to the famous Richmond Hill, they find it equally possible to enjoy the beauty of the scenery. No wonder then that every member of the party was thoroughly delighted with this feature of the day's excursion. At six o'clock a most *récherché* banquet was served by Bro. Brill, when several guests who had been unable to attend in the early part of the day now joined. The service elicited the most unqualified praise, and on the removal of the cloth the W.M. intimated that it was not his intentions to occupy much time with speeches. Freemasons at their meetings never fail to do honour to their Queen, on this occasion he would couple with the toast "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty" the sentiment "Devotion to the best interests of the Craft." This having been loyally responded to, Bro. Charles Greenwood in graceful terms proposed the health of Bro. Morgan, whom he complimented on having to preside over so distinguished and numerous a gathering. This honour having been responded to, the toast of the Visitors was given, and Mr. Castell and Bro. Little responded. The ladies now retired, to re-assemble shortly afterwards in the large hall of this popular establishment, which had been most elegantly decorated for the occasion. Here dancing was kept up to the enlivening strains of an excellent band, provided by Mr. C. A. Field, until the hour had arrived for the departure of the trains. In the course of the day our worthy brother G. S. Graham, who showed evident signs that his recent travels in the United States had had no deteriorating influence on his rotundity, gave his marvellous organophonic performance, and sang some of his popular buffo songs. Mr. Castell, and other of the guests, also gave some vocal effusions, while Bro. Little contributed a recitation. In concluding this notice, we feel we may congratulate all who took part. The day's proceedings were happily conceived, and, thanks to the exertions of Bros. W. Radcliffe, A. Withers, Thos. Crapper, and last—though by no means least—Bro. John Brill, the W.M. of St. Michael's may, with substantial reason, be proud of the result.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE session opened on Thursday, 25th ultimo, at the Regent Masonic Hall (Café Royal), W. Present—Bros. T. W. Eastgate W.M., Jones S.W., Lee J.W., Hammond I.P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Shand P.M. Secretary, Waugh P.M., W. C. Smith S.D., Hill J.D., E. B. Cox I.G., Brander Steward, Durant D.C., Edell, Stevens, W. H. Smith, Bolt, Higgins, Filhon, Harrington, and others. Visitors—Bros. G. F. Baker P.M. 1305, B. Turner J.W. 1768, A. W. Gower S.W. 1238, R. A. Kircaldy S.D. 1321, W. Hodgkinson 901, and others. Three brethren were raised, and the Bye-laws were read. Bro. G. F. Jones was unanimously elected W.M. for next twelve months, and Bro. Hammond I.P.M. was elected Treasurer. The usual jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. It was moved, seconded, and carried *nem con* that the Worshipful Master, Brother Burdett-Coutts, and the Officers of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, be invited to attend the installation meeting of this Lodge, in November next. These inter-Masonic visits, recommended by the Book of Constitutions, bring into close affinity, and are calculated to cement friendship and cordiality as well as give experience in the internal working of the several Lodges. A dinner was served in the Parisian style, by the conductors of the Café Royal, in that excellent manner they are proverbial for, Bro. Eugene Delacoste I.P.M. No. 1287 superintending the service. We may add that Bro. J. E. Shand P.M., Secretary of No. 1563, and the first Secretary of the Abbey Lodge, was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the visit referred to above.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—At the meeting, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, 2nd inst., there were present Bros. Banks W.M., Freeman S.W., Stringer J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Dale S.D., Williams J.D., Emblin I.G., P.M. Hutchings (Preceptor); also Bros. Catt, Penrose, Prior, Thomas, Hunt jun., Pitt. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Pitt candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was closed to the third degree, and after dues were collected, was closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 30th ult. Bro. Macklin W.M., Jenkins J.W., J. W. Wardell S.D., Baker J.D., Smyth I.G., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Cushing, Gray, Hodgson, Christian and Allen. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cushing candidate. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Cushing answered the questions leading to third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Watkinson worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hodgson 1607 and Gray 1489 were elected members. Bro. Jenkins was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Hunt W.M., Jordan S.W., Woodman J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Snook J.D., Cusworth Acting Preceptor, Rhodes I.G.; Jones, Hammond, Killick sen., and other brethren. After preliminaries had been duly observed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in regular form and adjourned. The brethren then spent an harmonious hour. Bros. Woodman, Snook, Akehurst, Baines, Telfer, Robinson, &c., contributing to the entertainment of the party.

AN AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL CHAMBER.—Every effort is being made to secure the completion of the new Town Hall in the Australian metropolis during the centennial year of colonial settlement—1888. Portions of the building, which is situated in the very heart of Sydney, although formerly it was a part of the suburbs, has been finished, and presents a very imposing appearance. The Council Chamber, which was recently used for the first time, is 42 feet long by 30 feet wide, and its height 27 feet, and it is provided with a gallery, 30 feet by 12 feet, which is intended for such of the public as desire to watch the process of aldermanic business. The chamber is furnished with a canopied mayoral throne, also rows of portly chairs for the aldermen, and behind the latter are cushioned benches upon elevated platforms. The chairs are adjacent to a large table, near to which are tables for the Town Clerk and representatives of the Press. All of the furniture is of rich design, and cedar wood is used in its construction. The walls are cemented and enriched by coupled columns, with entablatures and cornices. The floor consists of oak parqueterie with a fancy border, and handsome heavy curtains are to be suspended in front of the doors to protect the inmates from drafts. The grand staircase leading to the Chamber is a very handsome structure. The steps are of slate, the strings of white Sicilian marble, and the newels of rouge royal marble from Belgium, of chaste sculptured design, and the balustrade is of wrought iron artistically designed, with cedar handrails. The Town Hall, in which public meetings and other gatherings are to be held, will be one of the largest in the world, and the interior will compete, as regards tasteful design and richness of ornament, with any edifice of a similar character in the United Kingdom.

In Memoriam.

ON Friday, 6th October 1882, at Connaught House, Stockwell, J. J. Poole, late Proprietor of the South London Palace, London Road.

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Morality. An Essay on Some Points thereof (addressed to Young Men). By Maurice Charles Hime, M.A., LL.D. (Barrister-at-Law), Head Master of Foyle College, Londonderry. Ninth edition, revised and enlarged. London: Messrs. J. and A. Churchill, 11 New Burlington-street, W., and all Booksellers. 1884.

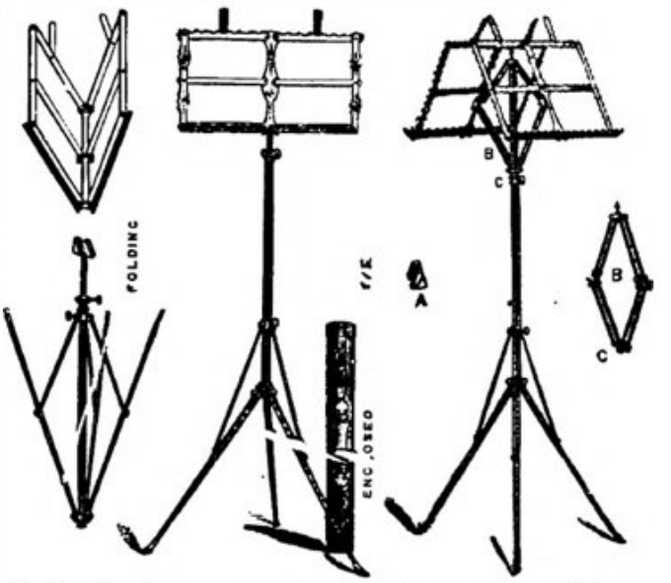
MANY, no doubt, will consider Bro. Dr. Hime a very bold man to have grappled thus publicly with the greatest of all the questions which affect public morals, namely, the naturalness or non-naturalness of fornication. It is a question which every person would avoid discussing, if possible, and it is also one which, in the very nature of things, it is impossible to ignore. No one can reach a nubile age without discovering that he or she possesses what Dr. Hime calls certain "propensions," that is, lusts of the flesh, and it is clearly of vital importance that it should be impressed on his or her mind, as solemnly and as soon as possible, that it is in accordance with the laws of Nature and of Reason that these propensions should be held in control. If pains were taken to make this clear to our youth of both sexes, it is tolerably certain the standard of morality would be higher than it is, but the instances are rare in which anything of the kind is attempted. There are so many people who delude themselves into the belief that it is better young people should be kept in ignorance of the existence of certain evils, of which sooner or later they are sure to obtain some knowledge, than that the evils themselves, being in their very nature offensive to ears polite, and the best means of avoiding them, should be explained. Dr. Hime is not one of these, and having taken counsel with people whose avocations qualify them to offer an opinion on the expediency or otherwise of the course he proposed to follow, he has had the gratification of learning from them, or sundry of them, that they were strongly in favour of its being adopted. Having thus fore-armed himself against the expostulations of those weak-minded people who think the discussion of immoral questions must be conducted only in the midst of immoral surroundings, the author at once plunges into his subject and grapples successfully with the various false arguments adduced in defence of immorality, such as "that it is natural," that "it is a matter of no great consequence whether one exceeds a little in his youth or not, &c.," and "what of marriage? Is not marriage conducive to one's health—continence injurious to it?" and that "so far as the woman is concerned, there is, at all events, no need of discussion: to her it can make no difference, what worse could she be?" These are considered in the first three chapters and in the fourth are submitted "four safeguards against immorality," namely "Prayer," "avoidance of temptation," "moderation in the use of Intoxicating Drinks," and "Occupation." The tone which prevails throughout is admirable and the arguments, fortified as they are, by almost innumerable quotations and illustrations from the most famous ethical authorities, are irrefutable. Our zealous and able brother has done well to publish his book—the public think so at all events, for eight previous editions have already been exhausted and rendered the issue of a ninth imperative—and we earnestly advise our readers to obtain a copy and study it most carefully. It cannot fail to exercise a wholesome influence on them, and those with whom they may be brought into more or less frequent contact. It is a work, the fame of which deserves to be made known in all directions, and we do not hesitate to say we shall rejoice unaffectedly if ever it is our good fortune to learn that what is now the ninth has become the ninetieth edition.

Le Monde Maconnique for August-September contains an account of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France, which opened on Monday, the 8th September, and continued its sittings till the end of the week, the proceedings concluding with the customary banquet. The most important of the Assembly's labours appears to have been the revision of the Constitutions, which was accomplished in the course of three sittings. From the report of the Council of the Grand Orient it appears that the bodies which render it obedience number 845 as against 829 at the corresponding period last year. Among the other contents is a long and interesting memorandum by the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite. From the foreign news we learn that Bro. Professor Damaskenos has been elected Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Greece for the triennial period 1884-7, and Bros. Galvani, Professor, and Karais-Kakis, ex-Minister of War, Deputy Grand Masters. We learn from the same source that Bro. Moroiü, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Roumania, is dead.

The Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction has been removed from the Duke's Head, Whitechapel, to the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, where meetings will be held on every Thursday evening, at 8 p.m. A cordial welcome will be extended to any brother who may honour the Lodge with his attendance.

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NOTICE OF MOTION—

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

ON Monday afternoon a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead. At a quarter-past two o'clock a Mark Masters' Lodge was opened, and at half-past two the Grand Mark Lodge of the Province was opened in due form, under the banner of the Joppa Mark Lodge, by the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Deputy Grand Mark Master of England and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, all the Lodges of the Province being represented, among those present being Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Bros. I. H. Bradshaw W.M. Joppa Lodge, George Morgan, C. K. Benson, Dr. Young, I. E. Skidmore, W. Bennett, T. C. Thorburn, H. D. Roberts, Timothy Webster, J. M. Jones, W. Roberts, Richard Newhouse P.M. Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Parker, W. Robertson, J. P. Platt, John Pemberton, Edward Brassey, N. Robertson, G. Wynne, W. M. Wylde, R. Martin, W. Finchett, W. G. Cronan, James Salmon P.P.G.J.W., &c. The business of the Province was commenced by the roll of Lodges and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers being called over, after which the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Altrincham, on the 28th of September 1883, and those of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Northwick, on the 29th December 1883, were read and confirmed. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. K. Stevenson, then presented his accounts for the past year, which were passed, and he was re-elected for the ensuing year. The R.W. P.G.M.M. afterwards proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his Officers :—

Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope	...	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
George Morgan	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
C. K. Benson	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Richard Newhouse	...	Prov. G. Secretary
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N. Robertson	...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
G. Wynne	...	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
W. M. Wylde	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
R. Martin	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
H. D. Roberts	...	Prov. G. Inner Guard
W. G. Cronan, W. Finchett	...	Prov. G. Stewards

The Lodge was then closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Liverpool.

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PANMURE CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 720.

THE meetings of this most useful Chapter of Improvement, the necessity for which as an adjunct to the working of the Royal Arch Degree in South London, has been long manifest, have been continued throughout the Masonic recess, and are now again assuming increased proportions in respect of numbers attending, and in quality of ceremonial working. Amongst those present at the meeting held on Friday last, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, were several well-known Principals and Past Principals of the Order; and, in consequence, the rendering of the ritual was perfect in every respect. The Chapter has the advantage of possessing complete furniture in miniature, and this of course adds greatly to the precision and effect of the necessary explanations comprised in the beautiful and instructive drama which it is the object of this supreme degree to represent. On Friday, the 26th ult., the Chapter of Improvement was opened by Ex. Comp. J. S. Terry Z. 720 as Z., Ex. Comp. G. Clark H. 1777 as H., Comp. H. Baldwin P.S.N. as J., and Ex. Comps. T. Poore P.Z. and Scribe E. 720, and James Stevens P.Z. 720 and 771. Comps. Vincent 1329 officiated as P.S., Marché 1329 as S.E., and G. Hughes as candidate. Ex. Comp. J. Allen J., Crystal Palace Chapter, and others, were also present and shared in the pleasure and satisfaction which the business of the evening afforded. On the closing of the Chapter the meeting was adjourned to the evening of Friday, the 3rd inst., at eight o'clock. We can recommend Companions in South London, desirous of perfecting themselves in the work of the Chapter, to attend on that occasion, and at the forthcoming meetings during the ensuing months.

ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

A REGULAR Convocation of this Chapter was held on the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. J. G. Fisher M.E.Z., J. Wyer P.Z. H., C. Tayler J., Isaacs Treasurer, A. W. Beckham S.E., H. M. Levy as S.N., Lee 1st Assistant, Ray as 2nd Assistant. Comps. Grist, James, Bignold and Bennett. Visitor—H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. Bro. H. Moore, M.R.C.S., Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, was balloted for and unanimously elected, and then duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by Comp. J. Wyer P.Z., who conducted the business, by the courtesy of the M.E.Z., who acted as H., and Comp. Vincent P.Z. as P.S. A most efficient rendering was then given to the ceremony. After routine work the Chapter was closed to the 4th Wednesday in December. The Companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very excellent supper was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. Comp. W. Vincent P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z. The Companions had seen how ably he had that evening performed the duties of 2nd Principal. The Eccleston Chapter was proud of the working of its Principals; it was second to none in the Craft, and Companion Fisher had fully exemplified this. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Vincent for his kind remarks; he hoped during his year of office to show them that his endeavours to do all he could for the benefit of the Chapter would be crowned with success; he could not do better than follow Comp. Vincent's example; he could not hope to equal him, but would take him as a model. The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the Exaltee, said it had been to him a great pleasure to propose Comp. Moore for exaltation. As a Mason he is known to be most energetic, and would doubtless be a credit to the Chapter. He expressed a fervent hope that he might be among them many years, and eventually secure a high position. Comp. Moore having eloquently responded, the M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z., Comp. Vincent, on whom the success of the Chapter mainly depended. He was an excellent worker, and looked after their interests. Comp. Vincent said he scarcely deserved all the kind compliments paid him by the M.E.Z.; however, he thanked him, and could assure all present his interest both in Lodge and Chapter would never relax. He was proud of being one of the Founders. Any knowledge he possessed, and any assistance required of him he would feel only too pleased to render for their benefit. In speaking to the toast of the H. and J. the M.E.Z. said the Companions had witnessed how ably Companion J. Wyer had performed the duties of First Principal. The J., Comp. Tayler, is comparatively a young member; in the Craft he has attained a high position; while the Chapter has such Officers it must flourish. He would couple with the toast the names of Comps. Lee, Beckham S.E., and the rest of the Officers; also Comp. Isaacs, the Treasurer, who, he regretted, was absent through a domestic affliction. This toast having been responded to, Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. 188 responded for the Visitors, and shortly afterwards the Janitor's toast was given.

At the meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday, Comp. Sheffield took the chair of M.E.Z., Knight H., Dehane J., Hubbard acting as S.E., Hislop S.N., Money P.S. The Companions mustered well on this occasion, and a very profitable evening was spent.

A Brussels paper of the 15th ult. gives the following as showing the distribution of our Masonic Lodges among the different countries of the world. It alleges that in England and Wales there are 1187 Lodges; in Scotland, 534; in Holland, 289; Gibraltar, 5; Malta, 4; Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, 46; Belgium, 15; Denmark, 7; Sweden and Norway, 18; France, 287; Algeria, 11; Germany, 342; Switzerland, 33; Spain, 300; Portugal, 22; Italy, 110; Hungary, 44; Roumania, 11; Servia, 1; Greece, 11; Turkey, 26; Egypt, 26; Morocco, 2; West Coast of Africa, 11; South African Colonies, 61; Russian Colonies, 118; China, 13; Japan, 4; Australia, 229; United States of America, 9,884; Canada, 535; Brazil, 236, or more than 15,000 Lodges, with a membership exceeding 11 millions of brethren. Where our contemporary obtained its statistics from we are unable to say, but we know they are wrong in very many instances, and that about a million and a-half of brethren is much nearer the true state of the Masonic poll than its 11 millions. Thus, in England and Wales there are about 1,400 Lodges, in Holland about 100, while as regards Ireland, which can boast of the second oldest Grand Lodge, no particulars whatever are given. As to the Russian colonies, we know nothing of the existence of any, much less of there being Masonic Lodges in them. We are afraid the unknown journal to which we are indebted for these particulars has taken them whencesoever obtained, on trust, and without troubling itself to test their accuracy or inaccuracy.

We are asked to call the attention of the members of Metropolitan Lodges of Instruction, and of Provincial Lodges, to Bro. Stevens' advertisement, in another page. He is desirous to have opportunities during the forthcoming Masonic season for the delivery of his Lecture "Knobs and Excrescences," which explains the entire ceremonies of the E.A. Degree, and would be pleased to place himself at the disposal of any body of Freemasons desirous of his attendance for that purpose. We trust our Provincial brethren will avail themselves of Bro. Stevens' services; we can assure them that, though they may not endorse all our worthy brother's views, they cannot but derive instruction, and will listen to much that will interest them, from his discourse.

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CONSECRATION OF THE KENDRICK LODGE, No. 2043.

THIS interesting event, which adds another Lodge to the roll of the Province of Berks and Bucks, was consummated under most gratifying auspices on Thursday afternoon, the 2nd instant. The ceremony was conducted by the V.W. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., the popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Samuel Wheeler W.M. 414 Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, and Bro. Walford Ridley W.M. 1101 Prov. G.A.D.C., with other Officers of P.G. Lodge. The brethren assembled with that regard to punctuality that characterises this Province, when the proceedings were carried through with every respect to dignity and propriety, Bros. Wheeler and Ridley occupying the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. Robert Bradley fulfilling the functions of Secretary. Amongst those present were the following:—Bros. R. Bradley Prov. G. Secretary, T. Cooke jun. P.M. 1060 P.P.S.G.D. Staffs, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, J. Dew P.M. 694 P.P.G. Reg., G. Lear P.M. 694 P.P.G.S.D., W. Morris W.M. 1566 Prov. G.J.W. Members of 414—J. H. Walters, T. J. E. Howlett. M. J. Withers (S.W.), H. T. Knill, J. W. Martin (I.G.), J. C. B. Tirbutt (Organist), S. Bradley (P.M.), J. T. Dodd, A. W. Parry (Secretary), C. T. Rayner, T. H. Hawkes (Steward). Members of 1101—B. W. Bennett, J. T. Brown (P.M.), J. Sparrow, F. Coates, J. T. Freeman (P.M.), W. Ferguson (P.M.), J. Greenaway (Assistant Secretary), E. Blackwell (P.M.), Charles Slaughter, W. A. Hukins, W. Ridley (W.M.), J. T. Stransom (Treas.), Arthur Welch (P.M.), R. Dowsett (I.P.M.) C. Beckett 1319, H. Schartau 1549, R. De Lacy, F. Brown, W. Collins. Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from R.W. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bros. Sir Paul Hunter Prov. G. Chap., C. Stephens, Canon Garry, Leighton Coleman, J. Terry, R. C. Mount, and several others. The W.M. designate, Bro. W. G. Flanagan P.P.G.P. was installed as the first Master, and he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. F. J. Ferguson I.P.M., Chas. G. Rucker S.W., Geo. W. Webb J.W., E. G. H. Stubington Sec., C. H. Tench S.D., J. E. Sydenham J.D., C. B. Tubbs I.G., J. F. Stevens Tyler. Bro. Flanagan on investing these brethren addressed each in some well considered remarks, which were most happily delivered, and to the Founders he presented an elegant jewel, to commemorate the establishment of their Lodge. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg then delivered the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and propositions for joining and initiation were handed in. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. The election of Treasurer was deferred. The banquet was served at the Great Western Railway Hotel, and the way in which it was placed on the table will well sustain the reputation of this establishment. The W.M. in proposing the health of Her Majesty alluded to the fact of her having constituted herself Patroness of each of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. After the toast had received due honour the, National Anthem was given, and the W.M. rose to propose the second toast—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers of Grand Lodge of England. It was scarcely necessary for him to say much in commendation of this toast. The Prince of Wales had endeared himself to all classes of society. Especially had he honoured the Masonic body. If any testimony were needed that the Craft is above the slur lately cast upon it, it may be found in the fact that the Prince who we look forward to as our future King had now for nine years been at its head. He would call on the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg to respond. In his reply, Bro. Brownrigg said he would be brief. As year by year the work of Masonry increases, the manner in which the Grand Officers discharge their duties becomes more and more satisfactory. There was a time when the business of Grand Lodge was carried on in a very loose way. In the present day, however, it would be generally conceded that the duties were not entrusted to dummies. All appointments were carefully considered, and as a consequence the work of G. Lodge was carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner. In introducing the third toast—The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and Grand Officers of the Province Past and Present, Brother Flanagan enlarged on the remarks just made by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The members of the Kendrick Lodge would agree with him there had been no dummy work there. The way in which the ceremony had been conducted left nothing to be desired. The W.M. next commented on the zeal displayed by Bro. Bradley P.G. Sec. With the name of this brother he would connect the toast. Bro. Bradley in the course of a highly interesting speech gave the members of the new Lodge some excellent advice, which we are sure will be well received and acted upon. He bore testimony to the sterling qualities of the W.M., who was well qualified for the position in which the Founders had placed him. He urged on the Officers to manifest a continuous and sustained interest in the work of their Lodge. The Province of Berks and Bucks had attained a good position, and it was the duty of the several Lodges to sustain this. This would best be carried out by their exercising a careful supervision over all who might present themselves as candidates for the Lodge, whether as initiates or as joining members. Bro. Bradley then referred to the organisation that prevailed in the Province as to the proper utilisation of votes, and expressed a fervent hope that the brethren of the new Lodge would fall in with the general wish that pervaded the Province, viz., to forward all votes to one common centre. The health of the W.M. was proposed in highly complimentary terms by Bro. P.M. Moxhay, who spoke of the ability Bro. Flanagan had displayed while filling the chair of 1101. His many qualities had endeared him to the Masons of Reading, who had done him the honour of making him the first W.M. of the Lodge which had been so happily inaugurated that day. In reply the W.M. thanked Brother Moxhay. When, some seven years since, he filled the chair of 1101 he thought his active duties as Master of a Lodge had come to an end. He never thought he should be called on to fill the chair a second time, but unforeseen causes had led to the establishment of a third Lodge in the township of Reading. He could assure the Founders he felt it a great honour they had conferred on him in making him the first W.M. In conclusion he urged on them to assist him in conducting the business in a creditable and satisfactory way. Bro. Blackwell P.M. proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities. It had been a source of gratification that the interest exhibited in the Masonic Institutions had been well sustained during the current year. This was particularly evidenced by the fact that even the Boys' School, which had been placed somewhat on the horns of a dilemma through the sudden death of the Duke of Albany, who had undertaken to preside at its Annual Festival, was able to realize as goodly an amount as had been anticipated by its most sanguine supporters. Amongst the Founders of the Kendrick Lodge were brethren who had already done good suit and service for the Institutions, and the efforts they had already made would be still further exercised in the time yet to come. With this toast was associated the name of Bro. R. Dowsett, who in response said that the present was essentially an age of surprises, and it was certainly a surprise to him to be called upon to respond to this toast. However, the spirit of emulation was abroad, and he felt the claims of the Masonic Charitable Institution would not be overlooked by the members of the new Lodge. He had the gratification to announce that the contents of the Charity Book, which had just been handed to him, amounted to £2 13s 6d. The next toast—the health of the Consecrating Officer, was given by the W.M., and the compliment was acknowledged by Bro. J. S. Brownrigg. In response to a general request, Bro. Morgan now favoured the company with a recitation, selecting for the occasion the legendary story "Brought to Light." This was most attentively listened to. The next toast—the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge of Union, 414, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters and Brethren of the Greyfriars' Lodge 1101—was given, and responded to by Bros. Wheeler and Ridley, and then the Visitors were toasted, Bro. W. W. Morgan and Rev. Bro. Walsh acknowledging the compliment. Several other toasts followed, but we were compelled to leave, having proper regard to the train service. Unfortunately, however, a delay had arisen, and we did not reach our destination for some two hours beyond the time we had anticipated. Subject to this contretemps the proceedings of the day will leave a most pleasurable recollection in our minds, and we tender our best wishes for the prosperity of this the latest on the roll of United Grand Lodge Register. The musical arrangements of the day were entrusted to Bro. J. C. B. Tirbutt P.P.G.O., who was assisted by Bros Dyson, Schartau, Beckett, and De Lacy.

GOVETT'S LEAP.—The Blue Mountains, the Alps of New South Wales, which are crossed by a railway, regarded by many as the eighth wonder of the world, abound with picturesque spots which often rival those of the Tyrol or the Bernese Oberland in majestic grandeur. Among these is that known as "Govett's Leap," which is generally viewed from a shelf-like ridge of cliff, which has to be very carefully reached to avoid the risk of accident. The spectacle is grand in the extreme. Many writers have attempted to adequately describe the awful majesty of the scene as taken in by the eye from the edge of the cliff, but even the most skilful word-painter must fail utterly. Pen or pencil can but mimic the vast panorama stretching to the right and left, with the hidden winding creek and the forest valley extending from the foot of the cliff for miles in front. Tall timber trees and majestic tree-ferns, with luxuriant rank vegetation, are all dwarfed by the distance, and present a dull, dead level of scrub, lighted up here and there by bright tints of the fern fronds, to the beholder's eye. On the right is seen Govett's Falls, the bright, glistening waters of which have a clear drop of 520 feet. Below this is the fine cataract known as "Trinity Cascade," and still further below and to the left is what is known as the "Left-hand Fall." Indeed there are several falls forming pretty subjects for the artist, but which are quite eclipsed by the larger proportions of the tumbling mass of waters at Govett's Leap. The centre of the Gorge is about 1,800 feet below the spectator's standpoint, whence it gradually descends to a depth of 2,027 feet—being then about 1,050 feet above sea level—where the silver thread of the creek draining the valley mingles its waters with those of the Grose River, under the cliffs of Mount King George. The width of the valley, as defined by the surrounding cliffs, ranges from three-quarters of a mile to a mile and a half. The descent to the foot of the falls is at present impracticable, except by some elaborate engineering efforts or feats of daring, the cliffs being 800 feet high at the most accessible point. A colonial writer, Mr. Edmund Barton, says:—"Once on the track the visitor has nothing to do but to follow it up until he reaches the tremendous rent or depression in the earth, which is said to be the deepest chasm with perpendicular cliffs in the known world. It is almost surrounded by these cliffs, which are believed to be nowhere less than 3,000 feet above sea-level. The full sublimity and grandeur of the scene is not realised at the first glance. After contemplating it for some time the mind becomes filled with awe and wonder as it vainly strives to comprehend

'——the vast immeasurable abyss,
Outrageous as a sea, dark, wasteful, wild!'

The trees in the valley below, although one or two hundred feet high, or perhaps more, are indistinguishable in their individuality. The scenery is full of grandeur, and to add to its beauty there are two streams which are precipitated into the mighty chasm, and although meeting with no impediment but the atmosphere in their descent, they are dissipated into mist before their waters can reach the bottom; and often, when the wind is favourable, they are wafted upwards and along for a considerable distance."

Freemasonry is a world society, the type of the great millennial society of the future. In our Lodges the lion and the lamb lay down together—to say nothing of the goat.

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AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly find room in your next issue for the following, for the information of the Craft.

There is a person going about seeking assistance from the London Lodges. It is now eighteen months since I first met this individual, at the Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, No. 898. He then stated he was a member and P.M. of a New York Lodge, and was an architect and surveyor, carrying on a very extensive business, with his brother, in New York, and had come to England to consult the best Physician he could for his eyes, "being nearly blind." Unfortunately, he was shipwrecked off the Lizard, and was picked up, and landed at Falmouth, where he was in Hospital some time, after which the Lodge held there relieved him to the extent of £2 and paid his railway fare to Penzance. On arriving at Penzance the Lodge there gave him a similar amount, and the amount of his fare to London, but as he had not received a remittance of £200 from his brother, he wanted some help until this arrived. I need scarcely say relief was extended to him by the members of 898. I did not hear of this man again until the 24th September last, when he appeared at the regular meeting of Temperance in the East Lodge, and applied for relief as a late Sergeant of the First Royal Regiment, invalided home from Egypt, "through Blindness." This Regiment having again been sent to the front, he could not bring his case before the Board of Benevolence, but by some means or other he had obtained a printed note heading belonging to the Lodge named (316), thanking him for forwarding his G.L. Certificate, and stating the Lodge would as soon as possible bring his case on. The Temperance in the East Lodge voted him one guinea, but previous to this being handed him one of our P.M.'s discovered that he was the same party we had seen at the Lodge of Instruction, as stated above, and drew my attention to the fact, when I, on finding this statement correct, immediately ordered him outside the door.

I have since sent the paper left by this impostor to the Grand Secretary, who informs me that he can trace no such person in Lodge No. 316; moreover, so far from the Regiment he names being in Egypt, it has not been, neither is it going to be, sent to Egypt. Well, Sir, this scoundel having been relieved by several Lodges with sums amounting to a guinea at a time, I think it quite time he should be exposed, and the Craft informed, as widely as possible, of such nefarious proceedings. I could relate several other incidents connected with this individual but should be occupying too much of your valuable space.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

F. W. PULSFORD W.M. No. 898.

OUR INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following Table shows how much each Province takes annually from the separate and collective Institutions. Now, taking the cost of the male annuitants at £40; female annuitants at £32; boys at £45; and girls at £32 per head; it will be seen how many of each class belong to the separate Provinces. To the aggregate amount of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £12,732, must be added a further sum of £460 for 23 widows who receive for a period of three years half their husband's annuities, but as they are so constantly altering in number I have not attempted to allot them.

R.M.B.I.

	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
London	2120	2112	2340	2844	9416
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—
Berks and Bucks	—	—	90	72	162
Bristol	40	—	90	36	166
Cambridgeshire	—	—	—	—	—
Channel Islands	120	64	90	—	274
Cheshire	240	128	225	180	773
Cornwall	120	160	—	—	280
Cumberland and Westmoreland	—	64	135	72	271
Derbyshire	40	—	45	—	85
Devonshire	360	320	135	252	1067
Dorsetshire	240	64	315	—	619
Durham	40	32	225	180	477
Essex	200	96	180	72	548
Gloucestershire	—	64	135	144	343
Hants and Isle of Wight	160	192	225	468	1045
Herefordshire	—	—	—	—	—
Hertfordshire	—	32	90	72	194
Kent	360	224	270	468	1322
Lancashire East	400	320	405	324	1449
" West	200	128	225	252	805
Leicestershire and Rutland	—	—	45	72	117
Lincolnshire	160	128	225	216	729
Middlesex	—	—	180	144	324
Monmouthshire	40	32	45	72	189
Norfolk	80	128	90	36	334
North Wales and Shropshire	—	32	125	36	293
Norths and Hunts	160	64	90	36	350
Northumberland	160	32	135	36	363
Nottinghamshire	—	—	—	36	36
Oxfordshire	—	64	—	—	64
Somersetshire	40	32	180	252	504
South Wales (East)	—	—	135	108	243
South Wales (West)	40	—	135	72	247
Staffordshire	—	64	90	72	226
Suffolk	160	224	90	180	654
Surry	40	—	180	—	220
Sussex	80	160	185	144	569
Warwickshire	40	64	315	216	635
Wiltshire	—	96	90	252	438
Worcestershire	—	64	135	72	271
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	320	—	480	180	980
" (W.)	760	576	990	684	3010
Colonial and Foreign	160	92	315	256	823
Grand Total	6880	5852	9375	8608	30915

The next table is intended to show, at a glance, to what extent the respective Provinces are recipients of the benefits of the various Institutions, also to show those having cases to bring forward to what extent Provinces, or individual members of Provinces, might be able to lend or otherwise assist them with votes. I might say that, owing to the death of one of the successful girls at the last election, there will be another vacancy declared; and three more vacancies in the Boys' School. Again, there is a boy whose time is up, but his position having been secured by purchase does not create a vacancy. As a matter of course, at this period of the year I cannot give the particulars of candidates for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but the last column of figures shows the aggregate number of old men, widows, boys and girls from each Province.

Names of Provinces.	Strength up to 31st Jan.	Retire by end of Jan.	Total.	Applicants for Vacancies.	Present Strength.	Retiring.	Total.	Fresh Applicants.	Males.	Females.	Total present Strength.
London	79	6	73	12	52	9	43	20	53	66 =	250
Bedford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	— =	—
Berks and Bucks	2	—	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	— =	4
Bristol	1	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	1	— =	4
Cambridgeshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	— =	—
Channel Islands	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	3	2 =	7
Cheshire	5	—	5	—	5	—	5	1	6	4 =	20
Cornwall	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5 =	8
Cumberland and Westmoreland	2	—	2	—	3	—	3	1	—	2 =	7
Derbyshire	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	— =	2
Devonshire	7	—	7	1	3	—	3	4	9	10 =	29
Dorsetshire	—	—	—	—	7	2	5	1	6	2 =	15
Durham	5	—	5	1	5	1	4	1	1	1 =	12
Essex	2	—	2	—	4	—	4	—	5	3 =	14
Gloucestershire	4	—	4	—	3	—	3	1	—	2 =	9
Hants and Isle of Wight	13	—	13	1	5	—	5	—	4	6 =	28
Herefordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	— =	—
Hertfordshire	2	—	2	1	2	—	2	—	—	1 =	5
Kent	13	1	12	2	6	1	5	1	9	7 =	35
Lancashire (East)	9	1	8	—	9	—	9	4	10	10 =	38
Lancashire (West)	7	1	6	—	5	—	5	1	5	4 =	21
Leicestershire and Rutland	2	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	— =	3
Lincolnshire	6	—	6	—	5	—	5	3	4	4 =	19
Middlesex	4	—	4	1	4	1	3	1	—	— =	8
Monmouthshire	2	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	1 =	5
Norfolk	1	—	1	1	2	—	2	3	2	4 =	9
Norths and Hunts	1	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	4	2 =	9
Northumberland	1	—	1	3	3	—	3	2	4	1 =	9
Nottinghamshire	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	— =	1
Oxfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 =	2
Somersetshire	7	2	5	1	4	—	4	2	1	1 =	13
Staffordshire	2	—	2	2	2	—	2	1	—	2 =	6
Suffolk	5	—	5	—	2	—	2	—	4	7 =	18
Surrey	—	—	—	—	4	1	3	2	1	— =	5
Sussex	4	—	4	—	4	—	4	1	2	5 =	15
Warwickshire	6	—	6	—	7	2	5	—	1	2 =	16
Wiltshire	7	—	7	—	2	—	2	—	—	3 =	12
Worcestershire	2	—	2	—	3	—	3	—	—	2 =	7
Yorkshire (N. & E.)	5	—	5	2	4	—	4	—	8	— =	17
Yorkshire (W.)	19	1	18	1	22	3	19	—	19	18 =	78
Wales, North and Salop	1	—	1	—	5	2	3	1	—	1 =	7
Wales, South Eastern Division	3	—	3	1	3	2	1	1	—	— =	6
Wales, South Western Division	2	—	2	—	3	1	2	1	1	— =	6
Colonial	8	1	7	1	7	1	6	1	4	6 =	25

Trusting these tables will prove of some interest to your readers,

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembroke Tavern, Amherst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
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
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
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
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 Indistry, Smedley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Grey, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
451—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
492—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Witham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1125—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottingham shire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1511—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Dock Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester
1977—Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 871—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 9—Cortes ue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Red Lion Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Firth, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (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
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1440—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1418—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1536—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
193—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
220—Pendarian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
224—Lennis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
228—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
258—Addiscombe, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
269—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, Windsor
276—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
281—Mercantile, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
365—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
385—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
464—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
473—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
495—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
44—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
516—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
[illegible]—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
653—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
709—Le Tact ne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
774—[illegible]eborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Peers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
791—Walton, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
904—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
905—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

962—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1137—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1286—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1322—Wavertree, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Boodle, 146 Piccadilly-street, Beetle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1478—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1554—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Leopard, Deptford, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
194—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lewisham-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—Unity and Strength, Prince Alfred, 14 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Mortlake Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Northampton-square, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Parson's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
892—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1308—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 340 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—White Lodge, Albemarle Row Terrace, Pimlico-sq., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Market Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1738—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Blackpool-on-the-Sea
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Peckham-rye, Nottingham-gate (Inst.)
1934—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1962—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Canonbury, New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Aldersgate Street, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
194—Antiquity, Half's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
298—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green House, Penicuik
225—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
284—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield

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363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
618—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
709—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
857—Worthing of Friendship, Stag Hotel, Worthing
859—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
864—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, Half Moon, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison Grand Hotel, 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
1396—Baldwin, Dalton 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.
1638—Brownrigg, Inn Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

R.A. 63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 350—Moriah, Grafton Inn, Stonyhurst, near Manchester
R.A. 462—Oak Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 670—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lea Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
87—Virtuvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Belgrave, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Stanmore, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Caveac, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (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
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1389—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1554—Beauchamp, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 140—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. (In.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
789—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—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, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1418—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1514—Tynedale, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1566—Cavendish, Red Lion Hotel, Enfield, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Cornet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1667—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Wilmslow, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Cole hill
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Wentworth

R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Helsden Bridge
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
27—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
832—Raleigh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude Queen's Hotel, Manchester
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Lune and Calder, Private Rooms, Queen-street, Lancaster.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Brompton
815—Hair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1288—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Sheffield, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1734—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1864—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Cumwick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Stuart Chapter of Improvement, Union, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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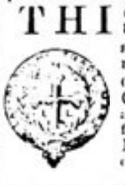
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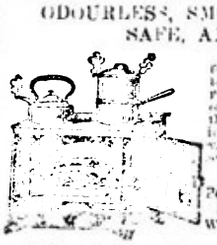
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VERY much of the success, or otherwise, of a Lodge depends on the capability of its Master to properly manage its concerns. Perfection in the ritual, and ability to work the several ceremonies without a pause are not sufficient qualifications; indeed, a Master may be letter perfect in all that concerns the actual ceremonial of his Lodge, and yet lack that skill without which it is impossible to keep the members united and harmonious. We do not hesitate to say that a Master who cannot personally perform the ceremonies of the three degrees, and properly open and close his Lodge, may act detrimentally to the success of his Lodge,—indeed, is sure to do so; we would much prefer he should be deficient in these respects than that he should lack the ability which enables one man to keep all those around him on good terms with each other, and ensure the enjoyment of the party over whom he may be called upon to preside. Instances are to be met with on every side of utter failure on the part of brethren of whom the most was expected. Brethren have been appointed to office, and eventually have been elected to the Master's chair, who were known far and wide for their ability to work any ceremony of the Order they might be called upon to perform, at a moment's notice; and yet they proved themselves quite incapable of accomplishing the apparently easy task of actual management. It almost seems, it must be admitted, that a thorough knowledge of the ritual, with some men, so far from being an advantage, is a state of affairs actually to be avoided, for it often happens that "letter-perfect" brethren pay more attention to the correct utterance of the actual words, both on their own part and on the part of all around them, than they do to the spirit and hidden meaning those words are intended to convey. It is very difficult to lay down laws or offer any rules by which skill in the management of a Lodge may be acquired. Actual experience is the best tutor, and, as usual, this experience is often very dearly paid for. The ability to successfully preside, either in a Lodge, a business, or in any vocation of life, may be said to be a gift possessed by some people from their infancy, while others seem incapable of ever attaining an aptitude for so doing. Still, there are certain rules which may be clearly defined so far as the ruling of a Lodge is concerned, and it behoves every candidate for the Master's chair to study to apply them to himself.

We would first urge the necessity of every Worshipful Master being Master in his own Lodge, for it is only by securing for himself the respect due to a ruler that he can hope to ensure obedience from others. He must not, however, govern with a rule of iron, but rather by firm kindness. The skill of a Master in this respect is never more evident than during a discussion, when opinions are fully expressed for or against a proposal; it is then that the president should know when to put an end to mere words, and proceed to take the actual voice of the assembly on the point at issue. Again, at the banquet table, the Master's gavel should, and usually does, secure immediate recognition; but if he once allows it to be thought he does not intend that it shall always imperatively demand the respect due to it, it soon becomes all but unheeded. It is this great power, attached to the wielding of the emblem of supreme authority, that also calls for great caution in its use. It must never be improperly or unfairly used, and for that reason should not put a stop to any discussion after one side only has been heard, or check a brother in the course of a speech likely to influence the assembly if continued. In cases where, in the opinion of the Worshipful Master, enough has been said by any speaker in support of, or in opposition to, a proposal, the gavel should not be used to finally close the remarks, but should be sounded, and a warning given that the speaker must finish within a given time.

A Worshipful Master should next remember that he is a servant in his own Lodge; that he has been elected to his position by the members, over whom he rules, for the express purpose of performing certain duties for their benefit, and for the well-being of the Lodge itself. In such position he should be careful to maintain his dignity, and at the same time be respectful to those by whose suffrage his office exists. While at all times entitled to govern as he may think best, he must be careful not to let his private views assert themselves in opposition to the wishes of his constitutents, for although his appointment may be impossible of revocation, the name of Past Master, shorn of reputation, is one of which no man can boast. His acceptance of the office has shown his willingness to adhere to the customs attached to it, and among those customs must certainly be classed that of servitude. It would have been far better for many a Lodge if its Master had recognised that he was the servant of the members, willing to gratify their reasonable desires, than that he should have looked upon himself as despotic ruler, and the members of his Lodge as mere puppets useful only for the purpose of carrying out his personal desires. There are very many other points where we could show that skill in a Master is most essential; in his relations with the Past Masters, with the Treasurer and Secretary, and with the Officers generally, may be mentioned among the number, but these, and a further consideration of the subject, we leave for later comment.

THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

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HAVING laid before our readers the various references which Bro. Hughan has been able to collate respecting the origin of the Schism, we shall make so bold as to suggest a theory on the subject, which, without any idea of self-laudation, appears to be worthy of some amount of consideration. We have some diffidence in taking this step when we know that men like Hughan and other of his learned fellow workers have generally contented themselves with an enumeration of the differences which arose in the English Craft between the years 1730 and 1750, and led shortly after the latter mentioned year to the establishment of a second Grand Lodge of England, in rivalry to the 1717 Grand Lodge. There is no reason why such a theory, if it is at all reasonable, should not be presented. It can do no harm by veiling the circumstances in an obscurity still more profound, and it may do some good in helping to make them more comprehensible. At all events we present our suggestions, such as they are, for the careful perusal of our readers, with the knowledge that

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they can be of no disservice in any future attempts to evolve the truth, and in the hope that they may prove to be of some service, however slight.

But, before laying down our theory, it will be as well, perhaps, if we clear the way somewhat by stating it as our opision, frankly and unhesitatingly, that whatever may have led to the Schism, it cannot well have been those innovations in the ritual on which some have felt inclined to lay so much stress. The bulk of the irregularities to which Bro. Hughan has referred concern the "Making of Masons." Thus, on 15th September 1730, Past Grand Master Sayer was "publicly admonished" in Grand Lodge for having taken part "in the proceedings of one of those clandestine lodges," and he was recommended by the D.G.M. "to do nothing so irregular for the future,"—the "clandestine lodges" referred to being such as had been irregularly constituted in defiance of the regulations promulgated in 1724 "for the due constitution of regularly warranted lodges." In March 1735 the Grand Master referred to "the grievance of making extraneous Masons in a private and clandestine manner upon small and unworthy considerations." In June 1739 there was made a similar "complaint concerning irregular making of Masons," while, as Bro. Hughan points out, "other complaints were made later on, but as it has never transpired of what the irregularities consisted, save the assembling of brethren to 'make Masons,' without regular warrants, we are at a loss to find any justification for the statement that the innovations at that time consisted *in a different mode of working the Third Degree.* The minutes of the Grand Lodge, however, do not specify any changes in the ritual, but irregularities in the constitution of the Lodges, as also the insufficiency of the fees. The correctness of the ceremonies, though irregular in their surroundings, is virtually admitted by the means taken to prevent such persons visiting the legitimate lodges."

In Chapter IV., entitled "Advent of Royal Arch Masonry," will be found many statements which confirm our view that changes or innovations in the ritual can have had little, if anything, to do with bringing about the Schism. Among them will be found one contained in the report of "the *joint* Committee" of the "Regular" and "Atholl" Lodges of South Carolina, "appointed by those two bodies to make the preliminary arrangements for a union," to the effect that "from the reciprocal examinations by the several Committees already had in Grand Lodge, it doth appear that there exists no difference in the mode of passing and raising, instructing, obligating, and clothing, in the respective Grand Lodges." Then, in a further quotation from Bro. Joseph Robbins P.G.M. Illinois, Bro. Hughan, using the words of the latter, says, "If in view of these facts, there is longer any room to doubt, that doubt is disposed of by the fact that the Rituals extant of the period extending from 1723 to 1730 inclusive, five in all, show that they had the same modes of recognition that we have now. This period antedates by twenty or thirty years the first appearance of the Royal Arch, and the identity of the essentials of the Ritual then and now is conclusive that the alleged mutilation of the Third Degree, to form the basis of that Order, is pure fiction." Later on, Bro. Hughan points out why it was "impossible that any very violent changes could have been made in the Rituals of the Craft Degrees by either of the two rival Grand Lodges—first, because, had they so done, they would have been opposed by the foreign G. Lodges, and thus cut themselves off from the Fraternity generally; and secondly, it would not have been likely, under such circumstances, that Lodges in England would have been working under warrants from both the 'Regular' and 'Atholl' Grand Lodges, as several did, first accepting the one, and then obtaining the other, after which they acknowledged, for a time, first one and then the other, according to their fancy, until the 'Union,' when they held fast to the charters from the 'Atholl' Masons, because of securing higher positions on the United Roll of Lodges." If we take this view, it is fairly arguable that, if neither of the rival Grand Lodges made "Any very violent changes" in the "Rituals of the Craft Degrees," the Schism cannot have been brought about by any such changes. That there were some differences between the two systems is very properly admitted. "There must, undoubtedly," says Bro. Hughan, "have been some minor differences between the two opposing Grand Lodges to account for the fact that on brethren from the one society joining the other they had to be '*re-made*" in either case; 'Moderns' made 'Ancients,' or *vice versâ;* but all this can well be granted without the material alterations having been agreed to, as so many claim." Then, as to the various so-called "*Exposures,*" of 1723, 1724, 1730, and later, Bro. Hughan points out how contradictory they are, and consequently how untrustworthy as evidence they must be; "Still," he writes, "accepting them as guides, what does their evidence amount to, and where do they lead us? They do not give any countenance to the theory that the 'Moderns' and the 'Ancients' were so much at variance in the modes of working the three degrees; so that, supposing we accepted their testimony, there would not be aught found against the general view we have propounded."

Here, then, we find ourselves in this position. The chief subject of complaint in the regular Grand Lodge—the only one in existence in London till 1753—appears to have been that of making Masons irregularly, and for small and unworthy considerations. We are further informed that there were no material differences in the manner in which the Craft Degrees were worked by the rival Grand Lodges, and consequently there can have been none to induce the Schism. Such differences in working as existed between the Grand Lodges were probably the effect, not the cause, of the Schism. But so serious a dissension among the members of the Craft is unlikely to have had its origin in a cause or causes of a trifling character. These may have had the effect of widening the breach and making it more enduring, but they cannot well have originated it. The question which next presents itself is—Where shall we find a cause of sufficient gravity to have induced such a dissension? and we think an answer may be found in connection with the disturbance that arose in Grand Lodge over the special privileges accorded to the Grand Stewards' Lodge, founded in 1735. Brother Hughan quotes from the Grand Lodge records as follows—we have noted the passage before, but it will bear repetition—"A petition and appeal was presented and read, signed by several Masters of lodges, against the privileges granted to the Grand Stewards' Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication. The appellants were heard at large, and the question being put whether the determination of the last Quarterly Communication relating to this matter should be confirmed or not. In the course of collecting the votes on this occasion there appeared so much confusion that it was not possible for the Grand Officers to determine with any certainty what the numbers on either side of the question were, they were therefore obliged to dismiss the debate and close the lodge." Here, then, we have a very substantial difference happening at the close of the year 1735, and we may be very certain that the closing of the Lodge did not summarily determine the angry feelings to which such a difference must have given rise. It must be borne in mind that the granting of these special privileges to this newly-constituted Stewards' Lodge was tantamount to the establishment, if not exactly of an *imperium in imperio*, at all events of a kind of aristocracy in the ranks of a society of which the members presumably met on a footing of equality. There were, of course, the usual gradations of rank attached to brethren holding certain official positions in the Lodges and Grand Lodge, but otherwise this doctrine of equality had been fairly well upheld up to the time when these privileges were granted, and it seems only reasonable to suppose that such an innovation into the system which had been built up from 1717 onwards, must have met, as in fact from the passage quoted we know it did meet, with the most serious disfavour. The more stringent regulations passed before and subsequently to this event, must be set down as neither more nor less than certain necessary safeguards against the admission of unworthy persons into the Craft; but this establishment of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, with its exceptional privileges was, as we have said, the setting up of an aristocracy, and what is worse still, of an aristocracy founded upon wealth. Kloss, according to Findel, includes this among the causes of the Schism; we feel inclined to go further and erect it into *the* cause, all other differences being of subordinate value.

(To be continued.)

At the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, the North London Chapter of Improvement, held a meeting on Thursday, the 9th instant, at 8 o'clock. Companion Sheffield was the M.E.Z., Knight H., Radcliffe J., Minstrell acting S.E., Williams S.N., Phillips P.S. There was a goodly attendance of R.A. Masons.

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BRO. DRUMMOND AND THE "MOTHER" OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY."

"QUITE recently the ledger of St. John's Lodge at Philadelphia, existing as early as 24th June 1731, has been discovered. It is a very important historic document, and we congratulate our Pennsylvania brethren upon its discovery. It was found by Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, in the Library of the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

"Portions of it have been photographed, and we have taken the opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of a copy sent to us by order of the M.W. Grand Master, by his private secretary, and to tender our hearty thanks for it.

"It shows that the Lodge was formed early in 1731, and maintained its organisation for several years (after it was formed). It confirms our former belief that the Lodge spoken of by Franklin was a permanent organisation, like the four English Lodges, in 1717.

"The accounts all commence 24th June 1731, but the Lodge had previously existed, although, as we judge, only as brethren met and opened one, but on that date it seems to have been determined to make a permanent organization. There is no evidence that it had any warrant, or existed under any other authority than that of its brethren who formed it. The 'Stock Account' is given, and while it shows a payment for the book itself, there is no item of payment for any warrant, or of any sum whatever for expenses of organisation.

"Benjamin Franklin was a member, and we have no doubt that he was made a Mason in it in the early part of 1731.

"William Allen was also a member, and his account is given. It affords conclusive evidence that on 24th June 1731, the Lodge knew nothing of Daniel Coxe as Grand Master, for the account is headed 'William Allen, Esq., Grand Master.' In the 'Stock Account,' William Allen as 'Grand Master.' In the 'Stock Account,' William Pringle, also, is designated (24th June 1731) as 'Deputy Master.'

"The Pennsylvania theory has been that in 1732 Allen was elected Grand Master to succeed Coxe, but here we have evidence that on 24th June 1731, WilliamAllen was recognised as Grand Master, and William Pringle as his Deputy, and this, too, when the Lodge first took on the form of permanent organisation.

"The discovery of the book settles that, so far as is known, the first Lodge organised in permanent form in this country existed in Philadelphia, but it also shows that the Lodge recognised William Allen as Grand Master; of course it did not recognise Coxe as Grand Master at the same time, and therefore could not have existed under the authority of Coxe."—*Committee on F. C. of the G. L. of Maine* 1884.

We sincerely congratulate Bro. Drummond on his very important discovery, and we presume that our esteemed confrère, Bro. MacCalla, will be overjoyed to learn that Philadelphia had a *veritable* Grand Lodge a year before he or any one else ever supposed, and the next centennial of the "Mother of American Freemasonry" will doubtless be celebrated in 1931 instead of 1932.

Brother Drummond deserves to be richly rewarded by the Pennsylvania brethren for making their Grand Lodge a year older than their most sanguine partizan advocates ever dreamed of, and the least they ought to do is to petition their Grand Lodge to confer upon Bro. Drummond the title of P.G.M. of Pennsylvania, for surely every one must admit that Brother Drummond's discovery is worth more than all the discoveries ever made either by Brother MacCalla or his friends upon the question of the "Mother of American Masonry." Indeed, we do not know which to congratulate most, whether Brother Drummond or Bro. MacCalla and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. However, upon mature reflection, we come to the conclusion to congratulate all parties concerned, including the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for while the latter is undoubtedly the Mother of American regular chartered Freemasonry, to Pennsylvania may be ascribed the honour of being *an older* American Masonic mother, but a MOTHER of *illegal* and *unchartered Masonry*.

And now, this important question being amicably settled, we propose that three cheers be given in all our American Grand Lodges for all the mothers, grandmothers, and *mothers-in-law*, too, in the United States of America.—*Masonic Truth*.

ROYAL ARCH.

OLD KING'S ARMS CHAPTER, No. 28.

THE first Convocation, for the present season, of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-Street, on Monday last, 6th inst. The business of the evening consisted of exalting Bro. E. W. Parkes, P.M. Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, who was proposed by Comp. Pritchard, and seconded by Comp. Farnfield P.Z. This ceremony was performed in a very careful manner by the various Officers, and seemed to make a very favourable impression on the candidate. After the usual business communications from the Scribe E., the Chapter was closed in the usual manner, and the Companions retired for refreshment. The Officers of the Chapter are Comps. T. Thomas Z., Watson Thomas H., Baron Ferriere J., Miller P.S., Paas S.E., and T. Money S.N., with Colls and Farnfield P.Z.'s. The following visitors were present: Comps. Rev. Jos. Vaughan, St. Michaels, Deptford, Dr. Corrie Jackson J. 534, T. Griffiths P.Z., and Sudbrook.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. — This eminent Chapter of Instruction or Improvement, which has for many years held its quarters at the historic old Jamaica Tavern, in the neighbourhood of Cornhill, has been compelled to seek a new home, in consequence of the old structure being doomed to destruction, and on Tuesday night found a new resting place at the White Hart Tavern, in Cannon-street (corner of Abchurch-lane), the well known hostelry of Bro. Chard. The duty of finding new quarters for the meeting of the Chapter was, in May last, entrusted to a Committee, and after a most anxious and willing inquiry, they succeeded in obtaining a most admirable room for the purpose at the place above stated. As this Chapter of Improvement has been the means of giving the most important instruction to all seeking advancement in this Supreme Degree, anything concerning its welfare was naturally looked to with considerable interest. Accordingly, on Tuesday last, for the first time the Companions met at the room which for some time will be their place of occupation; it was well attended, and amongst those present were Comps. Lilley Z., Gillard H., Perrin J., Webb S.N., and Beedell P.S. There were also present Comps. Walls, Smart, Catterson, Child, Bing, Turner, Stanton, Brooks, Haynes, Braine, Newton, Fraser, Appleby, Daniel, Davies, Maidwell, and Franks. Comp. Brown occupied his usual place as Preceptor and S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Child being the candidate. Comps. Brooks and Davies were unanimously elected members of the Chapter of Improvement. The votes of the Chapter were accorded to Comp. Lilley, who is supporting the case of Henshaw, a candidate for one of the Masonic Institutions. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed, and the convocation was adjourned until Tuesday evening, the 14th October, at half-past six o'clock.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. J. L. Mather V.P. occupied the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., W. Paas, C. F. Matier, T. Cubitt, W. Roebuck, R. Berridge, H. Hacker, C. F. Hogard, Rev. Dr. Morris, L. Ruf, G. P. Gillard, W. A. Scurrah, A. E. Gladwell, E. M. Money, G. P. Britten, C. H. Webb, C. Daniel, H. S. Goodall, and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information. Two petitions were submitted and accepted, and two grants of £5 each for outfits were made. Two notices of motion for the Quarterly Court on Monday next were given—one by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart to except the month of September from the operation of Law 36; and the other by Bro. J. L. Mather, on behalf of the House Committee, to the effect that three boys, in addition to the 27 already announced, be admitted by election on Monday; this, if carried, will raise the number of vacancies to be ballotted for to 30. Notice was given of the withdrawal of Leo Kretschman, No. 55, from the list of candidates, and information was given that Bro. G. Plucknett, Treasurer, had received and paid into the London and Westminster Bank the sum of £50, being the amount of a legacy, free of duty, handed over from Mr. C. J. Kilpin.

Bro. Seymour-Smith announces that his Annual Benefit Concert will take place at the South Place Institute, South Place, Moorgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, 18th October. Bro. Smith has secured the services of Madame Agnes Ross, the Misses Matilda Roby, Maud Cameron, Meta Russell, Helen Heath, Mesdames Worrell and Raymond; Bros. Lester, Walter Pritchett, G. T. Carter, C. A. White, W. V. Leonard, Arthur Thompson, James Budd, W. G. Hazelgrove, and Chaplin Henry. For Instrumentalists: Madame Brett and Miss Evelyn Seymour-Smith (Pianoforte); Mr. W. Morrow (Cornet), and Bro. Richard Blagrove (Concertina). The Entertainment will be conducted by Bros. Michael Watson, Turle Lee, and Seymour-Smith. As usual, Bro. Smith has secured a most energetic Board of Stewards, and we anticipate this réunion of "old friends," who we look forward to see at these popular gatherings, will not be the least pleasant in which we have taken part.

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AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to Bro. Pulsford, in your last issue, I refer him to a letter of mine in your paper of the 12th May 1883, and to pages 259 and 296 of last year's *Freemason*. The story about the shipwreck, and being a member of a New York Lodge, was told to me on the above date, and it subsequently occurred to me that he was an impostor, though nothing was said to me about his eyesight. The second statement in Bro. Pulford's letter was told to me by another individual, who gave the name of H. Newman, of Lodge 316, who called here on 16th June last; his statement was that he was wounded in Egypt in the head, he had obtained the rank of sergeant, but was discharged without a pension, the wound affecting his sight; he wore glasses, and said he had just been discharged from an Ophthalmic Hospital, where he had been under treatment for five months. I belived this to be a genuine case.

Is it possible that the individual of last year's experience met Newman and heard his story, and is now making use of it? Bro. Pulford's letter shows how necessary it is that we should have an organised system of relief throughout the whole of England and Wales, as then these impostors would find trading on Masonry a poor game, my experience is that eight out of ten Begging Masons are professional vagrants.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. FRANCIS P.M. 804.

Havant, 6th October 1884.

The two letters that follow are of such general interest, that we feel we shall gratify our readers if we reproduce them. They are extracted from the pages of that ably conducted journal *The Keystone*.—[Ed. F.C.]

BRO. HUGHAN'S NEW MASONIC WORK.

To the Editor of the Keystone.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Bro. Hughan's recent work, "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," has doubtless been forwarded to you for review. I hasten, at the outset of this letter, to state that in alluding to it I have no intention of anticipating your own critical observations upon a volume of such general interest. It may be a question how far the small band of us who write Masonic books, are capable of passing judgment upon the works of one another. The buttons are always on the foils, and like the congratulations which for the most part greet the retiring W.M. who instals his successor, the rejoicing of the little knot of Masonic students over a new book by one of their number, may arise not so much out of the brilliancy of the performance, as from the simple fact of his having got "through with it all!"

But if, on the one hand, we become unduly elated by the commendation of our *confrères*, the Masonic press, on the other hand, supplies a wholesome corrective in the shape of more critical notices, which are not always agreeable to peruse—that is, of course, by the person chiefly concerned.

To come, however, to Bro. Hughan's book. Perhaps I may be excused for saying, that in my opinion it is the best he has written, and shows, what those who know him well were already convinced of, a wider grasp of the general subject than is indicated by any other of his previous works.

The absence of any index whatever detracts, I feel bound to say, from the utility, if not from the merit of the publication. Readers of the shapely volume will find the various matters treated in a manner which is at once interesting and instructive. But Bro. Hughan should surely have taken into consideration that a work running to 130 pages, or to 150 if the appendices are included, will be very inconvenient to consult for purposes of reference, without some better guide to the contents than a mere descriptive roll of the various chapters.

Having done my best to pick out flaws in this—the latest venture of one who has done so much to elevate the tone of Masonic literature, I gladly turn to its numerous claims upon our gratitude. The chapters on the Third degree, and upon that of the Royal Arch, are not only eminently readable, but will be found to contain a mass of information, collected with great care and discrimination from sources not available to the ordinary student. That all the conclusions with which Bro. Hughan presents us will be endorsed by his critics, I shall not be so rash as to affirm, but I think it may be predicted, that even those who cannot follow our Brother in his arguments, will derive instruction from the way in which he puts them.

Bro. Hughan has yet to "run the gauntlet" of the Masonic press. I wish him a good deliverance, and if it fares with him, as it did recently with myself, to incur the unanimous censure of "Reviewers of the Craft," I sincerely hope that the tone and temper in which you, Bro. Editor, criticise, albeit adversely, the writings of your contemporaries, may be imitated on this side of the water.

Fraternally yours,

R. F. GOULD.

THE ENGLISH MASONIC EXHIBITION AT WORCESTER.

To the Editor of the Keystone.

YORK, 31st August 1884.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just returned home from a pilgrimage to the great Masonic Exhibition at Worcester, and as I am somewhat conscious of my neglect of you for a lengthy period, I am going to send you a rapid sketch of the whole affair, which has been about as great a success as anybody could have wished, and much more important than anybody could have hoped. Ever since last February, when the York College of Rosicrucians got up an Exhibition at York, the leaders of Masonry in the Province of Worcestershire have been working away to produce something of the same kind. The Mayor of Worcester, who is a very enlightened Mason, visited the York Exhibition himself, and then and there expressed a reckless determination to do or die, and he found a pillar of wisdom and strength in Bro. George Taylor, of Kidderminster, the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose services in his Province are well known. These two good and true men discovered a safe backer in Sir E. A. Lechmere, Bart., who is one of those rarely-found men of high rank who really work shoulder to shoulder with the rank and file of our Craft. Securing the aid of those who had helped in the accumulation of the York collection, these workers went still further a-field, and, by means of circulars and advertisements in the Masonic press, ransacked every likely nook and cranny in the world of Lodges wherein might possibly remain some gem unknown to fame. The effect was excellent. We, York brethren, had some difficulty in securing loans of treasures, because the owners feared for their safe return, but they had got them back sound and secure from York, so that there was little or no hesitation in lending them to Worcester. Thus it came to pass that a week before the date fixed for opening the Exhibition, Bro. Taylor found himself facing a most formidable task, and a pile of packing cases, that looked like the contents of a steamer's miscellaneous cargo. All, however, melted away before the dauntless attacks of our Worcester consignees, and in a week's time the disgorged treasures were scientifically and tastefully arranged upon the walls or in glass cases and on tables in two spacious rooms in the upper story of Worcester Guildhall.

Bro. Cumberland, of York, and I, both of us exhibitors, had arranged to make the Worcester pilgrimage together, and accordingly, on Tuesday afternoon last, we boarded a Midland train and steamed away for the city that proved so fatally faithful to the unfortunate cause of the Stuarts.

Just as we were starting the postman put into my hand a parcel containing a copy of the catalogue of the Exhibition, sent on in advance, which served to beguile the hours and astonish our weak minds until we arrived at our destination. It is a remarkable catalogue, as I think you also will say when you have glanced through the copy I send you by book post. In its preparation Bro. Taylor has been assisted by our mutual friend Bro. Hughan, who is always ready to bear a hand in a good cause, and whose newest work, just out, on the "Origin of the English Masonic Rite," formed one of the objects exhibited.

Hospitable to the core, the Worcester Craftsmen arranged to entertain their principal guests under their own roofs, and so Bro. Cumberland and I found ourselves billeted in the domicile of Bro. H. G. Budd, the Master of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, a young surgeon, and as amiable and hospitable as his house was comfortable, and who at once proceeded to make us thoroughly at home. Next morning saw us at the Guildhall, where the finishing touches were being put to the preparations for the evening *soirée*, at which some five hundred ladies and gentlemen were expected to attend. During the day the Masonic luminaries of England kept mustering in great force, and it would have been difficult to have experienced anything more thoroughly in accordance with the spirit of the Royal Art than the series of friendly greetings and introductions that made the hours glide away all too speedily. Here we met, and for the first time gripped the hand of brethren whose names and reputations had for years been familiar to us, but whose voices had never before greeted us, and whose faces we had never seen, yet with whom we had been long in close correspondence. Luncheon came, and with it, in our case, a party embracing brethren from York, London, Malta, Chester, Manchester and Birmingham; and so it was wherever the Craft gathered. From the uttermost parts they came, from the four cardinal points of heaven. But the pleasantest days end soonest, and the time soon arrived for a quiet dinner and preparation for the evening's entertainment.

At 7.30, Bro. Sir Edmund and Lady Lechmere, be in his regalia as Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire, took their place under the folds of the Provincial banner, whilst near them the Mayor, Bro. W. B. Williamson P.M., and the Mayoress, stood beneath the civic sword of state and awaited the arrival of their guests, who were marshalled up the oaken staircase and through the dense bordering of flowering plants and past the trophies of flags and guns by an energetic and courteous corps of brethren who acted as Stewards. The introductions over, a band of music struck up a grand selection of Masonic airs, and the large assembly-room was soon filled. Sir Edmund then ascended the dais and welcomed the visitors in a pleasant speech, in which he was followed by the Mayor, and afterwards by Bro. the Dean of York, who, as usual, was wonderfully happy in the lightness and airiness, and at the same time sound good sense of his remarks. These preliminaries over, the guests dispersed to view the collections. Then was the time when one might see the beauty and fashion of Worcester at its best and pleasantest. Never were pretty faces looking prettier or bright eyes sparkling more gaily, or charming lips more disposed to smile and commend. The whole thing was so new, such a complete novelty, that all our fair sisters were pleased and happy. No doubt numbers of them anticipated some disclosures, or trusted in their superior sagacity to make some discoveries. But although in these respects they undoubtedly went away as wise as

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they came, yet they thought they had found out some awful secrets, and so departed, no one having the heart to disabuse them of the allusion.

The exhibits were in two rooms. Books, engravings, aprons and old documents occupied one, and jewellery, medals, ceramics, &c., filled the other. The latter room was naturally the most popular from the remarkable beauty of many of the examples of the engraver's and die sinker's arts. Some of the goblets, too, were very massive and old, and there were swords of state, and solid bullion ornaments of many kinds belonging to a class of curios that always seem to draw popular attention. Some of the engraved glass and antique jugs and drinking cups and firing glasses were very curious and rare. As for emblematic jewels the name of their variety was legion. From early last century to the present day, every imaginable kind of specimen was shown, whilst on one table was arranged the very handsome civic plate of the city and corporation of Worcester.

In the room devoted to books, &c., the aprons most attracted the attention of the weaker sex. Certainly, many of them were exceedingly curious, and displayed an amazing amount of skill and care both with the embroidery frame and the paint brush. Then there were old Minute Books of Lodges extending back as far as 1730, strange old works on Freemasonry, comically engraved squibs and cartoons, photographs, and, in fact, an almost inexhaustible quarry for the intelligent Craftsman. Downstairs, on the ground floor, the generous hosts had provided a splendid supper and a second band of music, and if any one on that occasion went away hungry or thirsty it was through no fault of the hospitable entertainers. And so home and to bed, as old Pepys would have said.

In the morning a stroll round the Cathedral filled up the hours, an inspection of the two beautiful stained glass windows, presented by the Freemasons of Worcestershire on different occasions, of the gloriously carved pulpit of marble and alabaster, of the magnificent alabaster reredos, marble pavements, and noble east window, the preparations for the rapidly approaching choir festival, and of the numerous monuments that thickly dot the transepts and side aisles. At noon there was a suspicious movement of "black-coated men, armed with small leather cases," in the direction of the south side of the Cathedral, and we soon found ourselves drifting with the stream through the old abbey gateway with its groined Norman roof and into the doors of a noble Gothic hall, now used as a school, but which was originally the refectory of the monastery, on the north wall being still traces of the pulpit whence the reader droned out his daily homily. Here we find everything set out for opening a Masonic Lodge, and presently Brother Budd opens the Worcester Lodge in the three degrees. In the meantime we pass on through the cloisters into the Decagonal Chapter House, where we find the Provincial Grand Master, several Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished visitors, robing. Falling into our places, we advance in procession, are announced and admitted into the Lodge-room, where presently Sir E. A. Lechmere, having received the gavel, resigned into his hands by Bro. Budd, proceeds to open his Provincial Grand Lodge. Then the formal business is transacted, reports read, votes taken, all most regularly and harmoniously, thanks to the arrangements of Bro. Taylor, and finally the Officers for the year are appointed. Amongst other things it transpires that this small Province, consisting of only a dozen Lodges, has directly contributed nearly 15,000 dollars in six years towards the three Masonic Charities.

This being concluded, another procession is formed, and marched through the beautiful shade of the cloisters to the Cathedral, whose bells are ringing in that wild intoxication of harmonious sound known as "a merry peal." The Chaplain, in his place in the line of procession, is preceded by four "Lewises," of about twelve years of age, who carry between them, by the corners, a velvet cushion, on which rest the open volume of the Sacred Law, and the Square and Compasses; and the position of our brother, the Provincial Grand Master, is marked by his Sword Bearer, who bears before him a ponderous blade, such as might have exercised the arms of Baldwin himself, to wield. As we slowly advance through the cloisters, the sunshine, darting through the tracery dividing us from the quadrangle, lights up the bright colours of the blue clothing and flashes on the gold embroidery and jewels, whilst the steady sunlight gleams brightly upon the rows of white marble slabs in a setting of emerald sward, that mark the resting places of bygone churchmen, whose remains have found an appropriate resting place amongst the foundation-stones of the mighty fane in which they ministered.

As we enter the Cathedral doors the organ strikes up a Masonic march, composed for the occasion, and we advance up the central aisle, which is lined by interested spectators, and take our seats in the choir, on both sides of the massive tomb, surmounted by a huge gilded effigy, which marks the resting place of King John of England. And then the choral service proceeds, and the grand old Liturgy of the oldest Christian Church in the world finds a warm answering note in the breasts of many a brother present, and after Sir George Elary's anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord," has been sung by the choir, our brother, the Dean of York mounts the pulpit stairs, his collar of P.G. Chaplain of England worn outside his canonicals, and discourses eloquently to us from that remarkable passage in the Acts of the Apostles, "In every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him." It was a remarkable sermon, and I shall not attempt to give you any idea of it, because it is to be printed, and when it is published I shall send you a copy.

So, after an offertory in behalf of two deserving local charities, and the benediction from the Very Rev. Lord Alwyne Compton, we reform our procession and return to the old hall, where hearty good wishes are exchanged, and the Lodge is closed. Then to unclothe, and to the Guildhall to dinner, where I find myself admirably planted—Bro. George Taylor on my left, Bro. Cumberland on my right, Bro. Hughan on my left front, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn Past Grand Chaplain right opposite, and Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England on my right front. Nothing could have been better as far as surroundings went, and if only the dinner had been hotter all would have been perfect. But these are not the times to grumble. We are all in the humour to be pleased, and we are pleased accordingly. We follow the usual lines of the toast list on such occasions. The Dean of York proposes the health of his old college friend the Provincial Grand Master; the Grand Secretary proposes the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Godson, whose beaming face reflects smiles like a many dimpled ocean; the Senior Provincial G. Warden, who is the Mayor of Kidderminster, proposes the Dean; Bro. Hughan and I respond for the Visitors, and Bro. Frederick Binckes, that Past Master in oratory, responds for the Masonic Charities, and so we jog along with musical interludes until the Tyler's toast warns us that it is time to seek repose.

A good night, well earned sleep, and a hearty breakfast combine to land us once more at the Guildhall, but this time to say farewell. I stroll round the rooms, renew a few of yesterday's acquaintanceships, think of the *Keystone*, and secure a commemorative medal (which I send accompanying this), adjourn to the Crown Hotel with some few friends for a "dochan doras" (I have not the faintest idea how to spell it), and then the usual stuffy cab lands us two at the railway station. Here, who should we find on the platform but Bro. Hughan and his Torquay contingent, on the way to Malvern. We join company, and at Malvern charter a carriage and drive round the Wych-road, and gaze on the far-off Welsh mountains and the lovely intervening plains. But time will slip along and trains persist in starting punctually, and at 4.20 we must bid our good brethren good bye, and board a crowded train for Birmingham, where we arrive hot and irritable at six. What wonders are wrought by a good dinner and a cigar? At eight we are ourselves again, and ready for anything—and we need it—for, lo! in the smoke-room of the Queen's Hotel is our old friend Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, who tells us he is on his way to Stony Stratford, where a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge is held the next day. So the evening passes in pleasant converse, and the next day brings us back to old York, feeling better and wiser men, from a Masonic point of view, than we were when we last left its white walls behind us.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. The Audit Committee's report was read by Bro. Terry, the Secretary, and received. Among the candidates for the annuities of the Institution, the case of one brother was deferred for further information. Seven candidates, three of whom were females, were placed on the list for the election next May. Only two of the accepted cases were from the London district. On the motion of Brother James Willing jun., seconded by Brother E. F. Storr, it was agreed that in future a list, as far as practicable, of the particulars of each candidate's case be printed for the use of the Committee, in the same manner as at the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., has received from the Unions Lodge of Instruction at Leicester, through its Secretary, Bro. E. P. Steeds, a pleasing souvenir of his late visit to that place, and a record of the satisfaction afforded to the brethren there by the delivery of his Lecture on the Ceremonial of the First Degree, in the form of an engrossed copy of the resolutions passed on that occasion, thanking him for his services and constituting him an honorary member of the Lodge. We understand a similar compliment awaits him from Kidderminster, where he lately delivered his instructive lecture.

The installation meeting of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, was held on Thursday afternoon, at Messrs. Spiers and Pond's, the Criterion, Piccadilly. Bro. James Willing jun., the first Master of the Lodge, having been elected to fill the chair for the second year in succession, was installed. The first, second and third degrees were worked during the evening.

At the meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Brockett Sorrell, the Master, presiding, an elegant testimonial was presented to Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., the Treasurer of the Lodge. The presentation took the form of a portrait in oil, of our worthy brother, and it was made in recognition of his services to the Lodge since its formation, and to perpetuate the esteem in which he is held by the members.

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PROV. G. LODGE NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE Masonic Provinces of Yorkshire occupy a very prominent position in the history of Freemasonry, owing partly to their present strength, and perhaps still more to their history and antiquity. The fact that the earliest known meetings of Freemasons took place centuries ago in the ancient capital of the county will always lend a colouring of interest to those who reverence what is antique, whilst the noble efforts in the cause of the Masonic Charities that have been made in the county of broad acres will go far to justify the existence of a society that might otherwise be regarded as somewhat of an anachronism. Some of the oldest Lodges now in existence were warranted in Yorkshire, and in both Provinces there are several of these bodies that have celebrated their hundredth anniversary. In the Province of North and East Yorkshire, whose members met at Whitby, on Wednesday, the 1st instant, we find the York Lodge, warranted in 1777, the Humber Lodge of Hull, warranted in 1756, and the Lennox Lodge at Richmond, warranted in 1763; whilst the Old Globe Lodge at Scarborough will be a century in existence in 1891, the Constitutional Lodge at Beverley two years later, and the Lion Lodge at Whitby in 1897, if the world lasts as long. It will thus be seen that in North and East Yorkshire, at any rate, Freemasonry is not a mushroom system, and if we cared to go back into the earliest records, the parchment rolls, many of which belong to the York Lodge, we should see that no organisation now existing can boast of so long an existence as that wonderful society which permeates every circle of humanity over the world's surface, and registers kings and peasants indiscriminately on its vast rolls of membership. Yorkshire is divided into two Provinces for purposes of local government. The Province of West Yorkshire has been for many years ruled by Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., who has lately resigned his office through ill-health, and Brother T. W. Tew, of Pontefract, his Deputy, is now acting Provincial Grand Master. North and East Yorkshire, in which York is included, is governed by the Earl of Zetland, whose late uncle was the Grand Master of England up to his death. The meeting, on the 1st instant, at Whitby, was held there by the invitation of the Lion Lodge, and is the annual gathering. The brethren assembled in the Grand Saloon on the South Cliff, a splendid room, which had been carefully set out by the Whitby brethren for the occasion. At one o'clock the Board of Benevolence met in a small room under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, when sums to the amount of sixty guineas were voted to various applicants, and soon after two o'clock a procession was formed, and the Provincial Grand Master entered the Grand Hall accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers, who occupied their chairs as follows: Bros. J. P. Bell D.P.G.M., T. B. Whytehead P.G.S.W., A. T. Rogers P.G.J.W., Rev. J. Blake P.G. Chaplain, R. W. Hollon P.G. Treasurer, W. J. Watson P.G. Registrar, M. C. Peck P.G. Secretary, M. Rooke P.G.S.D., W. Wilson P.G.J.D., R. Beevers P.G. Supt. of Works, E. Bryan P.G.D.C., D. W. Dixon P.G. Sword Bearer, W. T. Atlay P.G. Organist, G. Simpson P.G.P., J. Best P.G.A.P., and F. J. Lambert P.G. Tyler. The Lodge was then opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Amongst these were replies to the addresses of condolence sent to the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, on the occasion of the death of the late Duke of Albany. The report of the Board of Benevolence was read and adopted, after which the Provincial Grand Secretary read several letters of apology, from the Dean of York and other brethren who were unavoidably absent. In reference to the Charities Association, Bro. Peck said that, in consequence of absence in America of Bro. Woodall, the Charities representative, they were unable to give any formal report, but he expected that Bro. Woodall would be home in time to take charge of the votes at the next election, and he believed they would be able to carry their candidate for the Girls' School. Bro. Cumberland said he was about to leave the Province to reside in London, but would be glad to take charge of the votes for the next election, and his offer was gratefully accepted. The report of the Bye-laws Committee was then presented, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master proceeded to explain the alterations that had been made. Eventually it was decided to defer the consideration of the report until a Special Provincial Grand Lodge, which the Earl of Zetland said he would call for the purpose at York in January, and in the meantime brethren who had suggestions and amendments should send them in to the Provincial Grand Secretary before the 1st day of January. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was then read and adopted. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.G.S.W. then proposed a vote of five guineas to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and in doing so said no brother had done more to elucidate the history of Freemasonry in Yorkshire, and as York was really the mother of Freemasonry our historian had a special claim upon all Masons. This was seconded by Bro. J. Todd (York), and carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. Sir James Meek, seconded by Bro. J. Stephenson (Whitby), Bros. J. W. Woodall and Tesseyman were re-elected Charity representatives. Bro. R. W. Hollon Prov. Grand Treasurer said that having served the office of Treasurer for a great number of years, and being now advanced in life, he did not wish to be again nominated. He thanked the brethren for their kindness and courtesy during the length of time he had served them, and would ask leave to nominate as his successor Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, of York. The proposition was seconded from the body of the Lodge, after which Bro. Dr. Handyside proposed as Treasurer Bro. Sir James Meek, who he said was a brother known for a great number of years in the Province as one who had taken a very active part in Masonry, and had gained by long services the confidence of his brethren. This was seconded by Brother J. Todd (York); and Brother J. S. Rymer having signified his unwillingness to stand for the office under the circumstances, the motion was carried unanimously. The Lodges then handed in their fees, and the Provincial Grand Secretary stated that the result was satisfactory, and the numerical strength of the Province was about two thousand. The Provincial Officers for the year were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. J. T. Belk 1848	Prov. G. Senior Warden
Gilbert Wilkinson 250	Prov. G. Junior Warden
The Dean of York 236	Prov. G. Chaplain
J. Sykes Rymer 236	Prov. G. Registrar
Sir James Meek 236	Prov. G. Treasurer
M. C. Peck 250	Prov. G. Secretary
Andrew King 57	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
W. Smith 123	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
H. Walker 312	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
V. Fowler 643	Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies
E. D. Hackers 1760	Prov. G.A.D. of Cers.
G. F. Marwood 543	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
W. Gillett 1605	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
R. B. Atkinson 1244	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
William Hill 602	Prov. G. Organist
J. Elgry 1040	Prov. G. Pursuivant
W. Stokeld 561	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
F. J. Lambert 1010	Prov. G. Tyler

The Provincial Grand Master nominated the Cleveland, Zetland, St. Germain, North York, St. Cuthbert, and Royal Lodges to appoint Stewards. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. R. W. Hollon for his services as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, and carried by acclamation. In replying, Bro. Hollon said that he had for thirty-four years been their Treasurer, and felt that he had done as much as he could for the Craft. He thanked them cordially for their good feeling. The Prov. Grand Master said he had received invitations from the Leopold Lodge, at Scarborough, and York Lodge, at York, to meet at those places; but as Scarborough had invited them last year, he should accept the Leopold's invitation; the next meeting would be at Scarborough. After a vote of thanks to the brethren of the Lion Lodge for their hospitable reception, the Lodge was closed, and the Prov. Grand Master retired, with his Officers. A banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Hotel, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. Hallgate and Atlay, and Mr. Barraclough efficiently acted as trumpeter, an office which he performed on a similar occasion in 1867.

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We, therefore, by the Authority given us by the Grand Master of Masons, do hereby confirm the said Degree to which any Bros. have been so raised, and do appoint Our Beloved and Right Worshipful Brother John Manefiey to be Master of a Right Worshipful Master's Lodge, to be held at New Port, he taking special care in choosing Two Wardens and other Officers for the due regulation thereof, and do hereby give and grant to the said Lodge all the Rights and Privileges which any Masters' Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons have or ought to have, enjoining them to send us an account of the time and place of their Meeting, and a list of their Members, and three Guineas for their Enrolment in the Grand Lodge Book in London. Given under our Hand and the Seal of Masonry, this 20th day of March, A.D. 1759, A.L. 5759.

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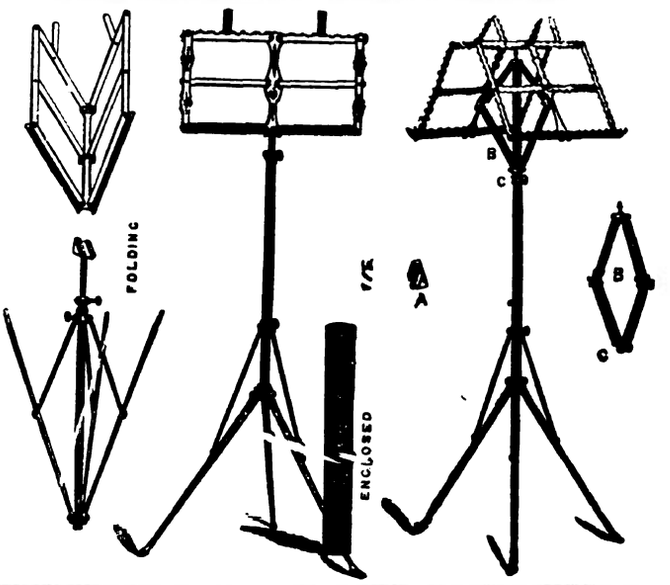
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To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART (P.G.D.) V.-Pres.:—
"In Law 36, to insert, after the word 'Month,' in line 2, the words, 'September excepted.'"

2. By W. Bro. J. L. MATHER, V.-P., on behalf of the House Committee:—
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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VILLIERS LODGE, No. 1194.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 4th instant, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Bro. T. C. Gambrill W.M., G. Gilby S.W., W. Vincent P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex J.W., R. A. Steel P.M. Treasurer, W. Dodd P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s Cross, Harvey, Plimsoll, Monson, Plimsaul, Lancaster, T. Verity P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex. The brethren were honoured by the presence of the following Visitors:—R. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, C. Tayler W.M. 1624, Robertson W.M. 1538, H. Bond P.M. 1314, R. H. Wingley 2012, Shaw 1441, Sanders 1362, R. Bottle J.W. 1624, H. Folson J.W. 1604, E. Giddings 1446, W. Palmer 749, Murlis P.M. 1642, Kew P.M. 179, C. Spark P.M. 140, R. Jarlberg Secretary 1928, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. G. Gilby S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge by Bro. R. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner. There were nineteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. T. C. Gambrill I.P.M., W. Vincent P.G.S.B. S.W., Monson J.W., Steel P.M. Treasurer, Dodd P.M. Secretary, Foot S.D., Adams J.D., P. Monson I.G., Besant D.C., Strong Organist, Thomas W.S., Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. Bro. Vincent efficiently acted as D.C. Applause followed the investiture of each Officer. A ballot was now taken for the admission of Mr. C. Dodd; being unanimously in favour, the W.M. had an opportunity of showing his proficiency by initiating this candidate into the Order. This he did in a manner that reflected great credit on him. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and the Lodge was closed until the third Saturday in March. The brethren sat down to a very excellent dinner and dessert, provided by Bro. Sadler. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Thrupp responded on behalf of the Grand Officers. Two important appointments had been made—Bro. Philbrick to the office of Grand Registrar, and Bro. Fenn to that of President of the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Master would never have selected these brethren unless they were worthy of the appointments. The Masonic qualifications of each were well known. The toast of the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers was next on the list. The W.M. could but reiterate what had so frequently been said of the Provincial Grand Master—he is beloved and respected throughout the Order; he has in every way shown a capacity that has entitled him to esteem and respect. Bro. R. Thrupp D.P.G.M. in responding, said it had been gratifying to him to see the manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony of installation. Great credit was likewise due to the W.M., so recently installed, for so perfectly rendering the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Gambrill I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M.; he said the brethren had seen his ability in every office he had held; also his working that evening, while his presidency left nothing to be desired; he hoped his year of office would be a happy and successful one. The W.M., in replying, remarked that having been initiated in this Lodge, it was indeed a pleasure to preside over it; all his energies would be at their service. The toast of the Installing Officer and the Immediate Past Master followed. The W.M. was certain that the way in which Bro. Gambrill performed the ceremony was satisfactory to every one present; he had great pleasure in being the medium to present him with a gold Past Master's jewel, with collar and jewel attached, as a mark of the respect entertained for him. He hoped he might be spared for many years to be among them. Bro. Gambrill regretted he had had but little work to do in his year of office. However, he sincerely thanked them for the jewel that had been presented him; he would wear it with a pleasant recollection of his association with the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate, Bro. C. Dodd, whom he had known for over fifteen years. He hoped to see him eventually occupy the chair. Bro. Dodd having briefly responded, the W.M. complimented the Visitors, and Bros. Kew, Brown, Murlis, Bond, and Tayler having severally replied, the toast of the Masonic Charities was introduced, and acknowledged by Bro. Peachey. Other toasts comprised the health of the S.W. and the J.W., and the rest of the Officers of the Lodge; Bros. Vincent, Steel, and others responded. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, and the brethren returned to town. Bros. Cross, Strong, Brown, and C. Tayler contributed to the harmony during the evening.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Highbury Railway Hotel, Islington, and may be characterised as the most successful Installation the Lodge has celebrated. There was a goodly array of members and visitors, and the proceedings, most harmonious throughout, were not concluded until a late hour. The Lodge was opened by Bro. James Crosbie, the W.M. of the past year, who was supported by N. E. Western S.W., H. P. Isaac P.M. Treas., C. K. Killick P.M. Sec., J. Cooper D.C., J. A. Collings Org., R. Defries I.G., G. T. Snook Steward, Past Masters H. Hawkins, C. K. Killick jun. (P.P.G.S.B. Herts), J. L. Mather, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. T. Hornblower late 1693, G. Tooley I.G. 2024, James Bayne Org. 1897, C. Neison 1423, J. Frankling 913, C. Hammond 1471, S. Pardoe P.M. 511, W. W. Morgan jun. late 1107, E. W. Collins 97, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, D. Job J.D. 861, W. Mittens 861, A. J. Dixie 453, R. F. Jordan S.W. 141, E. Woodman S.W. 1950, R. Baker P.M. 188, W. H. Prestwick 483, H. Harding 1471. The minutes of the last regular Lodge and of a Lodge of Emergency having been confirmed, and the Auditors' Report presented, Bro. N. L. Western, the W.M. elect, was presented for Installation by Bro. J. L. Mather, who has performed a similar office on each of the occasions in the past that a brother has been presented in this Lodge. Bro. Western was duly placed in the East, and having been saluted he appointed the following Officers:—R. P. Forge S.W., J. Cooper J.W., C. K. Killick Sec., H. P. Isaac Treas., G. F. Snook S.D., J. Millington J.D. His next duty was to initiate four gentlemen into the Order, and this he performed in an able manner. The initiates were Messrs Walter Atterton, John Potter, George Batten, and Charles Rosenberg. After some formal business Lodge was closed and the brethren then proceeded to the banquet room, where, under the presidency of the new W.M. a most enjoyable evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. briefly proposed the usual loyal toasts, and in due course the I.P.M gave that of the Master. The latter, in his reply, said he felt highly gratified at the position he had attained. It had been the summit of his ambition to attain the Master's chair, and having now succeeded in obtaining it, he hoped he might carry out its duties in such a manner as to be a credit to it. He then gave the health of the Installing Master. Most of the brethren then present had heard Bro. Crosbie's rendering of the beautiful ceremony, and he thought it had been done in such a manner as should ensure a hearty response to the toast by all assembled. The W.M. had much pleasure in presenting his predecessor with a Past Master's jewel. It had been well earned, and was thoroughly deserved. Bro. Crosbie had worked the Lodge during the past year in a praiseworthy manner, and had brought his labours to a most satisfactory termination by installing his successor. He concluded by remarking that while he placed the jewel on Bro. P.M. Crosbie's collar with pleasure, he must also express the wish of the brethren and himself, which was, that he might be spared for many years to wear it, and grace the Kingsland Lodge with his presence. Bro. Crosbie replied. He felt highly flattered at the remarks of the W.M., and by the remembrance of the kindness shown him by the brethren in the past. The W.M. next proposed the health of the initiates. He felt he might call this the toast of the evening, as without initiates from time to time they would soon come to grief. Bro. Atterton felt it a very difficult matter for him to express his feelings. He had enjoyed himself very much, and trusted that the first evening he had spent as a Mason might be one of many he would enjoy in the Kingsland Lodge. Bro. Potter tendered his thanks. He trusted they would always find him a good Mason, and one who would at all times uphold Masonry as far as laid in his power. Bro. Batten followed, saying how gratified he was at being received among them, and endorsing the remarks of his predecessors. Bro. Rosenberg was also gratified at his admission into Freemasonry. It had been his ambition for many years past to become a Mason. Now that he had been admitted he hoped he should prove himself an acquisition. He hoped the brethren would never have cause to regret his admission among them, and that he should prove a credit to the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, and was acknowledged by Bro. Pardoe. He could but be sensible of the compliment which had been paid him, in selecting his name from those of so many visitors as were then present to respond to the toast. As a Past Master it had been his fortune to visit many Lodges; he had had large experience, and while he did not wish to flatter the members of the Kingsland Lodge, he might truly say he had seldom, if ever, spent a more enjoyable evening. Bro. Baker followed, as also did Bros. Collins, and Cusworth. The latter brother could but point out to the newly initiated brethren that only six years previously their present W.M. had himself occupied the position they did that evening. This was an evidence of what might be in store for them, and what reward they might receive if they devoted themselves to the work of the Lodge as energetically and perseveringly as Bro. Western had done. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Institutions, coupling with it the name of Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry said this was a toast which he trusted would never be forgotten in the Kingsland Lodge, or, indeed, in any other. Charity was a subject which required to be forcibly impressed on every Mason, a fact which the founders of the ceremony of initiation had fully recognised. The ordeal which the four newly admitted brethren had recently gone through had no doubt made an impression on their minds that would never be effaced. He ventured to say that Freemasonry—so far from being the evil which many described it as, was an Institution of which they might be proud. The three central Institutions alone required donations of over £40,000 a year to maintain them as they were at present working, and when they considered the number of the recipients who were supported from this sum, they must admit that Freemasonry was doing a good work, even if these Institutions were the only benefits they could point to. This appeared to be recognised by the Craft, who were certainly most liberal in their support. While other Institutions were selling out stock, and drawing largely on their funds, the Charities of the Masonic Order were enabled to extend the field of their operations, and make large increases from time to time to the numbers they were able to relieve. But this extension of benefits called for extension of support, and in order to maintain the reputation of Freemasonry additional interest must be continually awakened. Speaking more particularly as regarded the Benevolent Institution, Bro. Terry recounted what was

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being done for the old brethren and widows elected as annuitants. It must be a great gratification to Freemasons that they were able to relieve so many of those who, in their declining days, were compelled by adversity to appeal to them. It behoved them, while they were enjoying themselves at their Lodge meetings, or elsewhere, to bear in mind the distress of those less fortunately circumstanced, and to do what they could to help them. Bro. Terry concluded by making a forcible appeal to the W.M. and brethren to support his Institution at the next Festival, an appeal which we are pleased to say resulted in the acceptance by the W.M. of a Stewardship. The toast of the Past Masters was next given, and was ably responded to by Bros. Hawkins, Isaac, and Hall. The Officers having been toasted, Bro. Forge replied on their behalf, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1489.

THE installation meeting was held on 3rd inst., at the Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-road, when Bro. Gray was installed by Bro. Paget. Some initiations were also performed. The outgoing Master, Bro. John Tovell, was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE, No. 1538.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. Thomas J. Robertson, after raising Bro. E. J. Harper to the third degree, installed Bro. J. P. Parkes as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. After the appointment and investiture of the Officers, the Master, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Robertson with a valuable Past Master's jewel.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

A VERY agreeable meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ultimo, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that this Lodge was consecrated at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, and that our worthy brother, the late George Kelly King, was the first W.M. Consequent upon the closing of the North London Palace, the members had to seek a new *locale* for their meetings, and it is generally considered that they have made a wise selection in choosing the Imperial Hotel, which has secured for itself a well-deserved reputation for studying the requirements of its patrons. Bro. R. J. Ward presided on the occasion we are about to recount the particulars of, and was ably supported by Bro. Jesse Ward S.W., Fitch J.W., Larchin P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary, Kearney S.D., Snelling J.D., Gooding I.G., &c. After the preliminary work of opening the Lodge, and reading and confirming the minutes, Brothers Gifford and Wheatley were passed, and Brothers Dorington, Stanley, and Boyer were raised. Routine work then received attention, and Lodge was closed. A modest, but capitally served banquet, was then served under the superintendence of the courteous manager, Bro. A. Begbie, whose efforts to promote the enjoyment of his guests were fully appreciated. The after proceedings were conducted most ably, and it goes without saying that the gathering was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Amongst meetings that have recently taken place at this establishment we may mention that the brethren of the Perseverance Lodge assembled on Saturday, the 13th ult., under the presidency of their W.M. Bro. Eade, who was supported by about 60 Craftsmen. The banquet served on this occasion gave the most unqualified satisfaction, and all testified to the way in which Bro. Begbie ministered to the wants of his party.

On Wednesday next, the 15th inst., the Crusaders Lodge assembles at the Imperial Hotel, when Bro. Dr. Defriez will be installed as W.M. for the next twelve months. We hope to be in a position to give a full report in our next.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE installation meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180 occupied the chair. Bros. F. Green sen. S.W., E. Valeriani J.W., Butlin Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, F. V. Green S.D., Shaw J.D., Adams I.G., Court D.C., Colepepper W.S., Potter Tyler. Visitors—S. Dicketts 193, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., R. G Brand 25, R. Coombs P.M. 12, T. H. Johnston 1608, F. Freeman 1515, J. R. Shand P.M. 1563, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, Freeman 55, Ponsford 25, W. Brindley W.M. 1604, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Greenwood was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being conducted in Bro. Stacey's usual perfect manner. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. F. Green sen. S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and installed W.M. by Bro. J. R. Stacey. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. efficiently acted as D.C. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. E. Valeriani S.W., F. V. Green jun. J.W., Butlin Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Mole S.D., Shaw J.D., Adams I.G., Potter Tyler. In delivering the several charges to the Officers as he invested them, Bro. Green was very happy in his remarks; what he said was well considered, and merited the applause he received. Bro. C. W. Parsons P.M. proposed, and Bro. Valeriani S.W. seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M., for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of raising and installation. This was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Stacey having replied, and routine work done, Lodge was closed until November. The brethren sat down to a capital banquet and dessert, provided by Brother Gosden, the service of which gave great satisfaction. The W.M. presided, and on rising said he would not give the brethren long speeches. After full honour had been paid to her Most Gracious Majesty, the W.M. said that the Lodge over which he had the honour of presiding adopted one of the titles of the Grand Master for its designation. His Royal Highness had kindly given special permission for the brethren to use his arms as Duke of Rothesay. Bro. Cottebrune responded for the Grand Officers; he was pleased to see the W.M. in his position; from his knowledge of what was required as regards working, under his direction he was sure the Lodge would prosper. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. and Sec. then proposed the health of the W.M., who undoubtedly has the interests of the Lodge at heart. Theirs was a small Lodge, but those within it were anxious to show what they, as a Lodge, could do. He was sure it would continue to make progress. The present W.M. was well qualified to conduct the business. The W.M. in reply said he felt proud to hear the encomiums passed on him by Bro. Cottebrune; it was a pleasure to listen to them. When he should be called on to hand the gavel to the S.W., he hoped to leave the Lodge in a prosperous condition; this he was sure to do if the brethren would co-operate with him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Stacey P.M. 180. The brethren had tested his qualifications to-night; the Craft has only to ask his assistance, and it is readily given. All were proud to see him present. Bro. Stacey replying said it was indeed a pleasure to instal the W.M. Bro. Parsons had requested him to perform the ceremony, and he felt a great pleasure in complying. Any assistance the Craft required of him, his services were always at command. Bro. Brindley W.M. 1604 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded for the Visitors, and paid a just compliment to the Installing Master; also to the W.M. for his able presiding. The toast of the I.P.M. and Secretary was next on the list, Bro. W. C. Parsons is always ready and willing to do the work; no more experienced brother could be found in the Order. He had been a P.M. of another Lodge, and was well qualified for his duty. Bro. W. C. Parsons in reply said he was gratified at the remarks of the W.M.; he felt it a duty and pleasure to ask Bro. Stacey to occupy the chair as Installing Master. He was a P.M. and Secretary, and he was sure they could not have a Brother more capable to perform that ceremony. As far as his duties of Secretary of the Lodge were in question, the members knew he was at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers, and Bro. Valeriani S.W. responded; he hoped to deserve all the encomiums passed upon him; he had been Steward for the Boys' School, and would be pleased to follow for the Girls', and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Any contribution the Lodge might give would be thankfully acknowledged; his heart was full of charity, and he hoped the brethren would contribute a small amount each, so that a large sum might be realized. Bro. Green J.W. followed; he fully endorsed the S.W.'s remarks; he would follow as a Steward, and trusted they might both realise large sums for the Masonic Charities. He trusted he might eventually arrive at the grand position his worthy father now occupied. Bros. Bullen (Treasurer) and Court followed, and then the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

The Installation Meeting of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, took place on Monday last, the 6th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Alfred Charles Rawlings was installed in the chair by the outgoing Master Bro. Henry Cox. We hope to give a full report next week.

The Chelmer Lodge of M.M.M., No. 342, was consecrated at Chelmsford, on Wednesday. The ceremony took place at the Corn Exchange, and was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Prov. G. Master East Anglia, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Fred. Binckes Grand Mark Secretary afterwards installed the W. Master designate, Bro. J. P. Lewin. Bros. F. Cozens and Theodore Distin had charge of the musical arrangements.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, at the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N., by the brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at seven o'clock.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. G. King P.M. P.Z., &c., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, opposite Wimbledon Station, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Lodge will be opened at 6.45.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, No. 1259, at the Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse, on Thursday, the 16th instant, by Bro. R. Atkins P.M. Preceptor.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Cavesc, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
987—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1695—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1806—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)

R.A. 23—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1637—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

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
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
293—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
597—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
731—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1263—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1593—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey

R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 379—Tyntc, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
846—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (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.
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

23—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)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheekheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

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. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

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—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
981—Whittington, Red Lion, Poultry-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
985—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1293—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, 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. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, 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
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
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, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames

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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
1053—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1063—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 347—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. 569—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. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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.
765—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
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1237—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1338—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1731—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1748—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1778—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1958—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Bon Accord, Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
—Howard, High-street, Arundel
—St. Martin, Town Hall, Tunbridge
—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
—Combined, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
—Perseverance, Old Hall Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Chemist-st, Bradford
—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Lickenhead

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1062—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
1357—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1382—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1692—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 Hotal, 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, Lord Ralgan Tavern, 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, 17th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
27—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
108—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
177—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Panelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, Gunnersman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3
K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
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
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1145—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

A MEETING was held on Tuesday last, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C, under the presidency of the W.M., W. H. Harris, who was supported by a goodly proportion of Past Masters and Officers. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. Edwards W.M. elect 1507, T. W. Lee 205, A. Withers P.M. 211, Sefferton 913, Thos. Bate P.M. 700, W. Montgomery J.W. 1475, J. Fisher 1184, W. Hatch 1771, W. Ballard Eccleston, Theodore Distin, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, &c. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The agenda paper contained the names of four gentlemen as candidates for initiation, viz., Mr. Charles Meierhoff, who was proposed by Bro. C. J. Fleck, and seconded by Bro. J. A. Fleck; for Mr. James Corns Pearson and Mr. William Hunt, both proposed by Bro. Harris W.M., and seconded by Bro. Dean; and for Mr. William Buer, who was proposed by Bro. Marriott, seconded by Bro. Whaley. The ballot was clear, and all four being present, they were severally introduced and enlightened in the mysteries of the first degree. Bro. Sykes, an Initiate who desired advancement, was then examined as to the progress he had made in the science, and proving worthy, had the second degree conferred upon him. The ceremonies were ably conducted by the Worshipful Master, who was well supported by his Officers. In the course of the evening the case of a member who was in distress was brought under consideration, and relief granted from the Benevolent Fund, to the extent of Ten Guineas, with the promise of further assistance should the circumstances of the applicant not improve by the time the brethren next assemble. After Lodge had been closed, the members, with their visitors, repaired to the Crown-room of the Freemasons' Tavern, where a capital banquet was supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), under the superintendence of Bro. E. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were done full honour to. The Initiates received a cordial greeting, and the compliment paid them was responded to by each, Bro. P.M. Speight giving the ever-popular "E.A." song. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Hilton, proposed the health of the W.M., whom he congratulated on the way in which the work of the day had been conducted. In replying, Bro. Harris expressed his thanks, both for the reception he had met with, and for the assistance he had received from the Officers. It is an honour for a man to be Master of a Lodge at any time; especially did he appreciate the honour of having to preside over a Lodge so distinguished as the Old Concord. It would ever be his endeavour to sustain it in its present elevated position, and he felt assured he should be ably supported by the Past Masters and Officers; in fact, by all the members of the Lodge. He again thanked them for the reception given to the toast. For the Visitors, who were next complimented, the majority of those named above replied. The Master was congratulated on the way in which the work was done, and happy reference made to the liberality displayed by the Lodge in assisting its brother in distress, especial mention being made as to the readiness to respond the brother in question invariably displayed, under his more favourable circumstances, when an appeal was brought under his notice. A special toast was given in honour of the I.P.M., who thanked the Master for the compliment. In speaking to the toast of the P.M.'s, Bro. Harris referred to the zeal and energy shown by the Treasurer (Bro. Gorton) and the Secretary (Bro. G. King). Several features of interest were touched upon by these brethren in the course of their remarks acknowledging the toast. Bro. Holland made the announcement that a literary work, which had occupied his serious

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attention through a long and protracted illness, would shortly be in the hands of a publisher, when he trusted it would receive a due amount of consideration and appreciation from the Craft at large. The Officers' toast was next honoured, and the replies made were brief but well to the point. The Tyler gave the parting toast at an hour that gave ample time for the brethren who had any distance to travel to catch trains without the unseemly scramble we are too frequently accustomed to encounter. A capital selection of songs, &c., was given during the evening, this part of the programme having been entrusted to Bro. Theodore Distin, who was assisted by Madame L. Sims, Miss L. Distin, and Mr. Imhoff.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE first regular meeting for the season was held on the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Bros. G. Bean W.M., Martin S.W., J. W. Dewsnap J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, W. L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, L. Wall S.D., Lion J.D., Hart I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., E. Van Noorden Organist, L. Davis Steward; P.M.'s H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, O. Roberts, L. M. Myers. Visitors—M. A. Lion 223, J. Gibbs 1613, L. De Lecuov 185, A. Thomas 1319, Appleton W.M. 1381. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Coombs was passed to the second degree, and Bro. E. Levi No. 185 was, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the third degree. Both the ceremonies were excellently worked. The W.M. alluded to the approaching celebration of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore's hundredth year, and spoke of the banquet which was to take place at the Criterion on the occasion. A reply to a letter of condolence, sent by the Lodge to the family of the late respected Bro. Albert P.M. P.G.P. was read. The resignation of a member was accepted, with regret. Brother Alexander, Senior Past Master, was elected an honorary member. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, forty-one in number, sat down to a récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Brother Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. H. M. Levy responded for the toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. The Fund had at one time £1400 to its credit; whereas now it had only between £600 and 700; he hoped several of the brethren would give a sum of five guineas, and thus become Vice-Presidents. During the last year they had distributed the sum of £500 amongst their members. The same brother then proposed the health of the W.M. In every office Bro. Bean had held he had gained the esteem of the brethren, particularly so as W.M. He (Bro. Levy) regretted the death of the I.P.M. Bro. Benjamin, whose loss the Lodge fully deplored. They had noted Bro. Bean's great desire to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and he hoped they would give the toast a good reception. The W.M. in pertinent terms responded to the toast. Bros. H. M. Appleton W.M. 1381 and W. Gibbs J.W. 1613 replied for the Visitors. The other toasts given were, the Past Masters, for which Bro. Alexander replied; the Wardens, the Treasurer and Secretary, &c. &c. The Tyler in due course gave the parting toast. An excellent musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden Organist. Miss Reba, Miss Carlingford, Bros. Arthur Thomas and Edgar Mortimer were the artistes engaged. Mr. Walter Van Noorden accompanied on the piano.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Bros. Sainte W.M., B. Haines S.W., Haller J.W., H. Haynes J.D., Boggins I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Walker, Ansleecker, Healy, Daniel, Schwarz, Steed, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Steed candidate. Brother Walker answered the necessary questions, and being entrusted, was passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge opened in the third degree, when entry drill was gone through. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. It was unanimously proposed, seconded, and carried, that Bro. Schwarz 1348 should be made a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. B. Haynes was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—This Lodge of Instruction, since its removal to the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, has been remarkably well attended, particularly so during the summer months, when many of the Lodges of Instruction have been compelled to close in consequence of inability to get a sufficient number of brethren together to hold a meeting. On Tuesday, the 30th ult., the Fifteen Sections were very efficiently worked by Bro. W. C. Smith S.D. 1563 as W.M., the able and energetic Preceptor of the Lodge; Bros. J. C. Smith J.D. 1744 as S.W., R. W. Duncan 1436 as J.W., assisted by the following brethren:—W. H. Smith, L. Solomon, W. Chilcott, D. T. Davies, J. Paul, C. A. Woods, W. Fowles, J. Hemming, C. J. Bay, Cursons, Brindley, G. F. Swan. Lodge was also attended by Bros. Cottebrune, W. B. Fendick, H. Cox, R. Kirk, H. Baines, R. Fendick, C. Corby, A. G. Clark, J. Purnell, W. Kent, J. Thom, B. G. Brown, W. F. Girdlestone, J. Holmes, G. W. Harrington, G. F. Meads, J. Ellis, S. H. Barrow, J. Koenen, J. W. Ray, A. J. Taylor, T. C. Edmonds, R. A. Kirkaldy, E. Ardwine, H. Ludwig, R. J. Brand, W. Perry, W. Englefield, J. Seymour, Captain Nicols, W. A. Scurrah, W. H. Wadham, F. J. Potter; also some other brethren. A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. C. Smith for his efficiency in working and presiding, and for his indefatigable and persevering efforts as Preceptor to the Lodge; also to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the sections so perfectly. The Lodge was then closed, the brethren appearing well satisfied with the work of the evening, and with the exertions of the genial and worthy host Bro. J. Holmes.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—On Monday, at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, W. Present—Bros. Laurence W.M., Chandler S.W., Vincent J.W., Dehane Secretary, Mote S.D., Crottenden J.D., Goswell Steward, Middlewell I.G., P.M.'s Capt. Nicols, Craig; also Bros. Cliburn, Morse, Cursons, Chapman, Death. Visitor—Bro. Day 1641. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Craig and Chapman being the respective candidates. Bro. Chapman was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was adjourned until 12th inst.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., there were present Bros. Western W.M., Woodman S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Townsend S.D., Snook J.D., Dixie D.C., Brook Acting Preceptor, Ware I.G. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stretch candidate. Bro. Western practised Investing the Officers, and relinquished the chair in favour of Bro. Hunt, who opened Lodge in second degree, when Brother Turner, as candidate, was passed. Lodge closed and adjourned till Monday, 13th October, when Brother Woodman will occupy the chair. On this occasion Bro. Woodman has invited several musical brethren to join, and trusts to have a goodly assembly of Craftsmen. Three new members were elected—Bros. Thom, St. George's 190, Townsend, Earl of Clarendon 1984, C. Neison, Era 1423.

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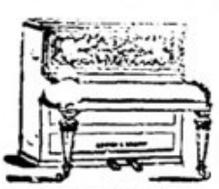
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MASONIC UNITY.

THE idea of Masonic unity and measurement is one that should often claim the attention. It is well to consider, first, am I united, in my Masonic work, with the cause, its measures, and men? Having settled that affirmatively, it is then well to consider how that unity of feeling corresponds with daily action. Is it thought I ought to be a better man because I am a Mason? If so, I ought then to turn my thoughts to nobler things. How should it guide me in my transactions with men? What element of Masonry should enter into my business relations? What better influence should I have upon the young? Years ago a man, just after taking the Knight Templar degree, said to the writer: "I ought to be a better man than I am to take such a degree as that." But did it mend his way? No; he did not stop to consider the idea of unity in his work, nor the measurement that men were making. The Sir Knights thought he should have been a better man. His measurement began in the Commandery. The Master, Fellow Craft and Apprentice, all expected to see more of the true measurement of the man. All were disappointed. If we are so low in the measurement of imperfect human judgment, what will it be when we come to the infallibly correct judgment of an All-wise Judge, who allows no element of character to pass his notice.

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THE AMERICAN RITUAL.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE early records of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, if they are preserved, will testify that when I sailed to America in 1842 I was a perfect master of the English Lodge work. Of course I then believed that Masons the world over (or at least the English-speaking Masons) had the same ritual. My surprise was therefore great on visiting an American Lodge to find that I had to learn everything over again. Just imagine my thoughts when I first heard lectures about a pot of incense, a bee-hive, the forty-seventh problem of Euclid, an hour glass, a scythe, a monument erected by Solomon to Hiram, the Saints John having been Masons, and one of them was made a G.M., when upwards of ninety years of age; Christian prayers and Christian allusions, but more particularly to hear in the raising ceremony such phrases as "lion's paw," and "lion of the tribe of Judah," besides the exhibition of other strange pictures on the Masonic carpet. On inquiring as to where they got all these notions, the answer I received was, "as we received it, so we must impart it." With all that new stuff in the ritual, and with the sectarian explanations given to the old and new symbols, it is no wonder that pious American Masonic scholars were ready to "swear up and down" that Masonry was revealed to Adam in the garden of Eden, and what not! But yet the history of Masonry as given by Anderson, viz., that we received our mysteries from the operative Masons, was never doubted. It was believed that not only had the English Masons in 1717 revived the old Grand Lodge, but there was not the slightest doubt entertained that the Knights Templar were Masonized in the Holy Land, and the Masons were Templarised after the death of Bro. De Molay, either in Scotland or elsewhere. But about twenty years ago a daring reasoner became dissatisfied with Anderson's and Preston's Histories of Freemasonry. Bro. Bromwell, Grand Master of Illinois, rejected all former connection of our Freemasonry with the former operative bodies or associations of builders, stonecutters, bricklayers, &c. And he reasoned thus:

That a system like Symbolic Masonry, or, as our writers persist in calling it, Speculative Masonry, which treats altogether of abstract and recondite truths concerning the Deity, the philosophy of life, the excellency of virtue, the course of Providence, the nature of man, and the like, all taught by symbols and veiled in allegory, has nothing in common with an association of mechanics to regulate workmen's wages, and for mutual benefit, unless one of these institutions should be used as a covering mask for the other. If any one looks on the Master's carpet he sees indeed many things which appear to be implements of architecture, but in fact are mostly instruments of geometry, and besides these, a much larger number, and many of them the most important, which have no relation to architecture at all. For instance, a ladder constantly alleged to have been seen at Bethel, two parallel lines perpendicular, with the Holy Writings on them, three burning tapers, an ark, a pot of incense, the letter G, the sword pointing to the naked heart, the acacia, the sun, moon and stars, the hour-glass, the scythe, the tabernacle of Moses, the cloudy canopy, the blazing star, the sheaf of wheat at a waterfall, the lamb, the cherubims," &c.

With such a mode of reasoning, it is no wonder that Bro. Bromwell worked himself up into a belief that our Freemasonry was never connected with the building guilds of the Middle Ages.

Bro. Joseph Robbins, P.G.M. of Illinois, has, within a few months, recommenced contributing articles to the *Voice of Masonry* at Chicago, one of these articles was reprinted in this journal, and I hope to see the remainder laid before the English reader. These articles startled a dashing, brilliant, scintillating, but unread and uninformed *high degreer*. Our chivalrous knight thereupon immediately armed, *cap-a-pie*, to fight against Bro. Robbins' heresies. I have not all the numbers of the *Voice of Masonry* before me, but I remember that in one of his arguments he referred to Athelstan's Grand Lodge of York as a matter of historic fact, and in another article he asserted that the kings used to appoint the Grand Masters of Masons in olden times. These specimens of historic information show clearly that his knowledge of Masonic history was not acquired from the writings of Bros. Findel, Lyon, Gould, Hughan, and other modern Masonic investigators. But his great bombshell seems to be Bro. Bromwell's oration of twenty years ago. Bro. Bromwell's oration, in his opinion, has knocked Bro. Robbins' heresies into "a cocked hat" (as the saying is). Bro. Robbins replied to his opponent in the October Number of the *Voice*.

In the said paper Bro. Robbins cites me as an authority for stating that "up to 1738 there were only two great lights in the English ritual, and of those two the Bible was not one. The Bible was mentioned, however, as constituting,

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with the Square and Compasses, the furniture of the Lodge."

Bro. Robbins evidently gives the above from memory, and therefore requires a slight correction. The fact is, in 1871, Bro. Hughan and I had a friendly controversy in the *Freemason* about the Bible in the Lodge, when I showed, from Anderson's Constitutions of 1738, that the Grand Lodge of England was opened in 1730, "in due form," without the Bible, &c, being placed on the pedestal; and in a ritual to which I referred there were neither mentioned great lights nor lesser lights; thus, three lights were explained to refer to the Sun, the Master, and the Square; then there were two other lights, "one to see to go in, and the other to see work," but the Bible was not mentioned at all. However, in a ritual of 1730, I found the Bible, Square and Compasses designated as the furniture of the Lodge, and this fact was afterwards confirmed, by no less an authority than Dr. Mackey. In his Masonic Cyclopædia, printed in 1874 (Article "Bible," pp 114 and 115), he says:

"The history of Masonic symbolism of the Bible is interesting. It is referred to in the manuscripts, before the Revival, as the book upon which the covenant was taken, but it was never referred to as a great light. In the oldest ritual that we have, which is that of 1724—a copy of which, from the Royal Library of Berlin, is given in Krause, there is no mention of the Bible as one of the lights (nor is the Bible mentioned at all). Preston made it a part of the furniture of the Lodge; but in a ritual of about 1760 it is described as one of the great lights. In the American system the Bible is both a piece of furniture and a great light."

Mackey was wrong in ascribing to Preston the designation of the Bible as being part of the furniture of the Lodge, for it was so designated before Preston was born; and I will add, though the pre-1717 Masons obligated their candidates on a "Book," an old ritual clearly proves that the Masons, after the Revival, discontinued even the use of a book for that purpose, but obligated their candidates merely upon the Square.

Bro. Robbins further states, "We do not know at what time all the symbols now used in Masonry were introduced into the system, but we do know that some of them have been added since the system became what Bro. Bromwell recognized as Symbolic Masonry." And he goes on to show that the parallel lines and ladder were introduced in 1780 (more probably soon after 1770), and that the monument of Hiram was the work of Jeremy L. Cross, in 1819.*

Now, there is no doubt whatever that Thomas Smith Webb was the originator of all the *un-English* symbols and notions enumerated above, together with *et ceteras*, save and except that of Hiram's monument, and the "lion of the tribe of Judah." The former I unearthed in 1873, but the latter I dug up within a week. The fact is, Webb's ritual was not Christianized enough, and Cross—who was originally a disciple of Webb, and promulgated Webb's lectures, and sold Webb's Monitor for some years,—at last thought proper to tinker Webb's ritual; so, in 1819, he published a small book, with forty pages of engravings, and made *improvements, of course*, in the various explanations of the symbols, among which he improved Webb's illustration of *Webb's* symbol, viz, the *scythe*. In this illustration, Cross interlarded something about Christian or Christian Mason, together with "*the lion of the Tribe of Judah*;" thus, for the first time in the history of that lion, since the days of the patriarch Jacob, our lion was Masonized by Bro. Cross. It seems, however, that Cross put the lion not quite in the right place, and either himself or some other genius afterwards removed the lion to the centre of the ceremony of the third degree. But this removal did not take place all at once. In several rituals which I consulted, of about or near 1830, I found but a fragment of the lion in the ceremony of raising in the third degree, viz., the *lion's paw*; thus the grip is variously called, "The strong grip of a Master Mason," "the Master's grip or lion's paw," "the strong grip or lion's paw," and "the lion's grip." These very variations indicate that the "lion paw" was a recent notion, and the precise wording of the sentence was still unsettled. But in 1842, when I first visited a Boston Lodge, not only the *whole* lion of the tribe of Judah was displayed at the raising ceremony, but the *lion's paw* from the older ritual was also retained, and so it remains unto this day. Now, with these facts before me, I must come to the conclusion that Bro. Jeremy L. Cross was the veritable father of the American Masonic "Lion of the tribe of Judah."

Bro. Robbins very justly calls attention to the fact that twenty years ago, when Bro. Bromwell wrote his oration, the results of recent researches and investigations were unknown to him. The only "new departure" known at that time was Steinbrenner's "Origin of Masonry," in which the origin of our Freemasonry is traced to the builders of the Middle Ages. It is not at all improbable that Bro. Bromwell read that book, and felt a shock somewhat similar to that of the Hindu, when the microscope convinced him that he could not take a drink of water without destroying animal life. Every American Grand Master of twenty years ago was at least a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar; and it is probable that Bro. Bromwell was a Scotch Riter too. His knowledge of Masonic history and literature was exclusively derived from the writings of Oliver, Mackey, Moore, and the rituals of the degrees he had learned. Steinbrenner's theory destroyed his long cherished belief in the antiquity of Masonry. But he thought that *it would not do to give it up so*. Hence, he reasoned that the symbols in the American ritual were a strong argument in favour of disconnecting our Freemasonry with the Freemasonry of the building associations of the Middle Ages. It is possible also that he may not even have seen Steinbrenner's work at all. But be this as it may, Bro. Bromwell was certainly right in his conclusion that the mediæval builders did not trouble themselves in their Lodges with pots of incense, Noah's Ark, parallel lines, &c. *But he made a slight mistake*. For, instead of imputing the invention of the symbols to English, French, and American Masonic degree manufacturers, and ritual tinkers, who flourished between 1717 and his own time, he ascribed the perfection and completion of the American ritual to imaginary philosophers, who were members of a Lodge more than eighteen hundred years before his time, which Lodge is denominated in the American ritual, "The Lodge of the Holy St. John at Jerusalem."

I shall only add that, as long as false legends and ridiculous phrases are retained in the ritual, Masonic knaves, and Masonic fools, will continue in our midst to argue and fight against common sense, and historic facts.

* After a great deal of trouble I at last succeeded in tracing the origin of Hiram's monument to Jeremy L. Cross, and sent an account thereof to the *Freemason* in 1873 (see p 798). Mackey, in his Cyclopædia, printed in 1874, refers to it thus, "Although Cross was not a man of any original genius, yet a recent writer has announced the fact that the symbol of the monument in the third degree, unknown to the system of either Preston or Webb, was invented by him." Since then, Dr. Folger, who was Cross's G.S. in the A. and A. Rite about 1860, published an account of the monument story with some more details, from which Bro. Robbins evidently derived his information.

THE WEAK POINT IN MASONIC LODGES.

AN examination of the roll of Lodges, as shown by the Grand Lodge reports in all of the older States where Grand Lodges have been in existence for a large number of years, discloses the fact that they have upon their rolls a great many vacant numbers. Every vacant number represents a defunct Lodge whose charter has been cancelled. A history of these Lodges would show that most of them were once in a prosperous condition; that they had live, working Masons in them, and that they stood well in comparison with the other Lodges now on the roll. Why these charters have been taken up and these Lodges gone out of existence, is an important question for consideration by the Lodges that survive them, and especially by new Lodges, many of which have been organised to take their places. Every succeeding Grand Lodge annual report exhibits new vacancies on its roll of Lodges, and so it will go on from year to year unless the errors that caused their failure can be eradicated.

Success in any enterprise in which men engage depends very largely upon good management, and conducting its affairs upon correct business principles. Failures seldom occur where this rule is observed. If they do occur, in such cases it must be from a lack of the elements of success in the enterprise itself, or from some cause that was not foreseen, or some accident that could not be avoided. A Masonic Lodge has nothing of this sort to contend with.

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It always has the elements of success within itself, and will always succeed when conducted upon Masonic and business principles. Why, then, should any Lodge ever surrender its charter or suffer it to be revoked by the Grand Lodge? The answer can only be, because it is not well managed nor conducted on correct business principles. The weakest point in Lodges generally is in not looking more closely after its finances. The revenue of a Lodge, when fully collected, is not generally much in excess of its actual expenses. If the one is not collected the other cannot be paid. This is a self-evident proposition, and just as soon as any Lodge allows a large proportion of its members to become delinquent for dues and carries them along in that condition, the time is not far distant when its charter will repose in the archives of the Grand Lodge, and another vacancy will appear on the roll of Lodges.

Experience has fully demonstrated that numbers do not constitute strength in a Masonic Lodge. Most Lodges when first organised have less than a score of members, and yet with this little number they are strong and prosperous for a season, because the members are interested in making the Lodge a success, and necessity compels them to look closely after its finances. The same interest and attention to business would make a strong and prosperous Lodge for all time. It is certainly for the best interests of the members that it should be so, and it is very strange that they will permit it to be otherwise, as is so often the case.

The merchant who trusts out his goods and makes no collections, or the manufacturer who sells his wares without getting pay for them, must soon go into bankruptcy. His failure is only a question of time. The Lodge that does not collect its revenue is travelling in the same direction. One of the oldest and the largest Lodges in this State is now on the verge of bankruptcy from this very cause. If it had required its members to live up to the bye-laws of the Lodge, as they had obligated themselves to do, and not permitted them to become delinquent for dues, instead of being in its present unhappy condition the Lodge might now be occupying a magnificent Temple of its own, free from debt, and an honour instead of a discredit to Masonry in this Grand jurisdiction. There are other large Lodges, to a greater or lesser extent, in a similar condition. There is not one but what can be placed on a good footing in six months time if a majority of the members will unite in an earnest effort to compel all to pay up their delinquent dues and become contributing members. Let the good work begin at once, so that the change may be made as speedily as possible. It is better to lose one-half the membership than for a Lodge to carry them as dead-heads on the roll, and thus depleting its treasury annually to the amount of their Grand Lodge dues.

—*Masonic Advocate.*

With great regret we have to announce the death of Bro. J. C. Cox P.M. He was initiated in the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, in the year 1869. He was the first Initiate of the Lodge who became its Master, and was Treasurer at the time of his death. He was P.Z. of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, and P.M. Grosvenor Mark Lodge 146. Bro. Cox had been in failing health for some time.

The Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, has invited Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. to deliver his Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the ritual of the first degree, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, the 31st inst. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely. Brethren from other Lodges, and especially from those in the neighbourhood, will be cordially welcomed.

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THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 11th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., when the following Officers were present:—Bro. F. T. C. Keeble W.M., W. Baber S.W., R. Fendick J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chap., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary, W. F. Kibble P.M., R. Stanway P.M., James Stevens P.M., T. Hamer P.M., Jno. Seex P.M., F. W. Potter S.D., E. H. Cadiot D.C., George Jenkins Organist, H. J. Bertram and L. J. Hudd Stewards. Lodge having been opened and the usual formalities observed, the ballot was taken on behalf of two candidates for initiation—Mr. Frank Evans Bailey and Mr. Frederick James Biggs. Proving unanimous in their favour, the two gentlemen were regularly admitted into Freemasonry, after which the installation of the W.M. elect was proceeded with. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., who placed Bro. Wm. Baber in the chair, in the presence of a large number of installed Masters. The new W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the year, the appointment of Secretary being made *pro tem*, in consequence of Bro. Blackie having intimated his inability to continue the work of the office:—F. T. C. Keeble I.P.M., R. Fendick S.W., F. W. Potter J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary *pro tem*, E. H. Cadiot S.D., H. J. Bertram J.D., L. J. Hudd I.G., S. White D.C., G. Jenkins Org., J. A. W. Stephens and A. Cumner Stewards, R. Potter P.M. Tyler. After the completion of the installation ceremony and the transaction of formal business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the usual repast awaited them. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace was sung, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. The toast was one so often given in our assemblies, and the Queen, her reign, and everything connected with her were so well known, that few words were needed in offering the toast for acceptance. Her Majesty's reign had been such as to endear her to the hearts of her subjects. The toast having been honoured, that of the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master followed. His Royal Highness was, said the W.M., certainly the most popular man in Freemasonry. His heart was thoroughly devoted to it, although he was not seen so often in it as many would like, on account of his many other calls. His duties were so varied and numerous that it was impossible he should be able to attend the meetings of the Craft even as much as he wished. The next toast was that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. This was a toast always well received in The Great City Lodge. They had the honour of ranking among their members two Grand Officers of England, both of whom were present that evening, and whose names he should associate with the toast—they were Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chap. and Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D. President of the Board of General Purposes. The brethren having accorded a hearty welcome to the toast, Bro. Simpson replied to it. He found himself in a peculiarly happy position that night. He had been again honoured with appointment as Chaplain of the Lodge, and was gratified at being supported in the toast to which he had been called upon to respond by so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Fenn. He felt that the moral effect of Bro. Fenn's presence in the Lodge was great, for when he was present the brethren felt they must be even more particular in ceremonial than usual. The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters were men of whom Freemasons might well be proud; well capable of managing the affairs of the Order in the absence of the Grand Master, who it was to be regretted was not more frequently present at Masonic ceremonies. His absence, however, was in consequence of his other labours being so great—he might justly be termed the busiest of English workmen—not from any lack of interest on his part. Bro. Fenn followed. He always felt a great difficulty in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, although he had spoken to it more or less for the past twenty years. He felt himself in a position to say a few words both as a Past and a Present Grand Officer, having, as he had already said, been a Past Grand Officer for something like twenty years, and at the present time occupied the important post of President of the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Officers did all they could to further the interests of the Craft. He thanked the W.M. for the compliment he had paid him and the Grand Officers in proposing the toast and the brethren of The Great City Lodge for the reception they invariably accorded to it. The I.P.M. next assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the W.M. It was a pleasure to have to propose this toast. Bro. Baber was one of the oldest members of The Great City Lodge, indeed, one of those who were admitted at the first meeting available for initiation. He had filled every office, and had attained the position of W.M. after most arduous and painstaking labour. His term of office could but be a benefit to the Lodge, while his influence in the City was likely to be instrumental in bringing him work in the Lodge. The W.M. sincerely thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He felt very proud in having attained the summit of his ambition in this Lodge. He was afraid that, as he succeeded such an array of eloquent Masters, he should make but little impression on the brethren by his speeches. He should try his utmost to carry on the work of the Lodge in a manner which should redound to his credit. He then proposed the toast of the Initiates. It was necessary in all institutions that new blood should be infused from time to time, in order to keep up a state of activity. He trusted that the admission of the two brethren initiated that evening would be a benefit, both to them and The Great City Lodge. He further hoped that they might find in Freemasonry advantages of which they were at present unaware. Bro. Bailey was the first to reply. He hoped and trusted he might prove himself deserving of the compliment which had been paid him that night. Bro. Biggs said it was very difficult for any man to speak on such an occasion. It was at all times a task to express one's ideas after initiation into any fresh institution. He could form

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but little idea of what was in store for him in Freemasonry. His position reminded him very much of the traveller who was ascending an eminence from which he knew a grand view of the surrounding country was obtainable. The higher he ascended the more he knew he should see of the beauties of the district; or, again, it reminded him of the man who visited a grand old Cathedral in a dim light; he was unable to identify the many beauties which he knew surrounded him on every side, but with the aid of more light he could see and appreciate all brought within his range of vision. It was quite clear to him that Freemasonry had many visible signs of which he and his brother initiate would know more hereafter. Like the man who viewed the country from the eminence, or the man who visited the Cathedral, they would have many points of interest explained to them which they were now ignorant of. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list. The W.M. was gratified in having some thirty guests around him. The Great City members were always pleased to see visitors, and endeavoured to entertain all who honoured them with their company. From what he knew of the past he felt the visitors experienced a pleasure in attending the Lodge. He hoped those present were equally gratified. Bro. Cleghorn was the first to reply. He thanked the W.M. very much for the compliment he had paid him. They were very old friends, but, as the W.M. had said, had lost sight of each other for some twenty-six years, until by chance they met again in a Masonic Lodge. In their case it might well be said that Freemasonry brought together men who otherwise might have remained at a perpetual distance. Bro. Capt. Nicols followed. He added his thanks. He always felt a pleasure in visiting The Great City Lodge, not only because he was invited by one of its most esteemed brethren, but also because he always enjoyed the company of its members. The visitors were so numerous that numbers alone proved the hospitality of the Lodge; indeed, were they to combine he felt they might turn the members of the Lodge out of doors. It was not, however, for any such purpose they would combine, but rather to express their thanks for the way they had been entertained, and their hopes that the Lodge would prosper in the future. Bros. Medwin, Mallet, F. Herold, and others also replied. The toast of the I.P.M. and the other Past Masters came next. The I.P.M. had that night distinguished himself by going through the ceremony of Installation in an exceedingly gratifying manner. The W.M. hoped he might prove a worthy successor to him. The other Past Masters had each done good service for the Lodge in turn. He had a most pleasing duty to perform, to present the retiring Master with the P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge. It was also a gratifying fact to all that the I.P.M. and Bro. James Stevens, another of their Past Masters, had been elected on the Board of General Purposes. The Great City Lodge ought to be very proud of this honour, conferred on two of its members. The I.P.M. replied to the toast with very mixed feelings,—of pain at his removal from the important post he had held during the past year, and of pleasure in joining the roll of Past Master of the Lodge—a very proud position. His election to the Board of General Purposes was indeed a great compliment, but he considered it was one paid to the Lodge rather than to him personally. Bros. Stevens, Headon, Seex, Stanway, Blackie and Hamer each replied in turn, after which the W.M. proposed the toast of Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge, to which Bros. Headon and Blackie responded. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and after a reply from the S.W. the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, W. D. Church 1365, F. Page 1414, T. H. Baker J.W. 1260, W. H. Chalfont P.M. 1425, W. Cleghorn P.M. 1287, J. Laurence S.D. 1326, R. J. Pelley 1471, A. McGregor J.D. 22, F. Herold P.M. 1056, James McCubbin P.M. 948 P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks, H. S. Hunter S.D. 1321, W. T. Hooker jun. 1707, W. Englefield J.D. 1321, G. W. Saul P.M. 1201, W. A. Laker P.M. 1362, R. Killick D.C. 1362, Capt. Adolphus Nicols P.M. 1974 P.G.D.S. of W. Punjaub, W. Medwin P.M. 1613, T. Owen I.P.M. 1287, G. Whitaker 73, W. Ashwell P.M. 22, W. A. Frost 2000, A. D. Kerrell I.P.M. 145, W. Winn (Harmony), T. W. Hanson 1706, Albert James 1706, J. G. A. Mallet (Royal Leopold).

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 9th instant, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Sims. There were also present Bros. Smith S.W., Stokes J.W., Power P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Nettlefold S.D., Briscoe J.D., Taylor I.P.M., and a numerous attendance of members and Visitors. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, showing the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition, was read and adopted. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Auditors, Bros. Goodyear and Brown. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Smith S.W. was presented, and in the presence of fifteen P.M.'s was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Sims, in a very impressive manner, Bro. Taylor acting as D.C. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and then with appropriate remarks appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Taylor I.P.M., Stokes S.W., Nettlefold J.W., Power P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Walker S.D., Plummer J.D., Clayton I.G., Taylor P.M. D.C., Brown W.S., Manley A.W.S., Shave Steward, Back Organist, and Thomas Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. showed the brethren had chosen one worthy to preside over them by the manner in which he initiated Mr. Pocock into the Order. A ballot was also taken for Mr. Batiste, but he was unable to be present. Lodge was closed until December, and the brethren, fifty-nine in number, sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert in the large hall, provided by Bro. Venables. The tables were beautifully decorated, button-holes being provided for each member and Visitor. The W.M., in challenging the Visitors, found they nearly equalled the members in number. In eloquent terms he proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, making his remarks both brief and to the purpose. Bro. Sims proposed the toast of the W.M. He said it was the first time he had had the honour of asking the brethren and Visitors to drink health and success to their present Master; he trusted it would not be the last. He hoped Bro. Smith would have a happy and prosperous year. The W.M. tendered his thanks to Bro. Taylor for his kind expressions, and also to the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. To occupy the chair was one of the proudest hopes of his life; he trusted he might fill it to their satisfaction. He thanked them heartily for the way in which the toast had been received. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Sims. He was proud to have had the honour of being placed in the chair by that worthy friend and brother; he hoped those that followed would do the same, instal their successor. Bro. Sims had done his work well, and in a manner which would be an incentive to others; he hoped the brethren would drink the toast as it really merited, for Bro. Sims deserved a hearty reception. The W.M., in presenting the jewel voted by the Lodge, said it was a gift which his predecessor well deserved, for the Lodge had been most prosperous under his guidance. He could say a great deal more in praise of the I.P.M.; it was a pleasing duty to place the jewel on his breast, and in doing so he trusted Bro. Sims might live long to wear it. The jewel is of elegant design, bearing the arms of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, with suitable inscription. The I.P.M. said it had always been his ambition to instal his successor, and to do his duty whenever called upon; he was gratified to say the Lodge was in a flourishing condition; as long as a W.M. acted on the principles of the bye-laws he would be ready to uphold the integrity of the Lodge; it was an honour to be presented with such a jewel as that he had just received; so long as he was connected with the Lodge, he hoped he should conduce to the prosperity of it. The W.M. next proposed the health of the newly-initiated brother; he was one whom they were glad to see among them. The toast of the Visitors followed. The W.M. was pleased to see them present in such numbers; it showed a friendly feeling. Bros. Croaker, Hilton, Boyd, and others responded. All spoke of the I.P.M., complimenting him for his excellent rendering of the ceremony of installation, and also referring to the able manner in which the W.M. since his occupation of the chair had performed the ceremony of initiation. The toast of the P.M.'s was given. While he had such strong support the W.M. felt secure. Bros. Taylor and Sims, in excellent terms, replied to the toast. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented, the Wardens and Junior Officers following, and then the Tyler's toast was given. Bros. Brown and Clayton were indefatigable in their attention to the comforts of the brethren and Visitors, while Bros. Power, Smith, Back, Stafford, Haynes, Mackie, and Sutton contributed to the harmony. Bro. Back was a very able accompanyist. Among the Visitors were Bros. Schadler P.M. 65, Heath 1572, Holmes 95, Forster P.M. 144, Roe 1641, Haynes S.W. 27, Webster J.D. 27, Larlham P.M. 1216, Hallett 907, Eidmans 225, Croaker P.M. 185, Stunt S.W. 1320, Evans 1922, Grammer P.M. 27, Gibb 1658, Boys W.M. 658, Stafford 65, Youens 1851, Johnson W.M. 1320, Smith 1658, Thurkle P.M. 87, Gardiner 1653, Martin 1622, Hill 1658, Paton 205, Cox 188, Waldron 1475, and H. M. Levy P.M. P.Z. 188.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

THIS new and flourishing Lodge held its first meeting since the installation, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 11th instant. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap W.M., G. F. Smith jun. S.W., A. Williams J.W., T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Rossiter Secretary, H. Cattermole S.D., W. Marcus J.D., A. H. Jakens I.G., H. S. Trego Organist M.D.C. Oxon, J. Da Silva D.C.; P.M.'s Stokes I.P.M., W. Bott, Smith P.G.O. Essex. Visitors—B. Lyon P.M. 1227, Scott 1558, Hilton W.M. 1475, Martin 1662, Marlet P.M. 1743, H. M. Levy P.M. P.Z. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. C. H. Knuth and J. L. Rutledge, after answering the usual questions, were passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. F. A. Simmons, and being unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose working of the ceremony reflected great credit on him. Several matters having been discussed, and hearty good wishes tendered by the brethren and Visitors, Lodge was closed, and a very excellent banquet and dessert was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), Bro. E. Dawkins superintending. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Stokes proposed the health of the W.M.; they had had a specimen of his work in the manner in which he performed the ceremonies of passing and initiation. The brethren might consider Bro. Dewsnap as good a Master as any of his predecessors, and he (Bro. Stokes) trusted he might surpass a great many of them. The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for their reception of the toast; it gave him great pleasure to preside, and while he occupied the chair his best services would be at their command. The health of the I.P.M. came next on the list; the way he had performed the duties of his office entitled him to their regard and esteem. This compliment was briefly but appropriately responded to. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Initiate, said he was one well vouched for; he hoped he would be a credit to the Order. Bro. Simmons thanked his proposer for introducing him into this honourable Order; for years he had ardently hoped for this; he trusted his future career would be approved of by the brethren. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the names of Bros. Scott and Hillier. The latter brother said he was greatly pleased with the working and the arrangements of the Lodge. Bro. Bott had initiated him in his own Lodge, the Duke of Connaught; he hoped at a future meeting to become a joining member; he would, however, give the W.M. full particulars as to the occasion. The P.M.'s—Bros. Stokes, Corpe, Bott, and Smith—were next honoured. The services these brethren had rendered to the Lodge and Freemasonry had endeared them to all the

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members, who were indeed proud of them; he hoped the brethren would give the toast a hearty reception. Bros. Stokes, Corpe, and Smith replied. The W.M. in due course proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; and then the Wardens and Officers; he was proud to say, although but newly-appointed, they could do their work well, and were quite able to fill the chair in due course. Finally, the Tyler's toast was given, Bros. Cattermole, Corpe, Marcus, Trego, Garrett, Stokes, Bott, and Moss, and Miss Ada Collins contributed to the harmony. Bro. Smith jun., Prov. Grand Organist Essex accompanied on the pianoforte.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE first meeting since the recess was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present:—Bros. W. W. Morgan W.M., T. H. Peirce S.W., Henry Martin J.W., Charles Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, E. Thring S.D., Thomas Crapper J.D., Alfred Withers P.M. D.C., Alfred Green P.M. Wine Steward, A. Dickson I.G., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. Amongst the other Past Masters present were Bros. J. Lavers, Thomas H. Lavers, James Linsdell, Usher Back, Frederick Hentsch. Visitors—Bros. W. Worrall 1623, W. Whitehouse 1106, John Brill 780, J. A. Collings Organist 1695, and a very fair attendance of the members of the Lodge. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. There was no ceremonial work, and opportunity was taken to read the Bye-laws of the Lodge. Bro. Alfred Withers also read a very interesting paper, which had been quoted by the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE from its ably-conducted contemporary, the *Keystone*, of Philadelphia, entitled "The Sounding of the Gavel." Bro. Alfred Withers, who had committed the paper to memory, was highly complimented by his brother Past Masters and the members. An expression of feeling was also elicited that it would more generally tend to advance the best interests of Freemasonry if it were the custom, when opportunity served, for papers of this description on any matters of interest to the Craft to be brought under notice. In the course of the evening letters were read in reply to the votes of condolence sent to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany on the death of Prince Leopold, and these were ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. Appeals for assistance from two brethren, late members of the Lodge, were considered and attended to, and shortly afterwards, all work being completed, Lodge was closed. A banquet, served in the excellent manner that characterises the Albion, followed. The W.M. presided, and a most agreeable evening was spent, the several toasts being interspersed with capital songs. When the hour came for seperation, all left gratified with the success of the meeting.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE eleventh installation of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was, as usual, most numerously attended, both by members and visitors. The W.M. of the past year, Bro. Geo. Clark jun., opened the Lodge, and was supported by the following Officers during the meeting. Bros. George Edwards S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., Henry Stiles I.P.M., C. J. Scales P.M., J. J. Michael P.M., W. M. Stiles P.M., F. J. Perks Secretary, T. C. Edmunds S.D., F. W. Dimsdale J.D., J. G. McEwan and R. W. Fraser Stewards, T. M. Ormister A.D.C. The minutes of the two last meetings having been confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee was submitted, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Beeson, a member of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, who was a candidate for joining, and resulted in his favour. Bro. William Henry Aston was raised to the third degree. Bro. James J. Churchill, William Barry, and James Horatio Mozgridge were passed, and then the W.M. elect (Bro. George Edwards) was presented for Installation. In due course he was placed in the Chair, and, having been saluted, he appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. H. Lovegrove S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treas., F. J. Perks Sec., T. C. Edmunds S.D., F. W. Dimsdale J.D., W. Davey I.G., R. W. Fraser, and J. Bruton, Stewards, W. F. Bates, and J. G. McEwen Dirs. of Cers., G. F. Bruce Org. Immediately after his installation Bro. George Edwards was called upon to show his proficiency in the first degree, Mr. John Hunt, a candidate for initiation, being in attendance. He was admitted to Masonic Light in due form in a manner which reflected great credit on the newly appointed W.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, and some matters of business of a formal character having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. submitted the usual toasts for the notice of the brethren. Those of Her Majesty the Queen and of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were, as usual, first on the list. The former needed no words of introduction, as Her Majesty was so well known and universally respected by all her subjects. Speaking of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the W.M. considered that His Royal Highness shed lustre on the Order. He had the interests of the Craft at heart, and did all he could to advance the welfare of Freemasonry. In proposing the next toast—that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, the W.M. regretted he had not any Officer of Grand Lodge present with whom to couple the toast. The Grand Officers were a credit to Freemasonry and most painstaking in all they undertook on its behalf. The I.P.M. next proposed the health of the Master. For the first time in his position as Past Master, he had to ask the brethren to drink the health of the W.M. They had seen what he had done in the Lodge and had experienced his power of ruling at the banquet table. He felt sure they would honour the toast in a most enthusiastic manner. The toast having met a hearty response was replied to by the W.M., who expressed his thanks. Having been preceded by so many distinguished brethren as those who had filled the Chair of the Metropolitan Lodge he felt a great responsibility devolved on him in assuming the ruling of the Lodge. He trusted, however, that when his term of Office had expired, he should have deserved the approval of the members. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Clark. They could but have been gratified at having had so worthy a brother to preside over them as Bro. Clark had proved himself. They had had ample opportunities of judging of his ability and he had acquitted himself in such a manner as called for the highest praise. That evening he had worked two degees, and after that had installed his successor, and in such a way as clearly showed him to be a Master of no mean ability. His working reflected the greatest credit on him. Bro. Clark expressed his thanks. In Lodge he had really been at a loss to find words with which to thank them for the handsome jewel they had presented him with, but he had since had time for reflection, and tendered his most hearty thanks, both for the handsome gift and for the uniform kindness he had met with from the members. He had performed the work of his year to the best of his ability and was gratified it had met their approval. The Past Masters' toast was next on the list. The W.M. was pleased at seeing so many present, and felt sure they would always do all they could for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Michael was the first to respond. The Past Masters were very gladed to know their past efforts had met with the approval of the brethren. They had never done more than their duty had demanded of them, nor more than they had desired to do for the welfare of the Lodge. In the absence of the Treasurer and Senior P.M. of the Lodge, he could but express the thanks he knew that brother would have returned on his re-appointment to the position of Treasurer. He could but look with pride on the present W.M. of the Lodge who, several years back, he had had the pleasure of initiating in the Lodge. He trusted that the Lodge would continue to exercise that influence on Freemasonry it had undoubtedly exercised in the past. Bro. Scales, W. M. Stiles and H. Stiles followed in appropriate terms, and then the W.M. gave the toast of the Visitors, for whom Bros. W. H. Harrris, W. D. Becket, W. R. Norris and H. Dickey replied. The Treasurer and Secretary's health was next drunk, and then the Officers of the Lodge were honoured, thus bringing to an end the toast list of the evening, excepting only the Tyler's concluding toast, which was proposed in the usual manner and heartily responded to. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Thurley Beale and Kenningham, while some of the members of the Lodge contributed to the harmony with songs and recitations. Among the Visitors present were Bros. W. Readstone 1744, W. H. Harris W.M. 172, J. Carr W.M. 198, T. W. Carnell P.M. 1216, H. Dickey Secretary 1744, J. Shilcock P.M. 449, P. Scar D.C. 1891, W. R. Norris W.M. 181, W. A. Scarrah J.W. 2048, J. W. Mash W.M. 73, E. B. Hutchinson 1238, J. G. Goll 171, G. Dickens 1681, W. Medwin 172, George King 511, H. Battams, E. Cattermole 217, E. W. Johnson 1219, J. Irvine 862, F. Gwyer S.W. 1288, D. T. Davies 72, T. Richardson S.W. 862, G. R. Corner P.M. 1139, H. Fountaine J.W. 45, F. W. Sillis S.D. 1744, J. T. Briggs P.M. 157, A. S. B. Edwards J.D. 1685, A. Giddings 1446, F. Buxton 1891, J. March W.M. 27, F. Walden 975, J. C. Humpreys P.M. 167, W. Jones 511, W. D. Becket W.M. 780, G. Emblin I.G. 147, W. Ansell P.M. 30, A. Kenningham 1706, Thurley Beale 201, William Hunt 172, W. W. Morgan jun.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, on Saturday, the 11th instant, when Bro. W. Seward jun. was placed in the chair of K.S. The proceedings commenced at two p.m., when the retiring W.M., Bro. Samuel Dyer, opened Lodge, and there being a considerable amount of business to transact, at once proceeded with the work. Bro. Eden, who had been initiated at the previous meeting of the Lodge, was now advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Messrs. Samuel C. Quinion and Henry A. Sawyer were, after being duly balloted for, admitted to the mysteries of the Ancient Craft. The next business on the summons was the installation of Bro. Seward jun., which was carried out in a most impressive manner by Bro. Kasner P.M. to the great satisfaction of the brethren, with whom Bro. Seward is very popular. The following are the brethren who were appointed to office:—Seward W.M., Fisher, S.W., Nye J.W., Kasner P.M. Treasurer, Wright S.D., Porter J.D., Jones D.C., Coop Assistant D.C., Wells Steward, A. Pooley Assistant Steward, Hamilton I.G., Harrison Tyler. Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting table, laid in a room adjoining the Lodge, when full justice was done to the repast provided by the host. After the cloth had been removed, the W.M. at once proceeded with the toast list, which was a long one, and to each of which, full justice was rendered by the brethren. A pleasing surprise had been prepared for the brethren by the W.M. who had arranged for some of the principle vocalists of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, to attend, and it is needless to say, that these gentlemen delighted the brethren by the way in which they rendered the songs and glees, more especially "The Thorn" and "Norah, Sweet Norah" which were deservedly encored. We cannot close this brief notice without congratulating the Lodge upon the quarters in which it seems now to be permanently settled, and a word of praise is also due to the host, Bro. Stephens, for the excellent banquet admirably served, which he provided for the brethren. Altogether we look forward to Bro. Seward's year of office being a most successful one, and he has our best wishes that this may be the case. Among those present were Bros. Timpson, Eden, Much, Brown, Clarke, Bellerby, Parsons, Edmeston, Walter, Hadley, Hewlings, Seward, Cunningham. Visitors:—Bros. Dr. Horne P.M. 1887 and 340 P.P.G.P. Berks and Bucks, Rutland P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, Canhill P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, Biggs P.P.J.G.W. Wilts, Hannis W.M. 771, Liverd Summers 771, Harris 771, Nixon P.M. 76, Singer 1894, Marwood P.M. 291, and about 15 other visiting brethren.

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ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Criterion, Picadilly. Bros. Tayler W.M., Johnson Senior Warden, Bottle Junior Warden, Beckham Secretary, Southard S.D., Johnstone J.D., Moorman Inner Guard, Egerton Organist; P.M.'s Powell, Vincent, Peacock, Flately, Fisher and McLeod. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Bro. Sackman was passed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Bottle J.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and in the presence of 14 brethren, was duly installed by the retiring W.M. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Tayler I.P.M. (who was specially presented with a very elegant P.M.'s collar and silver jewel, he being the first initiate of the Lodge, who occupied the position of W.M.), Coulthard S.W., Johnstone J.W., Isaacs Treasurer (he being unable to attend through a domestic bereavement, Bro. Fisher P.M. acted in his absence), Moorman S.D., Ray J.D., Cooper I.G., Egerton Organist, Vincent P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Weston A.D.C., Lee and Bignold Stewards. C. Thomas Tyler. The W.M. at once showed the brethren that they had selected one to occupy the chair who could do the work well, he having to initiate Messrs. Chynoweth and Holland. The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Grace having been said, the W.M. in brief terms proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Taylor followed; it was a great privilege and pleasure to him to propose the health of the W.M., who would be a credit to the Lodge. He was sure that he would have the support of every brother and Officers. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in reply, said he felt it a great honour to be placed in the chair a year before his time, but the S.W., Bro. Johnson, had been precluded by his business arrangements from accepting the position. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, whom he was sure would be a credit to his Lodge. Bros. Holland and Chynoweth responded, and then the toast of the I.P.M., and the rest of the P.M.'s was given. The W.M. had already had the honour of presenting the I.P.M. with a P.M. collar and jewel, and and now had a greater pleasure in placing on his breast the P.M. jewel of the Lodge. He would hand it down to posterity as a memento of the respect entertained for him by the Lodge. Bro. Taylor thanked the brethren and the W.M. for the valuable gifts they had presented to him; he hoped he had done his work to their satisfaction, for that had been his great aim. Bro. McLeod followed. He regretted the absence of Bros. Hunt and Jones. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Bros. Ray 1257, Brindley 1664, Larner 858, and Goffin 1572 severally responded. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Officers, said the Lodge could have no better. Bros. Coulthard and Johnston having responded, the Tyler's toast was given. The Visitors were Brothers T. Dickson W.M. 32, Bond P.M. 1314, Dowley 172, Stamp 1194, Folsou 1604, Brindley W.M. 1604, Kirby 1475, Wray W.M. 1257 P.M. 1604, Taylor P.M. 144 and 1922, Goffin S.W. 1572, Brane W.M. 172. Brook 74, Felton 1563, Smith 1791, Carter 733, Kirkland 1949, Saunders 1357, Montague 2030, Cullingford 35, Larner 858, Raymond 1305, Hamilton 1446, Sadler 1670, Wade 860, Edwards 1305, and Levy P.M. 188.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 445.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on 3rd October, at the Talbot Hotel, Towcester, when there was a good attendance of member and visiting brethren. Bro. William H. Packer, the W.M., presided, and after the usual business, Bro. J. C. Jones Past Prov. G.J.W. opened the Lodge as a Board of Installed Masters, and then proceeded to instal Brother Thomas Oldham as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in such an admirable manner that Brother G. Osborn P.M. P.P.G.S.W. proposed that the thanks of the Lodge to Bro. Jones be recorded on the minutes. This was doubly acceptable to the brethren as Bro. Osborn is the senior Mason in the Province. Brother Oldham having been duly installed, then proceeded to appoint and invest the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Newitt S.W., Spencer J.W., Newton S.D., Howe J.D., Howes Chaplain, G. Osborn Treasurer, Teeton Secretary, McClare I.G., Billingham D.C., Snedker Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, served by host Wallace, at which the following, in addition to those already mentioned were present:—Members of 445—Whilton, Simmonds, Sheppard, Crowley, Greville, Willcox-Smith, Linnell, Jenkins, Spencer. Visitors—Stanton 360, Atkins 360 and 1764, Ellard 360, Green 360, Hart 360, Cockerill 360, Littlewood 360, Franks 360, Aldridge 360, Shearsmith 360, Spoor 360 and 1764, George Burford 754, H. Burford I.G. 850, Kingston 1010, W. M. Stokes 1016, J. Christmas W.M. 1787 P.G.S Berks and Bucks, G. E. Reynolds S.D. 1787, H. W. Lyall. It was expected that Bro. Butler Wilkins, the D.P.G.M. of the Province would be present, but during the proceedings the W.M. read a telegram sent by him, from Kettering, to the effect that he would not be able to attend, and giving his hearty good wishes. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. Walter Green gave the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Grand Duke of Manchester, the V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire and Hunts, and Bro. G. E. Lord Prov. G.D.C., in respectful terms, coupling with them the manner in which the various Lodges in the Province were supported in the absence of the D.P.G.M. Bro. G. Osborn proposed the Wardens of the Fidelity Lodge and referred to the past career of the Lodge. The W.M. (Bro. T. Oldham) in reply, expressed his intention to do his utmost during the coming year, to promote the prosperity of Masonry in general, and the Fidelity Lodge in particular. Bro. Spencer gave the toast of the Past Masters, to which Bro. W. M. Packer suitably replied. Bro. Sheppard proposed the Installing Master. Bro. Jones, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to do anything that lay in his power for the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Howes gave the Treasurer. Bro. Osborn, in responding, alluded to his long connection with the Craft in the Province, and particularly to the Fidelity Lodge, and then proposed the Masonic Charities. Bro. Atkins (who was Provincial Steward for the Boys' School last year) thanked the brethren for the very generous support they had given to his Stewardship. Bro. Whitton proposed the Visiting brethren in very appropriate terms, to which Bro. Green replied in his usual hearty and happy manner. The following brethren also responded:—Bros. Hart, Stokes, Christmas, Burford, &c. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs from Bros. Howe, Hart, Newton, Shearsmith, Atkins, Burford, Willcox-Smith, Linnell, Crowley, Aldridge, Greville, and Jones, Bro. Simmonds accompanying in his usual efficient manner.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A VERY largely attended meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last. There were present Bros. Blenkin W.M., Milner Bart., M.P., S.W., Turner J.W., Balmford P.M. Treas., Kay Sec., Brown S.D., Chapman J.D., Dalton I.G.; P.M.'s Whytehead, Cumberland, Simpson, Seller, Padel, Millington, and many other brethren, with visitors from Lodges 236, 734, 1991, &c. The minutes were read, and the Treasurer's balance-sheet, which had been audited on the previous Friday, was formally adopted. Brother Hall was passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for the W.M., and the unanimous vote of the Lodge fell upon the S.W., Bro. Sir Milner, who thanked the brethren for the marks of their confidence. Bro. Balmford was again re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Padel presented to the Lodge the second and third volumes of Gould's "History of Masonry," and was accorded a cordial vote of thanks. Brother Cumberland said that he should like to more that the Lodge do send a letter of congratulation to Brother Sir Moses Montifiore on his approaching hundredth birthday. They all knew the great value of Sir Moses's services to the country of his adoption, and he thought, as Masons, they should show their sense of this as well as their kindly feelings. He had spoken to Brother Whytehead on the matter, and the latter had drafted a short address, which he would ask him to read. Bro. Whytehead then read a letter of congratulation addressed to Sir Moses Montefiore, and suitable to be engrossed on parchment. Bro. Cumberland's motion was seconded by Bro. Brown and was carried unanimously. Bro. Whytehead proposed as a joining member Bro. the Rev. R. Blakeney, vicar of Bishopthorpe, of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 734, and he was seconded by Bro. Cumberland. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren gathered round the social board and the customary toasts were given.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN MACLEAN.

EARLY this week a handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. John Maclean, the actor, by the members of the Logic Club of Instruction. The testimonial took the form of a beautifully illuminated vellum, framed and glazed, and a mantle clock and pair of vases, and was presented in recognition of Bro. Maclean's services as Preceptor of the Club.

The installation meeting of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, will take place at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 25th instant, and not at the Town Hall, when Bro. Walter S. Dunkley will be installed W.M.

The Royal College of Surgeons of England will shortly be called upon to consider the best means of applying, for the professional and public good, and the honour and usefulness of the College, the munificent bequest of Bro. Sir Erasmas Wilson, which will probably ultimately exceed in value £200,000.

The Lodge La France, the membership of which is to be confined to brethren of French nationality, will be consecrated at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on Monday, the 20th inst., by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec. Bros. E. H. Theillay is the W.M. designate, E. Monteuuis S.W. and H. Bué J.W.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday, 14th inst., at the Alexandra Tavern, St. Pancras, Canonbury. Comp. George M.E.Z., Ralph H. Carter J., Stopford S.E., G. W. Kenyon S.N., Thomas P.S., Comp. Green Neal delivered a lecture on the Great Arcana in a very impressive manner. There was a good muster of Royal Arch Masons and the ceremonies and lecture were listened to by all present with great interest. It is the intention of this Chapter of Improvement to have a series of lectures for the edification of Royal Arch Masons.

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With great pleasure we announce that R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., P.G.M. has consented to preside as Chairman at the 97th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May next. Our R.W. brother's consent was made the subject of congratulatory reference at the annual meeting on Thursday last of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, and as we all know how largely the Province has of late years assisted our Institutions, we may anticipate a very signal success at the next Festival. We congratulate Bro. Hedges on having secured the services of so distinguished and popular a brother.

We understand that the chair at the Anniversary Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 27th November, will be taken by Right Worshipful Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Junior Grand Warden.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, at the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N., by the brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at seven o'clock.

With the view of meeting the great addition of business anticipated when the sixpenny rate for telegrams comes into operation, four wires are being added to the west-coast system between England and Glasgow.

CROWDED OUT.—We are compelled to hold over several items of news, Lodge reports, and other matters, for want of space.

The Sixth Annual National Exhibition and Market of Brewers', Licensed Victuallers', and Mineral Mater Trade Machinery and Appliances, which opens at the Agricultural Hall, on Monday next, 20th October, will be the most thoroughly representative of the series. Every foot of the ground floor has long since been taken up, and many new improvements will be on view. One of the galleries is this year occupied for a billiard tournament on an extensive scale, inwhich all the champions will take part.

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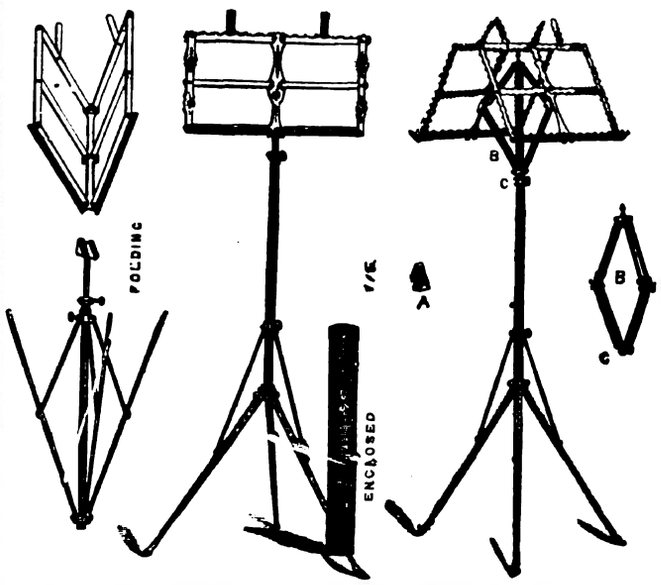
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Bro. ROBERT GREY, Patron, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 14 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 29 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
34	Gibson, Dora Annie	2181	1
16	Reeves, Lilian C.	2064	2
27	Fallding, Ethel	2039	3
21	Blunt, Alice Mary	2025	4
7	Searle, Frances Alice	1988	5
14	Gilbert, Augusta	1960	6
4	Heath, Fanny	1949	7
5	Betts, Edith Ellen	1938	8
28	Wetherell, Ellen M.	1923	9
9	Wright, Beatrice E.	1897	10
25	Carlyle, Emma W.	1865	11
10	Hurst, Olive Ann	1790	12
8	Bush, Florence Wilson	1788	13
30	Hughes, Adelaide F.	1769	14

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

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W. Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, Vice-Patron, in the chair.

A ballot took place for the Election of 30 Boys, from an approved list of 56 Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	11	Gishford, William Taylor	2306
2	17	Cooper, Charles Bernard	2074
3	48	Asquith, Herbert	2046
4	27	Heinke, John Leathart	1949
5	47	Jenner, Fred	1902
6	41	Aspinall, Horace Field	1887
7	24	Matthews, Richard Cephas	1870
8	2	Beaumont, Reginald	1837
9	56	Nichols, Edwin James Ryall	1814
10	52	Speed, Walter	1809
11	18	Besly, James Campbell	1730
12	14	Gore, James Ambrose	1672
13	89	Williams, Richard David	1642
14	19	Sharland, William F.	1640
15	7	Graves, Harry Robert	1635
16	42	Whitehead, Charles William	1618
17	15	Baily, John Augustus M.	1583
18	40	Broadbent, J. Braithwaite	1580
19	12	Barber, Christopher W. G.	1578
20	43	Pope, Edgar Howard	1565
21	54	Fearon, George Octavius	1533
22	3	Mitchell, Reginald A. L.	1514
23	29	Hardey, John George	1502
24	31	Simpson, Sidney James	1493
25	44	Pearson, Sydney John	1472
26	4	Longman, Frederick W.	1462
27	51	Brown, John Henry	1437
28	6	Seagrave, James Pullen	1413
29	34	Macqueen, William Baret	1027
30	38	Pedley, Alfred Llewellyn	1015

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for Election in April next.

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QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE October election for the Girls' School took place on Saturday, 11th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. R. Grey presided during the meeting, which was numerously attended. The result of the poll, so far as the successful candidates are concerned, will be found elsewhere, while the unsuccessful candidates stand with the following votes to carry forward.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total
29	Sharland, Kate		198	198
11	Beilby, Jessie Louisa	843	826	1669
8	Wheeler, May Amelia	891	678	1569
6	Bromley, Maude Mary	1028	540	1568
26	Greenwood, Gertrude Francis		1379	1379
13	Obey, Florence Jane		1347	1347
12	Relph, Florence Eleanor	502	817	1319
1	Hutchings, Jane Wheeler	630	275	905
17	Woodforde, Rose Isabel Marian		775	775
22	Smithers, Louisa Adelaide		560	560
19	Tanner, Edith Fanny		477	477
2	Godfrey, Mabel Harriet (last)	137	152	289
20	Mansell, Minnie Madeline		184	184
15	Holmes, Margaret E. M.		178	178
18	Smith, Rose Adelaide Marsac		56	56
28	Armstrong, Edith Jane (last), 65 votes polled.		Withdrawn.	

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Monday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Roebuck; for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution, and to consider the propositions of which notice had been given. The first of these, by W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., V.P.:—

"In Law 36, to insert, after the word 'Month,' in line 2, the words, 'September excepted.'"

was carried; as also was the second, by W. Bro. J. L. Mather, V.P., on behalf of the House Committee:—

"That Three Boys be Elected at the Quarterly General Court, on Monday, 13th October 1884, in addition to the twenty-seven boys as announced on the voting paper."

This concluded the business to be transacted previous to the elections. The poll was opened, and thirty boys were elected (a list of whom will be found in another part of this issue). The unsuccessful candidates, and the votes they will carry forward, were as follows:—

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List		Forward	Polled	Total
56	Warr, Charles Henry		754	754
23	Perkins, Frank	202	547	749
50	Richards, Walter John		687	687
25	Harvey, Lewis John T.	505	158	663
20	Dawson, Stanley Claude	349	245	594
1	Gale, Horace	418	170	588
13	Allan, John Sinclair B.	244	330	574
30	Musgrave, Percy White		481	481
9	Hildred, Benjamin Meeds	283	120	403
57	Henshaw, Harry Edwards		326	326
28	Knight, Samuel William	311		311
36	Kent, Fras. B. Brocksopp		307	307
32	McMillan, John Nicol		257	257
16	Warner, Arthur	224	6	230
35	Roddam, Cuthbert John G.		187	187
49	Lester, Isaac Harold		187	187
37	West, Algernon Sackville		170	170
21	Moore, Arthur	37	65	102
10	Crutchett, Albert Edmund	3	22	25
5	Green, James Murray	21	2	23
22	Mushens, Alfred Thompson	10	4	14
33	Cannon, George		11	11
53	Taylor, Albert		7	7
26	Manning, Frank Kingsley	4		4
8	Davis, Frederick Teilo	2		2
45	Richardson, Arthur Taylor			—
55	Kretschman, Leo			Withdrawn

Obituary.

—:o:—

BRO. JOHN CHARLES COX P.M. P.Z. 145, &c.

WE have this week to record the loss of another worthy Mason, one whose place it will be a difficult matter to fill—in the person of Bro. John Charles Cox, an old P.M. and P.Z. of the Prudent Brethren Lodge and Chapter. The remains of our late brother were interred in Brompton Cemetery on the 16th instant, a large number of brethren and companions attended to pay the last mark of respect to his memory. Among those present being Comp. N. B. Headon P.Z., T. Bull P.Z. and Treasurer, H. Venn P.Z. and S.E., Herbert Dicketts P.Z., T. Elsley M.E.Z. elect, C. Cottebrune, Bros. J. Reed P.M. 145, T. Doyle, Jenkins, and others.

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IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Is it not high time that some steps should be taken by constitutional authority to stop the flood of imposture which has of late so greatly increased, and which calls forth so much justifiable condemnation from our various Lodges? It is known that we are not the men to send away from our gatherings, empty handed, those who *deservedly claim* our sympathy and assistance. Our "refreshment after labour" would choke us if we had to think that a worthy "Lazarus" had been refused and was in want whilst we fared sumptuously. There is no reason whatever to enter into argument as to our willingness, and even desire to aid suffering and distressed brethren. But, the desire is checked and warm feelings of sympathy and brotherly love are chilled by the frequency of the impostures to which we are subject from the most unworthy of those who have been admitted (why admitted, or how admitted it is bootless to enquire now) to the light of our mysteries. Kindly insert the following letters, which I copy, *verbatim et literatim*, from originals in my possession :—

No. 1. Note paper, in pencil, printed heading—(?) how obtained.

Parish of St. Giles, Camberwell,
Board of Guardians,
Peckham Road, Camberwell, S.E.
14th Feby. 1884.

C. S. STEVENS,
Clerk.

Worshipful Sir & bro.

I am an Irish bro in great distress through affliction have been 3 months in the *Ophthalmic Hospital* & 3 wks in the above Infirmary awaiting the descission of the *G.L. of Ireland* which *I hope to hear from soon.*

I shall feel for ever grateful if your Lodge will grant me a little Relief *Bro Frere who visied me at the Infirmary advised me to make the case known to your Lodge which he told me meets to-night*

I have the *honour* &c.

Yours fraternally

J. DONOVAN.

555 Fermoy
Co. Cork.

Awaiting an answer.

This letter it appears (the italics are mine) was presented on the date, 14th February, to the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, at Camberwell, and, as I understand, relief was voted to J. Donovan from the Lodge funds. At this moment and without reference I cannot say whether or not I was present at Lodge on that occasion; but, at any rate, I had either not known, or had forgotten the existence of such letter or its writer, when, on the 9th instant, our W.M. asked me to examine, and ascertain the particulars of distress from an applicant who had sent into Lodge, just as it had closed, the following letter:—

No. 2. Plain note paper, written in ink, no address heading.

9th October 1884.

Worshipful Master,

I am Just come out of the Royal *Ophthalmic Hospital* Suffering from the worse kind of Retinitis Pigmentosa—My Mother Lodge has my case in hands to bring before *the Grand Lodge in Dublin* at their next meeting when I hope something permanent will be done for me. W. Sir, I am in great distress in fact starving. I shall feel for ever grateful for a little relief. *Bro. Allsopp advised me to make my case known to your Lodge which he told me met here to-night.* Shall be glad to answer any question which may be put to me. W. Sir, you may depend that the Architect of the Universe will prosper you in all your undertakings seeing that you have relieved an infirm Mason, being one of God's afflicted through his devine will. I applied to a Lodge at Loughboro Junction they even proved me in all the degrees and then took my address stating that they would send me some money in a few days but I have had to leave the Lodgings through not being able to pay and had to walk about this last 3 nights. I never knew a bro being sent away empty from any Lodge in Ireland.

I have the *honor* to remain,

Yours fraternally,

JNO. CROWLEY,

Late H.M.R.I. Constabulary. Cameronians 26.

The italics in this copy are mine, the handwriting of both letters corresponds, and the expressions used in both are so nearly alike that there cannot be a doubt that Donovan and Crowley are one and the same person. But this could not be known to me when I carried out our W.M.'s behest on Thursday last. In the ante-room I found a smooth-shaven man with moustache, who may possibly be thirty years of age or a little more, shabby, badly shod, and certainly afflicted in respect of eye-sight, so much so that I can be positive he could not distinguish my features except in a certain light. This fact appealed so much to sympathy that beyond "proving," hearing what he had to say as to the cause of his distress, and being assured by him that he was not making Masonry serve an unworthy purpose in his case, I was not over pressing, and on my return to the Lodge room suggested that he should have relief. The Lodge was closed but the brethren had arranged that an advance should be made from Lodge funds, and the vote carried at next meeting; and amongst themselves "whipped round" for present emergency. Then our Secretary, Bro. Messenger, had to see the man, and at once declared to me that we had been imposed on, for the same person had been relieved in Febuary last, and that he could produce the written application which would be amongst his papers at home. Crowley stoutly denied that he had ever before applied, or that he had been in London more than four months. He had the benefit of the doubt, and on his undertaking to see Bro. Potter (our Tyler) in the morning, with a letter from the medical man who had attended him in hospital, part of the subscribed money was handed to him, with a promise that if he could make the required assurance he should have the balance, and further help from another quarter. Bro. Messenger sent me letter No. 1 the day after, and said he did not anticipate I should have much trouble in coming to a conclusion that the same hand wrote both. Nor have I; and I feel sure that none of your readers will arrive at any other conclusion. Crowley could not present the letter he proposed to produce, but he did present himself in the other quarter referred to, probably thinking to further impose. But he had a "short shrift" for the balance of the amount subscribed for him on the 14th was handed over to him with directions for his speedy departure, and an assurance that he might consider his "little game" quite at an end as far as those Lodges which will take warning are concerned.

Excuse this lengthy narration, but it has been necessary to properly to explain all the circumstances relating to the "Donovan alias Crowley" imposition, and to further impress upon the Craft generally the absolute necessity for adopting some measures whereby these unworthy brethren shall be prevented from successfully pursuing their avocation, for avocation is the only proper word by which their begging appeals can be characterised. If it is said prevention is *impossible*, and it is not at all unusual when improvement in Masonic matters is suggested to find that word freely used; then I say the means have not been tried, and our organisation must be very defective indeed if our Lodges cannot be assisted in their earnest endeavours to discriminate and decide where they ought to refuse and where they ought to give assistance. I may write again on this subject, and probably put forth a scheme for consideration of those interested.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 14th October 1884.

We extract the following from the *Canadian Craftsman*.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an old Colonist, I have been observing with interest the various movements that have taken place in Australia for the purpose of forming independent Masonic governing bodies. In New South Wales and Victoria the leaders of such movements have permitted their ardour to outrun their discretion, and the consequences have been most lamentable. When the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales was formed there were in all eighty-six Lodges in that colony, made up of forty-seven under the English, thirty under the Scotch, and nine under the Irish Constitutions. Only twelve of these Lodges, and not one of the English Lodges, joined in the movement. In Victoria there were ninety-five Lodges, seventy under the English Constitution, ten under the Scotch, and fifteen under the Irish. Only eighteen of these combined to form the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria. Under such circumstances there could be no manner of doubt whatever as to the course to be pursued by the mother Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the illegally formed bodies in Australia are occupying at this moment a most unenviable position.

The formation of the Grand Lodge of South Australia has, on the other hand, been conducted on quite a different plan. In that colony there are thirty-three Lodges, thirty of which resolve to form a Grand Lodge. The thirty-three Lodges are made up of twenty English, six Scotch, and seven Irish Lodges. Of the three Lodges who were not content to join, two were Irish and one English, and one of these two Irish Lodges was virtually extinct—at any rate, it was not working. The movement, therefore, in South Australia, has been practically unanimous, and I am glad to observe that there is apparently every chance of the new governing body receiving complete recognition by the authorities at home.

In reading your editorial notes on the subject on Saturday last, I observe, as has been the case on former occasions, an obvious reluctance to admit either the right or the advantage of our colonial brethren to become Masonically independent. I sincerely hope that there is no wide-spread feeling of this kind. The Grand Lodge of England is enormously strong, but the retention under its rule of any unwilling section of the Brotherhood cannot add either to its influence or strength. I do not know what the ostensible reasons for independence are which you declare to be utterly baseless and untenable; but I know quite well what are the real reasons which lead colonies to desire self-government in Masonic matters, and I am well aware that those reasons are exceedingly ample. You say that "a minority in each English Lodge decline to join the movement." I do not see that this in any degree affects the question of recognition or otherwise. If it does, then we must proceed at once to expunge that portion of our printed charge which tells us that "a ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions passed by a majority of the brethren" is the imperative duty of every Freemason.

But if recognition is to be accorded at all, it should be granted *unconditionally*. To make any reservations, as suggested by you,

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would be to sow the seeds of future discord and dissension in South Australia, just as such a course pursued years ago across the Atlantic has done in the dominion. It does not require any large amount of worldly wisdom or common sense to perceive that to authorize an independent and practically irresponsible Lodge to remain working in open defiance of the legitimate local Masonic authority in any country, is to court future trouble and disaster. If thirty Lodges out of thirty-three are content to join the movement in question, the remaining three Lodges should, if they are animated by a true Masonic spirit, cheerfully acquiesce in what is plainly the desire of the Brotherhood as a body.

In Masonry, as in all systems of society, there are, of course, always to be found a few cantankerous people who will for ever oppose everything and everybody to the bitter end; but these are the very folks that ought to be least encouraged. They will never be of any real service to the Craft, and if left in the position of being able to occasion perpetual irritation and annoyance, they will, as in the case of Canada, eventually turn out to be a "casus belli."

I am,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

OUR INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS.

THE following table shows the annual average contributions of the various Provinces to the three Institutions for the seven years 1878-1884, with their respective totals:—

	BOYS.	BENEVOLENT.	GIRLS.		£ s d
London	5890 10 0	6927 12 3	5883 2 6	=	18701 4 9
Bedfordshire	5 11 0	—	6 18 0	=	12 9 0
Berks and Bucks	211 5 8	211 17 3	173 19 1	=	597 2 0
Bristol	11 14 0	—	36 6 0	=	48 0 0
Cambridgeshire	28 0 2	97 14 7	19 1 0	=	144 15 9
Cheshire	164 11 1	97 14 7	168 6 1	=	430 11 9
Cornwall	27 18 9	101 12 2	70 19 0	=	200 9 11
Cumberland and Westmoreland ...	180 8 7	25 10 3	57 7 0	=	263 5 10
Derbyshire	147 12 8	77 2 8	146 7 1	=	371 2 5
Devonshire	126 9 4	67 7 10	174 12 10	=	368 10 0
Dorsetshire	179 15 10	94 16 5	115 0 0	=	389 12 3
Durham	251 15 7	56 11 9	113 18 0	=	419 5 4
Essex	163 11 10	139 7 2	207 2 6	=	510 1 6
Gloucestershire	343 14 9	146 2 3	213 3 9	=	703 0 9
Hants and the Isle of Wight	268 18 11	204 19 9	348 19 7	=	1122 18 3
Herefordshire	7 15 10	—	1 5 8	=	9 1 6
Hertfordshire	113 12 3	356 3 8	136 19 4	=	606 15 3
Kent	674 3 9	311 16 5	369 8 1	=	1355 8 3
Lancashire (East)	499 3 0	718 4 9	163 9 8	=	1380 17 5
Lancashire (West)	546 2 9	213 11 5	201 18 0	=	961 12 2
Leicestershire and Rutland	104 7 2	95 1 3	76 11 0	=	275 19 5
Lincolnshire	25 8 0	9 16 4	13 10 0	=	48 14 4
Middlesex	270 5 3	332 0 3	316 11 2	=	918 16 8
Monmouthshire	99 9 0	70 8 10	70 10 0	=	240 7 10
Norfolk	96 11 3	39 2 5	52 17 4	=	188 11 0
North Wales and Salop	132 5 5	33 7 7	115 6 0	=	280 19 0
Norths and Hunts	30 15 0	125 9 3	—	=	156 4 3
Northumberland	265 18 7	—	29 19 3	=	295 17 10
Nottinghamshire	60 7 6	53 9 8	19 7 9	=	133 4 11
Oxfordshire	79 11 0	114 12 4	123 7 1	=	317 10 5
Somerset	127 7 1	105 18 2	156 7 5	=	389 12 8
S. Wales (East)	159 8 9	—	145 17 1	=	305 5 10
S. Wales (West)	95 10 0	80 17 10	114 2 1	=	290 9 11
Staffordshire	191 8 2	81 11 9	259 0 9	=	532 0 8
Suffolk	146 1 0	156 2 7	95 6 3	=	397 9 10
Surrey	126 5 4	234 2 3	104 11 8	=	464 19 3
Sussex	257 13 2	203 0 0	240 15 0	=	701 8 2
Warwickshire	169 12 3	31 2 9	320 15 2	=	521 10 2
Wiltshire	44 10 0	102 1 5	162 18 0	=	309 9 5
Worcestershire	189 13 2	78 3 0	134 2 0	=	401 18 2
Yorkshire (North and East)	191 12 0	159 2 3	157 11 5	=	508 5 8
Yorkshire (West)	609 7 5	890 17 10	710 0 0	=	2410 5 3
Channel Islands	45 0 0	73 19 0	—	=	118 19 0

ERRATA.—In the fourth line of my letter of 4th inst., *for* "girls at £32 per head," *read* "girls at £34 per head." In the heading of first column of figures, second table, *for* "Jan." *read* "July."

Fraternally yours,

P.M. 1607.

DERIVATION OF MASONIC WORDS.

TASSEL is one of those words which has lost one of its original meanings, as the meaning we affix to it is not to be found in the written language. I suppose it is the substantive corresponding to tesselated, and has been corrupted from tessara, Latin—tessere, French—and so to tessella and tassel. Tessara adie, is from the Greek word for four.

"Tessellated pavements, pavimentum tessallatum, a rich pavement of mosaic work made of curious small square marbles, bricks or tiles, called tesselœ, from the form of dice."—Rees's Cyclopædia.

"Some of the tesserarick work of the Romans has lately been dug up." (1712)—Sir R. Atkyn's History of Gloucester.

Mosaic. I can find no probable derivation of this word as applied to pavements. Obviously it has no reference to Moses in this sense. "Some," says Richardson, "derive it from the Greek word meaning neat or elegant; others suppose it a corruption of musaicon, from musivum." Mosaic work was called by the ancients opus muvium, and the workmen musicarii. The ancient mosaic gold (not the improved alloy of that name now in use, but a sulphuret of tin) was called by the alchemists aurum musicum. The word mosaic frequently occurs among the early English authors.

"But where it is made of lesser stones, or rather morsels of them, assisted with small squares of thick glass, of which some are gilded or cemented in the stuc or plaster, it is called mosaick work opus musicum."—Evelyn, p 423.

"Each beauteous flower,
Iris all hues, roses, and jessamin,
Rear'd high their flourish'd heads between
and wrought Mosaic."
—Milton—Paradise Lost, Bk. IV.

Burke, in his celebrated speech on American Taxation, in a magnificent description of Lord Chatham's Cabinet (then dissolved) uses the following graphic metaphor:

"He made an administration so checked and speckled—he put together a piece of joining so crossly indented and whimsically dovetailed—a Cabinet so variously inlaid—such a piece of diversified mosaic—here a tessellate pavement without cement—here a bit of black, and there a bit of white—patriots and courtiers, king's friends and Republicans, Whigs and Tories, treacherous friends and open enemies—that it was indeed a very curious show, but utterly unsafe to touch and unsure to stand on."

—*Hebrew Leader.*

Bro. J. H. Jennings announces his Annual Benefit at the Oxford for the 29th instant.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7.
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8.
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7
1626—Tredevar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
468—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.

1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8.
1602—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere

R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30
1509—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8.
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington.
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7.
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8.
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8
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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall
1062—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, 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.
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30.
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8.
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Ponnin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7.

1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8.

R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8.

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 805—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30
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
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8.
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30
1558—D Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8.
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell.
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8
1744—Royal Savoy, York-shire Grey, London Street, W., at 8
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30.
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington

R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E

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R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1506—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1872—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 304—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset

FRIDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

*453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1831—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel Eastbourne
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Bentley Haynes W.M., Haller S.W., Walker J.W. and Secretary, Haynes S.D., Ruse J.D., Steed I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Buggins, Healy, Read, and Rich. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Buggins and Rich respectively candidates; in the third degree the W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Read J.W. 1348 was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Heller was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the annual supper be held at Bro. Maidwell's, on Tuesday, 11th November, at seven o'clock. The Audit meeting, however, will be held earlier on the same evening. Bros. Rich, Haller, and Ruse have been appointed Auditors.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—At the meeting held on 13th instant, at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, W., Bros. Chandler W.M., Vincent W.M. 1139 S.W., Cruttenden J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Preceptor and Treasurer, Debane P.M. 1543 Secretary, Mason S.D., Mote J.D., Death Steward, Ferris I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Chalfont 1425, Spiegel 188, Nicols 1974; Purdue W.M. 884; Bros. Brown, Sanndy, Lichtenfeld, Green, Robinson, Wadham, Carsons, Chapman, Webb, and Taylor. Visitors—Bros. Day 1641, Batley 1257. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren Bros. Day and Batley were elected members. Bro. Vincent was elected W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Stratton for his gift of a piece of Lodge furniture.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Woodman S.W. 1950 W.M., Rhodes S.W., Western J.W., Stretch S.D., Snook J.D., Collings I.G., Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor. P.M.'s Bros. Isaac, Killick, Cusworth, Goddard; also Bros. Hunt, Telfer, Rhodes, Goddard, Atterton, Potter, Dixie, Turner, Weeden. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Potter acting as candidate. Bros. Potter and Atterton answered questions leading to second degree, but being only E.A.'s were not entrusted. Bro. Weeden worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Potter and Atterton were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Rhodes was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 11th instant, at the Hampshire Hog Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Davis W.M., G. Garner S.W., Hayes J.W., G. Corstin acting Secretary, J. Brown S.D., W. H. Wilson J.D., Arthur Williams I.G.; Past Master Bro. E. Ayling Preceptor, and several other brethren. After Lodge had been formally opened, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. V. Wing and Furze acting as candidates. Bro. Gardner was appointed W.M. for next meeting. Bros. Fisher P.M., W. W. Morgan, Cutbush, and Price were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes in favour of Bro. Alfred Bishop, who had most generously presented the Lodge of Instruction with a handsome carpet. Bro. Fisher announced the result of the election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which had taken place that afternoon. He was much gratified at being able to state that, thanks to the support he had met with from the Masons of the West of London, he had been successful in securing the return of their candidate A. F. Hughes. In announcing this result, he could also state that the brethren might be congratulated on the fact that no votes had been wasted. The child they were interested in was the lowest on the list of those who were successful. After one or two other matters had received attention, Lodge was closed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, East London Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel-road (near the London Hospital), on Monday evening, 20th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. B. Stewart J.D. 1278, will preside. Bros. W. Richardson 174 S.W., W. McDonald P.M. 1445 J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 1445 Preceptor I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. T. Loane, Twinn, Pearcy, Robson, C. Robson, G. H. Stephens, McDonald. Second Lecture—Bros. R. Brittain, Kimbell, J. Dale, W. Richardson, J. West. Third Lecture—Bros. W. Musto, Moss, B. Cundick. Bro. J. A. Robson W.M. 1445 Hon. Secretary.

In Germany there is a strong movement to exclude Jews from becoming Freemasons. We learn that there are no less that sixty anti-Semitic Lodges. The Crown Prince, however, who is well known to be an enthusiastic Mason, holds the anti-Semitic movement to be a disgrace to our time, and has several times expressed himself to this effect in his Lodge.—*Jewish World.*

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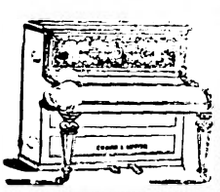
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IN the hurry of closing our last article we made what many will no doubt consider an important slip. We said that "Kloss, according to Findel, included this"—the grant of privileges to G. Stewards' Lodge "among the causes of the Schism." Now, "Kloss, according to Findel," see p 173 of the latter's "History of Freemasonry," expresses it as his opinion that "this" and another innovation he specifies of still earlier date, "although totally opposed to the Masonic spirit of equality, were not by any means a sufficient reason for disunion in the Fraternity." We shall not stop to palliate our slip by suggesting—what indeed was in our mind at the time of writing—that matters which "were not by any means a sufficient reason" may nevertheless very well have been among the *contributing* reasons. Judging from the context, Kloss probably did not think they were, and to his shade, therefore, as well as to his interpreter, Findel, we offer this apology. But the slip does not seriously affect our theory, the principal objection to which will not improbably be that the period of time which elapsed between such grant of privileges and the establishment of the schismatic G. Lodge was too great for the latter to have been directly the outcome of the former. In order to meet this objection, we must repeat a statement we made in our last paper, to the effect that the angry feelings excited by the grant of these privileges cannot have come to an end with the close of the angry debate which took place in Grand Lodge on the 11th December 1735 and resulted in "so much confusion," when the question whether the grant should be confirmed or not was put to the vote, "that it was not possible for the Grand Officers to determine with any certainty what the numbers on either side of the question were." We must also again point out that the so-called "Ancient" Lodges, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, whose Masters were "authorised" at the General Assembly at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, on the 17th July 1751, "to grant dispensations and warrants and act as Grand Master," did not spring into existence all of a sudden in a state of complete organisation. Thus the angry feeling would be carried onward from December 1735, while the existence of the schismatic Lodges enumerated must be carried back to some as yet unknown date of irregular constitution prior to July 1751. Then there is nothing extravagant in suggesting that the anger thus aroused, even though it might have remained dormant for a year or two, would break out afresh, and even fiercer than ever, owing to the greater stringency shown in 1739 and later against "irregular makings." But the date commonly assigned by trustworthy authorities for that secession from the ranks of the Regular Grand Lodge of 1717 which culminated in 1753 in the establishment of its "Ancient" rival is "about 1738"—see Preface Gould's "Atholl Lodges," &c.; and, though it may not be capable of proof for lack of positive evidence in favour of the proposition, there is nothing unreasonable in attributing the origin of a secession which began "about 1738" to a circumstance which stirred up so much angry feeling in December 1735. The dates are proximate enough for the events which belong to them respectively to be associated together as cause and effect. Then, if we take the other end of the interval, namely, 1753, when the schismatic Grand Lodge was formed, it is possible to work backwards, though not, perhaps, to any great extent. The official Calendar says that "for some few years prior to 1753, the 'Seceders' were governed by a Grand Committee." We have already shown, by a quotation from Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," that a General Assembly of the schismatics was held at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, on the 17th July 1751, when the W.M.'s of Lodges Nos. 2-7 were "authorised to grant dispensations and warrants and to act as Grand Master." In the same work it is shown how Laurence Dermott was elected Grand Secretary on 5th February 1752 in succession to Bro. Morgan, and that on 14th September 1752, there occurs, in the "Transactions of the Grand Committee," the following passage, namely:—"For Dermott never received any copy or manuscript of the former 'Transactions' from Mr. Morgan, late Grand Secretary. Nor does Laurence Dermott, the present Grand Secretary, think that Bro. Morgan did keep any book of Transactions. Though there is no certainty that he did not." Thus it is on record that on 17th July 1751 there were six schismatic Lodges fully organised, though for how long a time they had been in such a condition it is impossible to say; as Bro. Gould expresses it in somewhat grandiose fashion—"the *Constitutions*" of these Lodges "range beyond historical investigation." In Bro. Northouck's note, quoted by Bro. Hughan, relative to the year 1739, we read that the decision adopted in that year to stringently enforce the laws against "irregular makings," so far apparently from having the desired effect of stamping out the irregularity, "irritated the brethren who had incurred the censure of the Grand Lodge; who, instead of returning to their duty, and renouncing their error, persisted in their contumacy, and openly refused to pay allegiance to the Grand Master, or obedience to the mandates of the Grand Lodge. In contempt of the ancient and established laws of the Order, they set up a power independent," and from what we read a little further on, they seem to have presumed so far as "to claim the right of constituting lodges." Preston, speaking of the same year, writes—we are quoting from the passage as given in Findel—"Lord Raymond was succeeded by the Marquis of Carmarthen in May 1739; and under his lordship's auspices the lodges were numerous and respectable. Notwithstanding the flourishing state of the Society, however, irregularities continued to prevail, and several worthy brethren, still adverse to the encroachments on the established system of the institution, seemed to be highly disgusted at the proceedings of the regular Lodges. Complaints were preferred at every succeeding Committee, and their conferences were fully employed in adjusting differences and reconciling animosities. More secessions taking place, it became necessary to pass votes of censure on the most refractory, and enact laws to discourage irregular associations of the Fraternity. This brought the power of the Grand Lodge in question; and in opposition to the laws which had been established in that assembly, Lodges were formed without any legal warrant, and persons initiated into Masonry for small and unworthy considerations." There is nothing to show how soon after the measures taken in 1739 by the regular Grand Lodge this claim of the seceders to establish Lodges was acted upon. What we know is, that six Lodges which did not derive their existence from the Grand Lodge were in full constitu-

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tion on the 17th July 1751. The attempt to trace these Lodges to their creation would be useless. It is sufficient for us to know that the seceders organised themselves into Lodges and that in July 1751 there were six of them already in full working order.

Thus, then, stands our theory. At the close of 1735 the special privileges assigned to the newly constituted Grand Stewards' Lodge caused such a commotion in Grand Lodge that the question whether their grant should be confirmed or not had to be left undecided. It is reasonable, however, to suppose that the angry feelings thus engendered did not die out, but that, on the contrary, they would be fanned into a fresh flame every time that a fresh subject of strife, or an old one revived, made its appearance in Grand Lodge. "About 1738"—or to give Brother Hughan's date, in 1739—the squabbles in Grand Lodge attained to such a degree of intensity that a large number of the brethren, rather than put up with the encroachments of Grand Lodge on the freedom of private Lodges, seceded and began, sooner or later after their secession, setting up Lodges in defiance of the authority of Grand Lodge. This course of hostility progressed so far that in 1751 there were already six such Lodges fully constituted, to whose Masters was delegated the duty of granting dispensations and warrants, and acting as Grand Master. There was also a Grand Committee with a Grand Secretary (Brother Morgan), who may or may not have kept a record of the transactions that occurred; and in December 1753 the schismatics elected Brother Robert Turner, of their Lodge No. 15, to be their Grand Master. Brother Hughan has shown, as far as it is possible, that the differences of ritual between the regulars and schismatics were of no great account, while it is clear that the grant of special privileges to any particular body under Grand Lodge would involve a clear and emphatic departure from the fundamental principles of the Society. Other causes of dissension would, as we know they did, arise from time to time, which would have the effect of slowly but surely widening the breach which the tendency on the part of Grand Lodge towards a more absolute and supreme authority over the Lodges was causing, but to all such must be assigned a place among the effects. There had been "irregular makings" before 1735, but the differences created by them had disappeared after a time, especially when there appeared to be anything like a tendency towards conciliating the goodwill of the Craft. But the establishment of a Lodge such as the Grand Stewards', and its endowment with unheard of privileges, was an outrage on the principles of Freemasonry, and we find that, after its establishment, the grievance as to "irregular makings" broke out afresh and was not amicably determined, as it had been previously. On the contrary, the authors of the grievance, so far from showing any disposition, as they had before done, to accept the censure of the authorities, boldly turned round and set them at defiance, and, as an illustration of the length to which they were determined to carry their hostility, they claimed the right to form Lodges to such purpose that within a dozen years from the date ordinarily assigned for the secession they had half a dozen Lodges fully organised, with a Grand Committee charged to administer their affairs, and a Grand Secretary to communicate its measures to the brethren. In the circumstances as we have described them—and we have done our best to describe them as accurately as possible—we believe we are justified in formulating the theory that the great cause which led to the Schism was the grant of these special privileges to the Grand Stewards' Lodge in direct contravention of the principles of our Fraternity.

We trust Brother Hughan will excuse our having for the moment lost sight of the main purpose of this series of articles. Our excuse, and we hope he will allow its validity, must be that it is the collation of his "Premonitions of the Schism," which has induced us to say a few words about the Schism itself.

(To be continued.)

An Emergency Meeting of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, will be held on Monday next, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, for the purpose of passing a resolution, congratulating Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., on the completion of his hundredth year, and will be followed by a representative Masonic banquet, which the five Jewish Lodges of London have united to secure a success for. We hope to give full particulars in our next issue.

WORK AND LECTURES.

THE following sentences pertaining to the Ritual, which fell from the lips of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, J. Edward Simmons, in June last, were received with evident gratification by the large assembly, more especially as they felt the importance and truthfulness of the language which awoke a feeling of pride—Grand Master Simmons said,—"It cannot have escaped the notice of the brethren that the jurisdiction of New York is the only one that has succeeded in making the State ritual a success. Yet such is the case, for go where you will throughout the State you will find the several degrees represented in absolutely the same form, and that a brother from any Lodge in the State can take part in the work according to the standard fixed by the Grand Lodge. There are, however, some peculiarities about the work that have excited unfavourable comment, and the question of a revision of the ritual has frequently been considered by Grand Lodge."

Grand Master Simmons then announced that in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the preceding Session of the Grand Lodge, he had appointed a Special Committee of seven, consisting of Bros. R. T. Griggs, C. T. McClenachan, Reon Barnes, Floyd Clarkson, Robert Bonynge, Charles W. Brown, and William Sherer, who with the Grand Lecturer, George H. Raymond, should make it their duty to carefully consider the whole subject of revising the ritual and report to the Grand Lodge. For six months that Committee faithfully discharged its duties, meeting frequently, holding lengthy sessions and thoroughly digesting the entire subject. The result has been made known but not as yet felt, the advantages are coming.

The exoteric portion was separated by the Committee from the esoteric, and the Grand Lodge in pursuance of a recommendation ordered the same to be printed for the use of Lodges, for which a small charge is to be made. It is anticipated the aggregate will not immaterially benefit the Trust Fund. Absolute uniformity will result throughout the State from this important step. The Committee reported that the present system of exemplification of the esoteric work would insure unanimity, and recommended that the Grand Lecturer be continued in his excellent work.

The Committee did not report that the ritual was without defects and faults, but that radical changes were not necessary and the minor difficulties were important, that personal preferences had been yielded to the common good and a hearty unanimous report was the result. No changes were recommended. The Committee trusted, however, that a less forcible symbolism would be exercised at the South, West and East gates. Furthermore, that while the Constitutions prohibited other than the Standard Work under pains and penalties, many "honoured, studious, intelligent, and devoted members of the Fraternity at times practise work other than that approved and determined by the Grand Lodge." And "inasmuch as it is desirable that brethren be permitted to teach moral and instructive lessons in their own language that permission thereto be given under certain prescribed limits and conditions and in connection with the Standard Work, provided such teachings are in harmony therewith." The Committee accordingly considered how liberty might be given without endangering the Standard Work, and "earnestly recommended that authority be given brethren to point out moral, instructive or interesting lessons, provided such teachings or recitations are clearly in addition to, and not in conflict with, the Standard Work adopted and determined by the Grand Lodge."

All these matters the Grand Lodge approved, and further, continued the Committee until the next Annual Session to the end that the Grand Lecturer may have the efficient support of said Committee in the enforcement of the will of the Grand Lodge regarding Work and Lectures.

It was a matter of great surprise to the Committee to discover that so few changes had occurred in the last two decades, while in consequence of Grand Lodge differences many and important were the changes that had theretofore continually occurred.

Changes will naturally take place in time in the phraseology and illustration of the Lectures of the Lodge in order to conform to the advance of philology and literature in the many departments of learning, but the course pursued by the Grand Lodge at its last session has been

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one that will be most effective to prevent them; for there is filed with the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the exoteric or monitorial portion of the Work, and the constant schooling of the Grand Lecturer and his Assistants will bar changes in the balance of the Ritual. Of course no one looks for any change in the symbolism, the philosophy or the mystic teachings, nor can there readily be a change in a sentence or scarcely even a word.

We, however, give an example of a change in the early ritual of the Fraternity; say the middle of the last century, when the following question and answer were invariable:

"Ques. What does Geometry teach?

"Ans. The Art of Measuring, whereby the Egyptians found out their own Land, or the quantity, which they had before the overflowing of the River Nile, that frequently used to water the country; at which time they fled to the mountains till it went off again, and this made them have continual quarrels about their land."

Contrast this with the following from the Lectures of the present day: "Geometry treats of the powers and properties of magnitudes in general, where length, breadth, and thickness are considered, from a point to a line, and from a line to a superfice, and from a superfice to a solid. By this science the Architect is enabled to construct his plans and execute his designs; the General to arrange his soldiers; the Engineer to mark out grounds for encampments; the Geographer to give us the dimensions of the world and all things therein contained, to delineate the extent of seas, and specify the divisions of empires, kingdoms, and provinces. By it, also, the Astronomer is enabled to make his observations, and to fix the duration of times and seasons, years and circles. In fine, Geometry is the foundation of Architecture and the root of the Mathematics."

When Calcott, Hasletine and Entick, about the middle of the last century, commenced formulating Ritual, system and uniformity followed. The first systematic form of degrees came into use about 1772, when the bright Masonic student Preston gave to the Fraternity in England his version, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge. These were favoured by Ireland and Scotland; and so, materially stood, the ritual until the United Grand Lodge in 1813, conformed all difficulties and ritual matter as well. As to our American system, the paternity belongs to Webb, who added to and eliminated from the Preston work until it was scarcely "a chip of the old block."

The times change, men change, and ritual is not and can not be more stable than man, for man is superior to all institutions. Let us close with the version of the Universal daily prayer as recited in the eleventh century, and observe if there is any change there:

"Our Fadir that art in hevenys, Halewid be thi name, Thi kingdom come to, Be thi will in erthe, as in hevene. Give to us this day our breed iver other substance, And forgive to us our dettis, as we forgive our dettouris, And lede us not into temptacioun. But lede delyuere us from evyel. Amen."—*Hebrew Leader.*

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

THE *Edinburgh Review* says: The skill, the art, the mighty toil that have been devoted to the adornment and the decoration of this ancient place of worship have been of extraordinary magnitude. The grandest legacy of Egyptian antiquity, the Great Pyramid, demanded, indeed, a large amount of naked human labour; But in Moriah there is a compulsion of the features of nature herself to the service of the builder. In the actual bulk the Great Pyramid is to the Temple Rock as five to nine, if we descend but as far as from the sills of the five double gates of the mountain of the house. If we carry the comparison to the level at which the lowest foundation of the walls is inlaid in the rock at the angles of the enclosure, the bulk is three times that of the Great Pyramid. The cubic contents of the Masons' work may not amount to a tenth part of that piled up by Sophis. But the hill has been honey-combed by chambers and galleries; and the declining part to the south, covered with vaults and arches, to which Gheezen can show no parallel. No merely artificial structure could have so successfully resisted the resolute efforts of the two greatest military nations of the ancient world to destroy its existence and obliterate its memory. No other monument, long surviving the era of Asiatic and Italian power, can ever, like the noble Sanctuary, mark by its very ruins the successive periods of its glory and its fall! If we regard not so much the evidence of the labour devoted to the work of the Temple as the effect produced on the mind by its apparent magnitude, we may suggest the following comparisons:

The length of the eastern wall of the Sanctuary is rather more than double that of one side of the great Pyramid. Its height, from the foundation on the rock at the south, and near the northern angles, was nearly a third of that of the Egyptian structure. If to this great height of one hundred and fifty-two feet of solid wall be added the descent of one hundred and fourteen feet to the bed of the Kedron, and the further elevation of one hundred and sixty feet attained by the pinnacle of the Temple porch, we have a total height of four hundred and twenty-six feet, which is only fifty-nine feet less than that of the great Pyramid. The area of the face of the eastern wall is more than double that of one side of the Pyramid. Thus, the magnitude of the noble Sanctuary of Jerusalem far exceeded that of any other temple in the world. Two amphitheatres of the size of the Colosseum would have stood within its colossal girdle and left room to spare.

The Colosseum is said to have seated eighty thousand spectators, and accommodated twenty-two thousand more in its arena and passages. For such a number to have been crammed within its circle, the space for each person must have been limited to seventeen by twenty inches. Allowing two cubits each way, or four square cubits for each worshipper in the Temple, the Sanctuary would have contained thirty thousand; the Chel, excluding the Priests' Court, twenty thousand more, and there would yet have been room in the great court and the cloisters to make the total reach more than two hundred and ten thousand.

The October meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. J. H. Matthews Grand Standard Bearer as Junior Vice-President. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke the Grand Secretary was present, and there was a large gathering of brethren. The first business was the confirmation of recommendations to the Grand Master made at the September meeting to the amount of £235. The new list contained the names of no less than forty petitioners. The localities from whence they came were Barton-on-Humber, West Hartlepool, Jersey, Warrington, Mottram, Worcester, Grantham, Gateshead, Sutton Coldfield, Constantinople, Dunstable, Poonah, Salford, Todmorden, Alershot, Ilminster, Guernsey, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newnham, Newark, Calcutta, Windsor, Falmouth, Exeter, and London. Five of the cases were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1160. This was composed of four grants of £100 each, one of £75, six of £50 each, four of £30 each, eight of £20 each, ten of £10 each, and one of five.

A warrant has been granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for a new Masonic Lodge, for Portsmouth, which will be conducted on temperance principles, at the Soldiers' Institute.

The Winter Number of *Society*, which will be issued in the first week in November, promises to be about the best sixpennyworth ever yet known. Besides a Cartoon by Phil May, entitled the "Seven Ages of Society," and containing about 200 Portraits of Celebrities in all sections of life—dramatic, scientific, artistic, musical, literary, clerical, political, &c., the Winter Number will contain "Julian Vanneck," an Original Story, specially written for *Society*, by Hugh Conway, author of "Called Back," "How Will It Be," a Poem by Clement Scott; "A Marrage in Heaven," by Henry Herman, joint author of the "Silver King," "Claudian," &c.; "The Ghost's Love," an Original Story by George Manville Fenn; "The Seven Ages of Society," a Poem by Horace Leonard; "The Heiress," a Story by W. Outram Tristam, author of "Julian Trevor;" "Hands All Round," a Christmas Story by C. Haddon Chambers; "How I Found Her," a Poem by T. McDonald Rendle; Should Ladies Dine in Public?" by Howard Paul, &c.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps, One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

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BRO. HUGHAN'S BOOK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was sorry to read a letter written in such questionable taste and exhibiting so much of the silly petulance of a spoiled child as that of Bro. Gould, which you quoted a fortnight since from the pages of the Philadelphia *Keystone*. I endorse every word he says in praise of Bro. Hughan's new work, but I consider that in stepping out of his way to criticise thus patronisingly the production of a brother author, he has shown an amazing want of delicacy of feeling. There is in Masonry no *censor literarum* as there was in ancient Rome a *censor morum*. By this I mean there is no one entitled by prescription or officially to decide off-hand whether a book which is submitted to our reading public is good, bad, or indifferent. This duty—if indeed it can be considered a duty at all—is fulfilled by a body of men recruited from all parts, and exhibiting a greater or less degree of competency for their task according to the attainments, abilities, and experience they severally possess—I refer to the "Reviewers of the Craft" upon whom Bro. Gould has been pleased to bestow the distinction of inverted commas. I believe it is pretty generally allowed that, though by no means infallible, these "Reviewers" do what is required of them conscientiously, to the best of their ability, and with an exceeding tenderness for the reputation of those authors whose writings they are invited to criticise. Indeed, I am given to understand they are mostly gentlemen as well as critics, and that if ever they forget themselves and say in haste what they would rather have left unsaid, they are always willing, and even anxious, to make atonement for their forgetfulness. This much I think I may venture to say generally in their behalf.

Bro. Gould's apparent object in writing this letter is to let the world know his opinion of Bro. Hughan's work, notwithstanding he disclaims all idea of wishing to anticipate the verdict of the *Keystone* critic, and he seems to have done this so ostentatiously that I confess if I were Bro. Hughan I would rather have been pitched into by him. But his real object, I take it, is to proclaim everywhere that he has a grievance against the "Reviewers of the Craft," because they have had the presumption to condemn unanimously some of the conclusions at which he has arrived in his "History of Freemasonry." I judge also from the concluding paragraph of his letter that they, or some of them, have not exhibited that "tone and temper," which is, or should be, part of the critic's stock in trade. I shall not follow Bro. Gould's example and constitute myself the mouthpiece of the "Reviewers" as a body, as he appears to have constituted himself the absolute and unimpeachable authority on the Masonic literary productions of the day. But, speaking for myself only, I have to state that I cannot call to mind one passage in my review of his work, though it extended to several articles, in which, if I had occasion to differ with him in opinion, I forgot the respect due to him and myself. I am not conscious of having anywhere exhibited any want of fairness or of consideration for him personally, neither can I recal a single instance in which the "tone and temper" of my remarks were in anywise incompatible with the requirements of polite discussion. As I am speaking from memory, I may of course be in error in saying this; but in any circumstances I shall be glad if Bro. Gould will specify those portions of my review which are justly liable to any other charge than that of containing opinions on debateable matters which are at variance with his. I must also ask him to modify, so far as I am concerned, the statement about the "unanimous censure" he has incurred from the "Reviewers of the Craft," by pointing out that while, in the honest exercise of my judgment, I may have felt it necessary to differ with him about the Wren tradition, and it may be some other points of comparatively small importance, I have expressed myself in terms of almost unqualified admiration of the greater portion of his work.

I hope I shall be excused for suggesting further that, as Bro. Gould has been most unfortunate in the manner of his criticism, so likewise has he been unfortunate in the selection of his medium for making it public. His want of delicacy in ostentatiously patting Bro. Hughan on the back I have already noticed, but I would also point out that it is no part of a critic's duty to measure out praise and blame as a chemist measures out the constituents of a pill or powder, so many grains of one to so many scruples of another, and so on. The critic damns a thing off-hand which is worthless, but he praises what is worthy of praise generously, without troubling himself about those minor shortcomings which the best among us are sometimes guilty of. Just imagine a man remarking, for the sake of example—"Mr. A. B. C. is a man of noble disposition; but unfortunately he has a wart on his nose." As to the want of an index to Bro. Hughan's book, I fancy he would be puzzled to furnish a better substitute for one than he has furnished already in his "Table of Contents." Lastly, if we are to understand that Bro. Gould is writhing under the "unanimous censure" of the "Reviewers of the Craft" in this country, has been treated by them unfairly and disrespectfully, and has, in short, been condemned without benefit of clergy, why, in the name of all that is reasonable, does he write to Philadelphia to say so? Why has he not addressed himself to you, Sir, and the Editor of the *Freemason*, complaining of the unjust and ungenerous treatment he considers he has met with at the hands of your and his reviewer? I feel morally certain both you and he would afford him every opportunity for resenting aspersions that may have been cast upon him, as well as for defending his own theories. I can only express my surprise and regret that so obvious a way of meeting the censure of the "Reviewers" has not occurred to him.

I remain,

Faithfully and fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER OF BRO. GOULD'S "HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY."

THE LATE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The result sheets of the late elections show a greater waste of votes than I, a constant Scrutineer for some years, have ever seen. For instance, out of 35,330 votes issued for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 4,522 were not recorded; and out of 51,613 for Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 6438, out of 87,000, in round numbers, were wasted. 11,000 were thrown away. This shows two or three things; either indifference of the owners, or want of energy on the part of those who undertake the conduct of cases; or, perhaps even worse, a dog in the manger policy;—they are no use to me, and nobody else shall have them without a quid pro quo.

The changes which will take place in the Schools by the end of January next are as follows:—Boys—London 52-51, Berks and Bucks 2-1, Channel Islands 2-3, Derby 3-4, Devon 3-5, Dorset 7-5, Durham 5-4, Gloucester 3-4, Kent 6-5, Lancashire (East) 9-12, Lancashire (West) 5-6, Lincoln 5-7, Norfolk 2-4, Northumberland 3-4, Somerset 4-5, Stafford 2-3, Sussex 4-5, Warwick 7-5, Yorkshire (West) 22-19, North Wales and Salop 5-3, South Wales 3-1. The others remain the same. Girls—London 79-73, Hants 13-14, Herts 2-3, Kent 13-14, Lancashire (East) 9-8, Lancashire (West) 7-6, Northumberland 1-2, Somerset 7-5, Stafford 2-4. There are some Provinces which ought to bestir themselves, and bear their fair share of the expense, and not leave all the burden upon others' shoulders.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

8 Thurloe-place, S.W., 20th October 1884.

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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Principles of Physiognomical Hairdressing. With Illustrations. By Joseph Lichtenfeld, author of "Modern Hairdressing." Published by the author, 39 Great Castle-street, Oxford Circus, London, W. Price 2s 6d.

PEOPLE will not unnaturally ask "What next?" when they read so formidable a title in connection with so ordinary a process as that of dressing the hair. Many indeed will be inclined to ridicule the idea of hairdressing being treated scientifically. However, if they will only be at the trouble of reading Mr. Lichtenfeld's treatise, they will probably see good reason for retracting their opinion. Mr. Lichtenfeld has worked his subject up admirably. The reader will have no difficulty in following him, his instructions are so reasonable and so clearly expressed. The illustrations are numerous and well executed, and as they and the letter-press have been fitted together in such a manner that each illustrates the other perfectly, it will be a task of some difficulty for the reader not to master the author's theory. We commend the work, especially to our fair friends, for whose special benefit inded Mr. Lichtenfeld appears to have reduced his ideas to a regular and sensible system.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, 21st inst., at the White Hart, Cannon Street, and notwithstanding its removal from its old and well-known quarters at the Jamaica Tavern, so far from suffering from its removal additional interest is felt in its prosperity, as is evinced by the large numbers who attend and the new members constantly added to that honourable roll of those embraced in this supreme degree. This may readily be accounted for, as in this Chapter all who aspire to distinction in this degree, by attending to the pure instruction here freely given, cannot fail to attain to the highest honours which this supreme degree can confer. Companion Brown is the talented Preceptor, and his genial manners, not less than his intelligence, renders instruction in this Chapter anything but an irksome acquirement. On Tuesday last the Officers were Comps. Daniel Z., Smart H., George J., Wells S.N., and Webb P.S.; also Comps. Beedell, Forss, Fraser, Anderson, Powell, Veal, Roberts, Haynes, Brown and Langdon. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Roberts being the candidate. A telegram was received from Comp. Child (who was to have occupied the chair of Z.), expressing his inability to be present. A very cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given to Comp. Beedall for having presented to the Chapter cards announcing the meeting, and also the time and place. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed and the convocation adjourned until Tuesday, the 28th inst.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The blood being the very essence of health and life, it is most essential that it should be thoroughly purified before the depressing influences of winter display themselves. These Pills will accomplish this purification in a safe and satisfactory manner, and put the circulation in that desirable condition which alone can rightly form flesh, bone, muscle, nerve and skin. Capricious appetites, weak digestions, torpid livers, and irregular bowels are corrected by this potent medicine, which may be truly said to induce "a sane mind in a sound body." Holloway's Pills possess the remarkable property of cleansing without weakening. While purifying, they are strengthening and adding to those enjoyments of life which health and vigour can alone bestow.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge having been advanced, Bros. Harry Howe, Josiah G. Carter, and Frederic Stat-field were raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. T. Markland, the I.P.M. of the past year performing the ceremony, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Cox the W.M. The same brother also worked the second degree on behalf of Bro. George Edwards, and then the ballot was taken for Mr. David Charles Tyrie, who was a candidate for initiation. The result proved unanimous in his favour, and he will doubtless be initiated at an early date. Mr. John Donnelly, another candidate for initiation, who had already been balloted for, being present, was admitted to a participation in the benefits of Freemasonry, Bro. Markland again acting as W.M. Bro. H. Cox now assumed his place in the Lodge, and having had the W.M. elect—Bro. Alfred Charles Rawlings—duly presented to him, proceeded to instal that brother into the chair, the Board of Masters comprising eighteen members. On the readmission of the brethren the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, and then he appointed the following Officers:—Bros. F. Coughlan S.W., O. D. Ward J.W., J. G. Unite P.M. Treasurer, E. Witts P.M. Secretary, R. Coulthard S.D., W. J. Forscott J.D., W. R. Brown I.G., J. Maples P.M. D.C., H. Mann jun. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, R. J. Taylor Past Master, and H. Barham Stewards, R. Hughes Org., T. Bowler Tyler. The ceremony of installation was completed in the ordinary manner. The name of a candidate for initiation was handed in. The Charity votes belonging to the Lodge were apportioned. Bro. Cox, the I.P.M., made an appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which Charity he announced his intention of acting as Steward at the Festival in February next; a sum of ten guineas was voted, on the proposition of Bro. R. J. Taylor, from the Lodge funds, to head Bro. Cox's list. Other matters of detail were disposed of, and then the Lodge was closed. Among the visitors were Bros. J. W. T. Chapman W.M. 1922, B. Kershaw I.P.M. 733, J. R. Peile 198, J. H. Matthews 1947, M. L. Larlham P.M. 1216, G. W. Evans S.W. 1922, J. J. Marsh W.M. 1326 P.G.P. Middlesex, C. Tayler W.M. 1624, Clifford White P.M. 299, J. J. Thomas J.D. 753, F. J. Wray W.M. 1257, A. Brooks 749, W. G. Dickins P.M. 860, C. J. Brown S.D. 733, Horace White 1257, John Chapman A.W.S. 1257, H. Baldwin S.W. 1949 P.G. Std. B. Middlesex, W. Bennion 173, R. Baker P.M. 1257, C. Arkell P.M. 192, J. Mason P.P.S.G.D. Middlx., J. H. Howard 72, T. J. Woolls 1475, L. Barnett 105, G. T. Carter P.M. 382, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, &c. The brethren afterward sat down to banquet, when a full toast list was done ample justice to The several toasts were interspersed with songs, glees, and duets, the whole being so arranged as to give general satisfaction to those assembled. Bros. Chapman, Clifford White, Carter, C. Tayler and T. B. Dodson being among those who contributed to the harmony.

UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. R. Norris W.M., who was supported by Bro. F. Low the S.W., and a fair assemblage of members and visitors. Bro. J. N. Maskelyne was passed to the second degree, and, at the conclusion of the business of the Lodge, the company adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern to banquet. After the repast the W.M. proposed the customary toasts, which were interspersed with some capital songs, given by Miss Madeline Hardy, Miss Mary Horton, Bro. Henry Taylor, Bro. Theodore Distin, and Mr. Lovett King. Having honoured the toast of the Queen, the W.M. gave that of the Prince of Wales. This was at all times a toast welcomed by Freemasons. Owing to the manifold duties the Grand Master had to perform, it was impossible for him to give so much attention to Freemasonry as he desired. He did all that lay in his power to maintain the prestige of the Craft, and add lustre to the Order. The next toast was that of the Grand Officers. By the enforced absence of the Grand Master from Grand Lodge most of the duties attached to the office fell on the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon. That nobleman was one in whom the brethren had the greatest confidence. They owed him a debt of gratitude for his punctual reply to the letter of the Pope of Rome. He was ably seconded by the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, while the Grand Officers generally were men entitled to respect and esteem. The W.M. felt that Freemasonry would never have gained its present high position had it not been for the ability displayed by those to whom had been entrusted the ruling of the Craft in the past. The next toast he had to propose had reference to that distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—Charity. It had often been asked, What is the good of Freemasonry? and while many brethren were unable to give any very definite answer to the question, they could always refer to the three great Institutions connected with the Order. The Universal Lodge did its best to support these great Charities, but the only fund they had from which they could contribute was the subscriptions to the Charity box, which was sent round after each of their meetings. The W.M. therefore hoped that the brethren would liberally support it. The appeal of Bro. Norris met with a hearty response, the total contributed being £2 4s, an amount which, considering the number present, reflected the highest credit. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master. Once more he had the privilege of submitting this toast. The brethren knew what their present ruler had done in the past, and could imagine he would continue his efforts in the future. He had been a credit to the Lodge, and an honour to the offices he had held. Bro. Norris replied. He thanked the brethren very much for the way in which they had honoured the toast. He felt he hardly deserved all the good things which had so often been said about him. He had one great regret—that he had not had more work to do during his year of office. Ever since the time of his initiation he had never missed a single meeting of the Lodge, although on one occasion a severe domestic affliction had kept him away from the banquet which followed it. During the short time he had to stay with them as Master he should do his utmost to advance the interests of the Lodge, while it would always be his endeavour to assist in maintaining its reputation. The toast of the Visitors next received attention. Hospitality was very dear to the heart of every Freemason. The brethren of the Universal Lodge were never so happy as when visitors attended their meetings. The Lodge had a reputation for hospitality, which he thought they had maintained on the present occasion, but of that he would leave the guests to speak. In the name of the Lodge he gave the visiting brethren a hearty welcome. Happy had they met, happy might they part, and happy might they meet again. Bro. Davis had to thank the W.M. for the exceedingly kind manner in which he had put the toast before the Lodge, and the brethren for the reception accorded it. Hospitality was, as they all knew, proverbial with Freemasons, but the "Universal" hospitality they had experienced struck him as being even more cordial than was customary. Bro. Wylenski followed. He had been absent from Freemasonry for the past five years. He was pleased to have again attended a Masonic meeting, but particularly so such an enjoyable one as they had that evening spent in the Universal Lodge. The W.M. was very proud to propose the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They deserved well at the hands of the members. They were usually honoured with many, but on that occasion three only were among them. The Past Masters were ever ready to do what they could for the Lodge. Their willingness and ability had that evening been demonstrated by the unavoidable absence of the Junior Warden, throwing his work on one of the Past Masters, who undertook it both readily and successfully. Their Secretary—Bro. Reed—another of their Past Masters, was kind and courteous to all with whom he came in contact, his advice being at all times most valuable. It was only on attaining to the office of Master that a brother was able to fully appreciate the working of a good Secretary, and in Bro. Reed the Lodge had a thoroughly good one. Of Brother Fryer, the I.P.M., much might be said. The brethren, however, were well acquainted with his ability and kindly disposition, his term of office having left both fresh in their memory. Bros. Reed and Fryer having replied, the Officers were toasted. This toast was one dear to every Master. Brother Norris had the good fortune to be supported by a band of Officers well able to perform the duties attached to their respective positions, and that, too, in a manner which reflected great credit on the Lodge of which they were members. The Senior Warden replied. In the name of his colleagues and on his own behalf he desired to express thanks. There was not one among them but considered it an honour to be entrusted with office in the ancient and honourable Universal Lodge. The Tyler's toast having been given, the Lodge was called from refreshment to labour, and then closed in due form. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. G. McEwan 1507, J. Arnold 1491, H. Davis 860, H. Wylenski 188, H. Taylor 580, and T. Distin 173.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, when there were present Bros. Edwin Melrose W.M., Peter Bradburn S.W., Charles Crompton J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, James Walker S.D., William Siddon I.G., R. Cuerden and H. J. Briscoe Stewards; P.M's John Isherwood, J. Boothroyd, J. M. Rutter, Thomas Morris; Bros. R. J. Chirnside, Draycott, Crompton, Forrest, Halliwell, and W. H. Brown. Visitor—Bro. W. E. Bardsley S.D. 1723. Lodge was opened at five o'clock. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bros. Draycott, Brown, and Stirling were raised to the degree of Master Mason, by Bro. Boothroyd, who explained the working tools. Lodge was closed to first degree, when Mr. D. W. Stevenson and Mr. Frank Jackson were balloted for, elected, and initiated by Bro. Isherwood. The working tools of the degree were explained by the J.W., and the customary charge was given by Bro. Brockbank. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 14th instant, and passed off most successfully. The principal business of the day was the installation of Brother Frank Hales S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony incidental to which was most ably and impressively performed by the D.P.G.M. of the Province, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested as under:—Bros. H. G. Everard P.G. Assistant Secretary I.P.M., M. L. Sanders S.W., T. Dunn J.W., Rev. Eustace H. Crate P.P.G.C. Chaplain, W. Groom Treasurer, Richard Clowes P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, A. C. Parsons S.D., G. Helsden J.D., Thomas Jennings P.P.G.D. D.C., Salter Organist, Wm. Ling I.G., Howard and Hutchinson Stewards. A hearty vote of thanks having been passed by acclamation to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, for his kindness in attending, and duly acknowledged by Brother Philbrick, a handsome Past Master's jewel was, by unanimous vote of the Lodge, presented to Brother H. G. Everard, in acknowledgment of his eminent services to the Lodge as W.M. during the past year, and previously as Secretary. The presentation was made in felicitous terms by the new W.M., Bro. Hales, who

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spoke of the self-denying labour Bro. Everard had bestowed upon the affairs of the Lodge, and leaving a bright example for succeeding Masters to follow. Bro. Everard, in returning thanks, said he should always wear the jewel with great pride, and it would remind him of the many happy hours he had spent amongst his brethren. At the close of the Lodge business, which took place at the Institute, Harwich, an adjournment was made to the Pier Hotel, where a most *récherché* banquet was served by Brother Rule, the host. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In responding for the toast of his health, the D.P.G.M. made an eloquent speech. He congratulated the brethren upon the progress Freemasonry was making, under the beneficent rule of Lord Brooke. This was not only shown in the number of Masons now on the roll, but in the desire there was to form new Lodges in various parts of the Province. The authorities were willing and anxious to give every encouragement to the laudable desires of those who wished to promote the growth of the Order, where they did not trench upon the ground occupied by existing Lodges, and it could be shown that there was a fair prospect of local support; but no good could result in having a number of weak Lodges. The D.P.G.M. also alluded to the splendid position Essex occupied at the last Girls' School Festival, where they rallied to the support of their Provincial Grand Master to the extent of £1000, remarking that he never felt more proud of his Province than on that memorable occasion. In the course of the evening Bros. Goodwin, Clowes, Osmond, Turner, and Amos kindly contributed some excellent vocal music. Among those present during the day besides those already mentioned were—Bros. T. J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51 P.G. Secretary, Arthur Mead W.M. 276 P.G.S. of W., Alfred Richardson W.M. 1977 P.G.A.D.C., J. Dean P.M. 433 P.G. Std. Bearer, G. A. Eustace I.P.M. 697 P.G. Standard Bearer, Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Charles Osman P.M. P.P.G.O., R. H. Ives W.M. 51 P.G. Steward, Adam Smith W.M. 433 S. Lord P.M. 433, John E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., W. S. Ling P.M. 433, J. M Franks S.D. 376, F. C. Atkinson 376, W. Strutt Treasurer 1977 P.G. Steward, Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.D. 697 P.G.C., A. F. Amos Organist 697, J. Gibson J.D. 1816, and the following members of Lodge 650:—Bros. Rixon, Ford, G. W. Pickering, J. T. Lacey, H. Shedlock, D. Howard, W. Went, G. Derry, &c.

CRUSADERS' LODGE, No. 1677.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Lodge was opened at half-past four by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Pigot, who was supported by a large assemblage of the members and the following Visitors:—Bros. J. McLearn S.D. 2054, F. S. H. Wilson 1239, W. Tindall 7, G. J. Barnett 1929, S. A. Da Cimbra 1364, S. H. Moore 1194, F. Toombs 1791, I. Botibol 188, H. T. Sandy 228, Frank Jesse 453, Larkins 1677, W. Shurmur J.W. 1471, and J. H. Leipold 1929. After preliminary business, the report of the Auditors was presented and adopted. This showed the Lodge to be working on a substantial basis, and that a balance remained in the hands of the Treasurer. The credit to the Benevolent Fund was recorded at £40 19s 9d, which amount was in the hands of the bankers. Bro. G. J. Defriez, who during the past year has served the office of S.W., but who is more generally known as the Secretary of this Lodge, he having fulfilled the duties of that important post for many years, was now presented as W.M. elect to Bro. Frank Rothschild, who had taken the chair for the purpose of installing the new Master. Bro. Rothschild's abilities as a Master of Ritual have frequently been recognised, and on this occasion he conducted the ceremony in a manner that gave the utmost satisfaction to all who were present. On the readmission of the brethren who had not taken part in the work of the Board of Installed Masters, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. R. D. Cummings S.W., A. Goode J.W., Jarvis Maples P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Goode P.M. Secretary, Rev. W. H. W. Casely Chaplain, J. J. Stockall S.D., T. M. K. Gilbert J.D., W. F. Garraud I.G., W. Moorhouse D.C., U. J. Upton Steward, William Mackie W.S. In due course the addresses were delivered, and the Installing Master took his seat amidst the applause of the brethren. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till the third Wednesday in November. The banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Alfred Begbie, whose exertions met with that amount of commendation we are now so frequently called upon to record in his favour. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed the routine toasts; the Queen and the Craft; the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and then 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. After the first of these toasts the National Anthem was sung, and a capital musical selection was contributed by Bro. Leipold, while Bro. Shurmur sang, with some amount of spirit, "I will stand by my Friend." Bro. Pigot in graceful and complimentary terms next proposed the health of the W.M. He was followed by Bro. Wilson, who recited a Scotch story, and then came the reply of the W.M. Bro Defriez was much gratified at the reception given to the toast. He had been associated with the Crusaders Lodge since its formation; he would strive to advance its interests, and he trusted the good feeling that at present existed would continue to prevail throughout the Lodge. He again thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. Bro. Hurford here favoured the brethren with a song. The health of the Installing Master was next brought under the notice of the brethren. The W.M. remarked that he had been present at a great many installation meetings, but he thought he might say he had never seen it better performed than on this occasion. He had great pleasure in asking the brethren to drink the health of their esteemed brother. Bro. Ashenden here sang a humorous ditty, and then Bro. Rothschild acknowledged the compliment paid him. He, with the W.M., had been associated with the Lodge since its formation. The present W.M. was the last of the Founders, and he trusted he might have a prosperous future before him. Bro. Rothschild urged the brethren to work harmoniously together; if they did this, he was assured the Lodge would go on and prosper. The health of the I.P.M. was next proposed by the W.M., who had great pleasure in placing on Bro. Pigot's breast the jewel unanimously voted him. Bro. Defriez trusted he might live long to wear it amongst the members of the Lodge. Bro. Garraud gave the favourite recitation of the "One Legged Goose," and then Bro. Pigot thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. Next the Visitors were complimented, Bros. Tindall, Sandy, Jesse, Wilson, &c., responding. Bros. Maples and T. Goode replied to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the W.M. next made reference to the Masonic Institutions, and expressed his regret that no official representative was present to give details of what was being achieved by the three Charities. In replying to a special toast, given in honour of the Masonic Press, Bro. W. W. Morgan said, with the W.M.'s consent, he would recount, for the benefit of some of the younger members, a few facts in reference to the Masonic Institutions. After giving some particulars of the Elections to the Girls' and Boys' Schools, the results of which had just been announced, Bro. Morgan particularised the work each Institution was engaged in, and urged the Lodge to appoint a Steward or Stewards to represent it. Bro. Morgan claimed that the Press was doing all in its power to advance the best interests of Freemasonry, and tendered his thanks for the honour done him by the W.M. Bro. Cummings now sang a most humorous ditty, he was accompanied by Bro. Pingston, and both brethren were heartily applauded. Several other toasts followed, and it was a late hour before the Tyler (Bro. H. Thomas) was summoned to close the proceedings.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, 18th inst. The afternoon being exceptionally fine, a goodly number of the brethren journeyed down by rail. Bro. J. Osborn, the W.M., after opening the Lodge, had the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, and then proceeded to pass Bro. Peter Young, the ceremony being carefully and impressively rendered. The ballot having been taken for Mr. William Walter Lee (son of the respected Secretary), Bro. Osborn vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Lee P.M., and remarked that it gave him extreme pleasure to do so on the occasion of so interesting an event. Mr. W. W. Lee was then initiated in a faultless manner by his father, the brethren paying the most marked attention to the ceremony. A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late S.W., Bro. H. W. Gregory, a beloved member and founder of the Lodge, was then passed, and Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to an enjoyable and well-served banquet, presided over by Bro. Osborn, who in proposing the usual toasts made brief, but happy allusions to each, stating it as his wish that the brethren should have a long and social musical evening. Songs and recitations followed in quick succession, by Bros. Bayne, Woodman, Sheffield, Lee jun., Bird, Wigley, &c. Bro. Bayne Organist, and Bro. Collings accompanying. With the Tyler's toast came to an end another gathering of this united Lodge. The Visitors were—Bros. C. Newell 1423, A. Clark P.M. 1227, G. R. Pugh 1790, W. C. Wigley S.W. 1348, J. H. Hoit 856, N. L. Western W.M. 1693, C. Hammond 1471, J. A. Collings Org. 1693.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their regular meeting on Monday, 13th inst., at the Bolton Hotel, Duke-road, Chiswick, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. George Everett. He was supported by Bros. C. H. Everett S.W., George Gardner J.W., H. Price Secretary, R. Harvey S.D., W. Gomm D.C., a goodly assemblage of the brethren, and the following visitors:—G. T. N. Farmer 1257, E. R. May 177, H. J. Davis 1373, C. Coombs 780, H. Jackson 780, A. Freeman 1614, G. H. Cotbush 198, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, P. Monson 1194, D. King 1445. The Lodge, as its number on the register testifies, is of but recent formation, but the progress it has already made, and the prospects it presents for the future, place it high on the roll of successful Lodges. On Monday the business was of an exceptionally heavy character, there being no less than eight candidates for the several degrees—three for the first, three for the second, and two for the third. Bros. Charles Coward, Edward Wrixon Bayly and William Clowes were the candidates for raising. Bros. William Davy, Harry Fruen, and Thomas Hoodless those for passing, and Messrs. Charles Henry Motley and Carew Packer the gentlemen seeking initiation. In all cases the ceremonies were well performed, Bro. Everett's well-known ability as a ruler in the Craft being maintained on this occasion. Previous to the closing of the Lodge, reference was made to the death of Bro. W. Rippin, the late Steward of the Lodge, and a vote of condolence with his relations was passed. The death of Bro. Daly, the late Tyler of the Lodge, was also spoken of, it being stated that an appeal to the Lodge of Benevolence on behalf of his widow had resulted in a grant of £40 being made to her. It was mentioned that the son of the late Bro. Cooper, a candidate for admission to the Boys' School, in whom the members of the Lodge were interested, had that day been elected, and other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, and here, as in Lodge, Bro. Everett showed his ability to conduct the affairs of his Lodge. The usual toasts were honoured and an enjoyable evening spent.

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We have to acknowledge receipt of the Report for 1883 of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, 11 Fitzroy Square, W., together with sundry papers prepared by the Director, Mr. William Van Praagh. The purposes of the Association are highly to be commended. To judge from the evidence furnished by the Director, there can be no doubt the scheme has been attended with marked success, and that many poor people of both sexes are now in a position, by its means, to converse with one another who would otherwise have remained in that pitiable condition always hitherto associated with the deaf and dumb. The Association is doing good work, and will in time attain a far higher position. Unfortunately, the support accorded it, though on a liberal scale, does not as yet seem to be commensurate with the worthiness of its objects. The receipts for the past year are stated to have reached close on £1962, but of this sum £600 is a loan from the Bankers, and £106 an overdraft on ditto on 31st December 1883. The expenditure stands at the same figure, namely, £1962; the various items being "Salaries and Commission" £1220; "Rent, Rates, and Taxes" £174; Stationery, Postage, &c. £213; Furniture and Repairs £6 10s; Interest on loan; overdraft on 1st Jan. 1883 £318. Of the incomings, £617, or about one-third results from "School and College Fees," the Dividends on invested moneys being £178; Subscriptions £252; and Donations £128. It is most desirable that a more flourishing balance sheet should be forthcoming at an early date. There is every reason why it should be, for the cause is one that should command the sympathy and assistance of the benevolent.

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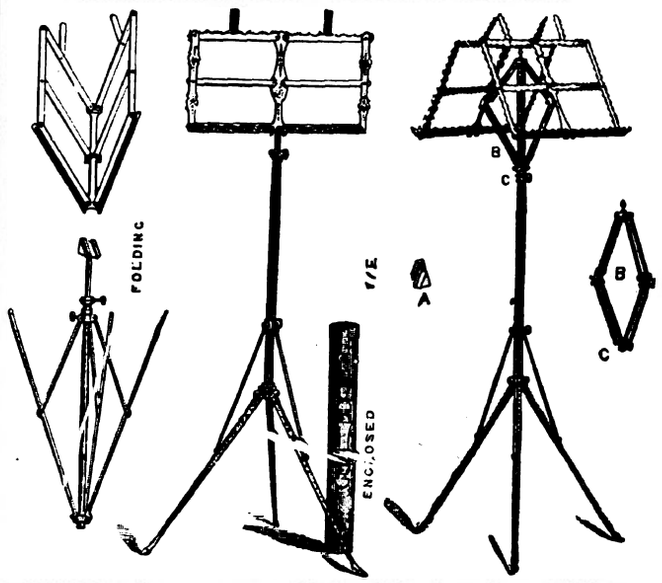
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

CONSECRATION OF LODGE LA FRANCE, No. 2060.

AN application having been made to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for a warrant for a Lodge wherein the membership should be confined to those who claimed French Nationality, the prayer, after receiving full consideration, was granted, and Monday last, the 20th instant, fixed as the date for the ceremony of consecration. The Café Royal, Regent-street, will be the headquarters of the Lodge, and Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, was nominated as the Consecrating Officer. On Monday he was assisted by Bros. T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, as S.W., Robert Grey P.G.D. as J.W., Rev. A. Hall P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies. Amongst other brethren who were present were Bros. E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. Middlesex the W.M. designate, E. Montennis P.G.S. S.W. designate, H. Bué J.W. designate, L. A. Mesrouze (Secretary pro tem), E. Condelot and other Founders, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, Levander P.G.D., Cubitt P.G.P., Kenning P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Dunn P.M. 72, James Stevens P.M. 1426, Marston P.M. 55, Wright 1839, Pendlebury 1056, Baume 63, Barney P.G.D., Coates 1922, Matthews Grand Sword Bearer, Dodson P.M. 72, Cooke P.M. 222, Hosken W.M. 1820, F. Binckes P.G.S., Vialls P.M. 1820, Jarvis W.M 14, Hopkinson P.M. 14, Turner 222, Lake P.M. P.P.G.R. Cornwall, Bevan 1706, Coiffier 291 (Celtic, Edinburgh), and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees the Grand Secretary explained the special reasons which had induced the Grand Master to grant the warrant for the Lodge,—there being so many brethren of French nationality permanently residing in London. The usual ceremonial was then proceeded with. The oration, delivered by Rev. Bro. Ambrose W. Hall P.G. Chaplain, was as follows:—

Brethren,—I hail with feelings of unmingled pleasure the advent of your Lodge to-day, and I rejoice that through your courtesy I am permitted to address a few words to the Brethren and Founders upon the auspicious occasion. My friend the very excellent Grand Secretary has (as he always does) spoken to you so ably and so well upon the nature of your general duties, that but little seems left for me to say; still I am here as officiating Grand Chaplain, and my office is to point out to you the nature and principles of our noble Order. These you have to carry out at home and abroad, in your hearts and among your Masonic brethren; and I consider it a source of congratulation that there should be found a number of Masons from our sister country to form a Lodge under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England. We live so near together, separated only by what is called the little "silver streak," that there should be at all times (as two great nations) those amicable feelings between us which are generated in our beautiful rites and ceremonies; it is true (and I may speak it here);—for the very circumstance of your forming a Lodge where the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe is all in all, shows that you do not join their views;—it is true that in your great country many, and some of the most influential of our Masonic brethren, have made such changes that can but fill our hearts with sadness, and have withdrawn from their Masonic teachings and their Masonic work a Name which should be above every name. But, who knows? even what we are doing to-day may at some future time be a help towards their return to the allegiance of the Great Architect. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." The tiny mustard seed grew into a mighty tree, and the birds, we read, nestled in its branches, and the small beginnings of to-day may produce Masonically a like effect in the changes we deplore in your bright land. God grant they may! Although at present our guests in Britain, you doubtless, from time to time, visit your own country, and however occupied here, you all, like good sons, look forward to end your days in your mother land; and when you go back, and as you go back, you will I am sure carry with you confirmed opinions of what the Great Architect does for us, and how, under his Almighty care, we are permitted to diffuse and carry out some of the purest principles of piety and virtue ever entrusted to the care of finite beings; and who knows but that you, Masonic brethren of Lodge La France, may have before you a glorious future, in pouring balm upon the now troubled waters of Masonry; that you may be the "little leaven," the "grain of mustard seed," to call back our wandering and mistaken brethren to their fathers and their rest.

But, as I said before, my duty is to point out to you the nature and principles of Freemasonry, though I feel sure you would not seek to build up the superstructure without first making yourselves well acquainted with the foundation upon which you erect it. Masonry teaches you the evil effects of infidelity; its foundation is a belief in the Creator; it goes on to enforce the duty we owe to God, our neighbours, and ourselves. It shows us the value of time (as in the twenty-four inch guage); it shows that we must cultivate "brotherly love"—the glory of the Institution; that we must relieve the necessities of others. In fine, that we must practise not only that "Charity" which thinketh no evil; but that Charity also which inclines our hearts (out of the abundance which God has given us) to succour the wants of others. And here I would, as in duty bound, call your attention to the three noble Institutions of the Order—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Asylum for the Aged; do what you can for them in your Lodge, both by furnishing Stewards at the respective Festivals, and strengthening their hands by liberal contributions. Do what you can both collectively and individually to carry out these principles; cultivate Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Then may you hope, when finally summoned, you may hope to be transferred from your Lodge on earth to the Grand Temple above, there to enjoy for ever the brightest of all Freemasonry, viz., perfect Light, eternal Charity, and everlasting Peace.

And now to yourselves a few words of friendly caution. You create to-day another important band of brothers, who are, as years roll on, and I hope for many, to meet and work together in harmony and good will. There must be no differences, no jealousies, no envyings. You will have from time to time to fill up gaps among your number, as outward circumstances take some, sickness others, or the last catastrophe of life claims its prey; and you place the acacia sprig upon a brother's grave. You will have, I say, to choose others in their places; be careful how you make the choice; see that the candidate's moral and physical conduct render him likely to be a kind-hearted companion; and look also to his general position, i.e., whether he is likely to leave those belonging to him in poverty or distress. I say this because I feel, and with regret, that too many join us under the idea that Masonry is to a great extent a "Benefit Society," and that they may take less concern about their own personal affairs because the Brotherhood will look well after their widows and children. And so the Brotherhood will, in all cases of unforeseen calamity and distress; but this should never be relied on. We have, it is true, opulence and wealth among us; we have grand and noble Institutions; we have private deeds of Masonic benevolence done daily; but the applications, as you will see from studying the statistics, exceed the means at hand, and many to our sorrow must be and are passed over. And now, vive Lodge La France! May God speed you in your work to-day! You, my French brethren, descendants of an ancient warlike race, have pitched your Masonic tent in a land of commerce. May you increase and prosper in those great truths and teachings which are so well calculated to cement the harmony of two great nations. There have unfortunately been times when the links in the chain of harmony have been broken. I trust it may not be so again; the rivets that secure them seem more strongly welded now. I read a few days ago in the *Times* newspaper a letter signed by Mr. M. Bentham Edwards, where he says:—"It has been my privilege to spend months, nay years, at a time under French roofs, alike in Eastern and Western France; among Catholics and Protestants, advanced Republicans, faithful adherents of the Empire, and of the House of Orleans; and I have never found (setting aside political and commercial interests) any feeling but that of the warmest sympathy for England." And he concludes thus:—"We are better liked because we are better understood than formerly; that is the simple truth of the matter. But we must live in France, and break bread at many a hospitable French board before we realise how alike in matters moral, intellectual, and social, the great, generous, unforgetting heart of the noble French nation is with us, knit in bonds which neither false steps in diplomacy nor selfish commercial interests can ever displace, much less sever." And I agree with him, and I believe that Freemasonry will do more to connect and continue this interchange of good feeling and social intercourse than other means that can be offered. But I feel that I have now claimed your attention long enough, and I thank you for giving me your ear a little space. I have spoken to you with every desire to impress upon your minds the fraternal good will which actuates us as English Masons in greeting brethren from another land. I shall always cherish and look with interest upon your efforts for the Craft in this your English Lodges. For half a century I have been attached to the Order, and I have seen nothing connected with it to exceed in interest our labours of to-day; and in heart and soul my benison is with you. In conclusion, as your Lodge goes on, speak no angry words, for life is too brief for aught but Brotherly Love. Seek to hide a brother's faults; remember, gentle words revive the heart, and ofttimes mend friendship's broken chain, and cause the afflicted to forget his sorrows. Thus walk, my brethren, in your Masonic course;

> "And live in Love, and do
> To all what good you can;
> And if a brother's heart 's sincere
> Give him your hand; be not severe
> On little faults or trifles here:
> The Heart 's the Man!"

The other portions of the Consecration ceremony were gone through in regular order. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the W.M. elect presented for Installation. A Board of Masters was opened, and Bro. E. H. Thiellay was duly inducted in the chair by the Consecrating Officer. There were 28 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the readmittance of the brethren the W.M. invested as his Officers Bros. C. Montennis S.W., H. Bué J.W., Mesrouze Secretary, Dubois S.D., and Cadiot J.D. The election of Treasurer and the appointment of I.G. and other minor Officers was postponed. Bro. Church was elected Tyler. The W.M. had much pleasure in testifying the high appreciation of Lodge La France at the honour which it had received by the presence of the eminent and distinguished brethren commissioned by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master for its consecration. He had the inestimable privilege of proposing as Honorary Members W. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, T. Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, Robert Grey P.G.D., Ambrose Hall Past Grand Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D., and H. C. Levander Past G.D., this proposition was seconded by Bro. Montennis and carried unanimously. The Grand Secretary having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. begged to offer the most sincere and heartfelt thanks of the members to W. Bro. Frank Richardson for the great personal interest he so kindly took in the formation and successful advent of the Lodge. He also begged to offer their warmest thanks to the W.M.'s and brethren of the Tuscan and St. Andrew Lodges respectively, for their valuable support, and proposed the election, as honorary members, of Bro. W. Jarvis G. Steward W.M. of the Tuscan Lodge,

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No. 14, and Bro. Finnis W.M. of the St. Andrew No. 231. This was seconded by Bro. Montenuis, and carried unanimously. The Secretary then read a list of applicants for joining and initiation, after which Lodge was closed until the 3rd Monday in November. The brethren, forty-four in number, adjourned to banquet. The first toast which the W.M. had the honour to propose was that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, with which he coupled Prosperity to the Craft. The next was that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master. Unfortunately, he had not the eloquence adequately to dwell on such an illustrious name, but he could assert that H.R.H. gloriously reigned, not only in every Englishman's heart, but also in every right thinking Frenchman's breast. The toast he desired them to drink was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The next toast he had also great honour in proposing—Our Country, La France—with it coupling the name of the President Monsieur Grevy. He trusted that the Union Jack and Tricolour as there presented might ever be entwined with the closest bonds of honour and intimate Brotherly love. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past, was next given, the name of the V.W. Bro. Ambrose Hall Past G. Chaplain being coupled with it. That brother, in an eloquent speech, replied. There were many Grand Officers present, but he felt that no one of them could say with greater sincerity that he wished the Lodge every success. He considered the meeting an auspicious one in Freemasonry—leading to the banners of the two great countries, England and France, being blended in such peace and harmony as then prevailed. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on them, and wished the Lodge prosperity in all it undertook. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Consecrating Officer. It was superfluous for him to appeal for appreciation of such an imposing ceremony as they had that day witnessed, for he was convinced that every one present fully recognised its solemnity and impressive dignity. They owed a debt of gratitude to the distinguished brethren who had attended and consecrated their Lodge, and could now express it by honouring the toast proposed on their behalf. The Grand Secretary replied. He had had great pleasure in undertaking the work which had fallen to his lot, and as no I.P.M. had been appointed would take upon himself to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. The Founders of the Lodge had selected a brother to fill the chair who was in every way capable of performing the duties required of him. Bro. Thiellay had been known to the speaker for many years, and he was pleased to see him in the position of first Master of this Lodge, over whose destinies he was quite competent to preside. His ruling could but prove an advantage to the brethren. The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren most heartily for the honour bestowed upon him that day. He trusted that his appointment would inaugurate a perpetual and uninterruped existence of brotherly love and prosperity to La France Lodge. A toast was then proposed, and duly honoured, on behalf of the Worshipful Masters of the Tuscan and St. Andrew Lodges, to both of which Lodge La France was deeply indebted. Bro. Jervis W.M. 14 had great pleasure in responding to this toast, on behalf of the Tuscan Lodge; as also had Bro. Finnis W.M. 222 on behalf of the St. Andrew. The Visitors was then given from the chair, the W.M. coupling the names of brother Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, and Bro. Hopkinson Past Master of the Tuscan Lodge, with the toast. These two brethren having responded, the toast of the Officers was given. The W.M. hoped to see his S.W., Bro. Montenuis in the East when his time came round, so that the Lodge might have the benefit of his Masonic abilities. The J.W., Bro. Bué, was a constant attendant at the Lodge of Emulation, and might be expected to closely scrutinize what was done, while his knowledge of the ritual must be of benefit to the Lodge. The Secretary had been most attentive to the affairs of the Lodge, and most assiduous in his efforts to secure the success of their opening meeting. The Deacons were equally worthy of their regard. Bro. Cadiet, J.D., was the originator of the Society Nationale Française, in London, with a roll of 1400 members, and from which Society only, according to bye-laws, they anticipated to receive aspirants to Lodge La France membership. There was also Bros. Coiffier, whom the W.M. hoped to invest as Treasurer at the next meeting. He concluded by asking the brethren to respond enthusiastically to the toast, because the brethren comprised in it represented the actual and future vitality of La France Lodge. The toast of the Charities followed. The proposal of this always made a benevolent Mason's heart glow with delight, especially when, as in the present instance, they had one of the well-known representatives of the great Masonic Institutions present to reply. He had great pleasure in calling on Bro. Binckes to acknowledge the toast. He was respected by all who knew him, and, as the indefatigable Secretary of the Boys' School, was known throughout the country. Bro. Binckes replied in his usual forcible manner, after which the Masonic Press was toasted. They had representatives present of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the *Freemason*, and the *Chaine d'Union* of Paris—to these publications the Masonic world was greatly indebted for the protection of Masonic truths, as well as for the dissemination of its mysterious lore. Bro. Levy, responding, was pleased to be associated with the toast. It had always been his endeavour to give a proper report of the proceedings of the Lodges he visited. The Masonic Press always kept the great cause of Charity to the front, and, if supported, would continue to do so. The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, who was assisted by Bros. Ashton, Coates, and Bevan. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by Bro. H. E. Frances P.G.D.C. Surrey, on Monday next, the 27th inst., at the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall P.G. Chaplain has kindly promised to attend and assist. A supper will afterwards be supplied.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire was held at the Town Hall, Chorley, on Wednesday, the 15th instant. The Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Lathom Past Grand M.M.M. presided.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master proceeded to consecrate the Lawrence Mark Lodge, No. 313, which was done with due solemnity. The Rev. T. B. Spencer (owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw Provincial Grand Chaplain), was unexpectedly called upon to act as Grand Chaplain, and after the first part of the processional anthem he delivered an oration. In the course of an earnest address he rejoiced in the spread of Mark Masonry, and said he believed that in a proper observance of Masonic principles would be found the best means of maintaining its success and vitality. The anthem was then concluded, and the consecration prayer followed, the Provincial Grand Master subsequently pouring out the emblems according to the ancient Masonic ritual, and dedicating and constituting the Lodge.

The following were appointed the first Officers of the new Lodge:—Bros. J. Lawrence W.M., J. Corbitt S.W., J. M. Kerr J.W., J. Heald M.O., R. Irving S.O., A. Hall J.O., T. F. Jackson S.D., J. Bradshaw J.D., L. Eccles Secretary, J. Hopkinson I.G., and J. B. Whitwell Tyler. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with. The roll of Lodges having been called, it was found that five were unrepresented. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. J. T. Milnes 123	... ...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
P. M. Hunter 268	... ...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
J. E. Hannah 146	... ...	Prov. G. Master Overseer
Joseph Jenaway 65	... ...	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
Warwick Wood 136	... ...	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
The Rev. T. B. Spencer 143	...	Prov. G. Chaplain
J. B. Cardwell 313	... ...	Prov. G. Treasurer
J. B. Ragdale 142	... ...	Prov. G. Registrar
John Chadwick 156	... ...	Prov. G. Secretary
J. C. Hunter 36	... ...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
James Hall 113	... ...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
T. Milner 158	... ...	Prov. G. Inspector of Works
W. W. Cottam 143	... ...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
James Corbitt 313	... ...	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
James Sutcliffe 182	... ...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
John Boland 189	... ...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
A. G. Leigh 313	... ...	Prov. G. Organist
W. Edwards 171	... ...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
John Bradshaw	... ...	Prov. G. Stewards
Thomas Sharples	... ...	
T. J. Jackson 313	... ...	
James Sly ...	... ...	Prov. G. Tyler

It was proposed and resolved that the following sums be granted: £10 10s to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; £10 10s East Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Institution; and £5 5s to the "Dewar" Fund. Bro. H. G. Bell W.M. said he was authorised, on behalf of Lodge 143, to extend to the Provincial Grand Lodge a cordial invitation to visit Preston next year. Bro. A. Beattie, in supporting, assured the Provincial Grand Master that if Preston was chosen a warm welcome would be extended. The decision rests with Lord Lathom, and will not be made known for some months.

Earl Lathom having been thanked for consecrating the Lawrence Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, after the Provincial Grand Master had stated that, acting on the advice of his physician, he should be compelled to return home before evening, and therefore must deprive himself of the pleasure of dining with the brethren.

The banquet was well served to about seventy brethren at Stansfield's Hotel, the chair being occupied by Brother Hargreaves, of Accrington, acting Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master.

ALFRED LODGE, No. 247.

THE festival and installation of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when the W.M. elect, Brother J. M. Dormor P.P.G.A. Sec., was installed to the government of the Lodge for the coming year. The ceremony was carefully rendered by Bro. Christopher Park P.P.G.W., the other chairs being filled by Bros. Rev. J. H. Jukes

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P.G.C., F. Ryman Hall, J. M. Dormor, A. Rowley, H. G. W. Drinkwater, T. Lucas, J. A. Acock, C. A. Bacon, and C. Phillips; Bro. W. R. Bowden presiding at the organ. At the close of the installation the newly-installed Master appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Ryman Hall I.P.M., J. J. Hughes S.W., A. Rowley J.W., A. Wheeler M.O., H. O. Crane S.O., Drinkwater J.O., Lucas Treasurer, C. A. Bacon Secretary, Dr. Edward Horne Registrar of Marks, J. A. Acock S.D., W. R. Bowden J.D., Charles Phillips D.C., R. H. Hodgson Organist, G. H. Osmond and John Seary Stewards, George Norwood Tyler. The brethren dined together in the banquetting room of the Lodge after the above proceedings, under the genial sway of the newly-appointed W.M.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia will be held, by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in the Library of Colchester Castle, under the banner of the Constantine Lodge, No. 145, on Monday next, 27th instant. The use of the Library having been kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. James Round, M.P., Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at half-past two, and a banquet will be served at the George Hotel, at five o'clock, tickets for which, including wine and dessert, are fixed at 10s 6d each.

SYMBOLS.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

THE TABERNACLE.—About fifty days after the children of Israel left their bondage in the land of Egypt, Moses was, by divine command, led up to the summit of Mount Sinai to receive the law, which embodied the building of a tabernacle for worship, according to a plan given him by the Almighty.—(Exodus xxv. 8, 9.) The relation of the tabernacle's position to the points of the compass is not definitely stated in the original command, but the inference is strong that it was situated due east and west, as seen by the command for the building of the different sides.—(Exodus xxvii. 9-13.) Masonic symbolisms teach that it was so situated that it might "receive the first rays of the rising sun, and to commemorate that mighty east wind by which their miraculous deliverance was effected." It was the pattern of the temple subsequently built by Solomon, in which all the apartments of the tabernacle were faithfully preserved.

The symbolisms of Masonry speak of the apartments as representing "the three great elementary divisions of the universe—the land, the sea, and the air." Whether these symbols are drawn from biblical authority, or are the offspring of the writer's fancy, are matters for others to settle; but it is safe to say that the symbolisms of these matters were well understood by the people to whom they were given. Paul, in his writings, represents the human body as a temple, hence it may not be amiss, in using his representation, to so consider it. The outer court of both temple and tabernacle was used by the people, the first or larger one of the temple or tabernacle was for the common priests, whilst the innermost court, or holy of holies, was only for the annual visits of the high priests. The uses of the different apartments are good representations of the uses of the different elements of the human system. The body is the seat of all the ordinary passions, which properly used, are in exact accordance with duty and the divine command. Improperly used they are the causes of all sin, bringing us under the necessity of sorrow and repentance. The mind, or the second element, is the designer of all the plans to meet the necessities or the exigencies of the body; it is therefore the administrator of the laws that govern the body. The innocent and most important element of man, the soul, is that part which holds, in its highest relation, communion with God, as the high priest did in presenting his annual offering to the Most High.

Paul presents, in 2 Corinthians v. 1, a beautiful figure of the tabernacle in its relation to the human system at the time of death, representing it after dissolution as having a "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The tabernacle being made of canvas of very fine and beautiful texture was so erected that upon each movement of Israel from place to place it was dissolved, or taken down, and erected again in another place. It is, therefore, a representation of the temporary dwelling of man upon the earth, and of his probationary state. It being only the preparatory place of worship, pending the time of the building of the permanent temple, indicates that human life is only the condition preparatory for a more permanent dwelling in the grand temple on high. This being true, the real temple, man's body, with all its high functions should be kept in a state of purity as great as that of the temple and tabernacle, in order that when the time of our earthly dissolution comes we may have an entrance into the eternal tabernacle.

The outer courts being designed for the uses of men, the holy of holies was peculiarly consecrated to the worship of God; so, while man is allowed the uses of body and mind, the spiritual or soul nature should be dedicated to God. It is unnecessary, in this place, to speak of all the symbolisms of the tabernacle, as they more properly belong to another branch of Masonry. Both the tabernacle and temple symbolize also the protectorate of God in his dealings with man, wherein he watches over the general affairs of man and necessarily demands from him an implicit faith.

The existence of the tabernacle and its origin is a matter of much importance. Bible readers generally have understood that its peculiar construction was by divine command, but the Egyptologists have shown us, "that the very idea came from the banks of the Nile;" that the Israelites were indebted to the religions of Egypt for the breast plate of the high priest—the Urim and Thummin. Here then are two well defined theories. First, that all matters concerning the tabernacle, and the Israelitish form of worship, were by the express plan of the divine mind. Second, that all these were merely borrowed from Egypt, and incorporated by Moses in the law because he "was learned in all the wisdom of Egypt." Now they were either one or the other distinctively, or they were a blending of the two. The Bible being true they were by divine command, for God could not borrow from a heathen to establish a divine religion. If they were merely borrowed then the divine writing cannot be true.

May there not be such a thing as the establishment of those forms of tabernacle and worship somewhere in great antiquity and their subsequent incorporation into the Egyptian religion, and therefore may they not be divine in their very incipiency, and then by divine command committed to a written religion by the hand of Moses. In the absence of direct history it may be hard to trace this theory, but there is sufficient presumptive evidence to make it plausible, at least. It must first, then, be accepted as a fact that Adam had some form of a religion, but that form is not given us in Bible history, nor is it stated through what line of his descendants it was perpetuated. Passing over a vast period of time, we meet the event when Abraham, after his return from the battle with the five kings, met Melchisedec, who "was the priest of the Most High God" (Gen. xiv. 18), and who conferred his blessing upon the worthy patriarch."

Previous to this time there seems to have been no regularly organised form of religion observed by Abraham, and there seems to have been no form commanded until the time when God was about to establish his covenant with him, when he commanded a sacrifice (Gen. xv. 8, 9), and when he confirms the covenant (Gen. xvii.) Egypt was at that time a well organised people (Gen. xii.), while Abraham and his people were a nomadic tribe; but Melchisedec was the King of Salem, Jerusalem (Gen. xiv. 18), the land afterwards promised to Abraham. His being a priest indicates a form of religion. Being from the Most High God indicates a divine religion. Conferring the blessing upon Abraham indicates, with the divine command of a sacrifice, the conference of a form of religion. The covenant of God embraces the rite of circumcision (Gen. xvii.) Now, is it probable that God would thus have established so important a covenant without accompanying it with some form of worship?

It may be possible that Melchisedec was observing the ancient form of divine worship which was now conferred upon the Hebrew patriarch, but here we lose sight of Melchisedec. May it not be that the true religion of God was at that time observed in the whole land among the organised governments, Egypt included, and that subsequently becoming corrupted it drifted into idolatry?

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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.

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Pmed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
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, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1110—Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough

R.A. 149—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
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, 28th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lewlenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Alder-gate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1902—Sir Hugh Mythelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Ball Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
980—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

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, Dovar
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lewlenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1769—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

90—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mosley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1287—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
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lealonhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Ramsgate
337—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, Stonecliugh, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Burgreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
659—Hagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.

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1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramongate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 31—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
463—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. Prior W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Catt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, J. W. Freeman S.D., Banks J.D., Ingram I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Penrose, Nunn, and Emblin. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penrose candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Penrose then answered, the questions leading to the third degree in a very satisfactory manner, and the Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Thomas Nunn W.M. of the Chiselhurst Lodge was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Penrose for the very able manner in which he had worked the three ceremonies. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 17th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, present Bros. Jas. S. Edmeston W.M., C. Andrews (Preceptor) S.W., W. J. Sperring J.W., F. Botley Secretary, C. E. Botley S.D., E. Monson J.D., V. Wing I.G. Past Masters Bros. Gunner, Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, Sugg P.P.G.O. Surrey, Beckett W.M. 780. Visitors the Rev. P. G. Pickering, M.A., W.M. 35 P.P.G. Chaplain Hants and I. of W, Garner 1602. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the fourth and first sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Pickering was elected a member. Announcement was made that Bro. Jas. Stevens would give his Lecture on the 31st inst., and that Bro. W. W. Morgan would deliver one of his Lectures on Friday, the 14th November. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. The meetings of this Lodge of Instruction are now well attended, and visitors at all times receive a cordial greeting.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on the 20th instant, at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, W., Bros. W. A. Vincent W.M. 1139 W.M., J. Cruttenden S.W., W. J. Mason J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Preceptor and Treasurer, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Secretary, H. Purdue W.M. 834 S.D., E. F. Ferris J.D., W. Middleweek Steward, C. J. Morse I.G. Past Masters Bros. W. H. Chalfort 1425, Capt. A. Nicole 1974; H. Curtis 1425, S. J. Humfress, F. Chandler, C. G. Wetzler, D. Stroud, J. Stephens, C. S. Mote, E. J. Day. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Humfress and Wetzler candidates. The first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Curtis was elected a member, and Bro. Cruttenden W.M. for next meeting. On Monday, the 10th November, Bro. W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211, has consented to deliver his popular Lecture, "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development." The business of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, until 27th inst.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 20th instant, at Brother Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Rhodes W.M., Western S.W., Stretch J.W., Neison acting Secretary, Parkes S.D., Snook J.D., Turner I.G., Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Atterton acting as candidate. Bros. Potter and Atterton answered questions leading to second degree. Bros. Turtle and Ryan were elected members. Bro. Western was appointed W.M. for next week. After the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren spent a few hours most harmoniously together, several of them giving songs, and otherwise contributing to the enjoyment of the company.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 18th inst., at the Hampshire Hog Tavern, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. G. Gardner W.M., F. R. Hayes S.W., J. Brown J.W., G. Gardner Treasurer, H. Furze (acting Secretary), W. H. Wilson S.D., A. Williams J.D., A. Stroud I.G. Past Master Bro. E. Ayling Preceptor; W. Johnson, W. H. Notley, R. Wimpey, J. Davies, Sims, Horton, Smither. The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Notley candidate. Bro. Notley answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies being the candidate. Lodge was resumed, when the Preceptor worked the second section of the first lecture. Upon the Master rising, Bro. Notley was elected a member of the Lodge, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. H. Wilson, for presenting the Lodge with two P.M.'s aprons. The Lodge furniture is now complete, with the exception of collars. This reflects great credit on the various brethren who have presented different articles; the Lodge has only been working for a short period.

We congratulate Bro. Seymour-Smith on the marked success of his Annual Benefit Concert on Saturday last. It was held, as we announced it would be, in the South Place Institute, close by the Moorgate Street Station, E.C., and we have seldom seen a hall better filled, or filled with a more enthusiastic body of the friends and well wishers of our talented and popular brother. The Concert was in two parts, and from beginning to end gave entire satisfaction. Among the numbers which were most applauded, and most deserved the applause bestowed upon them, may be mentioned the musical sketch, "Lord Mayor's Day," and a new part song, "Ye Catte," both of them being the composition of Bro. Seymour-Smith, "The Children's Home" (Cowen), by Miss Meta Russell; Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," by Mr. W. Morrow; "Auld Robin Gray," by Madame Agnes Ross; and Mr. Michael Watson's new song, "Little Sue."

At the weekly meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, near the Highbury Station, the several chairs were filled as follows:—Comps. Brasted M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Shaw J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds (Preceptor) S.N., Knight P.S. There was a good attendance, and the ceremony was rehearsed most creditably.

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THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 258).

IN his Fourth Chapter Bro. Hughan directs his attention especially to the Royal Arch Degree, the advent of which he sets down as having taken place about 1737-40, or some twenty years after the Revival. The earliest minutes relating to this degree belong to the year 1762 and have somewhat recently been brought to light by Bros. Whytehead and Todd, of York; the earliest references to it are to be found in the "Atholl" Records of 4th March 1752 and Fifield Dassigny's "Serious and Impartial Enquiry into the cause of the present Decay of Free-Masonry in the kingdom of Ireland," &c., published in Dublin in 1744, and reproduced in Hughan's "Memorials of the Masonic Union of A.D. 1813," London, 1874. The excerpt from the last-mentioned work will be found at pp 47-48, but as it is too long for reproduction here, we shall content ourselves with giving the author's summary. "We learn, then," writes Bro. Hughan, "from Dr. Dassigny, that (1) '*some few years*' prior to 1744 (say 1740) a brother in Dublin pretended to be Master of the Royal Arch, (2) but was detected by another brother '*who had some small space before* (say 1739), attained that excellent part of Masonry in London.' (3) 'Royal Arch Masons' assembled at York in 1744 (so he was informed). (4) 'Some of the Fraternity' did not like such a secret ceremony being kept from those who had taken the 'usual degrees;' (5) but the objection was not entertained, because the members in question had '*passed the chair*,' and were 'excellent Masons.' (6) Another 'itinerant Mason,' *lately* arrived in Dublin (say 1743), desired to add three steps to the usual trio, by which some wonderful results were to be attained, even advancement 'to the highest heavens,' to which the Doctor objected on reasonable grounds; and (7) finally it is clear that the Third Degree in 1744 culminated in reverence for the *Summum Bonum, the immortal God*.'" This is a very fair description of the original passage in Dassigny, and as it is the earliest evidence producible in connection with the Degree, it seems to us fully to justify Bro. Hughan in having selected 1737-40 as the date when the R.A. was introduced into our Rite. This view is corroborated by Dr. Rob. Morris, of Kentucky, who it seems "an age ago declared that the Royal Arch Degree must be ascribed to about 1740," while, on the other hand, the brother who rejoices in the pseudonym of "Masonic Student," contended as far back as 1867-8 that the "Degree existed in effect long before Ramsay's time . . . . We have numismatic evidence of the antiquity of the second part of the Third Degree, coeval with the operative lodge of York Masons, *certainly in the fifteenth century*." We are further told that "in a subsequent letter, the same writer observes, 'despite Bro. Hughan's strong expression of opinion, I venture to express my firm belief, on very many grounds of evidence, that the Royal Arch Degree is far more ancient than 1740.'" Bro. Hughan, however, stands firmly by his belief, neither he nor his friends at York having been able to discover the "numismatic evidence" referred to, and he himself being "now more convinced than ever" that his contention then was the right one, "there being no other view possible, according 'to our knowledge of the facts.'" Those who have accompanied us through our sketch of Bro. Hughan's remarks on the Third Degree will have no need to go further for a justification of his opinion.

Bro. Hughan agrees with Dr. Oliver as to the possible English origin of the Degree, but he entirely demurs to the same writer's assertion that the Chevalier Ramsay "visited London at the very period in question, for the purpose of introducing his new degrees into English Masonry; and his schemes being rejected by the Constitutional Grand Lodge, nothing appears more likely than that he would throw himself into the hands of the schismatics . . . . It is therefore extremely probable that Ramsay was concerned in the fabrication of the English degree." With reference to this Bro. Hughan observes, "There is not a tittle of proof that Ramsay's inventions were either entertained or rejected by the Grand Lodge of England, by its rival, the 'Athol Masons,' or by any other Masonic body in Great Britain and Ireland, added to which he had 'joined the majority' some three years at least prior to the period of Dermott's exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason, and the Seceders, or 'Atholl Grand Lodge,' had no existence until some seven years or more after Ramsay's decease." As regards the opinion so confidently expressed by Bro. Joseph Robbins, P.G.M. Illinois, that the Degree "was practised by the seceders, but never by the authority of the regular Grand Lodge down to the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813." Bro. Hughan points out that as "the degree was worked in London and Dublin about 1740, being some six years prior to Dermott's 'exaltation,' and ten or more years before the 'Atholl' Grand Lodge was started, it must be incorrect to credit the 'Seceders' with the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into this country." He also points out that "the non-recognition" of the Degree "by the Grand Lodge of England was more formal than real for many years antecedent to the 'Union,'" it being in evidence that it was "patronised by Lord Blaney the Grand Master, and other influential members of the Grand Lodge in 1767 and subsequently."

Having discussed these and other matters concerning the Royal Arch, Bro. Hughan glances at the records which have been preserved, the earliest being the "Minute Book belonging to the Most Sublime Degree or Order of Royal Arch appertaining to the Grand Lodge of all England, held at the City of York, 1762." This has already been referred to, but it will doubtless prove interesting to our readers to know the earliest record contained in the said Book, and hence we give it as quoted by Bro. Hughan:—

"A Most Sublime or Royal Arch Lodge open'd at the Sign of the Punch Bowl in Stongate, York, on Sunday, the 7th of February, 1762. Present:

Frodsham, P.H.
Oram, Z.L. } in the Chairs.
Granger, J.A.

"At this Lodge Brothers Burton, Palmes, Tasker, and Dodgson petition'd to be raised to the 4th Degree of Masonry, commonly call'd the Most Sublime or Royal Arch, were accepted, and accordingly made."

Passing over the references to Knight Templary at York and the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia, founded in 1758 under an Atholl Warrant, and still flourishing, we come to the earliest Arch records under the "Moderns" belonging to the year 1765. After pointing out that Bro. Gould was originally of the opinion that this Chapter, which was the parent of the regular Grand Chapter, was formed 12th June 1765, Bro. Hughan

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remarks that his brother author had modified this view in consequence of discoveries made by him (Bro. Hughan) that the said Chapter did not meet for the first time on the said 12th June. The grounds which Bro. Hughan adduced, and which had the effect of influencing Bro. Gould to alter his original opinion are reasonable enough. In the first place, the Bye-Laws in the Minute book of the Royal Arch Chapter open with a declaration in which it is stated that on the 12th June 1765 the "Companions of the E.G. and R.C.," after "having duly considered and maturely deliberated on the *present state of the Chapter*," have, &c. &c. from which it is very naturally inferred that the said meeting "was not the first held by the Companions." It seems also to have been resolved on the same occasion that "*for the future*, the expense of Passing the Royal Arch should be raised to two guineas each," which, as Bro. Hughan rightly argues, is still further evidence "that the Chapter had a prior existence." There is also the fact that the "anniversary" was celebrated on "Jan. 18th, 1766," but, to crown all, Bro. Hughan notes a "minute of a meeting on 22nd March 1765, when 'The Most Excellent Grands and Brethren met at Mr. Inge's. Bro. Bourcard, Br. Palin, and Br. Vander Upwick pass'd the Arch.'" The actual date of the constitution of this Chapter, Bro. Hughan, to his great regret, is unable to furnish, but he considers it had a prior existence to the Caledonian Chapter mentioned in a resolution of 26th December 1766, on the ground that "sufficient time had not elapsed" between the period of its known activity and "the constitution of the 'Caledonian Lodge,' on November 15th, 1764," from which the said "Caledonian Chapter" may or may not have derived its origin. The point is a nice one, but in order thoroughly to grasp the purpose and nature of Bro. Hughan's contention it will be as well perhaps that the reader should study carefully the passage in which it is contained.

The rest of the Chapter is highly interesting, and will well repay the time devoted to its perusal by those who are desirous of learning more about the Royal Arch degree. Our next paper will be devoted to the subsequent portions of Bro. Hughan's work.

(To be continued.)

HOGARTH'S PORTRAITS OF MASONS, AND MASONIC CARICATURES.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

A BROTHER recently informed me that Desaguliers portrait is in Hogarth's works. After examining some editions, I found it in Nichol's edition of 1810, page 142, viz., in the Plate of the "Sleeping Congregation." The editor says:—

"The preacher was designed as the representative of Dr. Desaguliers. This print was first published in October 1736, price 1s, under the title of "A Print representing a Sleepy Congregation in Country Church. By W. Hogarth." (*Gentleman's Magazine*, 1736, page 624.) It was afterwards improved by the author in 1762, and is found in three different states. In the first, *Dieu Mon Droit* is wanting under the King's Arms, the Angel with one wing and two pair of thighs, that supports the motto, is smoking a pipe; and the lion has not his present magnificent genitals. In the second, the words already mentioned are added; the angel's pipe is obliterated; the insignia of the lion's sex rendered ostentatiously conspicuous; the other distinctions are chiefly such as a reiteration of engraving would naturally produce, by adding strength to the fainter parts of the composition. Changes of this kind are numberless in all repaired prints of our artist. There is also a pirated copy of this plate. It is not ill executed, but in size is somewhat shorter than its predecessor, and has no price annexed. In the original picture, which was in the collection of the late Sir Edward Walpole, the clerk's head is admirably well painted and with great force, but he is dozing, and not leering at the young woman near him, as in the print.

It is evident from the above that Bro. Hogarth did not regard Bro. Desaguliers as a very *stirring* preacher.

The next portrait of a distinguished Mason I found in the same edition of Hogarth is that of Martin Folks. Anderson says that, after the Duke of Richmond was installed Grand Master in 1724, the new "Grand Master, standing up, called forth (as if it were by accident) and appointed Martin Folks, Esq., his Deputy Grand Master, invested and installed by the last Deputy in the Chair of Hiram Abiff." Bro. Anderson must have made a mistake here, for I always understood that Bro. Hiram Abiff was one of Solomon's Grand Wardens, and not his Deputy. Indeed, I have never heard that Grand Master Solomon had a Deputy at all.

The following brief sketch of Bro. Folks is annexed to the portrait by the editor of Hogarth, p 156.

"Martin Folks was a mathematician and antiquary of much celebrity in the philosophical annals of this country. He was, at the early age of twenty-four, admitted a member of the Royal Society, where he was greatly distinguished. Two years afterwards he was chosen one of the Council, and was named by Sir Isaac Newton himself as Vice-President. He was afterwards elected President, and held this high office till a short time before his death, when he resigned it on account of ill health. In the Philosophical Transactions are numerous memoirs of this learned man. His knowledge of coins, ancient and modern, was very extensive, and the last work he produced was on that subject—"The History of the English Gold and Silver Coin, from the Conquest to his own time." He was President of the Society of Antiquaries at the time of his death, which happened 28th June 1754, at the age of sixty-four. A few days before his death he was struck with a fit of the palsy and never spoke after this attack."

The portrait of Pine the engraver, by Hogarth, I have described several months ago. I will only add, that in the plate called "The Gate of Calais" Pine is represented in the character of a friar, but the figure is too small to be recognised as a portrait of Pine.

On the Plate called "Night," representing a scene in London, of about the year 1736; among other pictures, the principal or foremost figure is a *bemuddled* Freemason, wearing an apron and collar, from which hangs a Mason's Square; the old Mason stares wildly, as if he did not know where he had been, or where he is going to; he is, however, in charge of a waiter, carrying a lanthorn, and leading him, the Lord knows where. Of course, Masons *never get tipsy now a days*; because *temperance* and *prudence* are now numbered among our Masonic virtues; but in those days our ritual made no reference to either temperance or prudence; it is, therefore, possible that Masons may have indulged too much in those days, and who knows whether the subsequent introduction of "Temperance" into our ritual may not have been due to that very picture by Bro. Hogarth. The account about that plate in Nichol's edition of Hogarth is very meagre, so I shall cull some information from the Rev. John Trusler's edition, he says:

"The wounded free-Mason, who, in his zeal for brotherly love, has drank his bumpers to the Craft till he is unable to find his way home, is under the guidance of a waiter. This has generally been considered as intended for Sir Thomas de Veil, and from an authentic portrait which I have seen, I am, says Mr. Ireland, inclined to think it is, notwithstanding Sir John Hawkins asserts that he could discover no resemblance. When the Knight saw him in his magisterial capacity, he was probably sober and sedate, here he is represented a little disguised. • • • On the resignation of Horace Walpole in February 1738, De Veil was appointed inspector-general of the imports and exports, and was so severe against retailers of spirituous liquors, that one Allen headed a gang of rioters for the purpose of pulling down his house, and bringing to summary punishment two informers who were there concealed, Allen was tried for this offence, and acquitted upon the jury's verdict declaring him a lunatic."

Now, I know nothing more about De Veil than is given above: he certainly held no office in the Grand Lodge up to the time the picture "Night" was painted, nor do I know whether he was a Mason at all. But be that as it may, Ireland died in 1808. He did not know De Veil personally, but saw only De Veil's picture. Now, in the first place, I have seen some pictures of George Washington that did not look to me like other pictures of that distinguished man. And second, if De Veil was so severe as a magistrate upon liquor dealers, it is not very probable that he would get drunk in a Masonic Lodge and cut such a figure as represented on the plate.

There is a plate in Nichol's edition, viz., "The mystery of Masonry brought to light by the Gormagons." I have described that plate in Vol. VII., p 160, of the *Masonic Magazine*. But I must briefly state here that the Gorma-

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gons were a Chinese Order, which made its appearance in about the year 1723 and expired about 1730. They, like the Masons, indulged in annual *processioning*. The plate in question has not a solitary Masonic emblem on it, and it must therefore originally have been designed to ridicule the Gormagons only. But the Masons also provoked ridicule by their annual processions. In 1742, and for at least three years later, a number of droll Masonic caricatures were published in cartoons and newspapers. It seems to me that the owner of the Gormagon Plate, in order to realise another penny from it, altered the inscription at the bottom of the plate, added *Masons* to the *Gormagons*, and when thus Masonised he found new customers for it. Mr. Nichols, the editor, says, "To the earliest impression of this plate the name of *Sayer* (for whom it has since been re-touched) is wanting. 'Stolen' from Coypel's Don Quixote.'" What he means by "stolen," &c. I do not understand, but it is very evident that the inscription was altered, and we all know that it is "a common trick of the trade," when an engraving has fulfilled its purpose for one publication, to alter its inscription in order to adapt it for another, and such may also have been the case with the plate under consideration. Indeed, I even doubt whether Hogarth engraved it at all.

BOSTON. 17th October 1884.

AN INVITATION POLITELY DECLINED.

We very much regret to find ourselves under the necessity of declining a very courteous invitation addressed to us by the *Masonic Chronicle* of Columbus, Ohio. We understand that on some former occasion we took the liberty of describing certain of our contemporary's remarks on the dispute between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Mark Grand Lodge of England as having been characterised by a tone of "unmitigated insolence." We do not remember to have done so, and unfortunately at the moment of writing, our file of the CHRONICLE is not accessible for reference. We dare say, however, our Ohian friend is quite right. It is not our habit to go out of the way to pay people either deserved or undeserved compliments, and if, as our contemporary points out, we did so describe its remarks, we must have seen something about them of an exceptionally meritorious character. But it does not follow that, because we have set a rule at naught on one occasion, and under, we presume, very special circumstances, we should do so a second time, and with but little or no justification. A courtesy is always the more acceptable the more rarely it is bestowed, and we fear the *Masonic Chronicle* is not sufficiently impressed with the kind attention we have shown it, when it invites us to bestow a like attention on a certain Bro. Theo. T. Gurney, with whom it is our misfortune, though not our fault, to be unacquainted. We have no doubt this Bro. Gurney is a most estimable man and Mason. If it pleases our contemporary, we will even go so far as to suggest that he is in all respects well qualified to offer an opinion on questions which are evidently beyond his powers of comprehension. But we cannot undertake, even at the express and politely-conveyed invitation of this worthy Ohian editor, to scatter indiscriminately among the many well-intentioned brethren of the United States the limited supply of compliments it is in our power to bestow. Let it suffice, for the present at all events, that from the very slight opportunity we have had of judging of the value of Bro. Gurney's contributions to the literature of the Quebec imbroglio, we do not think they deserve to be placed quite on the same footing as the remarks of the *Masonic Chronicle*. The latter must have been characterised by a certain tone of "unmitigated insolence," or we should not have so described them at the time they were brought under notice, but the former are not worth noticing at all.

There is another reason why we cannot listen to the voice of this interesting charmer, who dwells in far-off Columbus. Once upon a time a very little frog and a very big ox were next door neighbours. The ox went on his way rejoicing, but the frog, when it noted the difference in size between it and its neighbour, grew quite envious, and being an absurdly plucky little fellow, it made up its mind to attain the same dimensions as the ox. Accordingly, it went on swelling itself out with pride and arrogance and vain-glory until one day its little skin became so inflated that it burst incontinently, and the little frog went over to the majority. Now, were we so inconsiderate as to take any notice of Bro. Gurney's comments on the Quebec business, he might be ill-advised enough to continue them, in the belief that he was laying down the law authoritatively on a matter which, as we have already suggested, is entirely beyond his powers of comprehension: in which case, of course he would expose himself to the same untoward fate as friend froggy. For Bro. Gurney's own sake, therefore, we shall take no notice of his remarks as quoted by the *Masonic Chronicle*. We have no wish to hear of his having perished in the vain attempt to swell himself to the dimensions of a full-grown Masonic jurisconsult, and he would inevitably do so if, as our friend so courteously puts it, we looked out the big words in our dictionary, and anathematised him. It is for these reasons that we have no option but to decline the generous invitation of our contemporary.

SYMBOLS.

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We know that whatever form of religion was observed by Abraham it passed down to Jacob, and so continued until Joseph was found in Egypt by his brother. Granting the possibility of the ancient true religion being corrupted in Egypt, they would naturally have retained their temples and the general moral code. Joseph now finding it in that corrupt condition, would endeavour to establish it in its former purity, but after his death, while it would again become corrupt, the archives of the government would preserve the records of their former forms of worship, and it would become a part of the wisdom of the learned men of Egypt. Moses now being educated under the direction of the royal court would thus become learned "in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," hence, when called upon the mountain to receive the law, he is instructed to embody in a written form all the moral code, the form of religion, and, having no abiding place to erect a temple, he materialises the work by the construction of the tabernacle. Granting this theory to be correct, it may be easily seen that the adoption of the tabernacle and the peculiar form of religion was not borrowing from Egypt, but the revivication of the divine form of worship perpetuated in Egypt.

Melchisedec comes upon the stage for a moment and then is lost sight of. Jethro appears momentarily as the wise counsellor of his son-in-law, Moses (Exodus xviii. 1-9), and like Melchisedec, is lost to history. What the peculiar form of their religion was we do not know, but that they were God-fearing men is evident from the manner of joy in which they received the good work of God. The true religion of God then may have been preserved in the people represented by Melchisedec. With Abraham it was given to the care of another tribe also, whose history has been preserved in that direction. On the one hand it has been handed down to the Jews, on the other to the Gentiles. As time grew on the religion of Melchisedec, yet perfect, is met at the visit of Jethro to Moses, but, in the later ages, becoming corrupt, it descends into various forms of idolatry. Assuming the correctness of this theory it is very easily seen how ancient temples, built long before Solomon, had the same plan of his, and the moral code of certain heathen nations, their ideas of the vicarious character of sacrifices, their traditions of the creation and flood, are identical with Bible history, and settle the fact that instead of anything being borrowed for the Israelitish form of religion, the ancient pure religion was merely brought back to its former purity. The highest symbol, then, that we find in the tabernacle is holiness, whether it be among the ancient heathen or the Israelitish people.

THE POINT WITHIN THE CIRCLE.—In our symbolisms there is "a certain point within a circle, embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; and upon the top rests the Holy Scriptures." The point represents a brother, surrounded by a circle, bounded by the highest principles and advocates of pure virtue and godliness, symbolizing that no passion or prejudice should ever be allowed to betray him; no sinful disposition to lead him into wrong; that as the circle is crowned with the law of virtue, and supported upon the sides by two of the grandest advocates of holy living, we should live in a high degree of purity. If

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we thus keep within these bounds it is hardly possible to "err materially."

The origin of this symbol is variously stated. By some it is represented as "an abstruse allusion to the old sun-worship;" being abstruse we will not pursue the thought in that direction.

While in modern days the two parallel lines are made to represent the Saints John, in reality they refer to "particular periods in the sun's annual course, in which he has reached his greatest northern and southern limit, being the 21st of June and 22nd of December." (Mackey.) This being true the allusion to the patron saints is altogether arbitrary, but as the anniversaries of the saints were at these dates, their names seem to have been appropriately used. Mackey says that "the true interpretation of the point within the circle is the same as that of the Master and Wardens of a Lodge, preserving the symbolism of the Lodge and the world. "The Master and Wardens are symbols of the sun—the Lodge, of the universe or the world." This symbol has led many earnest Masons to believe that the Saints John were Masons, but there is not sufficient evidence of such a thought to form the least approach to fact. The name of St. John the Baptist was very early used as a patron saint to the Lodge; the other was not adopted until after the sixteenth century; but early Masons did not claim that either were Masons. We should, therefore, abandon the legend of their being Masons, but should cling to the principles of purity embodied in the symbol.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge was holden in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, 22nd October, at 2.15 p.m., under the banner of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1779, when the Worshipful Brother William Tew, J.P., P.M. 910, Past Grand Deacon of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided. There were also present Bros. Simeon Hayes as Prov. S.G.W., George Motley Wand, J.P., Prov. J.G.W.; J. Batley, Ensor Drury, John Booth, Isaac Booth, and Lieut.-Colonel J. Day Past Prov. G. Wardens; Revs. Canon R. Bullock and W. T. M. Sylvester Prov. G. Chaplains; Rev. P. F. J. Pearce Past Prov. G. Chaplain; James Henry Gration Prov. G. Treasurer, Jonas Craven P.P.G.W. as Prov. G. Registrar, Henry Smith Prov. G. Secretary, Benjamin Hutchinson and Joseph Lowenthal Prov. S.G. Deacons; Henry W. Pawson P. as Prov. J.G. Deacon, Reuben Williamson Prov. J.G. Deacon; William Longden, John F. Moss, W. B. Alderson, John Fawcett, William Robert Thomas, M.D., Robert Craig and William Delaney Past Prov. Grand Deacons, Thomas Winn Prov. G. Superintendent of Works, John Beanland, G. W. Hawksley, Charles Gott, and John Barker Past Prov. G. Superintendents of Works; Joseph W. Monckman Prov. G.D.C., Hugh S. Holdsworth Prov. G. Deputy D.C., Thomas Collinson P. as Prov. Assistant G.D.C., L. W. Roddewig, Samuel Slack, and George Perkin Past Prov. G.D.C., George Pearson Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Robert Arnison and Henry Joseph Garnett Past Prov. G. Sword Bearers, James France and Alfred Austin Prov. Grand Standard Bearers, John William Phillips, Samuel Suckley, and J. Needham Pickering Prov. G. Organists; Herbert G. E. Green Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary, John Seed Prov. Grand Pursuivant, William Cockroft Prov. Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Joseph Cawthorn, John Richardson, William Schofield, Thomas Barber, J. L. Oates, and William Hall Past Prov. Grand Pursuivants; Henry T. E. Holmes and Moses Perkin as Prov. Grand Stewards, Robert Schott, James Wright, James Bedford, and Joseph Brailsford jun. Prov. Grand Stewards; Joshua Lee Prov. Grand Tyler, Jonas Sheard Prov. Assistant Grand Tyler; also W. Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens and brethren from Lodges 61, 139, 149, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 380, 387, 401, 408, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 827, 904, 910, 971, 974, 1001, 1018, 1019, 1034, 1042, 1102, 1108, 1211, 1221, 1231, 1239, 1301, 1302, 1311, 1462, 1513, 1514, 1542, 1645, 1648, 1736, 1779, 1783, 2035.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from Bros. Scarborough, Parkinson, Town, and Gaukroger 61, Binney and Webster 139, Cadman 154, Critchley 208, Pickles 253, Wright, Mellor, Ruddock, and Starkey 275; Kay, Williamson, Greaves, and Milnes 289; Bartolomé 296, Broughton, Barlow, and Hill 302; Ellisdon, Malcolm, and Freeman 306, Blackburn 337, Steward 380, Atherton 439, Whitaker 448, East 458, Colonel Hartley and Senior 495, Althorp 600, Davies and Pickersgill 837, Lord 910, Willey, Lupton, Briggs, and Evans 974; Smithson, Ackrill, and Harvy 1001; Banister 1018, Wordsworth 1019, Ibberson 1102, Fourness 1211, Levy and Moore 1221, Sunderland 1301, Marshall 1283, Pearson 1311, Pollard 1522, Macvay 1542, Stephenson and Loveless 1648. Visitors—Bros. J. S. Cumberland and T. B. Whytehead P.M.'s 1611 P.P.G. Wardens North and East Yorkshire, A. R. Nugee No. 14, Galway.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. C. H. Gilbert Hay W.M., and Officers of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1779, at two o'clock, and at 2·15 the Worshipful Bro. Thos. William Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of E., D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers entered, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form; solemn prayer was offered, and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom, and delivered the following Address:—

Officers and Brethren of Provincial Grand Lodge.—The circumstances under which we assemble at Sheffield for our October gathering are somewhat exceptional, the chair not being occupied by the Provincial Grand Master, the office being, as it were, in abeyance, there having been a regular succession of Grand Masters to govern this Province since its constitution at Wakefield in 1823.

Under the administration of its illustrious Grand Masters, Lord Mexborough, the Marquess of Ripon, and Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., the Lodges have multiplied from nineteen to sixty-seven, and Freemasonry has prospered in a remarkable manner under their salutary administration of our antient laws and regulations, because to each of these governors the brethren have ever rendered a cheerful obedience and loyalty.

To-day this Province is without an active Provincial Grand Master. The Deputy, by a rule in the New Book of Constitutions, has authority to summon Provincial Grand Lodge for the despatch of business. The Province being under the charge of the Provincial Grand Officers for the time being, the indulgence of the brethren is claimed in the administration of its affairs until our Royal Grand Master, who has the retirement of Sir Henry Edwards before him, exercises his prerogative in the appointment of his successor. Whoever this may be, whether Royal Duke or Noble Lord, or some titled personage, the allegiance of the brethren will be given to the occupant of this office, as it has been to those who have preceded and governed us with ability and success. Of all loyal bodies of men on the face of this earth, there is not one which can surpass the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in dutiful faithfulness to any appointment the Prince of Wales may choose to make.

On the 2nd of June, the Deputy received a communication from Sir Henry Edwards, "to make known his intention of retiring from the Provincial Grand Mastership," and to "accompany the determination of his withdrawal with an unmistakable feeling of gratitude to the Prince of Wales, for his gracious permission to act so long in this capacity, and thankfulness to all the Lodges and Chapters for the uniform kindness, support, and forbearance invariably manifested towards him, thus enabling him to fulfil his Masonic obligations taken at his installation at Halifax in 1875." To this wish of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy felt bound to comply; and a circular letter, dated the 18th June 1884, was accordingly issued to the W.M.'s of all the Lodges in the West Riding. This communication will therefore be read to you, and entered on the Minutes. With that delicacy of mind so characteristic of the sensitive nature of our Prov. Grand Master, he wished that his determination to retire should be received by the Lodges "*sub silentio.*" This command has been respected, and although the Lodges have passed sympathetic resolutions, these have been transmitted to me, and, as opportunity has occurred, I have conveyed their expressions of sympathy and regret. A more formal resolution is on the agenda paper, thanking the Prov. Grand Master for his services to the Craft, deploring the cause of his retirement, and expressing our gratitude and unshaken confidence for the manner in which he has maintained the dignity of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and our fervent desire that the Great Architect of the Universe may yet give him many years of life, to adorn his high station and "to render himself serviceable to his fellow creatures" in that beneficent manner of which he has ever shown himself to be so remarkable and brilliant an example. It is gratifying to know that he does not intend to withdraw his name from this Prov. Grand Lodge.

Since we assembled at Huddersfield, in April, for the annual meeting, several communications have been made to me respecting the Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII. with reference to Freemasonry, and inquiring whether this Prov. Grand Lodge would have an opportunity of recording a protest against the charges, and to affirm with all the force and solemnity that we can bring to bear that they are based upon complete and total misapprehension of the principles of Freemasonry. An identical proposition, in harmony with that passed by the Grand Lodge of England on the 4th of June, is on the paper for your consideration. The Bishop of Rome has declared that Freemasonry is mere "Naturalism;" that it takes human nature and human reason as its guide and rule in all things. As evidence against the Pontiff's judgment that the Masonic sect is merely naturalistic, we appeal to the Antient Charges, to our Book of Constitutions and to our Regulations, one and all breathing a spirit of religion and of obedience to the "Volume of the Sacred Law, which rules and governs our faith." The Lodges of West Yorkshire, and their members, in their lives and morals, and the practice of the principles upon which Masonry is founded, and above all, our illustrious rulers, are a refutation of the condemnatory assertions of this Encyclical Letter. I am persuaded that our "Gracious Queen on her throne, the constitution of this realm, social order, faith, education and religion" (and I use the words of the Pro Grand Master) "have no stronger friends, nor firmer pillars to rest upon, than the Masonic body in England. Our Order, governed by principles of Love and Charity, deals with the moral and social improvement of humanity and the amelioration of suffering in the world. We fight, not over creeds and faiths, but we have our faith, even in the great Church of the Patriarchs, the Prophets and the Apostles, the Church of the ages that have passed and the ages that are yet to come. But we help the orphan, the widow, the aged, and deceased, who having been brought by unforeseen misfortune to poverty or distress, have troubles to be alleviated and griefs to be assuaged; and these we seek to mitigate. As we protested at our Quarterly Meeting at Leeds, on the 24th April 1878, against the action of the "Grand Orient of France" for expunging from its Statute Book a belief in the Supreme Being of the Universe, Provincial Grand Lodge feels it to be a duty to the Lodges, to yourselves, and to the honourable fraternity to which we belong, to support Grand Lodge in entering our protest against the misstatements of facts in this Encyclical Letter. The Grand Orient of Italy has sent a circular to the Lodges throughout the world, suggesting a common protest should be made

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against this letter of Pope Leo XIII., in which Masonry is so unsparingly attacked. This circular asks all Grand Lodges to give their sympathetic support to the cause of Italian Freemasonry. Should you agree to the resolution, may I hope that a copy may be sent to the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the Grand Orient of Italy.

I must now, but briefly, occupy your time in alluding to Lodge No. 1779 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. The "Ivanhoe" Lodge, No. 1779, was constituted by me on the 29th October 1878. It has now forty-two members. It has prospered since its establishment, and we ask the Worshipful Master to accept our acknowledgments for the invitation to meet under its banner. The Lodge has carried out the aspirations of the reverend and learned Chaplain at its dedication, "that the prosperity of a Lodge does not depend upon its numbers, but on the high moral and intellectual tone which should pervade its members." Of the three other Lodges in Sheffield, it would be difficult to eulogise them adequately. They have given largely to the Charities, and they have on their roll many illustrious brethren to whom Sheffield owes much for its importance as a busy centre of commerce. We thank the Mayor and Master Cutler of Sheffield for placing the Cutlers' Hall at the disposal of the "Ivanhoe" Lodge, and for their generous reception of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

Permit me, before concluding this address, to mention the proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge since the April meeting. On the 8th of May, at Kirkburton, the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, was dedicated to Freemasonry. The foundation of every new Lodge is a stone built into the edifice of Masonic civilization, and every novitiate is, as it were, the cement of fraternal charity binding the stones of the building together, thus making the Temple of Freemasonry a fit habitation for those "just and upright men," the ornaments of the peaceful and charitable communities of mankind.

On the 21st May Prov. Grand Lodge was represented at the Masonic Girls' School Festival, Baroness Burdett-Coutts most kindly presenting prizes to the pupils who had distinguished themselves during the past year. Also on the 26th June, when Bro. the Lord Mayor of London took the chair at the Boys' School Festival, in the place of the lamented Duke of Albany; your Deputy and Prov. Grand Secretary were present, and at the Distribution of Prizes at Wood Green. At the three Festivals £1,450 10s 6d was subscribed, West Yorkshire contributing £189 8 13s 6d. All Lodges are thanked for their munificence in the cause of our Charities, and especially during these times of commercial depression.

On the 28th July Bro. the Worshipful the Mayor of Pontefract invited the Craft to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Incorporation of the borough of Pontefract, and the opening of the Castle Grounds on their renovation and appropriation for the townspeople of Pontefract.

On the 27th August the Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire visited the Worcester Exhibition of Masonic relics, under the auspices of the Mayor of that city, and Sir E. Lechmere, Bart., the Provincial Grand Master of that Province. The hospitality and courtesy extended to the Secretary was not only most agreeable, but a compliment to this Province. I have no doubt but that the York and Worcester Masonic Exhibitions may eventually lead to the establishment of some permanent museum for the Midland and Northern Counties. We heartily congratulate that Province, the Mayor, and the Secretary of Worcestershire on the success of their Exhibition.

On the 17th of September we had the foundation stone of St. James's Church and Mission Room at Whitwood Mere, in the presence of a large assemblage of people, for whose benefit the Rev. Bro. Needham, W.M. of St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, has long laboured for the spiritual welfare of the artizans in his parish, and on the 24th of that same month Philanthropic Lodge at Leeds inaugurated their splendid Masonic Hall, which has been, at great cost, beautified and decorated. And let me venture to suggest that this idea, where there are two or more Lodges in a town meeting at one central hall, may be extended; yet having their separate or special private rooms arranged around the one central Temple of Freemasonry. To consolidate the Lodges towards one common centre, symbolical of the Tabernacle or Temple, would in this manner be productive of unity to the Craft, concentrate the energies of such Lodges, enlarge their scope of charity, and give greater strength of purpose to the brethren to walk worthy of the vocation, with all lowliness, meekness, and forbearance.

I cannot omit to mention the recent marriage of Mr. John Lancaster Shaw. Whatever concerns the happiness of the family of our late Deputy, Bro. Bentley Shaw, is of interest to ourselves. I will read to you a letter from that most kind-hearted lady the mother of the bridegroom, acknowledging the congratulations of the Craft on this auspicious event.

My next allusions are sorrowful ones. Brother Henry Gustavus Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, after long and faithful services to the Craft, and one of the best-known Masons in G. Lodge, retires from his office through ill-health, and closes his official association with Freemasons' Hall. Our obligations are due to him for innumerable courtesies shown to West Yorkshire. It may be truly said of Bro. Buss that it will be a difficult matter to find a successor so much respected and esteemed as he. He has well earned the rest he seeks, and which we trust he will be spared to enjoy for many a long year to come. Our obituary has to record the deaths of Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, a name inseparable from Cleopatra's Needle, which adorns the Thames Embankment, and is a noble monument of his skill and genius in connection with its transference from Egypt to London; Bro. John Havers, whose bust is placed on the staircase of Freemasons' Hall, as the Chairman of the Building Committee in 1863 to 1865. We all remember the valued help he rendered and unanswerable speech he made in support of the action of West Yorkshire and other Provinces combined in successfully opposing the Scheme of the Building Committee on 5th December 1883. Another loss is that of Brother Horace Seymour Alpass, J.P., and late Prov. Grand Secretary of West Lancashire. He was a most genial Mason, and what we call in Yorkshire "a long-headed gentleman." We have lost in him a staunch Mason. In our own Province, the deaths of others in the Craft remind us of the fleeting tenure of this life, and that soon we must all, like these brethren, "pass through the valley of the shadow of death."

As the various Lodges have entered upon the more active season of the year, and meet regularly through the winter, I trust there will be an exact conformity to the "New Book of Constitutions," and to that rule requiring the name of proposer and seconder, as well as the name, age, occupation, and residence of all candidates to appear on the Lodge summonses.

The Committee on the revision of our own Prov. Bye-laws has had several meetings. Its labours will soon be in the hands of the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, who can take such steps as may be deemed necessary to place them before their brethren, so that we may fairly hope that they may be adopted by Grand Lodge in January 1885, and confirmed at the annual meeting of April next. We are in communication with the surrounding Provinces, so as to have an approximation of identical Bye-laws; and our views are so far harmonious.

I hope the Deputy's address at Huddersfield, ordered by Prov. Grand Lodge to be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges, has been read in each Lodge, in order that discipline may be observed. As the year is approaching its close, and the returns of annual members at hand, let me impress upon W. Masters to take the trouble to go through their accounts with their Treasurers and Secretaries, that negligent subscribing members may be induced to pay up their contributions, and so lessen the long roll of brethren in arrears.

As an instance of carelessness in the want of the preservation of old records, books, and papers, Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley, desired to celebrate its Centenary Festival on the 23rd July, but for want of proof of continuity of meeting from 1803 to 1816 it could not obtain a certificate and centenary jewel. I desire, therefore, that all the old Books of Constitutions, and old minute books and records may be scrupulously preserved.

I hope the spirit of harmony and good feeling which animates the Lodges at this moment will be perpetuated throughout a long future, so that all will work in obedience to the will of the G.A.O.T.U., who will have all men to be bathed in the effulgence of His divine love. Brethren, I have exhausted your patience almost to weariness. I thank you for your salutation, and the extreme kindness and forbearance you show to this chair, so frequently occupied by Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards.

The roll of Lodges was called.

The roll of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers was called.

The minutes of Prov. G. Lodge, holden at Huddersfield, on Wednesday, 16th April 1884, were taken as read, and confirmed,

On the motion of Bro. John Cawthorn P.M. 458 P.P.G.P.

Seconded by Bro. Wm. Schofield P.M. 290 P.P.G.P.

The Prov. G. Registrar read the following letters, viz.:—From the D.P.G.M. on the retirement of the Prov. G. Master (which had been printed and circulated); one from Bro. Henry Gustavus Buss Asst. Grand Secretary, acknowledging a letter of sympathy on his retirement from office on account of illness, and from Mrs. Bentley Shaw, in reply to congratulations on the marriage of her son, Mr. John Lancaster Shaw.

The following letters were also read:—

"PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

"The Grange, Carleton, Pontefract, 18th June 1884.

"W. and Dear Sir and Bro.,—

"I am commanded by Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Baronet, C.B., &c., &c., to acquaint you with his determination to retire from the office of Provincial Grand Master in consequence of his present state of health, which precludes him from undertaking any further Masonic work.

"From the announcement recently made in a Masonic paper, you will not be unprepared for this communication.

"I need scarcely assure you that this step has not been taken without serious consideration, and all will sincerely sympathise with our Provincial Grand Master in the deep sorrow his contemplated resignation has occasioned him.

"In retiring from this highly valued and important trust, I am only expressing the earnest wish of Sir Henry Edwards, that you would kindly impress upon your Lodge and brethren the undesirability of any direct communication with him on this or any other Masonic subject, as he hopes to be spared the painful emotions which in his present weak state of health such proceedings would assuredly create.

"In bidding you and all his brethren farewell as Provincial Grand Master, I am desired to express his deep gratitude and warmest thanks for the very fraternal, cordial, and loyal support accorded him, and for the courteous and unwavering confidence reposed in him on every occasion during the nine years he has presided over this Province.

"In conclusion, I have to request that you will cause this letter to be read in open Lodge at the earliest opportunity, and entered in the minutes.

"Accept the sentiments of my esteem and regard, and believe me,

"W. and Dear Sir and Brother,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"THOMAS WILLIAM TEW D.P.G.M."

"Sir, "Whitehall, 23rd May 1884.

I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful Address of the Members of the Society of Freemasons resident in West Yorkshire, on the occasion of the death of his Royal Highness Prince Leopold, the Duke of Albany, K.G., and I have the satisfaction to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the Address very graciously.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. V. HARCOURT.

"Henry Smith, Esq., Prov. G. Sec., Wakefield."

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Claremont, Esher, 28th April 1884.

"Sir Robert H. Collins has received the commands of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany to thank the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire for their kind address of sympathy.

"Henry Smith, Esq., Provincial G. Secretary, Wakefield."

Moved by W. Bro. Jonas Craven P.M. 275 P.P.G.W.,
Seconded by W. Bro. Isaac Booth P.M. 61 P.P.G.W., and resolved,

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge has received with the deepest regret the official announcement of the retirement of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c., from the position of Grand Master of this Province, an office he has filled with conspicuous brilliancy and success for upwards of nine years. It cannot but feel the great loss it has sustained by his withdrawal from the position of head of the Craft in this Province, and desires to assure him of its gratitude and appreciation of his unbounded liberality to the Craft and its Institutions, and his devoted services in the interests of this Province.

"This Provincial Grand Lodge desires also to express its deep sympathy with him in his retirement from the duties of his high office, and most fervently prays that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare him and Lady Edwards in that sphere of usefulness which they adorn by their genial, friendly, and courteous recognition of every claim, whether from the Craft or society at large."

Moved by Bro. J. Cawthorne P.M. 458,
Seconded by Bro. Thos. Collinson P.M. 139, and resolved,
"That the D.P.G.M. be requested to suspend Bye-law No. 62.

He having complied, it was moved by Bro. Cawthorn,
Seconded by Bro. Geo. Motley Ward, and resolved,
"That the sum of £10 10s be granted from this Prov. G. Lodge to the Wm. James Hughan Testimonial Fund."

The Registrar reported that the Advice Committee had held several Meetings, and had made considerable progress with the revision of the Prov. G. Lodge Bye-laws, and hoped in the course of ten days to place the result of their labours in the hands of the W.M.'s of Lodges.

The Prov. G. Secretary informed Prov. G. Lodge that since last report of the Charity Committee they had elected four girls and one boy in April; two males and two widows in May; and one girl in October. A boy was also admitted to fill the "Marquess of Ripon Presentation." Our donations and subscriptions for the current year are as follows:—

	£	s	d
Old People	449	5	0
Girls	859	16	0
Boys	589	12	0
	£1898	13	0

The D.P.G.M. informed the brethren that he would let them know as soon as possible where the January 1885 meeting was to be held.

Prov. G. Lodge was then closed in form and with solemn prayer, at 4.15 p.m.

The Banquet was held in Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, shortly afterwards, the D.P.G.M. presiding.

MARK MASONRY.

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GOSPORT LODGE, No. 305.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Tuesday the 21st ult. During the evening Bro. Francis Powell P.G.A.D.C., who had been elected W.M at the previous meeting, was duly installed. The ceremony of installation was carried out by Bro. R. W. Mitchell P.M. and P.P.S.G.D. After the installation the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. the Rev. B. Ring LL.D. S.W., H. Crisp J.W., J. Greigg Secretary, G. Darby Treasurer, H. Long M.O., H. Robinson S.O., R. Webb J.O., J. S. Senior S.D., R. West J.D., G. Lane D.C., A. M. Rae I.G., A. Miller and A. G. Turner Stewards.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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GOSPORT LODGE.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Tuesday 21st ult., and Bro. Powell was installed as W.C.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.M., and the Officers who were elected and invested were:—Bros. the Rev. B. Ring LL.D. J., H. Crisp S., J. Greig Secretary, G. Darby Treasurer, J. S. Senior S.D., R. West J.D., G. Lane D.C., A. M. Rae Warder. Among the visitors were:—Bros. J. W. Willmott of Phœnix Lodge M.M.M. No. 2, J. McRae of Gibraltar Lodge M.M.M. No. 42. After the proceedings a convivial evening was spent.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your contemporary the *Freemason* has invited me to make known my opinions on the subject of securing a remedy for the continued impositions to which our Lodges are subject, and which appear to be sadly on the increase. I have therefore forwarded to him a letter, of which I enclose a copy, and as the subject is of *general* importance, and one in which I personally know you are, on behalf of numerous Lodges, interested, I will ask you to be good enough to consider the letter as addressed to you equally with the editor of the *Freemason*, the more particularly as I cannot afford the time to shape my ideas in another form.

I note your expression of willingness to make public the scheme which is in my mind as a means whereby the existing evil of Masonic imposture can be, if not totally eradicated, at least reduced to a minimum; and as many brethren have urged upon me to submit my proposition to the Craft generally, through your pages in the first instance, I accept your kind suggestion.

In my former letter headed "Brethren, take notice!" I wrote, "Do what we will we must sometimes be victimised; but with proper organisation, and a system whereby the particulars of every case relieved should, under compulsion, if necessary, be sent to headquarters, and there be dealt with as circumstances might require, the fault would be ours if an imposition was successful *more than once*."

If this is admitted, as also the following postulates, viz.,

1. That the subject is of sufficient importance to merit general and earnest consideration from the entire Craft.
2. That in order to render to every distressed brother his "just due," it is necessary to be assisted to discriminate between misfortune and dishonesty.
3. That the Grand Lodge has the power of initiating and directing a recommendation to its Chief, having for its object the creation of a system such as that above referred to.
4. That the amount of ordinary Masonic business, present and still increasing, precludes the possibility of the exercise of the necessary supervision by means of the Grand Secretary's Office; and
5. That having regard to the foregoing, a separate and distinct department is required for carrying out the work of inquiry and notification:—

then, I suggest, and will, if desired, move that Grand Lodge do recommend to the Most Worshipful Grand Master the appointment of a Grand Almoner and a Grand Assistant Almoner (there is ample range for such appointments in the Grand Master's jurisdiction, and many worthy Freemasons who would greatly esteem the distinction), with convenient accommodation at Freemasons' Hall for the carrying on of the necessary official work.

This being acceded to, I would further suggest that the Board of General Purposes should be requested to consider the best method of organising the new department, reporting to Grand Lodge the result of their deliberations and asking for powers to carry out such arrangements as may be decided upon.

Amongst other propositions I would submit the following, viz., the Grand Almoner's position to be honorary; that of the Assistant Grand Almoner (or Chief Clerk, if preferred) to be stipendiary if considered advisable; Official expenses to be a charge on General Fund. To the Grand Almoner's office should be sent from each subordinate Lodge the particulars of every application made for casual relief, with description of the applicant and result of such application. It should be made a Masonic offence for any Lodge to grant sums of money without production of certificate and proof of signature thereon. The Board of Benevolence requires production and deposit of certificates, and why should not the same precaution, so far as production is concerned, be required of Lodges. No Lodge of Instruction should be permitted, on any pretence, to entertain the applications of unknown brethren, or persons representing themselves to be brethren, eager to give proof, yet unasked for. By arrangement with the Grand Secretary the notices to W.M.'s of each Quarterly Communication should be accompanied by a circular from the G. Almoner setting forth the particulars of all cases which have been referred to him during the previous quarter of a year. Other methods of communication between the several Lodges and the Grand Almoner would doubtless be developed when once the machinery of organisation was at work, and particularly so if the office of Almoner were permitted and recognised in each private Lodge.

Armed by such authority, and protected by such, or some such measures, the Lodges would soon be freed from the impositions now practised on them by unworthy brethren; at the same time that no case of known and assured misfortune would suffer for want of charity. The difficulty existent is that of being unable, at the moment of appeal, to discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving, and that most frequently from want of a reliable reference, such as a circular note from a qualified authority would certainly provide. And another argument in favour of the adoption of such a plan as this is, that inasmuch as we assert with gratification our readiness at all times to aid the "poor and unfortunate" of

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our Order through the medium of our Board of Benevolence, and actually welcome the Brother who calls the attention of that Board to cases of paramount distress, those who make worthy application to our private Lodges would assuredly have their position and necessities more favourably and effectually considered by the Board through the recommendation of the Grand Almoner, made after necessary inquiry in the very quarter in which imposition, if any existed, would undoubtedly be discovered.

There is much more that could be written in advocacy of the establishment of a Grand Almoner's department, but for the present I content myself with this outline of what might be done if only we are in earnest in determining to "put down" the impostures we so much condemn. Of course we must be prepared for any amount of objections from many who are sincere in their belief that "things are just as well as they are;" but these are not, I make bold to say, the majority of thoughtful members of the Craft who see before them much damage to the Order of Freemasonry if the scandal of Masonic mendicancy continues.

In the plan I have thus, I fear imperfectly formulated, there is nothing to prevent the exercise of individual benevolence, or to interfere with the dictates of a generous heart, willing to consider immediate necessities without regard to "what has been" or what "may be." Pity and mercy are equally the attributes of true Freemasonry, as are Brotherly Love and Relief two of its grand principles. I am but one, I hope, of many thousands of our Order who would sooner have the unpleasant doubt as to the propriety of a trifling gift, made in good faith to cover emergency, than the possible reflection that the "entertainment of an Angel unawares" has been refused, and a poor and distressed worthy brother sent about his business, in anger, and distrust, to hunger and thirst, without shelter, until the morning's light might discover a good Samaritan. Let me not be misunderstood; it is the imposition on Lodges by means with which we are acquainted that is to be condemned, but not the exercise of individual judgment and mercy tending to prevent a forlorn brother from altogether sinking, and illustrating an engagement to practise a virtue which we have at some period of our lives so seriously professed to admire. What we would do to assist a non-Mason, that we can do to one who represents himself as of us, but in such instance there is no need to import Freemasonry. That has to do with Lodges only, and they should be protected.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham. 25th October 1884.

MASONIC PORTRAIT, (UNKNOWN).

TO PROV. GRAND SECRETARIES, &c.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have a very fine mezzotint engraving of a Prov. G. Master of the early part of the present century, which I am unable to identify by ordinary means, and should be glad, therefore, if you would assist me, by directing the attention of your readers generally, but more particularly that of our Provincial brethren, to the following description of it.

The Portrait in question is that of a dark person with rather a prominent forehead, seated in a Masonic chair by the side of a large column of the Doric Order, the upper portion of which is hidden by drapery; his left hand rests on one arm of the chair and his right, which is grasping the other arm, shows a ring on the little finger. Nearly in front, but a little on the left, is a cushion supporting an open Bible on which rests a small mallet. He is wearing a large white neck-wrapper, and shows a profusion of shirt-frill, and has on a collar, jewel and apron of a Prov. Grand Master, but no gauntlets. The size of the picture is about 12 inches by 16. It is a proof before letters, and engraved on the plate is the following inscription, in one line:—

"Painted by John Eckstein, Engraved and Published by S. W. Reynolds, Bayswater, Oct. 12, 1818."

I shall be pleased to show the picture to any brother who will favour me with a call.

Yours fraternally,

H. SADLER.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

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By the Members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 1st November at seven o'clock. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 S.W., J. A. Powell 186 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Turner, Robinson, Lone, Fenner, Lorkin, Brasted, and Gush. Second Lecture—Bros. Cross, Dixie, Weeden, Powell, and Glass. Third Lecture—Bros. Jones, Galer, and Giddings. Bro. Galer S.D. 1366 Secretary.

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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 5th day of November next, at six o'clock in the evening.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th July, to the 15th October 1884, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	1653	16	1	Donations to the 3 Masonic Charitable Institutions	1500	0	0
„ Unappropriated Account	198	13	4	Disbursements during the quarter	212	16	0
Subsequent Receipts	214	9	10	Balance	167	6	11
				„ in Unappropriated Account	186	16	4
	£2,066	19	3		£2,066	19	3

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

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

1st. From Companions Henry Frances as Z., Thomas Holland as H., William Henry Harris as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, London, to be called the St. Ambrose Chapter, and to meet at the Barons Court Hotel, West Kensington, London.

2nd. From Companions Edwin Matthew Lott as Z., Theophilus Thomas Phillips as H., Henry Joseph Lardner as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, Croydon, to be called the Mozart Chapter, and to meet at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, in the County of Surrey.

3rd. From Companions Edward Masters as Z., William Webster as H., Alban Gee as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Parramatta St. George Lodge, No. 1943, Parramatta, to be called the Cumberland County Chapter, and to meet at the St. George's Masonic Hall, Parramatta, New South Wales.

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

The Committee recommend that the Excellent Companions Sir Albert W. Woods P.G.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, be added to the Committee appointed by Grand Chapter on the 6th of August last, to revise the Royal Arch Regulations.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G. Pr. Soj.
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th October 1884.

A book will shortly be published containing Bro. Lord Charles Beresford's Lectures on Machine Guns. Lord Charles was educated for the Royal Navy at Mr. Foster's establishment, Stubbington House, Fareham, Hants, a place which has turned out the greater number of officers for the Service of late. Very many sons of distinguished Freemasons have been educated for the Army and Navy at Stubbington, and the place has become so popular that it is nearly always full, which is no doubt owing to the good feeling existing between the talented master and the pupils, and the success at the recent examinations.

In future the meetings of the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, will be held on the 3rd Tuesdays in November, February and June, at the Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Peter Parsons P.Z. is the S.E. of the Chapter.

The following Festivals were held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 1st November:—

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

THE MONTEFIORE CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

THE Masonic gathering, on Monday, to celebrate the completion by Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., of his hundredth year, was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in the metropolis. The first part of the proceedings—the holding of a Lodge of Emergency by the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017—took place at the Café Royal, Regent-street, where, after the usual formalities of opening the Lodge, the W.M. (Bro. N. Hyman Benjamin) remarked that the object of the interesting occasion was to move a vote of congratulation to Sir Moses Montefiore upon his having completed his one hundredth year. The vote was to be proposed by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and, as they would see from the agenda, it was to have been seconded by their esteemed Past Master S. V. Abraham. As they were aware, however, Bro. Abraham, through a severe domestic affliction, was unable to be present. He was sure that there was no one in the Lodge with whom the members would more heartily commiserate. Bro. Abraham was desirous that no formal vote of sympathy should be forwarded, but in his position as Master he (Bro. Benjamin) could not let the occasion pass without stating publicly before them his sympathy with him. It was Bro. Abraham's desire that the only other founder of the Lodge remaining amongst them—Bro. Lewis Jacobs, their Treasurer—should second the resolution.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. then rose and said:—

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BROTHER WARDENS AND BRETHREN,—The resolution that I have the honour to propose is as follows:—"That the brethren now assembled in open Lodge tender to their revered Brother Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., their most sincere and hearty congratulations on his having this day completed the hundredth year of his useful and honourable life. They pray that the Great Architect of the Universe, in His infinite goodness, may still preserve him to continue the good work of his life; make him still accepted of his brethren; loyal and true to his sovereign and adopted country; interested in the welfare of all mankind, and crowned with the blessing of a good name." Worshipful Master, I deem myself peculiarly happy in having the great privilege of proposing this resolution, more particularly when I bear in mind that my brother Masons assembled in this room are the representatives of five Masonic Lodges in the metropolis, and that we are also representatives of various creeds and political opinions. In Masonry, as you and I know, neither difference of creed or of political opinion can have any weight with us. Assembled beneath the canopy of a Masonic temple, these differences for the time being cease to exist. In presence, therefore, of such a body, I think it is not an inapt subject to which I call your attention, because if there be a man who has, more than any other, perhaps, of his time done his best to assuage differences of opinion, to cause happiness to be spreading among all men, it is the brother whose distinguished name is upon the face of this resolution, and in whose honour we are especially met to-night. Under such circumstances, therefore, brethren, I feel that this is an historical occasion; and when one considers the fact that a hundred years have been allotted to our worthy and revered brother, one should bear in mind that this is no small portion out of the history of time. A man who has lived a hundred years—even an ordinary character—is a person upon whom we look naturally with deep interest. A hundred years is only the thirty-third part of the interval of time which carries us back to the first great Passover, in which the first great act of emancipation of the Jewish race from the tyranny of man to the glorious liberty of the children of God was enacted. Eighteen of these periods carry us back to the great era in the history of the Hebrew race to which I need not further allude. It is but a span in the history of time, but it is a very remarkable one, but when we find that, as in this case, the object of our meeting to-night is to do honour to a man who is not only full of years but full of honours, the matter becomes of deeper interest still. But when we consider that not only the years, but the honours of our brother are to be taken into consideration, a question perhaps might arise in some minds—upon what are these honours founded—upon hereditary tenure? are they founded upon military glory? are they founded upon commercial success, three of the great bases upon which we often find honours depend? I would venture to say, Sir, that they do not in this case depend upon any of the three, though to some extent these three may form part of those honours. I venture to think that the honours of Sir Moses Montefiore stand upon truer bases; upon faithfulness to his God, upon love to his brethren of the same race and religion; on his devotion to his sovereign in his adopted land, and finally on his charity to all men. It is not for me, Sir, to speak of the duty incumbent on a man to be faithful to his God, but in this day and under the circumstances in which we live, even in this highly favoured country, it is well for us as Masons as well as men that venerate those who have proved faithful to the Great Architect of the Universe; and hence in the case of our brother, we may fairly and truly say that he has proved himself not merely a good man but a good Mason, in showing, as he has done, the devout faithfulness of a true follower of his God. The longer I live the more do I feel that peace and order and happiness depend most materially upon keeping God always before us, and however much we may be subjected to the ribaldry of a vain world, or the scorn of those who bring down their principles to their practice, instead of raising their practice to their principles—I say the longer I live the more thoroughly do I feel that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety must find their basis in our faithfulness to God. But in this case, Sir, we find, as a second basis, the love of our brother to his brethren. A great and a noble Jew eighteen hundred years ago said, "Let us do good unto all men, but especially to those who are of the household of faith." No one acted more upon that principle than Sir Moses Montefiore. Seven times did he visit the city of his soul. Many a pilgrimage did he make to raise the fallen, to cheer the faint, to relieve the oppressed, to set the captive free; from the boy who was kidnapped by ecclesiastical tyranny to the men who, by hundreds, were persecuted on account of their faith, was this our brother ready to traverse through difficulties and dangers to unite in forming a column for mutual defence and support. And doubtless in the time to come when history shall deal with these cases, the name of Sir Moses Montefiore will come out in bolder relief than it can in the present time while he lives as the man who in Germany and Russia and Italy, in Spain, in Alsace, Albania, Turkey, Morocco, and in England was the first who, to a great extent, made his brethren the objects of his love and of his labours—love that was not unrequited—labours that were not in vain; and if I am not mistaken in speaking of work, I think I may say in presence of my brethren who know much more of history, especially this history, than I do, that during the century Sir Moses Montefiore has lived in, more has been done to free from persecution and to raise in the social and political scale the Hebrew race than for seventeen hundred years before. It is the dawn of a happier day; there is another spirit abroad I may and do think. I do feel in my heart what was stated, and I echo it from the Jerusalem chamber where one of your own brethren, my excellent friend Serjeant Simon, when after an admirable address by Mrs. Finn upon the customs and manners of the Jewish people, he proposed a vote of thanks, and said that if ever a time should come when those who were now divided should become one it would be brought about not by persecution, nay, not even by active proselytism, however desirable that may appear to some benevolent persons, but by the brotherly love that can hold out the hand of true faith and love to a persecuted brother, and who is ready with his means and his words to relieve them from the state of distress into which persecution has caused them to fall. And, sir, I feel that these words were indeed true. I feel the longer I live that we have to make it clearly shown that we have the good and the welfare of our brethren at heart before we seek to bring them to our own views. It is true that the subject of our meeting to-night differed from the views of his own brotherhood upon more than one question; but we know that that is the case among other religious bodies; and all we can say in such a case as this, that we must admire the sincerity of heart and independence of character which can assert its own, without either finding a prejudice or prepossession, if others are dealing uncharitably by their opinions. I hold that a man is to be more admired than condemned who holds his own under such circumstances. But Sir Moses not only performed these acts for his brethren; he made these pilgrimages, not of superstition, but of charity. He made these for the love of his brethren; but he also forgot not his native land—rather, I should say, his adopted land. Sir Moses Montefiore, though born out of England, was sincerely a Briton, from the day he carried the despatches from Navarino—he was then a captain in the Surrey Militia—down to the time when he welcomed the statesman returning from Germany on an important mission to this country. Apart from political objects, Sir Moses Montefiore has shown himself a true Englishman; he has always been most loyal. He took an interest in promoting banking, and in another matter which must be interesting to Masons, namely, the diffusion of light in the shape of gas; for I believe he was one of the earliest of those who devoted themselves to this subject. One of the benevolent objects he supported, among many others, was to promote work for the poor prisoners discharged from Newgate, to give them a chance in life again. This, to my mind, is a very remarkable feature in the exercise of that kindly affection which he has ever shown for all the race. But we should, I think, be forgetful of his cosmopolitan character if we were not to bear in mind that his benevolence was never bounded by any distinction of country, race, creed, or political opinion; but that every child of Adam who needed the helping hand, he was ready either to lift him from the dust upon which he might be prostrate, or into a position in which he might be able to support himself. And I have heard from many a private source long before this celebration was spoken of—I have heard the name of Sir Moses Montefiore mentioned with deep affection by those whom he has substantially befriended.

I am sure that our honoured brother, in looking on him from these four points of view, has realised the precept contained in that great and memorable and epigrammatic precept of the author to whom I before alluded, for he has realised exactly these four points, "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King." And I think in conclusion, we may feel that she who gave birth to such a man, if she could have spoken in the eloquent words which I hold here in my hand—written upon a memorable occasion, and with

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which I will conclude—that they would have sketched forth in eloquent and touching terms the love to which we have now alluded. These lines were written in reference to a very dear friend of mine, and I happened many years ago to be present on the occasion of his coming of age; and I copied the lines from his mother's own manuscript; but the other day he sent me this copy for private circulation, from which I now read the lines of Lady Dufferin to her dear son on his 21st birthday, and given to him with a silver lamp; and I want to read them, not only because they are appropriate on this occasion, but because they deal with what is of interest to us Masons—Light.

How shall I bless thee? Human love
Is all too poor in passionate words!
The heart aches with a sense above
All language that the lip affords!

Therefore, a symbol shall express
My love;—a thing nor rare nor strange,
But yet—eternal—measureless—
Knowing no shadow of a change!

Light! which of all the heavenly shows,
To our poor world of shadows given,
The fervent Prophet-voices chose
Alone—as attribute of Heaven!

At a most solemn pause we stand!
From this day forth, for ever more
The weak—but loving human hand
Must cease to guide thee as of yore!

Then as through life thy footsteps stray,
And earthly beacons dimly shine,
"Let there be light" upon thy way,
And holier guidance far than mine.

"Let there be light" in thy clear soul,
When passion tempts, and doubts assail;
When grief's dark tempests o'er thee roll,
"Let there be light" that shall not fail.

So—angel-guarded—mayst thou tread
The narrow path, which few may find—
And at the end look back—nor dread
To count the vanished years behind!

And pray—that she whose hand doth trace,
This heart-warm prayer—when life is past,
May see and know thy blessed face,
In God's own glorious light at last!

At the conclusion of the Past Grand Chaplain's oration, Bro. L. Jacobs P.M. and Treasurer seconded the motion, saying that, after the eloquent address of the proposer, it would ill-become him to make a lengthened speech. Although mentally and heartily reciprocating every word that had fallen from the proposer, he lacked the ability to adequately express himself. It was sufficient honour to him to be allowed to second the proposition, which he accordingly did. Bro. Gartley, W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, on behalf of his Lodge, tendered thanks to the Past Grand Chaplain for so eloquently expressing the thoughts of their hearts.

The vote was most cordially agreed to, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so the Secretary (Bro. Matthew Levy) read a dispensation from the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, authorising the members of the Jewish Lodges of London (the Montefiore No. 1017, the Tranquillity No. 185, the Joppa No. 188, the Israel No. 205, the Samson No. 1668) and their friends, to hold a banquet away from their regular places of meeting, and to wear Masonic clothing thereat.

The banquet took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of the W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge, Bro. N. Hyam Benjamin. Among those present were the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London Junior Grand Warden of England, Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Grand Chaplain, Horace Brooks Marshall Grand Treas., several Provincial Grand Officers, Past Masters, Officers and brethren of Craft Lodges, the whole company numbering about two hundred.

Having proposed the toasts of the Queen, and of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. gave that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. It was a self-evident fact, and one of which they should be very proud that they were honoured that night by the presence of so many Grand Officers. As Masons they were taught to respect their rulers, and not only this, but the Grand Officers themselves, by the way in which they worked for the good of the Craft, commanded respect from the brethren. First among their guests was the Grand Junior Warden, who at the present moment occupied the proud position of first magistrate of the greatest city in the world. The W.M. deemed it a most happy coincidence that he was present among them that evening, as the distinguished brother they had met to honour had also in years gone by been associated with the Corporation of the City, having, in 1837, occupied the post of Sheriff of London. The other Grand Officers he was pleased to see. The W.M. coupled with the toast the names of the Lord Mayor and Bro. Dr. Robbins Grand Chaplain. The former, in reply, said that happening for that moment to hold the high position of Grand Junior Warden of England, it was his privilege on the present occasion to respond for the Officers of the Grand Lodge. As for himself, he thanked the brethren for the way in which his health had been drunk, while as regarded the Grand Officers generally, he thanked them as the very unworthy representative of a most worthy body of men. The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the other Officers were men who held high office outside Freemasonry as well as in it—men who had secured the confidence of the general public, and thereby proved their ability for other appointments. He believed that all the Grand offices were well filled. He must not forget that they were met on an occasion of very peculiar interest. They had met under the Lodge which bore the name of a most honoured brother, to celebrate the occasion of his having lived a century. He thought that was a matter of very great interest to mankind. A very eminent man whom he could hardly describe as of former days, because he had only been gone from among them some twenty years, Sir George Cornewall Lewis, used to maintain that there was no authentic evidence that any man had lived to 100. He thought there had been authentic cases of women having lived to over 100 years, and they had now authentic evidence of an eminent Englishman attaining a century. And when he referred to that eminent man he wished to join with those in paying his tribute of honour and respect to that illustrious gentleman. He had the pleasure that evening of addressing an assemblage of gentlemen, mostly by race connected with Sir Moses Montefiore. They were most of them connected with that race to which England was deeply indebted, and of which Sir Moses Montefiore was a most honoured representative. Now no man who looked at the progress of the world could fail to feel how much they owed to the Jewish race. They were the earliest civilised people in the world. In later times that race had fallen into misfortune, and sometimes no doubt owing to persecution. They knew that misfortune led sometimes into degradation, and he was aware that the Jews fell into ways which might be attributed to their misfortune than their fault. On this subject he would refer to words of a very illustrious man, a contemporary of Sir Moses Montefiore, Sir Robert Peel, who said if the iron had entered into their soul could you wonder, could you blame them for their degradation? Could you wonder if they sat down by the waters of a strange land, and if they wept when they remembered Zion? Well, it was owing to their misfortunes and to the despicable conduct of those who unfortunately had borne the name of Christians that the Jewish race had in some instances become degraded. But it had been the work of the illustrious philanthropist in whose honour they were assembled to raise the brethren from the position they had been placed in by those bearing the name of Christians, to lift them to their proper place and to make them stand forth as the most illustrious citizens of any country to which they belonged. They had heard in former times—and he was sorry to say within the last two or three years—of great persecutions towards the Jewish race among nations which ought to be the most civilised in the world. As regards this, he might say that he was proud to feel that England had always given towards the Jewish race in later centuries their proper place; they deplored the acts of former times, but in later times they gave to the Jewish race a warm welcome. And they had had their reward, the English Jews were amongst the most illustrious citizens—men who did most to contribute to the prosperity and happiness of the country. He had yesterday had the privilege of hearing Dr. Adler, and he had been struck with the tribute of loyalty he paid to their Sovereign. If they in England had now to thank the Jewish race for all they had done for the country, and if we had a feeling that they lived here as our most honoured citizens, we owed this very much to that illustrious man whose statue stood opposite to him. They would all be united in thanking the great Architect of the Universe that He had spared their illustrious friend to this advanced period of life, and should be united in the prayer that he might be spared for some time to come for the good, not only of his own race, but of mankind generally. Brother Rev. J. Robbins followed. Of all the difficult tasks that had fallen to his lot, because of the distinguished office which he held, the most difficult was to follow a speaker so distinguished, and an orator so accomplished, as the Lord Mayor. As to the persecution of the Jews by Christians, he said that if so-called Christians had attended to the teachings of that real Jew who was their founder, none of the deeds referred to would have been committed. But if the iron had entered into their soul, most undoubtedly the gold had entered into their pockets. If they knew it—and he believed they did—they were the most important factor in questions of peace or war, for no nation dared to go to war without consulting the heads of the race. As regards that other noble Jew, whom they were there to honour, it was the earnest wish of the Grand Officers that he might yet be spared for some time to continue his good works.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, in answer to continued appeal rose. He felt deeply grateful for the very kind call that had been made upon him. It would ill become him to return with ingratitude the kindness which he had received that night, the attention which he received in Lodge for twenty minutes when he endeavoured to set forth the resolution proposed in the Lodge. The very eloquent address by the Lord Mayor, seconded by Dr. Robbins, Grand Chaplain of England, he was sure was quite sufficient to reply to the toast that had been proposed, but he would simply add to what had been said, if anything could be added to the exalted speeches they had made, that he felt well assured that the presence of the first Magistrate of England in that assembly, paying the eloquent tribute he had done to one of their noblest citizens, would not be forgotten as a part of the history of this century, and that when in the years to come, and they perhaps had fallen asleep, their posterity might be made to quote from the speeches made that day that the name of Israel had not only been held in high esteem by the people and the rulers of this land, but that they should take part in producing the results of good government, of true order, due loyalty, and of that peace and happiness which alone could bring peace to a nation. As far as his humble experience had gone he believed that among the truest and most loyal friends to the Sovereign and the Government of England

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were their brethren of the Hebrew persuasion; and he felt sure that if ever the day of trial should come—which God forbid—they would be found marshalled on the side of truth and justice, religion and piety, in this great English nation. He felt that in the person of Sir Moses Montefiore they had not merely a personal character—they had a grand link between the past and present, and it was in the presence of such men (and he probably would be the first to hold this true) representing high principles that England might well feel confident in the peace and good order of society, and those virtues, those sterling virtues which alone could give true peace and stability to the nation. He had to thank very much the Montefiore Lodge for the kindness which they had been good enough to show him on many occasions, but he thanked them from his heart for the high honour they had done him in enabling him to take part, however humble, in this important celebration. Bro. H. B. Marshall Grand Treasurer followed. It would ill become him to add more than a very few words. He was sure he expressed the sentiments of every Grand Officer when he said they earnestly desired, so far as the Great Architect of the Universe had given them power, to copy the example set before them by that great and illustrious Mason, whose deeds and benevolence were as familiar as household words, and whose philanthropy and kindness throughout the world, irrespective of creed, religion or denomination, had been the glory of his lengthened life.

Bro. N. H. Benjamin W.M. then rose and said that he had now to propose a toast which he thought might fitly be called the toast of the evening. After the eloquent words they had heard in their Lodge of Emergency that evening from Bro. P.M. Simpson, he feared that his feeble praise would fall flat upon the ear. But his words would at least have the merit of sincerity, and he was quite sure that if he was unable to bring out the importance of this toast the hearts of each one present could fill the void. There was not at this moment in the civilized world a name more honoured than that of Montefiore—not only in civilized Europe and America, but it was a name to conjure with in Western Asia, Northern Africa—in those countries where the effect of his good deeds had been most clearly felt—and this good and honoured man had now completed his hundredth year. He was not, however, the typical old man. His mind and body were not enfeebled, his eye was still unclouded, intelligent, and clear, the veteran's lamp is not dimmed, and he was as capable of appreciating the esteem in which he was held as those present were of showing love and honour and esteem. He would have the veteran regarded in the character of a philanthropist; but his philanthropy was of a peculiar type and possessed almost unique features; it was well considered, well applied, and quite unsectarian. The W.M. had always urged that indiscriminate charity did more harm than good. That unless properly arranged, grants might often fail to benefit those for whom they were intended, but such has never been the case with any scheme in which Sir Moses had taken an interest. It was not often they saw rich men giving of their abundance, and at the same time running risks and incurring dangers in its distribution such as Sir Moses had done. Sir Moses Montefiore represented a great and good Mason in his own person. His every act, his every thought, taught them that he had attentively learnt the beautiful lessons of the first degree; his brilliant intellect convinced them of his knowledge of the second degree; and their knowledge of him convinced them that he had learnt the great and impressive lesson of the third degree. The man who had done that was a great and good Mason. The Worshipful Master regretted that he was not present, and that he had no representative there that evening; but, nevertheless, the brethren would join in drinking the health of the great and revered Brother Sir Moses Montefiore. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

Bro. John Syer I.P.M. next gave the toast of the W.M. It was a duty and privilege he much appreciated. Usually speaking, this was somewhat of a formal matter, but on the present occasion he ventured to think it was a little out of the regular course. They had a most energetic and worthy Master, one who had done his best to advance the interests of the Montefiore Lodge and of the Craft generally. The events of that day had been a great honour to him, for he must feel that he held a sort of historical position—that his name would be handed down, not only among Freemasons, but also in connection with the good old man they had that night met to honour. His best wish as regarded their Master was that he might live to as great an age as Sir Moses, and that his life might prove of equal good to his fellows. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, hardly knew how to express his thanks for the cordial reception accorded him. The brethren of the Montefiore Lodge knew what he was capable of in Lodge, but there were many present who did not. To them he would say that what he undertook he carried out to the best of his ability, and he hoped his efforts that day had met their approval. He then proceeded to the proposition of what he deemed a very important toast—that of the Lodges usually termed sisters of the Montefiore. There was a bond of union among those Lodges which rendered them of special interest to brethren of the Israelitish faith. He had been reproached and told that the Freemasons should not have held a banquet that night, but he felt that if it had been the means of forging one additional link in the chain which bound the five Jewish Lodges of the metropolis together it would not have been held in vain. He coupled with the toast the names of the W.M.'s of the four Lodges.

Bro. Barnett, W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, in responding, said there was peculiar appropriateness in the titles of the Lodges to the occasion which they were assembled that evening to celebrate. Montefiore is the name of the hero of the day, who at Joppa landed seven times to bring comforting news to his brethren in the Holy Land. In his philanthropic missions and in championing the cause of the needy and the oppressed he has proved himself to be a veritable Samson, a son of Israel walking uprightly and working righteousness, he has earned and gained the Tranquillity of a guileless life devoted to the good of his fellow creatures.

Bro. Bean, W.M. of the Joppa Lodge, followed, thanking the brethren of the Montefiore Lodge for the splendid entertainment they had organised in honour of that great Mason, Sir Moses Montefiore. It afforded them great gratification to hear of his doings. Bro. Gartley, W.M. of the Israel Lodge, tendered his sincere and heartfelt thanks. They appreciated the special occasion which had brought together such a meeting, not confined to Jews alone. The Lodge of Israel was a strong illustration of the unity existing among the Christians and the Jews, exemplified at the present time by the fact that he, a Christian, held the office of Worshipful Master. At the time of his initiation he had expressed his pride at becoming a Mason, and a hope that the time would come when Masons would be proud of him as a fellow. He now felt that his position as Master of his Lodge showed that the Lodge of Israel at least was proud of him. The Jewish Masons were not alone in their congratulations to the noble and good man they were honouring that night. The prayers of the congregations in two mission churches (St. Silas, Haverstock Hill, and the St. Pancras Workhouse Church) he attended the day before were asked for this truly good old man, while he had been informed that the same had occurred in other neighbouring places of worship. Speaking of Sir Moses, he hoped that when the bright angel of death—he could hardly be called a dark angel in connection with a man who had lived such a life as Sir Moses—came, the last moments of their esteemed brother might be moments of peace. Bro. Gartley stated that his Lodge had received congratulatory letters in reference to the celebration from the following Lodges:—Emblematic, Loyalty (Guernsey), Prince of Wales (Jersey), St. Peters's, Kensington, Zetland, Burgoyne, Duke of Connaught, Ebury, Manchester, Duke of Cornwall, Wandsworth, Honour Oak, Crystal Palace, and Upper Norwood. The Worshipful Master of the Samson Lodge had left, but the brethren present signified their appreciation of the toast. The health of the Visitors was next submitted by the W.M. He was the more pleased to propose the toast because the number of visitors was so great. The Montefiore Lodge had always prided itself on the way in which it entertained its visitors, and he thought that that night's meeting had reflected additional credit on them. Bro. A. L. Emanuel P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight and others responded. The former brother said it had afforded him great pleasure to attend there that day to make his deep respect and love for the grand baronet whose birthday they were then celebrating. The Past Masters and Officers of the Montefiore Lodge having been toasted, the Tyler was summoned, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The members held their usual weekly meeting at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on Saturday last, the 25th October, when there were present Bros. H. C. Turner W.M., Cross S.W., Robinson J.W., Cohen Preceptor, Galer Secretary, Fenner Treasurer, Williams S.D., Woolveridge J.D., Payne I.G., also Bros Lorkin, Glass, Western, Parkes, Oldis, C. E. Botley, A. Mullord, G. H. Mullord, Fraser, &c. The usual preliminaries were observed in opening the Lodge, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Fraser officiating as candidate. The fourth section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Cohen assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fraser of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was elected a member, and Bro. Cross was appointed Master for the meeting of the 8th inst. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

The fifteen sections will be worked here this (Saturday) evening, when a numerous muster of brethren is anticipated, full particulars are given in another page of this issue. Lodge opens punctually at 7 o'clock. A hearty welcome will be given to those visitors who may honour the Lodge with their presence.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Bro. A. J. Potter presiding; he was supported by Bro. Langdale S.W., Western J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, P.M. Trewinnard Treasurer, F. Perl Sec., Ashton S.D., Jones I.G.; also Bros. Ockelford, Galer, Atterton, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Ashton acting as candidate. Bro. Atterton answered the questions leading to the second degree, but he was not entrusted, he only being an E.A. Bro. Atterton was unanimously elected a member. Nothing further having been offered for the advancement of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until Wednesday, 5th November.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on 27th ult., at the Fountain Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington. Present—Bros. J. Cruttenden W.M., W. J. Mason S.W., H. Purdue J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Sec., W. Middleweek S.D., M. J. Green J.D., F. Chandler Steward, J. Lawrence I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. C. Hunt, W. H. Chalfont, J. T. Mickelberg; Brothers C. S. Mote, W. Eastgate, H. Robinson, A. M. Chapman, J. P. Laundy, J. Stephens, E. J. Day, E. J. Brown, H. Curtis, W. Death, C. J. Moore, R. E Cursons, G. Simpson. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was called off and on, and then the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. The W.M. gave the charge and the lecture on first tracing board. Lodge opened up to the third degree, and closed down. The W.M., Bro. C. W. Hunt, and officers of the Mother Lodge, will preside next Monday. Lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

19—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1486—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—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, 84 Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
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
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, Helsden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
404—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
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
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
1440—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
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1788—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

TUESDAY, 4th 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
58—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1416—Mount Edgcumbe, 18 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent' Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
361—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Rure, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1024—St Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1342—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1396—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Route, 148 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction.)
1488—St. Kleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Back Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1839—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 807—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 881—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1148—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Polehry, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Horse, Stonehouse Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Warrington, Red Lion, Commercial-street, Whitechapel, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farrington Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 356 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Rose Street, Marg-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmers Green, Winchmore-hill, at 8 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Peckham-rye, Nottingham-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Aldersgate, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
M.M. (T.C.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

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74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
383—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
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
584—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
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.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
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992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, 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. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

K.27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
117—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.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In).
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 5. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst).
1724—Kaisar-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1341—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

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
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
286—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newtegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
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, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Monty, 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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, Charing-st., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1256—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Lathbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 70—Perhingaron, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 149—Ezra, 9 Ball's Pond road, N
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
674—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
901—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorne, Mirfield
1433—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
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, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

SATURDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
178—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
[illegible]—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1428—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1491—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1620—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1146—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1384—Lovalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1407—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1424—Chelsea, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1581—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1744—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1864—Checkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
[illegible]—Burdett Coutts, Grosvenor Hotel, Pimlico, S.W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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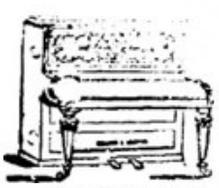
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THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

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IN the progress of his investigations Bro. Hughan next finds it desirable to revert to the Seceders to whom he had already referred incidentally, and whose organisation is described in the Fifth Chapter. He considers this course necessary, owing to the confusion existing in the minds of many brethren as to the different Grand Lodges which existed in the country during the middle portion of last century. Naturally enough, the spirit which chiefly inspired the schismatics, and made their secession so formidable has the first claim on Bro. Hughan's notice, and at the outset, therefore, of this Chapter we have a brief sketch of Laurence Dermott, who was appointed Grand Secretary of the Seceders on 5th February 1752, and was author of the "Ahiman Rezon" or their Book of Constitutions. That Dermott, who seems to have been as little troubled with scruples of conscience as he was capable, should have been severe in his strictures on the "Regular" Masons will surprise no one. His principal object was to establish a character for the Seceders, and he succeeded in his purpose. That he maligned the "Regulars" is equally true, and Bro. Hughan notes with effect the animadversions passed upon Dermott by Lawrie in 1804. Lawrie, for instance, has quoted Dermott as having written, "It is a truth beyond contradiction that the Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland, Scotland, and the Ancient Masons in England, have one and the same customs, usages, and ceremonies, but this is not the case with the Modern Masons in England, who differ materially, not only from the above, but from most Masons under Heaven." This, which was first said in 1778, is, as Bro. Hughan says, "a most glaring case of misrepresentation," nor were there, as he remarks, further "sufficient grounds to justify him" (Dermott) "in declaring (whatever the few variations may have been) that the two Organisations 'differ exceedingly in makings, ceremonies, knowledge, Masonical language, and installations,' for, if so, it is most unlikely that the other Grand Lodges would have countenanced either party. The premier Grand Lodge was the source from which the 'Atholl Masons,' in common with all brethren at home or abroad, derived their knowledge of the three degrees, and therefore were not likely to make any violent changes; on the other hand, had the Seceders departed materially from such ceremonies, the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland would not have had fellowship with them." Again, though he spoke so slightingly of the Regulars in 1778, Dermott had had no scruple about inserting the Regulations of 1723, and the Old Charges from the 1738 Edition of Anderson, in his work of 1756, though he did so without acknowledging the sources from which he obtained them. As to the arms of the "Ancients," which appear in the 1764 edition of the "Ahiman Rezon," the author says, "The arms by Dermott are so similar to those adopted by the 'Grand Chapter of All England' (York) that we cannot resist the conclusion that one was a copy of the other, the *latter* most probably being the *original*," and in this view, which is not now presented for the first time, he would seem to be countenanced by Marvin, who writes, "I have no doubt of the correctness of Bro. Hughan's surmise that this was the true origin of the Ancients' Arms, the 'Grand Chapter' deriving them, of course, from the banners of the four principal tribes of Israel, while the Charges themselves are well known Biblical emblems—the 'learned Rabbi Jacob Jehudah Leoni' being perhaps Dermott's mystical way of speaking of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter at York. Previous to this time the seal of the 'Ancients' contained simply the square and compasses, surmounted by a dagger, the motto, 'Virtue and Silence,' occasionally rendered into Latin, and the inscription, 'Grand Lodge of London.'"

Bro. Hughan then refers to the Royal Arch, and gives the earliest references to the degree in the Atholl Records. The first is dated 4th March 1752, and reads as follows:—"*Grand Committee.*—A formal complaint was made by several brethren against Thos. Phealon and John Macky, better known as 'Leg of Mutton Masons,' for clandestinely making Masons for the mean consideration of a leg of mutton for dinner or supper. Upon examining some brothers, whom they pretended to have made Royal Arch men, the parties had not the least idea of that secret. The Grand Secretary had examined Macky, and stated that he had not the least idea or knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry, but instead thereof he had told the people he had received a long story about twelve white marble stones, &c., &c., and that the rainbow was the Royal Arch, with many other absurdities equally foreign and ridiculous." In September of the same year it is stated in the minutes that "every part of real Freemasonry was traced and explained, except the Royal Arch, by the Grand Secretary," while, on 2nd March 1757, we have a resolution to the effect that "the Masters of the Royal Arch shall be summoned to meet in order to regulate things relative to that most valuable branch of the Craft." Bro. Hughan also gives a reply, written by Bro. S. Spencer, Grand Secretary of the "Moderns," to an application for relief by one William Carroll, an Irishman, who, it is suggested, may have "sought to strengthen his claim by stating he was a Royal Arch Mason." This reply, which appears in the records on 16th December 1759, is as follows:—"You being an Ancient Mason you are not entitled to any of our Charity. The Ancient Masons have a Lodge at the Five Bells, in the Strand, and their Secretary's name is Dermott. Our Society is neither Arch, Royal Arch, or *Ancient*, so that you have no right to partake of our Charity." This letter, as Bro. Hughan remarks, was made good use of by Dermott. At the same time he is careful to point out that the idea of the Arch having originated with the "Ancients" is erroneous, as he has already indicated that it had been worked in England before the secession took place. Nevertheless, he attributes its official adoption by the Schismatics as having secured the success of the schism. These are his words:—"The official adoption of the Royal Arch, and the prominence given to the ceremony, were the main influences which promoted the success of the schism, which success led to its semi-countenance by the 'Moderns,' and its final recognition by the United Grand Lodge in 1813; but the degree itself, having been known to the regular Masons some years before the secession, it could not be the creation of either Dermott or the 'Ancients.' By whom it was fabricated or arranged is a mystery, and so likely to remain."

With reference to Masters and Past Masters, who "alone had the right to be selected for exaltation (save brethren going abroad) according to the early 'Atholl' Regula-

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tions," though "in time this rule evidently was evaded," and hence the two classes of *actual* and *virtual* (or honorary) Past Masters, Bro. Hughan adopts the same view as Bro. Gould that the "Degree of Past Master, or Chair Degree, was invented by the Schismatic Grand Lodge to serve as a constructive passing of the chair, and therefore to qualify brethren for the Degree of Royal Arch, which could only be conferred on actual or Past Masters of a Lodge." But though this Past Master's Degree does not seem to have been officially recognised before 1810 when the "Masters of the London Lodges were summoned to receive for the first time the benefit of installation," Bro. Hughan is of opinion that it must have been "practised" by the "Moderns" in England almost as soon as the "Ancients," and in support of this he cites a case of "Passing the Chair," having been worked at Bolton by a "Modern" Lodge so early as 1769.

Touching "The ceremony of '*re-making*' in the three degrees on 'Moderns' joining the *Ancients* or *vice versâ*," Bro. Hughan says—"That this regulation was one more of policy than actual necessity may, we think, be inferred from the fact that such visitations before the custom prevailed could not be possible had the differences between the two Grand Lodges been of a ritual character. On 5th September 1764 the members of 'No. 110 were admonished for admitting Modern Masons into their Lodge. We quote this instance (not a solitary one) to prove that the difficulties in the way of Lodge visitation between the two rivals were due to the formal '*re-making*' (and therefore, assuredly, *re-obligation*) and not to any important variations in their several Rituals. We can only account for the noteworthy fact of never meeting with any records of Royal Arch Masons being so '*re-made*' by either Body, that the ceremony was substantially the same, whether practised by the 'Moderns' or 'Ancients.'" "The institution in 1792 of the "Nine Worthies" or "Excellent Brothers" to "assist the Grand Officers for the ensuing year" brings the Chapter to a close, the duties of these Nine being to visit the Lodges in order to secure "that the *general uniformity* of Ancient Masonry may be preserved and handed down unchanged to posterity," and Bro. Hughan thinks the establishment of similar Officers at the present time "to secure uniformity to *the extent desirable* would be of advantage to the Craft."

(To be continued.)

MASONIC DEGREE PEDDLERS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

On page 77 of Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite," I find the following:—"The Atholl Masons had a Lodge at Warrington, A.D. 1755 * * * The regular Grand Lodge had a Lodge there from 1765 * * * from which source the Bolton brethren may have received Royal Arch Masonry * * * or the brethren at Warrington may have been exalted at York in the Chapter which has a record from 1762. We merely note these possibilities to prove that there is no necessity to assume an Atholl origin for either the Chapter at Warrington, or, indirectly, of the other at Bolton."

With all due respect to Bro. Hughan I believe that Warrington, as well as Bolton, may not have been indebted to either York Ancients or Moderns for their respective possession of R.A. Masonry, but that all alike received the said Masonry *from Masonic Degree peddlers.* We all know that *originally* the R.A. was sold in Dublin by a Masonic Degree peddler. It was also introduced in St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston in 1769 by a similar peddler. It was sold in 1765 in London to the originators of the Holy Chapter of Jerusalem (Moderns) by a Masonic Degree peddler; for Bro. John Maclean was nothing more nor less than a *Degree peddler.* And if Dermott actually planted the Royal Arch among the Ancients, which is not impossible or improbable, then Dermott may also be numbered among our Masonic Degree peddlers. Indeed, Dermott himself severely censured some unnamed brother (may be Bro. Maclean) for peddling Royal Arch Masonry. Such being the case, it is neither impossible nor improbable for the brethren of York, Warrington, Bolton, and other towns and cities in England, Ireland and Scotland to have been originally supplied with R.A. Masonry by Masonic Degree peddlers.

We have in America an organised "Masonic Body," called "Royal and Select Masters." Not many weeks since a *Royal Councillor* showed me a printed list of brethren who were proposed for initiation in his Royal Council, and I think that the list must have numbered from twenty to twenty-five names. Now, that is very good business for one night. The R.C. has, I believe, three degrees. Its first degree Mackey calls "the eighth degree in the American Rite;" they have a Grand Council extending over the United States, as well as State Grand Councils. The membership of that body in America numbers by tens of thousands, every member firmly believes that in that degree only the genuine, true, original word can be learned. I believe that if Dr. Oliver had been alive, and lived in America, he might have demonstrated and proved that, at some time or other, a piece was cut off from the Royal Arch Degree, which was moulded by an American Bro. Dunckerley into the Royal and Select Degrees. Well, then, I was informed that in 1822 Bro. Jeremy L. Cross peddled the "Royal and Select" degree or degrees (for I know not how many degrees it was then made of) in Baltimore, in Maryland. Of course, Bro. Cross received a consideration for conferring these degrees. Some of his disciples probably received the money they paid back again by conferring these degrees upon others. We see now that Masonic degree peddling was a very common thing in the early days of their history.

Now, Bro. Hughan's book refers to a continuous system of degree peddling in England between 1723 and 1750. Even P.G. Master Sayer seems to have participated in degree peddling. Here in America the Masonry of Philadelphia of 1731 was the work of a Masonic degree peddler. True, Bro. MacCalla has written scores of columns in the *Keystone* to prove anything and everything, save and except *the most essential.* Indeed, I frankly admit that Bro. MacCalla excels all other Masonic writers; improving and demonstrating *universally admitted facts;* facts *long known to every one,* and *never disputed or doubted by any one.* But he failed to prove how Coxe's Deputation of 1730 was connected with Philadelphia Masonry in 1731. In 1735 or 6 a Masonic degree peddler formed a Lodge at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; in 1750 a degree peddler established a Lodge in Halifax, Nova Scotia; and in 1752 St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts, also originated from a Masonic degree peddler. Now, with all these facts before us, there is really no need to puzzle, speculate, or guess as to whether R.A. Masonry was planted in Bolton or in Warrington, either by the Ancients, Moderns, or by the 1762 Chapter at York. I think it is more probable that the brethren at Bolton, Warrington and York had alike Royal Arch Masonry brought home to their respective door steps by industrious Masonic peddlers, precisely the same as it had been brought into Dublin in 1740, to the Ancients in 1750 or a little later, and to the Moderns in 1765.

Boston, U.S. 21st October 1884.

Bro. W. W. Morgan, W.M. St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, will deliver his popular lecture on the "Masonic Institutions," at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, to-day (Saturday), at 7·30 P.M., and at the Hyde-park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed-street, Paddington, on Monday next, the 10th instant, at 8 P.M.; while on Friday next, the 14th instant, he will deliver his equally interesting lecture on "Women in Freemasonry," —written expressly for such occasions as these by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York—at the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at 8 P.M. The fact of Bro. Morgan having been invited to lecture on three evenings in the course of a single week is a subject of satisfaction to us, at least to this extent, that the suggestion to vary the tedium of the ordinary programme of our Lodges of Instruction by occasionally introducing a lecture on some popular question connected with Freemasonry originated with this journal. Hence it cannot be otherwise than gratifying to us to know the proposition has been so well received. We may add that Bro. Morgan's lectures are not permitted to trench seriously on the ordinary labours of the evening. He has chosen to limit the time occupied in his address to half-an hour, and in doing this he considers he has acted wisely. What is intended as a relief from the monotony of the regular work must not be converted into a tax on the brethren's patience.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ELLAN VANNIN LODGE, No. 2049, and ST. TRINIAN'S LODGE, No. 2050.

FROM THE ISLE OF MAN TIMES.

AN event unprecedented we believe in the history of Freemasonry has occurred in Douglas, that of the establishment of two new Craft Lodges in one town within the brief space of forty-eight hours. These two new Lodges are the Ellan Vannin, numbered 2049, and the St. Trinian's, numbered 2050 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England. Amongst the rapidly increasing Masonic body in Douglas are many members of remarkable enthusiasm in their endeavours to promote the welfare of the Order, and by them it was determined that the event should be celebrated in such a manner as would make it an era in the history of Manx Masonry. The dates of the two consecrations having been fixed to suit the convenience of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, who had been appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to perform the ceremony, committees from the founders of each Lodge were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the ceremonies. The Grand Secretary arrived here on Friday evening, the 24th ult., accompanied by a number of Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, amongst whom were Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope P. Grand Chaplain, C. J. Bannister P.G.S.B., Edgar Bowyer P.G. St. B., Frank Richardson P.G.D., and Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney P.G.D. Several of these distinguished brethren became the guests of Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, at the Nunnery, who very generously extended his hospitality, and who is entitled to the thanks of the local brotherhood for his efforts in more ways than one to make this the first visit to the Island of the Grand Officers a pleasant one.

The consecration of the Ellan Vannin Lodge was fixed for Saturday, the 25th ult., at four o'clock in the afternoon; and by that hour there was a large gathering of the Craft from all parts of the Island; the Tyler's book having been signed by no fewer than forty-eight brethren, of whom exactly one-half were P.M.'s of the Order, amongst these being several from England. The founders of the Lodge who signed the petition are the following:—Bros. John A. Brown P.M. 1242 P.Z. 1004, J. S. Goldie-Taubman W.M. 1242, G. H. Smith P.P.G.S.B. (N. Monster), James Hodgson, Rev. Blundel Brown, A. Bruce, J. E. Hunt, Dr. J. Reynalds P.Z. (S.C.), R. Whiteside, Dr. Dearden W.M. 1004, J. A. Mylrea, W. Dobson, G. C. Heron P.M. 1004 P.Z. 1004, G. H. Quayle P.M. (I.C.), Dr. T. A. Woods, Dr. Friend, Claude Cannell, and F. Browne. All these brethren were present except two. In their petition to the Grand Lodge the petitioners had nominated Bro. J. A. Brown to be the first W.M., Bro. G. H. Smith to be their first S.W., and Bro. James Hodgson to be their first J.W. The brethren assembled in the Tynwald Lodge-room, and received the representatives of Grand Lodge in due form. the Grand Secretary having, as Consecrating and Installing Officer, taken the Chair, appointed his Officers as follow:— Bros. C. J. Bannister P.G.S.B. as S.W., Edgar Bowyer P.G. St. B. as J.W., Rev. Charles W. Spencer Stanhope P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies and Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney as I.G. The Lodge having been opened, the Consecrating Officer proceeded with the consecration ceremony, which is of a most impressive and imposing nature. He was ably assisted by the other Grand Officers, the entire proceedings, under the experienced direction of the Director of Ceremonies, passing off without the slightest hitch.

The Presiding Officer, in his address to the brethren, before commencing the business, dwelt upon the motive of the assembly, and gave a brief history of the establishment and progress of Freemasonry in the Island. There was, he said, a rumour to the effect that it was under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland that Freemasonry was first introduced here; but, so far as he could learn, there was no trustworthy evidence on that point. Under the Irish Grand Lodge, however, more than one Lodge had been established on the Island. One which had for years existed in Douglas finished its career in the year 1862; but the Lodge of Mona, with a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, dated so far back as the 8th of June 1857, was still flourishing in Castletown. The first establishment of English Freemasonry in Douglas was 1864, the consecration of the Athole Lodge having taken place in the April of that year. Some idea of the progress which Freemasonry is making under the fostering care of the Grand Lodge of England, with Brother his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as its present head, may be gathered from the fact that the Athole Lodge is numbered 1004 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, whereas the Lodge which he now had the pleasure of consecrating was numbered 2049, so that in the twenty years which had elapsed since the establishment of the Athole Lodge the Order had more than doubled itself. In the December of the very year after the establishment of the Athole Lodge, the St. Maughold Lodge, at Ramsey, numbered 1075 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated. No further progress, so far as increasing the number of Lodges was concerned, was made during the next three years. Then came a petition for a warrant for the Tynwald Lodge, number 1242, and in the December of 1868 that Lodge was consecrated by their excellent brother Bannister, whom he had now the pleasure of seeing in the Senior Warden's chair in the Tynwald Lodge Rooms. In the year 1870 the Athole Chapter, attached to the Athole Lodge, was established, the consecration taking place in the May of that year. From 1870 a lapse of 14 years took place without any further proposals to increase the number of Lodges in Douglas; but in the early part of this year the authorities of the Grand Lodge were somewhat startled by receiving, almost simultaneously, petitions for Charters for two Lodges to be established in Douglas. Such an event as this was quite unprecedented; but, on finding that the two new Lodges were not likely to clash with each other, nor with the existing Lodges, his Royal Highness was pleased to grant the prayers of the petitioners, and, in pursuance of the Grand Master's command, he (the Grand Secretary) and other Officers of the Grand Lodge had come to the Island to perform the consecration ceremony and to duly constitute the petitioners into two Lodges of "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons." Before proceeding with the ceremony he would like to utter a few words of caution. The magnificent progress of the Order in late years had led to enormous numbers of persons endeavouring to procure admission to Masonry, many with the selfish and sordid object of unduly availing themselves of its undoubted privileges or to push forward their business. Members should, therefore, be especially guardful not to propose any persons for initiation into the Order unless they felt convinced that they would reflect honour and credit on their choice. There was no difficulty in getting candidates—too many were only too anxious to join the Order—but before they were accepted for initiation their character should be considered, their temper studied, their antecedents inquired into; and thus the entrance of unworthy persons into the Order would be guarded against. No Lodge should be in too great a hurry to assume large proportions. They had far better advance slowly, and with due care build up a Lodge which would reflect honour on the Brotherhood.

The ceremony was then proceeded with. During its progress the Grand Chaplain (the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope) delivered the following oration on the nature and principles of the Masonic Institution:—

The appearance of a new house, whose site, style, or surroundings are of special beauty and appropriateness, naturally leads the beholder to speculate upon the character and condition of the owner. And the consecration of a new Lodge seems equally to call for remark upon the time honoured Institution which is here to have its home. What, then, briefly, is Freemasonry? Originally, no doubt, a guild of artificers, dating from the reign of King Solomon, and organised by his marvellous wisdom; with valuable trade secrets to keep close among themselves, and a careful system of passwords, signs, and tokens, for their preservation; a regular classification of the brethren into convenient groups or Lodges; orderly arrangements for government and discipline; periodical examinations of the junior workmen, to ascertain the progress they were making; solemn forms and ceremonies for admitting new members into the Brotherhood, passing successful candidates to higher degrees of proficiency, and investing them with conspicuous badges of merit; special times and places for the discussion of business matters, with a rigid exclusion of all exciting topics of debate, such as religion and politics, so as not to disturb the harmony so essential to the successful accomplishment of the grand work of Temple building, which was being carried on by the diverse nationalities of Judæa and Phœnicia in conjunction. With the prestige of a lofty origin like this and its necessary connection with the liberal arts and sciences, such as painting, sculpture, and the rest, the Masonic association rapidly developed and extended to every quarter of the civilized world. A powerful organization of this kind, with its ever accumulating stores of knowledge and experience, could not fail to produce extensive and important results. And, accordingly, we cannot be surprised to learn that to Freemasonry we are indebted for the wonderful structures—beautiful even in their ruin—erected under Greek and Roman auspices before the Christian era; and, in especial, for the magnificent mansions, castles, churches, and cathedrals that sprung up everywhere, in Great Britain and the Continent, during the comparatively quiet period of the eleventh and four following centuries. Nor can we wonder that men of other trades and professions, even kings and princes, eagerly sought admission into an Order of such high renown for the sake of companionship with the illustrious masters of art and science who ennobled it, and whose splendid labours did so much to enhance the national pride and glory. By degrees, however, "Speculative Masons," who, by special favour, were accepted to the freedom of the Craft, so far out-numbered their "operative" brethren, that, cuckoo-like, they ousted the original owners from the Masonic nest, and stayed in it themselves; retaining the outward shape and form of the ancient guild, with its working tools and badges; its stringent vows of secrecy, fidelity, and obedience; its elaborate and impressive ritual; and its oral triadic instruction; but turning all into parable and metaphor; so that, as we have it now, it is simply "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols;" a system possessing many important secrets and valuable privileges, and a history of unquestionable fact, embroidered with a variety of curious myths or legends, to furnish a plausible explanation of passwords, signs, and tokens, whose real origin and primitive significance have, in all probability, passed away from us for ever. Such is Freemasonry in the past. What, then, are its claims upon us in the present? And why are we here to-day doing our utmost to perpetuate it in the future? Now, to answer these inquiries, we must call to mind that Masonry may be viewed under two aspects—a lower and a higher, viz. (1), as connected with Lodges here on earth, and their members as citizens of the world; and (2), as connected with Grand Lodge above, where the G.A. lives and reigns for ever. In its lower aspect it has three special claims upon our attention and regard, viz., as:—(*a*) A bond of union and brotherhood between all the widely separated families and classes of humanity. (*b*) A neutral ground of meeting, for free and social intercourse, among less widely separated neighbours and acquaintances. (*c*) A universal letter of introduction to entire strangers, and a special medium for assisting the needy and distressed. In its higher aspect it is still more worthy the eulogy and encomiums that have been lavished upon it by the brethren in every age. As one of our fraternal charges well expresses it:—"'Tis not mere blind fanatic zeal that prompts the brethren of the mystic tie to speak thus highly of the Masons' Craft. For well they know that it is the best and truest handmaid to religion that ever man devised, and admirably fitted to assist him in his search for light and knowledge through all the stages of this mortal life, from the cradled helplessness of infancy to the final darkness of the grave. It is founded on a triad of deep mysterious

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truths, connecting earth with heaven; the external existence of a Triune God, the resurrection of the body, and the immortality of the soul. It inculcates the purest principles of piety and virtue, and teaches plainly, in the first degree, to measure all our words and actions by the gauge of rectitude and justice; to shape our conduct, in the second, by the square of morality and honesty; and, in the third, to circumscribe our passions with the compass of propriety, and to keep them strictly within the limits of the circle of our duty to God and man. Hence we learn to be upright, just and true to our fellow-men; humble, meek, resigned to the will of God; so that the Mason who has thus discharged his duty as a true and faithful brother to the Craft may calmly await that awful moment when his heart shall cease to throb, and his soul, released from the burden of the flesh, shall wing its upward flight to the boundless, unexplored expanse above." Truly, then, is Masonry a noble Institution, and nobly should it be enshrined among us! It is a precious jewel which demands a goodly setting. And we congratulate the brethren upon the establishment of the Lodge which is to be consecrated for their use to-day, as our first Grand Master King Solomon congratulated himself and people when his building at Jerusalem was completed, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord, for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Israel, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His temple." Being, then, what it is, we might naturally expect to find Freemasonry everywhere held in the highest and most reverent estimation, and, like a powerful magnet, drawing into it irresistibly all that is great and good now, as it did in days gone by. But is it so? To some extent no doubt it is; and in proof of this we point with pride and pleasure to such an assemblage as is gathered here to-day. Yet, is it not the case that our influence and numbers are not nearly what they ought to be; that, in fact, they might and ought to be far larger than they are? And, if so, where lies the fault? Have we any one to blame for it but ourselves? Speaking from my own experience, I should say that Masonry is far from popular with women as a body; that wives dislike it for their husbands, mothers for their sons, and that many men who who take an independent stand in thought and action fight shy of it for themselves and their belongings. And why? Because there is a widespread feeling that men become Masons not from high, but low motives, to increase their business connection perhaps, or enlarge their jolly-good-fellow circle, and that their moral tone is not improved thereby, but the reverse; that Masonry, in fact, is little more than a costly knife and fork society, fond of idle dissipation; and Lodge meetings merely a convenient excuse and cloak for wasting ill-spared money upon extravagant eating and drinking." That this opinion may have had foundation in the conduct of some few past, and even present brethren, cannot be denied. Nor is the reason far to seek. In the great majority of our town and country districts no large and suitable room can be found, except at a public inn, where temptations to excess present themselves to every comer. And, accordingly, it is their misfortune, not their fault, if Masons, thus unhappily situated, have from time to time made lapses from their high profession. For it is not the orderly Masonic banquet in Masonic clothing, nor the modest Lodge refreshment with Masonic checks and guards on every side, that does the mischief, but the Masonic lounging at the bar, and the alcoholic convivialities there indulged in before the Lodge is opened and after it is closed. Hence it is that unseemly scandals have at times arisen; that solemn vows of initiation have been forgotten; that the mysteries of Masonry have more or less been blabbled by drunken lips to the scoffing outer world, and grave discredit cast upon the whole Fraternity. Freemasonry, however, cannot justly be condemned, any more than Christianity, for not doing its proper work of making all its members worthy, or than the Legislature for not making every one sober by act of parliament. Much, however, may be done in this direction by diminishing temptations to vice and the facilities for excess. And an immense stride will have been taken towards the exaltation of Freemasonry among ourselves and the world at large when every Lodge has a place like this set apart for Masonic purposes; where the most fastidious may assemble as in an ordinary reading room, without hesitation on their own part, or suspicion on the part of others; where evenings may be often spent, not drearily and wearily in merely getting through a dull routine of "work," but pleasantly and profitably in lectures and discussions upon interesting topics of art and science, thus fulfilling the special obligation to "make continual advancement in Masonic knowledge." And this is unquestionably the right and proper thing. For what says an ancient charge—"A Mason's Lodge is an emblematic representation of the Universe, the magnificent Temple of that G.A. whom we all revere and adore. Wisdom, strength, and beauty, are the pillars of His Throne, and manifest in all His works. His wisdom is infinite, His strength omnipotent, and his beauty shines through all creation, in symmetry of form, grandeur of proportion, and glorious harmony of colour." Here is a grand ideal! But how can it possibly be realised when its meetings have to be held, as is too often the case, in taverns and other unsuitable buildings, with unmasonic sights and sounds at every turn, with cowans and intruders at every corner? Very cordially then do we reiterate our warm congratulations to the brethren of Ellan Vannin, on the establishment of their Lodge this day in this hall set apart for Masonic purposes. Very heartily do we say to you, go on and prosper, as you well deserve. This structure has been raised in perfect unanimity and concord; long may it so continue. May the proceedings of to-day serve but to forge another link in the chain of brotherly love and good fellowship by which you are already united. May your children and your children's children rejoice in these auspicious solemnities. May you enjoy within these walls every satisfaction and delight that disinterested affection and Masonic intercourse can afford. And may the good report of this Lodge so tend to exhalt and enhance the reputation of the Craft at large, that Masonry may flourish here, as in every other quarter of the globe, and be assisted to fulfil its noble mission, by diffusing the light of wisdom, aiding the strength of reason, displaying the beauty of virtue, and diminishing the aggregate of human vice and misery. Being thus established firmly by the high character of its friends, it may laugh to scorn the malice of its foes, and rise superior to the opposition of the outer world, like the lofty summit of your own mighty Snaefel, that bares its breast with dignified composure to the tempests, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm.

A selection of music appropriate to the ceremony was gone through by a choir, consisting of Bros. R. Swinnerton P.M., E. J. Bowman P.M., R. G. Hoyle and J. E. Hunt; Bro. J. A. Mylrea ably presiding at the organ. At the conclusion of the consecration service, Bro. J. A. Brown P.M., presented by Bro. F. Richardson P.G.D., was duly installed the first Worshipful Master of the Ellan Vannin Lodge, this ceremony also being performed by the Grand Secretary. The new W.M. invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. S. Goldie-Taubman W.M. 1242 I.P.M., G. H. Smith S.W., J. Hodgson J.W., Rev. Blundell Browne Chaplain, A. Bruce Treasurer, J. E. Hunt Secretary, Dr. J. Reynalds S.D., R. Whiteside J.D., Dr. Dearden W.M. 1004 D.C., J.A. Mylrea Org. W. Dobson I.G. Bro. John Cowen was unanimously elected Tyler. The thanks of the Lodge were in the most hearty manner presented to the Consecrating and Installing Officer, and to the other Grand Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge. Before the business concluded, propositions were made for an initiate and for several joining members, and the W.M. announced close upon thirty valuable presents to the Lodge. These were gratefully accepted, and votes of thanks were presented to the donors.

The Lodge having closed down, the brethren adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, served in Bro. Nattan's best style. In every respect the banquet was a great success. Bro. J. A. Brown W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Amongst the speakers were the Worshipful Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain, Bros. C. J. Bannister, J. S. Goldie-Taubman, Clerk of the Rolls (A. Dumbell P.M.), Rev. Blundell Browne, G. H. Smith S.W., J. Hodgson J.W., Cruikshank P.M., Ramsey, F. Browne, A. N. Laughton, and Dr. Haviland. The most important subject referred to during the evening was the proposed establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge for the Isle of Man, and the benefits to the Craft that would ensue. The principal speakers on this point were the Grand Secretary, A. Dumbell P.M. (Clerk of the Rolls), Cruikshank P.M. and J. Hodgson, all of whom spoke in favour of the proposal. Bro. A. Dumbell P.M. made some very pertinent remarks on this subject. He said he could not but think that it was desirable that Masons in the Isle of Man should go in for a Provincial Grand Lodge. It would be a great advantage in many ways. Home Rule would be a great benefit to them. Why, the brethren at that banquet could not even wear Masonic clothing without a special dispensation from Grand Lodge in London. A Provincial Grand Lodge would also make the old Officers more distinguished by their not being so soon equalled by younger Officers. Another advantage would be the establishment of a local benevolent fund. Several other brethren spoke in the same strain.

Bros. Bowman P.M., Swinnerton P.M., Mylrea, Hoyle, and other musical brethren, contributed to the harmony of a pleasant evening. One of the songs was of a very appropriate nature. It was Ellan Vannin, a composition which now may be looked upon as the national anthem of Manxland. It was capitally sung by Bro. Bowman, who introduced into it two new verses composed by Bro. G. H. Smith S.W. As they have a special interest, from their Masonic allusions, we append them:—

"And now a band of Masons, joined by close fraternal tie,
This Lodge of ours we consecrate 'neath the All-seeing Eye,
And christen it most lovingly, dear Island, after thee,
Our own dear Ellan Vannin, with her green hills by the sea.

Its foundation has been laid to-day with diligence and care,
Each Ashlar set in level line, well chiselled, smooth, and square;
May order, peace, and harmony, its portion ever be,
Our own dear Ellan Vannin, with her green hills by the sea."

The proceedings were closed by Bro. J. E. Hunt Secretary giving the Tyler's toast.

The consecration of the St. Trinian's Lodge, numbered 2050 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, took place on Monday afternoon, and such was the fraternal interest taken in the proceedings that it drew together even a larger number of brethren than were present at the Ellan Vannin consecration on Saturday, there being no fewer than fifty-four signatures in the Tyler's book. There was the largest gathering of P.M.'s ever witnessed in the Island, no fewer than twenty-seven of those present having attained that rank. They were the Officers of the G. Lodge, Bros. G. C. Heron, J. A. Brown, L. G. Hannay, C. F. Johnson, J. S. Goldie-Taubman, E. Pierpoint (Liverpool), G. M. Lofthouse, H. Rothwell, C. Kennaugh, J. Mylchreest, E. Munday, E. Ferrier, G. H. Quayle, J. M. Cruickshank, E. C. Kerr, W. Laughlin, W. L. Wild, H. Brearley, W. Cannell, J. McWhannell, and J. W. Wood. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were, of course, almost exact repetitions of those at the Ellan Vannin Lodge on Saturday, and it was also, of course, performed by the same Officers of the Grand Lodge. The brethren received the representatives of the Grand Lodge in due form shortly after four o'clock, and the ceremony of consecration was at once proceeded with. The musical portions were very ably rendered by a choir consisting of Bros. E. Munday P.M., L. G. Hannay P.M. and W. A. McKown, with Bro. F. C. Poulter as Organist. The founders of the St. Trinian's Lodge who signed the petition are the following brethren:—Bros. G. C. Heron, L. G. Hannay, G. J. Nattan, W. A. McKown, W. Broughton, J. H. Stretch, F. Poulter, Goodwin, Colquhoun, T. H. Nesbitt, C. F. Johnson, J. A. Brown, J. Morrison, E. C. Gelling, J. F. Terry, and A. E. Rothwell. The Consecrating Officer's address to the brethren and the Grand Chaplain's oration on

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the origin and principles of Masonry were in their general scope and purport very similar to those we report in the proceedings of the Ellan Vannin consecration. The founders had elected Bro. G. C. Heron P.M. to be their first Worshipful Master; and after the consecration ceremony the Grand Secretary at once proceeded to instal him in the Chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. Both ceremonies—that of consecration and that of installation—were most impressively rendered. The newly installed W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. L. G. Hannay as I.P.M., G. J. Nattan as S.W., W. A. McKown as J.W., C. M. Challendar as Secretary, W. Broughton as S.D., J. H. Stretch as J.D., T. H. Nesbitt as D.C., F. C. Poulter as I.G., and T. H. Goodwin and W. Colquhoun as Stewards. Bro. John Lanaghan was unanimously elected Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony several candidates were proposed for initiation, and several brethren as joining members. The Officers of Grand Lodge were also enthusiastically thanked for their services, and were paid the further well-deserved compliment of being unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge.

The Lodge business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, provided in splendid style by Bro. Nattan, the S.W. of the Lodge. The catering and the waiting, as at the Ellan Vannin dinner on Saturday, were everything that could be desired, and the brethren thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The several Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the various speakers being the W.M., the Grand Secretary, W. Bro. C. J. Bannister, Bros. J. S. Goldie-Taubman P.M., the Rev. E. Ferrier P.M., J. M. Cruikshank P.M., L. G. Hannay P.M., and G. J. Nattan S.W. Several musical brethren, amongst them being Brothers L. G. Hannay P.M., J. McWhannell P.M., W. L. Wild P.M., and others, contributed to the harmony of the evening.

In several of the after-dinner speeches, the proposal to establish a Provincial Grand Lodge for the Island was again referred to in terms of general acceptance. The Grand Secretary's remarks on this and other points are of especial value. He said—Masonry has more than doubled itself in number of Lodges in twenty years. Every day we have Lodges started, and every day the Order is growing stronger. We have an enormous amount of subscriptions. £40,000 a year is subscribed for our Charities, and we give away £10,000 a year in our Lodge of Benevolence. Indeed the Order is becoming what the Yankee would call a "very big thing." With respect to your government, Manxland is famous all over the world for Home Rule. You have not yet got Home Rule in Masonry; but I hope you will soon agree amongst yourselves to ask the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness to make you a Provincial Grand Lodge. The time has come when you ought to have a certain amount of government amongst yourselves, and that you must gain by having a Provincial Lodge. On that subject let me clear up one or two points. Since I have been here I have been spoken to a great deal about this. Some brethren have said, "Cannot we have a District Grand Lodge," perhaps with the idea of having extended powers. Really the powers of a District Grand Lodge are not so very valuable, and really it is quite out of question that you should be formed into a district. Up to last Saturday you had three Lodges in the Isle of Man, paying two shillings of a capitation grant, and the two new Lodges could not have been put on a different footing. The Channel Islands, which are in the same position as you, are a Province, not a district. It is only fair to explain to you that the formation of a district is out of the question. A Provincial Grand Lodge would be of great benefit to you, and you would have many privileges that now you have not. You would have your own charitable institutions; all your little disputes could be settled at home, and you would not have to write to me when you wished to appear at dinner in your best bib and tucker. I mean, of course, in Masonic clothing. There are a great many advantages in a Province. Every part of England has its Province, and see how well they work. It is nothing to me whether you have it or not, I advise you for your own good. That is the reason why I soon hope to be amongst you again. I have been greatly delighted with the strong fraternal feeling which exists among you. The brethren here are greatly to be praised for the manner in which they have conducted Masonry. We leave to-morrow morning, and we all leave with regret. We have an invitation to another Masonic meeting here to-morrow night, but are unable to stay. We, however, leave the Isle of Man with most pleasant recollections of our sojourn in it. Our worthy brother the Master of the Ellan Vannin Lodge wishes me to explain the *modus operandi* in connection with obtaining a Provincial Grand Lodge. Each Lodge has only to pass a resolution that they are of opinion that it is desirable to have a Provincial Grand Lodge. They send me a copy of the resolution, and if I receive a resolution from the five Lodges to this effect, then it will be my duty to lay the matter before the Grand Master, and ask his favourable consideration of the petition. I need scarcely say that I will urge it in every way in my power.

The Tyler's toast—Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again—recited by Bro. J. A. Brown P.M., brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

On Sunday morning, the 26th ult., the distinguished visitors (accompanied by Bro. Major J. S. G. Taubman) arrived at Ramsey by train, and were met at the station by the Worshipful Master of the St. Maughold Lodge, Bro. E. C. Kerr, P.M.'s Bros. Dr. Wood, Laughlin, Cruickshank, and Kermode Secretary. After a short walk on the Promenade, the Grand Lodge Officers visited the Lodge rooms in Mona-street. The Grand Secretary was pleased to find that the premises were the property of the members of the Lodge, and expressed his admiration of their appearance and suitableness for Masonic work. Albert Tower was next visited, and the occasion which led to its erection was fully explained to the Grand Secretary, who expressed his intention of reminding his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales of the incidents of that memorable day in September 1847. There was a stiff nor'-easter blowing at the time, and the ascent up Lhergy Frissel, and the return via Ballure Glen, were thoroughly enjoyed, the bracing and exhilarating atmosphere evoking warm commendation from the visitors. After luncheon at the Mitre Hotel, the local brethren again met the distinguished party, who, after a stroll through the town left for Douglas at three o'clock. Prior to their departure, Bro. Wild P.M. presented the Grand Secretary with a few copies of the reprint of the *Ramsey Times* of 20th September 1847, which contains a full account of the landing of the Prince Consort at Ramsey, and of the rejoicings of the Ramsey people over the event. The Grand Secretary announced his intention of calling the attention of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, "who always takes a great interest in such historical matters," to the interesting reprint of the events of a red-letter day in the history of Ramsey.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge left here on Tuesday morning the 28th ult., in the steamer Snaefell. There was a large gathering of the brethren to bid them farewell. Amongst those present were Bros J. S. Goldie-Taubman, the Rev. E. Ferrier P.M., the Worshipful Masters of the two new Lodges, and several brethren from Ramsey and Castletown. The Grand Officers took away with them several souvenirs of their visit, and one and all said that they had received such a truly Masonic and friendly greeting that they would ever remember the Island with pleasure.

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MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is not very often that I venture to differ with Bro. P.M. James Stevens, but in the present instance I am surprised at the advice given by such an old experienced brother.

I will not go at full length of his arguments; no doubt in some respects he may be right, i.e., that great care should be taken not to grant relief indiscriminately, but to say—"to make it a MASONIC OFFENCE for any Lodge to grant sums of money without production of certificate and proof of signature thereon," is absurd. Surely no stranger is admitted in any Lodge without proper proof or voucher; or does Bro. P.M. J. Stevens think a Lodge need not be so particular in admission of a strange brother, but to assist such a "brother," different and more strict precaution is necessary to satisfy us as to his identification. Then Bro. P.M. Stevens goes on to say, "No Lodge of Instruction should be permitted, on any pretence, to entertain the application of unknown brethren, &c., eager to give proof yet unasked for."

I cannot think for one moment that Bro. P.M. Stevens is in earnest with that suggestion. I know him too well, and on many occasions I have been present when a needy brother applied in Lodges of Instruction; he was the first to propose that the Lodge might grant him a trifle, and then went round amongst the brethren to collect a few shillings more to assist such applicant; and I ask him earnestly what objection can there be, if the members are satisfied that he is a Mason (of course the brethren are only satisfied by proper proof and vouchers), why shall we send a poor needy brother away without assistance? Perhaps he is without shelter (as I know in some instances), perhaps illness in his family, and a speedy relief of a few shillings might save him or his family "from sinking," or from hunger. His fear of being imposed upon, he really cannot be in earnest about it, and I must refer to the Bible—Genesis xviii. 20-32—at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, when Abraham prayed to the Almighty not to destroy the righteous with the wicked, God said, "If I find fifty righteous within the city then I will spare all the place for their sakes." At last in v. 32 God said, "I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake."

Suppose we are sometimes imposed upon by some, shall the innocent suffer for the guilty one? I, for myself, and I am sure every good Mason, naturally including Bro. P.M. Stevens, will agree with me, it is preferable to be imposed upon by ten than to allow one good deserving brother to suffer. Let the Lodges in the first instance be particular whom they admit into Freemasonry and impostors will be few.

The appointment of a Grand Almoner is commendable. I personally exerted myself some months to have one appointed in my own Lodge—where we have a Benevolent fund—whose duty it should be to inquire into every case minutely and to report thereon, and also to try to find means to improve the funds.

Trusting I have not trespassed on your valuable space too much,

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

THE installation meeting took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday. Bros. Earney W.M., Blum I.P.M., Parkhouse S.W., Schieman J.W., Barfield Treasurer, Read Secretary, Lock S.D., Taylor J.D., Wehlen D.C., Side I.G., Schofield Tyler; Bros. Carr, Richardson, Brazell, Barker, Harnell, Childs, Reilly, Fisher, Wolveridge, Brow, Everett, Bovis, Harrison, Temple, Death, Jones, Collins, Krause, Boerger, Essex, Channon, Jarvis, Collard, Stebbing, Park, Robson, McCutchan, Reuham, French, and Reckie. Visitors—Bros. Ball 1567, Dehane I.P. Master 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Jennings 733, Cama P.M. 1159 P.P.G. Sword Bearer Middlesex, Laundy 1611, Pearcy 1673, Lander P.M. 1642 P.Z., Bartle W.M. elect 1642, Cunningham W.M. 1238, Harvey P.M. 9, Robinson 1681, Dickinson 1681, Honneyball W.M. 1681, Captain Nicols P.M. 1974 P.D.G. Superintendent of Works Punjab, Thompson 1681, Ball 15, Davis P.M. 167 P.Z. 185, Bryett P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, Cunningham 1612, Rogers 1238, Dickenson 1298, Gillingham W.M. 1238, Francon 1623, Gregory 173, Wyatt 1828, and many others—in all numbering 91. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. John Killick. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Parkhouse was presented and obligated. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Parkhouse was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Earney. The brethren having saluted the W.M. in each of the degrees, the following were invested as Officers :—Bros. Schieman S.W., Lock J.W., Barfield Treasurer, Read Secretary, Taylor S.D., Side J.D., Fisher I.G., Schuler Wine Steward, Death Assistant Wine Steward. An indigent brother was relieved. The Auditors then read the report of the Benevolent fund of the Lodge, which was of an extremely gratifying character. Bro. Barfield was elected Steward to represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. Earney, in proposing the health of the W.M., said that he had gone through all the offices, and had arrived at the chair thoroughly esteemed by all who knew him, but by none more so than by the members of the Zetland. Bro. Earney concluded by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M. returned his sincere thanks. It was a proud moment to be the W.M. of his mother Lodge, the old Zetland, to which he had been unanimously elected. Of course, he could not expect so many initiates to come forward as in former years, as there were so many Lodges now in London. It was gratifying to see many from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge present, from whose members he had received so much consideration when he was their W.M. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Earney; he had worked step by step with him; they had gone up as Stewards together, and time after time had been Scrutineers at the various Elections. Bro. Earney had the cause of Charity at heart, and was a thorough good fellow. Bro. Earney returned thanks in very happy terms; he was very grateful for the numerous kindnesses he had received during his year of office. The W.M. in complimenting the Visitors said it was the toast of the evening; notably among them was Bro. Cama, a thorough Mason, who had given no less than £700 during the last few years to the different Masonic Charities, while each Christmas he had been in the habit of handing £100 to the Lord Mayor to distribute among the poor. Bro. Debane represented the Charity Organisation in Essex, and any brother who knew anything about the Charities would bear him out that this berth was not a sinecure. Bro. Gillingham, the W.M. of the Gooch Lodge, and Bro. Bryett, of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge, came in for hearty good wishes. Bro. Bartle, the W.M. elect of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and its members, were especially welcome. Bro. Davis, the talented Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction and Chapter of Improvement; the W.M. said words of praise were not strong enough for his constant attendance and correct teaching of the Ritual. Bro. Barrett, replying, stated lucidly the characteristics of what a good Mason should be, and instanced the I.P.M. Bro. Cama hoped the W.M. would not forget him on a future occasion, and complimented the brethren on their working, especially the Installing Master. Several other of the Visitors acknowledged the compliment. The P.M.'s toast was replied to by Bro. Ward; twelve Past Masters of the Lodge were present. The Treasurer's (Bro Barfield) reply was such as might be expected from so worthy a Mason. Bro. Read, Secretary, stated this was the twelfth time he had been invested; he had replied to the Secretary's toast seventy-two times in that Lodge, and it was difficult to find anything fresh to say. The rest of the Officers were duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. W. J. Oliver, assisted by Bros. Schieman, Krause, and Ball.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, 795.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead, on Wednesday, 16th ult., when there were present Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., J. C. Innes S.W., J. Greenfield J.W., C. Dearing Acting S.D., Capt. J. Finch Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.M. Secretary, Withers D.C., &c. Visitors—J. Western P.M. 1602, J. Osborn P.M. 1602, Herbert Sprake, Payne, Cutbill, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. John Cutbill, Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, held at Anderton's, was duly elected a joining member. The ceremony of installation of Bro. J. C. Innes as W.M. was ably performed by I.P.M. Linscott. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. Greenfield S.W., E. W. Allen J.W., Withers I.G., C. Dearing D.C., Davies S., Finch Treasurer, Hodges Secretary. Several Officers being absent, their investment was postponed, on letters of apology being read from them. The Tyler of the Lodge, Bro. C. Nowell, who had acted as such for twenty years, was presented with a well-filled purse on his retirement. The brethren, one and all, expressed their regret at having to lose such a valuable servant. The Tyler evidently was sorry to part with the Lodge, and so expressed himself in a neat little speech. It was resolved, after some discussion, to hold four instead of six meetings in the year, giving up the August and September meetings. The W.M. showed, by the way he invested the Officers and closed the Lodge, that he was fully equal to the work, in fact, as expressed by the S.W. at the banquet, he might long ago have occupied that position had he not out of kindness permitted other members to pass him. The brethren enjoyed a capital banquet, and returned to Paddington, as they came, in a saloon carriage, by an early train, being entertained on their journey by our musical brother Josh. Daniels.

CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge took place on Friday, 24th ult., when a large number of visitors assembled to assist the brethren of the Lodge in installing Bro. William Lascelles Southwell. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Whitefoot jun., who did his work in an almost faultless manner; indeed, Bro. Whitefoot has, during his year of office, worked with the true zeal of a worthy Mason. Bro. T. Pratt P.M. gave the charge to the Wardens in a most impressive manner; indeed, praise is due to every officer for the efficient way the work was done. A year ago the Deputy Prov. Grand Master described this as the best worked Lodge in the Province, and we can confidently say there is no falling off since that time. There were present Bros. Thos. Whitefoot jun. W.M., W. Lascelles Southwell W.M. elect, J. H. Cooksey J.W., E. M. Southwell I.P.M., and Past Masters Bros. W. Simms Prov. G.P., H. B. Southwell, Thos. Pratt, Edw. Jones Chittey, Bros. H. Smith Treasurer, H. E. Roberts Secretary, T. F. Nock S.D. William Westcott J.D., Rev. Dr. Lucas Chaplain, J. Sewell Organist. A. Bethell and H. J. Skelding Stewards, J. W. Consterdine Chadwick W.M. 377, T. Whitefoot, J. Bromwich, A. S. Trevor, W. J. Pitt, Ernest Cooper; also the following visitors:—Bros. G. W. Grosvenor Prov. S.G.W. Worcestershire, Jas. Fitzgerald P.M. and Sec. 377, W. M. Roden W.M. 1874, W. E. Harding W.M. 262, S. Boddington P.M. 1016, J. Bradney 419, G. Fletcher 1575, G. R. Green 1874, J. Mossop 1874, F. W. Henstock 1495, H. K. Southwell 357, and Bro. Geo. Taylor Prov. G. Sec. of Worcestershire. The Officers appointed by the newly-installed Master were as follows:—Bros. J. H. Cooksey S.W., H. E. Roberts J.W., Dr. Lucas Chaplain, Hubert Smith Treas., Thos. Pratt P.M. Sec., J. F. Nock S.D., W. Westcott J.D., J. Sewell Org., H. J. Skelding I.G., A. Bethell and T. Whitefoot Stewards, and H. Goodall Tyler. After labour the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, and the evening was spent in doing honour to the usual Masonic toasts, interspersed with harmony.

LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN, No. 145.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 28th ultimo, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. Read W.M., H. Brock S.W., G. Banks J.W., T Bull P.M. Treasurer, D. Haslett Secretary, H. Cox I.G., Hampton Steward; P.M.'s C. A. Woods, J. H. Leggott, G. States P.G.S., A. D. Kerrell, E. H. Thiellay P.P.G S.B. Middlesex. Visitors—A. Nicols P.M. 1974, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The work was purely of a routine character, there being no candidates for either of the degrees. The brethren, however, partook of a banquet, and spent a pleasant hour or two afterwards.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

A MEETING was held on Tuesday, 4th instant, at the Sarsoen's Head, Dunmow. Bros. A. Rattray W.M., J. P. Lewis P.M. 276 P.P.G. Superintendent of Works Essex S.W., W. Rowe J.W. Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.P.G.C. Essex Chaplain, W. De Vins Wade Secretary, W. Calanan S.D., E. F. Ferris J.D., E. H. Williams I.G., C. Bint Tyler; Brothers H. Dehane I.P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Essex, J. L. Franklin, W. T. Noble, Dr. R. C. Lyle. Visitor—John Tayler 276. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer; the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for four candidates, and two being present—Messrs. Noble and Lyle—were duly initiated into the Order. A motion by Bro. Williams to increase the number of meetings was discussed and adjourned, as also the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws. Votes of congratulation were passed to Lord Rosslyn and Rev. F. Shepherd on the marriage of their daughters. The Lodge was closed until Tuesday on or nearest the full moon in December. The brethren adjourned to the dining room, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, the evening being enlivened by songs from Bros. Lewin, Noble, and Ferris. Bro. Rattray W.M. was installed last month by Bro. Debane.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-steet. Bror. W. M. Stiles W.M., F. W. Sillis S.W., J. W. Smith J.W., M. Dickey S.D., J. C. Smith J.D., W. Jaques I.G., W. A. Scurrah Assistant Secretary, R. Ross, L. Holland, W. H. Bartery, Stewards. Visitors:—Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S., J. Jones 1278, A. Giddings 1446, E. J. Day 1641, G. A. Musell P.M. 35, J. E. Payne 1169, Whitley 846, M. J. Rowley 1507, J. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, A.

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Barfield P.P.G.D. Hants, C. Scales P.M. 1507, W. H. Rawkins 858, C. P. McKay P.M. 720, R. W. Walker 1167, Hamlyn P.M. 1622, J. Howson 1446, G. Treadwick 1076, Stokes P.M. 1777 and Sec. 1507, Hare 1987, Ellington W.M. 167, Hamlyn P.M. 144, Sillis 957, J. G. Taylor 720, Honeyball W.M. 1681, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots having been previously taken for the admission of Messrs W. Bowen and Dominic Evento, they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. J. W. Huelin was passed to the second degree. Bro. W. A. Scurrah the Assistant Secretary reported the result of his Stewardship for the last Festival of the Boys' School, when he succeeded in collecting 600 guineas. The W.M. said the brethren were proud in having had a member of the Lodge to represent them as Bro. Scurrah had done, and then announced that it was his intention to act as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to banquet. The W.M. said that day being the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great philanthropist, Bro. Sir. Moses Montefiore, and Bro. H. M. Levy being present, one of the oldest Past Masters of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, he was pleased to testify, in the name of the Royal Savoy Lodge and the brethren assembled, their hearty approval of what had been done to honour Sir Moses Montefiore. They trusted he might yet be spared for many years to continue his good works. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. said a really unexpected honour had been paid Sir Moses by the reference of the W.M. to him. Before the usual Masonic honours had been given it showed the great feeling of charity pervading the hearts of all. The G.A.O.T.U. had graciously spared that noble brother to attain his great age. He was a true philanthrophist, knowing no distinction of creed. The W.M. gave, as the first toast, Loyalty to the Thorne and Devotion to the best interests of the Craft. This embodiment of sentiment met with a hearty response. Bro. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M., there being no P.M. of the Lodge present. Bro. Stiles' ability was so well known that no lengthy introduction was needed for the toast. The W.M. was gratified at the way in which his health had been proposed. His great aim since he had been in Freemasonry was to advance the interests of the Craft and Lodges to which he belonged. The Masonic Charities was next proposed, the Worshipful Master again referring to Brother Scurrah's Stewardship for the Lodge. Bro. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary Boys' School to respond for the Charities, and Brother Mason for the Past Masters. Bro. Binckes was pleased to hear the W.M. had consented to become a Steward for next year. The Royal Savoy Lodge had set an example to the Craft of what might be done for the Charities. Brother Mason in responding for the toast of the Past Masters regretted the absence of those brethren, who he felt sure were kept away from causes beyond their control. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He was very pleased to see them. They were present at a so-called off night, but he hoped they had enjoyed themselves none the less. Bros. Storr, Honeyball, Whitley, Barfield, Mursell were associated with the toast. The Visitors' toast having been acknowledged, the W.M. proposed that of the Initiates, Bros. Bowen and Evento. He felt great pleasure in seeing these gentlemen present. He was sure they would never regret their association with the Lodge. The toast having been responded to in brief terms, the W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. James Willing was the first Master; he was present that day at the celebration of the Centenary of Sir Moses Montefiore at Ramsgate. The Lodge now numbered 120 members, though only five years old—a splendid result of the working of the Past Masters. Of Bro. Dickey, the Secretary, they were very proud; he was initiated five years since in the Lodge; he had proved himself equal to any Secretary in the Craft. Bro. Dickey responded, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers; each one was well qualified to fill the various duties required of him. Bro. Scurrah, in responding, said it was a great pleasure to work under such a W.M. as the present; what he had done in the past, so he would do in the future. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the lay members, and later on announced that his list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution amounted to £70. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

PRIORY LODGE, ACTON, No. 1996.

THE sixth regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 3rd instant. Bro. C. E. Botley W.M., W. Roebuck I.P.M., G. Wright S.W., F. Botley J.W., E. F. Earl Treasurer, E. H. Sugg Secretary, E. Monson jun. S.D., J. A. Cammell J.D., A. Turner I.G., Harrison Tyler; also Bros. Blake Relf, Ward, Hodges. Visitors—Bros. the Rev. P. G. Pickering, M.A., W.M. 35 P.P.G.C. Hants and Isle of Wight, Rev. — Beaumont 1575, Seward W.M. 1612, Henderwick 2022, Wnest P.M. 753, V. Wing 1585. After a due observance of preliminaries, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Hardy, a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. After the candidate retired, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Hardy was re-admitted and raised to the degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history and lecture on the Tracing Board. On the Lodge being resumed, the bye-laws of the Lodge were read by the Secretary. A candidate for initiation was proposed for next meeting, and an application for relief considered, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, 2nd February 1885. The brethren adjourned to the Lyric Hall, Ealing, where an admirable banquet was served by Bro. E. Stephens. The harmony of the evening was contributed to by the W.M., Bros. Pickering, Botley, Relf, Monson, Cammell, Wing, &c. Bro. Sugg presided at the piano.

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Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 4th instant, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Bros. Balfour W.M., Richardson S.W., Saunders J.W., Snodin Treasurer, Simpson Secretary, Triggs S.D., Tacon J.D., Parsons I.G., Fox Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. Linscott, Dodson, Brown; Bros. Corns, Main, Roach, Lincoln, Packer, Thompson, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Balfour, in a very able manner, it being the first time he had performed the ceremony. The W.M. then retired in favour of Bro. Packer, W.M. of the Whittington Lodge, 862, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation; Bro. Richardson acted as W.M. elect, and invested his officers in a satisfactory manner. Bros. Packer and Thompson were elected members. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesday, 25th November, and 2nd December, on which occasions Bro. Fox will preside.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147. — A meeting was held on 30th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Bedford Williams W.M., Millbourn S.W., Prior J.W., Banks Treasurer, Speight P.M. Secretary, Freeman S.D., Dale J.D., Penrose I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings (Preceptor), Good, Volmann and Bolton; Bros. Freeman, Greener, Stringer, Pitt, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Freeman personating the candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stringer candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and after some formal business was adjourned.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—At the meeting on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Fountain Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, there were present—Bros. H. Purdue W.M., S. J. Humfress S.W., C. J. Morse J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Treasurer and Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary, C. S. Mote S.D., E. F. Ferris J.D., F. Chandler Steward, J. Laurence I.G. Past Master Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, P. Barton W.M. elect 834, Bros. C. R. Wickens, D. Stroud, W. Matthews, C. H. Wood, H. Robinson, E. J. Brown, W. Batley, A. M. Chapman, W. E. Purdue, J. Crattenden, J. R. Phillips, R. E. Cursons, J. Webb, G. Simpson, M. Honneyball. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batley candidate. Bro. G. Read P.M. 511 was elected Treasurer and Preceptor, and Bro. H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary for the ensuing 12 months. Bros. Capt. A. Nicols P.M. 1974 P.D.G.S. of W. Punjaub, Jubal Webb S.W. 1426, and W. E. Purdue 834, were appointed an Audit Committee. The Bye-laws were read. Bro. W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211, having consented to give one of his interesting Lectures on Monday evening next, brethren are cordially invited to attend. Lodge was closed until 8 p.m. on 10th November.

The following Festivals were held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 8th November:—

Monday—Urban Chapter, Asaph Lodge, Lodge of Union, Joppa Lodge. Tuesday—Royal York Lodge, Albion Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, British Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Chapter Club. Thursday—Builders' Benevolent Institution, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles, Linnæan Club. Friday—Odd Volumes, Royal Kensington Lodge, Chapter of Fidelity. Saturday—West London Quoit Club, Phœnix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

The annual fish supper at Bro. Baker's, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station, will take place on Tuesday next, 11th instant, at 7.30 p.m., when Bro. R. P. Forge (who gives the fish for these annual celebrations) will occupy the chair. The price of tickets is fixed at three shillings and sixpence each, and of this sum one shilling, together with any surplus, will be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which Charity Bro. Forge will act as Steward at its next Anniversary Festival.

The Installation Meeting of the Asaph Lodge took place on Monday last, when Bro. C. E. Tinney was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. F. Delevanti. Report of this, and other matters, we are compelled to hold over until next week.

The members of the Faith Lodge of Instruction will hold their annual banquet at the Queen Anne's Mansions, on Wednesday next, 12th November.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WERE WORKED

By the Members of the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228, at the Hope Tavern, Stanhope-street, Regent's Park, on Wednesday, 5th November. Bros. Kew P.M. 179 W.M., Paul S.D. 1472 S.W., Ellwood J.W. 179 J.W., Koester P.M. 435 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Hearne, Hughes, Dickeson, Gilby, Ellwood, Agar, and Sillis. Second Lecture—Bros. Wood, Koester, Paul, Kew, and Hemming. Third Lecture—Bros. Scurrah, Finch, and Giddings. Bro. Geo. Gilby W.M. 1194 Hon. Sec. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be placed on the minutes to Bro. Kew P.M. for his efficiency in working and presiding, and for his persevering efforts as Preceptor of the Lodge. Also to the brethren who assisted the W.M. in working the Sections so perfectly.

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Lodge minutes, and the biograhical sketches of eminent Brethren in the early days of Masonry, are eminently readable and of continuing value.

Bro. Schultz prefaces his history with a sketch of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717; an account of the schism of 1738-40, and division of the Craft for a time into "Moderns" and "Ancients;" and a résumé of the introduction of Masonry into America. Under this last head we are surprised to find certain errors of statement into which Bro. Schultz should not have fallen. For example, he repeats the old and oft-exploded errors, that the authority of Bro. Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master of New England, in 1734 "was extended to cover all North America," and that in the same year "St. John's Grand Lodge, at Boston," granted a warrant for "a Lodge in Philadelphia." There is not an iota of reliable evidence existing to support either of these assertions, and even prominent Boston Brethren have positively denied both of them. Bro. Schultz does say:

"Within the present year there was discovered a Ledger of 'St. John's Lodge,' Philadelphia, from June 24, 1731, to June 24, 1738, in which Bro. Franklin and others are charged with five Lodge days (months) dues, clearly showing that the Lodge must have been in existence as early as the latter part of 1730."

But he adds to this:

"It would appear that Philadelphia has established a claim to the *first* 'Lodge meetings of Masons' held in this country, and Boston to that of the *first* 'Warranted' Lodges.

Here our Brother is wrong again. So far as any evidence remains, NO WARRANTS WERE ISSUED for subordinate Lodges in those early days. St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Boston, never had a Charter until it received one from the United Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1792. Warrants or Deputations were granted only to Provincial Grand Masters; and the relative position of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts in this respect is as follows: There is *indisputable* evidence, the very best possible, that a Deputation was granted by the Grand Lodge of England, in 1730, to Bro. Daniel Coxe, as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; while there is no original and entirely trustworthy evidence that Brother Henry Price received a Deputation as Provincial Grand Master of New England in 1733. The Grand Lodge of England *has no entry of the fact anywhere on its records* of that date, nor in the years immediately following, *nor has it any mention whatever at that era of Bro. Henry Price*; and all that is relied upon to prove the allegation is an alleged *copy* of the Deputation, made 1751, eighteen years after the event, and the naked assertions of Bro. Price himself. In other words, the original of this alleged Deputation nowhere exists, nor any contemporaneous official record of or reference to it, either in America or in England; nor does a contemporaneous copy of it exist, but only a copy long afterwards made by Bro. Charles Pelham in 1751 or 1752. In other words it is the shadow of a shade. Bro. Price often asserted, some thirty years *after* 1733, to the Grand Lodge officials in London, that he had been appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1733, but he never produced his Deputation therefor, nor any enlargement thereof, and it was only upon the strength of his persistent and unsupported asseverations that he finally obtained recognition, and that many years after the alleged event itself. This all a matter of recorded history, contained in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and it speaks for itself. It will thus be seen that the reverse of Bro. Schultz's statement is true: Freemasonry in PENNSYLVANIA was *lawfully warranted* in 1730 by an undisputed Deputation to Bro. Daniel Coxe, while Freemasonry in MASSACHUSETTS in 1733 had *no warrant*, so far as officially appears, unless we accept the assertions of Bro. Henry Price, supported by the alleged copy of his alleged Deputation made eighteen years after its granting, and contained in a record (that of St. John's Lodge, Boston, written up in 1751-2) that has been proven, as to its early allegations, to be full of errors. Bro. Schultz should either not have gone into these matters, or else carefully studied the subject in the light of all the officially recorded facts.

The earliest Lodge in Maryland, according to the records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was authorised in 1750, by Bro. Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of North America. None of its records are known to be in existence. In 1759 there was a Lodge at Leonardtown, possibly a "*branch*," it is stated, of that held at Annapolis. Bro. Schultz says:—

"The records of the Leonardtown Lodge, with one exception—those of St. John's Lodge, Boston—are the oldest original Lodge proceedings discovered in this country."

These minutes, however, extend over a period of only four years and a half, the Lodge about then ceasing to exist, while we have in Philadelphia, Lodge No. 3, still actively at work and prosperous, *the minutes of which are perfect and complete from 3rd December 1767 to the present time.* The lately discovered Ledger of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, 1731-8 also long antedates them.

In those days the brethren were fond of attending divine service on St. John's Day, 24th June, and in the evening thereafter, a ball. For example, in the minutes of 1759 we read:—

"Being assembled at the Court House, after hearing a Polite, Acurate and most Edyfying discourse, delivered by our Rev'd Brother John McPherson, we returned to the Lodge Room. In the evening was a Genteel Ball, at the opening of which was sung by the Members of the Lodge, Looked in a Circle, the Entered Apprentice's Song. In the morning the members again repaired to the Lodge Room, when it was ordered that the money due to the Lodge be applied towards the expenses of the Ball, and what may remain undischarged to be collected from the members."

In June 1761 there was "no clergyman to perform divine service" for this Lodge, nevertheless, "it was ordered that the clerk of the parish read the Evening Service," after which they went to the ball. In December 1761 they had another merry making, when "the ball was opened by Bro. Plater, and the evening concluded with great mirth and decency."

Under date 3rd November 1762, we read, "The Secretary presents to the Lodge a petition signed by Archd. Campbell, with a certificate of his being made a Mason at the *Royal Arch Lodge* at Glasgow." The last entry on the minutes of the Leonardtown Lodge is of date 27th December 1764. It is not known by what authority this Lodge was warranted.

In 1765 a Lodge was chartered at Joppa, Baltimore county, by Lord Blaney, Grand Master of England ("the Ancients"). Among its regulations was the following, aimed at "Modern" Masons:—

"That none who hath been admitted in any Modern Lodge shall be admitted as a member of this Lodge without taking the respective Obligations Peculiar to Ancient Masons."

This, too, is significant:—

"That the Master's Lodge begins on each Communication at 10 o'clock, the Crafts at 12 o'clock, and E.P. at 3 o'clock, which shall be and is hereby Ruled to be the Closing of the Communication.

"That no Fellow of the Craft shall be raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. until he passes an Examination, and is found Capable thereof by a Committee of at least Three M.M., to be appointed for that purpose, and *if found on the said Examination Rusty in the Former parts must Wait until Brightened by further experience before he can be Raised.*"

On 27th December 1765 the Lodge again attended Divine Service and Sermon. Afterwards—

"Then at the Church door a glass of Wine and Cake to the Brethren by the Treasurer and Deacons, then any that pleased to Accept.

"Then marched as before, backed to the Lodge. At Entering the door the Entered Apprentice's Song, and after Adjournment dined. Ball following, Consisting Chiefly of Masons, Masons' Wives and Bairns."

Bro. Schultz says, "Lodge chests in those times had three locks, with a distinct key for each lock. One of these were kept by the W.M., one by the S.W., and one by the J.W. In these chests the charter, jewels, &c., of the Lodge were kept, and in some old Lodges the Bye-laws provided that these chests should not be opened except when these three Officers 'were present and *agreed.*'"

Now-a-days such a regulation would insure the punctual attendance of the Officers, or else, as then, the non-opening of the Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania may be said to have been the Mother Lodge of the Craft in Maryland. Prior to 1782 it chartered *nine* Lodges in Maryland, viz.: Nos. 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 27, 29, 34 and 37. No. 15, at Baltimore, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1770, is now Washington Lodge, No. 3, and the oldest Lodge in the State. Among its Bye-laws were the following:—

"Any Brother who shall enter the Lodge without Clean Linen and Decent Clothing, to be reprimanded from the Chair, and ordered to withdraw for that Night.

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"The Youngest Brother in this Lodge shall serve the Summonses, and Tile in cases of Emergency."

There are many other interesting facts set forth in this volume. Traditions are related, and biographical notes are given of Bros. Governor George Plater, Sir Henry Harford, General Mordecai Gist, Gen. Otho H. Williams, Capt. Stephen Decatur, Gen. John Swan, Commodore James Nicholson, and other eminent Maryland Freemasons. This part of the work has been well done, and Parts II. and III. bringing the History of Freemasonry in Maryland down to the year 1800, will be looked for with interest by all who have read this introduction. The Craft in Maryland should take a deep interest in this publication, and sustain it by prompt and numerous subscriptions.—*Keystone.*

MARK MASONRY.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

THIS degree of Freemasonry has made rapid strides in this District during the past two or three years, so much so that last year it was decided to combine the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire into a Provincial Grand Lodge. Accordingly, in May 1883, the consecration of a new Mark Lodge at Gorleston, near Great Yarmouth—the Yonell Lodge—was availed of for the installation of Lord Henniker (then Grand Mark Mason of England) as Grand Master of the new Province, which was entitled "The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Anglia." Since that time two new Lodges have been added to the roll—one at Cambridge and another at Chelmsford—"The Chelmer." On Monday last Lord Henniker held his first Prov. Grand Lodge at Colchester, the Library of Colchester Castle being kindly lent for the purpose by Bro. James Round, M.P. There was a large gathering of Mark Masons, including several Grand Officers of England, and most of the Provincial Grand Officers of the year. His Lordship arrived at Colchester, from Thornham Hall, Eye, by the 2.7 up train, and having been received at North Station by a deputation consisting of W. Bros. J. P. Lewin W.M. 145, Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 145 P.G.D. England, and Clowes Master Overseer 145, was conveyed in an open carriage, kindly lent by Bro Clowes, to the place of meeting. Business shortly afterwards commenced with the confirmation of the minutes of the instituory meeting at Gorleston, and a special meeting at Ipswich in December last, when the by-laws were settled. The W.M.'s of the various Lodges then gave their reports, which showed that the Order is making satisfactory progress. The Treasurer's account was to the effect that the preliminary expenses had been necessarily heavy, while owing to the newness of the Province, the income had been but small. The Board of General Purposes therefore recommended that with a view of freeing the Province from debt, a contribution should be asked from the Lodges in the Province. The Report was adopted, and the W.M.'s present undertook to lay the subject of a special contribution before their respective Lodges, and they had no doubt it would be heartily responded to. Bro. Colonel Bignold was then re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the Provincial Grand Master re-appointed Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. England as D.P.G.M., congratulating himself and the Province generally that he had such an efficient and popular brother to act as his Deputy. The other Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. J. N. York W.M. 334	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
J. P. Lewin W.M. 145	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
J. Pinder P.M. 205	...	Prov. G. Master Overseer
C. Geldard W.M. 205	...	Prov. G. Senior Overseer
W. C. Claridge P.M. 205	...	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 145, P.G.C. Eng. ...	...	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. A. J. Brogden 334	...	
Oscar Browning 334 ...	...	Prov. G. Registrar
N. Tracy P.M. 70 ...	...	Prov. G. Secretary
W. Groome P.M. 112	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
E. Baldwin 92 ...	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
J. W. Shepherd J.O. 112	...	Prov. G. Inspector of Works
S. R. Annees W.M. 70	...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
W. P. Lewis P.M. 145	...	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
G. Graveley 205 ...	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
B. Chennell S.W. 334	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
W. J. Nunn J.W. 105	...	Prov. G. Organist
A. F. Ginn S.W. 342	...	Prov. G. Inner Guard
George Gould Tyler 70	...	Prov. G. Tyler
G. A. Eustace S.D 145	...	Prov. G. Stewards
J. G. Renshaw I.G. 145	...	
J. T. Bailey J.O. 145	...	

The R.W. P.G.M. then addressed the brethren. He was pleased, his Lordship said, to find Mark Masonry so flourishing in the Province—more so than really they might have expected. It was a source of gratification to him, connected as he was with Essex by the ties of property, to find himself in this beautiful town, and the still more beautiful Castle, which, he was happy to notice, had been preserved from the hands of "restorers" so-called. It was a singular thing that, considering he had lived in the Eastern Counties all his life—something over forty years—and that he had passed by the town times without number, this was his first visit to Colchester. He thought their best thanks were due to the W.M. and brethren of the Constantine Lodge, not only for the excellency of the arrangements they had made for the reception of P.G.L., but also for the good account they were able to give of Mark Masonry in their Lodge. He very much regretted he was unable to be at Chelmsford the other day, though he was gratified to know that he was so efficiently represented by his Deputy, Bro. Martyn. The fact was, he was a very busy man, having many calls upon him, both of a public and private nature. During the past two or three years he had devoted a good deal of time to Freemasonry, as he thought Bro. Binckes would testify. And while it would always gratify him to come amongst his brethren on all occasions that he was able, they must not think his interest in their beloved Craft was waning if sometimes he was compelled to absent himself. To-day he had made a point of being present among them, but he was sorry that as he had to preside over an important meeting next day he must leave them as soon as he had closed the Lodge. It seemed to him a very remarkable thing that, in these distressful times, when the support given to many institutions was flagging, Freemasonry seemed to flourish. He need hardly say in the presence of so many distinguished brethren that, as Freemasonry increased, the responsibility of individual members increased too. The outside world judged of their Order by the conduct of individual brethren; and he trusted that all would bear this in mind in their daily life. As regards their own Province he could not help thinking from what had been shown to-day, that if other Provinces were stronger in numbers they in East Anglia, at all events, were not lacking in earnestness. Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary of England, said as representing Grand Lodge, he could not help saying how gratified he had been at the glorious meeting they had taken part in that day. He should have much pleasure in reporting the flourishing state of the Province to the Grand Master. He congratulated the Province in having so able and hardworking a ruler as Lord Henniker to preside over it. Bro. Barwell (Norwich), on behalf of the county of Norfolk, trusted that they might have the honour of receiving Provincial Grand Lodge at Norwich next year. If his lordship saw his way to this, he could undertake, on behalf of the Walpole Lodge, to give them a hearty reception. The Provincial Grand Master promised that the matter should have consideration, and personally he might say he should be very pleased to accede to the invitation if found practicable. Cordial votes of thanks having been passed to Bro. James Round, M.P., for his kindness in allowing the use of the Castle for the meeting, and to the Constantine Lodge, No. 145, for the excellency of the arrangements, the proceedings terminated. Later in the day about fifty brethren sat down to banquet at the George Hotel, a sumptuous repast being well served by Mrs. Guiver, the hostess. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn presided, with his accustomed geniality, and a most successful and happy evening was spent. The usual Mark toasts were given and responded to, and Bros. Clowes, Phillips, G. F. Smith jun., Abbott, &c., contributed to the success of the proceedings by their vocal efforts.—*Norfolk Gazette.*

PEVERIL LODGE, No. 323.

THE annual ceremony of installation of W.M. in connection with this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 28th ult., a dispensation for the purpose having been obtained from the M.W.G.M. the Earl of Kintore. W. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G.S. Cumberland and Westmoreland, P.M. 213 and 216, and Bro. F. T. Allatt P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland attended to perform the ceremony. The Lodge, which was consecrated only about twelve months ago, has, under the energetic and courteous ruling of Bro. George C. Heron, the retiring W.M.M., had a most successful year; and almost the entire membership attended to witness and take part in the ceremony of installing Bro. Heron's successor, Bro. H. Brearley S.W. Bro. Dalrymple, with his accustomed ability, performed the ceremony of installation, and the newly installed W.M.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. G. C. Heron I.P.M., C. F. Johnson S.W., L. G. Hannay J.W., T. H. Nesbit M.O., W. A. McKown S.O., J. S. Morrison J.O., J. H. Stretch Secretary and Registrar of Marks, W. Broughton S.D., F. C. Poulter J.D., C. M. Challender I.G., G. H. Smith Chaplain, J. E. Hunt Treasurer, J. Lansghan Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Peveril Hotel, where they partook of refreshments and passed the evening very pleasantly together.

Obituary.

THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, K.T., P.G.M. DURHAM.

OUR readers will be much grieved to hear of the sudden death of Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry P.G.M. and P.G. Sup. of Durham. It is not so very many years since his lordship was appointed to this high office of distinction; yet in the short time he had been permitted to watch over the destinies of the Craft in Durham, he had undoubtedly done much to promote its welfare, and had succeeded in winning for himself both the love and respect of the brethren under his rule. The principal event in Lord Londonderry's Masonic career was the occupancy of the President's chair at the Anniversary Festival held at Brighton in 1881 of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On that occasion he constituted himself a Vice-Patron of the School, and assisted by his earnest and kindly advocacy in securing a very handsome subscription list for the year. We believe our deceased noble brother was initiated many years back in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and we know he took a lively interest in the progress of the Craft, as well as in all the Institutions connected with it. We beg to offer to his widowed Marchioness and family our sincere tribute of respectful sympathy.

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GROVE CHAPTER, No. 410.

THE first meeting for the present season of this old and flourishing Chapter was held on Saturday, 1st November, at the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. G.D. Lister. Comps. Charlton was elected as M.E.Z., Charles Greenwood jun. as H., and T. Dyer as J., for the ensuing year. Comp. Charles Greenwood Past Grand Director of Ceremonies and Prov. G.H. of the Province of Surrey being re-elected Treasurer. The Chapter furniture, specially prepared last year by Comp. Caney, was much admired. P.Z. jewels were presented to Comps. Litchfield and G. H. Haydon, in grateful recognition of their services in the chair during their respective years of office. Comp. G. B. Foster P.Z. proposed, and the M.E.Z. seconded, Bro. Henry Harris, of the United Service Lodge, No. 1361, as a candidate for exaltation. All business being ended, the Companions adjourned to an excellent banquet.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE first convocation for the present session was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday 23rd October, Comp. Palmer Z., Nowakowski H., Dr. Corrie Jackson J., and Dr. Jagielski S.N. As there was no candidate the business was of a formal character, and the Chapter was closed about 7 p.m. when the Comps. retired for refreshment. After the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts had been given, the M.E Z., in proposing the health of the P.Z., made especial allusion to Comp. Hyde Clarke, whom he had never before known to be absent from the working of the Chapter. He also referred to Comp. Warner, to whom they wished all happiness on his entering into the bonds of matrimony. This Companion, in reply, said the speaker had imparted something of a private character into the toast of the P.Z.'s by alluding to his marriage; he thanked the Companions for their very kind expressions, and assured them he hoped in future to pay as much attention to Masonry as hitherto. The health of the Visitor, Comp Berry, was then proposed by the M.E.Z., and in reply Comp. Berry said it had given him much pleasure to be present in a Chapter that held so high a character as that of the Polish National. He had had pleasure in hearing the working of the Polish National Lodge spoken of in the highest terms on the occasion of his being a visitor to a Lodge at Stockton. The toast of the Officers, which included Comps. Paas S.E., and Stan Nowakowski Treasurer, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—Since the removal of this Chapter of Improvement to its new quarters in Cannon-street, its success has been assured, for nearly every night of its meeting new members are added to those already attached to it, and all evince the warmest desire to assist in promoting its prosperity. At its usual meeting, on Tuesday night last, upwards of twenty, seeking the advantages of this distinguished Chapter, were present, the offices were efficiently filled, and under the able Preceptorship of Comp. Brown nothing was left to be desired. Comp. Turner Z. of St. Dunstan's Chapter was Z., Child H. of Vane Chapter H., Perrin J. of West Kent Chapter J., Wells S.N. of Rose of Denmark N., T. S. Fraser H. of the Stanmore Chapter P.S. Comp. M'Millan was the candidate. The ceremony of exaltation was most admirably rehearsed, and gave unqualified satisfaction. The following new members were elected:—Comps. M'Millan Clapton Chapter, Gray Ezra Chapter, Phillips Joppa Chapter, and Langton St. Asaph Chapter. The Chapter was then closed, and the convocation was adjourned until Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., at half-past six o'clock.

The Civil Service Candidate has just completed the first year of its existence, and cloth-bound copies of Volume I. may now be obtained of the publisher, Bro. W. W. Morgan, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, N., at the extremely modest price of 5s 6d. This invaluable publication is issued weekly by the Civil Service Staff of King's College, London, Mr. W. Braginton being the Dean of the Department. It has been admirably conducted from the first, no pains having been spared by the editor in order to make it a complete and serviceable guide to intending candidates for admission into the different branches of the Civil Service. Mr. Braginton and his coadjutors are among the most successful of Civil Service Coaches, and this fact alone is a guarantee that the *Civil Service Candidate* will suit the requirements of that numerous section of the public for whose particular benefit it is published, while the information it contains is as authoritative as anything can be which is not issued officially. We would also point out that the volume will be found extremely useful by the heads of our educational establishments, and will materially assist them in training any of their pupils who may wish, or be intended, to enter the Civil Service. As evidence of the success of the periodical, we may state that there is a second Richmond already in the field, eager to secure to itself a share of the public patronage, but this, as we have suggested, is one of the inevitable result of success, and only strengthens the claim of the *Civil Service Candidate* to further encouragement and support.

Old Warrants (A).

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No. 36.

No. 33 "Ancients;" No. 50 from 1814 to 1832, when it became 43, and so continued until 1863, when it was altered to No. 36. (Hughan's "Masonic Register," p 72.)

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

THOS. CARTER, S.G.W. R. DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred and Twenty Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred and Twenty Six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John the Fourth Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balliquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kinclaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and * * * GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, the Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esqre., Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esqre., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy, Esqre., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., the Worshipful Richard Price one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful David Jones his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Jenkin Williams his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Bear (or any other convenient place) in the Town of Bridgend, in the County of Glamorgan, upon the first Monday of every Kalendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions: and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons according to the Most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Richard Price, David Jones and Jenkin Williams (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with their powers and dignities, as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall, in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of the Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Seven.

JAS. JONES,
Grand Secretary.

Seal.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. I., Letter A, and bears date March 15th, 1753. } Renewed 25th October 1777.

The present title, No., &c., are, The Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff.

THE WARRANT IS ENDORSED.

Let the within Lodge and Warrant, No. 33, all and every the Members whereof duly registered pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided, be transferred to John Wood, Esqre., the elder, one of our Master Masons, John Wood, Esqre., the younger, his Senior Warden, and John Thackwell his Junior Warden, to be held by them and their Successors at Cardiff or elsewhere, in the County of Glamorgan, all and every of them at all times paying due respect and conforming [here is a word illegible] to the rules and regulations of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, by whom the within Warrant and these Presents are granted.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.
B. PLUMMER, P.S.G.W.

Entered Vol. 7, Letter G, Fol. 5.
ROBT. LESLIE, G.S.
20 August 1808.

NOTE.—Brother Gould gives the *first* date as 6th March 1754, in his "Atholl Lodges," and in the opinion of Brother Hughan that is the correct one, for if originally issued on 15th March 1753, the number would have been 16 or 17, not 33. The error was evidently made by Bro. Jones, G. Sec., on issuing the revised Warrant in 1777.

If Bro. Hughan has any copies of Warrants not printed in the former series, we shall be glad to have them.—[ED. F.C.]

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1806—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Bacon's Coffee Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick

R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1637—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

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
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
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
567—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
883—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
1440—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, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1818—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1856—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick

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. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyrte, 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.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
581—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (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, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1669—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

23—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
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)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St. John's, Hyrshe 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. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 680—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, 12th NOVEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1308—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 316 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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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
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656—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Worthing 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—Tempie, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, 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
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1454—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.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 260—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 338—Royal Preston, Preston

THURSDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 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)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1435—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
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1555—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In).
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

038—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
K.T. 21—Salaamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1278—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

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There is probably not a household in the country in which the homely but nutritious potato is not a prime favourite. Tastes may differ as to the best modes of cooking it, and some may prefer one particular, and some another, but every one likes it, and a dinner would hardly be worthy of the name if the potato in some form or another were not included among the edibles. Another illustration of its popularity may be gathered from the vast extent of the potato crops, the London supply alone being set down at 1,000 tons daily, of which more than three-fourths find their way to King's Cross, the remainder being distributed among the Borough and other markets. Yet for all this bountiful supply careful housewives are often exercised in their minds as to where to get a potato of really good quality, or perhaps we shall say where to get a small supply of good quality that will last a modest household for a few weeks at a time. On this point at all events we can satisfy the curiosity of our friends, who will find the potatoes sold by Messrs. J. H. Kenny and Co., of 4 Portugal-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, both excellent and moderate in price. This firm well deserves public patronage, not only in respect of the quality of what they sell, but also for the promptitude and attention with which they meet the wishes of their customers.

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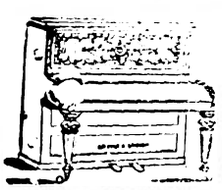
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LUKEWARM MASONS.

ALMOST everybody has heard of the Irishman in the story, who when twitted with having been nowhere in a race, retorted, with bland Hibernian complacency, "Begorra! and didn't ye see I druv them all before me like a flock of sheep?" The simile may well be applied to those lethargic brethren who, after the first flush of enthusiasm aroused by their entrace into the Craft, cool down to the conclusion that they "see nothing in Masonry." Their philosophy is on all fours with that of Mr. Weller, who after marriage was fain to declare that "whether it was worth while going through so much to learn so little" must ever with him remain a problem. No amount of example can stir the apathatic Mason to emulation in discovering the hidden mysteries of nature and science; no sermonising will stir the impulses and keep alive the resolutions so well formed when the candidate is vouchsafed the prodominant wish of his heart. These remarks are prompted by our having met, in the course of a provincial holiday tour, with brethren whose erstwhile patriotism is a matter of agreeable recollection, but who appear either to have lost heart, by disappointment, or to have become satiated by blushing honours that have been thrust upon them. There is no royal road to distinction, any more in the Craft that out of it; and the rule applies to all gradations of human existence. Without work ye shall not eat; and it is only by the utilisation of opportunities and the development of industry that true worth is rewarded. Let us cite a couple of examples we recently encountered during our peregrinations in the country, and both bearing on the motto that heads this article. An estimable brother, possessed of intelligence and administrative ability, rose rapidly, like a Saul amongst his fellows, and in the race for position was soon shoulder-high above them all. In the various grades through which he passed his duties were performed in manner which stamped him as a promising ornament to the Craft whose tenets he loved and whose principles be espoused to the very letter. His zeal was tempered with discretion, and on reaching the pinnacle of his ambition, he ruled his Lodge with fervency and wisdom. With solid satisfaction we watched the opening of a career which promised to blossom into riper fruits, to the benefit and building up of the Lodge to which our friend belonged, and in the promotion of whose interests he evinced such zealous activity. But he seems to have been unable to look beyond the chair, and almost immediately after the Past Master's jewel glistened on his breast he relapsed into an unaccountable lethargy from which no advice, no recollection of past ambition, could arouse him. "Couldn't stand the corn, you know," mournfully suggested those who saw that he had been spoilt by inordinate prosperity. Nor was the effect of this "falling away" for his first love lost upon those whom he had hitherto assisted and led in the mastery of the beautiful symbols of the Craft. The Past Master was "conspicuous by his absence" at the future meetings of the Lodge, his attendance at which was more honoured in the breach than the observance. Instead of maintaining its high prestige and growing influence, that Lodge became almost a dead letter, and the members seem to have caught the depressing influence of the lukewarmness displayed by one who had been looked up to as a pattern of industry. Is not this an example which finds a parallel in many other branches of our Institution? The other case over which we might well utter a deploring sigh is that of a man who was initiated into the same Lodge, and on the very evening on which our first-named brother saw the light. It was a reproduction of the old fable anent the hare and the tortoise. Whether or not he was dazzled by the sublimity which always impresses itself upon the mind of the novitiate, or whether from innate modesty or slothfulness, we need not enquire, but he never essayed a step beyond those through which he was led until he arose from the figurative death. His foot was placed upon the first rung of the Masonic ladder, and he kept it there, never for a moment aspiring to a pace beyond, nor caring to inquire below the surface of that Pierian spring whence flow the rippling fountains of knowledge and power. Proffers of instruction were evaded by flimsy excuses, and invitations to accept office were in like manner rejected. The inevitable and painful sequence was that these two brethren, whose social position and acquirements would have rendered them valuable acquisitions to the Lodge, became a wet blanket, retarding instead of encouraging the aspirations of those by whom they were surrounded. It is not our desire or purpose to hold up these examples as indicating the general rule of those who are admitted within the pale of Freemasonry, though many there are who, wise after the event, carp at their fellows and proclaim that there is often a lack of discrimination on the part of those who recommend candidates for initiation. It is not at all times possible to discern the peculiarities of temperament belonging to men who of their own free will and accord present themselves for participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Nor can we foretel the duration of that aptitude and zeal which are almost invariably displayed by those whose early steps we watch along the chequered floor. As a rule, we believe that the sponsors of candidates are actuated by a sincere wish to benefit the Lodges to which they belong, and who would not knowingly introduce members that might ultimately turn out to be drones in the Masonic hive. There is no accounting for the manner in which early aspirations may be diverted from their original channels, and a keen sense of the beautiful blunted by natural indolence and apathy. It is the same in every walk of life, and a counteracting agency it may at times be difficult to discover. The best antidote, to our mind, is in the effort to keep alive the spirit of quiet and progressive industry which is fostered in our Lodges of Instruction, and to make these nurseries of thought and action as attractive as possible. In London and the other large centres of Masonic activity this laudable endeavour is, we are happy to say, carefully encouraged by discreet veterans of the Craft, whose plodding example and steady industry cannot fail to produce a salutary effect upon the Lodges to which they are attached. Thus, in many of our Lodges of Instruction brief and interesting lectures on the history and symbolic beauties of the art are delivered at intervals as a relief to the monotony of the ritual, which to some capacities becomes wearisome, and this practice of interspersing the ordinary routine of intermediate work cannot be too highly commended. In the country, we admit, the difficulties of arranging for these concordances, so to speak, are greater than in towns, for the simple reason that it is rare to find in a small Lodge—having no frequent oppor-

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tunities of interchanging thought and information—men of sufficient courage and research who are disposed to set themselves up as mentors or preceptors. Nor is it easy to impart this interest and instruction by means of books or periodicals, for it is a fact, proved by painful experience, that members of Lodges, though they will listen attentively and applaud appreciatively a discourse of half-an-hour's duration, are seldom gifted with a sufficient passion for inquiry as to read for themselves the result of deeper and more radical research. In the storehouses of Masonic literature are "gems of purest ray serene"—splendid passages of traditional and archæological lore, raked out from the dusty pages of the remote past,—but which are doomed to "blush unseen" or not even dreamt of in the philosophy of ordinary Masons. Only those who intelligently grasp the important bearings of literature upon the life and vitality of the Brotherhood can realise and appreciate the valuable services which have been rendered to the Craft by the few writers who have become eminent amongst us; but we have reason to fear that to the vast majority of our brethren the deeper springs of intellectual enjoyment are as unknown as the unexplored bed of the ocean. For all that, it is expedient that constant effort should be exercised in the direction of sustaining the flagging interest and keeping alive the flame of ambition of those who without such aids would relapse into a backward or lukewarm frame of mind. When we hear a brother exclaim that he has retired from the regular meetings of his Lodge, and that he does not "see anything" in Masonry, one can only commiserate with a mind whose moral faculties have become disorganised, or with an ambition that is very easily satisfied. In either case such brethren are better away from the Lodges than in them, for apathy is as catching as a cough before a sermon, and insidiously works incalculable mischief. There is little hope of reclaiming the class of men to which we refer, who have retraced their steps in the science, and forgotten what little it was the honest intention of their superiors to teach them. But the increase and development of this indifference may be stayed in a great measure by infusing additional attractiveness into Lodges of Intruction, and we are glad to notice many evidences of this determination on the part of our brethren to sustain the fervour and cordiality with which such gatherings should always abound.

THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

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IN the next chapter, which, though a brief one, is replete with interesting matter, Bro. Hughan discusses the "Extension of Additional Degrees." Having pointed out how fortunate the Royal Arch Degree was in having secured the recognition of the "Atholl" and "York" Masons, Bro. Hughan expresses his agreement with Bro. Carson that "the desire for a return to the exclusively Christian basis of the Fraternity was one of the chief causes which led to the fabrication of additional degrees." The passage quoted from Carson is as follows: "Some time between 1723-1745 (the exact time will possibly never be known, the movement going on by evolution), some of the brethren who wished to preserve the Christian features of the old Order formed themselves into Societies, adjuncts, however, to the Lodges. . . . It must be admitted that the present cosmopolitan or latitudinarian character of the Symbolic or Craft Degrees of Freemasonry (*i.e.*, the first three) dates only from 1721. Prior to that time its members were required to believe in Mother Church (*i.e.* Christian Religion)." This view is so reasonable that we imagine most people will endorse it, especially as it is exemplified by the fact that of the extra-Craft degrees those have achieved the greatest distinction which have a Christian basis to rest upon. But Bro. Hughan does not think it necessary to occupy his time in discussing this conjecture at length, and having contented himself with stating it, at once lays before his readers the information he has succeeded in collating about other degrees. The senior of these, of which any records have been preserved, is that of the "Royal Order of Scotland," and respecting this Bro. Hughan repeats the suggestion that it is probably the degree referred to under the designation of "Scotts Masons"—not the "*Scots Masons Lodge*" mentioned in Pine's and other lists, but the "Scotts' Masons" noted by Bro. Goldney in his "History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire" under date the 19th October 1746. Other Degrees are mentioned, among them being the Excellent and Super-Excellent referred to in a minute dated 16th August 1763 of a "Modern" Lodge at Great Yarmouth, and the Knight Templar, which, singularly enough, occurs for the first time, so far as is known, in a minute of the St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., of 28th August 1769. Of course, the Warrant granted by the Earl of Eglinton as Master of Mother Kilwinning to the "High Knights Templars of Ireland, Kilwinning Lodge" to assemble in Dublin from 8th October 1769 is introduced. It seems the records of this Lodge, which was constituted the 27th December following, have been recently discovered by Bro. Neilson, and they disclose the extraordinary fact that "the Charter was used as the authority for conferring the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Rose Croix Degrees in 1782 and since, though that document only provided for the rights and privileges of 'a regular Lodge,' the Scottish 'Kilwinning' Brethren never at any time working other than 'St. John's Masonry.'" The Mark, too, receives its just share of attention, having regard to the limited extent to which Bro. Hughan has considered it necessary to confine his remarks. The result of these investigations is thus summed up:—"Of the several degrees worked in England last century, the only ones actually recognised were the Royal Arch by the 'York' and 'Atholl' Masons, and the Knight Templar by the former Body. Since the *Union* of December 1813 the Royal Arch *only* has been authorised by the 'United Grand Lodge,' and then, strictly speaking, not as a separate degree, but as the completion of the Third, including, of course, the special ceremonies peculiar to the installation of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters."

In our next paper we shall traverse the Seventh Chapter, in which is considered the "Constitution of the Grand Chapter," and offer some few remarks on the documents furnished in the several appendices.

(To be continued.)

The Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the Province of Essex, of which M.E. Comp. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, is the Grand Superintendent, will be holden at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Wednesday next, the 19th inst., at 2.45 o'clock p.m., when the attendance is required of the Provincial Grand Officers, with the Principals and Past Principals of the Chapters in the Province. All R.A. Masons are invited to be present. The Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened punctually at three o'clock.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday. Companions Gregory M.E.Z., Kidder H., Radcliffe J., Sheffield S.E., Brasted S.N., G. W. Knight P.S. There was a large gathering of R.A. Masons on the occasion, and a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent. R. A. Masons are kindly invited to attend the Chapter of Improvement, which is always well supported. Companion T. C. Edmonds is the Preceptor.

At the meeting of the Industry Chapter, No. 186, held on 21st ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, Comp. Jas. Terry installed Bro. J. G. Horsey as M.E.Z., Comp. Geo. Allen as H., and Comp. J. J. Taffs as J. The Companions afterwards partook of a Banquet, but the Most Excellent Comp. Horsey was suffering so acutely from neuralgia that he had to retire at a very early stage of the evening.

The *Evening News* states the testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Senior Deacon since 1874, in recognition of his extensive services to Masonry, as a Masonic historian, archæologist, and student, will be presented on the afternoon of Wednesday, 3rd December, at a luncheon to be given at the Freemasons' Tavern. There is a long list of subscribers to the testimonial, and, as a large number of brethren will be in town for the purpose of attending Grand Lodge the same evening, the meeting is expected to be well attended.

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ASAPH LODGE, No. 1319.

WITHOUT questioning the desirability or otherwise of class Lodges, which is a subject that seriously exercises many of our brethren, we may at once state this is one that has been established especially for the members of the Theatrical and Musical Profession. The brethren always assemble at an early hour of the day, and the custom of but one banquet a year finds favour among its supporters. The annual meeting took place on Monday, the 3rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, when Brother Charles E. Tinney, the Senior Warden during the past year, was installed in the chair by his predecessor, Brother F. Delevante, the retiring W.M. The ceremony was carefully and impressively performed, and Bro. Delevante was highly complimented by the many distinguished Masons who attended to do honour to the occasion. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Ashley S.W., Kemp J.W., Coote Treas., Chamberlain P.M. Sec., H. J. Tinney S.D., Woodridge J.D., Smith I.G., Hitchins D.C., Fairchild and Beveridge Stewards, Konig Organist, and Gilber Tyler. The following brethren were present as Visitors:—Littlejohn 780, Randolph 1373, Pilcher 442 Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden, Stevens Inner Guard 501, Cummings Senior Warden 1077, Lloyd P.M. 1201, Stevens W.M. 1793, Andrews 201, Massey P.M. 1277, Fitzgerald W.M. 1364, Innes W.M. 795, Bottrell 706, Bailey 1719, Hobbs 1351, Brander W.S. 1563, Stone 704, Tyler S.D. 59, Rosenthall S.D. 585, Moore P.M. 862, Brough 1609, Hensen 1706, Schway 1348, Money J.D. 1585, Jones P.P.J.D. Middlesex, Moy P.M. 780, Douglas 1475, Morgan W.M. 211, Kennedy S.D. 1430, Warner, Maybury, Bishop J.W. 231, Holmes St. Albans, Addison 987, Williamson, Sutton 231, Stedman W.M. 1765, Clemow W.M. 1589, Johnson P.M. 134, Harker 1987, Taylor 409, Duffy 53, Hanson 1706, Tayler W.M. 1852 P.P.G. Superintendent Works Surrey, Keogh, Binckes Past Master [Steward, Mackintosh P.M. 4, Kempton 1706, Livett P.M. 1351. The banquet was admirably served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), in the Large Hall of the Tavern; 120 guests sat down, the service being superintended by Brother Dawkins. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due form. The new Master, Brother Tinney, in opening the after proceedings, said that considering the attractive programme of music that had been provided, he should limit his remarks upon the toasts. After full honour had been paid to Her Majesty the Queen and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Grand Officers. Unfortunately, as they had heard in Lodge, the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretory, who had both been invited, were unable to be present in consequence of illness. They had with them, however, Brother Binckes and Brother Mackintosh, who were Past Grand Stewards, and he would therefore ask them to reply on behalf of the Grand Officers. Brother Binckes, in reply, said that the position of brethren who had the honour to wear the red apron was somewhat anomalous. No one could be a Grand Steward at an expense of less than £50, while five guineas covered the expense of brethren who were honoured with the purple, and, notwithstanding this heavy outlay, Grand Stewards were only Grand Officers while they held that position, and did not rank as Past Grand Officers afterwards. In their case therefore there was this anomaly—that they could be present G. Officers, but not Past G. Officers; it had, however, been stated that though they were not Past Grand Officers, yet, in the absence of any Present or Past Grand Officer, there was no great deviation from propriety in calling upon a Past Grand Steward to respond on behalf of the Grand Officers. He had great pleasure in returning thanks for the honour that had that evening been done the Grand Officers. Bro. Delevante next proposed what he considered as the most important toast of the evening, namely, the health of the W.M. They had not many opportunities in Lodge of expressing their loyalty to their Master, as they only had one banquet in the course of the year, but what they lost in quantity he hoped they would make up for in quality. Their Master came to them with no strange name; his father had been well-known for many years in the professional world of music; he graced the position he held. One son of his was a dearly loved Past Master of the Lodge, and another was worthy of being a Past Master of any number of Lodges; while their present Master, the youngest of the three brothers, had made an honourable position in an excellent profession. In the profession of music he had made such a position as rendered him not unworthy to hold the Mastership of the Lodge of Asaph. He was the right man in the right place; and the brethren of the Lodge of Asaph had reason to be proud of their choice. In his reply the W.M. very sincerely thanked Brother Delevante and the Past Masters and brethren for the honour they had just done him. It was a proud day for him when he was made Master of the Lodge. He had thought it a proud day when he had been initiated into Masonry by Brother William Tinney in 1877, but this was a day of crowning honour. He assured them he should do his very best to carry out the work of the Master's chair. He had had very good examples before him, and if he could only follow in the footsteps of his predecessors he should, he was sure, give satisfaction to the Lodge, and he should feel satisfied himself. The next toast that he had the pleasure to submit to them was the health of Bro. Delevante. The brethren who had attended their Lodge meetings could not but have noticed in what a splendid way Brother Delevante had gone through the ceremonies in the three degrees; he had never been wanting in any point or points. He now came to a very pleasant part of his duty, which was to present Brother Delevante with a jewel which had been voted to him by the members of the Lodge. He had to ask Brother Delevante to allow him to fasten the jewel on his breast; he did this with a great deal of pleasure, and he trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare their brother many years to wear that jewel, and afford the Lodge the benefit of his Masonic experience. Brother Delevante said it was no sinecure to hold the Mastership of the Lodge of Asaph. He had had to follow in the footsteps of very worthy Masons. During the past year they had had eleven initiates of the right stamp, who had more or less—and generally rather more than less—made a mark in their career in an honourable profession. It must do such men an immense amount of good to be brought in contact with men of the same profession as themselves, and men who could do them an immense amount of Masonic good. He must say to the young men in particular that they should come to the Lodge regular; they must rely upon it where prudence and honour and charity met together in their purest form, they must have a beneficial influence on their career. As Immediate Past Master he must say for his Officers that no man had better Officers in a Masonic Lodge; there never had been a more loyal body than the brethren by whom he had been surrounded. He thanked them very much for the beautiful jewel they had presented him. He hoped he should maintain the good character that the W.M. had given him. He might say that since he was initiated there was only one meeting of the Lodge that he had missed, and then it was compulsory. In his position of Past Master he should use his utmost endeavours to do everything for the good of the Lodge of Asaph and for Freemasonry in general. He thanked them very much for the kindness shown to him. For the Past Master's toast Brothers Weaver and Freenoir responded. The Visitors was acknowledged by Brothers Mackintosh, Jones, and Livett; and for the Officers of the Lodge, Brother Kemp Junior Warden. During the evening an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was performed. The vocalists included Miss Edith Umpleby, Miss Marie Gray, Miss Maude Hayter, Miss Florence Winn; also Brothers Brown, Hanson, Bracy, Stevens, Prenton, Kempton, and Maclean. Brother Stedman's choir boys also assisted. The instrumentalists were Brothers Louis Konig and Hamilton; the conductor being Brother Tinney Senior Deacon. Two very effective recitations were delivered by Miss Annie Maclean, a young lady apparently who possesses considerable talent that should, and doubtless will, be further developed.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE brethren of this Lodge started another year on Thursday, 13th instant, and opened it in such a way as to give every promise of continued success in the future. There was a goodly assemblage of brethren and visitors, and as usual the work of the Lodge, and the pleasures of the banquet which followed, were carried through in a most satisfactory manner. Bro. F. C. Frye, the W.M. of the past year, having regularly opened the Lodge, and transacted the formal business of the day, proceeded to initiate a gentleman into the mysteries of Freemasonry, after which Brother Smout raised a brother who was awaiting the benefits of the third degree. Brother Samuel Parkhouse then assumed the chair, and in a most impressive manner installed Bro. James Bartle as the ninth Worshipful Master of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge; he being assisted in the ceremony by Brother Smout. The brethren having saluted the new Worshipful Master, the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Woodmason Senior Warden, Buckland Junior Warden, Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, Murlis P.M. Secretary, Wood Senior Deacon, Whitaker Junior Deacon, Lander P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain, Delevante Organist, Crabb I.G., Hook Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Green Steward, Newland Assistant Steward, Scholefield Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed, the addresses being given in a very pleasing manner. Bro. Murlis formally moved—as he has done at each of the former installation meetings—that a sum of fifty guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, in the cause of Charity; to be presented to the Benevolent Institution, that charity having this year been chosen as the one to be supported by the Lodge. Brother Frye, the Immediate Past Master, having undertaken the office of Steward, the amount, when voted, will head his list. Some matters of a routine character, including the election of a brother as honorary member of the Lodge, having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The Visitors were Bros. Markland 144, D. P. Cama 1159, H. D. Cama 255, Briscoe 1929, Thomas 753, Humfress 733, Mason 300, Davis 167, Frye 1694, Dehane 1543, Chandler 1656, Vincent 1624, Morse 1257, Conway 1891, Horton 1744, Britton 22, Unite 144, Ball 1567, Brown 1567, Capt. Nicols 1974, Pearson 1567, Gillingham 1238, Webster 1637, Jefferson 1637, Harding 1238, Cooper 1637, Smith 523, Davey 1507, Harling 30, Gold 1615, Glazebrook 342, Welford 733, Potter 1987, Dillon, &c., while among the members present was Bro. Henry Holmes, on whom has recently been conferred the collar of Assistant Secretary to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire.

The usual toasts followed the banquet, and were interspersed by some excellent songs. Her Majesty the Queen, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., having been honoured, that of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. came next. The brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge could but feel, year by year, the increased honour enjoyed by them in bearing the name of so distinguished a Mason as the Earl of Carnarvon. It might truly be said that much of the success of Freemasonry was due to his Lordship, who at all times evinced the greatest interest in all that concerned the Order. The toast was heartily responded to, and was followed by that of the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. They were that evening honoured in having among them a distinguished Past Grand Officer in the person of Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G. Chaplain. Bro. Woodford was well known in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, his services to it dating as far back as its consecration, for his assistance on which

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CONSECRATION OF ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY LODGE, No. 2063.

WHEN we take into consideration that the rapidly rising township of Clacton-on-Sea was selected as the place where the "Albert Edward," one of the two lifeboats presented to the National Lifeboat Institution by the Freemasons of England, as a thankoffering for the safe return of H.R.H. the Grand Master from his tour in India, should be stationed, we can scarcely express surprise that the Masonic element is in full force in the locality. Under these circumstances, and taking into consideration that the nearest Lodge is located some seven or eight miles distant, and that attendance there, or elsewhere in the neighbourhood, involves a long and somewhat tedious drive after the proceedings, the Clacton brethren naturally felt a desire to have a Lodge of their own. With this end in view several meetings were held to consider the matter. A chief point to be considered was the choice of a first Worshipful Master, and the Committee were greatly gratified when, in response to a cordial invitation from them, Sir John Johnson, of St. Osyth's Priory, a P.M. of Lodge Shakespeare, No. 99, consented to act in that capacity. Sir John also gave permission to name the Lodge after the world-renowned St. Osyth's Priory, of which he is the owner, and which he has preserved in such excellent taste. Two old and experienced P.M.'s—Bros. J. Nunn and C. R. Young—were chosen as first Wardens, and Bro. Wallis, of the Royal Hotel, having placed a handsome suite of rooms at the disposal of the promoters, a petition for a warrant of constitution was forwarded to the M.W. the Grand Master, backed by a strong recommendation from the R.W. P.G.M. of Essex (Lord Brooke, M.P.) The following brethren signed the petition:—Bros. Sir John H. Johnson P.M. 93, Walter J. Nunn P.M. 1592, White 1088 P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk, C. R. Young P.M. 13, Abel Penfold P.M. P.Z. and Treasurer 913, Chas. Hempson P.M. 1799 P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex, John Mann P.M. 51 P.P.G. Sec. Essex, W. M. Foxcroft W.M. 177, Frederick J. Nunn 433, 697, and 1799, W. W. Daniell 51, 697, W. Wrench Towse 1799, H. Finer J.W. 1799, Fred. Wallis S.W. 1799, W. Agate 918, P. B. Harris 1799, Jacob Phillips 861, G. H. Riches 1799, and T. H. Baker 133, 1391. In due course the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and on Tuesday the Lodge, numbered 2063 on the Register of Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated by Lord Brooke, assisted by his Provincial Grand Officers, in the presence of a large number of Craftsmen. Lord Brooke, accompanied by his Deputy V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and a number of brethren, reached Clacton by the ordinary train at 12·8, and, having lunched at the Royal Hotel, proceeded to the Public Hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. His Lordship was assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.S.G.W. as S.W., Wm. Sowman P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W. as J.W., the Rev. W. Morgan Jones P.G.C., Ralling P.G. Sec., Albert Lucking P.G.D.C. and Bartlett P.M. 1343 P.G.P. as I.G. The music was performed by the following brethren:—Smith Junior P.G. Organist, Osmond P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Gowers S.W. and Organist 1024 P.P.G.O, and Sparling J.W. 51.

After the Lodge had been formally opened in the three degrees, the R.W.P.G.M. addressed the brethren:—This was the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of being at Clacton-on-Sea, and he need hardly express what great delight it gave him to be present on this important and auspicious occasion—an occasion which undoubtedly would be remembered for some time in the annals of Freemasonry in the town of Clacton-on-Sea. Especially it gave him the very greatest pleasure to consecrate another Lodge in this important Province of Essex; and still more so when he could state, what probably the brethren knew already, that the first Master would be his friend Sir John H. Johnson—one whom he had every reason to believe would be acceptable in the highest degree to the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge members. It is most satisfactory to find Freemasonry in this Province is increasing and finding favour with such rapid strides. It was always a pleasure to consecrate a new Lodge, especially when, as in this case, he found that the want was so earnestly desired, and when one has every confidence that the Lodge will be supported in a suitable and becoming manner. He was confident that his friend Sir John Johnson would prove himself a most efficient Master, and would have the confidence and zeal of those who will have the pleasure of serving under him. It was always his endeavour, and always would be, to accede to the wishes of the brethren in the Province; and when the necessity and desirability of a new Lodge is clearly shown, he should never hesitate to come among them and consecrate it. During his term of office—a very short one—he had not only had the pleasure to consecrate one Lodge, but that consecration was one which was very agreeable to him. He could assure them he had for some time been looking forward with the greatest pleasure to coming amongst them, and consecrating this important Lodge. He might also say how gratified he was at the support which had been given to him on the occasion. It was very satisfactory to find that the brethren of the Province took such deep interest in matters of this kind. As far as he could see, nothing could be more satisfactory than the arrangements which had been provided, and he congratulated the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, most heartily, on their first gathering, and upon the kind and excellent reception they had accorded to Provincial Grand Lodge.

The oration was delivered by the Rev. W. Morgan Jones (Rector of Marks Tey), Provincial Grand Chaplain, who spoke as follows:—

BRETHREN,—It is impossible for me, in the brief space of a few minutes, to say anything that can at all adequately describe the many high and ennobling principles upon which Freemasonry is founded. Happily, however, it falls to my lot to offer these few and very imperfect observations to those, and to those alone, who know those principles, and who have pledged themselves to maintain and carry them out. What, then, is assigned to me is the pleasing duty, not of informing the ignorant, but of reminding the instructed; so that, by being reminded, we may be helped to carry into practice what we know and believe. And among those principles which we acknowledge and believe are—The Supremacy of God as the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe; the duty and privilege of dedicating all our actions to His glory; and the fulfilling of all right claims from our fellow creatures, chiefly Masons. As an art, doubtless, Masonry derives its great antiquity from the first building up of the heavens and the earth; and it is with us a belief, beyond all possibility of doubt, that the Builder of the Heavens and the earth is the First and Grand Architect, whom we reverently worship, whose works we admire, and whose aid we constantly invoke. But when we think of the grandeur of that vast structure; when we see everywhere the perfection of adaptation in every part, and mark the supreme wisdom of this Divine Master Builder, a feeling of awe, wonder, and admiration comes upon us. We who, in our meaner sphere, are also builders, are convinced that any imitation is impossible. There can be no excellency of structure such as He has shown; and the nearest approach we can possibly make must consist in this, and only this, that the meaner buildings which we erect are heartily, duly, and properly dedicated to Him who is alone in power, and who has no equal as the First Builder. No Mason, wise and ingenious, skilful and diligent though he may be, can find any pleasure or reward in his work, or in his reflections upon it, unless that work is thus heartily and sincerely dedicated to Him who is the first and incomparable Builder. In this respect, then, we may dedicate work where we cannot possibly copy work. We may do that which, because of its nature, we are sure we may dedicate, and which we are as sure He will accept and approve. Foremost in the traditions and annals of our Masonic history we have the name and the example of the highest earthly architect and builder—the Royal Solomon. Of him we read that he "built a house to the name of the Lord his God." Assuming no claims as an imitator of the Great Architect, and impressed with the infinite skill and wisdom of that Divine Builder, our chief architect built and dedicated this house. Human architect and builder though he was, this building of his cannot be fitly or fully described. It is far beyond my power to tell fully of the wisdom and strength of its solid foundations. But this we do know that in the work there were, under him, those superior officers who had the chief work to do in the carrying out of the magnificent design. They were men fitted for the work, of great skill and science, of firm will, of persevering spirit, and without them the work could not have been carried out. They were as essential in their higher sphere, as, in their lower one, were the hewers of wood and the drawers of water. And these superior officers directed the work. They exercised their authority, they maintained among all subordinate officers all due obedience, in order that the grand scheme might be carried out, and which, when finished was dedicated to the glory of God; and though, in the mind of the Royal Architect, there was the sense of filial satisfaction in his mind from having carried out the wishes of David his father, there can be no doubt that the prominent idea with him was, first of all, that what he did was for the glory of God, and, further, that in doing as he did he was securing the truest and highest happiness of his people. These were the worthy motives that actuated him in his grand undertaking, and these were the unquestionable ends which he secured. It is in this respect that this kingly builder is a true exponent and a bright example of the exalted principles and virtues of Freemasonry; and occupying, as he does, an exalted position in our traditions, he is for us all a most worthy pattern to imitate. It is impossible, brethren, for any one of us seriously to ponder the whole structure of our mysteries and secrets without observing how constantly we are led to contemplate and admire the works of the Creator; how, in this erection of the heavens and the earth his evident aim is the happiness and well-being of mankind, and also, how, in the vows we take, and the conditions we accept, we consent that we will do the same. In few words, among the many good purposes of Freemasonry, there are three most prominently set before us, namely—The Glory of God—the maintaining and increasing of self respect, and the securing, by right means, the happiness of our fellow creatures. It is impossible to abide firmly by the instructions we receive without finding our minds constantly occupied in looking at and admiring the skill and goodness of the great and Almighty Builder, and seeing the glory that surrounds his Throne, striving earnestly to make that glory even more manifest by dedicating all our works to Him. And equally impossible is it seriously to contemplate the principles of our Order without seeing how they all aim at disposing a man to cultivate and intensify a worthy self-respect, which is so necessary to a solid foundation, and a worthy superstructure. Its contemplation leads a man to examine every stone in the building up of his own character and destiny. And chiefly it is most clear that at the very threshold, as well as in the inner circle, we are taught the grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. We are taught the duty of scrupulously seeking, by every means, the happiness and comfort of others, and chiefly of Masons. These, Brethren, should be the distinguishing and the essential characteristics of every Masonic Lodge. If a brother be overtaken in a fault (and who may not) and wanders from the straight path of virtue and rectitude, let there be a general anxiety to restore such an one in the spirit of meekness and with the tenderest spirit of compassion. If a brother is in distress (and there are always some who are so), let us be ready to enter into, and feel for his troubles. As he is taught to look to us in his distress let him not look in vain. In so extensive a brotherhood as ours is, there are always some who need help, keeping quietly, perhaps, the sorrow which is sapping away their life. Let us not fail to help them. Thus, by a reverent contemplation of the first great Builder, and by seeking His glory, whether in the Consecration of a Lodge, or the Consecration of a Life and all its actions—by aiming continually at a true and growing self-respect, and by a kind and pitiful spirit, we shall truly proclaim and carry out the principles of our Order, we shall lay a good foundation and raise a superstructure worthy of its builder. As a body of Masons, brethren, and under the rule of our estimable Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, we may most truly congratulate

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ourselves upon the proceedings of this day. The spread of true Masonry is the spread of light and blessing. We do hear of opinions to the contrary, but they are few, and are the result of ignorance. Our principles claim respect from all, for they are the principles of truth and virtue; they are wise and good. And because they are so, we who range under its banner, are thankful that Masonry, instead of decreasing in influence, is increasing in power and might. Its strong arm of support is waxing stronger every day; its heart of pity finding increased exercise, and its true and beneficent sympathies spreading further and wider. And to us, who know and appreciate the exalted principles of our Order, it is especially gratifying that they are extending in our own Province. We are thankful that this new Lodge is being consecrated to-day, and heartily wish it God-speed. May the principles of our Order be thoroughly and heartily maintained in it. May brotherly love, relief, and truth ever prevail among its members; and while we trust that they may never know for themselves the bitterness of sorrow, or feel the sharp arrows of adversity or misfortune, may they ever extend the hand of brotherly love and pity towards all those brethren who are feeling those adversities. And finally, brethren, maintaining those principles, each for himself, may we carry them out with confidence and perseverance until we are summoned from our labours below to higher service above, in that grand and heavenly Temple, where the Sublime Source of all Love, Virtue, and Truth—the World's Great Architect—lives and reigns.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. designate, Brother Sir John Henry Johnson, P.M. 99, was impressively installed into his office by Brother Philbrick D.P.G.M., and the following brethren were invested Officers for the year:—Bros. T. D. Hayes P.M. P.Z. 913 acting I.P.M., W. J. Nunn P.M. 1592 Z. 1008 P.P.G.D. Suffolk S.W., C. R. Young P.M. 13 J.W., John Mann P.M. 51 P.P.G. Sec. Essex Treasurer, Fred. J. Nunn 1799 Secretary, W.M. Foxcroft W.M. 177 S.D., W. T. Hook J.D. 1642 J.D., W. Cattermole 1663 I.G., Finer J.W. 1799 and T. H. Baker 1333 Stewards, Henry Hart Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the R.W.P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Officers for the part they had taken in the proceedings of the day, and they were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and two or three candidates for initiation. The visitors present having offered their congratulations, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where 109 sat down to banquet, elegantly served by the host, Bro. Wallis. The new Worshipful Master presided; he was supported by the R.W.P.G.M., V.W.D.P.G.M. and a distinguished array of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. Grace was said by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Brother the Rev. W. Morgan Jones; and after dinner, "For these and all Thy Mercies," was beautifully chanted by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, and Sparling.

The W.M. gave the first toast—The Queen and the Craft. Sir John said it was a great many years since he gave the toast of the Queen from the Chair of a Masonic Lodge, and therefore it was with the greater pleasure he gave it now. He believed the Queen had no more loyal subjects in her kingdom than the people of East Essex, and particularly the Freemasons of that district. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Sir John said he did not think it had ever been sufficiently appreciated what an enormous benefit it had been to Masonry that His Royal Highness should have accepted the high position he held in the Craft. The Prince of Wales had for them, however, a local interest, the lifeboat at Clacton-on-Sea, which had already done such excellent service, was one of two presented by the Freemasons of England as a thank-offering for the safe return of His Royal Highness from his tour in India. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, specially alluding to the fact that Lord Lathom had twice done signal service for Freemasonry in that neighbourhood, as his Lordship had launched the lifeboat to which allusion had already been made; he had also consecrated the "Arnold Lodge" in the neighbouring town of Walton. Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P. responded. The W.M. said he had now extreme satisfaction in proposing the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Lord Brooke. He was not at all surprised at the enthusiam with which the brethren received the toast. Lord Brooke, ever since he was installed at Colchester by the Duke of Albany, had evinced the deepest interest in Freemasonry. It might be truly said that he had considerable influence in promoting the increase of Masonry within this Province. I learn (continued Sir John) that this is the fourth Lodge that has been consecrated during his term of Office, and in two of the cases his lordship has personally performed the ceremony. There is no doubt, therefore, that since Lord Brooke was installed the Craft in Essex has steadily increased. It also shows the interest and influence Lord Brooke wields in Freemasonry that, at the recent Festival of the Girls' School, the almost unprecedented sum of thirteen thousand pounds was subscribed by the Craft, of which no less than a thousand pounds came from the Province of Essex. But I may now come to matters which have happened to-day. In Lodge I have endeavoured feebly to express the thanks we all feel we owe to Lord Brooke, not only as a high official, but personally for coming amongst us. I can only repeat what I then said, that we are all extremely delighted at the manner in which his lordship performed the ceremony. It was essentially able, and well done. On behalf of every member of the Lodge, and the Province generally, I am sure I can wish his lordship hearty good health.

Lord Brooke, on rising, said he was overpowered with emotion at the cordial and hearty reception they had given their Provincial Grand Master on this occasion. He assured them he felt he had the strongest and the deepest ties connecting him with the County of Essex, and with his Masonic brethren of the Province. He could only feel that the kind words which had been uttered by their Master, were words which he felt he had hardly as yet earned, but which he hoped, in the course of time, he might earn to the very fullest extent. It was unfortunately impossible for him to be amongst them so often as he could wish, but it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to be sitting on the right of his worthy friend their Worshipful Master. He wished him most sincerely many days of happy office. He might say that he thought it was one of the principal merits of Freemasonry that after he had been night after night in the House of Commons, where so many hard words were said, one came down to the peace and harmony of a Mason's Lodge, and to one of these meetings, where they dropped entirely political questions, but where the one great thought was that of emulation—the intense wish to do good to our fellow-creatures in every possible way. Whilst these banquets were very enjoyable, they were not the primary objects of Freemasonry. They had to look back upon a great past, and if he might speak of that lifeboat of which mention had been made, it was to such ceremonies that they had to look back upon. It was with great pleasure he learnt that there was to be another ceremony of the same nature in the immediate neighbourhood in the course of a few days; he greatly regretted that a previous engagement would prevent him being present. I do, concluded his Lordship, most earnestly ask you to put up with my shortcomings, for I know they are many. Whenever it is possible for me to be present at your meetings, I will be with you, and I trust this will not be the last time I may be at Clacton-on-Sea. The W.M. then gave the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. He could truly say that for the past six or seven years, since Bro. Philbrick was appointed Deputy P.G.M., Masonry had received very great advantages at his hands. Bro. Philbrick was not only an old Mason, but he had taken great pains to perfect himself, and he had now reached a position which very few men could aspire to; there was no doubt his knowledge of Masonry had influenced Grand Lodge in giving him one of the most important appointments it was in the power of Masonry to confer—he alluded to that of Grand Registrar of England. He had already alluded to the admirable manner in which Bro. Philbrick had performed the office with which he had been entrusted that day, and every one he (Sir John) had spoken to since had endorsed his opinion, and had expressed the same admiration for their V.W. Brother.

V.W. Bro. Philbrick, who was received in a very hearty manner, returned thanks. He expressed the great pleasure he felt that the cause of Masonry was advancing, and that a new addition had been made to the roll of Lodges in the Province. Although the consecration of a new Lodge might mean that some of the members would not be so constant in their attendance at other Lodges, yet it formed a new point of attraction, and brought an element of strength to the Craft. It was, therefore, with peculiar pleasure they saw the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge inaugurated, because they felt that the ship they had just launched was a well-built ship. They hoped that no unpropitious gale would fill her sails, but if it did there were brave-hearted mariners aboard her who knew how to handle their Craft. Brother Philbrick went on to speak of the great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth upon which Masonry is founded, and which, through dark and evil times, as well as in prosperity, had had such power to bind together man and man. Lord Brooke said the next toast he had to propose was one which he was sure would be received by all present with a great deal of enthusiasm; and although he feared he could not do justice to it in eloquent terms, the excellence of the toast would be a sufficient apology. He alluded to the health of their Worshipful Master. It was only a few minutes since that he was talking to his brother Sir John Johnson about his past Masonic career, and found that he was Master of a Lodge in 1851. It was a great thing to think that a man like Sir John Johnson had always had so much at heart the interests of Freemasonry; and although for a time he had abandoned his Masonic pursuits he had now taken them up again with great fervour and facility, and with the greatest pleasure to all those who listened to him; further, with the assurance that he would bring success to St. Osyth's Priory Lodge. It was a great pleaaure to him (Lord Brooke) to consecrate the Lodge to-day, and he hoped that its future might be as happy and prosperous as its commencement had been. The W.M. rose with the consciousness that he was about to undertake the most difficult task that he had ever had to perform, viz. to return thanks, for the first time as Master of this Lodge, for the kind way in which his health had been received. And in the first place he must offer his most sincere thanks to his noble friend and brother for the extremely flattering manner in which his Lordship had alluded to himself. This occasion recalled to his mind many sweet and bitter memories. His noble brother had already let them into the secret that he was a very old Mason. He was initiated as long ago as 1850, and he passed out of his first chair in 1854. He then for some few years was a member of the Shakespeare Lodge, and had the honour of passing through several offices in that Lodge, and could boast the very high honour of having been its W.M. He left that chair something like 12 or 14 years ago, and had since then been relegated to the dignified but not very active life of a Past Master. Then when the most overwhelming calamity of his life came, two years ago—he felt it was impossible for him any longer to remain in that Lodge, and moreover he thought that he could never be induced to take any part in Masonry again. However, when a deputation waited upon him and preferred the very flattering petition that a Lodge might be established, to be named the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge—a name with which so many memories in his life were associated—and that he should be the first Master of that Lodge, his resolution was broken down and he consented to both requests. Having regard to the circumstance he had mentioned, he trusted the brethren would excuse his shortcomings in the performance of his duties, and believe that if he failed in the ability to do all the Masonic work which fell to him he would at least be faithful to his Lodge. Sir John went on to say that the manifold claims upon his time and his advancing years, might render it impossible to be with them always, but the brethren might rely upon it that whenever it was possible he should be present at their meetings. He earnestly trusted that the Lodge which

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had been so successfully inaugurated, would be prosperous, and would be free from anything like disturbance or disagreement. The most important thing to ensure prosperity was that they should be united. They were told in that beautiful Psalm which formed part of the ceremony, that it was a sweet and pleasant thing for brethren to dwell together in unity, and the Psalm went on to say that unity was "like the dew of Hermon that fell upon the Hill of Zion." He trusted this would be most true of St. Osyth's Priory Lodge. In speaking of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. highly eulogised them as evidences to the outside world that Freemasons did something more than think about themselves and their own interests. Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who was warmly received, responded. In the course of an eloquent and interesting speech, Bro. Binckes said he felt a pride in the Institution which he represented, and he thought he was entitled to feel pride, for it was now one of the most flourishing Institutions in the country. When he first became associated with it its income was £1600 a year. They now averaged fourteen or fifteen thousand pounds a year. Then they had no home of their own, but in the course of a few years they felt able to set aside a sum of £15,000 to build new Schools. They had since expended up to £60,000 in Schools, in which they could educate 215 sons of Masons, and they were about to spend fifteen thousand more in order that they might receive fifty additional boys. In conclusion, Bro. Binckes made an eloquent appeal to Masons to loyally help an Institution that was so well worthy of their support, in the service of which he had spent his Masonic life, and in the service of which he trusted he might die. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Surgeon Major Helsham W.M. 1803; the Founders, proposed by Bro. Philbrick, and responded to by Bro. Mann Treasurer, and Bro. Nunn Secretary of the new Lodge; the Wardens and other Officers, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Nunn S.W. In due course the Tyler's toast was given. During the evening some capital vocal music was contributed by Bros. Clowes, Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Sparling, and Bland.

Among the brethren present were the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke R.W.P.G.M., V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., W. Bros. Fredk. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. P.G. Stwd., Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., A. Lucking W.M. 160 P.G.D.C., Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.S.G.W., the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276 P.P.G.C., Wm. Clarke P.G.P. England P.G.D.C. Suffolk, George Corble P.M. 453 P.P.J.G.W., John Mann P.M. 51 P.P.G. Secretary Essex, William Herbage W.M. 2005 Provincial G.R., T. J. D. Cramphorn I.P.M. 1024 P.G.J.D., W. V. Wilson I.P.M. 160 P.G.S.B., Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.D. 697 P.G.C., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C., Alfred Buck P.M. 453 P.P.G.W., H. Harper P.M. 160 P.P.G.S.B., Robert Martin P.M. and Treasurer 453 P.P.G.D., J. Child P.M. 453 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., D. Bartlett P.M. 1343 P.G.P., Thomas Rix P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., Edmund Gowers S.W. 1024 P.P.G.O., F. Whitmore P.M. 276 P.P.G.W., A. C. Veley P.M. 276 P.P.G.W., J. E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., George Motion P.M. 453 P.P.G.D., R. D. Poppleton P.M. 433 P.P.G.D., Thomas Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., Alf. Richardson W.M. 1977 P.A.D.C., G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 Secretary 1977 P.G.S.B., R. Haward Ives W.M. 51 P.G. Steward, John Hutley W.M. 1024 P.G. Steward, Adam Smith W.M. 433, J. W. Hair 276 P.P.G.R., Surgeon-Major H. Helsham W.M. 1803, Robert Smith W.M. 697, F. Suthery W.M. elect 276, G. Harvey P.M. 697, Frederick Wiseman Past Master 1733 P.P.G.W., W. W. Morgan Wor. Master 211, F. Reichter 51, H. J. Skingley 51, J. H. Miller 51, F. H. Williams 697, E. G. Lewis P.M. 754, R. Turrell 913, W. Agate 913, J. G. Potton 697, John Clark 697, W. P. Collins 240, A. F. Hart 697, W. M. Foxcroft W.M. 177, Chas. E. Bland 51, James Salmon 1339, George Ralling 51, Joshua Street P.M. 697, F. E. Morris 51, W. Beasley 1524, R. C. Pollard 1799, E. J. Acworth P.M. 133, W. J. London 1339, J. Hanly 51, W. Wood 276, R. Ford 697, W. S. Ling P.M. 433, J. T. Bailey J.W. 697, John Howe 697, J. Costes 1312, W. Carter 1799, F. Wallis 1799, A. G. Rickarby W.M. 1799, S. Munson Tyler 51, Henry Hart Tyler 2063, &c., &c.

Several letters of regret at inability to attend were read, amongst them being communications from the Right Hon. the Lord Lathom D.P.G.M. England, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., James Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., F. R. W. Hedges Secretary R.M.I.G., N. Tracy P.G. Secretary Suffolk, Donald Baynes Prov. G.S.W., J. C. Earle Prov. G.J.W., &c.

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TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 244.

THIS Mark Lodge met on the 3rd instant at Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place W. Bro. Martin W.M., Gabriel S.W., Turner J.W., Hammond Treas., Hoare Secretary, Biddlecombe J.O., Shirley J.D., Stark P.M. Lodge was opened; Bros. Oldknow and Stark were advanced, in a very excellent manner by the W.M. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 15th November:—

Monday—St George and Corner Stone Lodge. Tuesday—Drovers' Benevolent Institution, Urban Lodge, Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Lodge of Regularity, Pilgrim Lodge, Polish National Lodge, University of London Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, continued.

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could but wish some other Officer of Grand Lodge had been present to hear the way in which this toast had been proposed and received, and to reply to the hearty sentiments which had been tendered by the brethren. On both public and private grounds he had desired to avail himself of his honorary membership of the Lodge. On public grounds he desired to congratulate the Lodge on the position it had gained for itself during the few years it had been in existence. The hearty way in which its members had entered into the work of Freemasonry and the harmony and good feeling which had existed in the Lodge were proverbial, but above all shone out their efforts on behalf of the Charities of the Order. What they had done for the Masonic Institutions had earned for them a name and a reputation few, if any, other Lodges enjoyed. Although the Lodge was comparatively a young one, he could but call to mind that he and Bro. Holden were the only two now left of the brethren on whom was conferred honorary its membership at the time of consecration. His presence there that night forcibly called to his mind the faces of Bros. John Hervey, John Boyd, and others who were present at the first meeting of the Lodge, and warned him that he was getting towards the close of his Masonic career. On private grounds he had desired to be present, expecting to witness the initiation of an old and esteemed friend of his. The brethren had heard that the very severe illness of that gentleman's mother kept him away that night, but he would no doubt avail himself of an early meeting on which to come forward. In receiving him they would be admitting one who would reflect credit on them, and their Lodge. Brother Woodford, in conclusion, referred to some of the more recent attacks on Freemasonry; to the increased demands which were being made on the benevolence of the brethren, and to the way in which the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge worked for any candidates for the Charities, whose cases they took in hand. In this latter they were very fortunate in having among them one of the most energetic and persevering brethren he knew—Bro. Parkhouse—who might truly be denominated a host in himself. Brother Frye then assumed the gavel, and proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. The brethren all knew his estimable qualities. On a previous occasion when referring to him, he had said his was the sort of face one saw in *Punch*, and he thought that that was as great a compliment as he could pay him. He did not mean it was a face to make fun of, but a real old John Bull sort of face; one of the sort they delighted to see at the head of a Masonic Lodge. Brother Bartle was the first initiate of the Lodge who had been elected to the chair, and could but add additional lustre to its reputation. He was a most zealous supporter of the Charities, seldom a year passed but his name appeared on one or other of the lists, and then for a good round sum. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast; he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to govern the Lodge as successfully as their Bro. Frye had done during the past year; if he could only follow in the footsteps of that brother, and have such a happy and prosperous year as he had had he should be satisfied; he should do all in his power to make his year of office a prosperous and happy one, and hoped his efforts would be crowned with success. Before sitting down he had a most pleasing duty to perform—to propose the health of Bro. Frye—he felt he could not find words sufficiently flattering to describe his exertions during the past year; he had done everything a Master could do to advance the welfare of the Lodge and render his year a year of prosperity and success; it afforded the W.M. much pleasure to be called upon to present to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and with it a vote of thanks on vellum; both were richly deserved, and he hoped would long be prized by Bro. Frye.

The jewel bore the following inscriptions:—

On the obverse,

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.
OCTAVUS.

On the reverse,

Presented to
BROTHER FREDERICK CHARLWOOD FRYE,
by the members of the
EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642,
in recognition of his services as W.M.
November 1884.

The testimonial was engrossed as follows:—

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

This Testimonial,
together with a Past Masters jewel,
was presented to
BROTHER FREDERICK CHARLWOOD FRYE P.M.,

by the Members of the above Lodge, as a token of their high appreciation of his services, as a lasting tribute of esteem and respect, and as an expression of the obligation they feel towards him for the earnest manner in which he has discharged his Masonic duties, also in recognition of the uniform urbanity and courtesy which distinguished his year of office; and with their best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity.

November 1884.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,
JAS. BARTLE W.M.
JOHN WOODMASON S.W.
W. W. BUCKLAND J.W.
SAMUEL H. PARKHOUSE Treasurer.
W. J. MURLIS Secretary.

Bro. Frye felt it a very difficult matter to respond to the hearty occasion he had been elected an honorary member. The W.M. had great pleasure in coupling his name with the toast. Bro. Woodford

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toast just proposed and honoured in his behalf. He did not know that he had done anything to merit the special eulogiums passed by the W.M. He was extremely grateful to the Past Master and Officers of the Lodge for their valuable assistance during the past year, and to the members generally for the support they had rendered him. Both had materally contributed to securing any success which had attended his year of Office. The toast of the Initiate having been given and responded to, that of the Visitors was given by the W.M., and was acknowledged by several of the guests of the evening. The Charities was acknowledged by Bro. Mason, and the Treasurer and Secretary by Bros. Parkhouse and Murlis respectively. The Officers came in for their share of compliment, and then the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion. We are pleased to announce that Bro. Frye's Stewardship for the Benevolent was well supported during the evening, upwards of 55 guineas being promised, in addition to the Lodge grant.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1705.

THE installation of Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Thursday, 23rd ult., when Bro. Batchelor S.W. P.P.G.O. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by the Rev. B. Ring W.M. P.P.G. Chaplain. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. the Rev. B. Ring I.P.M., G. Darby Senior Warden, J. Sydney sen. Junior Warden the Rev. B. Ring Chaplain, W. M. Chalcraft Treasurer, Sidney Smith Secretary, W. C. Webb S.D., A. W. Leaver J.D., R. Fraser I.G., F. W. C. Waters Organist, W. Yeardye D.C., F. W. C. Waters and G. K. Smith Stewards. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, which was served in his usual admirable style by Mr. G. Bond. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the evening was spent in harmony.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

THIS flourishing Lodge confines its membership to those associated with the musical profession. The installation meeting was held on the 6th instant at Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W., when there were present, Bros. Stedman, F.R.G.S., W.M., Hoare S.W., Turner J.W., Bonavia Hunt P.M. Treas., Hammond Secretary, Howard S.D., Smith Org., Taylor I.G.; P.M. Starke. Lodge, was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Warren Tear No. 72, was elected a joining member; Bro. Forbes was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Hutchinson was raised. Both these ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Auditors. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Hoare S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. Bros. Edwin Lott Grand Organist Grand Lodge of England and Smith P.P.G.O. Essex occupied the Wardens' chairs, while Bro. Hammond efficiently acted as D.C. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Stark in an impressive manner, that well deserved the encomiums passed on him at its conclusion; appropriate music was played by the Organist, Bro. Corke. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. The following were then invested as follows:—Bros. Turner S.W., Hammond J.W., Rev. Bonavia Hunt Treasurer, Hammond Secretary, Howard S.D., Gabriel J.D., Corke Organist, Plant Martin I.G., Lane D.C., Mills Steward, Harrisson Tyler. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous visitors, and Lodge was closed until February. The brethren sat down to a very récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Withers and Englefield. The W.M., in brief terms, but to the purpose, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The name of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, spoke of their well-known qualifications and their desire to advance the interests of the Order. To-night they had a Grand Officer present—Bro. Lott Grand Organist. He was the first Master of this Lodge, and all were pleased to see him amongst them. Bro. Lott, in responding, said he was proud of the position he held, and thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Stark. Whatever he did he did well; he need not however recapitulate what had been said in his praise on many previous occasions. Bro. Stark, in reply, thanked the Worshipful Master and the brethren for their reception of the toast. To instal his old and esteemed friend, Bro. Hoare, into the chair had been a great pleasure, and if he had done it to their satisfaction he was amply repaid. Bro. Stedman had now great pleasure in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master. They all knew Bro. Hoare, and his good qualities. To-night they inaugurated a new era in the Lodge. The Founders of the Lodge had all passed the chair, and he now gave up the reigns of government to the first initiate. Bro. Hoare would doubtless carry out the duties of the chair to his own satisfaction and to the advancement of the brethren. The W.M., in reply, said the ceremony of installation had produced an effect on him that for some time he could not realise his position. He had to thank Bro. Lott for having installed him. He was now the W.M. of this distinguished Lodge, and he should always be proud of having been elected to fill the position. For the toast of the Visitors Bros. Enstgate and Higgins replied. To the I.P.M., Bro. Stedman, was presented the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and graceful recognition made of his services. This compliment having been suitably acknowledged, the Treasurer and Secretary came in for a share of praise. And then reference was made to the zeal and ability displayed by the Officers. As might be expected the brethren enjoyed a delightful musical treat by the vocal efforts of Bros. Stedman, Sargeant, Plant Martin, Hutchinson, and Gabriel, while as instrumentalists Bros. Turner, H. J. Stark, W. E. Stark, Higgs, and Corke exerted themselves mort successfully. The Visitors were—Bros Lott G.O., Lee J.W. 1563, Jones S.W. 1568, Hallett 1816, Watkins 1728, Hatch 1507, Day 179, Brander 1563, Eastgate W.M 1563, H. M. Levy 188, &c.,

Bro. J. Lichtenfeld, No. 205, President of the British Hairdressers' Benevolent and Provident Institution, which society is under the patronage of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, H.R.H. The Duke of Teck, the Rt. Hon. Baron Ebury, Lord Saltoun, Sir Nathaniel De Rothschild, Bart., M.P., and Sir Coutts Lindsay, Bart., will take the chair in aid of this Institution, at St. James Hall, Regent Street, on 4th December.

Bro. John Radcliff, Premier Flautist at the Royal Italian Opera, Professor of the Royal Academy of Music, and Member of the Council of the Trinity College, and Madame Pauline Rita, Prima Donna at the Opera Comique and Criterion Theatres, London, and of the Crystal Palace and Charles Halle's Concerts, made their third appearance in Sydney, at the Masonic Hall, York-street, in a Musical Entertainment entitled "Pan to Pinafore, Pipes of all Peoples, Flutes of all Ages, with Musical Illustrations." The greatest enthusiasm pervaded the large audience. Such execution on the flute and such singing is rarely heard in sunny New South Wales. The ability undeniably displayed was distinguished by the charm of freshness of ideas. The whole entertainment was presented in the happiest and most artistic manner, and should go far to enhance our genial brother and his charming wife's reputation even in the musical world of Europe.

There has been in previous years so much sameness about Christmas Numbers, that it is almost startling to hear of such a coming novelty as a Christmas Number which will derive the greater part of its letterpress from the pens of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lytton. This, however, is what we are promised by the Editor of *St. Stephen's Review*. The Christmas Number in question will be called "St. Stephen's Saturnalia," and will travel completely out of the beaten track. Lord Lytton's contribution is entitled "Bernardo, a Study of Sentiment," and is illustrated by Mr. Cruikshank. Another novel feature of the Saturnalia will be a grand Christmas pantomime, "The Forty Thieves," dealing with the Liberal Party, and illustrated by Phil May. Harry Furniss will do the principal picture; and among other notable artists engaged are Wallis Mackay and Tom Merry.

A PHILOSOPHER AT FAULT.—The late Dr. Darwin's conclusions as to the future of the Colony, after crossing the Blue Mountains and going as far as Bathurst, are worth recording, as those of a keen observer who visited the Colony nearly half a century ago. He says:—"The rapid prosperity and future prospects of this Colony are to me, not understanding these subjects, very puzzling. The two main exports are wool and whale oil, and to both of these productions there is a limit. The country is totally unfit for canals, therefore there is not a very distant point beyond which the land carriage of wool will not repay the expense of shearing and tending sheep. Pasture everywhere is so thin that settlers have already pushed far into the interior. Moreover, the country further inland becomes extremely poor; agriculture, on account of the droughts, can never succeed on an extended scale; therefore, so far as I can see, Australia must ultimately depend upon being the centre of commerce for the southern hemisphere, and perhaps on her future manufactories. Possessing coal, she always has the moving power at hand. From the habitable country extending along the coast, and from her English extraction, she is sure to be a maritime nation. I formerly imagined that Australia would rise to be as grand and powerful a country as North America, but now it appears to me that such future grandeur is rather problematical." Before his lamented death, no doubt, Darwin had seen cause to modify his early impressions, and to recognise the gigantic strides made by Australia towards the achievement of a national greatness second only to the North American Republic to which he referred.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Corn Exchange, Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, the 6th of November instant, under the banner of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, for the transaction of the general business of the Province and for the special purpose of installing the newly-appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. 523 P.P.S.G.W., when a large gathering of brethren, comprising representatives from every Lodge in the Province, assembled under the Presidency of the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, who was supported by the present Provincial Grand Officers, viz.:—R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., &c., and P.P.G.M., G. Toller jun. P.G.S.B., P.D.P.G.M., J. T. Thorp P.S.G.W., W. S. Allen P.J.G.W., Rev. A. P. Dawson P.G. Chaplain, R. Waik P.G. Treasurer, A. H. Burgess P.G. Registrar, Rev. C. Henton Wood P.G. Secretary, S. Cleaver P.G.S.D., E. Watson P.G.J.D., J. Young P.G.D.C., C. Garden P.G.A.D.C., T. B. Laxton P.G.O., R. R. Cole P.G.A.P., D. Challis P.G. St. B., R. R. Bellamy and L. P. Chamberlain P.G. Stewards, J. Tanser P.G. Tyler. In addition, the following brethren were present—Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., William Adcock P.P.S.G.W., C. E. Stretton P.P.S.G.W., M. J. Walker P.P.J.G.W., J. Barber P.P.G.R., F. J. Baines P.P.G.S.D., J. Halford P.P.G.S.D., J. O. Law P.P.G.J.D., S. Weaver P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Captain Richardson P.P.G.S.B., E. H. Butler P.P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Hassall P.P.G.P., W. A. Musson W.M. 779, A. H. Marsh W.M. 1130, J. Metcalfe P.M. 1767, B. A. Smith W.M. 523, R. S. Toller W.M. 1560, G. Matt W.M. 1391 and R. Michie W.M. 279, C. Oliver S.W. 1007, J. H. Marshall J.W. 1007, J. Harrison S.W. 1391, J. D. Harris S.W. 1560, E. J. Foxwell S.W. 50, H. P. Brown J.W. 523, F. B. Wilmer J.W. 2028, and many other members of the several Craft Lodges in the Province The Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, having been opened by the W.M. Bro. A. H. Marsh, assisted by his Officers, the Provincial Grand Master

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and his P.G. Officers entered, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the usual preliminary business, including the confirmation of minutes, disposed of, after which the Reports of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes and the Provincial Charity Committee were read, confirmed and adopted. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes, after referring to the satisfactory state of the P.G. Lodge funds and the position and progress of Masonry in the Province, made special mention of the recent addition to the roll of Lodges by the constitution of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, which, under the special care and management of its W.M., Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, to whom the entire credit for its formation was due, had already met with most encouraging success, the Lodge now numbering nearly thirty members, of whom fifteen had been initiated in it since February last. The probability of the early establishment of additional Lodges in the rapidly-increasing County town of Leicester was also alluded to. The report then dwelt at some length upon the recent extensive and costly alterations and additions to Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, including the entire rebuilding of the Lodge Room, which, it was hoped, would greatly increase the comfort and add to the convenience of the members of the Lodges and other bodies meeting within it. The revision of the Provincial Bye-laws had made but little progress, the Committee deeming it desirable to delay proceedings therewith for a short time in order that opportunity might be taken for corresponding with other Provinces which in consequence of the recent revision of the Book of Constitutions, were intending to revise their own Bye-laws. As a temporary measure it was recommended that the additional fees sanctioned by Rule 104 of the Book of Constitution be added to the table of fees in force in this Province and further that fees of honour be charged in respect of the new offices of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer and Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary. After referring to the presentation to the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M. of a life-size portrait of himself, and treating upon certain matters of local interest, the Report concluded by alluding in very complimentary terms to the appointments of Bros. S. S. Partridge as D.P.G.M. and the Rev. C. Henton Wood as Provincial Grand Secretary. The Report of the Charity Committee was as follows:—"During the past Masonic year, your Committee have to report that no candidate from this Province for either of the Great Central Masonic Charities has claimed our support. This has enabled them to clear up all debts and lay up a store of over five hundred votes for the Benevolent Institution, to be used at future elections. The alliance of our small Province with those of Wilts, Somerset, Monmouthshire and others for voting purposes has hitherto worked in a most advantageous manner and resulted in the return of their candidates, and your Committee hope it may be adhered to in the future. During the year small grants of money have been made to the widow of a late member of the Loughborough Lodge, and also to a brother of St. John's Lodge, to help him in his removal from the town, and your Committee very much regret that owing to the fact of the Loughborough brother not continuing his subscriptions to a Lodge under the English Constitution that his boy is ineligible for the Boys' School. The case is a bad one, and they are very anxious that something further may be done. To Bro. S. S. Partridge D.P.G.M. are justly due the thanks of the Committee for his most energetic and successful services as Steward of the Province on the occasion of the Benevolent Institution Festival for Aged Masons and their Widows, when his list reached the magnificent sum of £353 14s, being one of the largest brought up to this Festival. And your Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the great pleasure with which they have heard of the appointment of Bro. Partridge to the honourable post of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and offering him their most hearty congratulations. The Girls' School this year prefers its claim for support from the Province. Hitherto it has been our custom that one of those who had previously held a Stewardship for the Boys' should be appointed—therefore, from the list of those willing to serve, your Committee have nominated Bro. Captain Richardson for the Girls' School Festival, with a very grateful remembrance of the list he presented on a former occasion. The Secretary having tendered his resignation of the office, which he has held for six years, your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that Bro. Miles J. Walker has succeeded to that office, the duties of which your Committee are convinced he will carry out with the same energy and enthusiasm as he has shown in the Charity Association Secretaryship. Before closing their report your Committee wish to place upon record their great regret at the resignation of Bro. Rev. W. Langley, and their obligations to him for his past services. To his untiring zeal and energy are due the successes that have hitherto attended all the work in connection with the Masonic Charity voting organisation of this Province, while to his genial manner and brotherly principles may be attributed our kindly relations with other Provinces, by whose assistance we have always been enabled to secure the election of any of our selected candidates." The Prov. Grand Registrar's report was read, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were duly passed, after which Bro. Robert White, who has efficiently discharged the duties of the office for several years past, was unanimously re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer, a vote of thanks to him being at the same time passed for his valuable services. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master nominate having been duly announced, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master directed a deputation, consisting of the two Provincial Grand Deacons, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, with two Provincial Grand Stewards, to receive him. On the Deputy Provincial Grand Master nominate being introduced, his patent of appointment was read, after which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren on the subject of the appointment, and subsequently obligated and installed Bro. Samuel S. Partridge as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland. The usual salute having been given, the newly-installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren, expressing his thanks, firstly to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had conferred in appointing him to so honourable a post, and in the next place to the brethren generally, not only for their cordial congratulations on that present occasion, but also for the invariable kindness and consideration he received at their hands during the twelve years he had occupied the important position of Provincial Grand Secretary, and which had rendered the somewhat onerous duties of the office pleasurable and agreeable to him. After briefly touching upon various matters of local Provincial interest the Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressed his determination to uphold the honour and dignity of Prov. Grand Lodge to the utmost of his power, and announced his intention of periodically making official visits to the several Lodges of the Province. The Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, referred in very eulogistic terms to the distinguished services of Bro. G. Toller jun., Past Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and proposed a vote of thanks to him for the able manner in which during the past four years and a-half he had discharged the duties of that office. The motion was seconded by Bro. Rev. W. Langley, and carried with acclamation. Bro. Captain Richardson Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer was elected to represent the Province at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. Dr. G. T. Willan P.M. 1130 ...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
J. Barber P.M. 50	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. W. Langley P.M. 50 and 1130 and W.M. 2028	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. A. P. Dawson M.A. (re-app.)	
R. Waik P.M. (re-elected) ...	Prov. G. Treasurer
R. S. Toller W.M. 1560	Prov. G. Registrar
Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., P.M. 1560	Prov. G. Secretary
W. A. Musson P.M. and W.M. 779	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
R. Michie W.M. 279	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
J. Metcalfe P.M. 1767 S.W. 2028	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
J. Young P.M. 523 (re-appointed)	Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies
A. H. Marsh W.M. 1130	Prov. G.A.D. of Cers.
A. McIvor Tindall W.M. 1330 ...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
W. Wilkinson W.M. 1007 ...	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
B. A. Smith W.M. 523	
T. B. Laxton 1391 (re-appointed)	Prov. G. Organist
G. Matt W.M. 1391	Prov. G. Pursuivant
L. P. Chamberlain W.M. elect 1265	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
C. F. Wike 279	Prov. G. Stewards
E. J. Foxwell 50	
H. P. Brown 523	
J. Tuckfield 779	
C. F. Massie 1330	
F. B. Wilmer 2028	
T. Dunn 523	Prov. G. Tylers
J. Tanser 279	

The remaining business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. The annual banquet, at which the newly-installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, was served at the George Hotel by the worthy host Bro. J. Selby.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer Past Grand Standard Bearer. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry, the Sec., reported the death of four annuitants. On the list of candidates to be placed among those who desired to become annuitants of the Institution there were nine males and five females. One of the male cases was rejected. Five London male cases and three country were accepted; also two London and two country female cases, but one female case was deferred till next meeting. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. G. B. Abbott, who has recently written a history of the Institution, which has been printed and circulated. This having been seconded and carried, notice of motion was given for next meeting for conferring a Vice-Patronship of the Institution on the writer. Considerable advantage was derived at this meeting from the new rule, adopted by the Committee of the Benevolent Institution, that a printed list of the brethren and widows seeking to become candidates for the annuity should be printed and placed in the hands of each member of the Committee. The list was admirably drawn up, and gave all the particulars of each case. By this means considerable time was saved in dealing with the cases. This is a step in the right direction, and we shortly hope to see the plan adopted in the scholastic institutions, where fuller particulars as to the parents are so often deemed requisite.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PRINCESS OF WALES LODGE, No. 570.

ON Monday last, 10th November, this military Lodge, which is associated with the 5th Dragoon Guards, held its regular meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at seven p.m. by the W.M. Bro. Knights, Staff Sergeant of the Regiment. The minutes were read and confirmed, and then the ballot was taken for Captain Harkness. This having proved unanimous, the candidate was prepared, and initiated by the W.M. in a most efficient manner, every part of the ceremony of the degree being gone through by the W.M. to the delight of each brother present, including the visitors, who, on this occasion, mustered over seventy. This being the election night, the ballot was taken for a W.M. elect, and in a few well chosen and truly Masonic terms, the W.M. submitted the name of the Senior Warden, Major Baldrey, as W.M. elect. The announcement was received with applause, while, we may add, the vote was unanimous. Bro. Major Baldrey, in very graceful terms, acknowledged the honour he had received. Bro. Hicks, schoolmaster of the Regiment, was then admitted as a joining member. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visiting Brethren, amongst whom were Bros. P.M.'s Salmon, Nathan, Edwards I.P.M. Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, and seven others from the same Lodge; P.M.'s Benson, Jupp, Aldred, Senior, and about seven others, whose names were not noted at the time by our correspondent, Lodge was then closed in military style, and in true Masonic order, at half-past eight p.m., by the Worshipful Master. With the usual courtesy of military men all the Visitors were urged to join the brethren at the festive board, and an excellent programme of music, singing and reciting was gone through. Bro. Saul, Troop Sergeant Major, sang a humorous song, "Noah's Ark," and rendered it right merrily. Bro. Gifford P.M., Riding Master of the Regiment, who possesses a stentorian voice of good volume, sang the "Warrior Bold," and Bro. Jupp rendered excellently "Dearer than Life." Bro. Senior P.M., in a most pleasing and effective manner, sang "Love's Request." The Worshipful Master then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and in his remarks mentioned that his first toast would have been our newly-made member Captain Harkness, but as that brother had been obliged to leave he should defer the pleasure of proposing his health until the next meeting; he, therefore, had much pleasure in submitting the toast named, and in doing so thanked the Officers for the very liberal support they had given him during his year of office. His thanks were especially due to his Senior Warden Major Baldrey, who he was sure would make a Worshipful Master second to none of his predecessors. The toast was responded to by Major Baldrey, who expressed a hope that, at the end of another year, his brethren might not regret the choice they had made. Several songs were afterwards sung, in excellent style, by Visitors, when the Worshipful Master having handed the gavel to his S.W., that brother proposed the health of the Visitors in a warm and enthusiastic manner. The toast was responded to by Bros. Salmon, Riddle, Aldred, Senior, Gouldrey, Edwards and Hine, each one expressing his delight with the Masonic and musical treat all present must have enjoyed. Bro. Darbyshire P.M. asked permission from the W.M. to give a recitation, in order somewhat to vary the programme, but more especially to show his gratitude for the very kind manner he, along with his seven brethren from the Wolseley Lodge, together with the rest of the Visitors, had been entertained, and to mark the fact that at the special invitation of the W.M. the brethren of the Lodge bearing the honourable name of Wolseley had attended so numerously. They, one and all, cordially invited the members of the Military Lodge to the next, or any meeting of the Wolseley Lodge, which, he remarked, assembled on the first Tuesday in every month at the Lodge-rooms, Town Hall-buildings, King-street, Manchester. The brethren concluded the proceedings at 10.45 by singing the National Anthem.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 11th instant, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Richardson W.M., Triggs S.W., Tongue J.W., Snodin Treasurer, Simpson Secretary, Cornu S.D., Saunders J.D., Coleman I.G., Fox Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. Brown, Dodson, Gush, Gladwell; Bros. Main, Parsons, Sayers, Trinder, Underwood, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Parsons answered the usual questions previous to passing, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the first and fourth sections were worked by P.M. Brother Brown, the second section by P.M. Bro. Dodson, and the third by Bro. Snodin. All performed their work in a very efficient manner. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Parsons acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed. Bro. Triggs was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesdays, 26th November and 2nd December, at seven o'clock. Brethren are cordially invited.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Rich W.M., Schadler, Ferry, Walker Hon. Sec., Dyson, Haller, B. Haynes, Hills, Buggin, Steed, Stafford, Ruse, Marshall, Weil, Fellheimer, H. Haynes, Valentine, Maidwell, and Moss Preceptor. After the preliminaries of Lodge being opened and closed, the brethren sat down to a most excellent supper, provided by the esteemed Treasurer Bro. Maidwell, after which the following toasts were proposed:—Queen and Craft; the W.M.; Success to the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, responded to by Bro. Moss. A small compliment was then paid to the wife of Bro. Moss, the brethren having subscribed and purchased an album, which the W.M. presented to Bro. Moss, who suitably thanked the brethren. The Officers' toast was given and replied to by the Treasurer and Secretary. A most enjoyable meeting was then brought to an end. During the evening Bros. Stafford, Valentine, Hall, Maidwell and Hills gave some capital songs and recitations.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 31st October, at 7 p.m. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Turner S.W., Taylor J.W., Houghton 2032 S.D., Sapsworth 1656 J.D., F. Botley I.G., C. E. Botley Secretary; also Bros. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, E. Monson jun., Courlander, P. Monson, Sherrin, Cammell, Sperring, G. Thomas, V. Wing, G. Gardner, &c. Visitors—Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., Col. J. Mead 1971, Garner 1602, Hunt 1656, Cutbill 902, 795, Cox 780, &c. This being the night set apart for Bro. Jas. Stevens "Knobs and Excrescences," the W.M., in a few graceful words, introduced the Lecturer, expressing his cordial agreement in the value of such lectures to zealous students of the Craft. Bro. Stevens then commenced, prefacing his remarks by an apology for hoarseness he was suffering from; he only lately having recovered from an attack of bronchitis. Proceeding, he explained that he had no authority for the uniformity of ritual which he advocated, but wished to ventilate the subject by laying his ideas before the brethren; from his point of view he considered it essentially necessary when one saw the diversity of working in many Lodges. Tracing the history of Freemasonry, Bro. Stevens expressed his opinion that Speculative Masonry, as we now know it, cannot be traced further back than the year 1717, although there is no doubt that the Guilds of Masons existed for centuries before, and probably the ritual existed in manuscript anterior to this date, since which time it has been transmitted orally. After noticing many ancient works which had been written on the subject of Freemasonry, and the erroneous ideas which prevailed among the general public concerning our rites and ceremonies, the Lecturer explained that a Lodge could be opened in one place and closed in another, and expressed his approval, where it was possible, for the Lodge to be "called off" for the banquet to be held, and then for the Lodge to be "called on" again and closed; this, he explained, was an advantage in case it was necessary to remind brethren that, although at the banquet table, they were expected to observe the order and decorum of open Lodge. Bro. Stevens expressed his high approval of music as an adjunct to the ceremonies when it was properly carried out, but pointed out the ridiculous anomaly in some Lodges where an Organist is appointed who does not know a note of music. He also condemned the indiscriminate use of the gavel, and said when it was used it should be used gently, and not as though it was intended to show how much force could be expended without breaking it. The Lecturer particularly referring to the first degrees, the proper method of opening a Lodge was gone through and explained, and a preference was given to asking each Officer his duties instead of through the Wardens. It was also pointed out that each of the three principal Officers had a particular Officer appointed to attend on him. Thus the S.D. is the Officer of the W.M., the J.D. that of the S.W., and the I.G. that of the J.W. The initiation ceremony was then touched upon through its minor variations: while the correct way of working was pointed out and explained, also the pass words. Bro. Stevens excited the mirth of the brethren by an account of some working he saw in the West of England, where theatrical effects of a startling character to the candidate were introduced; these only required a little blue fire to make them as weird as the witches in Macbeth. Bro. Stevens, who had been attentively listened to, and frequently applauded, then concluded, with an earnest appeal to the brethren to think over the matters he had brought before them, so as to secure such working as would expunge what was meaningless, and at the same time enhance the beauty of our ceremonies, offering to explain the ground he took to any brother who was desirous of information. Bro. Stevens then resumed his seat, having been speaking for two and a-half hours. He received the hearty congratulations of all present. Bro. C. E. Botley proposed that a hearty vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, be given to Bro. Jas. Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., for his most interesting lecture, and that the members further confer on him the honorary membership of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. F. Botley, and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks for the honour the Lodge had done him. Bro. J. Hunt 1656 and Bro. H. Sapsworth 1656 and 2032 were elected members. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge adjourned until Friday, 7th November, at eight o'clock.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington. Present—Bros. Mason W.M., Purdue S.W., Green J.W., Rev. M. Haine Chap. 205 Chaplain, Read Treas., Dehane Secretary, Laurence S.D., Cruttenden J.D., Brown I.G., Batley Steward, P.M.'s Spiegel, Andrews, Capt. Nicols, Chalfont, Levy, Morgan; also Bros. Lichtenfeld, Le Clair, Simpson, Dickinson, Day, Ferrier, Cliburn, Fowler, Mote, Robinson, Laundy, Eastgate, Monson, Webb, Wood. Visitors—C. L. Boswell 1339, H. W. Boswell 1339, Blake 1834. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren were then called off and on. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wood candidate. Bro. W. W. Morgan was then introduced by the W.M., and delivered his popular lecture on "The Masonic Institutions." Bros. Haine Chaplain 205, C. L. Boswell 1339, A. G. Boswell 1339, Blake J.D. 834 were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks and honorary membership was unanimously voted to Bro. Morgan for his services. Lodge was then closed until 17th November at 8 p.m.

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Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.—A meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Criterion Hotel, Piccadilly. Present—Brothers Coleman W.M., Jacobs S.W., Kedgley J.W., Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, Bourne P.M. Sec., Dixon S.D., Bower Solomon J.D., Bassett W.S., Reynolds as I.G.; Visitors—Bros. Churchley P.M. 615 P.P.G.S. Kent, Jordan 1580, Levy P.M. 188, Moody 1580, Hayes 1348, Charton W.M. 1259, Renaut 1623. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Archibald Bryan, who was duly initiated into the Order perfectly and impressively. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and then Lodge was closed until the second Tuesday in December. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, and superintended by Bro. Bettini, that gave great satisfaction. The Rev. Bro. P. M. Holden having said grace, the W.M. in very eloquent terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. Jacobs then rose, and said: A pleasing duty devolved on him in proposing the health of the W.M. Many of them had seen Bro. Coleman initiated in the Lodge; he had performed his duties in the chair. He trusted when the him came for him to leave it they would think equally well of him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate. Bro. Bryan was one the Lodge was proud of. He had been introduced by Bro. Frank Gulliford, a son of a respected P.M. who was unavoidably absent. Bro. Bryan by his attention to the ceremony showed his appreciation of our ritual. The Initiate expressed the great pleasure he felt in responding to the toast. His great aim and ardent wish had been to become a Mason; he hoped in future years to show the brethren that he would be a credit to the Order, and assured them he would ever strive to uphold this ancient Institution. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which compliment Brother H. M. Levy Past Master 188, and Brother Churchley Past Master 615, severally responded The toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge came next. They were all experienced in Masonry; with pride the W.M. announced that they had the Father of the Lodge and Treasurer, Bro. E. Jacobs P.M., present. Also Bro. Bourne P.M. and Secretary, a respected member; Simeon Jacobs P.M., one whose heart is in the right place may be accepted as the type of those brethren. All he (the W.M.) would ask was, the brethren to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. G. Jacobs P.M. and Treasurer, responded. The Past Masters appreciated the recognition of their services; they had been presented with jewels to wear on their breasts; this was an incentive to work for the interest of the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers; he mentioned their names seriatim; no better working brethren could be found. He was pleased to see among them an old and valued brother, the Rev. P. M. Holden, their respected Chaplain; he trusted his visits to them would be more frequent. Bro. J. Jacobs S.W. having responded, the Tyler's toast was given. The brethren enjoyed an agreeable musical evening, Bros. Ralph Thodey, Essex, and Unwin contributed, while Bro. Bassett exhibited some marvellous illusionist tricks. Great credit is due to Bro. S. Jacobs P.M. for his unremitting attention to the comfort of the brethren and visitors.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday 13th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Prior W.M., Stringer S.W., Williams J.W., Speight P.M. Sec., Banks S.D., Cooper J.D., Penrose I.G., Hutchings Preceptor; also Bros. Bolton, Good, Freeman, Dundridge, Pitt, Vint, Green, and Emblin. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pitt candidate. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and the chair was vacated by Brother Prior and taken by Brother Good, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother Freeman personating the candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Brother Stringer was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 13th instant, at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road. Present—Bros. Hammond W.M., Pringle S.W., Saint J.W., Horley Secretary, Oxley S.D., Wakeham J.D., Moss I.G., Fenner P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Pryce-Jones, Powell, Jones, Smith, Hirsch; Visitors, Bros. Geddes 1278 and Vickery 1475. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Pryce-Jones candidate. Brother Pryce-Jones answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pryce-Jones acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Brother Fenner worked the first and second sections of the first lecture assisted by the brethren. The Visitors named above were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and Brother Pringle was appointed to preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Worshipful Master for his able services in the chair. Nothing further being offered, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, at Bro. Bakers', Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present:—Bros. Brock W.M., Turner S.W., Townsend J.W., Forge (Acting Preceptor) Treas., Collingridge Sec., Cusworth S.D., Baine I.G., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Atterton answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Western acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when Bro. Snook as candidate for passing answered the usual questions. Lodge was resumed to the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, Nov. 17th, when Bro. Turner will occupy chair. Two members—Bros. Kirk 1767, and Battern 463—were elected.

TRADITIONAL HISTORY OF THE ORIGIN OF ELLAN VANNIN MASONIC LODGE.

When King Orry invaded our fair Ellan Vannin,
The fog was so thick he could not get a man in;
Lighthouses and buoys
Were scouted as toys,
And the foghorn at Langness, which makes such a noise,
Was not yet set up in the land of the Manx,
With its dark frowning reefs, and its dangerous banks.
So this terrible rover,
Who just had come over
By the steamer which crosses from Calais to Dover,
And after a week in far-famed "Leicester Square,"
Whilst he sought in the "city" the sinews of war,
Had come to the Mersey, embarking again
At the docks all his powder, beef, biscuits, and men.
Then ahead by New Brighton,
Which then had no light on
The end of its long iron pier to invite one;
Then over the bar they went tossing and rolling
Like a horse which gets too much old oats carracolling.
But there, I'm no sailor, and cannot relate
How the tide was against them, and kept them so late
That the "bobbies" got tired, and the cabs wouldn't wait,
And the postmen and porters and touts left the pier—
That's they would, but it was not then standing, I fear.
A fog then arose
Such as London oft shows,
When you can't see a thing at the end of your nose,
And the king, who was qualmish, and peevish, too, swore,
By Odin, by Thor, by some dozens gods more,
That he'd pay off the Manx when he once got ashore.
Then he called out, "Ahoy!
Pass the word there, my boy,
To the pilot to come, his best skill to employ
To get us ——" Here Tom Taut, the pilot, stood by
With his "quid" in his cheek and his glass to his eye,
Touched his hat, made his scrape, and took several hitches
At his narrow-hipped, wide-ancled, tarry, duck breeches.
And he said, "sir," said he,
"I am here as you see,
Now what do you want me for, great King Orree?"
"Why confound it," the King said, "you stupid old son
Of a long-rifled breech-loading, eighty-ton gun,
Don't you see, sir, that we
Are befogged here at sea,
And can't land in Douglas to go on the spree;
But I swear by great Odin, by Freya, by Thor,
By the piper that played before Moses begor,
That I'll skin you alive with a man-of-war cat
If you don't take us in; so mind what you are at."
When a viking so wild
As King Orry got riled
Very few of his crew looked too happy, or smiled,
But Tom Taut, the brave pilot, just turned his "quid,"
And proceeded at once to do what he was bid.
You may ask how on earth he could manage to steer
Though a fog thick as soup to the Battery Pier?
'Twas, you see, that Tom Taut,
As every man ought,
Had become a Freemason, and so had been brought
To the knowledge that either by day or by night
A Mason who once has discovered "the light,"
And acts on the Square, will be sure to steer right.
I won't take up your time,
Nor spin out my poor rhyme,
As I think that a long-winded tale is a crime,
In relating the wars by which Orry succeeded
In subduing the Isle, as we all know that he did.
Suffice it to say
On a subsequent day,
A long time after this, when just going to pay
The last debt of nature, he thought of the way
His fleet had been guided
By "Craft" he derided
To a land where his gains had been very decided;
So sent for an advocate trusty and skilled
To write out his testament. In it he willed
That his subjects of Mann,
Under pain of his ban,
Should found, and should consecrate, set up, and plan
A Lodge of Freemasons when he was no more
For a full thousand years, in eighteen eighty-four,
And should call it, when laid down with level and line,
The Lodge Ellan Vannin—two nought forty-nine.

25th October 1884. G. H. S.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
23—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

R.A. 13—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1503—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
350—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergа, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
1446—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—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.
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.
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall
1053—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 490—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th 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—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Purrington Road, at 7. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

30—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
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1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1098—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester

1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse

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1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Dunham House Northallerton
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

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
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R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
M.M.—Newstead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1276—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1683—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 807—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. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—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
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
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1353—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1452—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1513—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 304—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 383—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 118 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1163—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1963—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 43—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
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. (Instuction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 622—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
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

EARLY ARCHITECTS.

WE extract the following from the *Texas Freemason*, published at Fort Worth,—which has reached No. 10 of Vol 1:—

Thirty years ago our school histories used to tell us that Assyria was the oldest of nations, and that Nineveh was founded by Asshur, the son of Shem, about 2200 B.C., or two hundred years before Abraham, and the inference was that the first historical edifice, the Tower of Babel, was built by that people. But histories of to-day tell us that there was an earlier Chaldean kingdom, of a race akin to the Egyptians, a Hamitic race, who founded Babylon 2500 years B.C. Then we had wonderful accounts of a ruined tower which was plainly the Tower of Babel, showing evidences of destruction by lightning; but we now know that travellers were deceived by the ruins of the Temple of Nebo at Borsipar—Birs-i-Nimrod—of which the different stories were of different colours, to represent the sun, moon, and planets, and one story having been vitrified by heat might well appear to have been struck by lightning. But now comes a new discovery of a library dug up—a library of books written with a pen of iron, such as Job had in mind, and may have seen, for he lived across the great river nigh into Chaldea and in that day—and those books prove that there was a still earlier kingdom there, a Turanian race. But it is not even certain that this race built the Tower of Babel, for in Genesis we find that the people who found a plain in the land of Shinar "journeyed from the East." Now the Turanians, as well as the Noachites from Ararat, would have journeyed from the north or north-east; and looking east from Babylon we find the land of the Aryans. But whatever may have been the race who builded it, they evidently had no trained architect to direct them; their bricks were probably unburned, and slime was not the substantial cement which Nebuchadnezzar used, for that holds to this day.

But there is no question that in the reign of King Urukh (2326 B.C.), they built many fine temples, for in the British Museum is an inscribed stone from one at "Ur of the Chaldees," which Abraham doubtless read when he was a boy in that City, and his father Tarah was Captain of the King's Guards. Everything in that alluvial soil was builded of brick, which did not allow that scope for ornamentation that is found in stonework, but architectural genius demonstrated, and some day our savants will tell us who the builders were. Doubtless they were high officials, in favour with the priests and with the king. In later days, in the neighbouring kingdom of Assyria, where stone was used, we find wonders of art, which have been found worthy of transportation to the uttermost parts of the earth, and of being pictured forth to all the world. But even of artists so famous as these must have been, we have no record, and there is no trace of an organized guild of builders, as in Egypt. This is the more remarkable since we find such evidences of civilization. The people lived in great cities, in comfortable dwellings, transferred their lands by written deeds, at a time when the Jews simply plucked off a shoe as a testimony, and, withal, were akin to the Phœnicians who sent forth trained bands of builders to foreign parts. A great body of builders there must have been, and the trade must have descended from father to son, because that was the custom in early days with all nations. Some organization is therefore probable. Even if the workmen were serfs, the leaders were of consequence, and somewhere among the ruins some traces of them must sooner or later appear.

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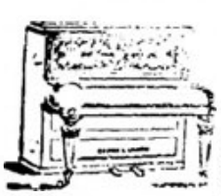
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THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

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THE concluding chapter gives a concise sketch of the "Constitution of the Grand Chapter," the progress of the Royal Arch Degree and its connection with the "Modern" system being very carefully delineated. The formal constitution of the G. Chapter took place on the 22nd July 1767, under the authority of Lord Blaney, the Act of Constitution being known as the "Charter of Compact," and including the regulations for the government of the body. Here, then, we have it in evidence that the Degree was recognised, though not officially, by the "Moderns." It gradually extended its influence, but more particularly in the Provinces, the first warrants granted being issued in 1769. By 1778 there were fifteen chapters on the roll, which number went on increasing still more rapidly, thirty-eight warrants having been granted in the course of the nine years following 1778, forty-nine more being issued between 1787 and 1796, and thence to 1810 some seventy-one more. Moreover, the most distinguished among the "Moderns" cultivated the Degree, the most noteworthy cases in point being the Dukes of Manchester, Cumberland, and Sussex, all successively Grand Masters of the "Regular" branch of the Fraternity. Other active members at different times are mentioned by Brother Hughan, such as the famous Dunckerley, the Hon. C. Dillon, the Hon. Rowland Holt, James Heseltine, Sir Peter Parker, the Earl of Moira, Chevalier Ruspini, W. R. Wright, &c., &c.

As to the exact *status* of the Royal Arch under the "Moderns" we are enabled to form a tolerable idea from a statement made in answer to inquiries by Brother James Heseltine, for many years (1769-84) G. Secretary, who, in reply to a Bro. Gogel, says, in 1774, that the Grand Lodge only recognised the three degrees, but at the same time added: "It is true that many of the Fraternity belong to a degree in Masonry, which is said to be higher than the other, and is called the Royal Arch. I have the honour to belong to this degree . . . but it is not acknowledged in Grand Lodge, and all its emblems and jewels are forbidden to be worn there. In order to convince you of the untruth of the rumours you have heard, I can assure you that our present Grand Master Lord Petre is not a member of the Royal Arch, nor was our Past Grand Master, Lord Beaufort. You will thus see that the Royal Arch is a private and distinct society. It is a part of Masonry, but has no connection with Grand Lodge, and this is the only further degree known to us in England." In August of the following year, Bro. Hanbury, writing for Bro. Heseltine in answer to a further communication from the same correspondent, points out that "Masonry is Masonry with or without this degree (*i.e.* R.A.); if it taught a new doctrine, it would be quite different and must be rejected unhesitatingly. That is why we reject the high degrees of the Strict Observance. They are a confusion without sequence. English Masons have one (R.A.) of which I am a member, and Heseltine is President. It contains a high degree of morality and therefore rejoices in general approbation." In December of the same year Bro. Heseltine, in a further communication to Bro. Gogel, says:—"I have already told you a further degree, called Royal Arch, is known in England, in which the present Grand Officers are mostly members of the Chapter. They belong to it as a separate society, without connection with Grand Lodge and its explanations of Freemasonry are very pleasing and instructive." The rest of the Chapter, interesting as it is, need not detain us. It carries us on to the present day, whatever of consequence happens being made the subject of appropriate remark.

The appendices, seven in number, include the Charter of Compact (R.A.) 1767; the Laws of Grand Chapter 1776; Warrant of No. 79 granted by Dunckerley in 1791; Charter of Compact (Knight Templar), 1780; a list of R.A. Chapters 1769 to 1813; ditto of Extinct R.A. Chapters 1769-97; and another of the Grand Superintendents of the R.A., 1778 to 1813. These appendices constitute by no means the least valuable portion of the book; indeed the publication and compilation of these important documents would alone entitle Bro. Hughan to the thanks of every student of the Craft of Masonry.

We have now brought our study of Bro. Hughan's sketch of the "English Rite of Freemasonry" to a conclusion. It has been said by those who are fond of instituting comparisons that this is the best of the works that has emanated from the author's pen. We shall take no exception to this view, though it may be we agree with it in a sense in which it was not exactly meant to be understood. We do not consider it his best work, on the ground that he has shown greater skill in the treatment and arrangement of his materials. We cannot picture to ourselves Bro. Hughan, after having selected different subjects of study, doing aught else than bring the whole of his vast knowledge and experience to bear on the treatment of each. Were there observable any difference in the degree of success attained in one case as compared with another, we imagine it would be due rather to the subject selected than to the extent and character of his labours, which have been always carried out most carefully and conscientiously. This sketch of our English Rite may, however, perhaps, be set down as his best and most important work in the sense that it treats, not of a separate event or portion of our history, but of the English system as a whole. It traverses the whole of the period embraced in our history, so far at least as has been thought necessary to elucidate the purpose of the work. At all events, it is a most valuable contribution to our literature, and, like all his previous contributions, is based on trustworthy sources of information. As Brother Whytehead remarks in the concluding paragraph of his preface to the work—"The author has certainly gathered together a very valuable mass of facts, and has dealt throughout exhaustively with his subject;" and, like Bro. Whytehead, we "esteem it a great privilege" to have been allowed an opportunity of placing on record our appreciation of the "latest efforts of one who has laboured so closely, conscientiously, and successfully, for a course of years, to open out the paths of Masonic literature, and to bring to light our hidden secrets of the past."

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THE ancient and loyal burgh of Great Yarmouth derives its name from the position it occupies close to the mouth of the Yare, one of three rivers which unite in a broad expanse of waters called "Braydon," whence one channel only—the Yare—carries them to the sea. All the authorities who have written upon the subject seem to be agreed that Yarmouth sprang from the sea; that at one time, in the past ages of the world, the waves of the German Ocean flowed over the low-lying marshes of eastern Norfolk, and that whether from the gradual rise of the soil, or from the receding of the waters, the sandy foundation on which the town stands gradually rose above the action of the tides, cut off from the mainland by the River Yare, which at that time emptied itself by two channels into the sea—one to the north, between Caister and Yarmouth, and the other to the south, about four miles distant. The northern channel was entirely blocked with sand in the eleventh century, and the southern channel has since been used as a haven for shipping. Large sums of money were spent from time to time during the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth centuries in maintaining an outlet, on account of the sand continually silting up from the action of wind and tides, and completely blocking the entrance; but as the inhabitants could not exist without a haven, renewed attempts were made to obtain a passage for the fresh water of the river, until at last success attended their efforts, and the present channel at Gorleston was formed, and protected by two stout piers projecting into the sea on either side. By these means a recurrence of former disasters has been effectually prevented. There is no doubt the haven has contributed very materially to the prosperity of the town; £20,000 has been recently expended by the Corporation on the present wharf, a covered market, and the quay, which is the finest in England, and perhaps in the world.

Until 1867 the borough sent two members to Parliament, but the enlightened burgesses attached so much value to their political privileges that it was disfranchised, and, although the population is nearly 50,000, it remains at the present time unrepresented. Fishermen, we are told, were probably the first settlers, and to fishermen and the produce of the sea the town very properly—taking into account its origin—is indebted for its present importance and greatness.

Everything connected with the place reminds the visitor of this fact. The first thing to attract the eye on leaving the railway station is the gilded vane at the summit of the New Town Hall, representing a fishing smack fully rigged. The river, also, crowded with fine fishing vessels, displays at once the enormous activity of the fishing trade in this most important of fishing marts in the world. The name of the parish church—the largest in England—is St. Nicholas, who was the patron saint of fishermen and children. For some years past it has been proposed to raise the tower and spire to a height of 400 feet, which would certainly be more in keeping with the large structure beneath, besides being an excellent landmark, visible to fishermen miles out at sea. A later idea, we believe, has been to add a gilded cross to the summit, as a fitting emblem of the faith of the inhabitants, and to attract the earliest rays of the rising sun, but want of funds has caused both schemes to fall through.

The beach of the coast of Norfolk varies considerably, but, as a rule, it is very flat, and at low water a vast expanse of land is uncovered. An outer bank is usually to be found a few yards to seaward of the mainland, the channel between the two being two to three feet deep at low water. This formation is particularly awkward for the pleasure and other boats of large size, because, if it were not for a swatchway, or opening to be found in this ridge of sand, it would be impossible to launch them from off the beach except at high water, when the bank is sufficiently covered to float them over. This is notably the case at Yarmouth.

The low-lying marshes are generally protected by high sandhills at the back of the beach, overgrown with maram grass, the long roots of which help to bind the loose drift-sand together, and thus prevent it being blown inland in large quantities. It is supposed that these hills were thrown up by the Romans to prevent the encroachment of the sea. The sand is piled up on a clay foundation, and the long maram grass, already alluded to, not only binds the sand together, but causes it to accumulate. In Lincolnshire they are of great height and extent, and on the north coast of Norfolk, at Holkham, a large number of fir trees have been planted by Lord Leicester, thereby imparting to them a very effective and picturesque appearance.

The chain of outlying sands off the eastern coast of Norfolk, at varying distances from the shore, present grave dangers to navigation, and every year numbers of lives and vessels are lost. A magnificent roadstead, several miles in length, exists off Caister and Yarmouth, formed by the close proximity of the Scroby Sands, distant only about 2½ miles, running parallel with the beach, which effectually protects it, and affords an excellent anchorage for vessels in distress or weather-bound.

Before the improvements in the haven, providing for the better landing and transport of fish, were carried out, it was the custom to ferry the catches from the smacks lying in the roads to the beach, where the sale and packing of the fish took place. This occupation, and the assistance so often required by vessels in the roads, or outlying banks, probably called into existence a race of men known on the Norfolk and Suffolk coasts as beachmen. At Yarmouth they were formerly divided into six companies, each one possessing a station, look-out nests, yawls, gigs, and other boats. These boats were held in shares, and any money earned by them was divided into doles or parts, the boat taking a certain number for repairs, and for dividing among the shareholders, the remainder being distributed among the men employed on the occasion.

To give all the men a fair chance of occasionally being one of the boat's crew, a system of "touch" was introduced, *i.e.*, whoever first touched the boat were the men entitled to man her to the number required. No difficulty seems to have been experienced under this arrangement, and perfect honesty appears to have been the rule among the men, each man acting as a check to his neighbour, so that no unjust claim for a share in the profits was known, as it was so perfectly certain to be found out. The competition at times, in consequence of the rivalry between these companies was so great, that enormous risks were incurred, and numerous accidents, involving loss of life, happened in the endeavour to be first alongside the vessel requiring assistance.

A race of men were thus reared inured to hardship and danger, and famed for acts of daring and endurance in the performance of their occupation. Unfortunately for them, but fortunately in other respects, the substitution of steamers for sailing vessels, together with the introduction of the Plimsoll Act, put an end to many of the unseaworthy ships then afloat, and the supervision exercised by the Board of Trade surveyors has no doubt proved a healthy check on unscrupulous shipowners, to whom the loss of their vessel was probably more often than not a profit; but whatever the cause, it has been evident for the past five or six years that the need for beachmen at Yarmouth has gone, and that the chance of earning a living in this way is now so small that no one would think of bringing up his sons to the "business;" but while the men have been driven from the beach at Yarmouth until only three small companies survive, containing an aggregate strength, at most, of twenty men, and their boats rapidly going to decay, Caister, a village three miles to the north, continues to maintain its company, numbering forty men, and they contrive to follow their hazardous calling under particularly thriving circumstances.

Gorleston, from its position at the mouth of the haven, 2½ miles to the south of Yarmouth, with smooth water for the boats to launch into, and in the immediate vicinity of the tug-boats, enjoys every advantage, and consequently we find there two companies of beachmen, each about thirty strong, composed of young and able-bodied men, ready and fit for anything, and, like those at Caister, knowing thoroughly every shoal and set of the tide.

With a coast so full of dangers to navigation, and with such a magnificent body of water-dogs, as one might call these men, actually living on the beach, there was plenty of opportunity for philanthropy to come to the rescue of the sailor under the most favourable circumstances. Accordingly, about the year 1824, the Norfolk Association for the preservation of Life from Shipwreck was established by the combined exertions of the leading gentry of the county, and was maintained with considerable effort, and at great expense, by its supporters. This association was the first to grapple systematically with the dangers of shipwreck,

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and for a period of thirty-four years it struggled with the difficulties incidental to the want of professional supervision over the Life-boats stationed at the different localities, and inadequate funds to meet the numerous expenses peculiar to the service. It was also found difficult to maintain a full working central committee, for the principal subscribers and supporters were scattered all over the county, and could only give their attendance at meetings in an irregular manner.

Towards the close of 1857, negotiations were entered into with the National Life-boat Institution—the ability of which to undertake the important duty of saving life from shipwreck was at this time beginning to be recognised—to consider the expediency of its absorbing the Norfolk society. Meetings were consequently held, at which evidence was produced of the existing condition of the stations under the control of the association, and they were found to compare most unfavourably with those under the management of the Institution. After much deliberation and correspondence with the London society, it was resolved at a meeting held 19th December 1857, to transfer the entire administration of the Norfolk Association to the National Institution in the following terms:—"That the Royal National Life-boat Institution will proceed at once to place the whole of the Life-boat establishments on the Norfolk coast in a state of complete efficiency, according to the approved standard of the Institution, and that the expense of the same be defrayed by the 'Norfolk Shipwreck Association' from its funded capital, the interest on the remainder of the capital, as well as its annual subscriptions, being paid to this Institution to aid in enabling it to maintain in a state of efficiency the several Life-boats so transferred."

Since the amalgamation took place in January 1858, the Caister Life-boats have been instrumental in saving 945 lives and 75 vessels from destruction, and the Yarmouth Life-boats 373 lives and 18 vessels.

Great changes have of late taken place in the constitution of the Yarmouth station, for reasons already alluded to, and the large sailing Life-boat *Mark Lane* has been transferred to Gorleston, while the small surf-boat *Abraham Thomas* has been placed under the management of the coastguard.

A large and influential committee of gentlemen resident in and about Yarmouth have interested themselves in the Life-boat cause, zealously watching over the welfare of the boats committed to their charge. It is with much regret that the Institution has had to record, within the past three years, the loss of two gentlemen—Mr. Wm. Worship, and Dr. Aldred, both of whom filled the office of chairman, and had for many years been active members of the Local Committee. Mr. Charles Diver has recently been selected to succeed Dr. Aldred.—*The Life Boat Journal.*

TALE-BEARING.

TALE-BEARING is often the result of intellectual poverty. The Masonic tale-bearer does not study Masonry as a science; he does not relish the literature of Masonry; his Masonic taste has not advanced sufficiently far to carefully read a Masonic journal, and he must tell what he knows, must talk about the small affairs of his friends and acquaintances. He has nothing better to talk about.

It is often the result of the absence of intelligent interest in the institution and its great principles, and a want of devotion to the noble and elevated pursuits of the Masonic art. The brother who has a love for Masonic history and philosophy, who watches with a Masonic eye and solicitude the affairs of his own country, or the fortunes of foreign nations, who is keenly interested in the triumph of its great principles in political and religious bodies, or who is personally engaged in zealous endeavours to benefit his brethren and to diminish the sufferings of mankind, will seldom be a tale-bearer himself or encourage others in this vice.

This habit is frequently the sign of a weak judgment. Tale-bearers will tell in the most innocent way tales about their brethren which, if not contradicted or modified by explanatory circumstances, must destroy the commercial stability of the merchant, the personal honour of the gentleman, or the integrity of the Mason. Such mischief-mongers need pity for their feebleness.

Some brethren thus assert their self-importance. They wish to exhibit their confidential relations with men of wealth, position, or intellectual power. They do not perceive that they are exposing their own baseness in betraying information obtained confidentially, professionally, or officially.

Some are tale-bearers through the love of being listened to and producing a sensation. They can produce nothing from their own hands to interest, so instead of wit they talk scandal.

Tale-bearers who stir up strife, and whose "words are as wounds," are subject to Masonic censure. They deserve it. They should never find a home among us.

—*Hebrew Leader*

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

EX. COMP. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and Superintendent of the Province of Essex, held his first Grand Chapter on Wednesday last at Southend, under the auspices of the Priory Chapter, No. 1000, the Companions of which had made excellent arrangements for the occasion. The chief business of the day was to receive a report from the Committee appointed last year to frame bye-laws for the Province, which came up in the form of draft bye-laws. These were read *seriatim* by the P.G.S.E., and, with a few additions and amendments, passed. The Provincial Grand Officers were invested as follows:—

Comp. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd	P.G.H.
E. E. Phillips	P.G.J.
Thos. J. Ralling	P.G.S.E.
Fred. Wood	P.G.S.N.
G. F. Jones	P.G.P.S.
Wm. Sowman	P.G. 1st A.S.
Rev. H. J. Hatch	P.G. 2nd A.S.
Andrew Durrant	P.G. Treas.
Fred. Adlard	P.G.R.
A. Lucking	P.G.D.C.
J. J. C. Turner	P.G. Org.
A. W. Martin	P.G. Janitor

The Grand Superintendent addressed the Companions, congratulating them upon the flourishing state of R.A. Masonry in the Province. The sum of five guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I., to be placed on the list of the Steward of the Priory Lodge. At the conclusion of the business the Companions dined together at the Middleton Hotel.

MASONIC RE-UNIONS.

WE are glad to note that within the last few years there is a greater tendency amongst members of Lodges to visit Lodges *en masse*. It is a system that should be very generally adopted, as it necessarily proves of vast advantage to all, but more particularly the young Masons. It produces a social, friendly feeling, that it is highly desirable to cultivate, and at the same time, expands the ideas, and proves the true spirit of Freemasonry.

The social features of our Society should be cultivated. Some brethren would have it all work and no play, but we contend these gathering of the Craft, these exchanges of fraternal courtesies, are highly desirable, and should be popularised. Let Masons know each other; talk round the refreshment table, listen to the reminiscences of the old, and the impressions of the young, and they will find their energies enervated, and their love for the craft increased.

A young Mason that never sees or visits a Lodge but his own, is apt to become cramped in his ideas, and very probably self-opiniated. He is like the boy that has never left his native village, and imagines it a London, Paris and New York, combined. But take the young Hiramite to sister Lodges, let him there receive a brother's welcome, and he will feel that there is something real and tangible in Freemasonry, worthy of his best efforts and his best endeavours.—*The Canadian Craftsman.*

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ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

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YORK COLLEGE.

A MEETING of this body was held at York, on 15th November 1884. There were present at the opening of the College Fratres T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX. Ch. Ad., T. J. Wilkinson VI. as Suff., Rev. W. C. Lukis VII. as Depy., J. M. Meek IV. Cel., J. S. Cumberland Hon. VIII. Treasurer, W. H. Cowper I. Secy., S. Middleton III. 1st A., C. Fendelow III. 2nd A., C. D. H. Drury I. as 3rd A., B. L. Mills I. as 4th A., A. H. H. McGachen I.G.T., T. Trevor I. as C. of N., A. T. B. Turner II., G. Simpson I., &c. Fratres J. T. Belk, V. Fowler and W. B. Williamson, previously accepted, were inducted and took their seats. The Chief Adept then read a paper, entitled "A Few Notes on Some of the Older Rosicrucians," as follows :—

W. CELEBRANT AND FRATRES,—I must guard myself from being misunderstood after my selection of the title of this short paper, because the term *Older Rosicrucians* would seem to imply that the society under whose auspices we are meeting to-day is the descendant of an older organisation. Now this is not the case, and we do not pretend to any antiquity beyond a quarter of a century or so; and it would be quite as foolish and profitless for us to endeavour to show that we have had our knowledge handed down to us exclusively from times mediæval, as it would be for us as Master Masons to try to show a succession from the fifteen fellow Crafts of the Third Degree legend. The founders of our society chose the title because it was their intention that those who joined them should do so with the purpose of investigating Masonic History, and, like the Rosicrucian Philosophers of the Middle Ages, devote *some* of their time to the examination of the *arcana* of the Craft, particularly as regards its origin and organisation. There have been many writers who have asserted, moreover, that our speculative Freemasonry is a kind of modern outcome of Rosicrucianism, and, therefore, it is not at all out of place for us to consider the class of men who, for some centuries in this country and in Europe, were popularly known as Rosicrucians, or Brethren of the Rosy Cross.

Before Andrea's time and the promulgation of his legend of Rosenkreutz, to which I have alluded in a former paper, read in this College, nothing seems to have been said of any Philosophic Fraternity bearing our title, but as the later searchers after truth were simply a continuation of the former, the earlier scientists have just as much right to be referred to as Rosicrucians. Nearly all of them were members of the Monastic Orders, as might naturally be expected in an age when most of the learning of the world was conserved within the walls of the monasteries, and therefore much of their teachings partook of a religious tendency.

Of course, from the remotest ages of the world's history, there have been societies of secret searchers after truth, although the knowledge and means at their disposal were so small that the results gained were not usually satisfactory. In the days of Abraham, for instance, and probably long before that, there were on the borders of the Persian Gulf colleges of priests who practised the arts of divination and made astrological observations from the summits of huge temples, whose crumbled remains are seen at the present day. Then we know that the Babylonians were great astrologers, as shown by their inscribed cylinders in existence in our own museums. The Israelites themselves were certainly devout believers in witchcraft and divination. Every one knows that the Greeks and Romans had their own institutions of a similar character, some of which we of this era should call superstitions, others religious, and others again secularist. And so the Saracens in Europe, and the later Alchemists, and followers of Hermeticism on that continent, down to the Witchfinders of New England and, the weakest phase of all, the Spirit Rappers of the present generation. The Orient was, of course, the birthplace of astrology and mysticism. As the cradle of the human race this was to be expected; but something may also be attributed to the cloudless skies and brilliant canopy of stars, which nightly invited the watcher to an uninterrupted pursuit of his investigations.

Nor must the reading member of this Society imagine that the Magi of the East no longer exist save in the pages of history and fable. At least, if we are to believe the daring statements of Mr. Sinnett, made in his "Occult World" some few years ago, the Society of Theosophists is in a very flourishing condition, and is ruled over by some of the most alarmingly powerful magicians possible, personages who, being absolutely omniscient, are probably watching our proceedings at the present moment, and who might indeed, if they chose, crush us instantly by some horrible fatality brought about by the terrible agencies at their command. But to our early Rosicrucians:—

I think we may fairly regard as the leader of the procession of sages who, in the European History of Literature, has left his mark most prominently upon the class which we represent Roger Bacon, the Somersetshire student, who was educated at the Oxford and Paris Universities and became a Franciscan Friar. The stories told of Bacon and his magical powers and feats are, of course, a tissue of rubbish, and most likely the inventions of a later age. Bacon was born in 1214, and it is a remarkable proof to my mind of his gigantic intellect and of his recognition by educated men of the period, as being the hero of knowledge of his age, that at a time when his works must have been circulated in very small numbers, they should have attracted an amount of attention quite unusual, and that their author should have twice found himself the inmate of a Papal dungeon. There was no printing before the fifteenth century, and therefore Bacon's books must all have been laboriously copied by hand by his pupils, yet he soon found himself an object of dread by that church which, even in these enlightened days, excommunicates those who are in search of the truth. Bacon made a collection of his works and presented them to Clement IV., who released him from the dungeon of Innocent IV., under the title of *Opus Majus*. This work was not printed until 1597, and was edited by Dr. Jebb in 1733, and treats of almost everything under the sun that in those days was considered to come within the range of the notice of the philosophic world. These included Divination by the Stars, Geography, Geometry, Natural History, Metaphysics, and many other subjects. Bacon published several other works; the one by which he will always be remembered is that in which he treats of various kinds of scientific instruments, most of the ideas he then shadowed forth having long ago been realised. There is no doubt that the Oxford Monk was far ahead of the days in which he lived; and whilst a great deal of the superstitions and nonsense of his age pervaded his mind, his soul could not be bound down by any such trammels, but soared away in prophetic visions of what he saw must be in the course of the advance of knowledge. And yet in those days Bacon was not regarded as any necromancer. It was only in later times that the flavour of the Black Art was discovered to have hung around his life; and the odd part of the matter is, that the very agency that produced this belief and revealed a luxuriant crop of previously unknown philosophical and magical societies and individual alchemists was the same force that some few hundred years later swept away the whole brood—I mean the Printing Press. The fact is, that it was the invention of printing that enabled the world at large to become acquainted with the so-called Magical Arts, and every dabbler in abstruse knowledge became known from the publication of his works, not like Bacon for their intrinsic merits, but because the mind of man, darkened and but little educated, caught at anything that seemed mysterious and grotesque, and wandering in search of truth after blind leaders, clutched at anything in the vain hope of finding some solid foundation, regarding everything that appeared in print as thereby proved to be reliable.

Leaving Bacon, we find no alchemist of note of his day except Albertus Magnus, whose real name was Albert de Groot, a Swabian. He lived eighty-seven years, and is said to have written twenty-one folio volumes of works, which were published three centuries after his death. He was a doctor and a Dominican monk, and seems to have believed at one time that he was on the track of the philosopher's stone. It seems doubtful if he really could have been the author of the mass of literature attributed to him, and we know that in later days the piracy of an author's name was no unusual trick.

Arnold of Villanova was the next man of importance. He devoted himself entirely to alchemy, and died in 1314. He is credited with the discovery of many of the leading facts of chemistry of the present day, but like all the other Knights of the Crucible of that age, he seems to have chiefly spent his time in trying to find out the way to manufacture gold.

Paracelsus, a native of Zurich, and born in 1494, was really a doctor, but in those days doctors were believed to deal in amulets and charms and to work magical cures. I fear we sometimes expect our doctors to work miracles even in our XIXth century. He publicly burned the works of Galen and claimed to have founded a better system of medicine.

Michael Nostradamus, an astrologer of Provence, born in 1503, enjoyed some celebrity. Catherine de Medicis patronised him, which probably saved him from being regarded as a vulgar charlatan.

Porta, a well descended Neapolitan, born about the middle of the XVIth century, was another learned man, who went at great detail into magical disquisitions. He formed a society, which he called "Secreti," but this got him into trouble of course with the church. His great work is entitled "Magia Naturalis, sive de Miraculis Rerum Naturalium," which has been translated into most languages. These are merely a few of the scores of sages whose names appear in various lists as alchemists and Rosicrucians, and whose works crowd many of the catalogues of the London book dealers, but those I have named seem to have been the most quoted and best known of their class at that time.

The XVIIth century was prolific in these men, but concerning them there is really very little to be said. There is a strong suspicion of most of their works having been translations, or adaptations of those of older alchemists whose manuscripts had fallen into their hands. Their claims to have transmuted gold and to have performed various other impossibilities are usually backed up by the alleged unimpeachable authority of princes and royal personages who, however, seem to have been perfectly satisfied with experiments on a small scale, and to have never conceived the simple notion of enriching themselves on the spot.

Of those who flourished during this period there was William Lilly, a Derbyshire man, who seems to have been a clever lad and an adept in the Latin tongue, for he says in his own "History of his Life and Times," published in 1715, that when he was at school at the age of eighteen he was able to cap verses and dispute with any scholars, and that when scholars visited the school he was sent to speak Latin with them, and he often had to report to his master, "non bene intellegit linguam Latinam, nec prorsus loquitur." He married a rich widow in 1632, and then went into the study of astrology. That he was undisputably a man of great erudition and attainments is shown by the fact that the Archbishop of Canterbury granted him a license to practise medicine in 1670. In his "Christian Astrology," published in 1647, he describes his astrological system, and, as it were, lets the public behind the scenes. It has been fashionable to refer to many of these men as impostors and charlatans, and the name of Lilly has been occasionally linked with that of Balsamo or Cagliostro as that of a criminal quack. I am by no means sure that this is fair in either case. We must remember the times and circumstances under which they lived, and for my part, I do not think they are any more to be gibbeted as malefactors than the brewer who makes bad beer, or the baker who turns out unwholesome bread, or the builder who carelessly puts in cheap

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drains; because in the case of the astrologers they merely enriched themselves at the expense of a few credulous people who could afford to pay for their fancies, whereas your dishonest builder or manufacturer fills his pockets by the sacrifice of the lives of his fellow-citizens, who are slain by a stab in the dark.

As we descend the scale of time the pretensions of the astrologers seem more and more pretentiously hollow, and early in the last century appeared the last works coming from any respectable press pretending to deal with such matters in an authoritative way. As I have said, our own days see something of it in a few expensive and perfectly incomprehensible books that have been published within our own recollection, but mankind has been too busy in the prosaic business of every-day life to take any general interest in the vapourings and gibberings of monomaniacs, although of course "Old Moore's" and "Zadkiel's" almanacks still command a large sale amongst our rustic populations, and are actually said to be consulted as to the propriety of many actions of every-day life.

Why then, it may be asked, call ourselves Rosicrucians if the first workers known by that name were deserving of so little credit? Because they represented a habit of diligent thought rare enough at that period, and I believe still rarer now, when most people never think at all, and get all their reasoning done for them, at the low charge of one penny per diem, by their favourite newspaper for the time being. It is rather melancholy, but perfectly manifest that one modern effect of this cheap press has been to reduce the necessity for independent thought almost to zero; and with the loss of that, most people fail in any desire to take any trouble on any matter at all. This is why we find it so difficult to interest keenly any number of Freemasons in Masonic literature and research, and why the Masonic Press finds it difficult to exist. To me it always seems somewhat of a disgrace that with our long Roll of Lodges, containing an important proportion of the wealth and intelligence of England on their books, there should be any lack of support to the Masonic Press. Various are the excuses given by Lodges and brethren for not subscribing to the Masonic papers. I am not prepared to admit any excuse from Lodges save that of absolute want of funds, but there really must be very few Lodges indeed unable to afford the very small sum demanded for an annual copy of one or both of the Masonic papers. With individual Masons the excuses for neglect of Masonic current literature are various. Some men cannot afford it—this is unanswerable—others have no time for such reading; these are more or less useless Masons, because whatever else they may do they do not take an interest in our intelligent side, and I can imagine nothing more hollow or shallow than a society existing upon fine words and gold lace without any good reason for its maintenance. Some brethren are honest enough to say they do not care about it; the monthly meeting is a little relaxation for them; and further than that they care not to go. Of these I can only say that I think they have mistaken their field of amusement, and would find much more entertainment, without the tedious repetition of unmeaning phrases, at any decent social club, or even a public house bar. Other men become subscribers to the papers, and soon give them up because they do not find anything to interest them. With these I can talk, because I am partly prepared to sympathise with them in their many disappointments, yet I have quite as much sympathy with my brethren the editors of the journals I refer to, because, after sixteen years close newspaper work, principally editorial, I am well aware of the difficulties under which my friends, the chiefs of our representative journals, labour. They find great difficulty in securing help, and the patronage they obtain does not justify them in paying for contributions. They are, therefore, to a large extent, at the mercy of outside assistants, and are not always able to exercise that absolute discretion that should be controlled by every editor. Hence it arises that we sometimes have articles by men of undoubted ability, but which are couched in an unmasonic spirit, and which, in deference to the feelings of others, should have been excluded. Hence also we have reports of individual meetings of Lodges of disproportionate length, and interesting to very few readers. Nor do I say that our Editors themselves are always blameless or discreet; no one is always wise. I believe one remedy might be found in the cheapening of the Masonic Press. We must popularise our literature, and that cannot I think be done until we can offer it in a cheaper form.

This Society should do all in its power to encourage the spread of the literature of the Craft, and to strengthen the hands of its conductors, who can do nothing unless they feel that the intelligent section of the Order is backing them. I fear, brethren, I have wandered away somewhat discursively from the original subject of my paper, but on the other hand in a sense I am not far from the track, for the old Rosicrucians were great writers, and seemed to regard the press as their mainstay in promulgating their theories. We should be nowhere without our organs for exchange of opinions as Masons, and I hope that all intelligent brethren will perceive the claim that rests upon them to support as far as possible the Masonic Press.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Fra. Whytehead for his paper, which was ordered to be printed and circulated, and Fra. T. J. Wilkinson then read a paper, entitled, "What the First Ancient said." This was a most admirable disquisition on the subject of *Mors Janua Vitæ*, and the members were very desirous to have it printed also, but Fra. Wilkinson desired to consider the matter. Several vacancies in the various grades were announced to have been filled up, and after some further business, the M.C. was dissolved, at five p.m. Soon afterwards the members met at a plain dinner, at the Queen's Hotel, after which an hour or two was passed in Masonic discussion, until the party dispersed by train towards the four cardinal points of the compass.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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STUART ENCAMPMENT, No. 28.

A MEETING of this time-honoured Encampment was held at the Masonic Hall, Watford, Herts, on Monday, 17th inst. There was a strong gathering of members, who have the interest of their Encampment, and a reverence for its founder at heart. The Encampment was opened in due form by E. Sir Knt. Geo. Mickley E.C., assisted by his Officers. There were present Sir Knts. J. R. Cocks, George E. Lake Treasurer, Rev. W. Oswald Thompson Prelate, Jas. Shilcock, George Powell, Henry C. Heard, Charles E. Keyser, John Livingston, John Purrott, Fredk. Levick, John E. Dawson Registrar, and others. Visitors—E. Sir Knts. Capt. A. Nicols Past 1st G. Standard Bearer, R. Loveland Loveland Past G. Sword Bearer, and W. H. Kempster Past E.P. Kemys Tynte Preceptory. This was a meeting of especial interest, and it is to be hoped that it will be followed by many others of a similar character, inasmuch as it embraced the working of the degree of Knight of St. Paul, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, and finally the installation of Priors of the Order of Malta. The Encampment was opened at 5 p.m., prompt time, by E. Sir Knt. Geo. Mickley, and the names of those Sir Knights who were desirous of being elected and installed Knights of Malta received in writing and submitted to the acting Prior. At the conclusion of the business of the Encampment, a Priory of the Order of Malta was held by E. Sir Knt. Capt. A. Nicols Past 1st G. Standard Bearer, ably assisted by E. Sir Knt. R. Loveland Loveland. Six Knights, members of the Stuart Encampment, presented themselves for election, and after the conference of the introductory degree of the Mediterranean Pass, were duly installed Knights of Malta, and took their stalls in the Priory. E. Sir Knt. Capt. A. Nicols afterwards opened a Board of Installed Priors, which consisted of P.E. Prior Rev. W. Oswald Thompson, R. Loveland Loveland, and several other distinguished Past Priors. No less than seven Past E. Commanders and Preceptors presented themselves for installation, which most interesting circumstance gave the Installing Prior, Captain Nicols, the opportunity of enlarging on the necessity of holding Priories of Malta more frequently. He remarked, that when a Priory of Malta was held, it was not an unusual occurrence to see as many Past E.C.'s and P.E.P.'s present themselves for installation to the Board of Priors as there were candidates for the Degree of Malta itself. This is not as it should be. E. Sir Knt. Nicols further remarked that a Prior of Malta did not rank above an Eminent Commander or Preceptor, but that the degree merely added to his dignity and entitled him to the privilege of performing those beautiful ceremonies which serve further to illustrate the history of the "Soldiers of the Cross." A very cordial vote of thanks for their assistance was accorded to Captain A. Nicols and R. Loveland Loveland in that peculiarly hearty, old-fashioned manner which leaves so deep a fraternal recollection in the mind of every true Knight Templar.

MARK MASONRY.

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KINTORE LODGE, No. 333.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge, consecrated in April last, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 10th inst., Bro. G. H. Newington Bridges the W.M. being supported by all his Officers and members, except two, who were compelled to attend other Masonic duties. Bros. T. Edmondston occupied his chair as S.W., Hastie J.W., C. Fountain M.O., P. Dakers S.O., B. R. Bryant Grand Standard Bearer J.O. and Acting I.P.M., Capt. C. H. Nevill Secretary and Acting J.O., G. Norrington S.D., H. C. Ingram J.D., J. W. Routledge R.M., R. A. Marshall D.C., G. J. Venables I.G., R. Porter Tyler. There were also present V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. Hon. Mem., and Visitors—Bros. R. J. Voisey W.M. 22, V. F. Murché D.C. 22, and W. Groome P.M. 202. The V.W. Bro. Binckes P.G.W. and Grand Secretary, and Bro. Lovegrove P.G.D. Wks., both Hon. Members, sent in apologies for enforced absence. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. then read a letter he had received from the M.W.G.M.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, expressing his regret that, through illness, he had been unable to attend, as he had intended, the inaugural meeting of the Lodge named in honour of himself; and wishing the brethren all the success they could themselves desire in its future working. This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Edward Vigers, of Craft Lodge 1669, and E. Tidd of 1426, were then advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, in a most efficient manner; the W.M. and Officers alike vieing with each other as to correctness of ritual and style of work. As an augury of future skill and ability the conduct of this, the first, ceremony performed in the new Lodge left nothing to be desired by even the most exacting critic. We shall look for a continuance of such perfection as well for the sake of the Order as for the credit of a Lodge bearing the exalted name of the G.M.M. At the close of the business of advancement the circular from the General Board relating to the Mark Benevolent Fund was read, and the W.M. immediately offered himself as Steward for the next Festival in aid of that Fund, an offer which it is almost needless to say was most cordially accepted. A few matters of ordinary business were transacted, some work for next meeting placed on the agenda, and after prayer and praise the Lodge was closed. The brethren assembled shortly after for banquet, and spent a very agreeable evening, enlivened by songs and recitations; Bros. Voisey, Venables, Norrington and Murché discoursing admirable music, and Bro. Stevens declaiming his new recitation "The Three Great Lights." The next meeting of the Lodge will be held in January.

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Obituary.

BRO. JOSEPH LEWIS OATES P.M.

WE this week have to record the death of Bro. Joseph Lewis Oates P.M. 304, which took place at Leeds, on the 12th instant, after a very short illness. There are few Masons who will be more missed than Bro. Oates. For nineteen years he has been House Steward to the Philanthropic Hall Committee (the re-opening of whose noble Masonic Hall we recently reported). By his readiness to instruct, and by his kind and genial disposition, he won the hearts of all, and no better testimony can be recorded of his worth than the large number of brethren who assembled at the Hall to accompany his remains to their last resting place. The funeral took place on Saturday, 15th November, at half-past two, previous to which the brethren, to the number of one hundred and thirty, attended a short service in the Lodge Room, the choir being composed of the members of the Fraternity, assisted by some eight or ten trebles from the parish church choir, and was as follows:—

Hymn—O God our help in ages past. Lesson—Ecclesiastes xii., v 1 to 7 inclusive. Prayer. Anthem—"Brother, thou art gone before." —Sullivan.

Address by Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. 302 P.P.G. Treasurer.

BRETHREN,—It may truly be said "In the midst of life we are in death." "We are here to-day, to-morrow gone." Last Saturday there was one of the most brilliant assemblies which ever met within these walls; to-day we meet for a very different purpose. Then it was to start into life a new Lodge, now we meet to pay "the last sad homage of respect to departed worth." Bro. Joseph L. Oates, a Past Master of our Order, born 8th October 1818; at rest 12th November 1884, was initiated into our mysteries on the 28th January 1861. After having served the office of Warden, he was duly installed W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, on the 25th December 1872; was appointed to the office of Provincial Assistant Grand Pursuivant on the 12th April 1882; was exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch on 5th February 1866, was installed First Principal of the Philanthropic Chapter 304 on 2nd February 1876, and was appointed to the office of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies on the 12th May 1880; was advanced to the honourable degree of a Mark Master on 5th April 1871; was installed W.M. of the Cayley Mark Lodge 111 on 1st July 1879, and was appointed Prov. G.I.W. in the Prov. G.L. of Mark Masters of West Yorkshire on 16th Sepetmber 1879. In early life Brother Oates joined the 68th Foot, and faithfully served his country for twenty-one years, during which period he was with his regiment in Ireland, Jamaica, Canada, Scotland, England, and again in Ireland; was afterwards two years on the staff of the Indian army, and nineteen years on the staff of the West York Militia. By one of those peculiar coincidences we meet with in life, our brother was with his regiment in Jamaica when and within a few miles of the place where I first saw the light of day. In 1865 Bro. Oates was appointed House Steward to the Philanthropic Hall Committee, and ever since then has had the care and superintendence of the building in which we are now assembled. It is said, brethren, "the course of true love never did run smooth," and so I suppose it may be said of friendship. For nearly nineteen years I have been intimately connected with our brother, sometimes as scholar, and sometimes as teacher, we have worked together in the great cause we all have at heart, and during all that long period only once has there been any interruption to our friendship. It was only a slight misunderstanding. We are all of us hasty at times; at least, brethren, you know I am; but Bro. Oates, with a candour which I have always admired, came to me within twenty-four hours, and all was satisfactorily explained. We brethren who meet in these rooms must admit and acknowledge with gratitude the care and attention our brother always paid to our comfort, and the great assistance he at all times willingly gave to those who needed instruction. We may not all agree with everything he did, but now that death has taken him from us, let us forget all little differences of opinion, and dwell only upon his many virtues and excellencies of character. So may we go forth to his funeral, offering up prayers to the Great Father above that He will comfort his widow in her deep affliction, and let us weigh well the lesson which the sudden departure of our brother forces upon us, and may it more than ever teach us to act on the laws of our great Creator, so that when we are summoned from this sublunary abode, we may ascend to that Grand Lodge above, and receive from our Great Master a crown of glory, which shall continue when time shall be no more.

After the customary Masonic service was performed, the brethren formed in procession, and marched to St. George's Church, where the first part of the Burial Service was read, and afterwards to Woodhouse Cemetery.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday last. Comps. Brasted M.E.Z., Knight H., Radcliffe J., Sheffield S.E., Strugnell S.N., Edmonds P.S. The ceremony was carefully rehearsed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Wounds, Sores and Ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over all opposition for more than forty years—viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all maladies where the skin is broken. To cure these infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as compulsory confinement indoors weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure after every other means had failed in giving any relief. Desperate diseases best display its virtues.

The General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence assembled on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall. At the former, the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge, to be held on the 3rd December, was submitted. At the latter, at which Brother Joshua Nunn President, Bro. James Brett Senior Vice President, C A. Cottebrune Junior Vice President, occupied their respective chairs, forty-five new cases were considered. Of this number six were deferred, two dismissed, and the remainder relieved, the total grants amounting to £710.

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THE WORCESTER MASONIC EXHIBITION CATALOGUE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If I did not know how generally indifferent the great majority of the members of our Craft are to Masonic literature, and indeed to almost everything that is outside the absolutely necessary work of the Lodge and its subsequent entertainment, I should have felt more surprise than I did on receiving an intimation in print to the effect that the only edition published, or to be published, of the Catalogue of Masonic Exhibits at the late Soirée and Exhibition at Worcester, in August last, is not yet exhausted. It appears that a loss will accrue to several worthy brethren if the remaining copies should not be disposed of; and if such becomes a fact, it will reflect discredit upon all who affect an interest in Masonic research, and yet refrain from rendering assistance.

The Catalogue is an admirable record of Masonic Antiquities, compiled at the expense of much labour by the Prov. Grand Secretary for Worcestershire, Bro. George Taylor, and fully annotated by our eminent Masonic historian, Bro. Hughan. It is handsomely bound, is full of valuable information in respect of nearly 1200 interesting Exhibits, and is not only a work of importance for present reference, but will certainly become in the future a *libre d'or* without which no Freemason's Library will be complete.

I am informed that the remaining copies of this most useful work are offered to the Craft at the *cost price of two shillings per copy only*. Now setting aside the obligation on the part of all true Freemasons to "support laudable undertakings," and merely looking at the matter as a question of kind consideration for the voluntary and unpaid services of devoted brethren, ought we to forego the opportunity for becoming possessors of what is even now worth more than the price named, and will certainly grow into much greater value?

If the brethren will take a hint from one who acknowledges that he may be sometimes intrusive, but even when so has the welfare of the Craft and the individual interest of its members at heart, and send a postal order for two shillings to Bro. George Taylor, Summerdyne, Kidderminster, for a copy of the work, I will answer for it they will never blame the adviser.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 17th November 1884.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

HILDA CHAPTER, No. 23.

ON Friday there was a meeting of this Chapter at York, when there were present Bros. Banister S.G.I.G., Millington M.W.S., Turner H.P., Simpson First General, Brown R., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.S., Whytehead P.S., McGachen G.M., Waddington (Ancient York Conclave), and others. Bro. Fraser P.M. was duly perfected. Several letters of apology were read. Bro. Turner was elected M.W.S., and Bro. Whytehead was re-elected Treasurer. A vote of £1 1s was passed to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, and the Chapter was closed. The members afterwards dined at the Queen's Hotel.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 17th instant, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Turner W.M., Townsend S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Sec., Cosworth S.D., Brock J.D., Trowinnard Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jordan candidate. Bro. Cosworth then occupied the chair, and Bro. Jordan was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jordan candidate. Bro. Townsend was elected W.M. for Monday next.

In the December Part of Cassell's Magazine, which will form the First Part of a new volume, two new serial stories will be commenced, one entitled "Sweet Christabel," by Miss Arabella Hopkinson, and the other "A Diamond in the Rough," by the author of "Horace Maclean." A new feature, entitled "Our Reading Club" will be included, its object being to supply every information required for the formation and arrangement of reading clubs, suitable programmes for reading, &c.

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SYMBOLS.

BROTHERLY LOVE.—When asked the captious question, "And who is my neighbour?" (Luke x, 29), the Divine Master answered by relating the parable of the Good Samaritan, in which he selected the two most direct antipodes of the social life known to the Jewish nation; two classes of people who would have nothing to do with each other, showing thereby that two men who were of the same nationality as the afflicted one were unmoved by the most touching appeals of humanity; but the Samaritan, though he knew he was regarded as beneath the notice of the fallen Jew and enemy, yet arose above all prejudice and administered the needed comfort. The great Teacher takes this form of showing that there are no bounds to that excellent principle of "brotherly love" which should exist in the human heart. That is the very lowest element of brotherly love which supposes it may be bounded by the narrow limits of any society, sect, or nation; nevertheless if two are in distress and but one can be helped it is not only natural but right to help the one to whom we are bound by some kind of fraternal tie. Thus the father would help the son in preference to the stranger, the friend instead of the enemy, and one of his own nationality instead of the foreigner, but these facts do not teach nor intimate that when calls for humanity are made we are to ignore them because the sufferer is not of "our" family, nation, religion or society, nor are we to refrain because the plea comes from poverty to the ear of wealth, or from the black to the white. True brotherhood recognises no bounds of any kind, but extends to the bitterest enemy as well as to the dearest friend. The Arabs recognised this principle at a very early period of their national life. If an enemy found his way into their ranks and demanded protection they would defend him, even to the loss of their own lives. It was the true principle of love to all men.

The monitorial teaching places this thought in the true light in saying: "By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family." By our birthright into the world we all have the same privilege of claiming the rights of humanity. In the eyes of the Creator we are all equal, having the same physical, mental and spiritual elements of nature. Riches, poverty, rank, position, nationality, colour and sex, are all things pertaining to the condition of earthly life, and do not enter into God's estimate of our character. In brotherly love we are, then, to treat men as near as we can according to God's estimate, realising the fact that if the call came to the great "I Am," He would ignore all earthly conditions, and administer relief because it was a human being that called.

Seeing so broad a field in this most excellent virtue the Mason would naturally ask, "How am I to exercise this virtue as a Mason?" How am I to distinguish my action of humanity between a brother Mason and another?" In a very peculiar sense all Masons are bound by a bond of brotherhood, similar to that which binds the children in a given household, and as they are always instructed to exercise humanity to all mankind, and to draw a distinction in favour of their own only when two or more are in distress and only one can be helped; so we are to remember the same fact and thus govern ourselves in all cases. But when the needy call and we have ability to help both, or when he calls who is not of the brotherhood, we are to go to the relief with the same feeling as if the fraternal tie bound us all, remembering our instruction that we are all "created by one Almighty Parent, and, as inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support, and protect each other."

Brotherly love does not stop with mere acts of temporal physical relief, for there are very many circumstances of life that require relief of a more enduring character. If we give of temporalities, let the kind word attend the gift, for that many times quiets the heart-pang of sorrow more than food or raiment the body. Troubles prey upon the mind and the gentle touch of loving words or consoling thoughts softens the heart pangs and eases the mortal burden. These words enliven, like the flower or the tree upon the oasis of the desert enlivens the heart of the heated traveller. When envy has grown up in the hearts of two opposing brethren, the gentle words of peace may soften the heart of each, and let "the white-robed angel of peace" do its work of mercy in uniting the souls again in love. Love is more than doing; it is the deep feeling of union—the GOD given element of nature, planted within, that holds us together in families and nations. Brotherly love is that feeling intensified by our union in families or societies.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The following Festivals were held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 22nd November:—

Monday—British Lodge, Whittington Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Lodge, Ebury Chapter. Wednesday—Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society, Grand Stewards Lodge, Oak Lodge, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Noviomagus, Royal York Lodge. Thursday—Civil Service Vocal Union, Cymmrodorian Society, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge, Globe Lodge, Linnean Club, United Pilgrim Chapter, Great Northern Lodge, Scottish Corporation. Friday—Jordan Lodge, University Lodge, St. James Chapter.

The Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar will be consecrated on Monday, the 22nd December, at 33 Golden Square, by the Great Sub-Prior. The business will comprise the initiation of candidates, the consecration, and the installation of Bro. H. Lovegrove E.P. designate.

The installation meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, will be held on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, London. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

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Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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THE FIRST MASONIC GRAND LODGES.

THE early history of Freemasonry has long been a subject of contention among the learned. Up to the present positively nothing has been published which can furnish reliable information as to where or when the Order originated. Formerly wherever the brethren spread they appear to have associated in separate Lodges entirely independent of each other. More recently in various countries they appear to have initiated a head of the Lodges called the Grand Master. In modern days to this have been added Grand Lodges, supreme under the Grand Master in the countries where they have been formed. This latter institution is claimed to have originated in England. The recorded history of those first English Grand Lodges was on Tuesday evening the subject of a very interesting lecture to Masons delivered at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth. The lecturer was Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, formerly Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall, and a great promoter of the development of Masonry in that Province, and who also holds the offices of Past S.G.D. of England, Past S.G.W. of Egypt, and Hon. S.G.W. of Canada, all conferred on him for his very valuable Masonic researches. The lecture was entitled "The Four Grand Lodges of England." It was given under the banner of the junior Lodge of the Province, the St. George's Lodge, No. 2025, recently founded in furtherance of temperance principles, and the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. G. R. Barrett P.G.S.D. P.M. 189, presided. The Chairman said Bro. Hughan was well known among Masons, particularly in the West. No doubt all present expected a rich treat from his lecture, and he felt sure they would not be disappointed. The early working and progress of the Order, were most interesting, and Bro. Hughan had made these subjects his study.

Bro. Hughan, in a long and instructive address, noticed the early history of Masonry and of the institution of the Four English Grand Lodges. Prior to the early part of the last century there was much obscurity in reference to the working of the Lodges, and there was nothing which could be accepted as actual records earlier than the

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16th century. There was an account of Masonry written as early as 1390 by a priest. It spoke of Masonry then as an ancient institution, but it did not contain what might be considered as of faithful, practical, record. It bore more the resemblance of a legend, for which, however, no doubt there was foundation. As far back as 1700 there were evidences that the Order was a religious one, and even at one time Christian. And now no man under the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, or the United States could remain a Mason unless he put his trust in God. He observed in the *Western Morning News* that the French Masons were trying to renew their relationship with the English Lodges. They sought to show that their striking out the recognition of the Deity in their formula was not intended to signify what in England it was understood to imply, and pointed out that it was proposed and seconded by a clergyman. But whatever might be its intention it effected the admission of professed atheists into the Order and the English Masons could have no connection with the French while they admitted atheists into their Lodges. Under the Constitutions at the Union of 1815 there was a clause which maintained this view, and, as he had before remarked, it was discovered from some of the old charges that prior to 1715 the Order up to then not only acknowledged the existence of a Godhead but believed in the Christian religion. In some of the old records even the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the three persons of the Trinity, were referred to. The first English Grand Lodge dated from 1717. That was instituted in London by four Lodges. The first Book of Constitutions (which he had) was published by the Rev. James Anderson in 1723. The first Grand Lodge was entitled the Grand Lodge of England, and was maintained as the only one until 1725, when the brethren of an old Lodge which had existed for centuries in York thought they might as well have a Grand Lodge to themselves. That was accordingly formed, considered independent of the other Grand Lodge, and entitled the Grand Lodge of All England. It gradually lacked authority and influence, and collapsed in 1740. In 1761 Dr. Drake and four other brethren revived it, and it continued until 1779, when it was formed into a Grand Lodge with three degrees, Royal Arch and Knights Templar. Thus it remained until 1792, when it collapsed, and was never subsequently revived. York Lodges and York Rites in the present day were simply mistakes. There were no Lodges existing which could show they had derived their authority from York. The Grand Lodge was in London. In 1779 Bro. William Preston, a noted historian of the Lodge of Antiquity, and several brethren, were brought into collision with the Grand Lodge of England for walking in procession with Masonic clothing and regalia without obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Lodge. On being cited to answer for that breach of discipline, their reply was that their Lodge was superior to the Grand Lodge by seniority. The dispute ended in those brethren being expelled. They, however, applied to York for permission, and instituted a new Grand Lodge, entitled the Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent. This Grand Lodge only instituted two Lodges, and in 1790 Preston and the other brethren working under its rule were readmitted under the Grand Lodge of England. There was another Grand Lodge, of which there was no records earlier than about 1751-52, which sprung up wonderfully. Its exact origin was not known, but to it the Order was indebted for the institution of a great number of the military Lodges and a wide spreading of Freemasonry. If there was one cause which did more than another to spread Freemasonry over the world it was those military Lodges. This Grand Lodge took upon themselves to call the original Grand Lodge "The Moderns," and themselves "The Ancients." They were, however, not known before 1751, and from what they derived their title to call themselves ancients was unknown. The Earl of Bessington was their first recorded Noble Grand Master. Then they had the third Duke of Athole as Grand Master. On his decease, his successor, a young duke of 20, was given the three degrees and elected a Master of a Lodge and Grand Master in one day. Thus that Grand Lodge was known as the Athole Lodge and its members as Athole Masons. The struggles between those Grand Lodges continued for several years. He believed, however, that those struggles in the end benefited Freemasonry. Of the private Lodges instituted by both of those Grand Lodges, prior to the settlement in 1813, there were many now in the Province of Devonshire. The following were instituted by the original Grand Lodge of England, styled "The Moderns"—Lodges 39, St. John the Baptist, Exeter; 105, Fortitude, Plymouth; 106, Sun, Exmouth; 112, St. George's, Exeter; 189, Sincerity, Stonehouse; 202, Friendship, Devonport; 248, True Love and Unity, Brixham; 257, Loyal, Barnstaple; 282, Bedford, Tavistock; 303, Benevolent, Teignmouth; 323, St. John's, Torquay; and were instituted by the Athole Grand Lodge, "The Ancients"—Lodges 70, St. John's; 156, Harmony, Plymouth; 159, Brunswick, Stonehouse; 164, Perseverance, Sidmouth; 223, Charity, Plymouth; 230, Fidelity, Devonport. Eleven Lodges of the one and six of the other; 17 in all. The other 22 had either ceased to work or removed elsewhere. Ultimately the Duke of Athole resigned his Grand Mastership in favour of the Duke of Kent, and the Duke of Sussex became Grand Master of the original Grand Lodge, or "Moderns." In the S.W. corner of the Warrant of Lodge 70 there appeared evidence of its prior existence to 1759. It was a very curious document. The Duke of Sussex laboured hard for the unity of the two Grand Lodges, and with the aid of the Duke of Kent ultimately succeeded. The union was accomplished on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, 1813. He might explain the "Ancients" were busy at work. From 1752 to 1813 they had a Grand Chapter of their own, but the R.A. degree was not recognised by the original Grand Lodge. The Athole would not join unless that degree were provided for. Hence, from 1813 the R.A. degree had been a part of Craft Masonry. That degree would always have a climax of Freemasonry following the three other degrees—E.A., F.C., M.M. In arranging the united private Lodges the Atholes were also fortunate. The Lodges were to draw lots for numbers. Thus the first Lodge dates only 1759, and Antiquity Lodge becomes No. 2, although it existed long before No. 1. Then Lodge No. 3 and others were misplaced for actual longevity. Up to 1813 there were 1,500 Lodges warranted by the four Grand Lodges. Since that time 2,000 more Warrants have been issued, making a total of 3,500 Warrants down to the present time. But of those not more than about 1,800 were now in England. It must not, however, be imagined that the others had ceased to exist. The majority of them had really been spread all over the world, the Grand Lodges of France, Germany, the United States, Canada, and others originating from the Grand Lodge of England. Much had thus been done to spread the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth all over the world. The spread of charity had also been great. Their Board of Benevolence of their Grand Lodge had distributed immense sums of money. Then there was the growth of their Great London Charities. And last, but not least, was the spread of Provincial Masonic Charities. Those had great claims upon brethren. They were administered by themselves, cost nothing for palatial buildings or officers, were doing great good, and would be widely extended.

Throughout the eloquent address Bro. Hughan was frequently warmly applauded. At its close the Chairman announced that the lecturer would be ready to answer any questions brethren might wish to put. Bro. Davies, while thanking the talented lecturer for the vast fund of information of a very interesting character with which he had favoured his brethren, thought there were still many important points to clear up. Bro. Hughan had stated that the Order was originally Christian and required of candidates belief in the Great Architect of the Universe. Admitting those points, could the lecturer say when and how the Hebrew brethren were admitted into the Order, and how the Lodges in the East managed with the various beliefs there. With the Mahometans there might not be any difficulty, seeing that their belief in reference to the Deity resembled Unitarianism. But what was done with the Hindoo believers in Brahma, Vishnu, &c., and their Vidas and Buddhism, with its Dalai Lama. Bro. Hughan said there was ample evidence that the foundation of the Order was religious. It was not, however, sectarian now, if ever it was. All it required was the belief of the candidate in the Great Creator of the Universe. They must take his statement of his belief in God. With that recognition, call the Diety by what name he liked, they were ready to admit him into the Order. Men of all religions were admissible, but not those who had none. With reference to the Israelitish brethren they were numerous. He considered them as Masons, and their Lodges some of the best in England. How far back their connection with Masonry dated he could not say. Some Masonic records would point to it as very ancient. Bro. Gifford said he considered it a most pleasing feature in Masonry when he saw a Jew as W.M. of a Lodge initiate a Christian Minister in that room. In reply to Bro. Foxwell, Bro. Hughan said he did not consider the chivalric degrees were united with Masonry before 1813; and replied to Bro. Davies that there were influential bodies now existing who claim to be direct descendants of the Templars and the Hospitallers. In France there were customs in connection with Masonry so utterly repugnant to English notions, that there must be changes before there could be any harmony and friendliness with England.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Bro. Davies and supported by Bro. Foxwell on behalf of the Cornish brethren.

Bro. Gover, on behalf of the Provincial Charities, thanked the lecturer for the attention he had drawn to their great value.

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On Tuesday evening last, Dr. Strong, Honorary Surgeon to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, East Croydon, who has recently returned from America, after an absence of about nine weeks, invited the residents and friends to a most amusing lecture, at the Hall. The entertainment comprised a description of Dr. Strong's travels, commencing at Liverpool, where he embarked on board the s.s. Vancouver, and back again to that port. The lecture abounded with humorous anecdotes and yankee mannerisms, with descriptions of scenery. Photographic views of several of the places Dr. Strong had visited were also shown, and these afforded instruction and amusement to those who were present, about sixty in all. Dr. Strong, with his talented daughter, are proficients on the violin; they were assisted by Mrs. Strong, Miss Owen (Piano), and Mr. Owen (Violoncello); consequently, some excellent music was discoursed at intervals during the evening, thus affording to all a most enjoyable three hours' amusement. Votes of thanks were most cordially given to Dr. Strong and those who had assisted, also to Miss Norris, the Matron, for her capital arrangements for the comfort of those present.

The Installation Meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will take place on Thursday, 27th inst., when, in accordance with resolution passed last meeting, the W.M. Bro. Burdett Coutts and Officers of The Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, have been invited to attend.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

AS is frequently the case on occasions when in our Lodges what is termed an "off" night, occurs, a very pleasant meeting was held on Monday, the 17th, instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. Sol. Barnett. For this particular Lodge the attendance was small, while at the same time the business of the evening not too onerous. The duties, however, were admirably performed, not only by the W.M., but by his Officers, and even Bro. Ephraim Barnett, upon whom the Fellow Craft degree was conferred gave promise of distinction during his examination by the intelligent and impressive delivery of his replies to the usual questions. In pursuance of a notice of motion by the Treasurer, Past Master Bayley, the sum of ten guineas was voted to be placed on the list of the W.M., who will represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The proceedings of the Lodge being ended, and after the enjoyment of an ample spread, the W.M. gave the toast of Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft, and permitted the assembly to indulge in exhaling the fumes of the fragrant weed, at the same time enjoining them to enjoy the vocal entertainment, to which Bros. Bayley, Tipper, and Thompson contributed. Bro. Barnett P.M. and Organist presided at the piano. A most forcible rendering of "The Charge of the Light Brigade" was given by Bro. Peartree J.W., who was very favourably received. The toasts were few, and brief were the replies. The W.M. thought that Bro. Staley I.P.M. had formed a too partial conception of his efforts, but if the brethren were satisfied he was amply repaid. The I.P.M. in his response, returned the compliment by saying that the W.M. had enumerated his poor services in too flattering terms. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, remarked that only the presiding Master could adequately estimate the great services rendered by these Officers to the Lodge. Bro. Bayley, in reply, said that duty done and acknowledged is all the recompense they looked for. Bro. Higgins, a visitor, expressed his sincere thanks for the reception accorded to him; while the Officers responded in suitable terms, and the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable evening. The only visitor was Bro. Higgins P.M. Industry Lodge, No. 421. The P.M.'s were Bros. Staley, Bayley, Moss, Croker, Barnett, and Gottheil.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE first meeting for the present session of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 13th inst. The W.M., J. J. Rentz, was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Bieling S.W., Oliver Bryant J.W., Tongue S.D., Apsey J.D., Lancaster P.M. Secretary, S. Nowakowski P.M. Treas., Banks Tyler. After the minutes had been confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Mr. Wm. H. Vaughan, and proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M. The next business was to receive the report of the Committee, appointed in April, to consider the best means of expressing the appreciation of the brethren for the very zealous manner in which Bro. Wm. Paas had performed the duties of Secretary to the Lodge for the period of twenty-eight years. This, in strict accordance with the wishes of Bro. Paas, is to take the form of a testimonial on vellum, which will be signed by all the brethren. In consequence of the death of Bro. Major Charles Szulczwski P.M. (who was the last of the original founders of the Polish National Lodge in 1846) the brethren were requested to appear in mourning. The Lodge also was draped. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for the next Lodge. The following P.M.'s were present:—Dr. Corrie Jackson, Dr. Jagielski, F. Rath and W. Paas. The rest of the usual business having been concluded, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the banquet-room. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been attended to, Dr. Jackson, who was acting as I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., who had this evening performed his duties in so able and courteous a manner. He felt sure that the brethren would join in wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M. having replied, made touching allusion to the loss the Lodge had sustained in the death of Major Szulczewski, who was the last of the seven Poles who had founded the Lodge in 1846. He was one of a band of men who had in many instances resigned their homes, property and families, when suffering under injustice. The health of the P.M.'s was proposed and duly honoured. Next followed that of the Initiate. The E.A. song being given with good taste by Bro. Gordon. After the Initiate had suitably replied, the health of the Visitors was proposed, and answered by Bros. Saegert, Villiers, &c. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Among the Visitors were Bros. Norris W.M. 181, Thos. J. Robertson I.P.M. 1538, Saegert P.M. 548, Gordon P.M. 907, Paterson 19, Thos. Heather 1973, C. J. Chambers 834, E. W. Postans 34, Froud 548 and R. E. Villiers 780.

UNITED BROTHERS' LODGE, No. 1069.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place at the Grosvenor Hotel, Southsea, on Thursday, 13th instant, when Bro. Henry Cook was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably conducted by Bro. Mark E. Frost, who was supported by a large assemblage of the Craft, including Bros. H. Cawte, R. J. Rastrick, J. E. Buck, Gordon Miller, H. P. Holley, J. Westaway, A. R. Holbrook, J. Brickwood, C. J. E. Mumby, W. E. Atkins, T. P. Palgrave, George Whitehall, G. D. Lovegrove, Harry Love, J. W. Gieve, J. T. Thackara, W. T. Dupree, C. J. Lawrence, House, T. E. Smith, P. H. Emanuel, G. Backler, H. Long, &c. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Mumby, in recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. Cook appointed his Officers for the year as follows:—Bro. Mumby I.P.M., Dupree S.W., Whitehall J.W., Rastrick Treasurer, Lawrence S.D., Jenkins J.D., House D.C., Moses I.G., Smith and Parsons Stewards, Ezell Tyler. At the conclusion of the business a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. T. W. Scaddan, proprietor of the Grosvenor Hotel. Bro. Cook presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., the annual installation of the Officers took place in the Masonic Hall, Reading, when the imposing ceremony was again conducted by the Installing Master W. W. Moxhay, in a most able and impressive manner. There was a very full gathering, including the following Officers:—Bros. W. W. Ridley W.M., John H. Hawkes S.W. (W.M. elect), R. C. Prickett J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, J. Greenaway Jun. Sec., W. Ravenscroft S.D., Henry Creed J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., William Hickie Organist, W. Cordery I.G., T. R. Vowles, W. Collins and M. Sands Stewards. The Past Masters were Bros. R. C. Hurley, W. Ferguson, R. Dowsett I.P.M., Edward Margrett, Arthur Welch, E. J. Blackwell, W. G. Flanagan W.M. 2043. The members of 1101 were Bros. W. A. Hukins, F. Coates, C. Slaughter, E. W. Ridley, E. Whitefield, Dr. Leighton Coleman, Giles Ayres, B. W. Bennett, W. E. Parkes, W. J. James, S. Knight, F. H. George, F. Brown, W. W. Moxhay Installing Master, R. S. Kemp and James Tegg. The Visitors present were Bros. B. Hunn W.M. 1895, D. Webb W.M. elect 1894, F. R. Spender I.G. 1566, H. F. Oliver W.M. 1894, T. Peet W.M. 190, W. Morris W.M. 1566, H. W. Marshall I.P.M. 303, John Egginton P.M. 414, M. J. Withers S.W. 414, G. Gadd 1247, W. E. Penett P.M. 1222, F. H. Cozens Organist 907, F. Bevan 1706, R. W. Heney 144, J. W. Lindars S.W. 1714, W. H. Harrison 1895, C. G. Hawkes Stwd. 414, T. Langdon W.M. 1170, F. Marsh S.W. 1895, G. H. Stubbington Sec. 2043, R. Bradley Prov. G. Sec., John Wilson P.M. 209, John Stollery S.D. 209, W. G. Millar 414, S. Wheeler jun. W.M. 414, &c. Before the ceremony of installation was performed, a report from the Permanent Committee was read, in reference to the resignation of P.M. Ivey as Secretary. Bro. Ivey was the first W.M. of Greyfriars Lodge, and for the last twelve years he has performed the important and laborious duties of Secretary with the utmost ability and zeal. He has recently removed from Reading to the neighbourhood of Theale, and being consequently unable to attend Lodge, he has been compelled, much to the regret of the members, to resign his office. In consideration of his important and valuable services, Bro. Ivey has been elected an Hon. Life Member of the Lodge, and in addition to this the brethren have resolved to recognise his ability and zeal in a more substantial manner. The new Officers of the Lodge are as follows:—Bros. W. W. Ridley I.P.M., J. H. Hawkes W.M., R. C. Prickett S.W., W. Ravenscroft J.W., Dr. Leighton Coleman Chaplain, J. T. Stransom Treas., Joseph Greenaway Secretary, H. Creed S.D., T. R. Vowles J.D., W. Hickie Organist, T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., W. Collins I.G., Sands, Slaughter and Wheatley Stewards. After Lodge had been closed according to ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where the installation banquet was served by Bro. Flanagan in a way which gave the utmost satisfaction. A party of musical brethren, under the direction of Bro. Hickie, attended, and their performances greatly enhanced the pleasures of the evening.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

ON Saturday afternoon the brethren of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, for the purpose of installing Bro. J. J. Brinton J.W., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business. The W.M., Bro. Middlemass, opened the Lodge, after which the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Brinton having been installed, invested his Officers. Bros. G. W. Marsden S.W., R. J. Voisy J.W., P. A. Nairne D.C., J. C. Reynolds sen. Treasurer, C. Wilson Secretary, J. Hernaman S.D., T. Goldschmidt J.D., D. Mercer I.G., C. Gooding Steward, and G. Harrison Tyler. Bro. Mansell proposed that a jewel and collar be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Middlemass, which proposal was seconded by Bro. Thornhill, and passed unanimously. Formal business was then transacted, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren thereupon adjourned to the banqueting hall, in which Bro. Slawson had provided a most enjoyable repast. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the Queen and the Craft, which having been pledged, the National Anthem was sung. He next proposed the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when Bros. Voisey, Wallis, Simons, and Prichett vocalised "God bless the Prince of Wales." The health of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers Past and Present, coupled with the name of Bro. C. Greenwood, followed. Bro. Greenwood responded in a clever and practical speech. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W. Master, and he, in response, said that owing to Bro. Reynolds jun. the S.W. having retired from the Lodge, a circumstance he regretted strongly, the choice of the brethren had fallen on himself. No man could possibly feel the deep responsibility of holding such a position more than he did. He would do all in his power to discharge the onerous duties associated therewith in the best possible manner. The Visitors, the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, were then given from the chair in rapid succession, and responded to. In proposing the Officers of the Lodge, the W.M. remarked that all of them regretted that one of their number, Bro. H. Forbes, their respected Steward, was absent, owing to severe indisposition. At some other time, and

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that at no distant day, he, the W.M., hoped to invest him. From recent accounts received, Bro. Forbes was much better, which was pleasing intelligence. Bro. Gooding jun. acknowledged the toast, and that of the Tyler concluded the proceedings.

CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

A MEETING was held on 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Williams, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Mason, through indisposition, presided; Ferguson S.W., Rogers J.W., Thurkle Treasurer, Cantle P.M. Secretary, Austin S.D., Colvill P.M. J.D., Johnson M.C., Captain Helden W.S., Williams I.G., Neilson P.M. Visitor—Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. A. D. Bradbury; this was unanimously in his favour, and he was duly initiated into the Order by the acting W.M. Bro. Cantle announced that Bros. Toombs and Taylor had presented a very artistic and elaborately-worked box and tray of Yorkshire bog oak for the use of the Lodge; this was decorated with the arms of Colonel Creaton Past Grand Treasurer. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was voted to those brethren for their valuable gift. A letter was read from the W.M., announcing his inability to be present. All wished him a speedy recovery. A letter was read from Bro. Johnson, thanking the brethren for electing him an honorary member. Lodge was then closed until the second Thursday in December. The brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very excellent banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. The acting W.M., Bro. Williams, very genially presided, and gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Cantle said it was a duty, at the same time on this occasion accompanied with sincere regret, for him to propose the health of the acting W.M., and also the health of the absent Master. Whatever Bro. Williams undertakes is sure to be done well; this the brethren could testify when they remembered how beautifully he had performed the ceremony of initiation; he trusted that it would make a lasting impression on the candidate. The acting W.M. said he rose with pleasure, mingled with regret, in the absence of the W.M. It was, however, a pleasure to him to have to preside over the brethren, and to feel he was held in respect by them. He should be pleased at any time to render any service required of him. The health of the Initiate was next proposed from the chair, and the compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Bradbury. Bros. Frank Percival, No. 1314, Hawkins Finsbury Park Lodge, and H. M. Levy severally responded for the Visitors, and praised the excellent working and presidency of Bro. Williams; thanking the Lodge also for the hospitality accorded to them. Bro. Neilson responded for the Past Masters, and Bros. Thurkle and Cantle for Treasurer and Secretary. The latter announced that the Worshipful Master, Bro. Williams, would act as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Boys' School. Shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given. Bros. Fergusson, Cantle, and Frank Percival contributed to the harmony, while Bro. Captain Helden looked after the comforts of the brethren.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, S.E., on Wednesday the 12th inst., was well attended. Bro. C. H. Phillips W.M. opened the Lodge at 5·30 p.m., and was supported by the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. H. M. Williams S.W., H. Stokes J.W., W. Hopekirk Treas., J. Hammond P.P.G.D., Middlesex Secretary, J. W. Hartley S.D., H. Hooper J.D., G. W. Knight I.G., A. Darch P.M. D.C., F. France S., and C. Thomas Tyler. Amongst members present during the evening were Bros. J. S. Worstencroft, A. F. Crofts jun., W. H. Simons, E. Bye Sen., E. Bye jun., Thos. Cox, G. Mordey, F. Wootton, C. Longhurst, Jas. Fuller, Thos. Letchford, Walter Bartlett, W. H. O'Reilly, G. R. Langley, Alfred Pitman, W. R. Mackinnon, David Baird, S. Scott Young, A. E. Chew, D. W. A. Mackinnon and others. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, J. R. Johnson W.M. 1320, J. Stock W.M. 1586, Stokes I.G. 72, R. R. Johnson J.D. 1777, Shearing W.S. 902, and Clench 453. The minutes of the previous regular meeting, held on 10th September, having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. A. E. Chew proved his proficiency. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Chew was raised. The ceremony was admirably performed by all who took part in it, the W.M. acquitting himself in such excellent style as to draw forth expressions of satisfaction from all the senior Masons who were present. In consequence of the inability of an accepted candidate for initiation to attend on this occasion the business of the evening was unexpectedly shortened. The bye-laws were read and sundry matters of detail business were disposed of. Notification was made of the unexpected removal of the R.W. Bro. Col. M. Ramsay P.D.G. Master Punjaub, from the neighbourhood of the Lodge, and it was unanimously resolved, that "in appreciation of his valuable services to the Lodge as one of its founders, the distinction of honorary membership be conferred on him." The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of "refreshments after labour;" the usual Masonic toasts were responded to, the charity box circulated, and the musical brethren, of whom there are several amongst the members of this Lodge, entertained their companions and maintained harmony until the Tyler's toast gave note of separation, after a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 2021.

BRO. George Lambert P.G.S.B. who, twelve months since, was selected as the first Master of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, gave a dinner to the members, many of his private friends, and members of the various companies to which he belongs, on the 18th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master having given permission for the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. Bros. Captain Probyn as S.W., Payne as J.W., Lieut. Lambert S.D. Bros. Jones and Lieut. Bayley occupied the vice chairs. The W.M. convened a meeting the previous evening, at the Masonic Rooms, No. 8A Red Lion-square, where Bro. Lambert presided for the last time as occupant of the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Captain Probyn was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bros. Bellerby Treasurer, and Bradley Tyler. On Tuesday, the Worshipful Master in very eloquent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. We may state that there were seventeen Grand Officers present to do honour to Bro. Lambert, the first Master and Founder of this Lodge. The Right Worshipful Bro. Hugh Sandeman, P.P.G.M. Bengal, in eloquent terms responded to the toast of the Grand Officers, while Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded for the Visitors. Bros. Sir John Robinson and Penrose also responded to this toast. Bro. Thompson then proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Lambert, speaking in eulogistic terms of his many qualities, not only in connection with this Lodge, but in all his public avocations. It might be said of Bro. Lambert that he was one whose charity knoweth no bounds. He (Bro. Thompson) would ask those present to testify to their brother their hearty thanks for this enjoyable evening. Bro. Lambert made a suitable response, and then proposed the health of the W.M. elect Captain Probyn, who he said was in every respect qualified to take command of the Lodge. He (Bro. Lambert) had during his year of office initiated thirty gentlemen, and he hoped his successor would do more. Bro. Captain Probyn responded; he would be pleased to follow in the footsteps of so worthy a Mason as the brother who now occupied the chair, but he could scarcely hope to do to. However, he would to the best of his power do honour and credit to the Queen's Westminster Lodge. The toast of the Patten Makers Company was then given, and Bro. Godson responded. Bro. Payne replied for the toast of the Wardens. The toast of the Ladies was given and responded to. The proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. The W.M. provided an excellent selection of music, under the direction of Miss Marie Duval, who was assisted by Miss Kate Flinn, Mr. Selwyn Graham, Mr. J. Hutchinson. Solo Pianoforte, Miss Marian Weaver, and accompanist, Mr. F. R. Kinkell.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was held on Wednesday the 12th instant, at The Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N. Present:—Bros. F. Silvester S.D. 193 W.M., Messer 25 S.W., L. Solomon P.M. 1732 J.W., Koester Preceptor, G. Treadwell 1076 Sec., Bertolle S.D., Wheelock J.D., Putland J.W. 1732 I.G., and Bros. Boyden, Carter, Edmunds, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the Lecture. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Treadwell acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, and resumed. Bro. Messer was appointed to occupy the chair at next meeting. Brethren in the north of London will find this Lodge of Instruction most conveniently situated, near 'Bus, Tram, and Rail, with the advantage of a most comfortable room. Meetings are held every Wednesday throughout the year, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 20th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Stringer W.M., Banks S.W., Cooper J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Catt J.D., Dandridge I.G.; Hutchings Preceptor, Freeman, Good, Vohmann, Hunt, Prior, Emblin, and Jones. Bros. Prior answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and resumed in the first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Freeman candidate. Bro. Jones, of the Lodge of Justice, was elected a member, and Bro. Cooper appointed for the second Thursday in December.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday last. Bros. Egan W.M., Saint S.W., Little J.W., Brown S.D., Maidwell P.M. Preceptor, Hollands P.M. I.G., Pitt Secretary, Foster, Taylor, &c. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and then closed down. Bro. Foster offered himself a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Votes of thanks were recorded to the W.M. for his first efforts in the chair, also to Bro. Maidwell Acting Preceptor, and to Bro. Pitt for his continuance with the brethren as their Secretary. Bro. Saint was elected to the chair for ensuing week.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Thurday 20th inst., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road, Jas. Smith W.M., Saint S.W., R. Pringle J.W., Pearcy Treas., Harley Sec., Gildersleve S.D., Pryce-Jones I.G., A. W. Fenner P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Pearcy answered questions leading to third and was entrusted. Ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Pearcy candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second and third sections of the third Lecture. Bro. Saint was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

A serial issue of Dr. Geikie's Life and Words of Christ is about to be published in sevenpenny monthly parts by Messrs Cassell and Company. This edition will have the advantage of a series of full-page frontispieces, and with Part I. will be issued a large map, in colours, of Palestine in the time of our Lord.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at *

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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.

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
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, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)

R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burn, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1110—Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Horschell, 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. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
189—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent' Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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. 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)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Ball Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
673—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

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. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 178—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 26th 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—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1238—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
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.)

R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Aboburch Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, 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, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
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 Universary, Apollo Universary Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
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 Key-tone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
881—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
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.
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)

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1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 39 Golden Square, W.

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
206—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasiingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
394—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
536—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, The Atrium, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1106—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1335—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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1893—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 87—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
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 82—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1148—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1831—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, 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, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 156 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
458—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. the Rev. Pickering, M.A., W.M. 35 P.P.G.C. Hants and I. of W. W.M., Monson jun. S.W., Thomas J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., F. Botley J.D., &c. After opening, the business consisted in confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, working the ceremony of initiation, and closing the Lodge.

On 14th inst., Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Thomas S.W., Edmeston J.W., Wuest S.D., V. Wing J.D., Chalfont I.G., Andrews Preceptor, F. Botley Sec., also Bros. Turner, Sherring, Wood, Telfer, W. W. Morgan, Earl, Coombes, &c., &c. After preliminaries the minutes were confirmed, and the first and second sections of the first Lecture were worked by the W.M., Preceptor, and the brethren. The W.M. then called upon Bro. W. W. Morgan to give his promised lecture on "Women in Freemasonry," which proved of a most interesting character. The accidental, and also the deliberate admission of women into our Order being touched upon, while the good women were capable of exerting in the cause of Freemasonry was fully considered; the Baroness Burdett-Coutts being especially mentioned as a bright example. A hearty and well deserved vote of thanks was subsequently accorded to Bro. Morgan, who is an Honorary Member of the Lodge, for his instructive lecture. The Lodge was then advanced to the second and third degrees, and closed in those degrees. Bros. J. F. Wuest P.M. and Preceptor 753, W. H. Chalfont P.M. 1425, Wood 1642, and Telfer 228, were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. then proposed the motion he had already given notice of, that a Charity Association in connection with the Lodge of Instruction be founded. The W.M. stated that it was a matter he had very much at heart, and pointed out the advantages such a method possessed of securing Life Votes for either of the Institutions. He urged, moreover, it was a duty incumbent on every Mason to help the Charities, and it could be done in this way without the strain being felt. He was very desirous that the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, with which he had now been connected some years, should not be behind other Lodges. The proposition having been seconded by Bro. Chalfont, and supported by Bros. C. Andrews Preceptor, and Morgan, was put to the meeting and unanimously carried. Bro. G. Thomas was elected W.M. for the 21st November, and the Annual Supper fixed for 28th inst. The Lodge was then closed in accordance with ancient custom and adjourned until 21st November at 8 o'clock p.m.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—Held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, on Tuesday, the 18th instant. Bros. Hildreth W.M., Goode S.W., Salmon J.W., Gush Preceptor, Fenner acting Secretary, Snelling S.D., Mercer J.D., Barnett I.G.; also Bros. Knights, Oldis, Cross, Foale, Jolly sen., Moon, Hoare, &c. The usual formalities were observed in opening the Lodge; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced a degree, and Bro. Oldis gave ample proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, when Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very careful manner. Bro. Fenner worked the second, and Bro. Gush the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Goode was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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Bro. C. E. Botley, Assoc. Mem. Inst. C.E., the W.M. of the Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996, and J.W. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, has been elected President of the Southern District Association of Gas Engineers and Managers for the ensuing year.

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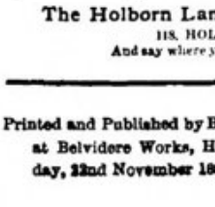
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A DISSERTATION ON CHARITY.

WHILST we hear of a royal commission sitting diligently to inquire into the details of the revenues and expenditure of the Livery Companies of the City of London one naturally sets his mind to cogitate upon the result of a similar inquisition—supposing it could possibly be instituted—with respect to the financial details of Masonic Lodges, spread over the habitable globe. It may be urged that the cases are not parallel, and that there is no analogy between them. But, after all, when we come to compare the aims and designs of the Craft and of the guilds which are being made the subject of examination, no one can say but that there is some little similarity and affinity of object. The Ancient and Honourable Institution of Freemasonry is based, as we all know, upon the cardinal principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; the profession of each member who joins it is to render himself more extensively useful to his fellow-creatures, and to fulfil all the relations of good citizenship. In something like the same manner, the Liveries of London strive to emulate the example which has for centuries been taught by the Craft; and they have, in their peculiar spheres, carried out those principles by the foundation and endowment of educational and other beneficent institutions, besides a generous—not to say lavish—expenditure on objects of a charitable nature. It is not our province, as an organ of Masonic intelligence and research, to enter the political arena, and say how far the Government of the country is, or is not, justified in examining into the internal economy of the various guilds which have made use of their vast resources in the promotion of technical education and benevolent schemes. But it may be interesting to the student of Masonic organisation to consider how such an inquiry would result, if instituted by Grand Lodge—as the counterpart of the Government—into the domestic concerns of Lodges, and whether we should figure with the same dignity and commercial rectitude as is professed by the Livery Companies. We started on the premises that no such inquiry would ever be attempted by the governing authorities of the Craft, nor would any such insidious movement be tolerated for a moment by individual members. But as Masons are often taunted by the outer world and the uninitiated—who though they have itching ears to know the secrets and mysteries of our Order, venture on statements that are ridiculous in their absurdity as to Masonry being only a "huge social club," and the like—it may be well to reflect for a moment upon the relative position in which we stand when compared with those guilds that have been long famed for their usefulness and benevolence. One of the chief objections urged against the Companies is, that they are too lavish in their expenditure on hospitality and personal enjoyment; and there is the self-same sarcasm hurled at Masons when outsiders speak of the frequent banquets and other festivities which are "part and parcel of our organisation." Then, again, it is said that the property of the guilds has enormously increased, and that some central authority—namely the Government for the time being—should have the control and administration of this "unearned increment." Of course, it is inevitable that, with the amazing increase of the value of property in and around the metropolis, the money which in early days was bequeathed by pious and patriotic benefactors should have grown in a corresponding degree; still we have seen by the voluminous reports of the City Companies' Committee that hundreds of thousands of pounds are annually devoted to charitable objects, the spread of education in its highest branches, and the stimulation of industry, thrift, and social advancement. We, as an institution, cannot compare with those we have named in the possession of endowments and benefactions, the value of which must enormously accumulate as years roll by. For all that, the Masonic brotherhood spend their thousands of pounds every year upon equally deserving objects, in the maintenance, clothing and education of children with the view of fitting them for the battle of life, the succour and sustenance of the aged members of our Order, and those who have been bereft of the bread-winners who, whilst they were amongst us in the flesh, discharged all the duties of good citizens, and heads of families. As the Livery Companies grant their annuities to the aged and indigent members of their respective guilds, so also do the Masonic Institutions which are the pride and boast of the Craft. They start, endow and maintain educational establishments for the training of the young, thus placing in their hands the best materials which can fortify them for the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of after life. So also, in an eminently satisfactory degree, does the Order to which we have the honour to belong, and whose cause we have ever conscientiously and fearlessly espoused. They distribute their gifts as almoners of the bounties which have been entrusted to them; and who shall say that the charity of the Masonic Brotherhood ever stopped short of the "bounds of prudence?" But beyond all this, we can point only approximately to the amount of ready help which is distributed by unseen hands amongst the needy and deserving in our ranks, and the record of which appears—which could not appear—on no balance sheet or statement of accounts. It is in the spirit of a principle that is divine, and which teaches the right hand not to know what the left doeth; and whilst we disclaim any notion of moralising on the subject, our acquaintance of many years' duration with the private munificence of Freemasonry impels us to assert that there is a far higher and nobler spirit of secret benevolence—which gives without asking for the reward of popularity or recompense—than can be claimed by any other guild or fraternity under heaven. It may be said—and it is equally a matter of remark within or without our Lodges—that a considerable amount is expended in hospitality which might be appropriated in more useful ways. It was the same spirit which actuated the sycophants of old who deemed that the pot of precious ointment might have been sold and given to the poor! It is now the ruling passion of some that the Church should be spoiled of her privileges and endowments; that the Throne should be overwhelmed; the aristocracy "levelled" and their possessions divided amongst all sorts and conditions of men. It is ever the prevailing thought of revolutionary tendencies that where an object established for a particular good succeeds, it should be spread over the whole body politic, a vast majority of whom have never lent it a single iota of encouragement, even if they have not opposed it in its tender infancy. There never was yet a beneficent move started but what was opposed by some—from disinterested motives (?) of course! And so it happens in regard to the festivities which form a small part of the grandly benevolent aims of Freemasonry, there are

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men who carp and cavil at the "unnecessary expenditure" which the banquets involve. But those who know the inner working of the Craft are also aware that this expenditure, so far from impoverishing the funds that are raised for charitable purposes, actually proves a most potent and useful incentive to large-heartedness on the part of those who spend an occasional hour of happy amenity "across the walnut and the wine." Ask any Charity Steward or special pleader in behalf of any of our Benevolent Institutions if ever his appeal has been unsuccessful when addressing brethren who have "in jolliest friendship met," and his reply would be that under such genial circumstances the heart-strings and the purse-strings, too, of those who are addressed relax, and the result is a very appreciable acquisition to the funds so much needed for benevolent purposes. If, therefore, an inquiry could be made by the powers that be into all the various minutiæ of the internal economy of Masonic Lodges, it would be found that—barring the few inadvertencies which attach to all mundane institutions—the funds so gladly and voluntarily subscribed for the purposes which form the aim and life of the Craft, are honestly and judiciously administered, whilst the extent of private charity and mutual self-help is practically unfathomable. We have casually referred to the City Companies' Commission as being the most recent example in whose light we can produce a reflex of the inestimable advantages of the Order which we humbly endeavour to represent. In other words, the enquiries—the results of which have so recently been published—serve as a convenient "peg" on which to hang a few remarks with regard to our own particular and beloved Fraternity. Whilst we do not venture on any political predication, and are entirely unbiassed on the matter of "reform" in connection with the Liveries of the City of London, who, in our opinion, have done a vast amount of good in the direction of charity and education, we admit that it would be a questionable advantage if these endowments and sources of revenue were swallowed up in the centralising maw of the Government. For ourselves, we have no fear of such a test being applied to our Masonic financial arrangements. Our endowments are few, and the mainspring of our substance is in the flow of constant and undying generosity. From this inexhaustible source may we hope long to receive the wherewithal to do even greater good in the future than in the past; and we are content that men should mingle, if they choose, in merriment "within the limits of becoming mirth," so long as the feast of reason and the flow of soul keep open the channel of true and ungrudging benevolence. No Government can regulate the power, the largeness, or the constancy of Masonic charity; no human power can regulate that brotherly love which incites to relief and truth; and in this, as in every other respect, Freemasonry stands unique and unapproachable amongst all the institutions of the world for singleness of purpose, unsullied benevolence, and universal love for human kind.

SYMBOLS.

RELIEF.—Of necessity "brotherly love" covers much of the true principle of "relief," hence we cannot speak of that without touching this. To relieve the distressed is a well-established duty, but does not always imply love; for many times one helps an enemy without any feeling of love, or a stranger who has no claim upon the affection of the helper. To our brethren it is, however, a duty of obligation, in which case we have no right to consider any personal relations. "To soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with them in their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections." Hence "relief" and "brotherly love" go as twin brothers in our dealing with men.

TRUTH.—In man's corrupted state truth is not an attribute of his nature, but of his higher moral education. To screen self from punishment the child, and ofttimes the man, is tempted to untruth, but the higher education that teaches the value of truth leads him to the statement of truth, at the risk of punishment, rather than the loss of confidence by the statement of falsehood. No semblance of untruth was seen until the first pair found that they had incurred divine disapproval, and fears of punishment were entertained.

"Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue." It is the first Masonic lesson. Our whole lives should be governed by it; under its influence hypocrisy and deceit are banished. To be truthful in all things is to inspire confidence; to have all men trust us, and depend upon what we say. But we must act truth as well as speak it. There are circumstances where the nod of the head, or a silent tongue may convey a wrong impression which may be as false as to speak plain words that may result in injury. The three main points of this virtue lie in being true to self, man, and God. Many are the instances of being true to man but untrue to self; but no man can be true to God without being true to self. Though we have none of the divine within us, yet our relations to God are very near, because we must render to Him an account of our life actions. For this He has given us the care of many important matters relating to self, and to be untrue to self is to violate some of these most important obligations.

Truth embodies actions as well as words, and means that we are to conduct ourselves towards each other as we feel. To appear a friend and to be at heart an enemy; to say we wish prosperity when we secretly wish adversity; to praise when we disapprove at heart; to encourage advancement when we try to pull down; to give a cordial welcome when we desire the absence of the intruder; to assent to a statement when we disbelieve it, and a thousand such adverse things are evidences of untruth, and neither a true Mason or Christian can be guilty of any of them. What we are at heart should be the guide of actions and words. Do we dislike the frequent caller who disturbs our labour? We need not deal in unkindness nor impolite words, but a gentle reserve ought to tell the real state of our heart. In all other matters a manly state of feeling should set the truthfulness of our hearts at rest to the minds of all others. To be a true man is to be truthful in all things, and to be truthful in all affairs is to be a true man.

TEMPERANCE.—Like "brotherly love," "temperance" is not confined within any narrow limits. Usually it applies to the use of intoxicating beverages. It is misrepresented when it is made to mean that to be temperate we may deal moderately in any given vice. Applied to things that are necessary, it means, that with them we must deal only as necessity demands. Applied to vice or anything wrong or injurious, it means abstinence. It may be hard to draw the line because of the great number of things that must be named, and it would draw us into metaphysical questions that are unnecessary here. In one person intemperance in a given necessity would be temperance in another. In a vice moderation in one person would be destruction to another. As applied in a Masonic, Christian or moral way, it is "that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice." We are "thereby taught to avoid excess, or contracting any licentious or vicious habit, the indulgence of which might lead us to disclose some of those valuable secrets which we have promised to conceal and never reveal," hence a very important thing in Masonry. In the Church no man can be intemperate in any such habit until he has lost his piety, for the religion that produces piety restrains from vicious habit or thought. The same may well be said of Masonry, for no man who adheres to the principles taught in his Lodge can ever give way to any unholy habit. However great a worker; however great the Masonic knowledge; however valuable his work to the Institution in any of its branches, whenever a man has given way to a vicious habit he has ignored Masonic principles, and to ignore these is no longer to be a true Mason. Though not embodied in the instruction of Masonry, at this point, yet temperance involves the proper exercise of our time for ourselves and others. Overreaching ambition, overworking and underresting our bodies, overburdening the mind with cares, and many other things where we overdraw upon the powers of nature, are manifestly intemperate actions. So also with anger, envy, malice, and any undue exercise of that character of the mental elements, is intemperate and should belong to that class which we should prohibit.

FORTITUDE.—This is not merely bravery upon the field of battle, where, in the conflict of arms, men are to meet the cannon ball or the sabre thrust, but to that character of mental battle which meets all men at some point of life, and is needed in every avenue of human action or thought.

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It enables us to endure any "pain, peril or danger;" to bear the severe criticism of the adversary and all persecution for the cause of right, and to adhere to principles taught, under the most aggravating circumstances. It is the only "safeguard against any illegal attack" to extort secrets "whose divulging may violate principles of honour, or expose others to injury, which have been solemnly intrusted to one's keeping; the only safeguard when our religion is attacked and efforts are made to disenthrone God's love from our hearts."

PRUDENCE.—"Prudence is wisdom applied to practice; caution evinced in forethought."—*Webster*. It foresees danger and lays plans to avoid it, considers many things relating to our conduct among men, teaches us how to regulate life and make it conform to the dictates of conscience and the teachings of religion and society, moves cautiously, speaks carefully, accepts no unnecessary risks to life, person or character, judges wisely and "prudentially determines on all things relative to our future happiness." Prudence saves many troubles. There is as much necessity of its exercise in the practical life of a Mason as a Christian; indeed there scarcely passes a day of life in which we do not need its exercise. The education and home culture of our children; the conversation and business relation with our neighbour; the conduct of our lives in religion and Masonry, and the advocacy and teaching of their doctrines, the conversation as to the life and character of our brethren, all demand prudence. These are but few of the many instances of its need, not to mention its necessity regarding the moral and physical government of self. The immediate Masonic teaching is that we should carefully guard all important secrets committed to our care.

JUSTICE.—By justice we are enabled to understand and give to every man his just due. In commercial dealing we have no right to demand more than every measure and weight, nor in finance more than even interest. This is the measure of justice to both parties. Envy, prejudice, or peculiar advantages in trade, will not in any way alter this law of justice, for there exists no right whereby enmity or former bad treatment will justify overstepping these bounds Every one is entitled to even justice in all things and no more. Whatever the receiver demands more than this is fraud. Whatever the giver pays voluntarily is a gift. The principle holds good in all others matters, as to character, reputation and all the interests of human life. We are to give and demand "justice without distinction." "This virtue is not only consistent with Divine and human laws, but it is the very cement and support of civil society; and as justice in a great measure constitutes the real good man, so should it be the invariable practice of every Mason never to deviate from the minutest principles thereof."

We have now briefly touched all the main points of morality found in the Entered Apprentice degree, and we submit this honest presentation of these thoughts to all our readers and ask wherein can be found anything inconsistent with a pure Christianity? If they have been embodied in heathen religion, as charged, so long as they touch upon the highest plane of Christian morality, is there any wrong in following them under the teaching of Masonry?—*Voice of Masonry*.

We hear that a Musical Entertainment of a high character is shortly to be given nightly in the Grand Hall of the Criterion, as an adjunct to the table d'Hote served there.

It may not be generally known that the town of Birmingham, though it is invariably associated with the manufacture of hardware, has long been so fortunate as to possess a Biscuit Manufactory, the goods supplied by which have been known for their excellence and variety. The Warwickshire Biscuit Company, however, is animated by a very praiseworthy ambition, and has resolved on hence forth extending its operations to other parts of the country. At all events, it has recently set up a branch factory in London, and on the 15th instant it inaugurated its new venture with a luncheon, at the Company's Offices, Mansion House Chambers. There was a large muster present of people interested in the success of the experiment, the medical officers of health of the different metropolitan districts being in great force. The meeting passed off admirably, and we can only hope that the future operations of this enterprising company will be in accordance with the hopes so generally expressed on behalf of the undertaking.

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To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred Twenty and Six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John the Fourth Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Ballquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kin (defaced), Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange, and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, the Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^re., Deputy Grand Master; the Right Worshipful John Bryant Roache, Esq^re., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Richard Humphreys, Esq^re., Junior Grand Warden, with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster, do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., the Worshipful Duncan McNicholl, one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful William Bowstead, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Nelson his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Kingston-upon-Hull, or elsewhere in His Majesty's Royal Regiment of Cumberland Militia (being first duly Registered, pursuant to the Statute in that case made, and with consent of the Commanding officer of said Regt.), upon the first Monday of every Month, on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons according to the Most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Duncan McNicholl, William Bowstead, and William Nelson, (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, in London, this ninth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Eight hundred and Seven.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, Letter H, 10th October, 1781.

ROBT. LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Hughan has kindly sent the above, and promises one more for the series.—[ED. F. C.]

It is announced that on Monday next, 1st December, "The Swans," a new and original Ballet Divertissement, invented and arranged by Mons. J. Hansen, will be produced at the Alhambra Theatre of Varieties, for the first time. The music has been specially composed by Mons. G. Jacobi, and Mr. Charles Brew has painted the scenery. The scene will represent a beautiful, shady forest, with a lake on which swans are to float. Mdlle. Palladino is the *Première Danseuse*. On the same night the Orsani Troupe (Musical Eccentrics) will make their first appearance in England.

Although more than a million copies of Cassell's Popular Educator have been sold, this remarkable work is still as largely in demand as ever, and the publishers have made arrangements for re-issuing it in serial form during the present month. The secret of its ever-growing popularity seems to be that it is so framed as to meet the requirements of every class of learners. Testimonials from schoolmasters, mechanics, artizans, farm labourers, and persons in every position of life, speaking of what this unique work has done for them are continually reaching the publishers. Mr. Thomas Burt, M.P. does not hesitate to acknowledge how much he owes to the Popular Educator, which has been recently characterised by a leading educational journal as "a School, an Academy, and a University in one." Part I. was published on the 25th inst.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd December 1884, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd September 1884, for confirmation.

2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

3. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

4. To read a letter, dated 3rd October 1884, from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the subject of the three English Lodges in that Colony, and addressed to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, together with the reply of His Royal Highness thereto.

5. Appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale...	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 202, Devonport	50	0	0
A Brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, Leeds ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Brent Lodge, No. 1284, Topsham ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 1447, Barton-on-Humber	100	0	0
A Brother of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, London ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Warden Lodge, No. 794, Sutton Coldfield	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 935, Salford ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 219, Todmorden	75	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 484, Ashton-in-Makerfield	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham-on-Severn	100	0	0
A Brother of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, Worcester ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, London ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 141, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, London ...	50	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret having to report that Brother H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, has been reluctantly compelled, by the very serious state of his health, to resign his position as Chief Clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, after a service of thirty years.

Taking into consideration the lengthened services of Brother Buss, the able, efficient, and courteous manner in which he has at all times discharged his duties, his advanced age, and the fact of his resignation being forced upon him by his state of health, the Board unanimously recommend to Grand Lodge that Brother Buss be granted a retiring pension of £400 per annum, being the full amount of the salary he has been receiving for several years as Chief Clerk.

The Board further report that Brothers W. J. Hughan and T. B. Whytehead have each presented a Book to the Library, which the Board have acknowledged with thanks.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th November 1884.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England, Western Branch, of £1,466 6s 4d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £9 12s 2d.

10. REPORT OF SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Special Building Committee have to report to Grand Lodge the progress they have made in the work committed to their charge.

The Great Hall has now been restored on the same lines as the one recently burned, but advantage has been taken of the opportunity to re-open the old gallery at the entrance end, and to connect it with the Hall by a staircase, thereby providing about 80 additional seats; other extra seats have also been provided in various parts of the Hall, making a total increase of accommodation for over 100 brethren below the Dais.

It having been found that the means of entrance and exit hitherto existing were quite inadequate for the requirements of Grand Lodge, and indeed were such as would probably not be sanctioned under the present Metropolitan Regulations, an exit for use in case of fire or other accident has had to be constructed at the back of the proper left of the Dais, leading by broad stone steps to the yard in the west rear of the Hall; another exit has also been formed on the west side under the gallery leading into the main corridor, and a third from the gallery into the upper corridor, making now five separate exits which can be used in case of urgent necessity.

A new and complete system of ventilation has been provided, which, it is hoped, may conduce to the comfort of the brethren.

The boiler flues and chimney belonging to the kitchen of Freemasons' Tavern—which have hitherto been in dangerous proximity to the Hall—have now been removed to another position.

The ten pictures of Grand Masters having been unfortunately destroyed, authentic copies have been made by well-known artists, namely, Bros. the Chevr. Desanges, Stephen Peirce, B. S. Marks, W. M. Hay, and Sydney Hodges, and they are ready to be placed in their respective panels.

It is proposed to commence the decoration of the Hall soon after the December Quarterly Communication, and the whole of the works, decorative or otherwise, will, there is no doubt, be completed and ready by the date of the Grand Festival in April next.

So far as the actual renovation of the Hall is concerned, the Committee have been enabled to keep the cost of the same within the insurance money, but as a matter of course, many items, not of mere restoration, but of necessary and substantial improvements, such as the Gallery and its approaches, the new exits in case of fire, the system of ventilation, the expense incurred for the pictures above the £50 insurance on each, &c., cannot come under the above head. The Committee will, therefore, be prepared to submit to the Quarterly Communication, in March next, an exact account of the expenditure thus unavoidably and usefully incurred.

The Committee have finally to report that the re-arrangement of the internal fittings of the Hall have placed an additional half panel on the proper right of the Dais, and over the fire door leading to the Banquetting Hall, at the present disposal of Grand Lodge; and the Committee have, therefore, the greatest pleasure in suggesting that this half panel should be filled with a half-length life-sized portrait of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, as a memento of the affection and respect with which his Lordship is regarded by the Craft, and of the able and valuable services which he has rendered to it for many years as Pro Grand Master.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Chairman.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
14th November 1884.

11. APPEALS :—

(1) Appeals of Brother Joseph E. Duspuch, P.M. of the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 443, Nassau, Bahamas, against the refusal of the District Grand Master to hear and determine his complaint against that Lodge for improperly excluding him therefrom; and against a decision of the District Grand Lodge of the Bahamas finding him guilty of contumacious conduct, and certain resolutions of the District Grand Lodge consequent thereon.

(2) Appeal of Brothers Edward Thomas Dover and Alfred George Gleeson, of the Victoria Lodge in Burma, No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the District Grand Master of British Burma, holding that the W. Master of the Lodge had not improperly excluded them while a ballot was being taken, and directing them to apologize for charging the W. Master with having acted "wilfully and maliciously" in so doing.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION :—

By Brother JAMES STEVENS P.M. No. 1216.

That it be referred to the Board of General Purposes to consider and report upon the best means for the prevention of the continued impositions practised upon Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges by mendicant Freemasons.

Names of Brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT P.G.P. as Senior Vice-President.
Brother CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE P.G.P. as Junior Vice-President.
And none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

Brother GEORGE POLE BRITTEN	183
JOSEPH CLEVER	171
THOMAS CULL	1446
CHARLES DAIRY	141
GEORGE P. GILLARD	657
CHARLES F. HOGARD	205
WILLIAM MANN	186
HENRY McPHERSON	890
JOHN NOBLE	975
CAPT. ADOLPHUS NICOLS	1974
WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN	3
GEORGE READ	511
FRANCIS R. SPAULL	1768

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EDWARD FRANCIS STORR 22
ROBERT J. TAYLOR 144
Of whom twelve are to be elected.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2065.—The Cosmopolitan Lodge, Queenscliff, Victoria.
2066.—The Morning Star Lodge of Stawell, Stawell, Victoria.
2067.—The Prince Leopold Lodge, Gympie, Queensland.
2068.—The Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, Portsmouth.
2069.—The Lodge of Prudence, Leeds, Yorks. (W.D.)
2070.—The Lodge of Peace, Uralla, Sydney, N.S.W.
2071.—The Lodge of Emulation, Sydney, N.S.W.
2072.—The Zelandia Lodge, Whangaroa, Auckland, N.Z.
2073.—The Duke of Albany Lodge, Helensville, Auckland, N.Z.
2074.—The St. Clair Lodge, Landport, Hants.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1885 is now ready; it can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly permit me, through your pages, to inform the many brethren whose signatures are appended to a request that I should bring the question of Masonic Mendicancy before the Craft in such manner as to direct greater attention to the subject than has hitherto been given to it, that the following motion will be before the Grand Lodge for approval or rejection at the ensuing Quarterly Communication on Wednesday next, 3rd December, viz.:—

"That it be referred to the Board of General Purposes to consider and report upon the best means for the prevention of the continued impositions practised upon Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges by Mendicant Freemasons."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 24th November 1884.

The North London Masonic Benevolent Ball will be held at the Holborn Town Hall, W.C., on Wednesday, 7th January 1885. Ticket, to admit a lady or gentleman, 4s; supper tickets (to be obtained at the Hall) 3s each. The profits accruing from this ball will be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bros. P. Forge and N. L. Western are to be the M.C.'s; and the general arrangements will be superintended by the following Stewards:—Bros. P. Forge P.M. 1950, H. Sprake 813, J. Baker 1471, W. G. Akehurst D.C. 1693, N. L. Western W.M. 1693, H. B. Harding 1471, J. Moulton 1693, J. Potter 1693, S. Stretch 1950, G. F. Snook S.D. 1693, R. Baker P.M. 188, G. Batten 1693. Bro. C. Hammond 820, 1471, Treasurer, Upper-street, Islington, N.; Bro. E. Woodman S.W. 1950, Secretary, 50 Marquess-road, Canonbury. Musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Collings, Organist 1693.

We have been given to understand that the annual fish supper, held at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on the 18th inst., was a great success. Bros. Forge and Woodman, who have undertaken a joint Stewardship for the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, announced that the contributions already promised them amounted to £65 11s. This sum included donations from Bro. R. P. Forge £10 10s, Bro. E. Woodman £10 10s, Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer £5 5s, Bro. Hastings Miller £5 5s. The proceeds of the Masonic Benevolent Ball, announced above, will be added to their list, and as it is anticipated that something like 400 guests will be present, we may look for a substantial addition being made to the list of these two energetic Craftsmen.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE sixth meeting of this ancient Lodge, under the presidency of Worshipful Master W. R. Norris was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 20th inst. There were present beside the W.M. Bros. F. Low S.W., E. J. S. Layton J.W., Thos. J. Hanley S.D., E. E. Baron Reed J.D., T. Adams I.G., P.M. Harrower and W. R. Davidson Stewards, P.M.'s H. A. Reed Secretary, A. T. Layton Treasurer, Wood, Stanton and Turner, a large muster of brethren, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Goode, W.M. 1964, Shoppee, Law, Spalding, Tongue, Arnold, Rantz, Bassett, Perry, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, when the minutes were read and a ballot taken for a joining member, Bro. Wilenski, of the Joppa Lodge, which proved unanimous. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Maskelyne was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, when Bro. Maskelyne was again introduced and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, when Bro. Maskelyne the younger was introduced and initiated by the W.W., who delivered the ancient charge in a masterly manner. The next business was to ballot for a W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The former proved to be in favour of the Senior Warden Bro. F. Low, whilst Bro. A. T. Layton was again unanimously elected Treasurer. Bro. Layton then rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, viz., to propose that a P.M.'s jewel be voted to Bro. W. R. Norris, for the very able manner in which he had performed the work of the chair. He felt sure he had the brethren with him when he said that no Master ever deserved a jewel more than did Bro. Norris. This was seconded by the S.W. and carried with acclamation. The W.M., in response, thanked the brethren for their kindness, adding that whenever he wore that jewel it would remind him of the many happy hours spent amongst them in the Universal Lodge. The brethren then adjourned to the adjoining Tavern, and sat down to a most récherché banquet. After the cloth had been cleared, Bro. Norris rose and said, the first toast was that which always preceded every other, viz, the Crown and Craft—Her Gracious Majesty, by her many acts of benevolence, her wise and constitutional reign, and her sincere sympathy with everything appertaining to the welfare of her people, had endeared herself to the hearts of all her subjects, particularly Freemasons—who were proud of her connection with the Craft—as Patroness of the Institutions. He was sure the brethren would drink the toast with enthusiasm. In giving the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Norris said that few words were needed. His Royal Highness was so beloved by every member of our Order that the toast was one which was always sure of a hearty reception. The next toast was the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, which was suitably introduced and cheerfully responded to. The Masonic Charities came next. This was a toast the W.M. was specially pleased to give. Brotherly Love—which in other words meant Charity—was one of the three grand principles upon which the Order was founded. He, therefore, asked the brethren to exhibit a little of that love that evening by cheerfully and liberally contributing to the Charity Box, which was about to pass round. The result of the W.M.'s appeal amounted to £2 6s 6d. The next toast was that of the Past Masters of the Lodge, which Bro. Norris said was particularly attractive to every Master. The Past Masters of Lodges had been compared to good port old and fruity—to be put aside and used only on special and great occasions. That might be so, but he (the W.M.) was certain that the P.M.'s of the Universal Lodge were old in Masonic labours and particularly fruitful in Masonic knowledge. To their individual and united efforts in years gone past did the Universal Lodge owe much of its present prestige and prosperity. The admirable working of the I.P.M., Bro. T. C. Fryer, would be still fresh in the minds of the brethren, and he felt certain, although he had not witnessed the working of all the P.M.'s, they were each and all thorough good working Masons. P.M. Wood, in responding, referred to the time—some twenty years ago, when the Master of that day, and his Officers, used to meet at each other's houses for a rehearsal of the ritual. They were a smaller, but not a happier band in those days. He thanked the brethren for the manner they had received the toast, adding that both he and all the Past Masters were ever ready to lend a hand to the Master for the time being, whenever asked so to do. P.M.'s Stanton and Fryer followed. The I.P.M. rose and said, it now became his duty, and for the last time, to propose the health of the W.M. He did so with a very great amount of pleasure. On the night the W.M. was installed he ventured to predict for him a most successful year of office. That prediction had been fulfilled. Bro. Norris had performed his duties in such a manner as to leave nothing to be desired. He was sure the brethren would do all honour to the toast. The W.M. in responding said that as year succeeded year the office of Worshipful Master—like that of the Lord Mayor of London—became more difficult to fill. No matter how good and excellent the working of a Master might be, the brethren always looked to his successor to do something better. It was that thought that made him approach the chair with something akin to fear, but if he had in any way earned the esteem of the brethren, and he hoped he might take the unanimous vote of a P.M.'s jewel that evening as evidence that he had, he was more than repaid for whatever trouble he had taken. When he was elected to that honourable office he formed two resolutions, the first was to do all in his power to maintain the prestige of the Lodge, and the other was to study the comfort and happiness of the brethren. He hoped he had succeeded. The W.M. then gave the Visitors, which was drank with enthusiasm. Bros. Shoppee, Low, Goode, and Spalding replied, thanking the W.M. for the manner in which he had introduced the toast, and the brethren for the way they had received the same, all of them adding how delighted they were with the admirable

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working they had witnessed that evening. The W.M. then gave the Officers, and said no matter how well up a Master might be he was greatly dependent upon his Officers. He (the W.M.) was well satisfied with the manner they had performed their respective duties. He exhorted them, and all who came after them, to make a point of thoroughly mastering everything connected with each office, for it was only by such a course of procedure they could ever hope to obtain that degree of proficiency necessary to fill that exalted office from which he was now about to retire. The S.W. and J.W. suitably responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The speeches were interspersed with some capital music rendered by Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Jennie Rosse, Bros. Chaplin Henry, H. P. Matthews, Stanley Smith, and G. B. Lissant.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, 26th inst. Present—Bros. W. Saint W.M., Little S.W., Brown J.W., P.M. Webb Preceptor, P.M. Smith I.G., Pitt Secretary, Benjamin Norman, P.M. Hollands, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Norman candidate in the former, and Bro. Pitt in the latter. Bro. Norman 1671 was elected a member. Bro. S.W. Little was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. One guinea was voted to Bro. Clare's list for the Aged Freemasons' Institution, also one guinea to the Christmas Entertainment. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7.30.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 21st inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. G. Thomas W.M., Wing S.W., Sperring J.W., C. E. Botley Sec., E. Monson jun. S.D., F. Botley J.D., Bailey I.G. Past Masters Bros. Andrews Preceptor, Edmeston; also Bro. Bailey 1540. After preliminaries Bro. Thomas vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Monson, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Thomas candidate. Bro. Thomas resumed the chair. Bro. A. J. Bailey of Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, was proposed and elected a member. Bros. Thomas, Wing, and Sperring were appointed auditors. Bro. Wing elected W.M. for 3rd December; Bro. Monson elected W.M. for 28th November, (the annual supper). The Lodge having been formally closed, Bro. C. E. Botley nominated Bro. Andrews, Preceptor, as President of the newly formed Charity Association, and Bros. Turner, Sperring, Wing, Thomas, and Monson as a Committee to draw up the rules.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on the 24th inst., at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington. Present:—Bros. M. J. Green W.M., Laurence S.W., Morse J.W. Rev. Haine Chap. 205 Chap., Debane P.M. 1543 Sec., Wood S.D., Mason J.D., Death I.G., Chandler Steward; P.M.'s:—Bros Keeble 1426, Capt. Nicols 1974, Hunt 1425; Bros. Robinson, Mote, Phillips, Cliburn, Stevens, C. J. Laundy, Chapman, Stroud, G. A. Laundy, Lake. Visitors:—Bros. Hutchings 1425, Coleman 1425, Moss 1668. Lodge was opened in ancient form and the the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Moss candidate. Bros. Hutchings, Coleman, and Moss were elected members. The Officers of the Mother Lodge will preside next meeting, Bro. Laurence was elected W.M. for the following. Vote of thanks to Bros. Purdue, Capt. Nicols, and Webb, and were ordered to be recorded on the minutes for auditing, and Bro. Debane for preparing the accounts for the year; these showed a goodly balance.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE election meeting of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 25th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London. There was a full attendance of members and visitors, while the following Officers occupied their several positions:—Bros. W. M. Stiles W.M., Augustus Holt S.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, H. Dickey Secretary, F. W. Sillis S.D., J. C. Smith J.D., J. Greenfield D.C., W. Jaynes I.G., R. Rass Organist, W. A. Scurrah Asst. Secretary, Holland and Barling Stewards. The business of the evening comprised two raisings, one passing, the initiation of Capt. Dicker, of the 17th North Middlesex Rifles, and the usual annual elections. Bro. J. W. Smith, the J. W. of the past year, was chosen to fill the chair, and Bro. Jas. Willing P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M., and other matters of interest having received attention, Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, at Freemasons' Tavern, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master gave the customary toasts. The first he should propose was a most comprehensive one—embracing both the ruler of the nation and the rulers of the Craft. The Queen was beloved by all her subjects. The Prince of Wales was an ornament to the Craft. The Earl of Carnarvon a most able representative of the Grand Master when he found it impossible to attend Grand Lodge. The Earl of Lathom was also deserving of their warmest affection. The other Grand Officers, both Present and Past, were brethren of whom the Craft might justly be proud. The toast having been heartily acknowledged, Bro. Willing rose to propose that of the W.M. The brother whose toast he had the pleasure of submitting was one of the dearest to them, and one who they hoped would be with them for many years, to benefit the Lodge by his presence. Bro. Willing said he had the pleasure some years since to initiate Bro. Stiles into Freemasonry, and he felt that his having done so marked an era in his (Bro. Willing's) Masonic career, for to Bro. Stiles he owed very much of what he had achieved since then in Freemasonry. Bro. Stiles tendered his thanks. On his part he felt it a great honour to have been initiated into Freemasonry by a brother who had achieved so much distinction for himself in the Order. He had striven during his term of office to do his utmost for the Royal Savoy Lodge, and should be very proud of his position as one of its Past Masters. He had again to thank the brethren for having voted him the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge—an honour which he fully appreciated. As a founder of the Lodge, and for many years its Secretary, he felt a peculiar interest in it. He should never forget the time during which he had occupied its chair, or the kindness he had met with from its members. The next toast he had the honour to propose was certainly the most important that could be submitted that night—it was the health of Bro. Smith, the W.M. elect. The mention of Bro. Smith's name called forth loud applause, so much so that the W.M. felt that were he to say nothing further, the reception already accorded to Bro. Smith would amply prove his popularity with the brethren. Bro. Stiles felt that in Bro. Smith they had one who would not only uphold the reputation of the Royal Savoy Lodge, but would add additional lustre to its name. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Smith tendered his thanks He should make it his study to keep the Lodge up to its present standard, and hoped he should prove successful in doing so. He had to follow in the footsteps of a very able Master, and it was only with the assistance of the brethren and Officers that he could even hope for success. He trusted he might receive both. Bro. Stiles next proposed the toast of the Past Masters, expressing the pleasure it afforded him to have the first W.M. of the Lodge present at their meeting. He could but wish that Bro. Willing could spare the time to be more often among them. Bro. Willing replied. He felt the Royal Savoy Lodge was a credit to the Craft, and considered it no small compliment that such a body should have arisen from the foundation laid during the term of his Mastership. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and this was acknowledged by Bros. Chapman, Rev. E. J. Reeve, J. Irvine, and others. Bro. Reeve could but feel gratified at the reception he had met with that night. He had come to the Lodge as much a stranger as any one Mason could be to another, but now he felt quite at home among them, thanks to the true spirit of good fellowship and hospitality which seemed to actuate every member of the Royal Savoy Lodge. He had looked forward to hearing the ritual of the Order impressively rendered during his visit to London, and his expectations had been more than realised. The working of the W.M. and Officers had given him much pleasure. The Worshipful Master now proposed the Initiate's health. It was a pleasure to receive their new brother into their midst. He hoped he might become an ornament to the Lodge. Bro. Dicker replied. There were two things he had to thank the members for—first, their acceptance of him on the ballot, and second, the kindness they had evinced towards him that evening. If there was one thing that could put a man at his ease on his entrance into a new sphere of life it was such cordiality of reception as he had met with that night. There was, of course, much in Freemasonry that was unknown to him, but he did know of one thing—the charity of the Order. He had heard of the various Institutions which the brethren of England maintained, and was pleased to be associated with those who could boast of such benevolent undertakings. He hoped he might be instrumental in upholding the reputation which he knew the Royal Savoy Lodge had already acquired. Bro. Stiles gave the toast of the Officers, taking the opportunity of thanking them on the occasion of his last presiding over them for the assistance and support they had given him in the past year. Each of the Officers having replied, the Tyler's toast was given and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. During the evening a telegram was received from Bro. Murcell, of Cowes, and other brethren of the district, who had been visitors on previous occasions, tendering hearty good wishes to the W.M. and brethren of the Royal Savoy Lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. F. G. W. Gwyer S.W. 1388, H. Martin 252, James Thorn 190, D. T. Davis 72, B. Kauffman S.D. 1732, J. Irvine J.D. 862, R. P. Forge P.M. 1693, C. Dearing 1602, E. J. Reeve, M.A., Chap. 1030, J. W. Chapman W.M. 1922, Mat Robson 1609, R. Fraser Steward 1507, J. Wales 1622, J. W. Burgess W.M. 1472, J. Murphy 171, R. Chipperfield 749, J. Wager 957, &c.

MORE MINERAL DISCOVERIES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—Some rich mineral discoveries in the Illawarra district have just been reported by Mr. Hardy (mining engineer and member of the North of England Mining and Mechanical Engineers, also a certified colliery manager), who has been prospecting for coal in the Calderwood Mountain, a distance of about three miles and a-half from Dapto. Three or four gentlemen in Sydney instructed Mr. Hardy to make a report on the minerals in the Calderwood Mountain. The prospectors have found no less than five seams of first-class coal, which range from 4 feet to 17 feet, together with an excellent shale seam, which is reported by an engineer to be capable of yielding 1,000,000 gallons of oil per annum, and to last about seventy-two years. The coal and kerosene shale will last upwards of 200 years. Besides the above-mentioned, Mr. Hardy has discovered a large seam of splendid ironstone, about twenty feet in thickness.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 20th November:—

Monday—Old Kings Arms Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday—Tuscan Lodge, Royal Savoy Lodge, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, St. James's Union Chapter. Wednesday—Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge, Lodge of Progress. Thursday—Grenadiers' Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, St. George's Chapter, Vane Chapter. Friday—Emulation Lodge, Jerusalem Lodge. Saturday—Tottenham House Amalgamated Club.

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PRESENTATION TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

A NUMEROUS and distinguished gathering assembled on Saturday evening at the Holborn Restaurant, where a grand banquet was given in honour of the V.W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., P.M. 1949, M.E.Z. 1777. The occasion was rendered all the more important and interesting by the presentation to Bro. Marshall of a portrait of himself in oil, in acknowledgment of his services as Grand Treasurer, an office to which he was elected under peculiar circumstances, as an assertion of the rights and the independence of the brethren of the Craft; and also as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he is held, and in recognition of the munificent support he has given to the Masonic Charities. The circumstances under which Bro. Marshall was elected to the distinguished position of Grand Treasurer of England will be fresh in the minds of every reader of this journal; and it is only necessary for us to add that the compliment so deservedly and so spontaneously paid to him last Saturday is but an echo of that which has been expressed towards our worthy brother by all who have watched his career in Masonry. His spirited and unbounded liberality towards all benevolent objects; and especially the Institutions which are the peculiar care of the Craft, has excited the highest admiration not only of the brethren of our own Fraternity, but of the large-hearted and philanthropic of all classes throughout the land; and thus it was that the promoters of the testimonial presented to him under such magnificent auspices on Saturday night were justified in the anticipations which were so abundantly realised, both as to the extent and enthusiasm of the *réunion*. By Bro. Marshall's express desire the testimonial consisted, as we have said, of a portrait of himself, which was finely painted in oil by Bro. B. S. Marks, and to use a homely expression, the likeness is a "speaking" one. As it was unveiled the brethren cheered over and over again, as much in appreciation of the artist's talent as in fervent admiration of the brother who has, by indomitable zeal and munificence, so early worked his way to the very forefront of the Craft. The portrait was enclosed in a massive gilt frame, on which was the inscription:—

Presented to
VERY WORSHIPFUL BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, C.C.,
W.M. 1745, P.M. 1949, M.E.Z. 1777;
GRAND TREASURER
OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, 1884-5,
By a few Masonic friends, in testimony of their esteem and regard.

The banquet was served in récherché style in the Venetian room of the well-known Restaurant in Holborn, the menu being of a most sumptuous character. The chair was occupied by Bro. Edgar Bowyer Past Grand Standard Bearer, on whose right sat the honoured guest of the evening, amongst those present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, J. S. Eastes P.G.D., T. Cubitt P.G.P., G. Kenning P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W. Clarke P.G.P., G. Lambert P.G.S.B., C. Belton P.G.D. Surrey, A. M. Broadley P.D.G.M. Tunis, E. M. Lott Grand Organist, F. Binckes P.G.S., J. Terry P.P.J.W. Herts; P.M.'s C. F. Hogard, C. Kempton, F. C. T. Keeble, P. A. Nairne, T. H. Miller, J. L. Mather, J. Willing, G. P. Britton, H. Cox, C. F. Martin, W. J. Crutch, T. Hamer, T. C. Walls, C. E. Ferry, J. S. Hawkins, H. Baldwin, H. J. Lardner, F. Adlard, N. Bridges, C. E. Soppet, T. W. C. Bush, Joyce Murray, S. B. Wilson, H. Harker, G. Clarke jun., and about a hundred other officers and brethren. At the conclusion of an admirable repast, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and most enthusiastically received, the Grand Officers Past and Present being responded to by Bros. Eastes, Raynham Stewart, and Clarke. Bro. Binckes then proposed in felicitous terms the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, the toast being acknowledged by Bro. Captain Lambert, of the Queen's Westminster Rifles, Captain Bowyer (son of the Chairman), 1st Middlesex Rifles, and J. S. Hawkins and J. Terry of the Hon. Artillery Company. On rising to propose the toast of the evening—Very Worshipful Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, (C.C.), Grand Treasurer—the Chairman was received with loud and prolonged cheering. He wished the task had fallen to some brother more able than he felt himself to be to discharge it; but he would say this—he would yield to no one in paying honour to their guest. He was assured that every word he uttered in that direction would be endorsed by the brethren present, who would give to Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall the most hearty and cordial reception. These observations elicited a fresh outburst of enthusiastic cheering. They had all known Bro. Marshall as an eminently successful man of business; as a prominent citizen; and, above all, many of them had known him as a kind, warm-hearted private friend. His munificent support to almost every institution connected with the City of London was proverbial; whilst as a Freemason he had, since he had been enrolled as a member of the Craft, been a most liberal upholder of their great Masonic Institutions. Many of those present would recollect that very soon after Bro. Marshall was initiated, indeed when he was but an Entered Apprentice, he gave a hundred guineas at a Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was not because a man chose to subscribe largely that he should be advanced to any particular office; but the circumstances under which Brother Marshall was put forward as a candidate for the Grand Treasurership were exceptional, and they were successful in electing him by a considerable majority. It occurred to some of them that they would like to ask his acceptance of some testimonial, not only to mark his office, but to testify their very great esteem and goodwill, and their appreciation of what he had done, not only for the Masonic Charities, but almost every institution connected with the Metropolis. Having come to this resolution, Bro. Marshall's feelings were consulted, and he elected to be presented with his portrait, taken in his Masonic clothing as Grand Treasurer. That portrait was now to be presented to him, and he was sure that whenever their honoured guest of the evening looked upon it it would remind him of the goodwill and esteem in which he was held during his term of office. There was another present—Bro. Marshall's son—who would look upon the portrait in the same spirit of pride and satisfaction. In the name of the subscribers he now asked Bro. Marshall's acceptance of the portrait, and in doing so he wished him long life, prosperity, and happiness,—sentiments which he felt would be endorsed by all the brethren present and elsewhere. As the portrait was unveiled the brethren cheered again and again in the most enthusiastic fashion, and the health of the guest of the evening was received with musical honours. The cheers were repeated as Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall rose to acknowledge the compliment which had been paid to him. In the course of his reply he said he received with feelings of inexpressible pleasure this splendid testimonial, to be preserved by his dear wife and himself, and in due course handed down to his son—and he hoped to his children's children—as a lasting memorial of their brotherly kindness. He should never forget the graceful and gracious, and too flattering way, in which the Chairman had alluded to his humble endeavours to follow his (Bro. Edgar Bowyer's) excellent example in carrying out the great principles of the Order. The enthusiastic manner in which they had received him that evening was the climax of that unfailing kindness which he had always received since he entered the regions of Masonic light. It was engraven on his memory that, six years ago, the brethren of his mother Lodge, on the evening of his initiation, entrusted to him the key of their Treasurership, and he had the unprecedented honour of serving his first Stewardship at a Masonic Festival in 1879, in his Entered Apprentice's apron, wearing at the same time the blue collar of the Treasurership of his mother Lodge. At each of the eighteen Festivals which he had had the privilege to serve as Steward since that time, his brother Stewards had invariably conferred upon their young brother an office of distinction. Those veterans of the Craft who had won their spurs by indefatigable industry, and obtained their rank by sheer hard work, would doubtless hear with amazement and astonishment that he had, within six years of his apprenticeship, passed through the chair of one Lodge, was at present Master of another Lodge, and he had reason to believe that three years in succession he should pass through the chair of King Solomon in three separate Lodges. His progress in the Royal Arch had been still more extraordinary, for within six months of his exaltation he found himself M.E.Z. of the Chapter; and to-night the brethren commemorated, in his unworthy self, the signal victory obtained by the Craft when in March last they so emphatically asserted and so energetically maintained their rights and their privileges by conferring upon so young a Mason as himself—only then just qualified to enter the portals of Grand Lodge—the second highest position of honour in the Craft that the brethren had it in their power to confer. Words failed him to express to the brethren the deep sense of his obligation, but he assured them from his heart that the one aim, the one object, the one desire of his Masonic life, would be to earnestly strive to be worthy of the exalted position in which, by their great generosity and their great magnanimity, he had been placed. Bro. Marshall then resumed his seat amidst deafening cheers. The health of the Chairman was proposed in the happiest vein by Brother F. Binckes, who referred to Bro. Bowyer's long connection with Masonry, the prominent and dignified position he occupied in the Craft. The genial regard in which he was held by his numerous friends eminently qualified him to preside on this important occasion. The toast was received with hearty cheering, and Bro. Bowyer briefly acknowledged the flattering encomiums which had been showered upon him by his excellent friend Bro. Binckes. Subsequently he gave the health of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London, in doing which he expressed the hope that the rights and privileges of the citizens would be fully maintained, and congratulated the company upon having several brethren present who belonged to the City Guilds, their principal guest being a member of the Court of Lieutenancy. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Capt. Lambert and F. T. Isitt. The toast of the Masonic Institutions was responded to by Bros. F. Binckes (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys) and James Terry (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), who each spoke in eloquent terms, as usual, in behalf of their respective Charities. Bro. H. B. Marshall jun. replied on behalf of the Visitors, and the remaining toasts were the Honorary Members of the Testimonial Fund, acknowledged by Bro. Geo. Kenning; the Honorary Secretary, by Bro. F. Binckes; and the Painter of the Portrait, by Bro. Marks. The interesting proceedings were varied with an abundance of vocal and instrumental music, and the evening was characterised by every element of amenity and enjoyment.

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Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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Grand Lodge will be opened at Four o'clock p.m.

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FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

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A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'Clock, the arrangements for which will be under the supervision of the Grand Stewards' Lodge.

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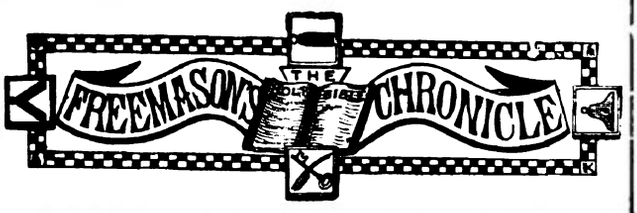
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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Salisbury, on Wednesday, 5th November, the receiving Lodge being the Lodge Elias de Derham, No. 586, of that town. The Prov. G.M., Lord Methuen, presided, and was supported by a large number of the Wiltshire brethren, amongst whom were the D.P.G.M. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.; Lord H. F. Thynne P.G.W. P.G. Supt. (R.A.) Wilts, Rev. C. H. Awdry Prov. Grand Chaplain, F. H. Goldney P.G. Treasurer, F. Ponting P.G. Registrar, Henry C. Tombs P.G.D. P.G. Secretary, J. Chandler P.P.S.G.W. P.G.D.C., Dr. Theobald Ringer P.G.A.D.C., H. E. Bishop P.G. Sword Bearer, H. Merrick P.G. Purs., William Nott P.P.J.G.W. Provincial Charity Secretary, Rev. F. King P.P.S.G.W., Robert Stokes P.P.S.G.W., Colonel Randle Ford P.P.J.G.W., E. Turner Payne P.P.J.G.W., Rev. G. E. Gardiner P.P.G. Chaplain, T. S. Futcher P.P.J.G.D., &c. &c.

The roll of the various Lodges was called, and duly responded to by representatives from every Lodge in the Province. The minutes of the last Grand Lodge, at Chippenham, of which a printed copy had been circulated, were taken as read, and duly confirmed. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tombs, then read the minutes of the Prov. Charity Committee's meeting, which had been held that morning, from which it appeared that Bro. Chandler was willing to represent the Province as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which Festival will be presided over by Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., the P.G.M. of the neighbouring Province of Gloucester. The Committee recommended that Bro. Chandler be adopted as Steward for the Province, and that the sum of £21 be voted from the Provincial Charity Fund, to be placed on his list. These recommendations were adopted. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Goldney, read an abstract of his accounts, which had been duly audited, and which besides the balance on the general and ordinary Charity accounts, showed a balance to the credit of the newly-established Benevolent Fund of £79 9s 6d cash, and £178 3s 6d Consols. These accounts were duly approved. The Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. Ponting, presented his usual report, showing that the number of members in this Province was about 440, or substantially the same as in the previous year, but stating that he was again, as last year, unable to make a complete return, owing to the neglect of one Lodge (the same which caused the like inconvenience in 1883) to make its return. The report was approved, the Provincial Grand Master, in putting it for adoption, making some remarks as to the Lodge in question, which he hoped would have the effect of preventing any recurrence of the neglect complained of. The Secretary to the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, Bro. Nott, presented the Report of that Committee as follows:—

Benevolent Fund.—The whole of the income to the end of the year 1882, has been invested in the sum of £178 3s 6d Consols, and in addition the balance in Treasurer's hands for the current year will, as no claim as yet has been made on the Fund, be all available for further investment. This is most encouraging, for with the small amount of income available, it would have been impossible to give assistance to any extent. This funding of the receipts has made an appreciable addition to the annual income, and, should there be no claim for the next two or three years, the Fund will be placed in a most satisfactory position.

Charity Organisation.—Since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge there has been no case from this Province at either of the elections for the Masonic Charities, the case of the boy, H. M. Jarvis, previously adopted as a candidate, having been withdrawn, he having obtained a nomination for another Institution. The votes of this Province have, therefore, been applied in supporting cases from the other associated Provinces, and, at the same time, reducing the liability of this Province.

The Committee has adopted as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the widow of the late Bro. Charles Feaviour, of the Corsham Lodge—Lodge of Rectitude, 335. A case which has been most strongly recommended to it as a very deserving one.

The Provinces now in intimate union with Wiltshire are Bristol, Gloucester, Leicester, Monmouth, Somerset, the Eastern Division of South Wales and Worcestershire, and the thanks of this Province are due to the representatives of those Provinces—more especially to Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouth, R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somerset, M. Tennant D.P.G.M. E.D. South Wales, and R. V. Vassar-Smith Gloucester, who have attended the elections this year—for their hearty co-operation with this Province.

The votes sent in to your Committee during the past three years have been as follows:—

	1882.	1883.	1884.
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	475	498	506
" " " " Girls	356	370	417
" " Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons	235	242	233
" " " " " Widows	153	171	338
	1219	1281	1496

thus showing a marked increase.

All the votes in the Province (both those from Lodges and private votes) are now, almost without exception, regularly placed at the disposal of your Committee, thus allowing of the necessary calculations and arrangements being made with a large amount of certainty.

THE WILTSHIRE RECIPIENTS OF THE MASONIC CHARITIES
Are nearly the same as last year.

From the **Benevolent Institution** three widows are still (as they have been doing for the past eight, six, and two years respectively) receiving annuities of £32 each.

In the **Masonic Schools**, there are nine Wiltshire children, as to whom the School authorities report as follows, viz:—

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A. M. C. (Old Swindon 355), age 15, elected 1879, leaves the School 1885, "is a good girl and making fair progress, is in the 2nd class."

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E. M. G. (Salisbury 586), age 13, elected 1879, leaves 1886, "is now in the 3rd class and making more progress, is a good girl."

F. J. N. (Old Swindon 355), age 13, elected 1880, leaves 1887, "is making good progress. She is in the 2nd class, is a good girl."

G. E. B. (Old Swindon 355), age 13, elected 1880, leaves 1886, "is in the fourth class, still being very slow, is a good girl."

G. M. S. (Old Swindon 355), age 11, admitted 1882, leaves 1889, "has passed the Senior School, where she is in the lowest class, being backward for her age, she is a good girl."

L. M. S. S. (Trowbridge 632), age 12, admitted 1882, leaves 1892, "is making progress, is in the 5th class, and is a good girl."

BOYS' SCHOOL.

H. V. N. B. S. (Trowbridge 632), age 14, elected 1877, leaves 1886, "in the 3rd class (1st is the highest), conduct satisfactory, progress improved, diligence improved. Place in class of 29 boys 24th, 1st October 1884."

H. R. H. G. (Trowbridge 632) age 10, elected 1883, leaves 1890, "in the 5th class, conduct satisfactory, progress fair, very backward on entering the Institution, diligence fair. Place in class of 30 boys, last.

It will thus be seen that Wiltshire is receiving a very large amount of benefit from the great Masonic Institutions, a benefit of which the money value may be reckoned at between £500 and £600 a-year, at the lowest.

The contributions from Wiltshire to these Charities during the past year have been made through the medium of the following

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	£	s	d
Bro. Edwin Eyres, Benevolent Institution ...	157	8	0
" T. Ponting, Girls' School	85	11	6
Lodge 632, Boys' School	10	10	0
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On the motion of Bro. Henry C. Tombs, seconded by Sir G. Goldney, certain additions to the Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-laws were made, in consequence of the powers granted by Rule 87 of the new Book of Constitutions, the effect being that to the present list of Officers which might be appointed annually by the P.G.M. the following were added:—a second Chaplain, a Standard Bearer, an Assistant Secretary, and an Assistant Pursuivant, to take rank according to such Rule 87. The Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren, recapitulating the various occurrences of the past year, and concluding by dwelling upon one which he had with the greatest regret to announce to them, namely, the fact that Bro. Henry C. Tombs had definitely expressed his inability, owing to his many engagements, to undertake the office of Provincial Grand Secretary again. Bro. Tombs had well and ably filled that office for the past 17 years, and he, the P.G.M., felt sure that every brother in the Province would unite with him in the expression of feeling at the great loss which the Province had sustained, and in conveying to Bro. Tombs their best wishes on his retirement. Bro. Henry C. Tombs most warmly thanked the P.G.M. and other brethren for

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their kind expressions towards him, and their appreciation of his services, and expressed his great regret that he felt himself compelled to resign the office which he had held for so many years, with great pleasure to himself, and in which he had always met with so much kindness and courtesy from every one in the Province; and congratulated the Province on the great advance which it had made during that period. It was afterwards, on the motion of Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., seconded by Lord H. F. Thynne, unanimously resolved that the P.G.L. of Wiltshire, desiring to recognise in a special manner the good services rendered by Bro. Henry C. Tombs to this Province during his 17 years of office as P.G. Secretary, and considering that instead of a testimonial being presented to him by private subscription a grant from P.G.L. would more particularly mark their esteem, hereby votes that a sum of fifty guineas out of P.G.L. funds be granted for the purchase of a suitable piece of plate. And that a Committee, consisting of the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Wardens, the P.G. Treas., and the P.G. Secretary, be appointed to carry this resolution into effect. It transpired that during Bro. Tombs' Secretaryship the number of members in the Province had more than doubled, whilst the number of Lodges had increased from 7 to 10. Bro. Tombs' connection with Freemasonry has not been limited to the Wiltshire Prov. Grand Lodge, for he has held the office of P.G.S.E. of the Provincial Grand Chapter from 1870 to the present time; he was appointed Grand Deacon of England in May 1877, and Assistant Grand Sojourner in the following year. He is also a P.M.W.S. of the St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter 18°, and a member of the thirtieth degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, a past E.C. of the Bladud Preceptory of Knights Templar, and a member of the Mark Degree. Bro. Tombs stated that he had been requested by a brother who was himself unable to be present, Bro. William Morris, of Swindon, to ask the acceptance by the Provincial Grand Lodge of a framed rubbing of an ancient Masonic stone, which had recently been discovered in Newport-street, Swindon, such stone having carved upon it the old Masonic Arms, and dated 1704, thus leading to the inference that Freemasonry had an existence in Wiltshire for some time previous to the date of the earliest records extant, which do not commence till some twenty-eight years later. This rubbing had been exhibited in August last at the Masonic Exhibition at Worcester, where it had attracted very considerable interest. Bro. Morris's offer was accepted by acclamation, and the Provincial Grand Master directed that the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 355, at Swindon, have the custody of this gift, on behalf of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, then declared all offices vacant, and proposed the re-election as Treasurer of Bro. F. H. Goldney. This being seconded by Lord H. F. Thynne, was carried by acclamation. The Provincial Grand Tyler was also re-elected. The other Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, and the investments were made as follows:—

Bro. E. T. Payne 355	Prov. Senior Grand Warden
J. V. Toone 1478	Prov. Junior Grand Warden
Rev. F. W. Macdonald 586 ...	Prov. G. Chaplain
F. H. Goldney 626	Prov. G. Treasurer
H. Merrick 1271	Prov. G. Registrar
Harry Bevir 355	Prov. G. Secretary
A. Tucker 586	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
W. C. Powning 586	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
J. T. Calkin 586	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
John Chandler 355 P.P.S.G.W. ...	Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies
George Pike 1478, 355	Prov. G.A.D. of Cers.
W. H. Burt 663	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
F. C. Kent 1295	Prov. G. Organist
E. R. Henly 626	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
E. J. Hollings 355	Prov. G. Stewards
R. Careless 626	
T. Turner 1295	
John Savory	Prov. G. Tyler

This ended the business of the meeting, and after the Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together at the White Hart Hotel.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

ON Wednesday, 19th instant, the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Dorset was held at the Masonic Hall, Bridport, under the auspices of Saint Mary's Mark Lodge, No. 121, the Officers and brethren of which had made excellent arrangements for its reception. This was the first occasion on which the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge had been held in that town. Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was opened at 12 o'clock, by Bro. the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath P.G.M.M.M., assisted by Bros. R. N. Howard D.P.G.M.M., J. M. P. Montague P.G.M.J.W. P.G. Superintendent Dorset, Prov. Prior of the Temple of Dorset P.D.P.G.M. Grand Chancellor S.G.C. 33°, C. J. Hambro D.P.G.M. Dorset, W. S. Gillard P.G.M. Steward, T. R. Charles P.P.G.M S.D., A. Maclean P.P.G.M.S.D., A. Graham P.P.G.M O., S. A. Vickery P.G.M. Treasurer, R. Cox P.G.M.D.C., J. S. Webb P.P.G.M. Inspector of Works, and many other brethren of the Province. After the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, held in the Isle of Portland, 1883, had been read and confirmed, the roll of Officers and Lodges was called over. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Mark Master then addressed the brethren on the present state of the Order, and the Province, and alluded in feeling terms to the great loss the Order had sustained by the deaths of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, and Bro. D. M. Dewar, and mentioned as a matter of congratulation the acceptance by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the rank of P.G.M.M.M. In submitting certain financial details of the Charities of the Order, with which he had been furnished by the kindness of Bro. F. Binckes, G.M. Secretary, he dwelt especially on the Institution of the Educational Branch of the Benevolent Fund, and recommended the brethren to give it their most cordial support. Referring more immediately to the Province of Dorset, he congratulated the brethren on the steady progress made. All the Mark Lodges were in excellent working order, and he hoped that at some not distant period the G.M.M.M. might consent to hold a movable Grand Lodge within the Province. The R.W. the P.G.M.M.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. R. N. Howard 126	P.D.G. Master
J. S. Webb 121	P.G. Senior Warden
A. Graham 126	P.G. Junior Warden
T. R. Charles 126	P.G. Master Overseer
W. H. Hay 121	P.G. Senior Overseer
G. J. Brady 133	P.G. Junior Overseer
J. H. Bowen 133	P.G. Secretary
S. A. Vickery (elected) 133 ...	P.G. Treasurer
W. B. Morgan 126	P.G. Reg. of Marks
T. Giles 121	P.G. Senior Deacon
E. Nantes 121	P.G. Junior Deacon
L. Bartlett 133	P.G. Inspector of Works
A. Maclean 126	P.G. Director of Cer.
W. T. Dunman 121	P.G. Asst. Director of Cer.
R. Burns 99	P.G. Organist
C. James 121	P.G. Sword Bearer
R. Hodder 121	P.G. Standard Bearer
F. Turner 121	P.G. Stewards
E. Mills 121	
R. Simmonds (elected) 126 ...	P.G. Tyler

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was closed at 1·45, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially received. The R.W. Prov. G.M.M. presided.

The Special Christmas Number of the *Christian Million* contains many elements of popularity. First, there is the coloured plate, entitled "The Golden Wedding," from a painting by John Morgan, selected from this year's Exhibition of the Royal Academy. This picture is full of sympathy, and appeals irresistibly to the spectator. The proprietors could hardly have hit upon a happier idea, or one more successfully carried out. Then there are numerous high-class wood engravings of Christmas subjects, such as "Hanging the Mistletoe," "Dreaming of Santa Claus," "The Sailor Boy's Return," "Christmas in the Orphanage," "A Christmas Drive in Canada," "Christmas in the Olden Time," "A Wet Christmas," &c. To sum up—there are eight complete Christmas stories, ten Christmas pictures, eight Christmas articles, six Christmas poems, besides two Christmas hymns with music. The price for the whole is 6d, and there can be no doubt but that it is a wonderful budget for the money.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LODGE, No. 56.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th instant, at the Town Hall, Arundel. The W.M., Bro. Thompson, who has removed from the district, being unable to attend, Lodge was opened by Bro. T. Francis P.M. P.P.G.D. Sussex. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. W. Morden, was installed by Bro. Eugene E. Street P.M., in a highly creditable manner, he having initiated Bro. Morden during his Mastership in 1880. The following brethren were appointed as Officers:—E. Collings S.W., C. Burnell J.W., G. T. Evershed P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary, A. Hearne Treasurer (re-elected), T. U. Price P.M. P.P.G.S. S.D., F. V. Paxta J.D., A. Garwood I.G., C. Chamberlain P.M. Steward, and J. Robertson Tyler. Bro. J. T. Sutor P.M. was re-appointed Provincial Charity Steward. There were also present Bros. Garwood and Nearne. Visitors—Bros. Loyd W.M. 38, Histed W.M. 811, Shaft W.M. 732, Arlidge W.M. 1638. The brethren adjourned to the Norfolk Hotel, where a banquet was supplied by the host, Bro. Barkshire.

LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

ON Thursday evening, 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Landport, there was a large attendance of members and visitors, to witness the installation of Bro. William Miles for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by Brother James Terry P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts (Secretary of the Benevolent Institution), and in the course of the proceedings the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing" (Dr. Clark Whitfield), was skilfully rendered by Bros. Lancaster, Sanders, Love, and Wilton, who presided at the harmonium. The attendance of P.M.'s and W.M.'s included Bros. Rastrick Provincial Grand Treasurer, Williams, Adams, Good, Main, Niven, Ellis, Stanley, Hall, Lancaster, Johnson, Westaway, Wells, Powell, Guy, Buck, Palsgrave, Irons, Collings, Fowler, Brunwin, Kimber, Craven, Rev. A. C. Hervey, Batchelor, Arnold, and Travess. The report of the Audit Committee, which was read by Bro. Bramsdon Secretary, referred to the steady increase in the prosperity of the Lodge, and although it had been impossible to vote a large sum to the several Masonic Charities during the past year, the Committee hoped that in the coming year the Lodge would be enabled to grant substantial aid to these deserving Institutions. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as under:—Bros. Foster S.W., Buckle J.W., Hancox Treasurer, Barnden Secretary, Brown S.D., Godding J.D., Guyatt D.C., Brookland I.G., Wilton Organist, Mead and Aylward Stewards, Parkinson and Exell Tylers. An interesting feature was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M. (Bro. Niven), the W.M. adding that after his very successful year of office he was deputed to pin the medal to his breast, remarking that the brethren presented it not for its intrinsic value, but as the medium by which they were able to express their high appreciation of his efforts to further the interests of the Lodge and of the Craft in general. The I.P.M. made a suitable acknowledgment, and appealed to the brethren to support him in the position of Steward of the Benevolent Institution, which he had accepted. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Terry for his services as Installing Master. More than a hundred brethren were present at the banquet which followed. The W.M., Bro. Miles, presided. Bro. Terry made an effective appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The banquet was well served, under the personal direction of Bro. E. Kingswell, manager of the club.

ROYAL ARCH.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on the 24th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Companions L. Lazarus M.E.Z., Henochsberg H., Littaur P.Z. J., Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Da Silva S.N.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, H. P. Isaac, P. Dickinson. Visitors—Bros. Cohen, Brazell 185, Eckstein 1196. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Liebmann, Urban Lodge, 1196, which being unanimously in his favour he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, most impressively, by the M.E.Z.; the Principals and Officers being equally perfect. The Report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. The installation of Principals then took place, and Comp. Henochsberg was installed M.E.Z., Littaur P.Z. H., and J. Da Silva J. The ceremonies were performed by Comp. Littaur in a very impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Lazarus I.P.Z., Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Phillips S.N., Dewsnap P.S., Bladen 1st Assist., Goddard Janitor. The Most Excellent then said it was his pleasing duty to present to the retiring First Principal a P.Z.'s jewel, and testimonial on vellum, testifying the respect he is held in; also to commemorate the second year of his acting as M.E.Z. Comp. L. Lazarus, in a feeling and eloquent speech, acknowledged the valuable gifts; they would ever be prized by him, as a pleasing remembrance of his connection with the Chapter. The testimonial consisted of a very elegant jewel, set with diamonds and precious stones; also an elegant and artistic testimonial on vellum, with suitable inscription, the work of Mr. Jackman. The Chapter was then closed until the last Monday in January, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, under the direction of Comps. Swayne and Silver. The M.E.Z., who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Companion L. Lazarus said it gave him great pleasure to propose the health of the M.E.Z. All present had seen the interest he had taken in the Chapter in every office he had held. They had evidently placed the right man in the right place. He was sure, on his retirement from the chair, Comp. Henochsberg would have the same good wishes; he was sure he would carry out his duties to their satisfaction. The M.E.Z. thanked Companion Lazarus for his kind remarks, and the Companions for the honour they had done him by placing him in the chair; he hoped to do his duty to their satisfaction. The M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the Exaltee, Comp. Liebmann. The Companions of the Joppa Chapter were pleased to see new members; he was sure Comp. Liebmann would reflect credit on the Chapter. He trusted he might work up, and eventually hold high office. Comp. Liebmann thanked the M.E.Z. for speaking so kindly of him; he had had a strong desire to become a R.A. Mason; he hoped to be spared among them many years. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, the M.E.Z. said he was pleased to see a valued late member present; one who was respected as a Treasurer; also Companions Eckstein and Brazell. Comp. Cohen said it afforded him great pleasure to visit the Chapter. In it he had passed every office, and been its Treasurer for 10 years; he was pleased to be present on this occasion, to see the M.E.Z. installed. He was glad to see several members of his own Lodge, No. 185, in office; he hoped to see them eventually fill the chair. Companion Eckstein followed. The M.E.Z. then proposed the P.Z.'s, who have always done their duty; to them the success of the Chapter is due. Comp. Lazarus, in a very able speech, responded. Comp. W. Littaur followed; he had for many years performed the ceremony of installation; he should be proud to do so whenever required. The health of the J. and S.E. was given, while the ability displayed by the P.S., Comp. Dewsnap, was favourably referred to. After ample response had been made, the Janitor gave the parting toast.

We have pleasure in announcing that the Worshipful Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, in conjunction with his officers, has decided to hold a ball at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on the 14th January next. The influence of friends is cordially invited, in order that the same may be a great success. Tickets (10/6 each), to include light refreshments and supper, may be had of any of the Stewards (of whom there is a goodly array), or of the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. H. Dickey, 42 Great Queen Street, W.C. A dispensation has been granted by the M.W.G.M. to allow the brethren to appear at the ball in Craft clothing.

Brother John G. Horsey P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, the present W.M. of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, was last Tuesday re-elected Worshipful Master of that Lodge for the ensuing year.

The members of the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, will resume their usual weekly meetings on Monday next, the 1st proximo, at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, instead of at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, at eight o'clock.

Obituary.

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COLONEL CREATON, PAST GRAND TREASURER.

IT was amidst the festivities of an unprecedentedly happy gathering of the City of Westminster Lodge, on Thursday night, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, that we first heard the sad news of the decease of Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, for some years Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England. The intimation, as it fell from the lips of the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England, caused a thrill amongst the brethren assembled, and as our reverend brother observed, it "struck a minor key" in the hearts of all that goodly company, none of whom appeared to have known that our illustrious late Grand Treasurer had been ill. As Brother Simpson proceeded to relate the "melancholy fact, in which we are all deeply interested," there was a temporary gloom over the assembly which had up to this time been so animated, "for," said he, "our Brother Colonel Creaton departed this life at one o'clock to-day." As Past Grand Treasurer of England, and so intimately connected with our Charities for many years—a most true and noble Brother—he was known and beloved by all, and his death will be heard of with the deepest regret by all the brethren, not only here, but throughout the kingdom." The mournful intelligence reached us too late to say more upon the subject in this number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and probably it were well to leave any further comment it may be necessary to make until the first flush of sorrow and regret caused by the unexpected event shall have passed away in the minds of the brethren.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
488—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
85—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C,
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1428—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 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.)
1628—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1628—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)

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
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
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
406—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
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1106—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.
1303—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1440—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
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-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, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.

R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 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. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
551—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)
876—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston at, 8 (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
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beanfort, 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.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
285—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
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
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
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.
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.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Beeking
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze.
1803—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 845—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
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
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Bansbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
180—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, St. Johns Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
554—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
724—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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Queen's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, Sidney Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1901—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1981—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1987—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1569—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

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74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
383—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
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
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
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.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme. Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1306—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
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. 1218—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (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, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., (Instruction)
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
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.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hall, 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.
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
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
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.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
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, 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, Wilnes
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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, 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
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 384—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. 765—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
844—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1295—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1313—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1347—Choriton, Masonic Rooms, Choriton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1649—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 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
182—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
185—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Seabegate-street, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1672—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
R.A. Chapter of Improvement, Gordon, Arkwright-st., W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rodhill
1455—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden,

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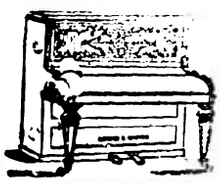
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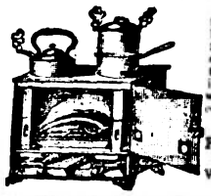
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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held in the Temple, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, at the usual hour of 7. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master occupied the throne, and was supported by the Earl of Limerick Prov. G.M. Bristol as Deputy G. Master, and R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, as Past G. Master. Lord Cremorne G.S.W. and Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W. were present in their appointed places, as likewise were most of the other Grand Officers, while there were present on the daïs very many Past G. Officers and in the body of the Hall the representatives of the different Lodges. The minutes of the last Communication having been read and confirmed, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was nominated for election to the Grand Mastership by Bro. Goldney, who, in the course of his remarks spoke in high eulogium of H.R.H.'s regard for Freemasonry and the deep interest he took in its welfare. There were then nominated the following candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer, viz., Bros. R. P. Cama, Major J. Woodall Woodall, and James Willing, who may be said to represent respectively the foreign, the provincial, and the metropolitan elements in the constitution of the English Brotherhood. The Grand Secretary then read a letter which had been addressed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in which the former requested His Royal Highness to withdraw the warrants formerly granted to three English Lodges in Montreal still retaining their allegiance to England, and the Grand Master's reply in which, he expressed his unwillingness and inability to compel the said Lodges to sever their connection with the parent Grand Lodge which created them. The Earl of Carnarvon thereupon addressed Grand Lodge, explaining the subject more fully than was possible in the narrow limits of a correspondence, and, while deprecating any bitterness of feeling in respect of the somewhat peremptory demands of the Grand Master of Quebec, pointed out that the action of our Grand Master was in accordance with precedent, and indeed that, in his opinion, no other course would have been possible under the circumstances. Here his lordship explained that it was necessary he should leave the chair, not only on account of engagements he had elsewhere, but likewise because he had observed that later in the evening a motion would be submitted having reference to himself. The Earl of Limerick, therefore, supplied his place, and at once announced that the Grand Master had re-appointed Bro. Joshua Nunn to be President of the Board of Benevolence, and that, as no other brethren had been nominated, Bro. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. would resume their old positions of Senior and Junior Vice President respectively.

The next business was the consideration of the Report of the Special Building Committee, which was submitted by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, the chairman, and was of a highly satisfactory nature. Briefly it was to the effect that the Great Hall had been enlarged so as to afford sitting accommodation for about one hundred more brethren; that the decorative portion of the work would in all probability be completed in time for the Grand Festival of next year; that the cost of restoration, save as regards the additions, the new exits, the new pictures, &c., had been kept within the amount of the insurance; and that complete accounts would be presented at the next March Communication. Bro. Monckton further pointed out that, by the re-arrangement of the interior fittings, an additional half-panel on the proper right of the daïs had become available for decorative purposes, and the Committee recommended that the vacant space should be filled by a half-length life-sized portrait of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, as a memorial of the affection and respect with which his lordship was regarded by the Craft, and of the valuable services he had rendered during his many years of service as Pro Grand Master. The report was adopted, as were likewise the recommendations of the Board of Benevolence. The report of the Board of General Purposes contained a recommendation that Bro. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, whose state of health did not permit of his continuing his duties in the office of G.S., should be granted a retiring pension of £400 per annum, being the full amount of the salary he had been receiving for many years past. After submitting this report, Bro. Fenn, President of the Board, proposed a resolution in accordance therewith, and, in so doing, spoke in the highest terms of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Buss during the thirty years he had held office under the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Walls, a member of the Board, having seconded the resolution, it was carried unanimously, amid the strongest manifestations of pleasure on the part of all present. Of the two appeals published in these columns last week, the first was allowed, and the second dismissed, and Bro. James Stevens's motion about Masonic Mendicancy was summarily, and very properly, rejected. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The above sufficiently describes the business that was transacted, but we cannot let the occasion pass without offering some few remarks as to what was done, and what was not done. Taking firstly, for the sake of convenience, the business which was omitted, but which we think should have found a place in the programme of proceedings, we would point out as a conspicuous oversight all reference to the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Past G. Treasurer. It was only in September last that a tribute of respect was openly paid by Grand Lodge to the memory of a distinguished brother whose death had occurred somewhat suddenly just a few days before that appointed for the Communication of Grand Lodge. We allude of course to the late Brother John Havers, P.G.J.W., of whose valuable services to Freemasonry it is quite unnecessary we should say anything here. Brother Creaton's death occurred—also, we believe, somewhat unexpectedly—the Thursday before Grand Lodge, and the sad event was permitted to pass without notice of any kind whatever, even without a single word of regret. And yet Col. Creaton had worked hard for more than a quarter of a century in helping to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and especially of the Institutions connected with it. These labours had been recognised by the Grand Master, when he appointed him a Grand Deacon in 1862, and by the Craft when it elected him Treasurer in 1879. His regular attendance at the various Committee meetings testified to his enduring interest in our Charities, and yet his death has occurred without a word of regret being uttered that one who had done so much for the Craft had passed for ever from our midst. The oversight is greatly to be regretted, and we feel confident it would never have been allowed to occur

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had the circumstances been brought to the notice of either the Earl of Carnarvon or the Earl of Limerick.

What passed now claims our attention. As regards the propriety of the compliment which it is proposed to pay to the Earl of Carnarvon, by adding his portrait to those of Past Grand Masters of the Craft, there will be a complete feel of unanimity everywhere. His lordship's services are so well known that it is no more than a bare act of justice that they should be recognized, and we have no hesitation in saying that the Building Committee—as, indeed, was to be expected with a man of such high culture and known taste as Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton as chairman—have chosen the most graceful mode of recognition, and the one most likely to commend itself to his lordship's acceptance. As regards Brother Buss, and the enthusiasm with which the proposal respecting his retiring pension was greeted from all parts of Grand Lodge, we need say little. Bro. Buss has been so well known and for so lengthened a period in the Craft, that it is almost impossible to say anything respecting him which has not already been said again and again. We can well believe that so enthusiastic as well as so unanimous an acceptance of the Board's recommendation must have been intensely gratifying to Bro. Buss himself, and we are anxious not to lose this opportunity of offering our testimony likewise to the uniform courtesy and kindness we have received at his hands, as well as of adding the expression of a very sincere hope that, now he has been released from the onerous cares of active service, he may yet live many years in the enjoyment of his well-earned ease and dignity, and the sincere respect of his brother Craftsmen.

There are still two other points about which we conceive it to be our duty to offer a few remarks. Bro. Stevens's motion was dismissed, as we had every reason to expect it would be, ignominiously. It deserved and could have experienced no other fate from a body of men who we believe are in the possession of their several senses. The Quebec business, or rather the action taken by H.R.H. the Grand Master in response to the rude and peremptory summons of the G. Master of Quebec, also met with the fate which must have been anticipated. It is far too heavy a subject to deal with here, but we think we are justified in describing the summons of the G. Master of Quebec as being in the first place an act of gross impertinence, and in the next as being a most unscrupulous attempt to set aside an honourable arrangement cheerfully entered into between Canada and England in 1857, and to which very many of the Quebec Lodges must necessarily have been a party.

THE OFFICE OF A COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE.

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"A motion may be made to refer the same (the charge or charges) to the Committee on Grievance, or to a special committee, *to report if a trial is necessary, or that one should be had.* If, however, the Lodge deems it best, a majority vote shall cause said charge or charges to be sent to a special committee to try the brother on said charges and specifications."

So, in like manner, the Bye-Laws of the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction usually contain a provision like the following:

"All complaints against any of the brethren of the Lodge shall be referred to the Committee on Grievance, with directions to examine the same with care, and, *if possible, adjust the difference in an amicable manner;* but if they cannot do so, then to report to the Lodge their proceedings, together with all the facts connected with the case, with such measures as they may deem proper to recommend."

It is apparent from the above quotations that the Fraternity has in view, primarily, the harmonising of all differences between brethren. Its purpose is to heal wounds, not to aggravate them; to close breaches, not to widen them. It does not say to an aggrieved brother—"Prosecute your brother at once, go to law with him in our fraternal court." Not at all. It discourages litigation, even within the Fraternity, and it sets in motion the machinery of its tribunal of justice only after all other measures have failed to unify the brethren between whom differences have arisen. Some Lodges are so careful to avoid even the *appearance* of having anything like a Committee of Trial, that they appoint no Committee on Grievance, so that there may be no standing tribunal to invite a hasty resort to it, relying entirely upon the raising of a Special Committee in each case as required. The spirit and intent of Freemasonry is therein apparent—it discourages the preferring of charges, except in the plainest cases of injury and transgression of Masonic obligation; and after the preferring of charges it looks, in the first place, towards the amicable adjustment of differences, and resorts to a trial only because the transgressor will not admit, or seek to rectify, what is proven to have been his plain and gross error.

It is the duty of Freemasons always and everywhere to remember the policy of the Fraternity in this regard. It need not be urged that in discouraging trials, at the outset, they act in a manner that will best tend to preserve the harmony of the Lodge. Nothing is more apt to promote unharmony than a Lodge trial. It at once divides the membership into two parties. It provokes unfraternal remarks on either side, stops proposals for membership, and retards generally the wheels of progress. The whole Lodge becomes a sort of general trial committee. Crimination and recrimination follows, and so the matter continues, until the end of the trial is attained; and even there the trouble does not end. For years the evil results of a Masonic trial may be felt. Let us not be misunderstood here. We do not urge that a guilty brother should not be punished, but only that, in the first instance, the Committee of Grievance shall do its proper work, by adjusting the difference and rectifying the wrong in an amicable and fraternal manner. First, pour oil on the troubled waters, but if it utterly fails to remedy the evil, *then* let the Trial Committee perform its judicial function.

Here we are reminded of a fraternal incident that took place in Washington Lodge, No. 59, of Philadelphia, some years ago, communicated to us by our friend Bro. William B. Reed, Secretary of the Lodge. A trial was had. The Committee to whom was referred the charge made by Bro. A. against Bro. B., made its report, fully sustaining the charges, whereupon the aggrieved Brother A. stepped forward, grasped Brother B. by the hand, and freely forgave him as a man and a Mason. This fraternal act was pleasingly witnessed by the entire Lodge, and so gratified were the members, that all the papers relating to the charges were ordered to be destroyed. There was a beautiful living picture, a forcible exemplification of the grace of Masonic forgiveness. Such a spirit would glorify any Lodge, and cause it to go on, as Washington Lodge has gone on, prospering and to prosper.—*Keystone.*

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps, One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

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BRO. DRUMMOND'S HISTORIC FALLACIES.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE superiority of Bro. Drummond's reasoning on the "Philadelphia Mother Question," no one will deny; but when he attempts to prolong the existence of Masonic Grand Masters to a period prior to 1717, his reasoning seems to be on a par with that of the Philadelphia champion for the connection of Coxe with Philadelphia Masonry of 1731. *The Masonic Token* copied Bro. Drummond's most recent *discovery*, and Bro. Rugg immediately published it with his endorsement in the *Freemason's Repository*; and in order to prevent the contagion from spreading, I shall reproduce Bro. Drummond's paragraphs and point out their fallacies. Saith Bro. Drummond:

"Bro. Charles Levi Woodbury has recently shown us a copy of a manuscript in the British Museum, which must have been written before 1717, and which experts conclude was written before 1686, in which is given a rule, requiring the presence of at least one operative Mason at every Lodge. This shows conclusively that the change from operative to speculative had been gradual, and that when the manuscript was written the speculative element was very large.

"The 'Old Regulations' (and of course the 'Ancient Charges') were not made in 1717, but were then collected, and the collection approved by the Grand Lodge and published; they were then 'Ancient Charges' and 'Old Regulations.' Both mention more than once the Grand Master as the Supreme executive officer of the Craft. It follows that unless these 'Ancient Charges' and 'Old Regulations' are a fraud, the office of Grand Master has existed long before these Charges and Regulations were compiled. The admission that these existed before they were compiled is also an admission that the office of Grand Master was an acient element in the polity of the Institution.

"There is one point in this connection to which we have given considerable consideration. Originally Lodges had no permanency of existence, and in 1717 it was provided that they must have a charter. It some time ago occurred to us that all this change could not have been made at once. It is certain that prior to 1717 some Lodges had permanency of organisation entirely inconsistent with the old theory and practice, under which a Lodge could not have existence except when in actual session; a Lodge was a mere assembly of brethren, and had no organised character. With the Ancient Charges, there was published the form of constituting a Lodge 'according to ancient usage of Masons.' In this form no mention is made of a charter, but in other respects they are substantially the same as those now in use. In the forms given a few years later, the delivering of the warrant is made a prominent feature. The evidence tends very strongly to show that before 1717 Brethren were constituted into a Lodge, with Master and Wardens, and became a body of a permanent character."

Now I saw Bro. Woodbury's MS. about three months ago. Briefly, then, it is the Harleian MS. No. 1942. In No. 6 of the *Masonic Truth*, 1883, I quoted therefrom *a new oath*, and in my preface to the Roberts MS. in the above paper, No. 23, 1884 (7th April), I showed that the Roberts MS. was copied from the Harleian, but with the addition of one regulation *and a date*. This Harleian MS. consists of two parts, viz., *old* and *new*. It begins (like all the other MSS., or more properly the pre-1717 rituals) with a prayer, followed by all the legends from the Matthew Cooke MS.; then comes twenty-five Regulations or Charges, and winds up with an oath, thus:

"These Articles and Charge which I have rehersed to you, you shall well and truely observe, & keepe you to your power, soe helpe your god and the contents of this book."

Thus far this MS. is *old*. It has not as many archaisms as other Masonic MSS. have, but thus far it is mainly copied from an older MS. Next comes the *new*. The first New Regulation is as follows:

"Noe person (of what degree soever) bee accepted a free Mason, unless hee shall have a Lodge of five free Masons at least, where of one to bee Master or warden of that limit, or devision wherein such a Lodge shallbee kept, and another of the trade of Freemasonry."

The above regulation was referred to by Bro. Drummond; it shows that two operatives (*not one*) had to be present in the Lodge. And the fifth of the New Regulations (or as it is numbered, "31") is as follows:

"That no *p* son shallbee accepted a Free Mason or know the secrets of the said Society, untill hee hath first taken the oath of secrecy hereafter following,—I., A. B. Doe in the presence of Almighty God & my Fellow," &c.

After the oath, there are ten articles or charges designed for an *operative* apprentice; and from this MS. brother Drummond inferred his wonderful discovery, that before 1717 Masons were governed by a Grand Master, &c. Somebody believes that the said MS. was written *before* 1686. Now some experts claim that they can fix the precise year when a MS. was written by the chirography or style of penmanship; but I cannot believe that mere penmanship can fix the period of a MS. within a limit of fifty years at least, for I have in my possession a letter I wrote more than thirty years ago, and the penmanship is so like my present style of penmanship that I could not tell by the mere handwriting (if I did not examine the contents and judge by internal evidence) whether my own letter or MS. was written in 1850 or in 1884. Bro. David Pulsifer, the well known Boston antiquary, who owns and has handled more old MSS. and records than many experts have, agrees with me that the style of writing acquired during youth adheres to the man as long as the fingers retain the necessary strength. Now, if I cannot fix the year of my own handwriting, how can an expert tell when the Harleian MS. was written?

But perhaps the old style of spelling may be a criterion that it must have been written *before* 1686; for instance, we have in this MS. soe, doe, hee, bee, &c. Now if that fashion of spelling had been prohibited by Act of Parliament on the 1st of January 1686, there would be reason for believing that it was written before 1686; but such an Act of Parliament was never passed, and it is not difficult to prove that the same style of spelling was in vogue for many years after 1686. For instance, I opened, promiscuously, Pepy's Diary and also Evelyn's Diary. In the former, in letters written in 1687, I found *soe*, *finde*, *bee*, *roame*, *barr*, *yeares*, *qualifyde*, *doe*, *aske*, *towne*, *myne*, *mee*, *behalfe*, and *myselfe*, all which words were on two pages of the book where I opened; and Evelyn wrote in 1688—the subject was the king's trouble with the bishops—and here are his specimens of spelling: *addresse*, *heare*, "signed in *forme*," *returne*, "The *injoyning* his ministers," *greate baile*, "*Citty* of Lima," &c. If then great scholars and visitors of His Majesty's Drawing-room spelled that way in 1688, why must our Masonic MS. have been written *before* 1686? And I have here Sloane's MS. 3329, which the Rev. Brother Woodford admits *may have been written* in 1715, which contains similar spelling. But that is not all. In the petition presented to Henry Price in 1733, *and I have no doubt that it was written in* 1733, may also be seen *soe*, *att*, &c.; and the petition from Portsmouth, N.H., 1736, to Price begins with "Wee." Why, even the extracts given by Bro. Schultz from a M—d Lodge record of 1765 contains similar spelling. Well, then, spelling is no criterion for fixing the date of our MS. to 1686.

It is my opinion that the said MS. was written between the latter part of the seventeenth century and 1717—probably near 1710. My reason for supposing it to have been written in the eighteenth century, is: first, the new-fashioned oath in it; and second, it is the only MS. as far as I know (except Roberts' MS.) that mentions "Wardens" and refers to the presiding officer as "Master"; thus the thirtieth Regulation (one of the *New*) ordains:

"That for the future the sayd Society, Company, & fraternity of Free Masons shall bee regulated & governed by one master, & Assembly & Wardens, as *ye* said Company shall think fit to chose, at every yearely general Assembly."

The *Antiquity*, the *Alnwicke*, the *York*, and the *Scarborough* MSS. are respectively dated 1688, 1701, 1704, and 1705. If, therefore, the Harleian MS. was written before 1686, the later MSS. would probably have copied its innovations; but, with the exception of Roberts' MS., *which contains but one archaism*, they are all minus of the new oath, &c. Our MS. seems, therefore, to have been a later production.

It is a curious fact that in no old MS., including the old part of the Harleian MS. under consideration, is the presiding officer indicated by any other title than "Senioribus," meaning Elder or Alderman. In Scotland, the Lodge president was variously styled Master, Warden

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or Deacon. Bloomfield, in his "History of Norfolk," says: "The old guilds styled their officers either Custus, Alderman, Master or Warden." The English Masons seem to have styled their officer Elder or "Alderman" up to the formation of the Grand Lodge, but with two exceptions. In the Alnwicke record of 1701, the laws provided for the election of a Master and Wardens. The New Regulations in our Harleian MS. also ordained the election of a Master and Wardens. It is not improbable that the compiler of the Harleian MS. may have derived the innovation of the titles for the Lodge Officers from some Alnwicke Brethren. Now this Alnwicke Lodge continued an old-fashioned operative Lodge from 1701, at least, till 1757. In the (London) *Freemason* of 1871, pp 35 and 36, Bro. Hughan has furnished extracts from the said record embracing those dates. He could not learn from the said record whether non-operatives were admitted into the said Lodge. The said record begins with the old style ritual, and neither *degrees* nor Grand Master are indicated either in the record or in the ritual. Here, then, we have positive evidence that operative Lodges could have adopted the titles of Master and Wardens for their officers without dreaming of "speculative Masonry," or of having a Grand Master or Grand Lodge. I will here add that the word "*Senioribus*" in the old MS. is in a Latin paragraph. In the Alnwicke MS. (as well as in some others) the said paragraph is in English, and reads as follows:

"Then shall one of the most ancient of them all hold a Book, that he or they may lay his or their hand or hands upon the said Book, and these precepts following ought to be read."

After which the above laws or charges were recited by the Master, which wound up with "So help your God," &c. In the above extract *Senioribus* is translated "one of the most ancient of them," but in another MS. it is "one of the elders." I must further add that "Master, Fellow and Apprentice" are mentioned in all the MSS.; but these words refer to an employer, journeyman, and one who is serving his time to learn the trade. But as to such phrases or terms as *Grand Master or Masonic Degrees*, the old MSS. and records never allude to them.

The permanence of the Alnwicke Lodge for many years, both before and after 1717, the numerous Lodges in Scotland, which existed for centuries before 1717, proves conclusively that *originally* Lodges *had permanent existence*. Nor does the first of the "New Regulations" prove that when the Harleian MS. was written "the speculative element was *very* large." There is, however, no doubt that non-operatives were admitted in the middle ages into all kinds of guilds.* The London Tailors claimed that seven English Kings, from Richard II. to James I., were members of their guild. In 1607 King James was a *Cordwainer*, and his son Prince Henry and a host of courtiers *then* joined the Tailors' guild. Ashmole was Masonized in 1646. Bro. Ryland has shown that another non-operative was made a Mason even before Ashmole. And in Bro. Lyon's "History," page 51, I find that a non-operative was the Warden or Master of the Edinburgh Lodge in the year 1600; but neither themselves, nor any one else, styled those non-operatives by the term "Speculatives." This title is of very recent origin, and unless it is proved that non-operatives in those days *speculated*, that phrase or term should be discarded from Masonic nomenclature.

But, reasons Bro. Drummond, the old regulations and old charges were not made in 1721, but were only then collected, *and of course* they must have been printed *verbatim et literatim*. These printed old regulations mention the office of Grand Master as a long-established title for the head of the Masonic fraternity; and unless the old charges and old regulations contained in Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 are frauds, why, then, Grand Masters must have existed before 1717.

Now forty years ago such method of reasoning would have passed unchallenged and uncriticised; then no one supposed it possible for a Masonic author to be guilty of writing a falsehood; but I found out since that Masonic writers are unreliable. Why!—are not the writings of Oliver, Mackey, Moore, and others filled with falsehoods? Is not the solemn promise of our W. Masters, "on the word and honour of a gentleman and Mason," *a mere farce*? Is not Templarism, and scores of other high degrees, *all based on fiction*, shamelessly patronised and promulgated by the highest Masonic dignitaries of the land? And instead of our pious clerical brethren rebuking and censuring these deviations from truth and justice, do they not either view them with apathy or defend them with Jesuitical sophistry? Again, it is a well-known fact that most of our Masonic editors will cheerfully publish communications about the Masonry of Adam, Nimrod, Noah and Co., while they are averse to publish anything which tends to undermine Masonic humbuggeries. Here, then, are sufficient proofs that Masonic writers can be guilty of writing falsehood; and, on the other hand, I know that Anderson deliberately altered the date to the New Regulations, which he copied from Roberts' MS., changing the "Eighth Day of December" into "St. John's Day, 27th December." He also Grand Mastered Moses, Julius Cæsar, Herod the Great, and many others, without giving any authority for the same. Why, then, could not Anderson also have exaggerated the antiquity of English Masonic Grand Masters?

Again, there are now more Masonic MSS. collected than Anderson ever saw, and I have compared many of these with Anderson's so-called "Old Regulations" and "Ancient Charges," and in the whole thirty-nine regulations in Anderson's Constitutions I found but *one item* that was derived from the old MSS., viz., The Thirty-ninth Regulation contains an old law that apprentices should vote at the annual election of officers, and all the previous thirty-eight Regulations were *new* in 1723. And I also found that the second and fifth of Anderson's Charges are indicated in the old MS., but the remainder of the said Charges *were also new* in 1723. Taking, therefore, these facts into consideration, I feel justified in rendering my verdict against Bro. Drummond's conclusions, though they are endorsed by the editor of the *Freemason's Repository*.—*Masonic Truth*.

* Mr. Bloomfield, to whom I have already referred, writing about the guilds in the middle ages, says: "Divers of the nobility, bishops and other eminent persons, thought it no dishonour to be admitted into them, which admission was sued for with great reverence, and an oath was taken to be good and true to the masters of the guild and to all the brethren." (Bloomfield's "History of Norfolk," Vol. III., page 494. Lynn, 1769.)

Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland on 1st inst., is the son of the late Archibald Douglas, of Mains, county Dumbarton (who in 1838 assumed the name and arms of Campbell, on the death of Major Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, M.P.) He was born 27th of February 1837, and served in the Scots Guards in the Crimea, where he was severely wounded; he also served in Canada. He contested Paisley in 1868, as a Conservative, unsuccessfully, but was returned as a member for Renfrew county in 1873. In 1874 and 1880 he again contested the same county, but was unsuccessful. He married, in 1864, Augusta Clementina, daughter of Robert John, second Lord Carrington. He is Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, and is Vice Lieutenant and Convenor for the co. Renfrew; also Colonel of 4th Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Militia. The estate of Mains has been in the family since 1373, and that of Blythswood since 1647.

The annual dinner of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 28th ult. The event was, as usual, preceded by a meeting at which the sections of the first lecture were worked, and the brethren present had an opportunity of witnessing the admirable manner in which the Emulation working is carried out. At the dinner, or supper, which followed, the chair was taken by Brother Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday evening. Comps. Gregory M.E.Z., Knight H., Hubbard J., Sheffield S.E., Strugnell S.N., Radcliffe P.S. The respective offices were well represented, and the ceremony of exaltation was ably conducted. Comp. T. C. Edmonds ably fulfilled the duties of Preceptor.

Worshipful Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, to deliver his Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences, explanatory of the rituals and ceremonials of the First Degree," at the Collegiate School, Worple Road, opposite the Wimbledon Station, Wimbledon, on Thursday evening, 15th January next. The attendance of brethren from surrounding Lodges will be welcomed.

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Obituary.

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We hurriedly referred last week to the grievous loss sustained by the Craft through the death of Col. Creaton Past G. Treasurer, and now it is our painful duty to chronicle the loss of yet another distinguished Freemason—Bro. H. C. Levander P.G.D.—whose demise took place on Thursday, the 4th instant. Bro. Levander had been a member of our Society for thirty years, and had earned a high reputation, both in the Provinces and London, as one of the ablest exponents of our mysteries, as well as one of the most learned in all matters relating to the ritual and ceremonies of the Craft. Bro. Levander was initiated in Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, in November 1854, and since then he had taken an active part in every branch of Freemasonry, whether Craft, Arch, Mark, Cryptic, or High Grade Masonry. He had essayed all, and in all had achieved distinction, the highest bestowed upon him being that of a Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England. It will be difficult to find a brother who will be able as well as willing to undertake the many responsible duties which Bro. Levander had borne so cheerfully for many years, but especially will his death be felt by the brethren and Companions of the Province of Middlesex, among whom his chief labours had been carried out.

Nor is this, unfortunately, the only loss we have to report in the present number. Brother Southwood, P.M. and Secretary of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, and P.Z. of the Chapter, died suddenly on Sunday last, and there have likewise passed away Bro. John Bellerby, a P.G. Steward, Bausor, Bro. H. Sarel Cooper P.M. 228, Bro. H. Tucker, and Bro. James Linscott of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. All these brethren had played their part well in Masonry, and they will be regretted, not only by their friends and relations, but likewise by the more extended acquaintance they enjoyed in Masonic circles. We offer our sympathy to the friends and families of all our deceased brethren.

REVIEWS.

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All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. During the year 1883. Philadelphia: Masonic Publishing Company. 1884.

This is a voluminous abstract of some 280 pages, the bulk of it containing the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. The contents are interesting, but there is not much in the records of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge which will claim the attention of other than our Pennsylvanian brethren. Possibly the proposal which will be regarded as among the most important of those submitted to the Grand Lodge was one for the establishment of a Home for Aged and Indigent Brethren, or in other words a kind of Male Benevolent Institution such as we have in this country. As regards this, it is almost needless to say that the Grand Lodge expressed its unqualified approval, but it considered that the responsibility of initiating and carrying out such a movement should be left to the enterprise of individual brethren. As regards the numerical strength of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction it appears there are, or rather were, at the beginning of last year, 382 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge, and an aggregate membership of 35,829. The financial condition appears to be satisfactory, the Receipts, including the Balance brought forward, amounting to close on 168,000 dollars, and the expenses to nearly 157,000 dollars, leaving a balance to the good of over 10,000 dollars or £2.000. The Receipts for the current year are estimated at 127,000 dollars, including balance from 1883, and the Expenditure at 122,000 dollars, leaving a balance of about 5,000 dollars (£1,000) on the right side of the account. The Grand Lodge Charity Fund shows Receipts 5,175 dollars, and disbursed in relief 3,500 dollars, the total invested funds amounting to 70,500 dols. The Stephen Girard Charity Fund appears to be in an equally satisfactory condition. It is hardly necessary to mention that the question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction crops up in the Foreign Correspondence in connection with the G. Lodge of Quebec, and that the views of the Committee thereon do not agree with the views we have reiterated in this journal.

Information for the Members of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and for all regular Master Masons who are desirous of connecting themselves with the Scottish Rite. Respectfully submitted. New York: Printed by Edward O. Jenkins Sons, 20 North William-street.

This is a pamphlet dealing with controversial matters written by Bro. Robert B. Folger, M.D., in defence of the position taken by him in connection with this Rite. We think we shall serve the author's purpose best by commending his work to the notice of those among our readers who are more particularly interested in matters of this description. We may state that Bro. Folger writes clearly, as he writes strongly, the device on his banner being manifestly "*Dieu et mon Droit*"—which for once in our lives we shall take the liberty of rendering into "God and my *Rite*." Our sympathies are entirely with those who may be anxious to study the question discussed in these pages, with a view at arriving at a clear understanding of its numerous *pros* and *cons*.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The fate of Bro. James Stevens's motion will have been settled before this can be inserted in the columns of your valuable journal, and Grand Lodge, at the instance of that brother, may or it may not have thought it expedient to entrust the Board of General Purposes with the duty of devising "the best means for the prevention of the continued impositions practised upon Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges by Mendicant Freemasons." In any case, it appears to me that the course suggested by Bro. Stevens very much resembles that of employing a Nasmyth's hammer to crack a nut. I may, of course, be wrong, but I have not noticed, during the whole of the recent correspondence on the subject, more than one case of mendicancy mentioned by the several writers. I dare say there are other cases frequently occurring. It is not improbable they occasionally put the judgment of our Lodge Almoners to a sharp test, and still more probable that the Lodges and the Almoners are sometimes imposed upon. But to judge from the solemnity of Bro. Stevens's utterances, I feel almost tempted to suppose that one half of our Fraternity in England does little or nothing else than go tramping about the country for the express purpose of—to use a somewhat vulgar expression—taking in the other half; and, furthermore, that the latter are such a set of noodles as to be incapable of protecting themselves from the imposition of the former without the intervention of Grand Lodge. As a matter of fact, I presume that among the thousands and thousands of Masons in England there may be perhaps some two or three score cases of disreputable mendicancy in the course of a twelvemonth. It is desirable that Lodges and brethren, if they have no discretion of their own to exercise, should be put on their guard against the unseemly practices of professional Masonic tramps; but is there no other way of preventing fools and their money from being parted than that proposed by Bro. Stevens? Surely there must be some plan devisable for administering relief to the worthy and withholding it from the unworthy without gravely inviting Grand Lodge to prepare a code of regulations for the observance of Lodges and members in all cases of doubt and difficulty. We are not children that we cannot repress a few trumpery scandals without grandmotherly help.

I may have seriously under-estimated the extent to which Masonic Mendicancy prevails, and the instance which has been lately the subject of correspondence in the Masonic press may only be one out of very many. But even in that case it strikes me as being very undignified to bother Grand Lodge in a matter we should be able to cope with successfully without its intervention. If we cannot deal with this evil unaided by the authorities, then I think we deserve to be victimised.

Fraternally yours,

"Once bit twice shy."

The regular Committee of the Girls' School was held on 27th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Robert Grey, Patron, P.G.D. Five petitions were also accepted, as were those of the two girls recommended for admission on the new purchase system by the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute, which had been examined since the previous meeting and found in order, while one petition was deferred. The resignation of Miss Barron, one of the Governesses, was announced, and a notice of motion was given for the increases of salary thereby rendered necessary, while it was also proposed to move, at the Quarterly Court, that Miss Barron's services to the School should be recognised by a gratuity of £25. It is almost needless to say that the illness of Colonel Creaton was referred to, the Chairman expressing himself very feelingly, and trusting that the life of that brother might be preserved, and that he might speedily be restored to health, and once again able to resume attendance at their meetings. Our sad record of last week shows that this wish has unfortunately not been realised.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. W. J. Collens W.M., A. LeGrand S.W., J. H. Brookes J.W., Wm. Jerrett Miller P.M. Treas., Wm. Worrell P.M. Sec., A. C. Rees S.D., C. Boy J.D., W. J. Heath I.G., W. F. Smart P.M., E. Kidman P.M. Steward, C. Cutmore P.M., G. Newman P.M., A. Braun P.M., W. Johnston Assistant Steward. The usual business of the installation was performed in a very pleasing manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Collens, he placing Bro. Alfred LeGrand in the Chair of King Solomon. The other business of the day comprised the confirmation of the minutes, the receipt of the Auditors' Report, the raising of Bro. Harker, the passing of Bros. Price and Crawford and the customary appointment of Officers for the ensuing year. At the banquet which followed, the newly installed W.M. was well supported by the Past Masters, the brethren, and the following visitors:—Bros. Henry Garrod A.G.P., L. Ferguson 1997, D. Jones 1586, J. Peckett J.W. 256, J. A. Robson W.M. 1445, H. Goodwin, J. L. Apsey I.G. 534, J. C. Innes W.M. 795, H. Von Joel W.M. 957, &c. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung and then the W.M. gave the first toast—that of the Queen and the Craft. The next business was of a somewhat novel character, and was a matter which might well be copied by other Lodges. It consisted in putting up the contents of the Charity box to auction. Bro. Newman P.M. efficiently acted as salesman, and in introducing "the desirable property" to the notice of the members, remarked that the sale was a time-honoured institution in the William Preston Lodge, which he thought created a little amusement, added to the fund available for the cause of Charity, and gave every brother an opportunity of extending his liberality beyond the amount he had already contributed. The idea originated in the William Preston Lodge, and was a good one worthy of imitation in others. The *modus operandi* was simplicity itself. There was the Charity box, and it would be "knocked down" to the highest bidder. The fortunate brother who secured it would have the privilege of recouping himself the amount of his expenditure from the contents if he could—and any balance would be added to the purchase money, which was intended to benefit the Charity Fund of the Lodge. There was ample scope for speculation, as the contents might far exceed the highest bid, when the brother who succeeded in securing the "lot" would have the gratification of knowing there was a large surplus to swell his munificence. On the other hand if the contents fell short of the bid, well, there would then be the gratifying feeling that the collection made had been increased by the difference. The operation seemed to be somewhat in favour of the Fund, but all was fair in the cause of "Charity." The bids soon reached forty shillings and then a little friendly rivalry took place, three members vieing with each other until 53/- was reached, at which price the contents found a purchaser. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, expressing the pleasure he and the members felt in being honoured by the presence of a member of that body, in the person of Bro. Henry Garrod, Assist. G. Purs. Bro. Garrod had much pleasure in returning thanks. Since his last visit to the Lodge he had had the honour of the purple conferred on him, a compliment he fully appreciated. The working of the Grand Officers reflected credit on them as a body. While the very large attendance of Past Grand Officers at the regular meetings of Grand Lodge proved that their interest in the Craft did not stop at the close of their term of office. Bro. Collens I.P.M. then assumed the gavel. They had that evening installed into the Chair a Worshipful Master who, from the way in which he had performed the duties leading up to the position, gave every promise of accomplishing the work of Master to the satisfaction of them all. He felt sure that at the close of his year of Office there would be no question as to the way in which he had managed the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. Collens felt sure the brethren would unite with him in wishing Bro. LeGrand a very successful and prosperous term of office, hoping that when he had to retire he would do so with the thanks and hearty good wishes of every member of the Lodge. The W.M. tendered his thanks. He had undertaken the responsibilities of the office he then held with great diffidence, as he had feared his business engagements would prevent his giving as much attention to it as he should desire. Having, however, put his hand to the plough he should do his best to carry out his duties to their satisfaction and for the benefit of the Lodge. He could only hope for the assistance of the brethren. It would be his endeavour to promote that True Friendship which should at all times actuate Freemasons. He hoped especially to have the support of the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge. He looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to receiving several initiates during his year of office, and hoped that any who were proposed would prove to have been well selected—not drags on the Order, but true ornaments of which they might be proud. It was a duty—a most pleasing duty—which he had now to perform. It was to give expression to the resolution passed in Lodge, to present to the retiring W.M. a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Collens had been a most efficient Master, and if he (the W.M.) could only carry out the work of the Lodge during his year of office in anything approaching a similar manner he should feel very gratified. Bro. Collens tendered his thanks, both for the jewel the brethren had been pleased to present him with and for the reception they had always accorded him. It had afforded him great pleasure to do what he had done in discharge of his duties in the chair. He had been materially assisted in this respect by the Officers and members, and again he desired to thank them. The toast of the Visitors followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Robson and Innes. The Past Masters were next honoured, the Master reiterating the sentiment of his predecessors in regard to the ability of those who in years gone by had occupied the position he then had the honour to fill. Bro. Miller Treasurer responded. The Past Masters one and all endeavour to render Masonry in the William Preston Lodge as happy, as comfortable, and as pleasing as it is possible to make it. To the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Worrell suitably responded, and then the Tyler was summoned to give the closing toast. We can but congratulate the Lodge on its continued prosperity, and on its prospects for the future. The banners of the Past Masters, which in this Lodge are always displayed, form, as we have before said, one of the most pleasing effects it is possible to imagine. It is certainly to be regretted that this custom is not more general in our Lodges.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE annual installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 27th ult. There was a numerous gathering of Officers and brethren, in whose presence Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities about five o'clock, under the presidency of the Master, Bro. Thomas W. Eastgate, who was supported by Bros. Jones W.M. elect S.W., Lee J.W., Hammond Treasurer, Shaw Secretary, Smith S.D., Hill J.D., Hoare Organist, Cox I.G., Brander Steward, and a number of other members of the Lodge. Amongst the visitors, of whom there over fifty present, were Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain of England, Carrick P.P.G. Sussex, F. Seagar Hunt J.W. 1304 and 2030, and a large number of the Masters and Officers of sister Lodges. After the transaction of some routine business, the Auditor's Report and balance-sheet, which showed the Lodge Benevolent Fund to be in an eminently satisfactory position were submitted and approved. Two candidates, Messrs. P. Philpott and Henry Price, were ballotted for and initiated, and Bro. Ashby was passed to the second degree. All these ceremonies were performed with regularity and precision by the retiring Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. Jones was then presented for the benefit of installation, a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, that impressive rite was duly solemnised by the retiring Master. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was saluted with the customary honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year as follows:—Bros. Eastgate I.P.M., Lee S.W., Smith J.W., Hammond P.M. Treasurer, Shand Secretary, Hill S.D, Cox J.D., Hoare P.M. Organist, Durant I.G., Bradner D.C., Higgins W.S., Filbor Assistant W.S., Potter Tyler. The Secretary read letters of apology for unavoidable non-attendance from Sir F. Burdett Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, W. Burdett-Coutts, Master of the Abbey Lodge, and other brethren. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the company sat down to banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, who, after dessert, proposed the Loyal toasts, referring to the Queen as Patron of the Craft, and to the Prince of Wales as G.M. of England, who was thoroughly devoted to the interests of Masonry. In responding for the Grand Officers Present and Past, the Rev. R. J. Sampson Past Grand Chaplain, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be a member of the old Westminster and Keystone Lodge, and of the new and rising Abbey Lodge of which he had the honour to be the Chaplain. Without attempting a speech, he took this opportunity of saying that at the present time Freemasonry was becoming a subject of discussion to a very considerable extent—so much so, that that day he saw a red, flaming newspaper "contents sheet" the line, Freemasonry saved me. Let them not for a moment imagine he had any commission on that advertisement, for he never had the honour of seeing the paper in question. But these words were significant, apart from any touting for a newspaper. He knew of an eminent citizen in London who for a long period was held in considerable doubt upon his religious convictions, and as to what course he should pursue, when his attention was arrested by a study of the principles and teachings of Freemasonry, and he became a different man. He was saved by Freemasonry. When we came to consider that superstition and atheism stood like Scylla and Charybdis on either side of them, it was a happy thing to be able to steer their bark clear from the troubled world in so good a ship as Freemasonry. Moreover, there was nothing that brought out the domestic affections, all that was high, and lofty, and beautiful in home life, more than Freemasonry; nothing that led to more thorough loyalty to the State; that taught men not to be narrow-minded, but to extend their charity to all around them. Therefore, they ought to consider it an honour and privilege to belong to the Order. It was pleasing also to think that their charity was not merely confined to the Craft, but extended to thousands in the outer world. Only that day two gentlemen and he (the speaker) made an attack upon the City of London, as trustees of the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund, on behalf of the widows and orphans of letter-carriers, of whom they were no fewer than 23,000 in the country. In two hours they received promises for £1,100. The first firm they went to was Jewish, and the second Christian, and from each they got £250. He mentioned this to show that the principle of charity, which was one of the cardinal points of Freemasonry, was thoroughly upheld in the City of London. The health of the newly-installed Master was then proposed by Bro. Eastgate I.P.M. The brethren had had ample opportunities during the past of judging of the capabilities of their new Master. He had discharged his duties in each of the offices to which he had been appointed in a most satisfactory manner, and would no doubt add lustre to his reputation during the coming year. It was five years since he had been initiated in the Lodge, and during that time he had gained the respect and esteem of the brethren. The W.M. tendered his thanks. He would do his utmost for the welfare of the City of Westminster Lodge and the comfort of its members. He then proposed the health of his predecessor in the chair and installing Officer of that day. After eulogising the services of Bro. Eastgate had rendered to the Lodge, he asked that brother's acceptance of a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, which had been voted him by the brethren, "in

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recognition of the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair." In fastening the jewel to the breast of the Immediate Past Master he wished him health, happiness and long life to enjoy the esteem and affection of all by whom he surrounded. Bro. Eastgate suitably acknowledged the gift, and the kindly expressions which had accompanied it. He then gave the toast of the Initiates. By the attention they had paid to the ceremony, he felt they would not only be a credit to the Lodge, but also to the Craft in general. The Initiates in brief but appropriate terms responded to the toast. The W.M. then said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Officers and members of the Abbey Lodge, and felt honoured by the presence of all but the W.M., whose absence they regretted. They had, however, good representatives in the I.P.M., Wardens, and brethren. The City of Westminster Lodge had signed the petition for the Lodge, and was proud of it. The W.M. hoped that the good feeling between them might long continue; he called on the I.P.M., Bro. Spink, the Senior and Junior Wardens, to respond. Bro. Spink I.P.M. said he felt it an especial honour to respond to the toast, and regretted the absence of the W.M. It was rare that members of one Lodge invited those of another Lodge to see their working and receive their hospitality. The working of the I.P.M. and the W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge was something to emulate. Bro. W. H. Baker J.W., Abbey Lodge, and said he had been authorised by his W.M. (Bro. Burdett-Coutts) to say public duty called him away that day. On a future occasion he hoped to ask them to the Abbey Lodge. Bro. Seager Hunt J.W. in a very eloquent speech followed, and hoped that the future of the City of Westminster Lodge might be one of prosperity. The toast of the Visitors was given, Bros. Draper P.M. 1305 and Carrick responding. The toast of the P.M. followed, the W.M. speaking of the assistance they had rendered to the Lodge. He coupled with the toast the health of the Treasurer, Bro. J. Hammond P.M., and the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Shand P.M., whose knowledge of the duties of their respective offices could not be equalled. Bro. Phillips in a very humourous and eloquent speech replied, followed by Bros. Hammond and Shand. The latter felt proud to see the members of Abbey Lodge present. The toast of the Wardens and other Officers, and the Tyler's toast, concluded a very delightful and harmonious evening.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1616.

THE regular meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday night, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, when the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Comps. Simpson Z., Millington H., Whytehead P.Z. J., Turner Treasurer, Kay S.E., Blenkin S.N., Brown P.S., Turner and Lackenby Auditors. The installation meeting will be held in February.

The testimonial which, as our readers are aware, has been raised during the current year for the purpose of testifying to the valuable services rendered by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. in the cause of Masonic literature was presented to that brother on Wednesday, shortly before the time appointed for the meeting of Grand Lodge. It was thought advisable that a luncheon should be served to those invited to take part in the interesting event, and this over, Brother Sir. J. B. Monckton, who occupied the chair, rose and delivered a speech in every way appropriate to the occasion. Brother Monckton spoke warmly of the literary labours of Bro. Hughan, and the immense advantage which must result therefrom to the Craft generally. He also laid stress on the admirable manner in which Bro. Hughan had discharged the ordinary duties of a Mason, his services to the cause of charity, and the distinctions which had been so worthily conferred upon him in his Province as well as by Grand Lodge. He then handed to Bro. Hughan a purse containing cheque for the full sum contributed, namely £364, Brother George Kenning, Treasurer of the Testimonial fund, having generously foregone all idea of saddling it with the usual necessary expenses. The purse was accompanied by a handsome writing table, and Brother Monckton having expressed the pleasure he felt at having been chosen as the medium for presenting these evidences of the Craft's respect and esteem, Brother Hughan briefly, but cordially, returned his acknowledgments, and the meeting separated.

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Brother	GEORGE POLE BRITTEN	Lodge 183
	JOSEPH CLEVER	171
	THOMAS CULL	1446
	CHARLES DAIRY	141
	GEORGE P. GILLARD	657
	CHARLES F. HOGARD	205
	WILLIAM MANN	186
	WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN	3
	GEORGE READ	511
	FRANCIS R. SPAULL	1768
	EDWARD FRANCIS STORR	22
	ROBERT J. TAYLOR	144

We understand that a testimonial, consisting of an illuminated address, in massive gilt frame, is shortly to be presented to Bro. Charles Hunt, by his friends and colleagues on the staff of the *City Press*, of which journal he was sub-editor for upwards of twenty-five years. The address is presented as a mark of esteem and respect, and regret at Bro. Hunt's severance from a connection which he has so long and praiseworthily held in journalism in the City of London.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 29th ult., at the Hampshire Hog Hotel, Hammersmith. Present—Brothers W. F. Williams W.M., George Gardner S.W., A. Williams J.W., A. H. Strong Sec., A. Craggs S.D., J. Davies J.D., H. Furze Steward, V. Wing I.G.; Past Masters Bros. W. Mann P.Z., A. Ayling Preceptor, W. Hopkins, Smither, Sims, Shatter, Botley, Brown, Pidcock; Visitors—Brothers Cubitt and W. Williams. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Sims candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, and the Preceptor rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Williams candidate. On the W.M. resuming, Bro. G. Gardner was elected to preside at the next meeting. This was the first appearance of the Preceptor since hi illness; he returned thanks for the letter of sympathy sent him. Lodge was then closed. The brethren spent a very enjoyable hour together in harmony, Bro. Smither officiating at the piano. We may add that these gatherings tend to increase the attendance at this rising and successful young Lodge of Instruction.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday, 15th of December, at 6·30 precisely. Bros. Elvin S.W. 538 W.M., Hemming I.G. 1287 S.W., Ager W.S. 957 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Thom, Saunders, Fraser, Scurrah, Davies, Sillis, and Smith. Second Lecture—Bros. Smith, McKay, Hemming Ager, and Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Knight, Edmonds, and Emblin. Bro. Stiles W.M. 1744 P.M. 1507, &c. Preceptor; Bro. Storr W.M. 167 Secretary.

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, for the week ending Saturday, 6th December:—

Monday—Scottish Corporation, Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Unions, Regularity Chapter, Lodge of Joppa, Caxton Lodge. Tuesday—Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, Royal York Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—Westminster and Keystone Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Lodge, La Tolerance. Friday—City Swiss Club, Royal Kensington Lodge, British Chapter, Thistle Lodge.

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has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Winter Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 2nd instant. The throne was occupied by the Earl of Kintore M.W.G.M.M.M., and there was a large gathering of the members of Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges. The minutes of the Summer Half-Yearly and Movable Communications having been read and confirmed, the Earl of Kintore announced that in consequence of certain action he had taken in the Supreme Grand Chapter, Scotland, steps were on the eve of being taken which would bring that body into friendly communication with the Mark Grand Lodge, and that there might shortly be expected an interchange of representatives between the two Supreme bodies. Lord Egerton of Tatton having been obligated, invested, and installed as D.G. Master, and having briefly acknowledged the honour, the Report of the General Board was submitted and accepted. From this we learn that the total number of registered advancements to date is 19,387, and that since June last Warrants have been granted for eight new Lodges, making the total now on the roll 345. The total of elevations to the degree of Royal Ark Mariner is 1670, and Warrants for two new Lodges have been granted during the half year. It was also stated that the last Mark Benevolent Fund Festival yielded £832, and that great progress had been made in connection with the Educational Branch of the Fund, there being now twelve Boys and five Girls being educated. The subject of the difference with the Quebec Grand Chapter was as a matter of course mentioned, while as regards the "Dewar Benefit

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Fund," it was stated to have reached a total of nearly £340. The financial statement, which was likewise submitted, was of the most satisfactory character. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Hughan for his kindness in presenting to the Library of Mark Grand Lodge his work on the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," that brother briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the Earl of Kintore having been nominated as Grand Master for the ensuing year, Lodge was closed. After a brief interval it was again opened as a Special Grand Lodge for the purpose of consecrating the Grand Stewards' Lodge, the ceremony being most ably carried out by the Grand Master in person. At its close Bro. C. E. Soppet was installed as W.M., and the appointment and investiture of Officers followed. The customary banquet brought the proceedings to a close.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

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PROVINCE OF CHESHIRE.

THE Very Eminent Provincial Prior of Cheshire, the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., held a Provincial Priory, at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield, on Wednesday, 26th November, under the banner of the St. Salem Preceptory, the following Sir Knights being present:—The Eminent Sub Prior, Henry Bulley Past Grand Expert of England; Sir Knights F. K. Stevenson Prov. Treasurer, H. Claud Lisle P.G. Registrar, T. S. Pattinson, Arthur C. Meir, T. A. Daniel, G. Bland, W. Astle, Otho N. Shaw, &c. &c. The St. Salem's Preceptory having been opened in due form, the Sir Knights received the Eminent Prior under an Arch of Steel. Letters of apology for non-attendance from several Sir Knights were read, also one from Sir Knight E. G. Simpson, who at the same time tendered his esignation as P rovincial Chancellor, which was accepted with regret. Sir Knight Stevenson then read a statement of his accounts, which was duly passed, and on the proporsition of the Eminent Provincial Prior, seconded by Sir Knight Brown, he was duly re-elected as Treasurer. The Eminent Provincial Prior addressed a few words to the Sir Knights present, and said that he was sorry he had not seen his way to call a meeting of the Provincial Priory last year, but as he heard that the members of the St. Salem's Preceptory were anxious to receive him this year, it gave him great pleasure to comply with their wish, and again to visit the town of Macclesfield. He regretted to say that the Degree in his Province was not in so flourishing a condition as he should wish it to be; but that he supposed the recent depression of trade was to a great extent the cause. He hoped, however, trade would soon improve, and that the Preceptories would be more prosperous, and that future attendances at Provincial Priory would be more numerous than at present. The Eminent Prior then proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follows:—

Sir Kt. H. Bulley	... ...	Eminent Sub Prior
W. Astle	... ...	Prelate
F. K. Stevenson	... ...	Chancellor
A. E. Cokayne	... ...	Constable
W. S. Sutton	... ...	Marshal
W. A. Vaughan	... ...	Registrar
Otho N. Shaw	... ..	Almoner
E. G. Parker	... ..	Warden of Regalia
T. A. Daniel	... ...	Sub Marshal
George Bland	... ...	Vice Chancellor
Captain Meir	... ...	Captain of the Guards
W. J. Bates	... ...	Sword Bearer
Thomas Pattinson	... ...	Standard Bearer
T. H. Kirk	... ...	Organist

The Eminent Prior said he would call the next meeting of the Provincial Priory, all being well, about the end of May, or beginning of June next, that being considered a more convenient time of the year. Alms having been collected, the Provincial Priory was closed in due form. The Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by the proprietor of the hotel, after which the usual Loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to.

DEATH.

LEVANDER.—On the 4th inst., at 30 North Villas, Camden Square, N.W., HENRY CHARLES LEVANDER, M.A., F.R.A.S., &c., P.G.D., P.G. Secretary for Middlesex, in his 58th year. The interment will take place at West Hampstead Cemetry, on Saturday, 6th inst., at 2 p.m.

DISTRICT G. LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

R.W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne D.G.M. presided at the Regular Communication of the D.G. Lodge of Northern China, held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Monday, the 22nd September last, when among the D.G. Officers and others present were Bros. J. I. Miller D.D.G.M., Thos. W. Kingsmill P.D.S.G.W. as D.S.G.W., L. Moore P.D.S.G.W., W. C. Howard D.J.G.W., W. H. Short D.G. Treasurer, E. P. Lalcaca D.G. Registrar, C. J. Holliday President D.B. of General Purposes, A. Johnsford D.G. Secretary, J. D. Bishop P.D.S.G.D. as D.S.G.D., R. A. Gubbay D.G. Steward as D.J.G.D., J. M. Cory D.G.S. of Works, John Morris D G.D. of Ceremonies, O. Middleton D.G. Sword Bearer, D. G. Fentum D.G. Organist, John Findlay D.G P., A.M.A. Evans and Alex. P. MacGregor D.G. Stewards, C. Merritt D.G. Tyler, J. Kennard Davis P.D.G.D. of Ceremonies Hongkong, R. W. Astell, O. Rosquest, G. W. Smith, J. H. Osborne, F. Edwards, Rev. F. R. Smith, F. M. Gratton, F. Marshall, A. Gallanders, J. G. Thirkell, A. Olsen, J. L. Hammond, M. H. Cook, G. L. Skinner, A. Neubourg, and E. A. von Amblunxen. D.G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of a Special Communication having been taken as read and confirmed, the Report of the District Board of General Purposes was presented and approved. Three matters of interest were mentioned in this Report. In the first place, the D.G. Secretary having prepared lists showing the strength of the different Lodges during the period 1877-83, and the members past and present of the D.G. Lodge, it was determined that similar lists should be compiled annually and submitted at the annual meeting in January or published as an addendum to the minutes of its proceedings. It was further resolved that the D.G. Treasurer's statements of account should be presented annually in full instead of in summary, together with a balance sheet of assets and liabilities; and finally it was specially enjoined on the Masters of Lodges to see that clause 189 of the new Book of Constitutions requiring every brother, on presenting himself as a joining member, to produce his G. L. certificate and clearance from his past or present Lodge should be rigidly observed. The Deputy Grand Master next drew attention to the Revised Edition of the Constitutions and the local scheme proposed some time previously for the education of Masons' children. As regards the latter he mentioned, as evidence of the apathy with which so important a question had been received by the brethren in the District, that though at the last meeting of D.G. Lodge he had invited suggestions from the Craft, not a single response to the invitation had been made, and consequently that, in his opinion, it was needless for any further steps to be taken in the matter. After some discussion, however, it was ultimately agreed that the D.G. Secretary should communicate with the Secretaries of the different Lodges so that a Committee consisting of representatives from each might be formed, the District Grand Master's name being added as representative of the District Grand Lodge. Attention was also called to the financial position of the District Grand Lodge, which was declared to be sound, there being, for the first time since its organisation, a balance to the credit of District Grand Lodge. A few remarks on the subject of "Maimed Members" having been offered, the District Grand Master mentioned that he had tendered to His Royal Highness the Grand Master the resignation of his office, which he now held only until an answer to his letter had been received. He also said he had recommended at headquarters that the brethren "should have the opportunity of recommending who they would prefer to rule over them," and that pending their consideration of the matter, the District Grand Lodge should be governed by his Deputy, Bro. J. I. Miller. On this Bro. Miller expressed the regret which he in common with the rest of those present felt at such an announcement, and hoped that as long as Bro. Thorne remained in Shanghai he would continue to be their District Grand Master. They all knew him, and appreciated the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of his high office, and if they could not induce him to remain, he should like the other officers of District Grand Lodge to meet him at an early date "to consider what steps should be taken under such circumstances." In the meantime, they could not allow the meeting to close without expressing their sincere thanks to Bro. Thorne for what he had done on their

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behalf, and their hope that he might long be spared to them as a ruler in the Craft. Bro. Kingsmill having endorsed the suggestions of the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Thorne gracefully returned his acknowledgments for their kindness, the business of the meeting was brought to a close, and the brethren separated "in peace, harmony, and brotherly love."

We learn from one of the tabular statements appended to the printed account of these Proceedings that the aggregate membership of the Lodges in the District has increased from 101 in 1877, when the District Grand Lodge was organised under Bro. Thorne, to 154 at the close of 1883, there being at the same time an increase of one in the number of the Lodges.

SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMOND FIELDS.

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NEW HALL FOR THE CHARLES WARREN LODGE.

A MOST interesting and imposing ceremony took place on 29th October, the occasion being the laying of the foundation or corner-stone of the New Hall to be erected for the Charles Warren Lodge at Beaconsfield. The preparations for this auspicious event in the history of local Freemasonry attracted unusual interest and it was not surprising, therefore, that a large company of ladies and gentlemen assembled in the enclosure round the site of the new building, which is about 100 yards from the Court House, and in the immediate vicinity of the Catholic Church and the Exploration Company's buildings.

The members of the Charles Warren Lodge met in the Temple of the Peace and Harmony Lodge at Dutoitspan, and there the ceremony of declaring the Lodge in conclave was gone through. At the Court House, whither the members then proceeded, they were joined by the Officers and many members of the Cosmopolitan, Octahedron (Barkly), Richard Giddy, and Athole Lodges. At four o'clock the Lodges marched in procession, with their banners, to the enclosure where their arrival was eagerly expected. The Masons, of whom there were a total of 116 present, formed around the three sides of the building, the Officers of the Charles Warren Lodge grouping themselves on the remaining side. They included the following Masons:—Charles Aburrow Worshipful Master, R. H. Blackbeard Immediate Past Master, R. M. Connolly P.M., J. C. Wylie P.M., J. D. Norden P.M., and the Rev. W. T. Gaul Chaplain, the Treasurer Bro. Somerset, and the Secretary. The Senior Warden of the Lodge (Bro. A. S. Woodley), and the Junior Warden (Bro. H. W. Hull) were each stationed with their jewels of office in the opposite corners of the building. The Masters of the other Lodges present were:—Bros. H. I. Campbell Peace and Harmony, S. T. Solomon Cosmopolitan, Du Toit Octahedron, J. D. Foster Richard Giddy, and J. Hampton jun. Athole. A beautiful little miniature model of a corner-stone, in marble, and its lowering apparatus, was placed near the stone which was the *raison d'être* of the impressive gathering. The banner of the Charles Warren Lodge bears the arms of the founder, Colonel Sir Charles Warren, and underneath the inscription "Leo De Juda Robur est Nostrum." The brotherhood having gathered round the building in the manner above related, the opening hymn was sung. Bro. R. M. Connolly P.M. then addressed a few introductory remarks. The Chaplain read a short lesson from Holy Writ, followed by prayer, and this was succeeded by another hymn. Directed by the Past Master, the Secretary (Bro. E. Withycombe) read the following Scroll, to be placed under the stone together with a number of coins of the realm of the present day:—

IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

On this, the 29th day of October, A.D. 1881 and A.L. 5884, and in the 48th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign Victoria by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, QUEEN, Empress of India, Defender of the Faith, His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir George Robert Robinson, a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of the Cape of Good Hope and South Africa and of the territories and dependencies thereof, and Her Majesty's High Commissioner, &c., &c. The building Committee of the Charles Warren Lodge, as follows:—Charles Aburrow W.M., R. M. Connolly, J. C. Wylie, C. A. Blackbeard, and R. H. Blackbeard, Past Masters; Adam Sedgwick Woolley Senior Warden, Wm. Hull Junior Warden, and E. T. Somerset Treasurer. This stone, corner-stone of the Freemasons' Hall now being erected by the Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832, under the Constitution of England, was laid in accordance with the ancient practice of the Order by Worshipful Brother R. M. Connolly, Past Master of the Warren Lodge, assisted by the Masters and Officers and members of the Lodges above recited.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A collection, which gave as a result the sum of £65, was made, and J. C. Wylie P.M. gave a short *résumé* of the history of the Lodge, which was founded in 1879, since which period 70 Masons have been inaugurated by it. A hymn followed, after which three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen were given, and the band also played the National Anthem. The ceremony over, the different Masters of the Lodges participating in it congratulated their brethren of the Charles Warren Lodge, the members of which proceeded to the Peace and Harmony Temple to close the Lodge. The Architect of the building is the Senior Warden Bro. Woolley, and the builder Mr. Langford. It will be 53 ft. long by 25 wide and 18 ft. high, with three anterooms to the principle chamber.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

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DE LA POLE CONCLAVE, No. 132, HULL.

THIS flourishing and popular Conclave held its annual installation meeting on the 26th ult. Past Sov. Sir Kt. G. Wilson (in the absence of the M.P.S. Sir Knight Gillett through illness) presided. After the master roll had been called, the minutes of the previous Conclave were read and confirmed. Eminent Sir Knight J. R. Ansdell P. Sovereign assumed the chair. A College of Viceroys was formed, and opened, and Sir Knight Dr. Cooper (who had filled the office of Standard Bearer during the previous year), was presented, consecrated, and invested as Viceroy Eusebius for the ensuing year. Subsequently, a Senate being called, Eminent Sir Knight A. P. Wilson M.P.S. elect, who had filled the office of V.E., was enthroned. The M.P.S. afterwards appointed the following Officers:—James R. Ansdell P.S. Senior General, P. C. Whitfield Junior General, T. D. Wing P.S.E. High Prelate, Henry Preston P.S. Treasurer, George S. Highmoor Recorder, James Matthews First Aide de Camp, John Walton D.C., John Chappell Prefect, J. Longley Standard Bearer, T. T. Davis Herald, Charles W. Cheeseman Organist, J. Bindell Sentinel. The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to the Refectory, and dined together under the presidency of the M.P.S., when the usual Red Cross toasts were given and responded to.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CONSECRATION OF THE GALLERY CHAPTER.

A MOST interesting Masonic event took place on Saturday afternoon, 29th ult., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, on the occasion of the consecration of a new Royal Arch Chapter, to be attached to the Gallery Lodge, which during its three year's existence has attained a success which its most ardent promoters could scarcely have anticipated, as its members are exclusively composed of gentlemen engaged on the London newspaper press. With a view of rendering the original intention more extended and complete, so that the members of the Lodge might have an opportunity of participating in the Supreme Degree of Freemasonry, a petition was presented to the Supreme Grand Chapter for a warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the Gallery Lodge, and this request was at once granted. As above stated, last Saturday was appointed for the consecration, and Comp. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S.E. consented to act as the Consecrating Officer, he having performed a similar duty at the consecration of the Gallery Lodge, being assisted by the Eminent Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips as H., Comps. Dryadale as J., and Frank Richardson P.G.A.S. as Director of Ceremonies. Comp. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.G.A.S. intended to take part in the ceremony, but was suddenly prevented from doing so by severe indisposition. The three Principals designate in the Warrant of Constitution were Comps. J. Henwood Thomas P.Z. 657 M.E.Z., Henry Massey P.Z. 619 H., Thomas Minstrell 1507 J. There was a goodly number of Royal Arch Masons present, who had received invitations. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. John Reed. The Companions having assembled in an anteroom, the Principals *pro tem* and the other Principals Past and Present entered the Chapter-room, and the new Chapter was then formally opened and the rest of the Companions were admitted. The Consecrating Officer having addressed the Companions on the nature of the meeting, S.E. *pro tem* stated the wishes of the Companions and the steps they had taken with respect to the Chapter. In consequence of the illness of Comp. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, the customary oration was omitted. The usual anthems having been sung and portions of Scripture read, the Consecrating Officer, after observing the usual rites, constituted the Chapter in ancient form, and with the Patriarchal Benediction the ceremony was brought to a close. This was followed by the installation of the Principals, Comps. Thomas M.E.Z., Massey H., and Minstrell J. The following were the other appointments:—Comps. Duckworth S.E., Albury Treasurer, Dr. Griffiths P.S., and John While S.N. The first act of the M.E.Z. was to propose that the thanks of the Chapter should be given to the Consecrating Officers for their valuable services on this occasion, and that they should be elected honorary members of the Chapter, together with Comp. Meredith of the Supreme Chapter of Ireland. Comp. H. Massey H. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke and the other Consecrating Officers suitably acknowledged the compliment which had been paid them, each expressing the pleasure which he experienced in rendering any service on this interesting occasion. On the motion of the M.E.Z., it was agreed that the members should form a Committee to draw up a code of Bye-laws for the government of the Chapter. The S.E. then read out a list of eight names of members of the Gallery Lodge, who were candidates for exaltation in the Chapter, and a meeting of emergency was arranged to be held for that purpose. The Chapter was closed and the Companions adjourned to a banquet, after which the usual Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. The proceedings of the evening were most harmonious, and augured well for the success of the new Chapter in the future.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ON the evening of Wednesday, 22nd October, there was witnessed in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, a celebration of great interest and importance to Masons, as well as to other colonists not within the pale of the Mystic Craft. It was the jubilee of South Australian Freemasonry, the establishment of which in the practical inauguration of the Friendship Lodge, No. 1, S.A.C., and late 613 and 423 E.C., dates back to 22nd October 1834. It was deemed only right to worthily mark so auspicious an event, and consequently the brethren of the Lodges, with the concurrence of the G.L. Officers, issued invitations to all the prominent brethren living within a reasonable distance to witness a specially brilliant ceremonial on the jubilee night, and to discuss subsequently in the Town Hall a banquet of no common order. These invitations were almost without exception responded to, and the gathering of Officers in their brilliant and varied-coloured regalia, bedight with jewels, was a very picturesque spectacle.

After the Lodge had been opened in the usual form, Bro. Philip Sansom P.M. W.G.S.D. read a long and very interesting sketch, written by himself, of the history of the Friendship Lodge, quoting voluminously from old copies of the *Register* to amplify points of particular importance in the records of the Lodge. His material was unfortunately somewhat scanty, but out of it he managed to construct a statement which will form a valuable contribution to Masonic history. The warrant for the Lodge was issued under the English Constitution by the Duke of Sussex (Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick), on 22nd October 1834. The consecration was performed at No. 7 John-street, Adelphi, London, amongst those present on that occasion being Bro. R. Doig (uncle to the esteemed P.M. of the same name now in Adelaide). The usual petition for the formation of the Lodge was subscribed to by Bros. J. T. Taylor, G. S. Kingston (the late Sir George), Captain Walter Newton, Col. Leslie Walker, E. G. Hancock, Lieutenant Jackson, and R. Doig. Bros. J. F. Taylor was the first W.M., G. S. Kingston S.W. and Colonel Walker J.W. At the first meeting of the Lodge Sir John Morphett and the late Sir R. D. Hanson were initiated into Masonry, and at the same time Messrs. Thomas Gilbert, Robert Gouger, and Daniel Wakefield, whose names have been perpetuated in the several Adelaide streets. All these gentlemen have had a good deal to do with the social and political history of the colony, and the writer in passing referred to the long public record of Sir John Morphett, beginning in 1843 with the establishment of the Legislative Council, and of Sir R. D. Hanson who occupied various positions in the colony, legislative and otherwise, from 1846 until he became Chief Justice. Brother Gouger, the Colonial Secretary, had a good deal to do with the history of the Lodge. Brother Gilbert was Colonial Storekeeper, and temporarily filled the office of Postmaster. Bro. D. Wakefield never came to this colony, but had a creditable record in New Zealand. His brother, E. Gibbon Wakefield, was the originator of the land system bearing his name, and the author of a celebrated work on political economy. The second meeting was held in London, on 2nd March 1835. At that Lodge Bro. A. Hardy, the present member for Albert, was appointed I.G. The next meeting was held in Adelaide, at Black's Assembly Room—the site on which Rosetta-terrace now stands—on 11th August 1838. It would thus be seen that this was not the actual jubilee of Freemasonry in South Australia—that would not occur until 11th August 1888—but the jubilee of the South Australian Lodge of Friendship, which was established fifty years ago. At that meeting Bro. P.M. Mildred presided, and there were also present Bros. E. B. Gleeson, Gordon, Allan, and G. Gleeson P.M., Kingston S.W., Beare, Morphett, Gilbert, and Solomon. At another meeting Bro. Kingston was installed Master. The subsequent proceedings of the Lodge show as prominent members the late Mr. Charles Mann, Captain Finniss, Mr. W. R. Wigley, Governor Grey, Dr. O'Hea, the late Mr. Wicksteed, Messrs. B. W. Andrews, J. C. Hawker, J. Stilling, F. S. Dutton, D. Moore, Judge Wearing, Sir R. R. Torrens (who was initiated in 1854), Messrs. A. Abrahams, J. H. Parr, Sir R. G. Macdonnell, the late Commissioner of Police, Mr. G. W. D. Beresford, the late Dr. Gosse, the late Mr. W. Townsend, Mr. H. C. Mais, and Mr. John Clark. The room which the Lodge met in for some time is still standing, but it has been turned to the ignominious use of stabling horses. In 1884 the Adelaide Lodge, meeting at Port Adelaide, was formed; eight days afterwards the Lodge of Harmony was consecrated; and ever since accessions to the Masonic ranks have been numerous. In November 1844, a memorial was sent to England requesting the appointment of a Prov. Grand Lodge in South Australia, and recommending Bro. Mildred as Prov. Grand Master. About twelve months afterwards the prayer was granted, but the patent of office took no less than three years and four months in transmission. On 2nd December 1846, Bro. George Coppin, the well-known theatrical manager and present M.W. G.M. of the Victorian Constitution, was elected as a joining brother, and a month later the first Masonic ball was held in Neales'-buildings. In September 1850 there was such a scarcity of ladies in the colony that any brother who bought a ticket at 7s 6d for the ball was allowed to bring as many ladies as he liked. In 1854 a fund was raised by South Australian Masons to assist the widows and families of those who might fall in the Crimean War. One part of a Masonic history, marked with a red letter, was a grand Masonic ball held in 1855, for which extraordinary liberal preparations were made. The attendance of the viceregal party on that occasion gave rise to a slight dispute on account of the Committee having decided that only Masons and their eldest sons should be admitted. The Governor of the day, Sir R. D. MacDonnell, was a Mason, but he declined to be present unless his aides-de-camp, who were not Masons, were allowed to attend him. The difficulty was subsequently got over by the appointment of temporary aides-des-camp. One significant entry in the minute book was opposite the names of two intending candidates for initiation—"Candidates for the hot poker." They had a jocular Secretary. In 1861 a notable discussion took place about the Ritual in use. Finally the Ritual fixed upon was that known as "the Somerset," which was partially revised and altered. In 1861 Bro. Hardy was appointed P.G.M., still holding that position, although a king without subjects. In October of the same year a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Friendship Lodge was appointed, but it soon fell through, though it was considered probable that the warrant would shortly be revived. In the year 1863 one of the brothers discovered an old sea captain in the Adelaide Hospital. The Lodge sent him home, and soon after received a handsome gold chronometer watch as a recognition of its services. The condition made by the donor, a brother of the old captain, was that it might be disposed of in any way that the Lodge thought fit and the proceeds devoted to a benevolent purpose. The watch was subsequently raffled for 100 guineas. Great credit was given to Bro. Percy Wells for his labours for the good of Masonry, and it was mentioned that he was now in England assisting to secure recognition for the South Australian Constitution. Amongst other amusing facts it was mentioned that one Worshipful Master, thinking that the brethren would "relish a sardine after leaving their labours," had invested no less than £40 in this dainty. This meant that 8,200 boxes or 25,600 fish, were purchased. History did not record whether these were used or not. Special note was made of the fact that during Brother Ware's first year of office—from 1881 to 1882—and when Brother Downer was R.W. G.M. the handsome building in which the Masons now meet was erected. The writer graphically described the circumstances which led to the formation of the Grand Lodge, and predicted a career of great usefulness for it. He enlarged upon the advantages of the organisation. During the reading of the paper the vicissitudes of the Lodge were feelingly referred to. It was stated that in 1878, owing to the commercial depression and other causes, it was nearly broken up, there being only twenty-two members on the roll. Now, however, they occupied a position in the Masonic world which they might well be proud of. During its career the Lodge had met in no less than fifteen different buildings, including the present hall. The reading of the paper was listened to with great attention. On the motion of Bro. Solomon P.M., seconded by Bro. Mais, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sansom for this excellent history of the Lodge. A banquet, which was largely attended, took place in the banquetting-room of the Town Hall. The W.M. (Bro. J. T. McLean) presided, and was supported on his right by the Grand Lodge Officers of the S.A.C., and on his left by the Grand Officers of the I.C. The G.M. (His Honour Chief Justice Way) was absent in the South-Eastern circuit. After justice had been done to the edibles, the Queen and the Craft, and other toasts were honoured.

We understand that a Warrant of Constitution for a new Lodge, to be named the Lodge of the "Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, has been granted by the M.W. the Grand Master. The founders are nine in number, which correspond with that of the *five* sculptors and the *four* Officers who, together, make up the group of Christians massacred for their faith in Christianity in the time of Diocletian, and are now commonly described as the "Four Holy" or "Four Crowned Martyrs," and also as the "Quatuor Coronati." The "Four Martyrs," as the generality of our readers will be aware, were the earliest patron Saints of the Masons. The Lodge is designed—at least we are so informed—to serve as a common meeting ground for brethren desirous of promoting the study of Masonic archæology in its numerous branches. Papers will be read at each meeting of the Lodge, and afterwards printed in the Annual Proceedings. The production of an "Essay" or "Masterpiece," will be an essential preliminary to initiation or joining, and the "intrants," to adopt a Scottish phrase, will be duly provided with "intenders" or instructors. Major General Sir Charles Warren is the W.M. designate, and the absence of this distinguished brother in South Africa will temporarily postpone the ceremony of consecration. Among the petitioners, or "Charter-members," as our American brethren would express it, are Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., W. J. Hughan P.G.D., R. F. Gould P.G.D., Walter Besant, G. W. Speth, and W. H. Rylands.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Essex 1884-5," is another of those provincial publications which are so useful and desirable to all who have in any way to assist in Masonic journalism, as well as to those who take an interest in Masonic statistics and those who from the frequency of their visits to the Provinces stand in need of some authoritative guide to Lodge and Chapter meetings. The Calendar has been very carefully compiled, and iswell printed and set up. We trust it will be continued yearly, now that it has once been started.

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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 DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rothill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
967—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington

R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
76—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
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
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
685—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
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, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick

R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
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)
930—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
934—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
940—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (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, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
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
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

33—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
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)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 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. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope St. ot, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford st. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pannin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1810—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Mare Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1900—Montagne Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Worthing 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
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1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1309—Lewisee, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1348—Denison, Grand Hotel, 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
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
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
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

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. 360—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stonoclough, 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
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 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)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1436—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.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1632—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
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
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1842—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 669—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harriogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

106—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
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, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday night, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Garbutt, Bros. Draper S.W. was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. re-elected, Treasurer, and Calvert re-elected Tyler. The installation and banquet will take place on Monday, the 15th instant.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Banks W.M., Stringer S.W., J. J. Pitt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., W. E. Dilley S.D., J. Bedford Williams J.D., Penrose I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Hutchings Preceptor, E. Good; also Bros. Cooper, Jones, Dale, Prior, H. G. Pitt, Dandridge, Emblin, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jones candidate. Bro. H. G. Pitt answered the usual questions leading to the degree of F.C., and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second. Bros. Potter, Tullett, Rennie and Bunce, all of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, were elected members. Lodge was closed in due form.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, last. Bro. Little W.M., Brown S.W., Fidler J.W., Egan S.D., Seaman J.D., Hollands I.G., Webb Preceptor, and Millbourne. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiato was rehearsed, Bro. Millbourne candidate. Bro. Seaman answered the questions leading to the second degree for his improvement. Broo. Seaman 193 was elected a member. Bro. Brown was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 1st instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Brothers Western W.M., Rhodes S.W., Brook J.W., Collingridge Sec., Hack S.D., Baines J.D., Trewinnard Preceptor, Turner, and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second, when Bros. Atterton and Potter answered the questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Townsend acting as candidate.

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THE QUEBEC CORRESPONDENCE.

IT is no fault of ours if the Quebec business merits the epithet of "irrepressible." As far as the Grand Lodge of England is concerned, the Grand Lodge of Quebec may continue to exercise as long as it pleases that faculty of annoying other bodies of Freemasons which apparently occupies so much of its time, and plays therefore so conspicuous a part in the record of its proceedings. We cannot agree with the opinions it propounds, but we must at least give it the credit of possessing a rare fund of ingenuity, which enables it almost at will to distort or exaggerate the simplest facts, create misunderstandings, and stir up strife with people whose only idea is to live at peace with the world generally. We have no hesitation in saying that, if this Grand Lodge will only go on its way quietly, that which it professes to desire so ardently, namely, the inclusion of the three English Lodges in Montreal under its banner, stands a very fair chance of happening sooner or later in the ordinary course of things and without anybody's intervention. It knew or ought to have known, at the time of its establishment, and was courteously told some few years later, by the medium of the regular official channel, the conditions on which the Grand Lodge of England was prepared to recognise its existence as a separate authority and enter with it on terms of mutual and friendly intercourse. But even in those early days, when, so to speak, it was hardly on its legs, or at all events, unable to do more than waddle, this precocious little Grand Lodge must needs go stumbling about in all directions in the cockiest possible manner, just as though there were no other way for a Grand Lodge of Freemasons to assert its sovereign independence than to bully its big neighbours and make itself generally disagreeable. Ten years ago Quebec might have entered into the friendliest relations with England, and have maintained them uninterruptedly ever since—that is, if she had been so minded—if only she would have consented to accept the condition on which England was prepared to recognise her—a condition, be it remarked, which it was imperatively necessary that England should attach to her act of recognition, if she had any regard for her own honour, and which Quebec, had she been wisely governed by a similar regard for her own dignity, might and should have accepted unhesitatingly. But, as we have already suggested, Quebec was born into the world of Masonry a tremendously cocky little Grand Lodge, and considered it would be guilty of the unpardonable sin of self-disrespect, if it exhibited any scrupulous weakness towards the old-world notions of consistency and due respect for established rights. What, we may suppose it asked itself, is the good of being a perky little cock unless one keeps on crowing and crowing, not only for the purpose of proclaiming one's existence, but likewise to disturb everybody else's peace and quietness? Thus Quebec has gone on ever since, screaming out most appalling ear-piercing, cock-a-doo-doos just for all the world as if the hen of its bosom had continued laying any number of eggs daily, from the moment it burst its shell and pecked up its first particle of food. But it sometimes happens that perky little cocks of this kind, when they over-indulge themselves in the belief that all they have to do is to make noise enough, and all the other cocks in the neighbourhood will put up with their airs and graces, require to be told severely, but firmly, that if they wish for a prolonged existence, they had better behave themselves discreetly, or their last condition may be found considerably worse than the first.

The present stage of this troublesome Quebec business is as follows. Three of the English Lodges in the Dominion of Canada which elected to remain in allegiance to England when the Grand Lodge of Canada set up for itself nearly thirty years ago are precisely of the same mind still. When England agreed to recognise the Masonic independence of Canada, it stipulated that such of its Lodges as were desirous of remaining under its banner should have full liberty to do so. Canada gracefully acquiesced in the propriety of the stipulation, and all went merry as a marriage bell till, in 1869, the Lodges in the Province of Quebec, which had necessarily been as much parties to the stipulation as those of the Province of Ontario, from which they had resolved on separating, set up a Grand Lodge of their own. This Grand Lodge was in due course recognised as an independent body by that of Canada—the Ontario Province retaining the old title—and some time afterwards officially addressed itself to the Grand Lodge of England with a view to obtaining its recognition as well. No difficulty whatever was raised by the latter, but very naturally, and very honourably, it made it a condition precedent of such recognition that the Lodges which had elected from the very outset to remain true to their old parent should continue in the enjoyment of the same status as had been stipulated for them long before such a body as the Grand Lodge of Quebec had even been dreamt of. With this just and reasonable stipulation, however, Quebec would have nothing to do. It experienced no sense of compunction in rejecting an honourable stipulation, to which, when part of the Grand Lodge of Canada, it had seen no objection. The idea never seems to have occurred to it that, in accepting the rights and privileges it had enjoyed as a part of the Grand Lodge of Canada, it accepted likewise the responsibilities, or rather liabilities, as well. We have read in the comic papers of certain dissolutions of partnership between two business men, in which one of them claimed all the assets and generously handed over to the other all the liabilities. This is practically what Quebec has been doing. It claims all the rights and privileges it had when a part of Canada, but it leaves the responsibility of honourably abiding by a particular act of agreement to the latter. It refuses to see anything disreputable in doing all in its power to set at naught an agreement to which it was once a party; and because England firmly holds by its original condition, it now announces its determination to put under the ban of its august displeasure, not only the three recusant English Lodges in Montreal, which still pertinaciously refuse to listen to the voice of its charmer Graham, but the whole body of English Masonry in addition. Well, we suppose it is one of the penalties which the United Grand Lodge of England must pay for being the Mother Grand Lodge of modern Freemasonry, as well as the most powerful and influential body in existence of its kind, that every insignificant Grand Lodge which was born, as it were, but yesterday, must fling at it a certain quantum of dirt. We hear constantly in the profane world of vulgarly-disposed people who are never happy but when they are abusing their parents and grandparents, but for whom they would never have had any existence at all. But we were under the impression that people managed things

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differently in Masonry and that, at all events, if they could not manage to rub along comfortably together, they could contrive to leave each other alone. What our Grand Lodge wishes is to go on its way quietly, not interfering in any way with Quebec, its rights and privileges and powers, and at the same time not being interfered with by it or any other Grand Lodge. Its conduct has been dignified and disinterested throughout. It is its duty to uphold its three Lodges in Montreal, and we are very strongly impressed with the belief that it will go on upholding them, even though Quebec may discharge its whole armoury of popguns and finish up by finding itself disestablished as a Masonic power by the laws of the State in which it lives and in which it fulminates its anathemas against Lodges that are legally established.

We have no wish that Quebec should suffer for its wrongheadedness, nor is it likely that our Grand Master will take any further steps than he has done to vindicate the dignity of our Grand Lodge. But we would seriously ask Quebec if the game it seems desirous of playing is worth the candle. Will it be stronger if by any possibility, which is not likely to happen, our three unwilling English Lodges are forced to join it? Is it wise for a G. Lodge, which is not even a legally-established body, to enter into a state of antagonism for a purely imaginary grievance with the oldest and most powerful Grand Lodge in the world? These are points which we take the liberty of submitting to the serious consideration of the Quebec Grand Lodge.

WHAT CAN I DO?

THERE is a trite story about the Quaker who, mingling in a crowd that stood round an unfortunate man who had met with an accident, and who were loud in their expressions of sympathy, exclaimed, "I feel sorry ten pounds. Friend, how much do you feel sorry?" The narrative admits of very apposite comparison with the members of the Masonic Brotherhood, the bulk of whom, while applauding the noble self-sacrifice of a few of the more large-hearted amongst them, never ask themselves the question which heads this article. It was our duty, last week, briefly to call attention to a motion submitted to Grand Lodge with a view to exercise some hard and fast line in regard to what a worthy Brother was pleased to designate "Masonic Mendicancy." And, much as we all must abhor and detest the spirit of the man who would fatten on the sympathetic spirit of the benevolent, we repeat that to invent a means of circumventing and bringing within official cognisance the practice of private charity would be impracticable. Moreover, it would tend more than anything else could do to dam up the flow of that individual exercise of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth which are the very foundation of our Institution. It may be true—indeed, it has been frequently demonstrated—that there are many men who have disgraced their profession by levying black-mail upon unsuspecting and generous brethren, whose munificence they have abused and whose confidence they have violated. But, in our judgment, such men are few in number, and we would rather turn in another direction and ask how many are there, amongst the struggling masses of humanity, to whom a generous thought or action would be the revival of hope, if not the raising of life? Can it be doubted that there are around us, unseen, and uncared-for, many a deserving brother who, from unseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune, has been reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress? Such men as these are too retiring or too proudly reticent even to look askance at the hand of charity, and so they plod along life's dreary way unnoticed and neglected. They have seen "better days," no doubt, and in the words of old hymn writers, "to beg they are ashamed." Yet, heaven knows, the opportunities for bestowing a little of the surplus substance are not wanting, if we would only look around, with our simple little inquiry in the mind's eye. The "merry" season of Yuletide is at hand, and with it come all the proverbial expansions of soul and heart and purse which have formed the themes of poets, painters, and writers in all ages, during the last eighteen centuries. It is a time when all institutions which have charity and benevolence woven into their foundations cast about them and seek for fresh fields and pastures new, in order to make themselves more extensively useful to their fellow-creatures. And thus, while our grand Institutions of the Craft hold revel, as they ought to do, when the holly and the misteltoe darkle on the walls of our Schools, and in the happy home of the "Old Folks," where "age and want sit smiling within the gate," in the enjoyment of blessings showered upon them by the bounty of the Fraternity, there may be many means whereby we could render ourselves and others still more happy by ascertaining some deserving object of consideration at this season of the year. We are aware there are very few of the "Old Scrooge" type amongst Masons. If a deserving case could be pointed out to them there would be a response that would cheer the most ardent philanthropist by its very alacrity. But where to find them? There will be no cringing mendicant or whining impostor within the scope of such an outflow of beneficence as this. As a rule, the comparatively insignificant few who would, if they could, feed on the vitals of a Craft they have done little to support, even in their palmy days—if ever they enjoyed any—slink into obscurity and hide their faces beneath the fierce light that beats around the footstool of true and open-handed Benevolence. Such men lurk in unsuspected places, and only make their spring, tiger-like, when they see a favourable opportunity of fleecing the susceptible and the kind. But there are few cases in which they can pursue their nefarious calling very far, and it must be left to the discrimination of individuals to discern the "Ichabod" which is so palpably written on their foreheads. It is of no use to try and institute a Charity Organization Society within the pale of Freemasonry. Happily, the good deeds that are done, under the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, are in strict accordance with the grand tenets of our Order. There are no painful or inquisitorial searchings into the inner life or private character—no *brand* of Charity upon those who are relieved by the generous-hearted of the Craft. The recollections of the "north-east" corner stand out prominently in the mind of every Mason when he discovers a poor brother needing and deserving his pity; and what power on earth could stay the impulses of men thus imbued with the proper spirit of Freemasonry? At this time especially, when employment is scarce, and the race of life so keen in its competition, there are men in various grades of life who find it difficult to solve the proverbial problems of how to "make both ends meet," and to "keep the wolf from the door." Men of industry and sobriety, who would work if they could get it to do, and who would scorn to obtrude their miseries upon the consideration of others, are stalking about among us with the pallor of care, if not of hunger, upon their countenances—who carry the air of an independent spirit and nobility of nature, but deep down in whose hearts are the gnawings of well-nigh despair. These are the men whom liberal employers should seek out, and help to place their feet once more upon the rounds of the ladder of life. These are the men to whom a word kindly spoken, or an act of benevolence gracefully bestowed, would inspire with fresh courage and hope in the midst of darkest days. It may be that we are moralising; but the season, as we have said, is close at hand when the journalist feels he can stray a little out of the beaten path, and point a moral which may adorn a tale. And thus, we say, better a few mendicants and impostors grovel in their miry calling than a sympathetic word or act be withheld from the infinitely greater number who are deserving of our aid. As Tennyson says very truly, "kind hearts are more than coronets; and simple faith than Norman blood;" and this is a sentiment which is peculiarly our own, that "Charity is twice blessed—to him who gives as well as him who receives." Thus, while those who are more directly exerting themselves in behalf of the great Institutions which are the pride and boast of our Order redouble their efforts in this happy season that is coming, there is also a vast field for the outstretching of the bounds of private generosity and enlarging the borders of our individual impulses to do good. Let it not be said that any deserving brother is kept in involuntary idleness, struggling vainly in the world of keen and unrelentless competition, nor that the poverty-stricken ones amongst us are passed by "on the other side." There is scope in this great field of humanity and right thought for the exercise of the most lofty and pure benevolence, if we would only look for it, and if each asks the pertinent question, "What can I do?" There is

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no man in the ranks of our Society, we are proud to believe, but would cede some portion of that which goes to cater for his own gratification, if by so doing he could confer even a transcient ray of pleasure upon one less highly favoured than himself. If this spirit animated all who are ranged under the banner of the Craft, a more cosmopolitan display of manhood and love would be at once evinced, and there would be no complaining in our streets. Thus, amidst all the festivities in which young and old, who are in the enjoyment of health and comfort, hope to participate at this season, may our little motto glisten in every mind as the holly berry blushes amidst the dark and thorny foliage, and smile as the mistletoe which invites to pure and innocent merriment. Then may we look forward with additional zest to the merry season that is only a fortnight distant from us; and, because we have cherished such thoughts, we may be sure the "merry" festival will be rendered a thousand times more cheery and hilarious than it has ever been before.

NEW YORK MASONIC CHARITIES.

ARE we approaching the period when our Home Charities will take a more prominent and tangible position? We cannot pursuade ourself that the future is distant when the aged of our Fraternity will be enabled to offer their thanksgivings to the Creator for having endowed man with His godly attribute, Charity—when the orphaned youth may not only receive mental culture and an education in the arts and sciences, but a training in the habits of industry, with a development of their physical systems, that will prepare them to become useful men and worthy citizens. The Asylum that was and is intended to follow the physical fruition of success of a Masonic Hall in this city was not determined as exclusively an edifice wherein to maintain in perfect repose the indigent aged, but, to the best of our memory, we believe in the report of 1851—the rising generation that had lost the natural protector was to be cared for and prepared for a life of future usefulness as well.

What are the prospects? We know the response of that too numerous throng ever ready to hold back the brightening fates and point to the dismal creation of their own minds. That the picture is not a brilliant one in the foreground all must admit, nor do we desire to mislead in the colouring, but we can look beyond the vailed present into the sunlight of the future with strong hope. We also appreciate the present financial shadow, but that is fleecy, for it is admitted the country at bottom is prosperous.

It is impossible to close our eyes to the era of good feeling and heartiness which is the mainstay of healthfulness, pervading our Fraternity, at least locally. Distrust is passing away, confidence is manifest, a reliance upon the faithfulness of the Trustees is evident, the resources are widening and deepening, and the accountability under the new régimé guaranteed.

New York, with over seven hundred Lodges, and a spirit of determination, will not fail to accomplish a declared purpose in relation to an Asylum; Missouri, with but forty-two Lodges and eight hundred members, in 1844 carried to a successful issue a similar movement, although upon a minor scale. Surely we cannot think of receding when Kentucky bristles with the light of Charity in its true Masonic Home, which is a glory to the State; when we reflect that Old Kentucky was an uninhabited wilderness at the time Masonry was established within the boundaries of New York. We do not lack, in means, in energy, in pride, in desire, and certainly not in motive, in such an undertaking—then in what—simply a financial leader. With a backing of nearly eighty thousand active enrolled men, there is needed but a General, quick to devise and determined to execute, in order to accomplish the desired end.

The debt on the Hall looks formidable—seven dollars per capita on each enrolled member. The reduction of the debt during the past year was over 35,000 dollars; but by putting the proper machinery to work, the principal would be reduced, and consequently the enormous sum required to pay interest, which is the canker eating into the vitals of the people.

Massachusetts, in her dilemma, found her General; will not New York shortly in her emergency find a leader worthy of the cause, who, sweeping away the barrier, will open the road to the early establishment of our intended beneficent Home Charities?

If the State has provided for the education of youth, it does not give them a support nor a home-training and influence; it leaves them to eke out the substance of the widow, while developing their talents to become fitted for accomplished mechanics or successful merchants, scientific philosophers, or renowned statesmen. But, apart from school or college, how welcome would be the resting-place for the sick or enfeebled old man who has little before him for relief from the cares of this world, and who otherwise can only contemplate the pauper ward of an almshouse, in lieu of the tender care of his kindly brethren, and know and feel that the bed, the food, and the attention he receives are his due, and that in the past he has earned them all.

It is not necessary to speak of our principles, our duties, nor other hackneyed urgencies to motion, but rather let us set ourselves about the various courses to be pursued, the selecting of a directing genius, and bending our wills and our efforts to crowning the consummation of our desires with an early success.

Our strides in the last three decades, toward the accomplishment of the Hall and the Asylum, have been bold; they were well conceived, notwithstanding they were injudiciously carried out; but we have no reflections for the past, we accept the present and the inevitable. We have great confidence in the fight of the faithful, and will earnestly assist in the great contest of throwing off the incubus of debt, and thus smoothing the pillow of the deserving aged; for the wants of such are our wants—their sorrows are our sorrows, and their life cares are eminently ours. So long as they shall tabernacle on earth, they are entitled to and shall receive our regard and sympathy as brethren, even until the Grand Master of all

> "Shall gather them home from every land, one by one,
> As their weary feet touch the shining strand, one by one."

Our sister state of Pennsylvania has very recently set us an additional bright example. The mode adopted has been unique, but success is unquestioned. Their near future is to-day, and the benefits and blessings of Home Charities are already upon them.—*Hebrew Leader.*

THE CHARLESTOWN MOTHER SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL OF THE WORLD.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I IMAGINED that the Charleston high degree concern, which Bro. Albert Pike designates by the pompous title at the head of this article, which manufactured the Frederick the Great Charter with eight additional degrees, and which imposed her eight degrees upon the French Orient, and changed the very title of the Rite from "Lodge of Perfection" to that of "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry," I say, I imagined that the concern was in possession of a complete set of records from 1762. Recently, however, I learned from some publications issued by Bro. Folger, Grand Secretary of one of the Cerneau concerns at New York, that Bro. Pike's *mother* is not in possession of any records earlier than 1860, and that Bro. Pike does not know when he was made a member of the Scotch Rite, nor when he was made Grand Commander, &c. It seems then that Bro. Pike received his high degrees merely from a "*Degree peddler.*" The whole story seemed to me so strange as to induce me to consult the Proceedings of Southern Supreme Council for 1878, p 19, and I herewith send you an exact copy on the question above hinted, Bro. Pike says:

"I have also placed in the hands of the printer here, to be reprinted, our Transactions of 1857 to 1866, of the parts of which we have no copy to furnish to any one, and of the other only some half-dozen. I have found them among what we call our 'Archives,' connected with the previous history of this Rite in the Jurisdiction. As you will see by the small package of the originals, they are few in number.

"I am often asked why we do not publish our old Transactions, to which I am compelled to reply, that we hav none to publish. We have no record of the transaction

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at Charleston from 1801 to 1860. What minutes we had were destroyed, with many papers, pamphlets, and books of the Secretary General during the war. [Query, what proof has he that anything belonging to the Rite was destroyed during the war?] I never saw any of them, and do not know how full or how meagre they were. There is not in the Secretariat, so far as I can find, any minute of any session from May 1801 to the session of 1860, except what is called a session at New Orleans in 1857; not even of that of 1859, at Charlestown, when our membership was enlarged, and several new members were added. Except some papers of which I have spoken, and some old letters, there is nothing to show what the Supreme Council did, from its birth until 1860, I do not know when I was elected a member, or when Grand Commander. The memory of the Secretary General, is the only means of proof of the election of any dignitary or member from 1802 to 1859.

"It is certain that no regular record book of transactions was ever kept in 1874. The Secretary General has had Ill. Bro. Webber to copy into a record book all our printed Transactions. But this is, of course, no better or higher evidence of what it contains than the printed Transactions are. It is a mere waste of labour.

"By the same resolution the Secretary General was directed to record all confidential communications of the Grand Commander, and the action taken thereon, as had heretofore been done, in the Book of Gold. But nothing of the sort had theretofore been recorded, and nothing of the sort has been recorded since.

"The Book of Gold contains only copies of old documents, many of them older than the Supreme Council, and large part of them in print and published long before they were copied into the Book. The contents are, historically, of very little value.

"The Supreme Council existed all the time, but it was not always awake. It dozed, and was dormant at least once, for quite a number of years. When I first heard of it, in 1851, I think its members were Bros. Honour, Thurman, Mackey, and Le Prince, at Charleston, Bro. McDaniel at Lynchburg, Bro. Rockwell at Savannah, and Bro. Quitman at Mississippi. The three last I think never went to Charleston, consequently there were never more than three or four at a meeting. As to the Northern Jurisdiction, Bros. Gourgas and Yates used to meet and transact business as a Supreme Council, but they did not preserve a record or minutes of what they did. [What did they do?]

"The truth is that the Rite was nothing, and the rituals almost naught; for the most part a lot of worthless trash, until 1855. Some Consistories were created, and there were very few other bodies, and a Consistory without subordinates at Louisiana. In 1859 the Rite had little life anywhere except in that State. Things have changed somewhat since then."

On reading the above curious confession of Bro. Albert Pike, I could not help thinking that, suppose the yellow fever, or some other epidemic, had swept off a few of the most active of the above-named worthies, North and South, before 1844, how many tons of paper used for printing their reports, &c., and how many hundreds of thousands of dollars might have been used for better purposes; how many lies would never have been printed; and how much disharmony would never have been engendered among American Masons. If such a catastrophe had then happened, Bro. Pike would not have been sovereign of any jurisdiction, Gourgas would not have impregnated Charles W. Moore and a few others with the Scotch degrees; there would never have been a Northern or Southern jurisdiction in the United States of America, and a certain house in Golden-square would never have had a big brass plate on its front door; our American Masons would not now have been split up into a half-dozen factions of high degreers, and our English brethren would not in a like manner have been arrayed against each other; each party excommunicating the other; all doubts about the genuineness of the Frederick the Great charter would have been hushed up; the legitimacy, purity, and orthodoxy of Cerneau's pretensions would not have been questioned; Joseph Cerneau and Frederick the Great would have been venerated as the "two parallel lines" of Scotch Rite Masonry; and last, and not least, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would have been spared from committing the folly of assuming sovereignty over about forty degrees, the majority of which are antagonistic to the fundamental Masonic idea, viz., "Masonic universality." But the most ridiculous feature of her hypocrisy is, that while she denounced some degrees as Masonic frauds, she hugged similar Masonic frauds to her bosom, and declared them eminently and orthodoxly Masonic.

But a question may be asked, viz., have the high degrees done no good at all? To this I answer, Yes; but only indirectly. There is an adage, viz., "When knaves quarrel the honest man gets his own;" and in that sense the high degrees have served a good purpose, for their quarrels stimulate inquiry.

Up to the period in question there were scarcely any Masonic book hunters in America, and the then Masonic books, whether printed in England or in America, were as a rule worthless. These were, however, praised up as Masonic gospel by a *few*. And the *many*, who never troubled themselves to read anything about Masonry, took it for granted that whatever was in a book was "gospel truth." Looking over the writings of American Masons, I find that a reverend luminary taught in 1801 that Joseph in Egypt originated Freemasonry. In 1821, a Professor of Law proved that Masonry came from the Mysteries. We have any quantity of printed St. John's Day orations, some more absurd than the others; but the most absurd one I have ever read was delivered I believe in 1826, by one of the most distinguished lawyers of Boston, viz., Rufus Choats. But I need not look back so far as 1826, to find Masonic ignorance. For "The American Quarterly Review of Freemasonry," edited by Bro. Mackey in 1858 and 1859, is, with little exception, full of all kind of learned Masonic twaddle. As to the Masonic press in general, every editor of a Masonic paper was of course a Knight Templar, and every Knight Templar believed that he was a veritable Sir Knight, and that Templarism was a higher degree in Masonry; hence, every editor considered himself bound in duty to defend Templarism and other Masonic *moonshines*, and so both writers and readers were alike deluded.

To shine as a luminary in the Grand Lodge one had to be a Knight Templar; and if, in addition, he knew the rituals, then he was a "bright Mason." Grand Lodge Libraries were not in existence. They may have had the Constitutions and some printed Reports, but that was all they cared for. Indeed, even a knowledge of the Constitutions was not essential to Masonic greatness, for the Grand Secretary was supposed in those days to be a walking Masonic Cyclopædia, and hence all questions about Masonic law, usage, history, &c., was left to the decision of that officer; and this again tended to raise the Grand Secretary up into a Masonic Pope; he became "the power behind the throne, greater than the throne." Such was the case in Massachusetts, in Illinois, and in other jurisdictions.

Now, the high degreers' fight between 1860 and 1867 divided the Masons in the Northern States into hostile camps, but as our Masonic Sir Knights do not know any other mode of warfare than by quibbling, bluffing, and arguing, and as each party had to appeal to the public, new Masonic papers were started. The new editors and new orators began to hunt after Masonic books. For seven years in succession excited Masons talked about nothing else but the rival bogus, spurious, illegitimate, Masonic *impostures*, &c. Masonic books became a necessity to the respective combatants; Grand Lodges began to collect libraries; the result was, the newly awakened readers exposed the old Masonic oracles as mere pretenders. Free discussion was necessarily followed by freedom of the Masonic press, and although American Masons are still far from being enlightened, and I am sorry to say that Masonic charlatans and Masonic dreamers still abound in our midst, yet it cannot be said that they possess any power either to punish or coerce those who differ from them, and here is a very curious illustration of the present state of liberty of the Masonic press.

A few months ago, Bro. Carson, owner of the greatest collection of Masonic books, a Masonic student of the highest degree, and, withal, a first-rate obliging good fellow. But, unfortunately, he is steeped over head and ears in Templarism, A. and A.-isms, and is a great stickler for what he calls "the American system of Masonry;" which means, that only what Bro. Carson calls *Masonic*, was Masonic. And there must not be in America any more or less *Masonics* than Bro. Carson sanctions; and that it was the bounden duty of a Masonic editor to cry up Bro. Carson's Masonics, and cry down all other Masonics. The editor of the Cincinnatti *Masonic Review*,

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though he is a high degreer, and very often prints a great deal of worthless stuff, happened to copy some spicy extracts from papers, whose editors advocate either more or less *Masonics* for the American system than Bro. Carson allows. This put Bro. Carson out of temper, and he wrote to the publisher of the *Review*. Indeed, it was an indignant challenge; but the publisher and editor accepted the challenge, and each gave our brother Carson *a most fearful whacking*. I was sincerely sorry for friend Carson, but I could not help saying, *serve him right*. For, in the first place, there is a great deal of *moonshine* in his American system; and, second, he ought to have known that it was altogether too late for any one to succeed in muzzling the Press.

It is true that the mass of Masons are still ignorant of Masonic history. This is in a measure unavoidable as long as false legends are retained in the ritual. It is also true that many of our Masonic Editors will cheerfully publish all kind of twaddle, and will carefully exclude every particle of truth which clashes with their interest, conceit, or the notions of their patrons. But who cares? If one editor is a partizan for *moonshine* Masonry, truth can find vent through another paper. You see now, my dear Brother, that to the rising desire for reading Masonic books, which gave rise to the formation of Grand Lodge libraries and a consequent diffusion of Masonic information through the agency of a free press, we are indirectly indebted to the continuous fighting among high degreers. Thus, the high degree storm tends to clear the Masonic atmosphere of its impurities.

The present state of high degreedom in America is anything but harmonious; thus, in the Northern States, we hove four independent Supreme Councils, and two in the Southern States. Baltimore high degreers recently sent back their charter to Pike, and took out one from one of the Cernean concerns at New York. In California there is also trouble; so there is in Ohio, in New Hampshire, &c. Several pamphlets have recently been issued by the Secessionists in different States. Here, in Boston, we have quite a number of 32nds and 33rds too, who make no secret of expressing their disgust with all the high degrees, and I felt amused the other day, when conversing with one of these brethren, to hear him explain the difference between a 33rd who is an active member of a Supreme Council and one who is not; the former he styled a full-blooded 33rd, and the latter he called a "32½ only."

In short, *high degreedom* here is fast falling into contempt among our disinterested reading and thinking Masonic public; and if our Grand Lodges do not hasten to bring the ritual into conformity with the present state of Masonic information, and do not order the Masters of Lodges to caution candidates against taking all kinds of *so called* high degrees, Freemasonry itself will, a little sooner or later, be numbered among the *somethings* of the past.

BOSTON, U.S. 31st October 1884.

The London Cottage Mission has had a busy week at the New Hall, Salmon Lane, Limehouse, and one which we trust will go a long way towards recruiting the almost exhausted funds of this most deserving Charity. On Tuesday a Bazaar for the sale of work was opened by Lady Colin Campbell, whom Mr. Austin introduced in a brief but telling speech, in which he gave a review of the work of the Mission since its inception more than a dozen years ago, and this Bazaar is to remain open daily from three till nine o'clock up till Saturday. On Wednesday, the second Children's Irish Stew Dinner of the season took place, when six or seven hundred poor little starvelings had their "One Dinner a Week," and it is earnestly to be hoped that a greater number will find their way to the Mission Hall on future Wednesdays in the coming winter; but to do this—to increase the amount of practical good being done throughout the East-end—funds are urgently wanted, indeed at this moment the action of the Mission is literally crippled for lack of them. All who would help a cause so good can forward their contributions to the Founder and Director, Mr. Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., who will gladly acknowledge them.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In saying that I very much regret to learn that Bro. James Willing has been nominated as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, I wish it to be clearly understood that I am actuated by no motive which can in the remotest degree be said to partake of a personal character. I have always heard him spoken of as a thoroughly good fellow. I know he is a founder and P.M. of sundry Lodges, a founder and P.Z. of sundry Chapters, a member of the Board of General Purposes, and a contributor to, as well as a worker for, our Charitable Institutions. Whatever was said on Wednesday last in Grand Lodge in his behalf by the brother who proposed him, or can be said in his behalf by his most intimate friend, I accept or am prepared to accept unreservedly. But I am a supporter of the principle which was successfully asserted at the last and previous elections, and of which I understand Bro. Willing is held to be the champion on the present occasion; and it is because I consider this principle is on the one hand of so much greater importance than the brother who momentarily represents it, while, on the other hand, it derives so much, if not, as a matter of fact, the whole of its value from his personal qualifications for personal rank, that I ask your permission to explain why it is that I and others regard the candidature of Bro. Willing as a very grave mistake, made in flagrant violation of the principle which has been twice upheld successfully in Grand Lodge and of which, as I have said, he is presumed now to be the champion; and why it is that I and others most fervently trust his candidature will end in utter and even disastrous failure.

I may of course be wrong in my premisses, but I have always been under the impression that the principle successfully contended for at the election of the present and immediate Past Grand Treasurers was neither more nor less than this. Grand Lodge enjoys, under the Book of Constitutions, the right of electing its Grand Treasurer, and as there is no longer attached to the office any degree or kind of responsibility, it was urged that the members of Grand Lodge should annually nominate and elect from amongst themselves some brother of eminence and distinction whom it would be an honour to the Craft to have enrolled among its chiefs, there being no other way than this open to the general body of English Freemasons for signalising their appreciation of a brother's services or merit. But the idea of any one having attained eminence and distinction implies in the very nature of things that he has done something exceptional, something which the other members of the general body have not done so well, or to the same extent that he has; or that he possesses naturally, or has acquired after a long experience or in some other way, certain attributes or qualifications which are not possessed or have not been acquired by the others. Now I will ask this plain matter-of-fact question,—Has Bro. Willing rendered any services to Freemasonry of an exceptional character, that is, any such services as would justify him in seeking or having thrust upon him the one great honour which it is in the power of Grand Lodge to confer annually? Is it not the case that there are hundreds—I may venture to say thousands—of its members who have rendered services of precisely the same kind and degree as he has? I will even put the question still more forcibly, and ask if there are not hundreds and hundreds of brethren who have done far more for Freemasonry than Bro. Willing, and who are consequently by so much the more worthy than he is of having the much-coveted honour of the purple bestowed upon them. I hold that the principle of electing annually a new Grand Treasurer is a just one, but I likewise hold that, in order to ensure its just application, there must be something like an approach to equality in point of merit between the claims of its champion to be honoured and the honour itself. There is no such approach to equality in this case of Bro. Willing, who is a very worthy member of the rank and file of Freemasonry, but who, above and beyond this, has not the slightest shadow of a shade of claim to be placed on an eminence above his brother members of the same standing in Grand Lodge.

I have studiously avoided the introduction into my statement of anything like personality. I have been obliged to name the name of Willing, because its owner has been set up as the representative of the principle I have consistently supported from the beginning. I have cheerfully agreed with every one else that he is what he is, namely, Bro. James Willing P.M. P.Z., a very good fellow and all that, but save in this respect, I have regarded him as being as absolutely impersonal as a mathematician does the algebraic symbol *x*. It is through no fault of mine that he is now in a position before the Craft which he has no claim to occupy, and it is from no sense of disrespect to him as a man or a Mason that I earnestly repeat the hope I have already expressed that his candidature in March next for the much-coveted collar of Grand Treasurer will prove a complete and ignominious failure.

Yours faithful and fraternally,

SYMBOL *x*.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has sanctioned a warrant being issued for the Epping Lodge, No. 2077. Bro. E. G. Lewis is the W.M. designate, Bro. James Salmon the S.W., and Bro. T. J. Woodman the J.W.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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THE CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1572.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday, 6th December instant, when the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Pearce, who was ably assisted by his Officers. After the minutes of the Lodge held on the 1st November had been read and confirmed, Bros. Marchand and Smith were raised, with a due regard to all preliminaries. The ballot was then brought into requisition for Mr. Gardiner Wigley, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by the Worshipful Master, and seconded by Brother Clarricoats Treasurer, and for Mr. George Palmer, who was also proposed by the Worshipful Master, and seconded by Bro. Cotton. The result was in favour of both candidates, who were introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Pearce, who had conducted both these ceremonies in an eminently satisfactory manner, now expressed himself ready to proceed with the principal business of the day, that of installing his successor in the chair of the Lodge. Bro. R. E. H. Goffin, who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting, was thereupon regularly introduced and obligated as the Wor. Master elect for the ensuing twelvemonths. In due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened and the induction completed. On the re-admission of those brethren below the degree of Installed Master, the new W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and the investment of Officers was proceeded with, the following being the names of the several brethren on whom collars were bestowed:—Bros. A. T. Pearce I.P.M., J. Russell S.W., P. Crampton J.W., J. Clarricoats Treasurer, W. S. Whitaker Sec., J. S. Stacey S.D., F. W. Willcocks J.D., J. P. Dickson I.G., H. Comfort D.C., J. Paige W.S., Dr. Basley Org., C. Thomas Tyler. Bro. Pearce then completed his labours by delivering the addresses in a most emphatic and eloquent manner. Routine work was then considered. The auditors' report, which had been printed and circulated, was taken as read and unanimously adopted. It disclosed a very satisfactory condition of affairs, while the balance to credit of the Benevolent Fund stood at £204 odd. The sum of one guinea was voted towards the entertainment of the "Old Folks" at Croydon; notice of motion to make some amendments in the Bye-laws was handed in, and then Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in that perfect manner so characteristic of the Albion, and on the removal of the cloth the toasts were ably proposed by the Worshipful Master. In speaking to the first, the W.M. referred to the interest taken by Her Majesty in each incident of every day life. Her Majesty was as well know in the humble cottage as in the princely hall, and it was this interest she took in the welfare of her subjects that had endeared her to the nation. The National Anthem having been sung, Brother Goffin spoke of the interest the Prince of Wales took in Freemasonry. It was well known that when opportunity served the Grand Master took the conduct of affairs. At any rate, when his absence was imperative he always took care he should be adequately represented; and this interest, which he at all times displayed was thoroughly appreciated by the Craft at large. The Immediate Past Master next rose. It was his privilege—and he esteemed it a high one—to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. Brother Goffin was fully competent, and was sure to advance the interests of the Lodge. In reply the W.M. said the all too kind words of Bro. Pearce had placed him in somewhat of a difficulty. He could always speak more eloquently of others than he could of himself. However, he could assure them of his interest in the Lodge's welfare, and would do his best for the comfort of the members. The outgoing Master in due course was complimented on the ability he had displayed during the year just ended, and his services were recognised by the presentation of the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which is one of the neatest and most substantial ornaments we have ever seen. The Initiate's toast elicited excellent replies from the two worthy gentlemen who had just ranged themselves under our banner, and then came the toast of the Past Masters. To the Secretary, Bro. Whitaker, was presented a jewel which we are assured he will value as long as he is associated with the Order. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, the Masonic Charities, and the Officers of the Lodge. In replying for the Masonic Charities, Bro. W. W. Morgan said the Worshipful Master had very kindly pointed out what was embodied in the true spirit of Charity, as understood by the outer world. He would now, by permission of the brethren, say a few words as to the practical charity exercised by the Craft at large. Before doing so, however, he would like to say a few words. In the natural order of things it might reasonably be expected that year by year we should have to mourn the loss of men who have pre-eminently distinguished themselves by the zeal they have displayed in advancing the welfare of the Institution to which all now present have the honour to belong. In this connection, he (Bro. Morgan) would refer to the loss the Craft in general had sustained by the death, which occurred on the 4th instant, of Col. Creaton, a brother who had ever evinced a most fervent interest in our several Institutions, and who was almost a constant attendant at the monthly Committee meetings, while at the Quarterly Courts, as President, he was nearly always a prominent figure. The W.M. had just handed him a telegram, from Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Benevolent Institution, which stated that both Bro. Terry and Bro. Buss, who were honorary members of the Carnarvon Lodge, excused themselves from attending Lodge that day on the ground that they were paying the last tribute of respect in their power to the memory of the late Bro. Levander Past Grand Deacon, better known perhaps as Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex. In the death of Bro. Levander, which occurred only on Thursday, the Craft had sustained another heavy loss, as this worthy Craftsman was always earnest in advocating and advancing the best interests of Freemasonry. With respect to the Institutions, to which his association with the toast more particularly called for remark, Bro. Morgan reminded the brethren that the demands on them just now were very heavy. The next Festival of the Benevolent Institution would take place in February next, when Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, would preside. The Benevolent Institution was providing annuities of £40 per annum each to 163 old Masons, and was distributing £32 each to 166 old women, widows of deceased brethren. In addition, there was a considerable number of widows who were receiving half of their late husband's annuities. The Girls' School was educating, clothing and maintaining something like 239 girls, while the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was doing a similar service for some 213 lads, children of Masons deceased, or in a very impoverished condition. The respective Institutions were deserving of a more liberal support from the Craft at large than they were at present receiving, but this could only be brought about by a more extended display of generosity. Certain Lodges, by comparison, did far more than what was legitimately their proportion, and in this regard the Carnarvon was well to the fore. At the Festival of the Boys' School, held in June last, the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer of the day, Bro. Pearce, had well represented the Lodge, and his list totalled up to the goodly sum of 100 guineas. The Lodge had done well for the other Institutions, and he (Bro. Morgan) felt assured they would continue the course they had hitherto laid down for themselves. He regretted neither of the representatives of the Institutions were present, but in their absence he would urge on the W.M., or some other zealous brother, to offer his services; it would afford him infinite gratification to be able to announce that the result of the appeal he was now so urgently making had been successful, and that the Lodge would be represented at one or other of the Festivals in 1885. Bro. Morgan concluded a forcible speech by expressing the gratification he felt at having had the opportunity of addressing the brethren on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. Before we leave this portion of our report we may state that later on the Worshipful Master consented to act as Steward at the Festival for the Girls' School in May next. Several of the Officers replied for the compliment paid them, and then the Tyler gave the parting toast. Some capital songs were given during the evening, Bros. Willcocks, Brown, Baker, Whitaker, Sexton and others rendering excellent service. Dr. Basley contributed a pianoforte solo. The following were Visitors:—Bros. Hunt 2021, Shread I.G. 74, Harlow S.D. 1613, Avery P.M. 70 P.P.G.S.D. Devon, Davis 1017, Plenderleith S.W. 1598, Genner 455, Cox I.G. 190, T. R. Smith W.M. 1558, Masters 1797, Jennings 1580, W. Smith 9758, Stock W.M. 1586, Hewitt St. Andrews, R. Smith 1708, Nairne P.M. 176, Roberts P.M. 1702 P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, Sexton Org. 1321, Baker I.G. 2030, Cook 1962, Lucas S.W. 1649, Brookman No. 1 P.M. 1657, Baker S.W. 2030, Mann 507, Hamilton 569, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, Hunt P.M. 1635, W. Smallpeice P.M. 969, L. Hopkins 1573, &c.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, when the installation of Bro. James Funston, as seventh Worshipful Master, may be said to have marked the commencement of a new era in the Lodge, from the fact that he was its first initiate, and the first of its members—outside the actual founders—who attained in it the summit of a Mason's ambition, the Master's chair. The gratifying feelings with which we regard a brother who works his way to the position of W.M. of his mother Lodge are made even more pleasing when it happens, as in this case, that the brother is also the first of the initiates of the Lodge who has risen to that dignity. The installation of such a brother seems to imply that the Lodge is quite capable of taking care of itself; that however much the fostering attention of its founders may still be required, there is no fear of an actual collapse even though the whole of them might be obliged to absent themselves from a meeting—indeed, that the Lodge has shaken off the leading strings of its parents, and is now capable of proceeding alone. In the case of the St. Leonard Lodge, as in most others similarly circumstanced, no one seems more pleased at this proof of independence than the founders themselves. The Past Masters seemed to look upon the newly-installed W.M. as a living proof that their labours in the past had not been in vain. The oldest of them remembered how he had initiated Bro. Funston into the mysteries of the Order; another called to mind how he had invested him with the distinguishing badge of a Mason; and others, in turn, referred to their particular parts in the "making" of the present Master. Nor were the pleasurable associations of the past confined to the brethren who had built up the Lodge, and to admit its first initiate; that brother, also felt particularly well pleased at his position. He considered it no small honour to be the first initiate of the Lodge installed into its chair; it was an honour that could only be enjoyed by one brother, no matter how long the Lodge might last, or to what length its roll of members might extend, and he was proud of having that honour. The installation was performed by Bro. Louis Stean, the first W.M. of the Lodge, and most ably did he carry out his work. In due course the new W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and then he appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. E. Walker S.W., Frank Mathews J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson, M.A., Chaplain, Daniel King Treas., Joseph Cox Sec., R. Drysdale S.D., H. J. Thrower J.D., L. A. Harrison I.G., W. Beasley D.C., G. C. Young Org., E. T. Clark and T. Douglas Stewards, and J. Very Tyler. The Report of the Audit Committee having been received, the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung, and then the W.M. proposed the customary toasts. The Queen and the Craft and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. having been honoured, that of the Grand Officers was submitted. The W.M. was gratified to see among them that evening a distinguished Past Grand Officer of England—Bro. W. Clarke—and had much pleasure in coupling that brother's name with the toast. The ability of the Grand Officers was so well known he hardly thought it

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necessary to say many words beyond the actual introduction of the toast. Bro. Clarke, in replying, hoped he should be pardoned if he departed somewhat from the usual course of returning thanks for the Grand Officers seriatim, as he felt there were subjects in connection with Grand Lodge, of interest to the Craft at large, to which he might well refer. The Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge were taking more and more interest in the doings of the Order day by day. Principal among the latest evidences of this was the Revised edition of the Book of Constitutions, a work which he trusted was then in the hands of most members of the Order, and by them carefully studied. They had also rebuilt the Grand Temple, and where in hopes that by the time of the next Communication of Grand Lodge it would be in the same state of comfort it had been in prior to its destruction by fire. The Grand Officers were doing their best, and would continue their efforts on behalf of the Craft, the interest of which they were at all times desirous of promoting. The I.P.M. Bro. Alfred A. Clement next proposed the health of the W.M. He was a brother who had always been esteemed and respected in the Lodge, and would doubtless carry out the duties of his high office to their satisfaction. The W.M. tendered his thanks. He had done his best to rise to the position he then occupied, and hoped the brethren considered his working in the past had been faithfully and properly performed, and that it was an earnest that he would try and deserve in the future the respect and esteem of them all. He could but remember at the time he was initiated the impression it made on him to find out the number of gentlemen with whom he had been previously associated who had supported his nomination, while since that time he had found many others whose association with the Order had been a pleasant surprise to him. Another pleasing feature in connection with his career as a Mason was the fact of his having that day been installed by the same brother who, six years ago, initiated him into the Order. Their esteemed Bro. Stean had passed more than fifty years in Masonry, and had therefore exceeded the threescore years and ten allotted to man, yet he had come forward that day and performed the ceremony in a manner which younger and more active men might well attempt to imitate. It was not perhaps for him to say how well the ceremony had been performed—there were many old Past Masters present whose experience rendered them more able to pass an opinion, but each brother could judge from what they had seen and form his own idea. He had much pleasure in calling upon them to drink the health of Bro. Stean, and in doing so express their opinion of his ability as Installing Master. The toast having been heartily honoured, Bro. Stean replied. He was very pleased to respond, and to have had the office of Installing Master conferred on him that day. He hoped what had been done in the past would be multiplied in the future. The installation of Brother Funston had afforded him much more pleasure than they could imagine; the fact of placing his first initiate in the chair being one of which he was very proud. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Immediate P.M., coupling with it the health of the other Past Masters. The brethren who had ruled over the St. Leonard Lodge in the past had done all that lay in their power for the welfare of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren. The Lodge had voted a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master—it was now with very great pleasure that the Worshipful Master presented it to Bro. Clements. In doing so, he briefly referred to the working of Bro. Clements during the past, and wished him health and prosperity in the future. The jewel bore the following inscriptions:—

On the obverse,

Sextus. Conditor.

On the reverse,

Presented to
Bro. ALFRED A. CLEMENTS,
in recognition of his high personal worth, and of the many services he has rendered the Lodge during his year of office.
10th December 1884.

Bro. Clements was the first to reply. He felt it a great pleasure, at the end of his term of office, to be presented with so handsome a gift as that he had just received at the hands of the Worshipful Master. Bros. Barr, Barham, Benjamin and Jones, the other Past Masters of the Lodge, followed in turn. Each expressed the pleasure they felt in seeing the Lodge continuing its career of prosperity, and hoped it might go on in the future as successfully as it had done in the past. The toast of the Masonic Charities was next given from the chair, and was ably replied to by Bro. W. Clarke. The Visitors followed, Bro. Levy and others replying; after which the Masonic Press, the Treasurer, Secretary and the Officers were each honoured, and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion. Among the visitors were Bros. Francis 55, Turner P.M. 183, Fowler J.W. 1269, Collings Org. 1693, Hough 1288, Senecal jun. P.M. 569, Lobb 228, Hill 813, M. L. Levey P.M. 1962, Doubleday 193, Davey 569, Gibson P.M. 1420, Baker Senior Warden 2030, Baker Inner Guard 2030, Schartau Organist 2030, Dalzell J.W. 1519, Gwynne 1613, Frank 188, Bamberger P.M. 1366, Prendergast 569, McDowall P.M. 1962 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Webster P.M. 231, Geere 1962, Sims 861, Danter 392, Snook 1693, Robson W.M. 1445, Venner 901, Smith 901, Woodman P.M. 1599, Rowe 1096, Henle 45, Sanders 861, Heard 95.

Bro. Henry Anscombe, the Station Superintendent at Brighton Terminus, formerly of London Bridge, was, on Wednesday, presented with a testimonial by the townsmen and travellers on the line, consisting of a purse containing £320, and an illuminated address bearing the subscribers' names. Bro. Alderman Davey made the presentation, and the Mayor (Bro. Alderman Reeves) and a number of the leading residents of Brighton were present.

DOMATIC CHAPTER, No. 177.

AN ordinary Convocation of this Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 27th ult., with Comp. Maclean Z., supported by Comps. Webb H., Buckhurst J., Cottebrune S.E., Hubbard P.S., Austin 1st Assistant, Buss Tr., and the following P.Z.'s:—Cubitt, Briggs, Harrison and Hill. There being no candidate for exaltation, the business was merely of a formal character, and the Chapter was soon closed. After refreshment, the usual R.A. toasts were given. Comp. Buckhurst proposed the health of the M.E.Z., who suitably replied, and hoped at the next meeting there would be two or three candidates. The following Visitors were present:—Comps. Michell, Rowley, and Dr. Corrie Jackson J. Polish National, 534. Each suitably responded to the compliment paid them. The Companions separated at an early hour.

A very interesting meeting of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, took place on Thursday. Bro. W. Paas was presented with an elegantly illuminated address on his retirement from the Secretaryship of the Lodge, the duties of which office he has discharged most satisfactorily for the last 28 years. We shall publish a full report next week.

A public company is being formed to acquire the Masonic Hall in Waterloo-road, Portsmouth. The company has been duly registered as "The Carnarvon Lodge, Land and Building Company," and the shares will shortly be offered. Messrs. Longcroft and Green are the solicitors to the undertaking.

We are given to understand that the result of an experiment for a tentative week at the "Imperial" was such as to warrant a more emphatic attempt to resuscitate the fortunes of this theatre. Aided by Mr. Hermann Vezin, Mrs. Digby Willoughby, and a fair company, Mr. Harry Saint Maur announces that he will open on the 15th of December with a revival of Tom Taylor's "Plot and Passion," when he trusts that the character of Desmarets as represented by Mr. Vezin may be worthy attention and criticism.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 13th December:—

Monday—St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, Leigh Lodge, University Chapter. Tuesday—Club of Nobody's Friends, Waldeck Lodge, St. James's Union Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Metropolitan Dairyman's Benevolent Institution, Caledonian Society, Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge, Albion Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge, Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Phœnix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

FUNERAL OF BRO. MATTHEW GOTHAM.

THE remains of Bro. Matthew Gotham, whose death occurred on Tuesday night, were interred in Smithdown-road Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral was attended by a large number of Freemasons, and also of gentlemen engaged in the shipping trade, amongst whom the deceased had many friends. Bro. Gotham conceived the idea of establishing the Everton Benevolent Fund for the benefit of Distressed Masons, and he carried it through to a complete issue. For upwards of eighteen years he was the general manager of the *Shipping Telegraph*, and left that position to manage the *Liverpool Mail*. But this journal not being successful, Bro. Gotham was appointed out of 417 candidates as general storekeeper under the Liverpool School Board. He remained at this post for some time, until he found that the duties were too heavy for him, owing to ill health. About a fortnight since Bro. Gotham met with a serious fall, which confined him to his room, and in a few days afterwards, to his intense grief, his only son expired, at the age of twenty-one years. The latter melancholy event was more than Bro. Gotham's failing health could withstand. He was of sterling character, undoubted honesty of purpose, and his death is much lamented. It is only a few days since he was in town.—*Liverpool Journal of Commerce, 6th December.*

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Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

THIS Province was formed at the Masonic Rooms, Worcester, on Monday, 8th inst., by Bro. the Earl of Kintore G.M.M., assisted by Bros. Shadwell Clerke P.G.W., Burridge P.G.M.O., Binckes G. Sec., Hogard G. Steward,

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Matier P.G.J.W., Walker D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, &c. The Lechmere Lodge, No. 59, was opened by Bro. H. Wilson W.M, in the presence of about 50 brethren, and the Grand Master having been announced, was received and placed in the chair. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, Bro. A. F. Godson was introduced, duly obligated, and installed as first P.G.M.M. of Worcestershire. He then appointed his Officers :—

Bros. Pidcock	D.P.G.M.M.
Lingham	Prov. G. Senior Warden
Taylor	Prov. G. Junior Warden
A. C. Green	Prov. G. Master Overseer
Chadwick	Prov. G. Junior Overseer
G. R. Green	Prov. G Treasurer
Wilson	Prov. G. Secretary
Lucy	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
W. B. Williamson	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
Lamb Smith	Prov. G. Registrar
Rowe	Prov. G. Inspector of Works
Buck	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
Comber	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
Smith-Carington	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
Ottley	Prov. G. Inner Guard
A. Green	Prov. G. Steward
Smith	Prov. G. Tylers
Dugard	

After the usual votes of thanks, a committee was appointed to draw up Bye-laws, and it was announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had consented to receive an address from the Freemasons of the Province on his visit to Worcester on the 20th inst. Lodge having been closed the brethren dined together at the Star Hotel. The brethren present consisted, beside those mentioned, of Bros. Phillips, Warrilow, Smith, Patten, S. Treaddell (from P.G. Lodge of Warwick), Humphries, P.G. Lodge Staffordshire, Sir E. E. H. Lechmere, Bart., Williamson, Hodgkiss, Sarjant, Hulme, Joseland, Underwood, Perrins, Swete, Slade and Marsh of No. 59, Elgood, Brettell, Lees, Perry and Bland of the Godson Lodge, No. 330, Marchant, Blinkhorn, E. Stephens, H. Marchant, Norton, Davies, Cullwick, Caldwell and C. Stephens of St. Ethelbert's Lodge, No. 243, W. Rowe of No. 28, Mallard and Ball of No. 115, Knott Tyler of 59.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. Joyce Murray Vice-President presiding. Amongst others present were Bros. John L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart, William Roebuck, James Moon, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., R. Berridge, Henry W. Hunt, A. F. Godson, Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D., Head Master, Alfred Withers, F. Adlard, H. Hacker, Richard Eve, John J. Berry, C. F. Hogard, W. A. Scurrah, Geo. P. Gillard, Alfred Williams, T. Hastings Miller, W. Maple, Henry Vernon, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes having been read and confirmed, nine petitions were submitted, of which six were accepted and three deferred. Of applications made for outfits by ex-pupils, four were granted and one was deferred. £500 was invested on account of the General Fund, and a sum of £20 a year towards maintenance and education was granted in the case of a boy whose health did not allow of his being housed, &c., at the School. In the course of the proceedings reference was made to the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, a Patron, and one of the Trustees of the Institution.

The December meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Jabez Hogg, Edgar Bowyer, C. A. Cottebrune, F. Adlard, John Bulmer, James Brett, W. Hilton, J. A. Farnfield, Charles Lacey, Charles Belton, Z. B. Daniell, Thomas Cubitt, D. V. Cama, C. H. Webb, Charles Daniel, Charles Dairy, W. March, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of Brother Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, one of the Trustees of the Institution. It was directed that a letter of condolence with Mrs. Creaton should be written. The death of four male and two female annuitants was reported, as well as one of the widows in receipt of half her late husband's annuity. The Wardens' report was read, and the Chairman authorised to sign cheques. Brother Jabez Hogg's motion,

> "That, in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the Institution by Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, in having written the History of the Institution, he be elected an Honorary Life Governor, with all the privileges appertaining thereto,"

was carried unanimously. Ten new petitions, and one deferred, were then successively considered and dealt with, the result being that the latter was rejected, while of the new ones seven were accepted, and three deferred. An application from the widow of a deceased annuitant for the half of his annuity for the usual period was deferred for further consideration. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The meetings of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction are now held every Tuesday evening at the Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W. Brother Wise P.M. is the Preceptor, while the duties of Secretary are efficiently carried out by Brother R. W. Edgley I.G. of the Mother Lodge. Brethren who may honour this Lodge of Instruction with a visit may rely on a cordial reception.

Old Warrants (c).

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"Lodge of True Friendship," Calcutta, No. 315, according to Bro. Gould as an "Ancient" Lodge up to 1813, in which year Bro. Hughan claims it became 301, and thus took 383 at the Union in December 1813; altered to 265 in 1832, and 218 from A.D. 1863, at which it now remains.

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WILLIAM DICKEY, D.G.M.

ROBERT GILL, S.G.W. GEORGE BOWEN, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred Twenty and Six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Most Worshipful the Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Glenalmond, Balquider, and Glenlyon, Baron Murray of Tullibardine, Lord Belvennie and Gask, Earl Strange, Baron Strange, and Baron Murray, &c.,

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,

the Right Worshipful William Dickey, Esq^re^, Deputy Grand Master; the Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esq^re^, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful George Bowen, Esq^re^, Junior Grand Warden, with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster, do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., the Worshipful Daniell Templeman, Esq^re^, one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful Peth Henry Ormsby, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Breton, his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons as aforesaid, at Calcutta (Lodge Room of True Friendship), upon the First and Third Tuesday in every Month, and on all reasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons according to the Most Ancient and Honourable Customs of the Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Daniel Templeman, Peth Henry Ormsby and Thomas Breton (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, in London, this Twenty Seventh day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven.

ROBT. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 12, Letter M.

N.B.—If any of our Calcutta brethren would kindly forward to us the number, or numbers on the Warrant, of which the foregoing is a copy, we shall be glad to acknowledge the favour.—ED. F.C.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present—Bros. G. Bean W.M., Martin S.W., J. W. Dewsnap J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, L. Wall S.D., G. M. Lion J.D., L. Davis Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Organist. Past Masters A. G. Dodson, R. Baker, L. M. Myers, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, S. Hickman, O. Roberts. Visitors—W. W. Westley 186, C. Godsmark 1209, E. Spencer 1922, H. Lister 1320, J. W. Stunt S.W. 1320, W. P. Lyon 185, Fouillade 1381, A. Kleinen 1929. Bro. C. G. Ellis was passed. Bro. Kleinan 1929 was, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised by Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. A. Martin was chosen. Bro. J. S. Lyon was re-elected Treasurer, and Goddard Tyler. Five brethren were elected to serve on the Board of Management, eight to serve on the Benevolent Fund, and two to act as Auditors. Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. announced his intention to act as Steward at the next annual Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed, and Bro. A. G. Dodson seconded, that a sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds, to be placed on his list. Bro. A. G. Dodson then proposed that a sum of five guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a fund to provide a jewel for the outgoing Master. This was carried unanimously, and the Lodge was closed until the 1st Monday in January. The brethren then sat down to supper, after which the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. and Senior V.P. responded on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and then proposed the toast of the W.M., who briefly responded. The toast of the W.M. elect followed. Bro. Martin was generally respected; the W.M. was sure he would exhibit his knowledge of Freemasonry during his term of office, and prove that the brethren had selected one to preside over them able to keep the Lodge in its path of prosperity. Bro. Martin thanked the brethren for electing him as W.M.; he would do all he could for the prosperity of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was given, and Bro. J. W. Stunt S.W. 1320 responded. Toasts of the P.M.'s, Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens and Officers followed. The W.M. said he felt proud of the Officers who had supported him in his year of office. The Tyler's toast was given, and then a very agreeable evening was closed.

ST. MARY LODGE, No. 1312.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst. when Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed with his usual ability by Bro. Vero Taylor. The Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—Bros. Kellett I.P.M., Hutley S.W., Fuller J.W., Tuffnell Treasurer, Malyn Secretary, Copus S.D., Brown J.D., Suckling I.G., Metson Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Taylor for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony, which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Taylor. Bro. Kellett was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. The brethren subsequently sat down to banquet at the White Hart Hotel, Bocking, the repast being excellently served by the host. In the course of the evening the health of the Worshipful Master was heartily drunk, and pleasure was expressed by all that Bro. Nunn, who is a very old Mason, and has done signal service to the Craft for many years as President of the Board of Benevolence, and other ways, had consented to be the W.M. for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said having come to reside in the neighbourhood, he was pleased to do anything he could to promote the good of Freemasonry. Among the brethren present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. Ralling 51, White 1437, Turner 51, Hales 650, Haiden 817; and the following members of 1312:—Bros. Cavill, Inman, Claydon, Moore, and Pomphrey.

CAXTON LODGE. No. 1853.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, E.C. Bros. J. Oakman W.M., J. F. Beck S.W., W. W. Richardson J.W., E. Cole Treasurer, H. Meredith P.M. Secretary, Gibson as S.D., S. Morley I.G., P.M. Dawson. Mr. G. F. Norbury was initiated, and Bro. J. O'Brien was passed. The ceremonies were well rendered by the W.M. (Bro. Oakman). A banquet followed the closing of the Lodge. The W.M., in very pertinent and eloquent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Meredith P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who replied, and then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bros. Vale 901 and Griffiths 1466 responded to the toast, and gave a meed of praise to the W.M., whose working and presidency reflected great credit. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, regretted the absence of the former brother, but they had Bro. Meredith P.M. and Secretary present, who from his first appearance in the Lodge up to the present time had contributed to its success. Bro. Meredith was grateful for the kind reception of the toast. He spoke of his association with the Worshipful Master, and felt proud to say that from the foundation of the Lodge they had not been in debt, and hoped by the co-operation of the brethren they never would be. The toast of the Wardens and Officers, very genially and humorously given, concluded a very enjoyable evening. The Visitors were Bros. James Geo. Reid 186, John Merry J.D. 1420, John Ermslie 1420, E. J. Richardson J.W. 1420, E. Wilkinson S.W. 1420, J. Vale 901, J. Griffiths 1466.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

A MEETING was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the Bolton Hotel, Duke-road, Chiswick, W. Bros. Geo. Everett P.M. P.Z. W.M., Charles Everett S.W., George Gardner J.W., F. K. Lawrence P.M. P.Z., M.D., Treasurer, H. Price Secretary, R. Harvey S.D., J. Sadler Wood J.D., W. Gomm D.C., H. Furze acting I.G., Broad Tyler, Reichelman Organist; also Bros. A. H. Strong, H. Fruen, C. Coward, J. H. D. Meyer, Charles Notley, J. Brown, E. Bayley, R. Wimpey, C. Parker, C. Hopkins, Charles Hughes. Visitors—Smither, E. Brittain. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed a ballot was taken, which proved unanimous in favour of a joining member. Lodge was then opened in second degree, and Bros. Packer and Meyer were passed. Bro. Notley was then examined and passed to the sublime degree of M.M., both ceremonies being performed in the Worshipful Master's well-known efficient manner. Lodge was then resumed to the first degree. This being election night, the brethren voted the Senior Warden to fill the chair as Master for the ensuing twelve months. The Treasurer was re-elected, and Bro. Broad elected Tyler. Auditors were appointed, and the Audit meeting fixed for the 29th inst. Bro. George Gardner then rose and proposed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the outgoing Master, and expressed the great satisfaction the brethren must feel at having had the valuable services of so well-known and efficient a Mason to govern and assist them during the first year of the Lodge's existence. This proposal was seconded by Bro. C. Everett, and cordially received and agreed to. Bro. G. Gardner then announced that he had given his name as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; he should be pleased to represent the Lodge. It was unanimously voted that Bro. Gardner should do so. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to the banquet-room. The after-proceedings were enlivened by excellent vocal and instrumental music, by Bros. Furze, Brown, Smither, &c. Thus ended one of the pleasantest evenings this Lodge has held, and augurs well for the future.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

A REGULAR meeting of this influential Lodge was held on the 8th instant, at the Westminster Town Hall. It was numerously attended by the members, with a large array of distinguished Visitors. Bros. Burdett-Coutts W.M., Baker S.W., Seager-Hunt J.W., Rogers P.M. Treasurer, Shand P.M. Secretary, Sugg P.M. S.D., Gibson J.D., Griffin Steward, Baker I.G., Schartau Organist, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, Spink I.P.M., Piper Assistant Wine Steward. Visitors—Bros. Roach 55, Young 33, Dresden 1602, Jarrett, Goodrich 1321, Sutton 1406, Welland 1319, Willson 1321, Ferguson 177, Sheard 74, Belt, Evans 172, Pope 1305, Terry 1298, States 1507, Mitchell 1558, Massey 619, Hammond, White 177, Ferguson 1691, Bignold 1624, Worrell 766, Levy 188, &c. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bros. Talbot, Davies, Dick, and Holland were raised to the third degree, and Bros. Smith, Bridgman and Berry were passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Hodges, Hillier, and White, who were duly initiated into the Order. The several ceremonies were performed by the W.M. perfectly and impressively, and were listened to with evident pleasure by old and distinguished Masons. The several Officers were equally efficient. Brother Spink, who during the first year is acting as Past Master, stated that the brethren of the City of Westminster Lodge had lately invited the Master and Officers of the Abbey Lodge to their installation meeting. He believed this was the first time that this brotherly and friendly act had been performed by an English Lodge; he hailed the advent of such a custom with the greatest delight, as he thought it would lead to the binding together of Lodges and brethren even closer than they were before. He could assure the brethren of the City of Westminster that the Officers of that Lodge would be invited to the next installation meeting of the Abbey. The Worshipful Master next introduced the subject of a Stewardship of the Abbey Lodge for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but after some little discussion an understanding was arrived at that the Lodge should take up the support of only one Institution a-year. The Worshipful Master acted as Steward for the Girls' School last Festival, and would act for the Boys' next year. The brethren, before the Lodge was closed, on the motion of the Senior Warden, seconded by Bro. Spink, voted two guineas to the Christmas entertainment of the annuitants in the Benevolent Institution at Croydon. Hearty good wishes were given from the numerous visitors for the prosperity of the Lodge, and to the W.M. who had so successfully occupied the chair. The brethren then adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, were 90 guests sat down. Great credit is due to Bros. Bertram and Roberts, whose catering reflected credit on them. The service was superintended by Bro. Woods. After the toasts of the Queen and the Craft; His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master; the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers; the W.M. said he would call the on Rev. R. J. Simpson. Bro. Simpson P.G.C. responded; he looked forward to the time when Brother Burdett-Coutts would take his place in Grand Lodge, which he had not done as yet. He hoped to see him taking a prominent part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge; when he did, he would personally appreciate Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. If Grand Lodge had been present that evening it would have been pleased with the working of the Abbey Lodge. From the W.M. downwards all the Officers did their work well, and if all Lodges did the same it would tend to raise the Craft to the high degree of excellence and power which it ought to maintain. This was really being done by the Lodges quietly and unobtrusively, and it reminded him of the building of King Solomon's temple, which was done without noise of instruments or iron, as was described by Heber—

> No hammer fell, no ponderous axes rung;
> Like a tall palm the mystic fabric sprung.

Bro. Spink I.P.M. said it was with great pleasure he rose to propose the next toast—the health of the Worshipful Master. They had all

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witnessed Bro. Burdett-Coutts' working; he had fulfilled his duties in a proper manner; in fact he (Bro. Spink) had rarely seen them done so well. The members had reason to be proud of their Worshipful Master, both for his work and for the way he carried out that Masonic duty—Charity—the corner-stone of the fabric, the bright jewel that adorned the whole erection. He was sure Bro. Burdett-Coutts was proud of being Master of the Lodge. Nobody could possibly help being proud of being first Master of a Lodge whose success was without example in the history of Metropolitan Lodges or in the wide range of English Freemasonry. Having had less than a twelve months existence it had 55 or 56 members; the W. Master had initiated 24 or 25; and raised and passed 23 or 24. The Worshipful Master in reply said it was extremely difficult for him to express the great feeling of appreciation he had of the way in which his name had been received by the brethren. He hoped the working would always be a great object in the Lodge. It had been a certain amount of labour to him to get it up, for which he did not take to himself any credit, but he advanced it as a proof of his love of the work, and his respect for the Institution. He was very much indebted to his Officers, because the greater part of the excellence of his work was effected by them. With respect to Masonic Charity, the Lodge had done well, and the contributions to his list as Steward for the Girls' School were most hearty and loyal. He was proud to reflect upon the extraordinary success of the Lodge, which had been referred to by Bro. Spink. Although it was not unprecedented, it was unusual, and he did not know to what to attribute it, except to the fact that in Westminster there was a combination of circumstances which showed there was a necessity for such a Lodge. This had been proved by the fact of such a large number of brethren wishing to join, and of gentlemen wishing to be initiated. He hoped he should be excused if he ventured to think that the name he bore had to a certain extent created a prejudice in favour of the Lodge. He was sorry to have been absent from the last meeting of the Lodge, but he was grateful to Bro. Spink for having done his work. He (the W.M.) was then in Ireland with the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and the visit was interesting for many reasons. The Baroness had long before been connected with Ireland by her good works. On this, their first visit to that country, he was glad to say the Baroness was received, even in those parts with which she had not been personally connected, most cordially. When they went down to the south-west, through a bleak and Atlantic-beaten coast, which stood like a sentinel facing towards the west—nothing but 3000 miles of the ocean between it and America—the Baroness met with a reception that was one of the most extraordinary scenes he had ever realized. He had seen her received in London, by crowds stretching from Piccadilly to St. Pauls, with continuous shouting and cheering; by a Provincial town in the North, with 100,000 cheering; but that was nothing to the warmth, enthusiasm and devotion which was shown by those wild, uncouth inhabitants of the south-west of Ireland. There was certainly a cause for it, for four or five years ago she set on foot a system of assisting these people. Off the coast was an enormous quantity of mackerel, which vessels from England, Scotland, and France were sent to catch. These vessels took the fish, which were really a fortune, and the inhabitants of the Irish coast—rough, hardy and brave men—were compelled year after year, up to five years ago, to sit idly looking on at these foreigners taking away the harvest of the sea, because they had no boats to go out to sea in. The Baroness started a system of providing them with boats, on strictly commercial principles. The consequence was that a town that seven or eight years ago was in an extremely destitute condition was now practically on the road to prosperity. Companies had sprung up; the fishermen had in that short space of time been able to make sufficient money to improve their dwellings and buy land, and also to buy boats for themselves. Yet all the time they had done this they had been scrupulous in paying back their loans, and at the present time there was not £5 outstanding. In concluding, he trusted the Lodge would always cherish the traditions of the Craft and those feelings of sympathy which seemed to him the most charming element in their meetings. In speaking to the toast of the Initiates, the W.M. said he had not the pleasure of knowing all of them, but one he had known for many years; he referred to Bro. Hodges. He, with the other initiates was welcome to the Lodge. Brother Hodges eloquently responded; he felt it an honour to be initiated by his esteemed friend the W.M. He regretted he had been so long without being a member of the Order. He was followed by Bros. Hillier and White. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. Jarrett P.P.D.G.M. Herts, Jas. Terry P.P.G.J.D. Herts, Ferguson P.M. 1691, and Brother Sutton responded. In the course of his remarks Bro. Jas. Terry said he, as a member of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, fully appreciated the unbounded liberality of that noble lady the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. Especially he thanked the Senior Warden, who had proposed the sum of £2 2s in aid of the Christmas Entertainment to the inmates of the Institution at Croydon. In proposing the health of the Past Masters, the W.M. referred to the great assistance he had received at the hands of Bro. Spink. This compliment having been gracefully acknowledged, Bros. Rogers (Treasurer), Shand (Secretary), Baker (S.W.), and Seager-Hunt in sequence made a few remarks, and the proceedings closed. During the evening Bros. Cantle, Baker, and Hanson contributed to the harmony.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, the 11th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Cooper W.M., Stringer S.W., J. J. Pitt J.W., Banks Treas., Speight P.M. Sec., Dale S.D., Prior J.D., Penrose I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, also Bros. J. Bedford Williams, H. G. Pitt, Penney, Dixon, and Emblin. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. B. Williams personating the candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming Bro. H. G. Pitt answered the questions leading to the degree of F.C. in a very satisfactory manner. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Stringer S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 28th Nov., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. Monson jun. W.M., Wing S.W., Edmeston J.W., F. Botley S.D., Thomas J.D., Andrews Preceptor, C. E. Botley I.G. and Secretary. P.M.'s Bros. Hodges, Tyler, Gunner, Goss, Hilton, Blasby, Sugg; and Bros. Gillett, Turner, Edwards, Coombes, Strong, Maton, Sapsworth, S. Blasby, Brill. Visitors—Bros. Morton 1818, Clarkson 1604, R. C. Coombes 1585. The only business consisted in opening the Lodge, reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting, and closing; after which the brethren sat down to the Annual Supper, which was excellently served by Bro. Brill, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, harmony was indulged in. Bros. Wing, Thomas, Gillett, Strong, Brill, F. Botley, and C. E. Botley assisting. Bro. E. H. Sugg at the pianoforte.

On Friday, 5th inst., Bros. Valentine Wing W.M., F. Botley S.W., Thomas J.W., C. E. Botley Sec., Turner J.D., Andrews Preceptor, Bailey I.G. Visitor Bro. R. Norton 1818. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was then opened to the third degree, closed in third, and resumed to first. The initiation ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate, Bro. Norton answered the questions leading to second degree. Bro. C. E. Botley and the brethren worked the first section of the first Lecture, and Bro. Preceptor and the brethren worked the second section. Bro. Norton of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, was elected a member, and Bro. F. Botley was appointed W.M. for 12th December.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—At the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, 10th instant, Bros. Smith W.M., Langdale S.W., Weeden J.W., Western S.D., Warner J.D., Dixie I.G., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, Conrad Acting Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Potter candidate. Bro. Potter answered the questions leading to second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the annual supper be held on Wednesday, the 21st January 1885, at the Jolly Farmers', at 8 o'clock. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

To-day (Saturday) the installation meeting of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, will be held, when Bro. Minstrell W.M. will instal his successor, Bro. Duckworth. A valuable Past Master's jewel has been voted to Brother Minstrell, and we understand that, as a mark of esteem and regard for the outgoing Master, the members of the Lodge will present a valuable gold bracelet, suitably engraved, to Mrs. Minstrell. Owing to the exertions of the retiring Worshipful Master, the foundation expenses of the Lodge have all but been extinguished, and the Lodge, which has more than answered the anticipations of success of the Founders, will at the close of next year have a considerable balance, it is confidently expected, in hand.

Bro. Thomas Minstrell W.M. Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, J.W. Vitruvian, No. 87, and Z. of Gallery Chapter, Bro. P.M. Massey H. Gallery Chapter, and Bros. Hecksher, Herbert Wright, and Coulter represented the Reporters' Gallery of the House of Commons at the funeral, on Wednesday, at Brompton Cemetery, of Mr. Charles Ross, who for thirty years was leader of the *Times* Corps, and who had been connected with Parliamentary reporting since 1820. Mr. Ross was the principal witness against O'Connell when indicted for treason, he having taken the notes upon which the prosecution was founded. A splendid wreath was placed upon the coffin by Bro. Hecksher, on behalf of his colleagues and those they represented.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 11th inst. Comps. W. H. Dean M.E.Z. Provincial Grand Registrar of Dorset, A. Hubbard H., T. Minstrell J., Sheffield S.E., Radcliffe S.N., Gregory P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. Much of the success which has attended this Chapter of Improvement is due to the untiring energy and zeal of Comp. Edmonds, the highly respected Preceptor, whose exertions the Companions frequenting this Chapter never fail to recognise and acknowledge.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C, and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

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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 DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
§198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mispah, 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, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
730—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1459—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1695—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, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1669—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
206—York, Masonic Hall, York
231—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
434—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.

1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
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. 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, 16th DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
349—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1069—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
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

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

WEDNESDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
730—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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
909—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, 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. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1877—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, 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
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
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, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
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

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)

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754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

43—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
308—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
868—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
943—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
945—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
967—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
983—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
990—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
995—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead

1021—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1453—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1672—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
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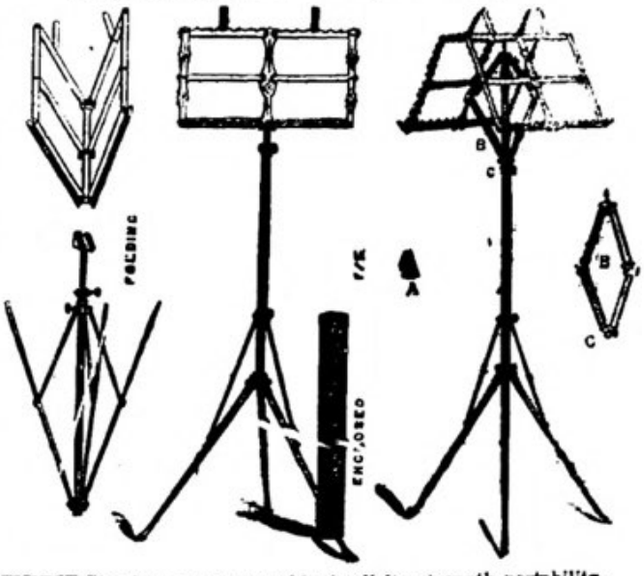
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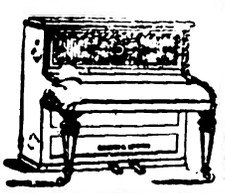
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VISITORS AND LIBERTY OF SPEECH.

IT is a very difficult matter to entertain visiting brethren, as our Lodges delight in doing, and at the same time place a limit on what they are to say when responding to the toast proposed in their honour; but unless some visiting brethren accept the signs of the times, and refrain from inflicting on their hearers lengthy speeches on subjects far from the point, and usually of a personally explanatory character, some such restriction will be necessary. The fault, if a fault it is admitted, arises from the custom of calling on several of the guests to reply to the toast of the visitors—a toast concerning which it is unreasonable to expect even one speaker at each Lodge to say anything new, and quite impossible for six or eight to do so. But even if it is impossible for brethren to say anything fresh in replying to the actual toast, it should be impressed upon them they are not to take liberties during the time they are allowed to address the members in response to the call of the W.M. The *Evening News* this week calls attention to the subject, in speaking of the energetic canvassing which is now going on in reference to the forthcoming election for the office of Grand Treasurer; and we have, on one or two recent occasions, felt the full force of the evil to which our contemporary refers. It may be a subject of importance to brethren personally interested in the election of Grand Treasurer, brethren who either nominate or second one or other of the candidates who seek the post, to refer to such nominations, but as a rule at least three-fourths of the listeners have no voice in the election, and a lengthy address falls very dull on them, especially when, as in the cases we have had to listen to, the use of the pronoun "I" formed the principal point in the remarks. The toast is at all times a perplexing one to acknowledge, and our objection to its more recent phase adds but another difficulty to the many we have referred to in connection with it during the past. While we take the opportunity of calling attention to this strain of Masonic privilege, we acknowledge the difficulty of suggesting an improvement; still we feel, for the sake of the majority who have to listen to after-dinner speeches, that some check should be put on the present objectionable course so frequently adopted.

COUNTRY COUSINS IN TOWN.

BY OUR PERIPATETIC BROTHER.

"CATTLE Show Week" invariably brings up a host of our country cousins from the provinces, and it is curious to note what a prodigious quantity of work they get through in the few days which form so memorable a feature in the bucolic calendar. The Londoner, "to the manner bred," is prone to hie away to his fireside when his day's work is over, to enjoy in the little world of his domestic circle in the suburbs the relaxation and repose to which he is so justly entitled at the close of his arduous business. We do not say that, when let loose from the strings of ordinary routine, and he flies from "populous city pent" to some rural spot or seaside resort, he does not go as mad as when the better portion of the "Hodge" family come up to see the sights of town. But, for all that, it is certain when our stalwart, hardy tiller of the soil sets down London in his diary for the second week in December, his mind is by no means absolutely engrossed with the wonderful shorthorns, prime Devons, magnificent Herefords, sheep of perfect symmetry, and "pretty little porkers" that are there to be found concentrated in their very pink and essence in the grand hall at Islington. Not a bit of it. In the mind's eye he has other pleasures in store, and which must be judiciously combined with business. Are there not the friends whose hearty handshake last year in the Lodge-room and at the banquet table has tingled on his fingers from that day to this, ready to renew old acquaintanceship and revive old delights? And as the "warm" and comfortable farmer cons over his daily paper—he does not get it till evening time!—and tiltilates the anticipations of his "missus" and the "girls" with glowing descriptions of the glories of the metropolis, methinks he is all the while wickedly jotting down in his programme the trysting places of "ye mystic tie," whose members entertained him so royally last year, and who applauded him so sympathetically when he floundered through so many responses on behalf of the Visitors. There is no greater pleasure in store—let it be taken from us, who know—to a countryman who is planning a visit to London than that of being invited to one of our Lodges. Excellent Masons though they be—our true and trusty brethren who reside in the scattered rural districts—they have not, of course, the same opportunities as are enjoyed by those in populous centres, of meeting frequently in each other's society or of exchanging visits in which the amenities of the Brotherhood are seen at their very best. In many places their Lodge meetings are—like the tides—governed by the moon, and the notification on their diary that the next regular Lodge will be held on such a day "first after new moon," signifies that they have either to ride or drive a considerable distance to attend to their Masonic duties; and, as there are no gas lamps along the country lanes, they have to rely entirely for their comfort and safety on the homeward journey upon the light supplied by the "parish lantern." It can hardly be expected, therefore, that the working of Lodges held under such disadvantages will be up to the standard of those in the metropolis, which have the benefit of the most skilled and able Preceptors, and, better than all, the opportunities of very frequent meetings and visits. This contrast is not lost upon the mind of our country brother, who, whilst "reclining in his high-backed chair," which is supposed to be a traditional belonging to every farmhouse and homestead, dreams over again the scenes which so vividly impressed themselves upon his mind last year when he "went up to see the Show." Has it not been a source of endless talk ever since, how that, amidst the gold and burnish of the furniture, the grandeur of the regalia, and the solemn pealing of the organ, the rites of the Craft were first seen in their perfection by our honest friend, who goes back to his obscure Lodge, where there are no such accessories, and where the simple ritual is taught amidst a little company in a plain and homely apartment, dimly lighted with candles, or at least an oil lamp or two? To those who have not much experience in village life the analogy may not be so clear; but as one worthy brother remarked in our hearing the other night, "It is just as if one who had been in the habit of attending regularly a Primitive Methodist chapel in a barn, and where the singing was to a wheezy harmonium accompaniment, were

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suddenly translated to St. Paul's or Westminster Abbey, when the anthem was swelling forth from the well-trained choir and supported by the intensity of a powerful organ." Well, then, consider our friend arranging for his annual outing, and see how unselfish he is. He comes not to us alone, but makes a practice of bringing with him those members of the family who are—what shall we say?—eligible for the trip. Thus, while he is engaged at his business or pleasure, the younger branches are free to disport themselves at will, always, of course, keeping well in view the obligations due to each other with regard to rendezvous and discipline. Passing along the crowded thoroughfares of the City last week one jostled with a strange variety of form and visage from every county in the kingdom, and the broad dialects mingled strangely with the buzz of conversation one is accustomed to hear in every-day life. With equally strange perversity, too, the provincial will not learn the rule of the street—that is to say—to keep on the right when walking, and thus there have been some ludicrous bungles, and imprecations on the part of strangers as to the ill-mannered Londoners who are always colliding, with "many a mutual punch and shove." The ladies are enraptured with the glisten and the glare of the shop windows and their contents; they devour, we are afraid with covetous eyes, the jewellery and the finery that are everywhere displayed, little heeding the rushing crowd who pass by, and who, by their very familiarity with such sights think nothing of them. Then, as to the tours they make, are they not quite herculean in their way? A brother was relating good humoredly, the other evening, the programme which had been rigidly carried out by his "good lady" and the grown-up members of his family. We scarcely know if we can enumerate them all, but certainly they included, first, the Bank, Royal Exchange and Mansion House; then a peep at the Guildhall and its library; Cheapside, and Bro. Sir John Bennett's "Gog and Magog" striking the chimes upon the clock; St. Paul's, the Law Courts, the National Gallery, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament; thence by underground railway to Madame Tussaud's, winding up with a seat in the dress circle at the Gaiety! If this is not a *menu* large and varied enough for a gourmand at sight-seeing let us for ever after hold our peace. But not only do the places of amusement benefit by this periodical influx of visitors; from our experience of provincial life we know it is one of the most sacred and religious duties of those who are so fortunate to be included in the trip to London to carry home some *souvenir* of that glorious event. How much more "correct" is the sealskin jacket from the establishment in St. Paul's Churchyard or the West-end? the silk dress or mantle from Swan and Edgar's, or Jay's, or Peter Robinson's, will "astonish the Browns" in that little village—for the Browns cannot boast of more than a local milliner, of course! Then the toys, the bric-a-brac and the little knick knacks for the children from the Lowther or Burlington Arcades, and the other mementoes of London that are stored away into packages for home, all mean the circulation of money and the diffusion of happiness and pleasure for months afterwards. It is unfortunate our friends were so disappointed as regards the weather, but let us hope that what was wanting in that respect may have been made up by the kindliness of their reception by friends in town, and the "hail fellow, well met," kind of hospitality to which they have been entertained. They have our heartiest good wishes, and may their shadows never grow less.

BEHOLD THIS LIGHT!

MASONS are to-day, and have always been, of the most intelligent, pure-minded, God-believing people of their times and nationalities, and have universally been found upon the side of good government, true morality, temperate livelihood and enlightened charity. I do not intend to say that the Masonic Order has always succeeded in excluding from its temples the unbelieving, the depraved or the vicious,—there was one Judas even among the selected apostles of Christ; and it cannot be supposed that any organization can securely guard itself against those who seek its protection, and adopt its tenets, to mask the secret corruptions of their own lives, or to afford them better opportunities to prey upon their fellow men. Masonry has grown most rapidly in those countries possessing the highest civilization, and in those times of the most rapid progress of enlightenment and education, conclusively proving that underlying its symbols and allegories are certain divine truths and principles, satisfactory to the most profound investigators and scholars, and essential to the welfare and happiness of mankind. The uninitiated may scoff at our Fraternity as a latter-day invention, and, as at most, an offspring of those societies or Lodges of Operative Masons, who builded the grand cathedrals and monasteries of the middle ages; but Masonry is older than that, older than the temple of Solomon, erected by its masters; older than the pyramids of Egypt and South America, those miracles of stone that have defied the ages; older than any historical civilization, its origin must be ascribed to the era of some great dominant or parent people, of whom the nations are all descendants. To them have been handed down, from time immemorial, those great truths which, so sacredly guarded through the night of ignorance, barbarism and superstition, preserved in those ancient allegories and myths whose real meaning was unknown, save to the initiated priests and brothers, are found symbolised upon the stupendous ruins of both hemispheres, and are known and understood by the select few in most of the nations and tribes of modern times.

The advent of man upon earth is lost in the gloom of prehistoric ages. The earliest histories and legends displayed to our wondering vision great nations and races of people, inhabiting widely remote portions of the globe, speaking different languages, possessing various types and phases of civilization, and exhibiting most of the different characteristics of mind, race and colour, which distinguish their descendants of to-day. Nearly or quite six thousand years ago, a civilization existed on the banks of the Nile, in many respects more wonderful than even that of the most progressive nation in this noon of the nineteenth century.

It is more than probable that the Mongolians in China, the lost race which inhabited southern and central America, and possibly some others, were even then unknown, but formidable rivals of the enlightened, intellectual, scientific and governmental advancement of their Egyptian compeers.

Whence these different civilizations had their birth, whether they sprang from one cradle or from many, through what cycles of time they had been developing their necessarily slow growth, where, when, how, the great parent or dominant race of mankind lived, ere yet the Tower of Babel was begun, are questions which receive no answer from the pages of history, the voices of tradition, or even the revelations of the inspired prophets and teachers.

Modern investigation has gone far to establish, if not to conclusively prove, that sometime, away back in the night of the past, somewhere upon the face of the earth, there existed a great, powerful, civilized, educated, scientific race of people, who worshipped one God, and who believed in the immortality of the soul, and the resurrection after death. Whether this was the parent race of all others, or was the one favoured people, holding direct from the Great Creator the divine truths of His existence and glory, certain it is that from this one nation there has descended to the inhabitants of all portions of the globe, clear unmistakable traces of the one language, the one religion, and the legendary and mythical memory of its pristine power and splendour. Upon what portion of the globe this civilization, which was hoary with age when that of Egypt was yet unborn, had set its throne and builded its altars no man can tell. Some historians and scientists have located it in Asia, from the fact that nearly all nations have a tradition that they came "from the East," and these scholars have supposed that this referred to a geographical migration towards the West; but I shall endeavour to show that all such tradition is but a part of the transmitted belief of the people of the great parent or dominant race, that they came "from the East," that is, from the sun, that is, from God.

The belief of mankind in God has always sought for some fitting symbol to most forcibly illustrate His splendour, power and glory. What so representative of them all as the sun, that mightiest messenger of His? That sun which brings us light and warmth and joy, which weds the earth with his amorous beams until she brings forth the bounteous harvests; that sun upon whose daily coming all life depends, the splendour of whose face no mortal eye can gaze upon undazzled. That unknown, wonderful,

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incomprehensible harbinger of day, that symbol of resurrection after the night of death. Is it surprising that the priests of this great chosen people should select this most wonderful, sublime and beneficent sun to symbolise the infinite attributes of Him who set it in the Heavens?

There are others who have come to believe that the story told by the Egyptian priest to Solon, of a great Island called Atlantis, an antediluvian world, was no myth or fable, but the true description of a land that once had an existence, and whose history was the record of earth's most splendid civilization. This priest said to Solon: "There was an island situated in front of the straits which you call the Columns of Heracles. The island was larger than Libya and Asia put together, and was the way to other islands, and from the islands you might pass through the whole of the opposite continent which surrounded the true ocean; for this sea which is within the straits of Heracles (the Mediterranean) is only a harbour, having a narrow entrance, but that other is a real sea, and the surrounding land may most truly be called a continent. Now, in the island of Atlantis there was a great and wonderful empire, which had ruled over the whole island and several others, as well as over parts of the continent; and besides these they subjected the parts of Libya within the Columns of Heracles as far as Egypt, and of Europe as far as Tyrrhenia * * * But afterwards there occurred violent earthquakes and floods, and in a single day and night of rain, all your war-like men, in a body, sank into the earth, and the island of Atlantis in like manner disappeared and was sunk beneath the sea. This," said the priest, "was nine thousand years ago." Oh, Egypt, mighty land of mystery! thy sphinx-like face peers out of the shadowy confines of the night of time, with half proclaimed yet unintelligible revelation of the wondrous story of the eternal past!

In the fifteenth century of the Christian era, Columbus astonished the whole known world by the discovery of the American continent. Yet, twenty-one hundred years before that time, the Egyptian priesthood proclaimed the existence of this continent as a fact with which their order had been familiar for thousands of years; and the record of this story, written by Plato, a descendant of Solon, four hundred years before the birth of Christ, was treated as a fable until the successful voyage of the adventurous Genoese proved that the further continent was in its place exactly as the priest had said.

Deep sea sounding reveals the fact that there exists in the Atlantic Ocean a great submerged continent, or at least a vast elevation of the sea bottom rising nine thousand feet above the surrounding depths. This is situated directly in front of the mouth of the Mediterranean, and extends nearly from one continent to the other. Of this mighty elevation the volcanic-crowned Azores are the only portions now remaining above the surface of the ocean, and probably were the highest mountain peaks of the lost Atlantis. Exploration and science have now found the further continent and a great submerged island, but the mighty race whose home it had been for countless ages, who from its sea-girt shores dominated over nearly all the inhabited portions of both hemispheres, who had reared a civilization grander than earth had ever known, in a day disappeared, swallowed up in that terrible cataclysm which is related and described in the histories, the traditions and the myths of nearly every nation and tribe in both the old and the new world. Here was "the deluge," the destruction of that godly race of men who had finally given themselves over to wickedness.

The Egyptian priest describes the Atlantean race as a godly race. "They possessed," said he, "true, and in every way great spirits, practising gentleness and wisdom in the various chances of life and in their intercourse with one another. They despise everything but virtue, not caring for their present state of life." That is, believing in the immortality of the soul, and in another and better existence. "They were sober, and saw clearly that all goods are increased by virtuous friendship with one another." Afterward, "The human nature got the upper hand, then, they being unable to bear their fortune, became unseemly, and to him who had an eye to see, they began to appear base, and had lost the fairest of their precious gifts." Most probably they had, as a people, lost the great truths of their religion and had become idolatrous. Then they were destroyed. The records of their great civilization, the annals of their remote antiquity, the provisions of their wise code of laws and government, and the divine secret of their religion and science, received, perhaps, first-handed from the Creator, all were swallowed up and for ever hidden in the fathomless recesses of the overwhelming waters.

This great civilized, dominant race had a religion—it was the religion of the unity of God, they were called the children of God, most probably because they worshipped one God, who was their Father or Creator. They believed in another existence beyond the grave. This divine religion was transmitted through the survivors of the general destruction, and had undoubtedly been taught by its devoted priesthood to those nations who sprang from, were ruled over, or had established commercial intercourse with Atlantis. Hence we find the story of the flood, the worship of God the Father, and the belief in man's immortality among the various races and nations of both hemispheres. Jew and Gentile, Aztec and Indian, some dimly, others clearly, some under the guise of an usurping idolatry and interpolated fable, others in the purity of recorded and transmitted priestcraft and history, all alike, retained, even to the present day, the germs of these great truths.

The God so worshipped by this parent people was symbolized, as already stated, by the sun. Says an eminent Masonic author: "There is a natural tendency in the human mind to confound all symbols with the person or thing which they were at first only intended to illustrate. In the course of time we therefore find that most nations forgot the worship of the true God and began to adore the sun itself, which they thus deified and personified."

It is probable that long before the destruction of Atlantis, the worship of God had, with the people, degenerated into sun worship, and the people who had at first claimed to have come from God, now said, "We are from the sun," or, "We are from the East." Almost all known nations of antiquity inherited or accepted this sun worship, and worshipping the sun as God, most naturally the moon and stars in time became lesser deities. The signs of the zodiac, named after living creatures, and each typical of a certain phase of the sun's course through the heavens, also became "of the family of gods," or separate symbols of the one God; and the divine truths of the one God, man's immortality, and life after death, were preserved by the priesthood in allegories and fables in which were related the wonderful adventures of these typical deities. These fables soon came to be believed by the profane and vulgar crowd, and the real secrets underlying them were only known to those who possessed the allegorical key. The same learned Masonic writer before quoted says: "This key was religiously kept secret by the priests and philosophers, and was only imparted to those who were initiated into the mysteries. By these means the priests ruled the people with a despotic power. The fables of the mythology disclosed to them grand scientific truths, and to them only. The very stories themselves served to perpetuate those truths for the benefit of the initiated, and also formed an easy vehicle for their transmission. These fables served a three-fold purpose. First: They kept the secrets of science from all but those who understood the key to them. Second: Being themselves easy to remember, they served to keep alive the recollection of scientific facts, which otherwise might be lost. Third: Being the means of keeping the people in ignorance, by their use the priests were enabled to rule them through their superior knowledge of the secrets of nature, which gave them the power of working apparent miracles."

That this sun worship, or worship of God through the symbol of the sun, was professed by all those ancient nations which probably sprang from the great primitive one, can no longer be questioned. Egypt, India, Greece, Persia, all were inheritors or imitators of these great mysteries. All these erected their temples and worshipped the sun.

On the farther side of the Atlantic, also, there exists at the present day, the vast remains of pyramids and temples, very like those of Egypt, and even surpassing them in grandeur and magnificence. On the walls of these temples have been found representations of the sun, moon and stars, and other signs of our Order such as appear so frequently on the walls of the ruined temples of antiquity.

It is probable, also, that certain of the nations founded by or springing from the survivors of the engulfed Atlantis, retained the religion of the one God in its simplicity and purity, unmixed with any of the idolatrous or mystical symbolisms which gradually usurped the worship and adoration of the common people.

It is most notable that the descendants of Noah, and

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many of the Indian tribes of America, retained almost the same identical memory of the destruction of their world by a deluge; and both have inherited the one great belief of the original people of God, in His unity, and in another happier existence after death, and both worship Him as Creator and Father. But, as already stated, the great truths of religion and science, in most nations, degenerated among the masses into sun worship and idolatry, and could only be retained and perpetuated through the more barbarous ages, which must have succeeded the destruction of the great centre of civilization, by the institution of an order of mysteries whose priests and brethren should be initiated under the most sacred vows of secrecy, into the sublime mysteries of religion, and the profound teachings of science. This, then, was the mighty mission of the brethren of this ancient Fraternity, to keep and preserve, for all ages, the great religious truths and scientific discoveries of God's chosen people, received by them directly from Divinity itself, or acquired in the course of their wonderful enlightenment and advancement.

And what secrets may not those great sages and patriarchs have wrung from Nature's laboratary? Had they solved the problems of life and death? Of our own immortality? Of the incomprehensible plan of the universe? Of the Godhead itself? We are taught in Holy Writ that the people proposed to build a tower, "Whose top may reach unto Heaven," and that the Lord Himself declared: "And now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do." And the Lord confounded their tongues. Why? Was it simply to prevent the building, by "Operative Masons," of a tower of brick or stone whose top should reach to the material heavens? Or was it to destroy the possible erection of a tower of science and discovery by the great students of nature and religion, those "Speculative Master Masons," the summit of which should extend even to the secrets of heaven? Had they already seen beyond the flaming sword? And were their outstretched hands almost within reach of the fruit of the tree of knowledge? Would God have taken such decisive and terrible action if the completion of the tower, and the discovery of the nature and secrets of Divinity, was not already an immiuent possibility?

Hidden within the Holy of Holies, guarded by the unrelaxing vigilance of its devotees, cherished more dearly than life itself, many of these ancient revelations and discoveries have descended unto us. As already shown, the perpetuation of these great truths was secured by means of established Orders, or Fraternities, called mysteries; and their existence was carefully "veiled in allegorical fables, the key to which was disclosed to him only who had taken the highest degrees of the mysteries, and given the most convincing proofs of his fidelity and zeal."

The sacred legend or allegory of the Egyptians related "that Osiris, or the sun, was slain by Typhon, a gigantic monster, typical of darkness and the evil powers of nature. The body was placed in a chest, thrown into the Nile, and swept out to sea. Isis, or the moon, personified as a goddess, ransacks the whole earth in search of the body, which she finds horribly mutilated; she joins the dissevered parts and raises him to life again." "The ritual of the mysteries in Egypt, India, and Greece, was founded upon this legend, in some form, of the death and resurrection of the personified sun-god." An allegory pregnant with the great truths of Divinity and immortality. "The Egyptian mysteries of Osiris and Isis were in the form of a mystic drama, representing the death by violence of Osiris, the search for his body by Isis, and its finding and being raised to life and power again." "I saw the sun at midnight," says Apuleius, speaking of his own initiation into the mysteries, "shining with its brilliant light, and I approached the presence of the gods beneath, and the gods of heaven, and stood near and worshipped them." The sublime mysteries of religion, and the profoundest teachings of science, were revealed to him who had been permitted to stand in the splendour of the risen sun.

An eminent Masonic author says, "The mysteries of all the other nations of antiquity were quite similar to those of Egypt, and were no doubt derived from them."

In the temples of the mysteries in India there were stationed triangularly at the east, west and south points of the mystic circle, the three representatives of the sun-god, denoting the rising, setting and meridian sun. It is believed that future investigation will clearly prove that the sun temples of the mighty civilisation of prehistoric America were dedicated to the same mysteries and to the preservation of the same great truths. On both hemispheres the descendants of that parent, godlike race, by the same means, in the midst of idolatrous times and tendencies, kept ever burning the light of their inherited belief.

"Late discoveries make the fact that the unity of God was taught in the ancient Egyptian mysteries, beyond all doubt." "The manifold forms of the Egyptian pantheon," says the late E. Deutsch, "were but religious masks of the sublime doctrine of the unity of the Deity, communicated to the initiated in the mysteries." "The gods of the pantheon," says M. Pierrot, were "only manifestations of the one being in various capacities."

"The three cardinal requirements of Egyptian piety were love to God, love of virtue and love to man." That our ancient brothers of Egypt were not deficient in the Masonic virtues of "brotherly love, relief and truth," appears from the inscriptions on their tombs: "I have given bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, shelter to the stranger." Enough has been advanced to show that the ancient mysteries taught the unity of God, the immortality of man, profound scientific truths, a pure morality and a tender charity.

It is true that in the progress of many centuries the mysteries became corrupt, and among most nations lost a knowledge of their primitive truths. But among all the corruptions which in later times prevailed, there yet remained a "chosen band," who preserved the ancient teachings of the mysteries in their purity. Says a Masonic writer: "From these few and faithful ones the truth was handed down to following generations, and from them, all that is great, glorious and ancient in modern Freemasonry was derived." "From them Freemasonry received its two great doctrines of the unity of God, and the immortality of man."

It is not the purpose of this address to attempt to follow the lineal descent of Freemasonry from the ancient mysteries of Egypt; that work has been done by those whose great wisdom, knowledge and patience, have well qualified them for the task, and the incontestible proofs which they have accumulated, so far as they can be disclosed to the uninitiated, are within the reach of all.

"Long before the building of King Solomon's Temple, Masons were known as the 'Sons of Light.' Masonry was practised by the ancients under the name of Lux, or its equivalent, in the various languages of antiquity." "We are informed by several distinguished writers that the word 'Masonry' is a corruption of the Greek word mesouraneo, which signifies 'I am in the midst of heaven,' alluding to the sun, which, being 'in the midst of heaven,' is the great source of light." Others derive it directly from the ancient Egyptian phre, the sun, and mas, a child. Phre mas-sen, children of the sun, or Sons of Light." The masters of the ancient mysteries designed and builded the mighty temples, monuments and pyramids of antiquity. But the name Mason means more than a mere master of the trowel, the level, the plumb, and the square. It means the master of those great primitive truths and scientific secrets which the Fraternity has cherished from time immemorial.

Along the pathway of the centuries, disguised in formulated myths and allegories, the divine truth has travelled on. From the Osiris of the Egyptian mysteries to the Dionysius and Bacchus of Greece and Asia Minor, and to the Hiram of Masonic lore, the way is clearly discernible.

Atlantis, that rose from the waters as the home of the God-sprung race, from her vantage ground of exalted civilization and divine revelation, filling the earth with her power and splendour, is ingulfed for ever in the ocean that was once her slave. Egypt lies in the night of her desolation; her pyramids and monuments ruling over a sea of sand. The temple of Solomon reflects no more from its golden crest the rays of its Creator's sun. "Rome, that sat on her seven hills and from her throne of beauty ruled the world," has crumbled into ruin and decay. The cities, palaces and triumphal arches of antiquity sleep with the Pharaohs and the Cæsars in the dust of the ages. But the light still shines in the East, the divine secrets are still preserved, and despite time, death and change, the infinite truth shall never die.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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THE LATE COLONEL CREATON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I had hoped that some brother with a readier pen than my own would have alluded to a circumstance which you rightly designated in your leading article on the 6th inst., as a "conspicuous oversight" on the part of the Grand Lodge, in reference to the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer. That the demise of one who had rendered such signal service to the Craft should have been quietly ignored at official headquarters is to me inexplicable, and I have reason to know it has produced a feeling of at least surprise among a very large section of the brethren. Our only hope must be that the "oversight" was accidental, for even the commonest sense of courtesy and recognition of worth precludes us from the idea that after so many years of useful work on behalf of Freemasonry a distinguished brother should pass away unmentioned and unthought of by those who laboured with him in the same effort, and who, consequently, knew the value of the assistance he gave to it during more than a quarter of a century.

The news of Col. Creaton's death came to us, first, by a graceful obituary notice in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and up to that time none of us seemed to be aware that our illustrious Past Grand Treasurer was in failing health. If the brethren were shocked and saddened in the midst of their festivities by the mournful tidings broken to them by Past Grand Chaplain Bro. Simpson, at the City of Westminster Lodge, I can assure you there are many besides myself who were equally pained at the receipt of the intelligence through the medium of your excellent journal. All who have gone up to London as Stewards at the Festivals, or have been thrown into contact in any way with our deceased brother, knew well the kindliness of his heart, the depth of his love for the Craft, and his peculiar solicitude for the children who are cared for in the Masonic Schools. Colonel Creaton never appeared in happier vein than when he was presiding at the annual prize gathering at the Girls' Institution at Battersea Rise, and I have a vivid recollection of the fatherly love for the "bonnie lasses" he evinced on one occasion when we conversed together on the splendid character of the Institution and the admirable training the girls received at the hands of those who are entrusted with their management and care. If ever Colonel Creaton was "in his element" it was on such joyous occasions as that to which I refer, when he could look with true parental pride upon such a galaxy of maidenhood as is to be found within the shelter of that grand asylum at Battersea Rise. Not only here, however, but wherever he could do anything to promote the interests of Freemasonry and its Institutions, there was Col. Creaton, speaking and doing, in season and out of season, working with a strong disinterested will for the benefit of the Craft.

Surely, then, some sort of recognition is deserved of services so cordially and spontaneously rendered to our Order; and where could the graceful tribute of regretful esteem have been more fitly expressed than in the meeting of Grand Lodge? The sudden removal from amongst us of a Past Grand Deacon and Treasurer, who was personally known and beloved, not only in London, but throughout the Provinces, struck a chord of sympathy amongst all who knew the man, or had any knowledge of the work he had done for the Craft; and I venture to believe that thousands of Masons in various parts of the country have been looking for and confidently expecting some last tribute of deserved respect for our excellent and lamented friend. Would it be too much to ask that a portrait of the distinguished soldier and brother should be added to the collection at Freemasons' Hall, so that we who have the honour and pleasure of taking a journey to town three or four times a year for Masonic purposes might be enabled to recal the features of one who in his lifetime was so cordial and genial an associate in the working of the Craft, and who had done so much to advance its interests. I trust the matter may not be allowed to go to sleep, but that Grand Lodge and the brethren generally may be reminded that they have not done their duty until some graceful tribute is paid to the memory of one whose heart was bound up in the cause of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and who practically exemplified the cardinal virtues of the Craft.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

"PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT."

York, 16th December 1884.

OLD WARRANTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The *present* number of the "Lodge of True Friendship," Calcutta—the warrant of which body you print in your last—affords a good example of the hurried manner in which the so-called "Ancient" and "Modern" Lodges were welded together at the Union (1813).

In strictness, No. 315 (Ancients), *now* No. 218—the Lodge of True Friendship aforesaid—should rank after No. 314 (Ancient) *now* No. 228 (the Lodge of United Strength), but the *place* assigned to it on the roll of the *United* Grand Lodge of England at the time of the fusion (1813) was No. 383, *between* the Lodges Nos. 382 and 384—*previously* Nos. 300 and 301 "Moderns" respectively—fixed the number *it ought to have borne* on the list, from which it was carried forward as 301, and was so entered by Bro. Hughan in the roll of "Union" Lodges, appended to his well-known "Memorials."

The irregularity probably arose in this way. The "Ancients" numbered their Provincial Grand Lodges, the "Moderns" did not. The number 301, on the roll of the former, was borne by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jamaica, and having been brought forward at the Union as No. 218, a junior Lodge took its place, when the inadvertency was discovered. I am of opinion, therefore, that the Lodge of True Friendship, No. 315 ("Ancients"), was pitchforked into the position originally assigned to No. 301, to prevent a gap on the roll, and because, in all probability, the mistake in allotting a number to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jamaica only became apparent when it arrived to the turn of No. 315 to be given a place on the joint list of 1813.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It may be that my perception has become dim, and my powers of reasoning obtuse, but I confess to an utter inability to reconcile the astounding mass of incongruities contained in the letter of "SYMBOL *x*." He starts off with the admission that Bro. James Willing is a "thoroughly good fellow," to which sentiment a host of the brethren will join with me in responding heartily, "and so say all of us." But, having thus metaphorically patted the candidate for the Grand Treasurership on the back, he goes on magnanimously to say that Bro. Willing has "not the slightest shadow of the shade of a claim"—good heavens! what a sentence—to be placed on an eminence above his brother members of the same standing in Grand Lodge, and winds up with the *generous* hope that his candidature "will prove a complete and ignominious failure." Could anything be more Iago-like than this fulsome flattery administered to cover the ill-concealed antagonism to Bro. Willing which appears in every succeeding line of "SYMBOL *x*.'s" letter? Well might Bro. Willing be pardoned if he said—

> "It was all very well to dissemble your love,
> But why did you kick me down stairs?"

It is not my desire to impart personalities into a correspondence which is—and perhaps all the better that it is—anonymous: but the writer of the letter to which I refer is so profuse in his contentions that the candidature of Bro. Willing is a "grave mistake," and a "flagrant violation of a principle so successfully asserted at previous elections," that I should be glad to receive from him some real arguments, which I fail to discern in his present communication. Having pointed out that "there is no longer attached to the office any degree or kind of responsibility"—meaning, I suppose, that the Grand Treasurer's collar and sinecure office are but ornamental and complimentary decorations—he argues that only those are deserving the distinction who have done "something exceptional," or who "possess naturally," or have acquired after long experience, or in some other way (*sic*) "certain attributes or qualifications which are not possessed or have not been acquired by others." He then goes on to ask whether Bro. Willing has "rendered to Freemasonry any services of an exceptional character," and whether there are not hundreds and thousands who have rendered services of "precisely the same kind and degree as he has?" Nobody will venture to contest that generality with your correspondent; but why, if amongst the "hundreds and thousands" Bro. Willing has an equal rank for services rendered, should "SYMBOL *x*" relegate him especially to a "back seat," and avow he has "not the slightest shadow of a shade of claim for the office," and "fervently trust his candidature will end in utter and *even disastrous* failure?" It is very evident to any one who can read between the lines that it is "no fault" of "SYMBOL *x*" that Bro. Willing is "now in a position before the Craft which he has no claim to occupy." By a little sycophancy and flattery of "a very good fellow, and all that" he endeavours to convince Bro. Willing that "Codlin's your friend—not Short;" but in his heart of heart he devoutly wishes that Bro. Willing may retire with "disaster" and "ignominy" from his candidature for the "much-coveted honour of the purple." It is very Masonically generous, certainly, and we might well excuse Bro. Willing for crying, "Save me from my friends."

A brief enumeration of some of the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Willing may be necessary to enable your readers to form an opinion as to whether he has the "slightest shadow of a chance of claim" to the office in which so many of his brethren would be delighted to place him. That he is a thorough "good fellow" is so apparent to all who know him that they do not need to be reminded of it by "SYMBOL *x*." "Having passed through all the offices, and the chair of his mother Lodge, the Domatic, No. 177, he became Founder and first W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and four years later Founder and first W.M. of the Savoy Lodge, No. 1744. Of both these Lodges he is still esteemed and respected as Treasurer. Last year he assisted in founding the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, and was designated in the warrant of constitution its first W.M.; and this year, at the conclusion of the usual term of service, his brethren were so highly impressed with the manner in which he discharged his duties that they unanimously re-elected him to the chair. He is likewise a joining member of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. and Comp. Willing has played a similarly active part. He was exalted in the Victoria Chapter, No. 1056, in 1872; was a Founder and subsequently M.E.Z. of the Priory

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Chapter, No. 1,000, Southend, and founder and first M.E.Z. of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507. On retiring from the chair of First Principal, he was elected to the office of Treasurer, and only resigned that responsible post during the present year in order to resume, for the second time, by the choice of his Companions, the chair of First Principal. Quite recently, Brother Willing was advanced to the Mark Degree, in the Old Kent. Time Immemorial, Lodge, and no doubt he will in due course make his mark in this branch of Freemasonry, as he has already made it in the Craft and Royal Arch. He is likewise a member of the Board of General Purposes, and since 1877 has been on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As regards our Charities, Bro. Willing has constituted himself a Life Governor of each of them, and has five times served the office of Festival Steward, namely, for the Benevolent Institution in 1876 and 1883, for the Girls' School in 1879, and for the Boys' School in 1877 and 1882. In the outer world Brother Willing has secured the respect and esteem of all with whom he is brought in contact; and in recognition of his personal worth he was recently presented by his friends with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a silver epergne and fruit stand, to the value of 300 guineas."

So much for "services rendered," and beyond all this he is possessed of the very "attributes and qualifications" which "SYMBOL *x*" insists upon for the man who is promoted to the dignity of Grand Treasurer. Everybody who knows Brother Willing is aware that he is possessed of tact and administrative ability of no mean order, added to natural urbanity and genial kindness. For these reasons, and in support of the "principle" which your correspondent espouses with so much warmth, I sincerely hope that the "disaster" and "ignominous failure" spoken of by "SYMBOL *x*" may remain in the place of their incubation, viz., in the brain of the writer, and that the election may be a triumphant vindication of the privileges of the brethren, and the well-meant desires of those who are promoting Brother Willing's candidature.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

AUDAX.

WHAT CAN I DO?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was both amused and pleased, on taking up the last number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, to read your remarks in reference to this simple little question, and it has often struck me that if, instead of ringing the changes as we so frequently do upon the great, and undoubtedly liberal, charity which is dispensed by the body collective of Freemasonry, we could devise some means of conferring a ray of happiness upon those of our less favoured brethren and their families now and then, "in a quiet sort of way." At the present time, work is very scarce and difficult to obtain amongst that class of men especially who, having seen "better" days, have been unfortunately overtaken by reverses, and a majority of whom drift into the class which admits of such a wide diversity of description known as "clerks." Is it not a fact well known to any commercial man that if you advertise for a clerk, be the pittance ever so paltry that is offered, your applications for the "berth" will be so numerous that whilst you are puzzled to select from such a voluminous pile of correspondence one whom you may deem suitable, your heart must grieve at the prolific source of want and necessity which causes so many drowning men to catch at the little straw you have thrown out? It is a sad commentary upon the condition of thousands of educated and industrious men in this country that there is not sufficient to keep nearly all of them employed. We often see advertisements in newspapers appealing to Masonic employers to utilise the services of brethren in reduced and straitened circumstances, and I must admit that such notices are scarcely ever repeated a second time. From this I infer that employers who are members of the Craft are disposed even to strain a point in favour of brethren who find themselves in the unhappy position of being obliged to ask thus pointedly for assistance. There is much more to be done in this way, as you suggest, but the difficulty is to find how and in which way it can be done. If brethren are in want of such employment as may be given to them, and do not make those requirements known, "What can we do?" and who is to blame? If such brethren there are, and they possess honest intentions and discretion, they will not silently bear the burden of complaining idleness, but will make their sorrow known to some in whom they have confidence, and who they know will do his utmost to open the door for relief. I have sufficient faith in my brethren as a body to believe that if such were the case there would be no brother "kept in involuntary idleness, struggling vainly in the world of keen and unrelenting competition," nor any poverty-stricken men amongst us passed by on "the other side."

Yours fraternally,

JUNIOR WARDEN.

13th December 1884.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much pleased to read the timely and suitable observations on this subject in your admirable leader of last week, and it seems to me you struck the keynote of what is regarded as a *bête noir* in the minds of many of the brethren. Ever and anon we hear of some poor struggling wretch, driven by urgent exigencies, which alone would impel him to descend so low, asking for some temporary assistance; and instanter he is dubbed a "begging impostor" and a "Masonic mendicant!" The "charitable" brother who might have heard of the case, but takes precious good care not to contribute to the round robin in the poor fellow's behalf, rushes into print and magnanimously cautions the brethren against the exercise of timely benevolence, and the practice of those principles which are so strongly impressed upon the initiate on the very night of his entrance within the Lodge. This looks to me rather like kicking the lame dog than helping him over the stile. What becomes of all our vaunted boasts of that Charity which knows no bounds, save that of prudence, and all the grand teachings of the five points of fellowship, if a poor brother, driven almost to despair by misfortune, is afraid to approach the threshold of that institution which he has been taught to believe is the haven of rest from the pitiless beating of the storm of life, and who despairs of a kindly word or a helping hand from those with whom he has been united in the very closest bonds of brotherhood? That all right-minded Masons must echo your sentiments when you say you "abhor and detest the spirit of the man who would fatten on the sympathies of the benevolent" I quite agree; but a vast majority of the brethren, I venture to think, will also endorse your opinion that it would be impracticable to devise a "means of circumventing and bringing within efficient cognizance the practice of private charity." The relief of casual suppliants for aid must remain, as it has ever done, a matter for individual discrimination, and be swayed by the circumstances which surround the appeals for help. If it can be proved that the practice of "cadging" is a chronic one on the part of any member of the Order, or that "black mail is being levied on generous and unsuspecting brethren," by all means let us do our best to unearth such dishonesty and expose the effrontery. I would go so far as to say that, if it should be proved that "mendicancy" were even suspected the certificate of the applicant should be endorsed, so as to apprise the brethren that when renewed appeal is made that the askant brother has been before relieved. There are many brethren, I know, to whom such a suggestion has been made, and who have scouted the idea as unworthy of the Masonic profession. But at any rate it might be applied in cases where it has been established beyond doubt that the brother implicated has fallen into the habitual disgrace of mendicancy. I do not see, however, how it is possible for a man to exercise a nefarious calling among the Craft for very long without detection, and I am inclined to your view that such men are very few in number compared with those who are "too retiring or too proudly reticent to look even at the hand of charity," and who "plod along life's dreary way, unnoticed and neglected." Any how, there is no such thing as the official regulation of private benevolence as you would the interior economy of a workhouse, and much as the system, if such exists, of habitual solicitation is to be deprecated, there is no shutting our eyes to the fact that persistent cadging is sure to be detected ere it has long run its course, whilst to insist upon any hard and fast line for the practice of the virtue of benevolence would be of no avail, unless we would freeze the stream of charity altogether. Under the circumstances I feel a pleasure in re-echoing the kindly sentiments expressed in your article last week, and which I have heard spoken of in approving terms by many brethren with whom it is my privilege and pleasure to be associated.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

"Ye Rahere Almoners," founded by Bros. James Stevens P.M., and Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C., held the first of the season's series of smoking concerts, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Monday last, when Bro. W. Sexton and several other brethren, members of the Victoria Glee Club, gave an admirable entertainment on behalf of the funds of this deserving charitable institution. Bros. A. C. Morton, C.C., Joseph Young, A. E. Emdin, and other brethren who are members of the Grand Council, were present, as were also Bro. Stevens and Mr. Sangster, in their respective capacities of Counsellor and Recorder. A most agreeable evening was enjoyed by all present, and hearty thanks were accorded to the Victoria Glee Club for the musical treat they had afforded, and the assistance thereby rendered to the funds of the Almonry.

There was a large attendance of R.A. Masons at the Aylwyne Castle Tavern on Thursday, when it was decided to adjourn to 8th January 1885. It is satisfactory to report that this Chapter of Improvement has had a very prosperous year, and now numbers over 147 members. The ceremony was carefully rehearsed by Comps. Brasted M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Shaw J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Wood P.S.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 20th December:—

Monday—Grand Master's Lodge, British Lodge, Asaph Chapter. Tuesday—Enoch Chapter, Royal York Chapter, Cadogan Lodge. Wednesday—Commercial Travellers' Schools, Novo Magians. Thursday—Great Northern Lodge, Globe Lodge, Strand Benevolent Fund. Friday—Jordan Lodge, Odd Volumes.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

WHEN Jack Frost reminds us of his presence, by the tingling of our ears, noses, and fingers, and good old King Christmas rears in our hedgerows the sturdy heralds of his advent, the little robin redbreast is amongst the first of our cheery guests, and there is not a threshold at which he is unwelcome in this season of "good cheer." But while in the homes of the affluent and well-to-do bright fires light up the countenances of happy friends assembled around the richly-laden board, and glint on the holly and mistletoe that darkle on the walls, there are others who stand shivering and friendless on the doorstep, and like Lazarus of old, pine for some of the crumbs that might fall from the rich man's table. It is at such a season that Masons especially should remember a peculiar epoch in their history, when the finer feelings of sympathy and benevolence are first aroused beneath the benign influence of that Masonic light which has been newly vouchsafed to them. Of late years we have seen a happy and gratifying development of that unselfish solicitude for the starveling poor which forms so noble a picture of our Christmas merry-makings, thanks to the self-denying and heroic exertions of philanthropists whose names will live green in the memory of future generations. When the Rev. Charles Bullock, the muscularly Christian editor of *The Fireside News*, *Home Words*, and other publications which have found a place and exerted such a leavening influence in the homes of the humbler classes, started his novel experiment of feeding the poor with what he is pleased to call "Robin Dinners," scarcely any of us anticipated that the beneficent scheme would have attained such gratifying and successful dimensions as we are proud to note to-day. "Robin" has started on another winter's campaign, and as the best thanks he can warble to the multitude of friends who have helped him in the past by giving wings to the "Collecting Forms" to flutter back to his nest at Blackheath, he has this year prepared a tiny booklet which contains the story of two of last year's "Robin Dinners," one given in London, and the other in the provinces. The booklet is called "How Robin did it; and How Other Birds may do it too," and a copy will be sent with a receipt to every one who sends a contribution for the London dinners, which now welcome yearly more than 10,000 hungry and happy guests. The little *brochure* gives the story of an admirably managed dinner at Nottingham, and the author expresses a hope that this will be a model for "robin" dinners, east and west, north and south, wherever a human "robin" can be found. The author's special object this year is to extend his operations into the provinces, and we cannot do better that quote his own words when he points out that "any benevolent 'bird' wishing thus to originate a Robin Dinner *out* of London, would find a supply of 'How Robin Did it,' useful in creating interest and obtaining funds. For this purpose one hundred copies can be supplied for 4s, on application to 'Robin,' 7 the Paragon, Blackheath, S.E. If each copy only secures a shilling contribution, nearly £5 will thus be provided for the local dinner. And £5 will go a long way, 'Robin' fares simply himself, and 'enough' is always the best 'feast.' Less meat and more plum pudding (not as heavy as lead, but made according to Professor Buckmaster's recipe; see page 27 of 'How Robin Did it') is an excellent rule, and good soup is often even better than meat. The chief point is to amuse the 'Robins,' and make the evening a happy one. As to speeches, let them be full of anecdote, in words of one syllable, and in all cases only 'five minute guns.' As to singing, let the 'Robins' sing as well as the choir. 'Robins' can sing, and we all like to hear our own voices—at least 'Robins' do. Supply also something worth singing, which can be taken home, and so do double service. Remember, too, if the room is not to become a perfect Babel, the 'Robins' must have something to hear, see, or do throughout the evening. Five minutes unoccupied will upset the whole 'nest.' 'Robin' will only add his wish that all his friends could be present at a Robin Dinner. Truly they would feel it is 'more blessed to give than receive.' The 'Robins' are welcomed as 'guests.' The object is not to 'relieve' them because they are poor, but to give them as 'guests' a hearty welcome and a happy evening, because we remember those words of infinite tenderness and love, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these . . ye did it unto Me." Mr. Bullock, however, is not alone in this truly happy work, for there are appeals in the weekly and daily press which tell of other schemes which are in operation all around us for the relief of suffering and the spread of the heavenly dictum, "Peace on earth and goodwill to men," by men who have set their hearts upon becoming "more extensively useful to their fellow creatures." Amongst these comes a stirring appeal from Dr. Barnardo, whose homes for destitute children have extended from their original centres in Stepney, Limehouse, and Bow, to Ilford in Essex, Hawkhurst, Kent, to Guernsey, Jersey, and Ontario, Canada. Our readers are already familiar with the gigantic and admirable work that has been performed by Dr. Barnardo, who has just returned from a four months' visit to Canada, undertaken in the interests of the destitute and orphan children under his care. It will be gratifying to those who have lent the worthy Doctor a helping hand in the good work, to know that of the many hundreds of boys and girls sent to Canada, and placed out in life there during fifteen years (300 during the past three years only) only four boys have failed, and of these two are now doing better; while not one girl out of the very large number emigrated is known to be living other than a respectable, virtuous and industrious life. Dr. Barnardo promises, in the pages of *Night and Day*, to give an account of his visit; but meanwhile, with the dark and cold days of winter upon us, it is proposed to continue the blessed work of rescuing from peril, suffering, and shame the little orphan or destitute children who still throng the streets of our four million peopled City. He, therefore, appeals for help in the prosecution of this philanthropic design, and in doing so assures the charitable public that the treasury of the institution is sadly in need of assistance.

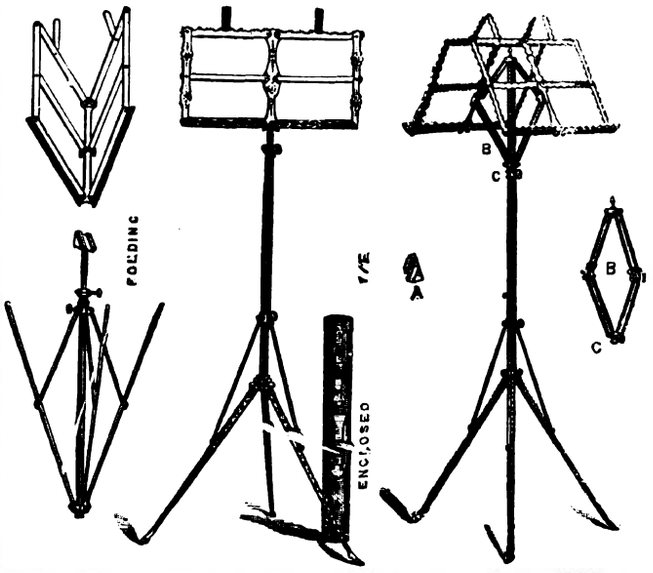
We have often alluded to the admirable work which is being prosecuted by Mr. Walter Austin and his co-workers in the East of London, and merely refer to it now in a single word in the hope that the hint may in some measure be helpful in the way of providing for the half-starved children of Stepney and the district something more than Irish stew for their delectation at Christmastide.

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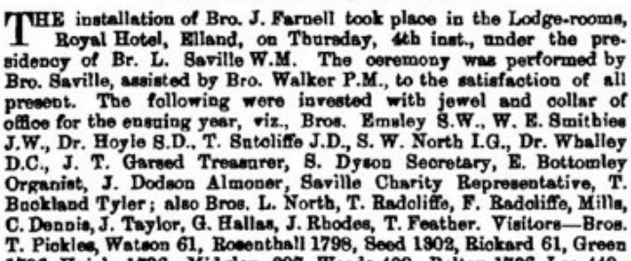
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SAVILE LODGE, No. 1231.

THE installation of Bro. J. Farnell took place in the Lodge-rooms, Royal Hotel, Elland, on Thursday, 4th inst., under the presidency of Br. L. Saville W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Saville, assisted by Bro. Walker P.M., to the satisfaction of all present. The following were invested with jewel and collar of office for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Emsley S.W., W. E. Smithies J.W., Dr. Hoyle S.D., T. Sutcliffe J.D., S. W. North I.G., Dr. Whalley D.C., J. T. Garsed Treasurer, S. Dyson Secretary, E. Bottomley Organist, J. Dodson Almoner, Saville Charity Representative, T. Buckland Tyler; also Bros. L. North, T. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, Mills, C. Dennis, J. Taylor, G. Hallas, J. Rhodes, T. Feather. Visitors—Bros. T. Pickles, Watson 61, Rosenthall 1798, Seed 1302, Rickard 61, Green 1786, Haigh 1736, Midgley 307, Woods 408, Bolton 1786, Lee 448; and others. The Lodge was closed in harmony, when the brethren sat down to a banquet of a récherché character, consisting of five courses, provided by Mr. Brooks, of the Royal Hotel, under the supervision of Mr. Hack, of Halifax, and it gave the greatest satisfaction. After dinner, the Queen was proposed by the Worshipful Master, the Prince and Princess of Wales with the Royal Family by Bro. Dr. Whalley D.C., the Provincial Grand Master and Deputy by Bro. Walker P.M., and other toasts by Bros. Emsley, Smithies, Garsed and Dyson. Bro. Dr. Whalley proposed the toast of the evening. He said: I rise to discharge an important duty, in which every member of this Lodge will agree, and with which every visiting brother will assist, so as to give an enthusiastic and sympathetic greeting to our worthy I.P.M. and late W.M., Bro. Lawson Saville. Many and varied are the qualifications required to enable any man to discharge the duties of Worshipful Master. Some are gifted with a retentive memory and a pleasing delivery, which enables them to give the important parts of our ritual so that not only our own members, but also those brethren from other Lodges, enjoy every part of the ceremony. Others possess good business tact, which enables them to discover an error in government when others, equally worthy, would pass them over. In this way our Worshipful Masters from year to year vary in the manner they discharge the duties of their office. A year ago our Lodge appeared to be in a very good condition, but Bro. Saville had no sooner mounted the box and handled the reins than he discovered some parts of the harness out of place. With that prompt and energetic action which characterises all his movements, he adjusted everything, and we have pleasantly passed through 1884, and find ourselves with a balance sheet very much better than we formerly anticipated. He has not only rendered those parts of the ritual he took upon himself in a manner which always called forth the good feeling of the brethren, but he delegated to others, who were willing and able to do it, portions of work previously neglected, thus making all perfect, and at the same time exceedingly interesting to those visitors who from time to time favoured us with their presence. The bold and energetic manner in which he left the olden beaten tract, and carefully examined objections raised against candidates, blending with his judgment, mercy and charity, exposing slander, and bringing to light statements malicious as well as untruthful, unmasking those who, under the cloak of our noble Order, would have remained concealed, for all these good deeds he deserves our warmest thanks. I personally tender to him my heartfelt thanks for his kindness, for had it not been for him, several brethren would not have been seated round this festive board. He has taught us the grand lesson that equity should be the standard of all our actions, that we should not condemn without inquiry, and that with mercy and charity before us we should help the weak and fallen brother, glancing an eye of pity on his faults or losses, and do unto others as we would they should do unto us. I have placed in my hand a very valuable and beautiful jewel, the work of Spencer and Co., of London, of the best gold and the most artistic workmanship, on a shield bearing an inscription on one side; and the words Savile Lodge, No. 1231, on the other, surrounded by a wreath of acacia, the whole forming a suitable presentation for so good and honourable a man, square in all his dealings and level in all his steps. Bro. Dr. Whalley came forward, and fastening the jewel on the breast of Bro. Saville, said: Bro. Lawson Saville, in the name of the Savile Lodge, I fasten this jewel to your left breast, feeling assured you will receive it in the same kind spirit as it is given. May you have long life, health, and strength to wear it, and as you sit from time to time in your well-earned chair it will remind you of the affection and esteem you are held in by the brethren, and as we see it sparkle on your breast we shall remember your good deeds in days gone by, and in your declining years, as you look down the dim vista of the past, this jewel will reflect rays of light throughout surrounding gloaming, mark this 4th of December 1884 as the great red letter day in the calendar of your history; and when you are summoned from this abode to that Grand Lodge above, you may be seated with others, gone before, on the right hand of the Great Architect of the Universe, and may the acacia bloom over your grave, diffusing its fragrance to all around, keeping your memory ever green. May your family regard this jewel as their grandest heirloom, and as it passes from children to children's children, may they value it for their father's sake, and never part with it while they have a crust of bread or a glass of water. May God bless you, which I am sure is echoed by all present as they say Amen. During the delivery of this eloquent oration the most profound silence reigned within the Lodge, and all seemed deeply affected, and Bro. Dr. Whalley resumed his seat amid loud and continued cheers. Bro. Saville acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and appeared very much affected. During the evening Bro. Dennis, the well-known pianist, gave the latest composition, "Pauline," with marvellous effect. Songs were rendered in first-rate style by Bros. S. W. North, Rickard, Pickles, Watson, Bolton, Dodgson, and recitals by Bro. Dr. Whalley. Savile Lodge would appear to possess musical and elocutionary talent second to none in the Province, thus rendering a visit to its meetings not easily forgotten. Bro. Saville referred to is Mr. L. Saville, music dealer, Northgate, Halifax, and the value of the presentation was about £12 12s.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—Within the last few weeks the accommodation for the comfort and convenience of the brethren attending this thriving young Lodge of Instruction, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, has been considerably improved, and the circumstance was alluded to in terms of congratulation at the meeting held there on Wednesday evening last. Bro. Alfred Pusey having recently added to the Lugard a sumptuous billiard saloon, the large room hitherto devoted to that game has been placed at the disposal of the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction, for which purpose it has been furnished with every suitable appliance for Masonic purposes. The raised dais is covered with mosaic, and the pedestals and other furniture are in keeping with the uses for which they are designed. This "extension of premises," so to speak, was rendered imperatively necessary by the growing number of brethren who avail themselves of this Lodge of Instruction, which is one of the best and most efficiently worked in the suburbs of London. Bro. Walter Martin, S.W. of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, lending kindly and most efficient assistance as Preceptor. It may be anticipated that with the capacity in their hands for welcoming a greater number of brethren than heretofore, the United Mariners' will further extend its usefulness to the Craft by the more numerous attendance of Masons residing in the populous districts of Camberwell, Peckham and Nunhead. Bro. Pusey has made every arrangement that can possibly conduce to the convenience and enjoyment of the brethren, and his efforts in this direction formed, on Wednesday evening, the subject of universal and unanimous commendation. Bro. J. Rotheroe occupied the chair of W.M., supported by Bros. Harvey S.W., S. J. Lampen J.W. Treasurer, C. L. Tokely Secretary, Wimble, Belchamber, Giddens, Garland, Dutton, Thompson, Nornico, Eedle, Ledger P.M., Amphlett, Wilkinson, Briley, Wells, Rumball, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Wimble answered the questions for raising, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., who acquitted himself most creditably, Bro. Wimble personating the candidate. On resuming, the first section of the lecture

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in the F.C. degree was worked by Bro. Wimble, and the second by Bro. Belchamber; and the Lodge having been closed down, the first section of the lecture in that degree was rehearsed. Bros. Briley and Wells, of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, and Bro. Thompson, of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and suitably acknowledged the compliment, promising to support the Lodge to their utmost. Bro. Harvey was appointed as W.M. for the first Wednesday in the new year. It was suggested that next Wednesday being Christmas Eve, the Lodge should be suspended over next week; but it was urged by several brethren that any such break, even under exceptional circumstances, was undesirable, and so the proposition was negatived. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated. Visitors are always most cordially welcomed at this Lodge of Instruction, and we can promise them abundant recompense for any trouble they may undertake in arranging for a pleasant and edifying evening at the United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, at the Lugard.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 18th inst., at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Stringer W.M., Prior S.W., Penrose J.W., Speight P.M. Sec., Freeman S.D., Cooper J.D., Bedford Williams I.G., Banks Treas. P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings (Preceptor), Ingram, Good, and Freeman; also Bros. Dandridge, Kleinen, &c. After preliminaries, the questions were answered in a very satisfactory manner, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and on resuming Bro. Kleinen, of the Mozart Lodge, was elected a member. Bros. Hutchings P.M., Speight P.M. and Banks W.M. of the mother Lodge was re-elected Preceptor, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, for the ensuing year. Bro. Prior S.W. was appointed W.M. for the 1st of January. The Secretary gave notice of motion for the next meeting, "That the sum of five guineas be given as a donation from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 1st January 1885.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE meeting of this Lodge which took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of attending as of an exceptionally pleasing character. The occasion was memorable from the fact that Bro. William Paas P.M. closed a long official association with the members, which had ever been of the most cordial and fraternal character. The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. J. J. Rüntz soon after 5 o'clock, when he was supported by Past Masters Dr. Victor Jagielski, E. T. Smith, Dr. Corrie Jackson, J. Lancaster (Secretary); Bros. J. Bieling S.W., O. Bryant J.W., S. Nowakowski Treasurer, J. G. Tongue S.D., F. S. Turner D.C., J. L. Apsey I.G. Visitors—W. Saegert P.M. 548, C. Mortimer 15, E. M. Money S.W. 28, O. Berry 269, J. H. Owens W.M. 1317, Boulton P.M. 1056, W. A. Spain 90, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211. After the Lodge had been formally opened, with a due regard to preliminaries the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Albert Hull, who was proposed by Bro. J. J. Rüntz W.M., seconded by Bro. A. H. Rüntz; and for Mr. Harold Catmus Brushfield, proposed by Bro. Bryant J.W., and seconded by Bro. Dr. Jagielski P.M. The result was in favour of both these candidates, who were introduced and received the benefit of Masonic light at the hands of the W.M., Bro. Rüntz. The next business was to pass Bro. Vaughan to the degree of Fellow Craft, and this ceremony was likewise performed with that marked ability which ever characterises the work done in the Polish National Lodge. What may be considered as the feature of the day's proceedings was now brought under consideration. In the early part of the year, Bro. William Paas, who for nearly thirty years has, with marked ability, discharged the duties of Secretary, signified his intention of retiring, in consequence of failing health. This intimation was received with great regret by the members, who immediately came to the conclusion that services of such great value should not go unrecognized. Consequently a committee was formed, with instructions to confer with Bro. Paas as to the nature of the Testimonial to be presented to him. In due course this Committee reported that Bro. Paas had a strong objection to accept any gift of substantial value, and under the circumstances they submitted the following recommendations:—

1st. That a simple token of the Lodge's gratitude and acknowledgment of his long and valuable services be presented to Bro. Paas, out of the funds of the Lodge, in the form of an address inscribed on vellum, with the names of all the members appended thereto.

2nd. That Bro. Paas be elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

These recommendations having been cordially assented to, the address was prepared, and as a work of art reflected the utmost credit on the firm who had been selected for its production. In formally making the presentation Bro. Rüntz eloquently expatiated on the zeal Bro. Paas had ever exhibited for the welfare of the Lodge, and the comfort and happiness of the members. Addressing the recipient he urged he would ever live in the memory of the brethren of the Polish National, and expressed a fervent hope he might live for many years, and find it congenial with his own wishes to be present at future meetings of the Lodge. The Illuminated Address was then formally presented. It reads as follows:—

"The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Polish National Lodge, whose names are hereunto appended, desire to convey to Bro. William Paas an expression of their gratitude and affectionate regard, upon his retirement from the office of Secretary, after having zealously, judiciously, and amicably discharged its duties for a period of twenty-eight years.

"They unanimously consider that the prosperity and welfare of the Lodge during that long period have been largely promoted by his untiring zeal and devotion in its service, and his constant care for the comfort and happiness of its members.

"In deference to his urgent request, they have, with great regret, relinquished an intention of expressing their sense of the obligations thus laid upon the Lodge, by offering him a testimonial of substantial value. They have, however, unanimously resolved to invite his acceptance of an Honorary Membership, and they trust that he may be spared for many years to enjoy in their midst his well-earned repose, in full assurance of the respect and affection of all his brethren."

(Here follow the names of the Officers, &c., of the Lodge.)

Bro. Paas, who was somewhat overcome by his feelings, having briefly acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, the usual routine work was transacted and Lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of a banquet, which was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth the Loyal toasts were done full justice to. Bro. Smith proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Rüntz needed no words of eulogy from him; he was hearted in his desire to advance the interests of the Lodge, and had secured the co-operation and goodwill of all its members. After a Glee, capitally rendered, came the reply. He was exceedingly obliged to Bro. Smith. He hardly deserved what had been said of his efforts, but he appreciated the kind motives that prompted the speaker. He trusted he might go through the remaining duties that devolved on him as agreeably. If he could add to the Lodge's prosperity he should be gratified to do so. In speaking to the toast of the Initiates the W.M. felt assured both would make good Masons. As regards Bro. Hull, he could boast a life-long acquaintance with him. Both initiates having made suitable response, Bro. Dr. Jackson sang the "King's Highway." The Visitors were complimented, and in the course of an eloquent reply, Bro. Saegert, whose association with the members is of long standing, said he could bear 13 years' testimony to the courtesy and sterling qualities of Bro. Paas. The duties of Secretary to a Lodge were very onerous, and required great tact and discretion to be exercised by any brother who had to fulfil them. This Bro. Paas had fully recognised. He (Bro. Saegert) trusted that the brother on whose shoulders the mantle of Bro. Paas had fallen might be equally successful. Several other toasts followed. Some capital singing was provided by the members, and the proceedings throughout were eminently successful.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Rhodes W.M., Brock S.W., Jordan J.W., Turner Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Snook J.D., Osborn acting Preceptor, Stretch I.G., Telfer, Trewinnard, and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Flack acting as candidate. The same brother answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Brock was elected W.M. for Monday next. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. Bro. J. Catling, Henry Muggeridge, 1679, and H. D. Benton, 1791, were elected members.

WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1883.

THE installation of the W.M. (Bro. F. H. King) of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, before the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., his Officers, and a good muster of the Craft. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. T. Burchett, the I.P.M., and the following officers were invested for the coming year:—Bros. Pottle S.W., Ward J.W., W. H. Jacob P.M. 76, Treasurer Carling Secretary, G. Harrison S.D., Bascomb J.D., B. Bailey and H. Sealey D.C., Crease and Brompton Stewards, Chalkley Organist, Bellinger I.G., Sims Tyler. The banquet which followed was served by Bro. Clowser.

W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z, has accepted the invitation of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Dover, to deliver his interesting lecture on the First Degree, explanatory of the details of ritual and ceremonial, at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, on Monday, the 5th proximo, at 6 p.m. The date for its delivery at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction has been changed from 15th January to 1st January, and the place of meeting to the Collegiate School, Worple Road, Wimbledon, at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Stevens is also invited to deliver this lecture in the Graystone Lodge, Whitstable, and also at Margate, at early dates in January; and in the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction at Dulwich, on 6th February.

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THE GOOD OLD TIMES OF MASONRY.

EVERY now and then you meet a Brother who laments what he styles the decadence of Masonry. He deplores the fact that Masonry is not now what it once was—in "the good old times." You might fancy that these "good old times" were in the remote past, in the pristine days when Masonry was young, a century or a millennary ago; but, no, the "good times" that are now no more were in the earlier days of our pessimistic Brother's life. He pretends to speak whereof he knows, and to draw merely from his own experience. No doubt he is honest, but he is certainly mistaken. Distance always lends enchantment to the view, and the past is usually veiled in a tint *couleur de rose*. It is a common mistake to praise the past at the expense of the present. Masons are by no means the only ones who fall into this error. In Church and State there are those who not infrequently become discouraged at certain seemingly untoward events, and then imagine that everything is going wrong, the world is being turned upside down, and that the "golden age" was in the past, and will never be reproduced. We are convinced that in every such instance—civil, religious and Masonic—the true "golden age" is in the future, and that the present is to be preferred before any era that preceded it, because it is nearer to the culminating period towards which events are tending. Let us examine into the Masonic aspects of this subject.

Some querulous old, or croaking middle-aged Freemason may tell you, that the same class of men are not in the Fraternity now as formerly. Then they were all of the best—the Washingtons, Franklins, Marshalls and De Witt Clintons of their time; but now the Fraternity is mixed, awfully mixed. They forget that Washington, Franklin and the large majority of the old worthies, when they were alive, had their enemies and detractors, as not a few eminent men have to-day. It is only distance that renders them now immaculate to our view. They were men of like passions with us, imperfect as us, and if they could look at us at the distance that we look at them, they would magnify our virtues as we magnify theirs. Depend upon it, the difference between men now and fifty or a hundred years ago is not great, and it is in favour of the present generation. All things are progressing, advancing, improving; the intellect is brightened, education is far more generally diffused, and in every respect the world is growing wiser and better. Almost every man you meet is a Briareus. The inventive genius of man has mastered the five old elements, and made them do his bidding. Instead of being down in the hollow of a billow, we are on the crest of a wave, that will carry us forward we cannot tell how far. The Freemasons of to-day are in every respect the peers of those of any generation or era that preceded them; nay, they are in advance of all who have gone before. They know more, they do more, and they will bequeath to those who shall succeed them a richer legacy of Masonic wealth. Our Charities are enlarged, and on every radius of Masonic influence diverging from the Craft's centre there are broad lines of light, and myriad brethren doing their utmost to diffuse it to their fellows.

We are told again, that in the "good old times" we had the "old work," the true work—not the mongrel, often-changed ritual of to-day. You might suppose, to hear these brethren descant upon this subject, that they had in their early days the very work that King Solomon himself taught the Craft, that it had been religiously preserved and imparted to them then, and that since that time it has been bartered away for a mess of Masonic pottage. What a difference the crossing of a t, or a dotting of an i, makes to some brethren! They and their Preceptors were faultless; whatever they learned was truth, and any departure from it is error. For King Solomon's sake let us hug our so-called error. In many instances the memories of those good brethren are at fault, and what they claim for truth is only their own variation of what was originally taught them. We are ready to assert, and prove, that the Masonic work of to-day, especially in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is as pure and good, if not purer and better, than it was twenty or forty, or sixty years ago. It is pointed, free from surplusage, and conveys the primitive truths of Masonry in choice and impressive language. We believe that we are living nearer to the "golden age" of our Fraternity than any of the brethren preceding us. The work of the Craft is at least as pure and good as it ever was; there are now living as true, earnest, able Craftsmen as at any preceding era in our history; and the outlook for the future is more promising than ever before. Never let the present be degraded in your view, for it is yours to command; it is the gift of the Supreme Architect to you; Freemasonry is a heritage that you need only cherish as you ought, to transmit to posterity not merely unimpaired, but advantaged by the user; and it is a Fraternity as nearly as may be, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.—*Keystone*

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

"On the Square." Dublin: Hodges, Figgis and Co., Grafton Street. London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co.

An interesting novel has been written by the author, who succeeds in sustaining the interest of the reader throughout the work before us. The way in which Freemasonry and a reference to the Higher Grades are introduced make it of special interest to brethren of the Craft, the faithfulness of whose members is forcibly set forth in one of the chapters. Although marred by one or two blemishes, "On the Square" will well repay the reader for the time expended in its perusal.

The "Agnostic" is the title of a new monthly magazine, the first number of which is announced to be published on the 1st January by Messrs H. Cattell and Co., 84 Fleet-street, London, E.C. The first number will contain an important paper on "Agnosticism and Theism," from the pen of Dr. W. B. Carpenter, and also the commencement of a popular exposition of Herbert Spencer's philosophical teachings, written by an accomplished *littérateur*.

On Monday next (22nd December), in anticipation of the Christmas holidays, several attractive Novelties will be added to the Programme at the Alhambra Theatre of Varieties, foremost amongst which will be an entirely *new* "Grand Fantastic Ballet," entitled "Melusine," in which Madlle. Sampietro will make her first appearance at the Alhambra; she will be supported by Miss Matthews, and an increased *Corps de Ballet*, numbering 100. This Ballet, which will be on a very elaborate scale, is invented and arranged by Mons. J. Hansen, the music being specially composed by Mons. Jacobi. The scenery is painted by Mr. C. Brooke, and the costumes, which are being supplied by Alias et Cie., are said to be very elegant.

The Æolus Waterspray and General Ventilating Company, of 235 High Holborn, have received instructions from Her Majesty's Office of Works to apply their complete system of Inlet and Outlet Ventilation and supply of warm or cold fresh air (purified) to the Registry Room of the General Post Office (new building).

DEATH OF AN OLD FREEMASON.

ON the 5th inst., the remains of one of the oldest inhabitants of Brightlingsea (Essex)—Mr. Samuel Coppin—were interred in the churchyard, and as a mark of respect for his memory, most of the business establishments were closed. A number of members of the Freemasons' Lodge "Hope" attended the funeral, deceased being, it is said, the oldest Freemason in this district, he having been a Mason over fifty years. Deceased was in his eighty-eighth year.—*Essex Standard.*

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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 DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull

MONDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
862—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 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, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)

49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1804—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
940—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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, 24th DECEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—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)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1967—Beacon Court, Ghusnee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 25th DECEMBER.

1431—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
956—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 57—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. 384—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, 26th DECEMBER.

569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.

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
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE election meeting of this old and thoroughly sound Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a fairly good attendance of the brethren, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. E. Davey. He was supported by Past Masters Bros. Hiram Cosedge, J. Clarke, C. Davey, J. Shipley, W. Ansell, and T. Smith (who acted as S.W.), Bros. Steingraber J.W., Harling P.M. Treasurer, Driscoll P.M. Secretary, Couldrey S.D., Lampen I.G., and many other brethren. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Cyrus L. Tokeley, of the St. Michael's Lodge, 1273, and H. J. Amphlett 1511. The gathering partook of a somewhat mournful character, in consequence of the recent decease of the valued and respected Senior Warden of the Lodge, Bro. J. Linscott, which melancholy event occurred on 2nd December, and as a tribute of respect for the deceased the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Bro. Linscott, who had so admirably discharged his duties in this Lodge, in which he evinced a very warm interest, was already in possession of the entire confidence of the members, who would gladly, early in the coming year, have welcomed him into the chair. His term of office as W.M. of the Unity Lodge had not yet expired, but we understand a dispensation had been applied for, and granted, enabling him to fill both offices. He was, however, taken ill, and although the end was not expected so soon, Bro. Linscott departed this life, as we have already said, early in the present month, regretted by a large circle of valued and appreciative friends. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. Linscott, expressing the sympathy of the Lodge with her in her bereavement, and the regret felt by every member at the loss of so valuable an officer. The election of W.M. then took place, and by the desire of the brethren, under the circumstances, Bro. Harling P.M. consented to act in that capacity during the ensuing year. It was unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. Davey on his retirement from the chair, on the third Tuesday in the new year, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Bro. Ansell P.M. acceded to the wishes of the brethren that he should succeed the W.M. elect as Treasurer, and Bro. Reinhardt was re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Meyer and Hoare were appointed Auditors. It was satisfactory to learn that the Lodge was in an exceedingly prosperous condition as regarded its finances, thanks to the wisdom and judicious management of the Secretary, Treasurer, and the Past Masters generally. The business, which also included the raising of Bro. Murrell to the sublime degree, which ceremony was accurately and impressively per-

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formed by the W.M., having been concluded, the brethren dined together; but in consequence of the sorrowful circumstances to which we have alluded, the post prandial speeches were curtailed. Indeed, the only toast given was that of the W.M. elect, and congratulations to Bro. Harling upon the choice of the brethren having fallen upon him. He was thanked for accepting the office at the request of the Lodge, and confidence was expressed that he would discharge the duties of the chair with credit to himself and to the advantage of the Lodge. Bro. Harling, in returning thanks for the kindness of the brethren in electing him W.M. for the coming year, said he did not seek the honour, but it was considered by the Past Masters that every office should be graduated, and with that view they selected him as Master for next year. Fifteen years ago he had the pleasure of filling that position in the Lodge, and he hoped he should be able to discharge the duties as satisfactorily in 1885 as he was considered to have done in 1870. He looked upon this second election as a distinguished honour, though it had come to him through circumstances which he and all the brethren most sincerely regretted, namely, the death of their esteemed Senior Warden, Bro. Linscott. He scarcely expected the brethren would have conferred this honour upon him, as they had previously shown their respect for him by electing him Treasurer of the Lodge, by which he thought they had bestowed all the honour that was his due. Under these circumstances, he rather anticipated that they would have placed some other Past Master in the chair, but they had generously chosen him, as the senior amongst them, and had kindly said they would rather he should occupy the position. He therefore regarded it as a double kindness on the part of the Past Masters and the Lodge generally for having conferred this additional honour upon him. He concluded by expressing the hope that when he vacated the chair in favour of his successor, they might all be able to look back upon a happy, harmonious, and prosperous year. The brethren separated at an early hour.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

AN ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Bro. Sol. Barnett W.M. presided. The important business of the evening consisted of conferring the Master Mason's degree upon Brother Ephraim Barnett, who, as on former occasions, displayed unusual ability, not only by the manner in which he passed his examination, but by the intelligent apprehension of all that was required of him during the onerous ceremony. The working was most ably performed by the W.M., well assisted by Brothers Boas S.W., A. Peartree J.W., and the other Officers. The Lodge having been closed and supper over, the usual toasts were given and responded to. The Visitors were Bros. Walford 905 and Upton 1677; both expressed admiration at the way in which the work of the Lodge was conducted. The customary complimentary speeches were exchanged between the W.M. and P.M.'s, and more than the usual amiability and excellent humour prevailed amongst every one present. The proceedings were elivened by a capital recitation, "Etiquette," by Bro. Peartree, and music and songs by Bros. J. D. Barnett P.M. and Organist, W. D. Bailey P.M. and Treasurer, and John Ross P.M. The other P.M.'s present were R. Z. Bloomfield, Harfeld, Stailey I.P.M., Nardus, Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th of December, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Baber W.M., and the Officers were in their places, besides several Past Masters and a number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Harris P.M. 1139, Newton 569, McGregor J.D. 22, Price 1321, Englefield 1321, Crombie W.M. 1287, Rickwood P.M. 192, Medwin P.M. 1643, Marsh (America), Fox 1743, Ellis 1209, Dr. O'Connor 636, Cozens 907, Combie P.M. 365, &c. The usual preliminaries having been gone throug and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the Lod e was opened in second degree, and Bros. Frank Evans Bailey and Frederick James Biggs were separately and most ably raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., and the manner in which it was done showed that the brethren had made a good selection when they placed Bro. Baber in the chair of the Lodge. During the second performance of raising the brethren assembled were greatly startled by the sound of a most heavy explosion, which shook the building; anxiety was depicted on the countenances of all as to the origin of it, cessation to the business. To each candidate the W.M. delivered and although there were various conjectures, it did not cause any the Traditional History, and the rest of the ceremony was rendered by Bro. Keeble I.P.M. The way in which the work was done gave great satisfaction. On the resumption of the Lodge to its premier stage, the cause of benevolence was attended to, and two different grants of sums of money were voted to that object. As the brother nominated for the office of D.C. had not appeared, the W.M. conferred that honour upon Bro. Archer, some of the brethren expressing their satisfaction that he had at last "got into collar." The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where the W.M. presided, surrounded by his Past Masters and Visitors, and a very substantial repast was served up by the proprietors of the hotel. On the removal of the cloth, grace having been said, the W.M. gave the Queen, which was received with the customary honours. The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour to propose was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful G. Master of Masons, a toast he said that was always welcome at their Masonic gatherings. He had Masonry at heart; was a hard-working Mason, and he had no doubt that he would be unanimously re-elected at the forthcoming Grand Lodge as Grand Master. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, and was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales," well sung by Bro. Cozens. The W.M. next gave the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. Bro. Keeble said that once more the gavel had been placed in his hands; he was sure they would all anticipate what was coming. That was the second time that he had had the honour of proposing the toast of the health of the W.M. That might really be called the first gathering of the year, and he believed that the brethren were with him when he said that the W.M.'s working of the third degree had given them a sample of what he could do if they would but only give him the work. He had passed through all the offices in the Lodge, and was respected by all. He hoped that he would have the opportunity, for he had it in his power to show that by his ruling the lustre of The Great City Lodge would not suffer in his hands. Bro. Stevens P.M. recited "Masons' Vows." The W.M. thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast proposed by their Immediate Past Master, and for the honour they had conferred upon him. He then gave the Visitors, who severally returned thanks. The toast of the Past Masters followed, to which Bros. Keeble, Stevens, Headon, and Seex responded, expressing their thanks to the brethren for the kindness with which this toast was always received. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was harmoniously spent, the Tyler bringing the proceedings to a close at an early hour.

CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

THIS Lodge held its regular election meeting on Thursday, the 11th inst. The Lodge was heavily draped in black in memory of their esteemed late P.M., Bro. Col. J. Creaton P.M. P.G.T., &c The Officers present were Bros. W. Williams W.M., J. Nielson I.P.M., D. Ferguson S.W., R. H. Rogers J.W., J. I. Cantle P.M. Sec., E. Austin S.D., J. B. Colwill J.D., G. F. Williams I.G., J. Kift Org., Cowell-Helden W.S. and C. Hawley Cross A.W.S.; also a large number of the members of the Lodge. The Visitors' List included Bros. F. Baker P.M. 735, S. Studd P.M. 1375, W. Walsh P.G.S., C. Taylor P.M. 1624, W. Brindley W.M. 1604, A. Burden W.M.E. 11, J. J. Thomas 753, C. B. Wickens 753, W. Akehurst 1693, J. Corkhill 901, W. Grist 1624, W. Williams 902, F. H. Fry 1692, A. Thomas 1319, and H. D. Martin 1309. The "Dead March in Saul" was played by the Organist. Afterwards Bro. A. B. Bradbury was passed to the degree of F.C., and Mr. Thomas Joseph Head was unanimously elected as a candidate for initiation, and in due course was admitted to the light of Freemasonry by the W.M., high encomiums being passed upon the way in which both the ceremonies were performed. Bro. D. Ferguson S.W. was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Thurkle P.M. was again re-elected to the office of Treasurer, which office he has so well filled since the formation of the Lodge, and we hear that the brethren intend presenting a testimonial, at the next meeting of the Lodge, to Bro. Thurkle as a token of their regard for him and appreciation of his services to the Lodge. The Auditors elected were Bros. J. Whitaker, C. R. Cross, and A. J. Taylor. The removal of the Creaton Lodge of Instruction to the Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk-road, Shepherds Bush, was sanctioned. It was proposed by Bro. J. Williams P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. I. Cantle P.M., that the usual P.M.'s jewel be provided and presented to the W.M., on his retirement from the chair, for the very able manner in which he had conducted the Lodge during his year of office, Bro. Cantle at the same time thanking the Worshipful Master, in the name of the members, for having relieved the Lodge of its debt by his excellent management. As Brother Cantle, Past Master, had had so many questions put to him relative to the decease and burial of the late esteemed brother and first Master, Colonel Creaton, he said he felt it his duty to say a few words on the subject. He had been informed upon undoubted authority that our esteemed brother had died, as he had lived for nearly 40 years, a thorough Mason in heart and principle, and that he did not, in his last moments, renounce our Order as has been stated. The brethren sang the hymn for the burial of the dead (Day of Wrath, &c.,) after which the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The Banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant. The W.M. in one of his speeches thanked the Officers for the great assistance they had rendered him, the P.M.'s for their good advice, and the Secretary for the able way in which he had performed his duties during the past year. Bros. Brindley, Burden, Walsh, and Studd replied on behalf of the Visitors, each expressing their regret at the bereavement the Lodge had sustained in the death of the brother after whom the Lodge was named. Some excellent music was given (as is always the case with this Lodge), by Bros. Martin, Thomas, Kift, Weston, and Cantle.

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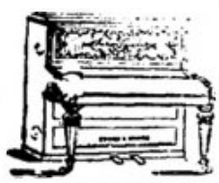
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A YEAR'S RETROSPECT.

WITH the present number, which completes our Twentieth Volume, we reach the close of the year 1884, and a brief space may profitably be devoted to a comparison of the position now occupied by the Craft with what it was at the corresponding period of 1883. The events which have transpired in the interval are for the most part of an ordinary character; that is to say, nothing has happened that was calculated to unduly elate or depress the friends and supporters of the Royal Art, except perhaps in this one fact, that the number of distinguished brethren who have passed away is exceptionally large. There has been a steady, if not a remarkable, increase in the numerical strength of the various sections of Freemasonry, while already existing Lodges and Chapters appear to have confirmed their position, if indeed they have not succeeded in extending it. In fact, the year which is now closing may be said to have been one of sound substantial progress, unredeemed, it may be, by any circumstances of an unusually brilliant character, but at the same time undisturbed by any internal discords or any attacks from without which would be likely to cause pain or anxiety to the loyal Mason. Be it our present task to show that these statements are not exaggerated, and that so far as there is any difference perceptible in the fortunes of the Craft now as compared with the close of the year 1883, that difference is clearly to our advantage.

If we carry back our recollection to last Christmas we may haply remember that prominent among the brighter anticipations we had formed for the then approaching new year was that of witnessing H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, presiding as chairman at the Eighty-sixth Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. His Royal Highness had previously rendered the same service for our two other Institutions, though, in the case of the Benevolent Fund, the unfavourable state of his health had compelled him at the very last moment to abandon his promise. Had his life been spared, therefore, we should have heard him advocating the claims of our Boys' School, as erewhile he had advocated those of the Girls' School, and but for the untoward circumstances just alluded to, would have advocated the claims of the Institution for old men and women. But death intervened, and the bright anticipation of last Christmas was never realised. Nor does the sorrow caused by the failure of this one expectation convey an adequate idea of the loss sustained through the sudden death of the Queen's youngest son. So far as his heath and strength permitted, Prince Leopold had taken an active part in everything connected with Freemasonry. He was a kind and considerate ruler, a promising student of our abstruse mysteries, an ardent supporter of our Charities, and one to whom, in the efflux of time, we had for some time past been looking forward as the probable occupant of a still higher and more influential position in the Craft. But the kindly ruler has left us never to return, and what might have been is beyond the range of possibility. Nor is Prince Leopold's death the only loss which Masonry has sustained during the past twelve months. Two other distinguishd brethren, who occupied similar positions to his late Royal Highness have died during the year—Col. Lloyd-Philipps Prov. G.M. of South Wales (Western Division), and the Marquis of Londonderry Prov. G.M. of Durham. Both of these had done good suit and service to the Craft, the former having held his office since 1873, and the latter since 1880. Both were Craftsmen of long standing and great experience, and both had signalised their regard for our Institutions by presiding, the one at the Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund in 1882, and the other at that of the Boys' School in 1881. Again, this time last year we had in our midst such bright particular stars as Bros. John Havers, P.G.J.W., Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, P.G. Treasurer, and H. C. Levander, P.G. Deacon, all active participators in our doings, and all in appearance likely to continue as such for some years longer. But their accustomed places in Grand and private Lodges and Chapters are vacant, and we have entirely lost the services of John Havers, presumed to be the greatest authority of our time on Constitutional Masonry, of John Creaton, the able and busy upholder of all our Charities, and of Henry Levander, the man of rare linguistic and scientific attainments, the ripe scholar, but unostentatious withal, who never seemed so contented as when playing his part in one or other branches of his beloved Masonry. Among the lesser lights who have gone must be mentioned Bro. Sir Michael Costa P.G.J.W. and P.G.O., the Rev. A. R. Ward P.G. Chaplain, Captain Platt P.G.J.W., W. Hickman P.G.A.D.C. D.P.G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, H. S. Alpass P.G. Standard Bearer and Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire, and D. M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary of Mark Grand Lodge, with John Southwood P.M. P.Z., Joseph Skeaf, James Milledge, E. B. Grabham, J. N. Goepel, George Buckland and others, all well known in the spheres in which they severally moved, and all respected members of good standing in the Craft.

The principal result thus far of the wholesale denunciations of Freemasonry contained in the Encyclical issued in April last by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has been the publication of numerous pamphlets and other ephemeral literature of a similar character. As regards Masons themselves they have for the most part been contented with formulating protests more or less temperate and dignified against this unprovoked assault on their fair fame. Thus, at the meeting of our Grand Lodge in June, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, who occupied the throne, in a speech, which was as remarkable for the firmness of its tone as it was for the moderation of its language, moved a resolution expressive of the regret felt by Grand Lodge at the wholesale attack made in the Encyclical on a body such as the Freemasons of this country, were known to be, and which exhibits so much respect for religion, so much loyalty for the established institutions of the country, and so sincere a love for the precepts and practices of morality. It is needless to say the resolution was passed without a single dissenting voice. As for the feeling outside the Lodges, it is probable that brethren have been amused rather than annoyed by so violent an outburst of Pontifical spleen. There was a time, perhaps, when a papal fulmination against Freemasonry might have been received with certain misgivings as to the effects it would produce on the Craft. But that day has long since gone by, and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry pursues the even tenour of its way under these most terrible assaults from the papacy without concerning itself for a single moment about the ridicule and occasionally even contempt which such attacks are sure to bring on the papacy itself. If the Pope of 1738 was unable to effect anything to our detriment, still less

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likely is it that the Pope of 1884 will have reason to be satisfied with the effects of his denunciations.

It is time, however, that we gave our attention to the more immediate concerns of the Craft, and in considering these we shall find that, in England at all events, its position compared with what it was last year has been appreciably strengthened. There are now some fifty more Lodges on the roll, and the bulk of these are distributed among the Provinces and in the Districts abroad, very many of them, indeed, having been set up in localities hitherto unoccupied. There has likewise been a somewhat similar progress in Arch and Mark Masonry, the latter in particular having strengthened itself by the erection of three new Provinces, while in the case of the former, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., is Provincial G. Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons in Gloucestershire as well as Prov. G. Master of Craft Masonry. The offices of Prov. Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire are both vacant by the resignation of Sir H. Edwards, while Companion J. Neal York is Prov. G. Supt. of Cambridgeshire in place of the late Comp. Deighton. As regards the other Masonic degrees, there has been some slight but steady progress made in all of them, new bodies having been constituted from time to time during the twelvemonth. The most noteworthy change perhaps is the withdrawal of the Great Priory of Canada from Convent General, and its erection into a separate and independent jurisdiction by itself. But Canada had previously been independent in everything but the name, and even had it been otherwise no detriment to Masonic Templary would have been the consequence. So, too, with the independent G. Lodge of South Australia, which has been established by the almost unanimous concurrence of the Lodges holding under the Mother Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively. There must be a diminution in the number of our Lodges, but the strength of Masonry in the Colony remains unimpaired, if indeed it has not shown by the constitution of additional Lodges a marked increase of its original strength. The dispute between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Mark Grand Lodge of England is still in progress, while the correspondence which was read at the Grand Lodge in the early part of the present month makes it clear that the sphere of this contention is on the eve of being enlarged so as to include the Craft Grand Lodges of the two jurisdictions. Thus, no matter to what branch of Masonry we turn our attention, we find unmistakable evidences of general prosperity, which, but for the personal losses we have specified, would have been without al lo

Our next duty will be to offer some remarks on our Institutions. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at the usual date in February. The chair was taken by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, in the unavoidable absence through illness of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Grand Treasurer, who had kindly undertaken that important duty, and in the course of the evening a list of subscriptions was announced which in the result amounted to £14,665. The consequence of this handsome total being realised was that the Male Annuitants were increased in the following May from 165 to 170, and the Female Annuitants from 167 to 182. In May, Lord Brooke M.P., P.G.M. of Essex, presided at the Festival of the Girls School. The chairman's Province supported him loyally, and Bro. Hedges had the satisfaction of announcing the total of Subscriptions as being £13,037. It should be stated that, on the prize day held in connection with this Festival, the prizes were distributed by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who expressed herself delighted with the manner in which the School was conducted. In June was held the Festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Lord Mayor of London, and Grand Junior Warden of England, occupied the chair, and the total announced by Bro. Binckes was £14,061, or as it ultimately proved, over £14,100. Thus the three Festivals for 1884 yielded only a little short of £42,000, which even compared with the more astounding success of the previous year, must be set down as a most brilliant achievement. As regards the Preparatory School at Wood Green, the ground has been purchased, and the new buildings are well on their way towards completion, so that we may look forward for some time to come to there being more moderate lists of candidates for admission.

In bringing this survey to a close we shall take the opportunity of pointing out as regards ourselves that with this week we complete the Tenth Year of our existence, and we flatter ourselves that during that period we have done our best, and with a fair amount of success, to fulfil the purposes with which we started. Our chief labour has been directed towards promoting the welfare of the Institutions, and we are presumptuous enough to believe that our efforts have not been employed in vain. We have likewise done what else we could to further the interests of the Craft generally, and if only there were more enthusiasm among the brethren on behalf of their representative organs, the measure of our satisfaction would be greater. However, what we have done, we have done, and it remains for us to express a hope that the year on which we are about to enter may prove as prosperous as that to which we are bidding farewell. To our readers and the Craft everywhere we present our Hearty Good Wishes for the New Year.

FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1730-1808.

By Bro. Wm. James Hughan.

A NOBLE volume has just been completed by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of which the distinguished Craftsman Bro. C. E. Meyer is the Chairman. It is impossible, in a short article, to indicate all the various attractions which are to be found in the sumptuously gotten up book now before me, for they are so numerous that only the chief of them can be enumerated, and besides which *The Keystone* has already mentioned its special features. I am glad to note, however, that additional copies have been printed, beyond those required for subscribers, the volume being issued in cloth, for £1 (4·50 dols. for America) including postage.

The publication of the "Proceedings" was commenced in 1877, so that seven years have been occupied in the preparation and issue of the four parts which make up the volume, and it is fortunate that there was no undue haste in its issue, as one of the chief features is the Philadelphia St. John's Lodge Ledger, 1731-8, which was only made known to the Masonic world in February of this year, by the Editor of *The Keystone*.

The introduction, by Bro. Meyer, covers the whole ground of the commencement and early history of the Masonic Craft in America, the illustrative documents being especially valuable, such as the copies of the several deputations to Daniel Coxe, as Prov. Grand Master of "New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania," of the 5th June 1730, and Henry Price, as Prov. Grand Master in New England, 30th April 1733. The former was certified by the Grand Sec. of England, but the latter is taken from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1871—the original, I believe, not being known or certified by any English authority. The probability seems to be that "St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia," was formed "in the fall of 1730," by authority from Bro. Coxe, Provincial Grand Master, before the Warrant was obtained from the Grand Lodge of England, though evidently the latter was granted as No. 79, but apparently never used. It is certainly remarkable to find that there were "several Lodges of Freemasons erected" in Pennsylvania in 1730 (according to the evidence of the *Gazette* printed by Benjamin Franklin), of which we have no account in this country; not that such a fact is unusual as respects Freemasonry in America, for it was almost the exception to send reports and due remittances to this country in the early part of last century. The Ledger* of "St. John's Lodge" has been brought to the light since the "Introduction" was written, and affords an extraordinary confirmation of the opinions expressed by Bros. MacCalla, Meyer, and others as to the early existence of Lodges in the "City of Brotherly Love." In fact, the contention of the racy *Keystone* is supported so thoroughly, that now it cannot be doubted but that there were Lodges in Philadelphia, so far as evidence goes, *at least three years before they are met with elsewhere* in America. Of course, one point remains to be settled, and that is their legality of origin, but at this advanced period such a query is much more easily started than settled. A Provincial Grand Lodge for Pennsylvania *only*, seems to

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have been started in 1731 or thereabouts, doubtless in response to the wishes "of the several other Brethren" residing in those parts.* How this was brought about we do not know, but as Bro. William Allen was the Provincial Grand Master, and other men of the standing of Benjamin Franklin took part therein, I quite think, with Bro. MacCalla, that "their character guarantees the character of their Masonic proceedings," and the careful perusal of the weighty evidence supplied by Bro. Meyer strengthens such a belief. Besides which, this same Brother, Chief Justice Wm. Allen, was appointed Prov. Grand Master in 1749 by Lord Byron, Grand Master of England, so that the Province clearly was on good terms with the home authorities, and if Chief Justice Allen had acted improperly in 1731, he would not have been so honoured by Lord Byron in 1749.

There may, of course, have been Lodges in New York and New Jersey by virtue of Coxe's deputation, but as to that there is no evidence whatever. Bro. Coxe was recognised as Provincial Grand Master by the Grand Lodge of England in its Books of Records and Constitutions, hence any Lodges he founded were legal ones, whether he transmitted the fees or not, for if the legality of Lodges in America be dependent upon the fees being paid at headquarters, so far as the last century is concerned, I fear there are few that can stand such a test. According to the evidence of the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, the "*first* money received from a Lodge in America was on the 8th of March 1754, Royal Exchange, Borough of Norfolk, Virginia;"† though, as we know, several were constituted years before then. The existence of the Ledger of 1731-8, and the fact of Coxe's appointment, appear to me to suggest regularity and respectability, whatever may be the difficulties attending inquiries as to their Masonic character at the present time.

There must have been very many Freemasons in America in 1734, to have induced Bro. Franklin to reprint the Constitutions of 1723 in that year. The volume however before me is brimful of other valuable matter which cannot fail to interest the Masonic student. The Table of Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania, 1730 to 1880 (a period of one hundred and fifty years), prepared by Bro. Meyer, is a most valuable compilation, and several of the notes are particularly interesting and curious. The oldest Lodge on the present Roll is No. 2, Philadelphia, granted by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge as No. 69, by Warrant dated 7th June 1758, the No. 1 being for a Provincial Grand Lodge Warrant of 15th June 1761 (*lost* in transit, and another granted of date 20th June 1764). The first mentioned was the premier "Atholl" Lodge granted for any part of the United States—the first for any part of America being for the Provincial Grand Lodge and two subordinate Lodges, in Nova Scotia.‡ There are 555 Lodges described in the list. I do not find any record, however, of No. 177 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, "St. John, Philadelphia," 1773 (circa), and erased in 1816, and I have failed to trace it in any way. The "Proceedings" printed extend from 1779 to 1808, and various documents are given from the year 1730, one being a subscription list for the first Masonic Hall in America, 13th March 1754. The extracts from the "Royal Arch Lodge," No. 3, Philadelphia, are inserted from 1767 to 1789, and the "Ahiman Rezon" of 1783 is carefully reprinted, the frontispiece being also reproduced, which is similar to the English edition of 1764.

The plates, which are all good, comprise portraits of Bros. Daniel Coxe, Provincial Grand Master, 1730, &c., Benjamin Franklin, Provincial Grand Master, 1734 and 1749, the Rev. William Smith, D.D., Grand Secretary; and John Thomson, Grand Master, 1861-2 (and late Grand Secretary). The *fac-simile* of letter from Bro. George Washington, which is in possession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (of 27th December 1796), is a valuable relic indeed, and certainly is the unique attraction of the volume. I am quite certain that the completion of this extensive undertaking by Bro. Meyer, and his Brethren of the Commitee (Bros. Muckle, Dr. Wyckoff, Reynolds, Young, Knight and Dr. Egle) will be most warmly appreciated, and be welcomed wherever Freemasonry is studied and valued as it deserves to be. The members composing the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania owe a lasting debt of gratitude to this Committee, for the thorough and able manner in which the work has been accomplished.

—*Keystone.*

* See the *Keystone*, Oct. 11, 1884; also "Early History of St. John's Lodge," by Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, 1884; and the valuable volume, Grand Lodge Proceedings, &c., for 1730-1880.

† See Bro. Brennan's "General History of Freemasonry" &c., 1883. pp 359-464.

‡ Letter to Bro. Jacob Norton, 31st August 1870.

GOOD AND TRUE.

IT has been said that Freemasonry is not a religious Institution. In a distinctive sense, as an organized body, this may be true; but when we study well and thoroughly the principles and lessons imparted within our sacred walls, we find that they embody the very essence of all religion. It was once said by an eminent divine that the essence of any religion, worthy the name is, "To be right and do right;" and I here affirm that the comprehensive whole of Freemasonry teaches its votaries "to be good and true men." A member of this grand old Order, who has been twenty-four hours within its precincts, and failed to see that this is the acme of its teachings, must indeed be dull of comprehension.

The very first step, when properly understood, is one of the grandest and most impressive lessons ever presented to the mind of man. We are there taught that before we can reach the sublimity and perfection of Freemasonry, we must become, as it were, a little child, to be led by other hands and begin life anew—"to become a new creature." We must there, before we enter the gate of the sacred temple, leave behind us every habiliment that would hinder us in our upward course to the good man and the true. We are there to be divested of the vices and superfluities, thus far accumulated in life, and be received within the ranks, alone, for what good there is in us. This first lesson of Masonry—this first principle—is the first step in the Christian religion, the highest type of religion proclaimed throughout the intelligent world to-day. But the grandeur and the beauty of the manner in which we impart this lesson, must be apparent to every one, when we consider that religious sects and denominations embody the lesson in language, written or spoken, which always has been, and of necessity always must be, a source of various interpretations, while we clothe it in the sublime habiliments of symbolism, which stands a silent monument of truth to be read and comprehended by men of all religions, by men everywhere, and by men in all ages.

The great London divine said, "The world never has been able to receive spiritual instruction, except through symbolical teaching." The Great Teacher, the founder of the Christian religion, taught in parables and symbols. So Masonry is a system of morals, or "religion," veiled in allegory and impressed in symbols. From the youngest Entered Apprentice to the Grand Master in the East, the Masonic traveller sees truth everywhere clothed in beauty, symmetry and grandeur, and by applying these to his every-day life, he is enabled to rise to that station, than which none can go higher, that of a "good man and true." The candidate, in passing through the labyrinths of initiation, has opened up to him a vast field of research and knowledge. His guide points out to him *here* the croppings of a mine, buried deep beneath the surface, containing an inexhaustible supply of precious truths awaiting development by the earnest, thoughtful philosopher; *there* a boundless, unexplored region of lakes, and rivers, and mountains, and forests, many portions of which have never yet been trod by the foot of man, offering a rich reward to the daring explorer. *Yonder*, a beautiful woodland, through which quietly flows the softly murmuring brook, in whose leafy bowers the feathery songster warbles forth his sweetest lay, and whose shady dells invite him to sweet repose. Research, and a desire to do good, should be the motive of every man who knocks at our door for admittance. But all good men are not Masons, and it is equally true that not all Masons are good men. Nor is the grandeur and excellency of Masonry any the less real in its purposes because some in its ranks have neglected its precepts, and trailed its banner in the dust. This should only increase the zeal of those who have the good of Masonry at heart, and cause them to be more vigilant at the outer gate of the temple. And here allow

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me to answer the objection so often urged against Masonry, that mean men are found within its ranks. The fact we dare not deny; but is it an objection at all? Glance over the history of even Christianity itself. What an appalling record of bigotry and intolerance, and persecution—of rack and wheel, and fagot—of suspicion, imprisonment, and murder—of greed and luxury, and sensuality—of ruined homes and families destroyed, and years on years of bloody warfare waged with malignant and devilish cruelty in the name of the Prince of Peace. Suffer all these unquestionable facts of history to come home to your mind and conscience, and *then* because here and there one of our members has proven unworthy of the trust imposed in him, because now and then some brother, after, you know not what tremendous struggle with temptation, has fallen from his high estate; for this I say reprove the Order if you dare.

Older even than Christianity itself, in its visible form at least, Masonry has never been intolerant of other sects, or societies, or orders—never broken any sensitive forms upon the wheel, or crisped and roasted delicate flesh with fagot and stake—never as a class of men rioted in gluttony and brutal lust—never dispersed a family, or organised a war on any pretext. All along the ages, its path has been marked by loyalty to truth and honour and justice; by moderate councils, and unbroken faith, and mutual good will; by unpretentious and unheralded deeds of charity and mercy, and loving-kindness, which do honour to the whole human family. But they will tell us, the iniquities and abuses, the wars and torturings, whereof I have spoken, are not the product of Christianity itself—they were the sins and crimes of individuals for which Christianity is in no wise responsible. Granted. But "by the same measure that ye mete it shall be measured unto you." "Do ye unto others as you would that others should do unto you."

Yet Masonry is not a reformatory institution, notwithstanding the fact that our obligations when once assumed cannot be lightly laid aside. It is not a foundling hospital to gather up the outcasts of society, to make men of them. There is nothing truer than that men are known by the company they keep; therefore Masonry will be known and measured in every locality by the character of those who are admitted to membership, and not by its intrinsic worth or value. There is no principle more clearly taught in Masonry, than that men should be Masons at heart, before they are permitted to pass the threshold of our sacred precincts.

The reports of our investigating committees too often read something like this: "We have investigated the character of the applicant, and find nothing that would prevent him becoming a Freemason," which simply means that he has nothing prominent about him at all, but is a kind of an easy, good-for-nothing member of society, with not a single point in his character to call forth opposition from any one. Of all the useless men in society, the most worthless is he of whom it is said, "He hasn't an enemy in the world." Such men will be worthless drones in any society, much less should they be admitted into that Order whose prominent members have made it the wonder of all ages. In this life of warfare there are two opposing lines—the *good* and the *evil*, and no man can take a prominent position in the one without creating for himself enemies in the other; neither does any man come well recommended, until he has taken a stand in society that will prove to the Fraternity that he is a champion for the good and the true. It is a truism which must be universally admitted, that the interests of the Order imperatively demand the highest traits of character in every one who voluntarily assumes to wear its charitable mantle. We admit there are some who clothe themselves in its raiment the better to accomplish their selfish ends. The fair temple of Masonry has no room for such men, and they have but a faint conception of the objects and purposes of the institution, who thus seek to debase it to their own level. I repeat, that there is no place in the sacred temple for selfish schemes. They belong with the idlers and vagabonds who infest life's highways, and who make night hideous with the robber's cry that the world owes them a living. The Order owes to the one what the world owes to the other. We want only men who will lift high the banner of Freemasonry, with its creed written thereon in clear and lofty language, which needs no argument to illustrate its principles, and no eloquence to enforce its obligations.—*Voice of Masonry.*

SECRECY.

THE bitterest enemy of Freemasonry never presents as a reason for its overthrow any *evils* it has done, but always its secrecy. I use the word "always" in a general sense, and not as an absolute qualification. The latest indictment made against it, one fresh in your minds, is based not on the evils, but on the good it has done—yes, it has been a powerful agency in the promotion of education, and no institution has done more to promote liberty and free men from the trammels of ignorance and of civil and ecclesiastical tyranny than Freemasonry.

"Its secrecy!" In this an argument against it? It is true that Masonry does its work in secret, but we have never concealed our principles or designs. Masonry upholds and supports everything that is calculated to promote the happiness and best interests of mankind, and also requires us to recognize that we are under obligations of duty to God, our neighbour and ourselves. What member of a family would not repel impertinent curiosity, should it attempt to penetrate the secrets of the family circle? What man of respectability would allow a stranger to listen to his private conversation with his wife and children about domestic affairs. We, too, have our family circle, our domestic affairs, and we, too, repel impertinent curiosity as to such. There is no man but has some secret hid away in the depths of his heart, and notwithstanding the claim that a woman cannot keep a secret, I do not believe there is one of you before me who has not her secret held and kept as secure and inviolate in your breast as even in that of a man.

Every conscience and every church, every society, every organisation, every party—political, religious or otherwise, even that time-honoured and revered one, the head of which has so recently promulgated the indictment before alluded to—has its secrets upon which the sun is not allowed to shine for other eyes.

As our Brother, Scotland's bonny bard, says in reference to this feature of Masonry, whatever we may freely tell a bosom crony,

> "But still keep something to yoursel'
> Ye scarcely tell to ony."

The great tenets of a Freemason's profession are brotherly love, relief and truth; these we publish to the world. Our family secrets belong to ourselves, and do not directly or indirectly concern any one else.

The secrets of Masonry, so far as its obligations, its unwritten rituals and its tiled doors are concerned, are but the outward defences thrown around our Institution, and are necessary to preserve it from the approach of the impostor, the unworthy and its other foes, and every Mason should be proficient therein, and have a thorough knowledge of these defences. As one has said, "They are but the casket that contains the precious jewel, the hull that contains the kernel, the shell that preserves the egg." The destruction of the one is the exposure to ruin of the other.

There is another part of Masonry, aside from its outward defences, in which secrecy enters. It is its Charities, and it were better if in the Church and society generally the injunction, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," were as carefully heeded. The brother in distress, or those having claims upon us through him, can come to us for aid without having the whole world know of it. Masonic charity is not of the "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" kind.

And, my sister, is there nothing for you in Masonry? Mother, wife, widow, sister and daughter, is there not something in Masonry for you? Aye, there is; and if the cry of distress from one of you reach the ear of a true Mason, let that right arm wither if it be not raised for your relief, for your defence, for your succour.

In the two particulars referred to secrecy enters into Freemasonry, and how can it be urged as an element of danger? It is its defence and crown, its protection and glory, and I am willing to stand by it to the end, proud of my connection with the grand old Fraternity, and ready to grasp by the hand a brother, be he what he may, only that he recognizes the Great Architect of the Universe his dependence upon the Supreme Being, and the principles of the true brotherhood of man.—

G.M. W. A. Brodie.

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OLD MASONS AND YOUNG.

THE Fraternity of Freemasons is composed of Brethren of all ages, as well as of all professions, ranks and stations. A man is never too young to be made a Mason, and never too old to take delight in its ceremonies, its principles, and its companionship. It is even permissible for a Grand Master, in the exercise of one of his peculiar prerogatives, to make a "youth under age" a Mason; but this is an authority which is rarely exercised, because the need for its exercise does not often exist. Youths under age like the immortal Washington are few, and as a consequence those classed with him by the exercise of this prerogative are proportionately few. No man of *mature age* has any *right* to be made a Mason, and hence in every instance in which the honour is conferred it is of favour, not of right; and if this be true, much less has a youth under age any claim upon the Masonic Fraternity. In the matter of the reception of initiates, the Lodge is the most absolute of republics, if we may be allowed the expression, every member having a vote, and any member being all powerful to cause the rejection of any applicant. The purpose of this regulation is to ensure harmony, as far as possible, by admitting no unworthy or distracting elements. It is taken for granted that no Brother will out of mere malice exclude any applicant, and as to this his conscience is made his judge. The right to exclude is absolute, and may not be abridged, criticised, or denied.

In the majority of Lodges the pleasing sight is witnessed of old and young Freemasons sitting side by side. Probably the larger number of active Craftsmen are those who are in the prime of life, whom we should describe as middle-aged. They are well qualified in every respect for the performance of all Masonic duties. They are both wise as teachers and skilful as labourers. They can fill any place or station in the Lodge on call. They are at once the brains and the hands of the Lodge. Fortunate and prosperous is that Masonic body which continuously retains this class of Brethren in active membership. They are neither old nor young, neither inexperienced nor forgetful of their long experience, neither giddy-headed nor pig-headed. They do not know too much to learn nor too little to teach. They know just enough. As the wise man said, Give me neither riches nor poverty, so we say in this connection, Give us neither youth nor old age.

Young men, however, have an important place, and exert a moulding influence in Masonry. They are the rising men in our Lodges. They receive the majority of the appointments for the subordinate places, and therein usually manifest their ability to rise higher. A Lodge without young men would be an anomaly. The young become middle aged and old, but the old can never become young. If a man be made a Mason at eighty-four years of age (as was Voltaire), he cannot expect to live long to benefit either himself or the Craft. Voltaire died three months after his initiation. On the other hand, if a man be made a Mason when about twenty-one years of age, he becomes after no long period a trained and skilful brother, and is a life-long honour to the Fraternity. Take the cases of Washington and Franklin, both of whom entered the Craft in early life, and soon familiarised themselves with its learning and ritual, and afterwards throughout their long and eventful careers never forgot the Fraternity that brought them to Masonic light, never ceased to hold in honour its offices, many of which they filled with the largest credit to themselves, and to the end of their days spoke in the loftiest terms of Freemasonry as a science, a cosmopolitan brotherhood, and an active charity.

It needs not to be said that there are old men in Freemasonry, for is not the most familiar Masonic fact we meet with the death of the "oldest Mason," some patriarch in the Craft, who acquired all its honours, filled all its stations, taught all its lessons, fulfilled all its duties? Do you ask for a sample old Mason? We point you to Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, in England, who at Margate has just celebrated, with the felicitations of the Craft, the one hundredth anniversary of his birthday; and to Brother Christopher C. Graham, in America, who at Louisville, Kentucky, has been permitted by the Great Architect of the Universe to attain a similar longevity. Every old Freemason, tried and true, is entitled to our warmest congratulations and sincerest fraternal regard. He is not only a Nestor in the world, but also in Freemasonry. He is a type of Freemasonry itself, which has seen dynasties rise and fall, generations born and die, monetary crises come and go, while he and it remain not quite solitary and alone, but the few among the many, mile-stones in life which indicate the distance of the remote past from the present, landmarks which tower up to mark a presence which ensures the nobility and prosperity of the now, by reproducing and continuing that of the aforetime.

We like to see a Lodge uniting the wisdom of seniors with the energy of juniors. It is most gratifying to see white hairs, gray hairs and hairs unturned, mantling the heads of brethren sitting together in unity in a Masonic Lodge. It augurs well for the Craft. It not only ensures its present well-being, but betokens its continued activity and stability. It gives all the elements of strength. Brethren, do not despise any representative of true Masonic character. We may not all typify Wisdom, but we may, perhaps, Strength or Beauty. The young Mason ordinarily is a type of Beauty, the Middle-aged of Strength, the aged of Wisdom. All have their place in the Masonic structure—not a perfect ashlar in which can be removed without marring the symmetry and perfection of the whole.

—*Keystone.*

PAST MASTERS.

THE time approaching when, in our respective lodges, we shall be called to select our office bearers for the coming year, suggests a thought or two regarding the degree of Past Master. In New York it is the law that no one can be lawfully installed as Master unless he has previously been elected, installed, and have served one year as Warden, and that previously to his installation he shall have received the degree of Past Master.

This having been and still being the rule, we have never thought of looking into its right or necessity, but later reading has caused us to inquire as to its right or expediency, and our present conclusion is, that we have been labouring under a mistake.

Thus it must be admitted that a lodge of Master Masons has no right to confer any degree above or beyond the Third; consequently, the Fourth Degree, or that of Past Master, is beyond its province or power, and the same will apply to the Grand Lodge, which, being composed of the representatives of its subordinates, cannot, of right, have any power beyond that of superintending their labours in the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and, consequently, cannot rightfully authorise a degree which is apart from their regular and well known curriculum.

From this we deduce that there is no known authority for the degree of Past Master, and that its continuance is in violation of all the rules governing the principles of Masonry, as we have it.

Those who only look superficially at questions presented may shrug their shoulders, and even smile, but it will puzzle them to furnish any good reason or authority why a Lodge having elected a properly qualified brother—that is, one who has previously been elected and served as Warden—should not sit under his gavel without the necessity of any further degree, especially one about which the Lodge, as a body, does not and cannot know anything, and relatively why the Grand Lodge should not only authorise, but demand, that a degree not within its system should be conferred for any purpose whatever.

Previous to the year 1860 we have the best of reasons for knowing that at least one-half of the Masters in this State were installed without taking the degree of Past Master, served their terms, and became actual Past Masters, in blissful ignorance that there was any spot upon their title.

Of course, while the law remains as it is, we must respect it; but when we come to a revision, we trust this appendage will be modified, or, better still, entirely abrogated.—*New York Despatch.*

Brother Lord Leigh Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire presided on Saturday last at a meeting of the General Committee for the restoration of St. Michre"s Church, Coventry. It was announced that, as subscriptions towards the object of the fund had been promised to the extent of over £20,000, the conditions on which Mr. Woodcock's offer was made had been fulfilled.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No one who reads the letter of your correspondent "AUDAX," will have the slightest difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that his description of himself is perfectly accurate. His "perception" *has* become remarkably "dim—" if indeed it were ever otherwise—and his "powers of reasoning"—assuming him ever to have been blessed with any—are unaffectedly "dull." However, I did not write my former letter for the benefit of stupid people, of whom "AUDAX" avows himself to be one. Had I done so, I should have committed myself to the well-nigh hopeless task of explaining to them at frequent intervals during a long term of years that there is nothing incongruous in allowing that a man may be a thoroughly good fellow, and yet a most unsuitable candidate for a post of honour; or in asserting that the fact of his having rendered services such as thousands of his equals in rank have likewise rendered is no justification for his being preferred to them. Had "AUDAX" not been so extremely dull of comprehension he would have known this without any need of being prompted by others.

I thank "AUDAX" for his account of Bro. Willing's services, as quoted from the *Freemason*. But he might have saved himself the trouble of quoting it—at least as far as I am concerned. It was from that I derived my knowledge of Bro. Willing's performances in Masonry, and it was on that I based my argument as to his complete unworthiness as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer.

It is only one of the class of people to which "AUDAX" tells us he belongs who would have had the hardihood to twist my acceptance of other people's statements about Bro. Willing's services into "fulsome flattery" of that brother.

I have no intention of embarking on a war of words with "AUDAX." He is an expert in abusive personality; I am not.

I remain faithfully and fraternally yours,

"SYMBOL *x*."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having opened your columns to a discussion on the merits of candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer, I hope you will allow me a portion of your space to express what I feel on the subject; but in the first case I must say I cannot congratulate the writer of the letter signed "SYMBOL *x*" which appeared in your issue of the 13th instant, either on his good taste or, as it seems to me, his knowledge of the subject. It is of course to be regretted that in all such matters as this no reference to a candidate or the office is possible without making the matter at once of a personal character. I may desire to argue for or against the present system of appointing the Grand Treasurer, but I find it impossible to say anything to the point without its being applicable either to one who has held the office, or one who seeks it, and therefore I find myself called upon to mention this or that brother by name, for I think when one runs so near the mark it is best to hit the mark itself. Having explained why I mention names, in opposition to my actual desire to keep individuals out of the discussion, I will first give you my ideas as to Bro. Willing's position. Now, I look upon Bro. Willing in two capacities—firstly, as an individual Mason, and in that respect only equal to his fellows; and secondly, as the chosen representative of a band of "individual Masons," and thereby raised to an eminence above all who choose to recognise him as their superior. "SYMBOL *x*" says he "is a very worthy member of the rank and file of Freemasonry," but "above and beyond this has not the slightest shadow of a shade of claim to be placed on an eminence above his brother members of the same standing in Grand Lodge." Your correspondent, Sir, must be ignorant of the ordinary routine of election by the voice of the people. To say that a man has no right to be placed on an eminence when it is only by right that he can be placed there is an absurdity. How can any one—let who may be chosen as Grand Treasurer—get the position except by right. Does "SYMBOL *x*" want us to believe that the majority who must elect a man do not know their own minds, or is it the old story of the fox who voted "brushes" a nuisance? Is it that the minority are opposed to Bro. Willing, but know that he is sure to get the post unless they can create ill-feeling—by the way, ill-feeling would, in my opinion, do more good for the particular candidate in question than it would do him harm, as many who would absent themselves, looking upon his return as all but certain, would then attend and swell the majority.

There is no use denying the fact our Freemasonry of to-day is divided into two classes, and it is next to high treason for an ordinary member of Blue Masonry to aspire to the Purple, unless it be to the office of Grand Pursuivant, which for some reason or other appears to be outside the upper section, although there can be no question that by the teachings of the Craft it is equal to the best of them. Now I imagine that "SYMBOL *x*" is none other than one of the—may I say dog in the manger class—of the upper section. No doubt, now that the duties of Grand Treasurer are merely nominal ones, he would consider himself insulted if he were named for the post, and yet he objects to receive one of the rank and file—aye, and in this case a widely respected one—into his class or section of the Order. It will indeed be a difficult matter to find men above their fellows if respect and esteem is to be left out of consideration. I fancy Bro. Willing has enough of these latter to secure his election, and if he succeeds on those bases alone, I shall consider he is justly entitled to the office of Treasurer. It is an elective one, and he who gets the most support must, for the time being, be looked upon as the best fitted for it.

I am, &c.

ONE WHO WILL READILY ACCEPT THE RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your remarks, and also those of your correspondents as to indigent brethren, and to the unworthiness of some of them. We are, however, apt to forget that many may be worthy; also to forget our initiation service. I think it is better to succour some unworthy ones rather than risk missing one worthy. But there are doings that take place in Lodges, &c., I consider more to be deprecated than urging the claims of the poverty stricken or distressed. I refer to the practice of members who are in business touting and asking newly-initiated brethren for their orders for aprons, &c., or other regalia. There is too much of this done. The quiet insinuation that these men adopt when saying, "I usually supply the brethren," often misleads. Some make more profit in this manner than Masonry costs them annually. In my opinion the Tyler ought to have the first chance of supplying such necessaries.

Yours, &c.

P.M.

NAEBODY KENS YE.

Are ye doin' ought weel?—are ye thrivin', my man?
Be thankfu' to Fortune for a' that she sen's ye:
Yo'll hae plenty o' frien's aye to offer their han',
When ye needna their countenance—a' body kens ye;
A' body kens ye,
A' body kens ye,
When ye needna their countenance—a' body kens ye!

But wait ye a wee, till the tide tak's a turn;
An' awa wi' the ebb drifts the favours she sen's ye,
Cauld friendship will then leave ye lanely to mourn,
When ye need a' their friendship, then naebody kens ye!
Naebody kens ye! &c.

The crony who stuck like a burr to your side,
An' vow'd wi' his heart's dearest bluid to befrien' ye,
A five-guinea note, man, will part ye as wide
As if oceans and deserts were lyin' between ye!
Naebody kens ye, &c.

It's the siller that does 't, man! the siller! the siller!
It's the siller that breaks ye, an makes ye, and men's ye!
When your pockets are torn, an' nae web i' the loom
Then tak' ye my word for 't, there's naebody kens ye!
Naebody kens ye, &c.

But thinkna I mean that a' mankind are sae—
It's the butterfly frien' that misfortune should fear aye;
There are those worth the name—gude sen' there were mae!
Wha the caulder the blast the closer draw near ye.
Naebody kens ye, &c.

The frien's who can tell us, our fau'ts to our face,
Bnt aye fra our foes in our absence defen's us;
Leeze me on sic hearts! o' life's pack he's the ace
Wha scorns to disown us when naebody kens us!

CHORUS.

Naebody kens us, naebody kens us,
Poortith's a dry nurse frae folly whilk speans us—
She deprives us of o' means, just to show us our fren's,
Wha winna disown us when naebody kens us.

Obituary.

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BRO. JAMES NORRIS.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon has lost its most prominent resident, in the person of Bro. James Norris, for many years the Warden of the Asylum, and he will henceforth be missed by many of those who have looked forward to a chat with the worthy old brother as a part of the "routine" of a visit to the truly Masonic building in which he has long resided. Bro. Norris was born on the 21st January 1790, and initiated into Freemasonry in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, on the 10th March 1812, and continued a member till June 1816. In July 1848 he joined the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, and continued a member till December 1851, when he re-joined his mother Lodge, and remained a subscribing member till some time after May 1862, when he was elected an annuitant. He was appointed Warden in 1868.

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DUTY TO THE LODGE.

IN these days, when so many Masons are running after the plumed chapeau of the Knight Templar, the mystic letters of the Scotch Rite, or the numerals of the Memphis, it is pre-eminently necessary that members of Lodges should exert themselves to keep alive the interest of the Craft in their real Masonic homes. Too little attention is too often paid to the pure and beautiful symbolism of Ancient Craft or Symbolic Masonry. In some cases, the work is slovenly done; in others, there is a coldness about the ceremonial,—a formality, that leaves no impression, or if any, an unfavourable one, upon the mind of the candidate.

There is no language more beautiful, no ceremonial more sublime, no esoteric conception more pregnant with holy thought and divine precept, than that inculcated, taught, illustrated and symbolized in "the tragedy." The treacherous blow, the unswerving fidelity, the death and the resurrection, convey a lesson that can never be forgotten.

It is true it is not complete, but that is remedied by subsequent study in the Royal Arch and the higher degrees. Still, the student of our mysteries should not rush on to the neglect of his duties to the Lodge, Let him first master them, and when perfect, advance.

It is a glorious and profound study; that mysterious and awful scene depicted by the tradition at the building of the first temple. The Mason should realise it, to appreciate, and should note that within itself lies the secret of Freemasonry. At a first glance, it may appear a mere tale, a myth, to be placed among the other marvellous traditions of ancient mythology. It is, of course, the story of the Osiris of the Egyptian mysteries, and has been taught in a different language in all the weird and mystic ceremonials of the ancients. Still, the death of the builder stands forth as the casket that contains the marvellous gem that has, from time immemorial, held men together as brothers in thought, word and deed.

Let brethren, then, strive to build up their Lodges—make them truly Masonic homes for themselves and their visitors. Let them not forget that the first three degrees are the Masonry for which our fathers fought, suffered, and, in many instances, died a martyr's death. It is a glorious heritage, handed down to us by those who grew old "in God's service." Let us emulate them, and strive to become masters of our Royal Art.

Always recollect, brethren, that high degreeism is second to Symbolic Masonry; that parades, showy uniforms, handsome jewels, high sounding titles and mystic numbers, are nought, without a thorough groundwork, and that can only be obtained in the Lodge.

Bro. George Manners, C.C, ex Churchwarden of the Parish of Saint Dunstan's-in-the-West, was last week presented with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, with a beautifully illuminated address on vellum, in recognition of his great services to the parish, and especially in connection with the restoration and decoration of the parish church. The presentation—which was resolved upon in April last, at a meeting held under the presidency of the rector, the Rev. W. Martin—took place at Anderton's Hotel.

Brother Lord Londesborough, P.G.S.W., has been elected President of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society for 1885. Its show next year will be held at Selby.

Brother W. McDonald P.M. will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No 1445, at the Printing Works, 292 Whitechapel Road, E., on Monday, the 29th instant.

At the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Pedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, on Thursday, 8th January, the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed. A ballot will also be taken for a subscriber-ship to one of the Royal Masonic Institutions. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m.

Old Warrants (D).

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"Centenary," No. 76, Winchester.*

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, other Officers and Members of the Lodge of Economy, No. 90, Winchester, and all others whom it may concern.

[LODGE DEVICE.]

WHEREAS it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge, that on the 29th day of May 1761 a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorizing and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Winchester, in the County of Hants, and which Lodge was then numbered 88 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge, and in consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges on the 27th December 1813 the said Lodge became No. 111, and at the closing up of the numbers in 1832 it became and now stands on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England as No. 90, under the Title or Denomination of the

LODGE OF ECONOMY.

And Whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge are desirous now that One hundred years have expired since the constitution of the Lodge to be permitted to wear a distinguishing and commemorative Jewel, and have prayed the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for that purpose. And the Most Worshipful Grand Master having been pleased to accede to the request doth hereby Give and Grant to all and each of the actual subscribing Members of the said Lodge being Master Masons permission to wear in all Masonic Meetings suspended to the left Breast by a Sky-blue Ribbon not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth a Jewel or Medal of the pattern and device of the Drawing in the margin hereof as a Centenary Jewel. But such Jewel is to be worn only by those Brethren who are bonâ fide Subscribing Members of the said Lodge, and so long only as they shall pay their Subscription thereto and be returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

Given at Free Masons Hall, London, this 9th day of May 1862.

Seal.

By Command of the Right Honorable
The EARL OF ZETLAND M.W. Grand Master.

WM. GRAY CLARKE, G.S.

* P.S.—No fee was paid at the time this Warrant was granted, but if paid now to the Grand Lodge it would be recognized in the Grand Lodge Calendar.

FRESH DIAMOND DISCOVERIES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—The reported discovery of diamonds near Mittagong, some years ago, recently induced two men to try their luck in the creek where the stones were supposed to have been found, and they recently succeeded in unearthing, amongst a number of gems, two diamonds of the first water, and a green sapphire, which the Government geologist has pronounced to be a rarity, and, but for a cloud, is one of the most valuable yet discovered. In addition, payable gold has been struck in patches. The discovery has created no little excitement throughout the district, and numbers of people have already visited the locality, which lies a few miles from Mittagong. A recent visitor there reports that a lot of land has already been taken up, and that further results respecting the prospects of the place are anxiously awaited. The men have had great difficulty in keeping back the water, which necessitated the construction of a dam and the cutting of races for quite a quarter of a mile to carry off the overflow. So far the means used for washing are of the most primitive type, and as a big wash-up from some new ground is soon to be made, more modern and suitable appliances than the old sluice-box will probably be adopted, to ensure the success of the place as a diamond field.

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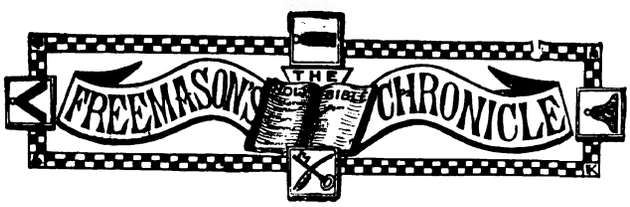
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THEIR Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, after a visit of four days to the Earl and Countess of Dudley, passed through Worcester on Saturday, on their way to Sandringham, and the opportunity was taken advantage of by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, to present to the G. Master a specially bound copy of the catalogue of the Masonic Exhibition recently held at Worcester, which catalogue was edited by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. G. Taylor, and to which we have before referred in these columns, together with a beautifully illuminated address.

The Freemasons representing the Province of Worcester were stationed on platforms erected on the right and left of the entrance to the station. The brethren wore their regalia, and represented the undermentioned Lodges: Harmonic and Standard, Dudley; Semper Fidelis (Worcester) and the Worcester Lodge; Hope and Charity, Kidderminster; Vernon, Stourport; Stability, Stourbridge; St. Michael's, Tenbury; Perseverance, Halesowen; Royds, Malvern; Lechmere, Kidderminster; and Masefield, Moseley—Dr. Underhill being the representative of the last-named Lodge. The Royal visitors and their suite were welcomed with acclamation, the playing of "God bless the Prince of Wales" and a general salute from the military in attendance. His Royal Highness was received on entering the station by Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., who was supported by, amongst others, Messrs. Dixon Hartland, M.P., A. F. Godson D.P.G.M., G. W. Grosvenor P.G.S.W., W. B. Williamson P.G.J.W., A. Brown P.G.T., G. Taylor P.G.S., R. P. Hill P.J.G.W., F. G. Russell P.J.G.W., W. Haynes P.G.O., T. Vale P.G.S.B., A. Carter P.G.D.C., Waldron P.G.A.D.C., and J. E. Stone P.G.J.D. with about 300 others. The address was in the following words:

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—We, the Provincial Grand Master, Wardens, and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Brethren of the Craft in the Province of Worcestershire, desire most respectfully to express our feelings of loyalty and regard towards your Royal Highness, as well as to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and to bid both your Royal Highnesses a hearty welcome to the Province of Worcester. We are deeply sensible of the benefits derived by our ancient Craft during the period that your Royal Highness, as Worshipful Grand Master, has ruled over the Grand Lodge of England, and of the unceasing interest which your Royal Highness takes in the progress and prosperity of the Masonic Fraternity. We regard with the greatest pride and satisfaction the numerous instances in which your Royal Highness has connected the ceremonies and historical associations of the Craft with the erection of buildings and the foundation of institutions destined to the worship of the Most High, the relief of the sick and injured, and the study of the liberal arts and sciences. We trust that Masonry, based as it is upon religious truth, and upon the principles of loyalty and universal charity, may long continue to flourish within these realms, and that the brethren of the Craft may do their utmost to prove themselves worthy of their Ancient Order, and of the long line of Royal Patrons, of which your Royal Highness is so illustrious an example.

Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire,

EDMUND A. H. LECHMERE, Provincial Grand Master.
AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON, Deputy Prov. Grand Master.
GEORGE W. GROSVENOR, Prov. Senior Grand Warden.
W. B. WILLIAMSON, Prov. Junior Grand Warden.
HENRY WILSON, Prov. Grand Registrar.
GEORGE TAYLOR, Prov. Grand Secretary.

20th December A.L. 5884, A.D. 1884.

His Royal Highness accepted both the catalogue and the address, and handed to Sir Edmund Lechmere the following reply:—

Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master and Brethren,—We have received with great pleasure your fraternal address of welcome to your county, and the Princess of Wales joins with me in thanking you most sincerely for the sentiments of loyalty and devotion to the Throne and the institutions of the country which it contains. As Grand Master of Freemasons of England it has always been my object to promote, as far as lies in my power, everything that can contribute to the prosperity and extension of our order, being convinced that its continued success is mainly due to the fact which you so justly notice, that it is founded on the principles of religion, of loyalty, and of universal and enlightened charity.

This concluded the business of the day as far as the Grand Master was associated with it, and His Royal Highness and the Princess shortly after left by train. The brethren re-assembled at the Great Western Hotel, when the Prince's reply to their address was read, amid applause. Sir Edmund Lechmere subsequently expressed his indebtedness to those brethren who had assisted him in the arrangements, referring particularly to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother G. Taylor.

Previous to the Masonic presentation, and immediately on the arrival of the Royal guests, the Mayor of Worcester advanced to the side of the carriage, and said: Will your Royal Highnesses graciously allow me, on behalf of the Corporation and of the citizens of Worcester, to tender you a most cordial and heartfelt welcome to the city? It affords me great pleasure to have the honour of approaching your Royal Highnesses, to present a respectful and loyal address, which will be read by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk then read the following address:

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c.

May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of Worcester in common council assembled beg to offer to your Royal Highness and your gracious consort a loyal welcome to the "faithful city." The ancient city of Worcester has been privileged to receive at intervals during the centuries not a few distinguished members of the Royal House of England, and the citizens will be proud to add the memory of your Royal Highness's brief visit to the mementoes of the residence in this neighbourhood of other revered members of your house and family. The intimate connection of this city with the cause of monarchical rule, especially during those historical periods when loyalty took the active forms of self-sacrifice and suffering, is commemorated in the Corporate legend, *Semper Fidelis*, which tradition ascribes to the gratitude of a king; and the citizens of to-day, mindful of their past, welcome the

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opportunity of conveying through your Royal Highness to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen an expression of the abiding loyalty to Her Majesty's throne and person of her faithful subjects of Worcester. A city which has devoted itself for a long period of time to promote the progress of the cherished art of music has a special call to congratulate your Royal Highness upon the gratifying result of your laborious effort to establish an Imperial School of Music worthy of our country and of the royal zeal which called it into existence. The impetus which the genius of your late lamented father gave to the art industries of this country is nowhere illustrated more splendidly or remembered more gratefully than in the city whose manufacture of porcelain has attained a celebrity commensurate with the Prince Consort's desire for the ascendency of English design and workmanship. We have seen with satisfaction that your Royal Highness—following your father's great conception of duty—has constantly identified yourself with every notable effort for the better education of our people, the promotion of our commerce, and the progress of the arts. As one of the old walled cities of England, Worcester has particular cause for gratitude to your Royal Highnesses for taking so profound and practical an interest in the amelioration of the conditions in which great numbers of our poorer fellow-subjects are housed. We look forward with anxious interest to the result of the exhaustive inquiries into this subject still being pursued by the Royal Commission, whose labours your Royal Highness has shared with characteristic devotion. We desire to offer a welcome of heartfelt sincerity to your Royal and gracious Princess, whose sweet, benignant grace and courtesy have won the fealty and love of our race in all lands; and we also crave the opportunity to congratulate your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales upon the approaching majority of your eldest son, His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, in whose future the future of England itself will, under God's providence, be so closely bound up. We trust with a loyal and dutiful trust that it may be permitted to us to receive your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales on some future occasion in this city of Royal memories in a manner more befitting our love and duty, and humbly pray that God may continue to support your Royal Highness in your earnest labours for England, and that your Royal house and family may ever be surrounded by His merciful protection and blessing. Given under the seal of the Mayor, Alderman, and Citizens of the city of Worcester this twentieth day of December 1884.

J. Sharman Wood, Mayor
Saml. Southall, Town Clerk.

The address was illuminated on vellum, with illustrations on each page of the accompanying text. It was of folio size, and bound in royal blue morocco, inlaid with gold, silver, red and other colours, the Prince of Wales's plumes, the monogram "A. E. and A," and the city arms and motto being shown on the covers. The address was formally handed to the Prince by the Mayor, who received in return the subjoined written reply, which was subsequently read to the Corporation, in the Assembly Room, by the Town Clerk:—

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,—I can assure you that the Princess of Wales and I have received your address with unfeigned pleasure. We desire to thank you most sincerely for it, and for your hearty welcome to your ancient and "faithful" city. Your sentiments of devotion to the Crown and of affectionate regard towards ourselves and the other members of the Royal Family satisfactorily prove to me that Worcester has not departed from those grand traditions which have rendered her celebrated for her loyalty in past years. I rejoice, however, that in the more quiet times which we now enjoy you have been able to devote your attention to the cultivation of peaceful pursuits; to the encouragement of music, in which I take so strong and personal an interest, to the improvement in the manufacture of porcelain, and to the improvement in the dwelling places of the working classes. To this latter subject I have in common with my able and energetic colleagues on the Royal Commission devoted much labour and thought, and I can only pray that our united efforts may be crowned with success. We thank you for your kind congratulations on the approaching majority of our eldest son, whom we fervently trust may strive to follow in the steps of his lamented grandfather, both in his high conception of duty, and in his well-directed endeavours to ameliorate the condition of his fellow creatures. We anticipate much pleasure from our visit to-day to your renowned Porcelain Works, and we earnestly trust that an opportunity may be afforded us at some future date of returning to your town and of being able to inspect at greater leisure than is permitted us on the present occasion the many works of interest and importance your city contains.

An Englishman in Sydney.—"There is nothing un-English in Sydney," says a recent visitor, "it seems to partake of all the best characteristics of an English city in summer-time; but what struck me most was the absence of the painful careworn expression which pervades an English crowd, especially in London, Manchester, or Liverpool. Again, I saw no beggars, unless in the shape of organ-grinders and other itinerant musicians; in fact, none of the Whitechapel or Deansgate element, Saturday night in George-street reminding me more of an English holiday than anything else, so well-dressed and cheerful is the crowd. Talking of holidays, there never was such a holiday-loving people as the Sydney ites. Not content with a dozen public holidays during the year, they get up harbour picnics and excursions on the slightest pretence, and what is more, appear to enjoy them thoroughly, but there is little or no drunkenness. All this tells its own tale of industrial progress and prosperity."

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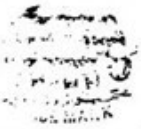
A VERY successful dramatic season at the Standard Theatre came to a brilliant close last Saturday night with a complimentary benefit to the Lessee, Bro. John Douglass. A gathering of professional friends had volunteered their services, and gave the multitude assembled within the house a rare intellectual treat. The evening commenced with "Still Waters run Deep," and those who could remember the Mildmay of Alfred Wigan, the Hawksley of Vining, the Mrs. Sternhold of dear Mrs. Stirling, might feel misgivings as to the result of a latter day interpretation, which misgivings, however, would soon have disappeared on Saturday. The play went with smoothness and completeness, as though the artists were giving their hundredth rather than their first performance of the comedy together on these boards. Miss Amy Steinberg interpreted the difficult character of Mrs. Sternhold with incisive force; she gives an almost tragic intensity to the passion of the outraged woman, so that in her wrongs one forgets the domestic tyrant. To make Mrs. Sternhold touch the sympathy of an audience demands no little tact and power. Miss Steinberg held her audience quite under a spell. Mr. Arther Dacre's Mildmay was excellent, quite natural, dignified, and with an under current of latent power always indicated. Mr. Dacre has greatly improved of late; the mannerisms which at one time threatened, have been nearly or wholly overcome. Mr. Macklin's Capt. Hawksley was a thoroughly good and careful portrait, free from melodramatic grimace; an essentially honest Iago. The great scene of Lancashire versus London, in Hawksley's library, was splendidly played; every word and gesture marked with unerring touch in the gradual sapping of the Captain's defences, and his final surrender at discretion to the man whose ruin he has planned. The scene closed amid the most enthusiastic plaudits. Arthur Williams relieves the serious stress of the action by some excellent comedy touches as the detective Dunbilk, and clever Mr. Sheppard was fine as the disinterested legal Nemesis Gimlet, who proposes a pair of handcuffs with genial apologies. Though the part has only half-a-dozen lines, it becomes a capital study from life. Carlotta Addison made a graceful and tender Mrs. Mildmay. Mr. Gurney a good Potter, not quite so dictatorial as the historical Potter. After the final act all the artists were enthusiastically recalled, and Miss Steinberg especially marked out for recognition. In the fourth Act of "'Twixt Axe and Crown," an adaptation, by Tom Taylor, from the German, "Princess Elizabeth"—Miss Steinberg as the princess—gave the succeeding emotions of terror at her own ghastly imaginations, defiance of Bishop Gardner's insults, and love for Courteney with both power and refinement. Mr. Sass made a chivalric Courteney, speaking his lines clearly and with feeling, of the rest "*non ragiou di lor.*" The evening closed with "Nita's First," performed by the original company, and its rattling, mad fun lost nothing by its transferance hither. The big house in Bishopsgate was filled with laughter from pit to ceiling, rising in crescendo through the three Acts until the curtain fell at midnight, not to rise again until Christmas Eve brings the Lessee new triumphs with his great Pantomime.

The members of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, are desirous of extending a welcome to visitors on Thursday evening, 1st January 1885, when Bro. James Stevens will deliver his highly interesting lecture on the ritual of the first degree, at the Collegiate School, Worple Road, Wimbledon. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

Bro. Lord Plunket, who has just been elected to succeed Dr. R. Chenevix French in the Archiepiscopal see of Dublin, has, for some years past, held the office of a Grand Chaplain to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be oblized 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 hat are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 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, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport

1110—Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
[illegible]—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
[illegible]—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
[illegible]—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent' Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
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
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1696—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. 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)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farrington Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire

R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-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)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Maudeville-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, Dewsbury
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
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, Haslingden
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
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecough, near Manchester

360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
368—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
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.
650—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale

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1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
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, Tonsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Beeline, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
*207—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 1469—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

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, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instuction)
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
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

2149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rothill
1454—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

SYKES LODGE, No. 1040.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Great Driffield, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, there being an unusually large attendance of brethren. Present—Porritt P.P.G.J.W. W.M., Elgey P.M. as S.W., Bordass J.W., Wrigglesworth as S.D., W. Highmoor J.D., Jas. Scott Wilson P.M. Secretary, G. S. Highmoor D.C., Baines Chaplain, Watson I.G., Hoose and Overend Stewards; also Bros. Stanley, Tate, Pulman Atkin, Sellers, Holgreaves P.M., Dann P.M., Potts Tyler. Visitors—Winterbottom 734, Timmins 734, Kemp 734, Bryan 294, Marshall 294, Kemp 294, Sugden 294, Dunning. After the usual routine business, minutes were read and confirmed, and some correspondence considered. The brethren then adjourned to the Falcon Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Brother Atkin, who has only recently been initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. On this occasion the Officers entertained their justly esteemed W.M., and Brother Elgey P.M. presided, while Brother Bordass occupied the vice chair. On the removal of the cloth, and after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Brother Elgey in a characteristic speech proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, bearing testimony to the great kindness and ability with which Brother Porritt had presided over the brethren during his year of office. His retentive memory and pleasant delivery were rare gifts, and enabled him to render the important parts of the ritual in such a manner that every visitor and brother could enjoy each part of the ceremony. Elected to fill the chair of K.S. by the unanimous vote of the brethren, Bro. Porritt had ruled and governed his Lodge by the unerring standard of impartiality and justice, in such a manner as to elicit the entire approval of the brethren; he had adjusted grievances, consolidated the finances of the Lodge, and rallied round him an enthusiastic staff of Officers. Whilst taking the greatest interest in the Lodge, he had never been unmindful of the great responsibilities of his office, and had laboured during his year to promote that kindly feeling amongst the brethren so essential to its welfare and success. The W.M. responded in feeling terms, and reviewed his membership of the Sykes Lodge. He thanked Brother Elgey for the kind words he had said concerning him, and the brethren and officers for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health. His connection with the brethren of the Craft had shown him an unlimited and unmitigated flow of friendship and pleasure, and he should never forget the kindness of the brethren towards him. His was a labour of love, and it was indeed highly gratifying to find himself in his present position. Other toasts followed, the evening being enlivened by numerous songs.

FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, when there was a good attendance of members, as well as visitors from other Lodges. The ceremony took place at two o'clock, and was performed by Brother T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.S.W., who placed in the chair Bro. James Walton, the S.W. of the Lodge during the previous year. Amongst those who were present at the ceremony and banquet were Bros. F. Smith P.M. (Ripon), and H. C. Pickersgill (Ripon), who respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens during the ceremony; Bros. J. Blenkin 1611, H. Fairburn 1337, C. Palliser 1337, J. M. Mack 111, R. Bell 1416, H. Smith 1416, J. S. Walton 1337, W. Coltman 1416, Rev. Canon Camidge 1416, T. J. Wilkinson 1416, G. Ayre 1416, W. Hall 1416, W. Brown 1611, W. Lackenby 1611, C. Elsley 1416, and others. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. H. Smith I.P.M., Z. Wright S.W., H. Longford J.W., Rev. Canon Camidge Chaplain, J. T. Hansell S.D., J. J. Eberle J.D., T. J. Wilkinson Treasurer, R. Hartley Secretary, F. R. Hansell D.C., Rev. E. Richardson Organist, W. W. Hall I.G., W. Coltman and C. Greensides Stewards, and J. S. Farmery Tyler. The Lodge elected Bro. G. Ayre to the office of Charity Representative. Brother Whytehead presented to the Lodge a Copy of Brother Hughan's latest work on the "English Rite of Freemasonry," and several other minor works, and received the thanks of the Lodge. Many letters of apology were read, and the Lodge was closed amidst "Hearty good wishes" from all quarters. An admirable banquet was prepared at the Fleece Hotel, notoriously one of the best houses in England for wines and cookery, and the brethren enjoyed a very happy evening, interspersed with harmony.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held in Brixton Hall, on the 13th inst., the Worshipful Master Bro. Thos. Minstrell presiding. Since the last meeting of the brethren their Lodge room had undergone complete reconstruction, and of necessity therefore redecoration, and the proprietor has now a Masonic temple which is capable of meeting almost any requirements which the exigencies of the Craft or Royal Arch Masonry require. The alterations it is needless to say met with the entire approbation of the brethren of the Gallery Lodge, and we believe also of the Brixton Lodge, who use the same room. Certainly the Companions of the newly consecrated Gallery Chapter had every reason to be satisfied with the accommodation thus provided them. Doubtless other Lodges and Chapters will find in Brixton Hall a very comfortable abiding place, particularly if the proprietor carries out his inclination to provide Chapter and Lodge furniture for the general use, charging of course a small rent for the additional facilities which he is somewhat inclined to provide. The attendance of brethren at the Gallery

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installation meeting was unusually large, and we are assured that they witnessed with real Masonic gratification the perfect and admirable working of not only the retiring Master (Bro. Minstrell), who performed, after dispatch of the preliminary Lodge business and the election of three new members, the ceremony of passing, but of the Master it was his privilege to instal (Bro. W. M. Duckworth) who initiated one of the members for whom the ballot had been taken. Bro. Minstrell installed his successor in a most impressive manner, and the Lodge was, later in the evening, warmly congratulated in having such an able Past Master among its members. The Senior Warden's collar was held over for Bro. Pardon, who was unavoidably absent. The following brethren were invested:—Bros. Goldsmith J.W., H. Massey Treasurer, R. J. Albery Secretary, J. W. Duckworta S.D., Griffiths J.D., Herbert Wright I.G., Perkins D. of C., Hancock and Jno. Moore Stewards, and Whitfoot Organist. In presenting Bro. Minstrell with a valuable Past Master's jewel (which by the way is a real work of art, being admirably expressive of the unique character of the Lodge, which is strictly restricted to journalists, the majority of whom are engaged in the Gallery of the House of Commons), the Worshipful Master referred to the able way in which the retiring Master had managed the affairs of his Lodge, and of the great indebtedness of the brethren to him for his services in the chair. The W.M. also handed to Bro. Minstrell a beautiful gold bracelet (which he said represented the voluntary subscriptions of the brethren) for Mrs. Minstrell, as a token of the esteem and high respect which the Lodge had for herself and the Immediate Past Master. Bro. Minstrell thanked the brethren most warmly for the many kindnesses he had experienced at their hands during the year, and last, not least, for the splendid manner in which they expressed their appreciation of the way in which he had discharged his duties as Master; he said the valuable gifts he had just received would ever serve to recal many happy memories and many pleasant hours spent in the Lodge as its head. The Lodge was closed in Masonic form, and the brethren and their guests retired to the banquetting room, where a repast suitable in every respect to such an important event had been provided, and to which about sixty brethren did ample justice. The new Master proved himself a most efficient chairman, and following as he said the excellent example set by the Immediate Past Master during his year of office, of short speeches, the proceedings, which included a considerable amount of vocal music, for the Lodge is exceedingly strong in brethren able to sing, passed off most satisfactorily.

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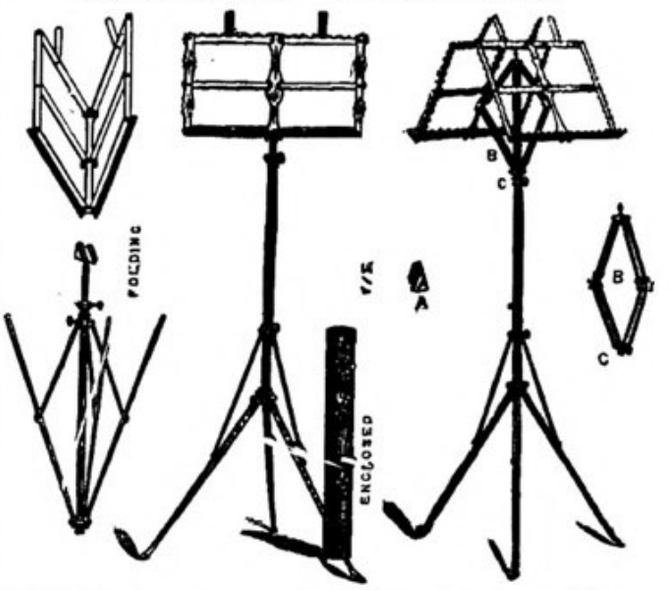
THE December meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, Clacton, on Friday evening, 19th inst. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the W.M. Bro. Sir J. H. Johnson could not be present. The chair was, however, ably filled by the S.W., Bro. W. J. Nunn, Bro. C. R. Young P.M. occupying the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. C. Hempson P.M. 1977 P.P.G.A.D.C. that of the J.W. The other brethren present included Bros. Foxcroft S.D., Hook J.D., Fred. J. Nunn Sec., Cattermole I.G., Baker Steward, Hart Tyler, Wrench Towse, Wallis, Womack, Allen, John Dean P.M., Demaid, West, Joice, and C. Allen, a visitor from No. 1056. Two brethren were advanced to a superior degree, and three were admitted into the Order. During the evening the acting W.M. decorated Bro. Fred. J. Nunn (Secretary) with a very handsome Founder's jewel, most kindly presented by Bro. Fred. Wallis. Bro. Nunn, in suitable terms, thanked Bro. Wallis for the valuable present. After Lodge duties, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, a capital repast being provided by the host, Bro. Wallis. The usual toasts were given, several brethren adding to the harmony by singing some capital songs, Bro. Foxcroft specially delighted the brethren by a very touching and thrilling recitation.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 12th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. F. Botley W.M., Thomas S.W., Turner J.W., Bailey S.D., Wing J.D., Andrews I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for 19th instant.

On 19th inst.—Bros. Thomas W.M., Bailey S.W., Wing J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary and Preceptor, Norton S.D., F. Botley J.D., Snee I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Turner, Tyler, &c. Visitor—Bro. Garner 1602. The work on this occasion comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Norton candidate. The same brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, and closed to first. Bros. Botley worked the first section of the first lecture. Bro. Garner, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton, 1602, was elected a member. Bro. Bailey was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was then adjourned until Friday, 9th January 1885.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 20th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. John Davies W.M., Sharratt S.W., Brown J.W., Gardner (Treas.) S.D., Furze Sec., Dowling J.D., Pidcock I.G., Stranger Tyler; Bro. Ayling P.M. Preceptor; Bros. F. Botley, C. Botley, Coward, Hayes Stroud, Williams, Sims, Smither, Hopkins, Meyer, Steers, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Three sections of the first lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. A. Williams candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Meyer answered the questions leading to the third. Two brethren were elected members; this makes over 100 who have joined this Lodge of Instruction since its foundation in May last. Bro. Sharratt S.W. was then elected to occupy the Chair of King Solomon at the next meeting, 3rd January. A Tyler was then elected. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed. Brethren are cordially invited to the next meeting; a musical entertainment will follow the business proceedings.

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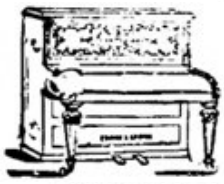
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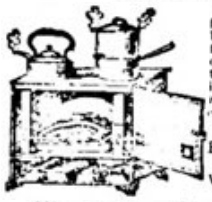
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