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OUR TWENTY-SECOND VOLUME.

BEYOND an expression of pleasure that we are about to start another half-yearly volume of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE we have little to say. Freemasonry in England is continuing its career of prosperity, and would appear even to be making greater strides than ever in public favour. Its Charities have been nobly supported so far, and as there yet remain opportunities of increasing the already large amount of contributions for the current year, we shall be surprised if the totals we have to announce six months hence will not far exceed those at present estimated. The result of the Festivals of the year are in themselves evidence of the continued prosperity of the Craft, while as regards its activity we have only to refer to the heavy calls made on our time and space during this, the generally recognised holiday season. From our experience meetings appear to be almost as numerous now as during the height of the hitherto accepted Masonic season. In introducing our Twenty-second Volume we can but add we start with the determination of sparing no pains to make it interesting to the Craft, while we think it is hardly necessary to say we shall continue on the same lines as have hitherto guided us in our endeavours to make the paper a representative journal of the Masonic Brotherhood of England.

SKILL AND ASSIDUITY IN A W.M.

IN the remarks, in our issue of the 11th October 1884, under this head, we spoke more particularly of the skill necessary in a Worshipful Master to ensure the success of the Lodge over which he had to preside. A mere knowledge of the words of the ritual, we then pointed out, was not all that was needed to entitle a brother to the highest rank among his fellows, but rather an ability satisfactorily to preside over the meetings of his Lodge, whether engaged in labour or at refreshment. It may truly be said that the Worshipful Master for the time being is the corner-stone on which the whole fabric of his Lodge rests—that on his skill and ability depends, not only the welfare of the Lodge, but the comfort and happiness of its members. How necessary then is it that every candidate selected for the Master's chair should be able to carry out the duties required of him in a satisfactory manner. In our closing remarks on this subject, in the issue to which we have already referred, we promised to devote some attention to the relationship of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to his Past Masters, and it is our intention on the present occasion to redeem that promise. We have already said that a Worshipful Master should be ruler in his own Lodge, not governing, however, with a rod of iron, but rather by kindness, and it is with the Past Masters of his Lodge that he may find the greatest difficulty, or, if properly managed, from whom he may obtain the greatest assistance. Englishmen are seldom slow to show respect for the experience gained by their seniors, and few Englishmen more fully recognise this principle than Freemasons. Yet cases will arise in which a newly-appointed brother may consider his own ability equal, if not superior, to that of the brethren of his Lodge who have had the advantage of actual experience in the work which he is fresh to, and some will even go so far as to urge their opinion against that of the old and tried members of the Lodge. We are not wholly opposed to this course, because unless a little spirit is shown by each succeeding Master, a Lodge may run the risk of dying from inanition, but great skill is necessary to decide how far the spirit of rebellion may safely be carried. The Past Masters of a Lodge have no doubt a claim to be considered, and their opinion should be respected, but only so far as a Master may feel he can coincide in their views, or at least only so far as their views may not be in exact opposition to his own, is it safe for him to go without some independent advice. He is the Master of the Lodge, he is responsible for its welfare, and he alone will be to blame if any experiment results unfavourably. It will be no use for him to plead he acted on the advice of the Past Masters; he was placed in his position to manage the Lodge; he accepted the office well knowing the responsibilities attached to it, and must be as equally prepared to meet any complaints as he is to listen to eulogistic compliments. True, the Past Masters will not desert him in an emergency, but between the lay members of his Lodge and those who have passed the chair, there is often a great gulf, and when such does exist it is the Worshipful Master who is looked upon as the bridge which shall unite the two sections; therefore it is well to remember that on any question on which there is likely to be a difference of opinion independent action is necessary more than at any other time, but this independent action must not usually be carried to extremes; a conciliatory course is possible, and in the arrangement of this the Worshipful Master will have ample opportunity for displaying that skill so essential in a ruler of the Craft.

ART, HISTORY, AND THE CRAFT.

IT almost goes without saying that anything relating to operative Masonry has or should have an interest for speculative Freemasons. Both arts are inseparably interwoven in history, and not less closely combined in our ritual. We make no apology, therefore, for calling the attention of our readers to the proposal for restoring Queen Eleanor's Cross at Waltham, Herts. The story of the origin of crosses identified with the name of the Consort of King Edward I. is well known. As an example of wifely devotion it deserves to be held in remembrance, and as an heroic act it ranks among the bravest. The King had received a thrust from a poisoned dagger, and his Queen sucked the poison from the wound, and thus saved his life. She further added to her claim to be considered a noble woman and a benefactor of the kingdom by "reconciling the malcontent Welshmen, and in securing their fealty to her infant son, thus becoming the originator of the title of the 'Prince of Wales.'" Originally there were twelve crosses which were erected to the memory of Queen Eleanor, but only three now remain. One of the most beautiful is that at Waltham, which bears date 1291 or 1292. The queen was the daughter of Ferdinand III., King of Castile and Leon, whose arms are cut at the lower part of the Cross—as are those of the Countess of Ponthieu, her mother—with those of England. The three beautiful statues of this queen, standing under the canopies of this monument, are stated

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to be the work of William de Ireland. To preserve the Waltham Cross, and to improve its position by opening up a new roadway, the sum of £3,000 will be required. Towards this sum an appeal is made to the Masonic Lodges to contribute. Most of the Lodges hitherto appealed to have responded favourably, and it is hoped that the rest will follow their example. We are reminded, in a circular issued by Bro. J. Tydeman P.M. 1327 and 1427, one of the hon. secretaries, of the connection between Queen Eleanor's Cross and our Masonic Order. It is not only a most artistic and beautiful monument, but it perpetuates the memory of a good woman, the ancestor of our Grand Master and the founder of his title. We earnestly hope that Bro. Tydeman will meet with the success the movement deserves. Contributions can be forwarded to the Secretaries of the Eleanor Cross Preservation Fund, Waltham Cross, Herts, of whom also can be obtained further information.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting of the brethren of Surrey was held on Saturday, 27th ult., at St. Mark's School, St. Andrew's Road, Surbiton, under the banner of the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1872. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Right Wor. Grand Master presided in person, and was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, J. M. Case P.G.D., and by the following Officers of the Province of Surrey:—Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. England Deputy Grand Master, H. C. Leigh-Bennett S.W., George Price Treasurer, C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Secretary, A. Laurence S.D., W. Gibbes J.D., F. Flood Supt. Works, Alfred Nuthall Sword Bearer, S. P. Catterson Standard Bearer, F. Cambridge Organist. H. J. Strong, M.D., P.P.G.W., G. B. Brodie P.P.S.G.W., G. Dundas P.P.J.G.W., H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D. P.P.J.G.W., H. E. Frances P.P.S.G.D., J. B. Boucher P.P.G.D., C. Belton P.P.G.D., J. Hamer Owens P.P.G.D., A. B. Taylor P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. Squire P.P.G.S.B., J. Rhodes P.P.G.O., A. Saxelby P.P.G.S., C. Ledger P.P.G.S., G. Porter P.P.G.S., &c.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the roll of Lodges was called over, and most of those in the district were found to be represented. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge held at Redhill last summer, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Schools, were confirmed. The Provincial Grand Master expressed the pleasure he experienced on the latter occasion in seeing so many Masons of his Province present to support him in welcoming the Grand Master. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was submitted and adopted. It showed that the funds of the Province were in a satisfactory condition, and recommended that sums should be voted to each of the Masonic Institutions, and also to the fund for the restoration of the local church. Sums of fifteen guineas were voted to each of the former, and one of ten guineas to the latter. Brother George Price was unanimously re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and then the other Provincial Grand Officers were appointed. In announcing that the Rev. Bro. Arnold had again undertaken the duties of Deputy, the Provincial Grand Master said he regretted the present would be the last occasion he should have the pleasure of appointing Bro. Arnold to the office, as that brother had intimated his desire to retire; indeed, he was about to leave England, so that it would not be possible to re-appoint him after the present year. General Brownrigg felt he should hardly be able to manage without Bro. Arnold, who for many years had taken a most prominent part in the Masonic affairs of the Province. He had been more than a right hand man to him, and whoever might be called upon to continue the work hitherto performed by Bro. Arnold, would find he had a very difficult example to follow. Bro. Arnold, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, expressed the pleasure he always felt in advancing the interests of Freemasonry, and also thanked the Masons of Surrey for the great kindness he had always received from them. His connection with the district would at all times be among his most pleasant memories of the past, and he hoped that the brethren of Surrey would long retain in their midst a memory of his connection with them. The other Provincial offices were filled as follows:—

Bro. the Earl of Onslow	Prov. G. Senior Warden
— Locke	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. Geoffrey Hughes ...	Prov. G. Chaplains
Rev. Herbert Turner... ...	
S. W. Lambert	Prov. G. Registrar
C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. England	Prov. G. Secretary
R. S. Hart	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
T. Wakley	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
J. G. Collier	Prov. G. Supt. Works
John Hooke	Prov. G. Director of Cer.
— Clayton	Prov. G. Assistant D.C.
George Porter	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
Joseph Steele	Prov. G. Standard Bearer
J. W. Baldwin	Prov. G. Assist. Stand. Bearer
G. S. Dunkley	Prov. G. Organist
W. T. Catterson jun. ...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
E. Nichols	Prov. G. Asst. Pursuivant
Jepps, Thomson, Hagerty, Lane, Stillwell, A. J. Greenwood	Prov. G. Stewards

Bro. Arnold was called upon by the Provincial Grand Master and addressed the brethren as to the advisability of more united action in regard to the support rendered by the Province to the Masonic Charities. Votes were frequently lost by reason of their not being forwarded to the Provincial representatives, while others were frequently given to outside applicants, to the detriment of Surrey candidates. In view of the strong organisations existing in neighbouring districts it was imperative that every vote should be made available, and that every support should be given to Surrey cases, otherwise they would be left out from the benefits of the Institutions. The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight endorsed the remarks of Bro. Arnold, and referred to the ever increasing difficulty which surrounded the elections for the Masonic Charities. Nothing but unanimity in a Province could ensure success for its candidates. After the transaction of business of a formal character Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to St. Andrew's Church, where a special service was held. The anthem "Send out Thy light" (Gounod) was well rendered, and a sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Geoffrey Hughes, M.A., of Dorking, Provincial Grand Chaplain. Our reverend brother selected for his text Acts xvii. 25, 26.

"He giveth to all life and breath, and all things, and hath made of one blood all nations of men."

The preacher said—There can be no doubt that in the history of religion the narrowness of human sympathy, as well as of the human intellect, forms a conspicuous feature. It has been so in the past, as the records of many persecutions may remind us, and it is so in the present time, wherein, as we must confess, much uncharitableness is still allowed to wear the cloak of religion. It is scarcely necessary to say that such narrowness of heart does not rightly belong to any form of truth, it is an encumbrance to it, in fact often a very contradiction. And if sometimes we are troubled by hard actions performed, or harsh judgments uttered in the name of the religion which we profess; if sometimes, as may be possible, faith itself is shaken by the unloveliness of what is called religious principle, let us remember that God's ways are not man's ways, and attempt by a study of the Holy Word to shake off what is merely human corruption, and to find what is true in the truth of God. When the apostles of Jesus Christ were commissioned to carry His Gospel to all the world, they were encountered with the difficulties of the sort referred to in a remarkable degree. Perhaps to no one more than to St. Paul would it have seemed a matter of course at one time that the greater part of the world was alienated irrevocably from God; he might have thought, as a Jew of the Jews, a Pharisee of the Pharisees, that he himself and some others, comparatively few, were chosen, elect, precious, but that most men were lost. In this is one effect of his conversion marked, that when in the course of his mission work he had to preach especially to Gentiles, he was able to tell them of God's universal mercy. As when he came to Athens and saw the city wholly given to idolatry, he used no words of burning contempt, as if he would destroy them from the height of his superior attainments, but in the knowledge that the God who made him made them also, the God who sustained him sustained them also, he preached the universal Fatherhood of God—not excluding indeed future judgment for them and for himself as well—but for the present showing a universal call to mercy. *He* the one Great God, giveth to *all* life and breath and all things, and hath made of one blood all nations of men. The text may be regarded briefly by us in two aspects: 1st, as a proclamation of the One Creator; 2nd, as a declaration of the unity of mankind. The two truths are intimately connected; they teach us of the Universal Fatherhood and of the Universal Brotherhood, and though men may dream of separating these two, yet, as has long ago been shown, they are inseparable. Attempts may be made, and have been made, and are being made, to teach that man ought to love man, but need not love God; to arrange an aggregate of men who shall call each other brethren, but shall have no common Father. It is easy to teach, but to carry this to the desired practical result is impossible. If a man wishes to please himself, to love himself, and hate or despise or neglect his neighbour, he will do so in spite of teaching until you give him a principle of action greater than himself to which he must bow; and this we have in God the Universal Father, and in the gifts of His love which compel us to answer love with love. This is no opportunity now to argue on the fact asserted in the text that He, God, giveth to all life and breath and all things; but it is fitting that we should now echo such words with thankfulness, bow our own hearts to the great truth, and stand strongly in our own peculiar brotherhood upon the ground which has been maintained (which others have endeavoured to shake) that as Freemasons we acknowledge now and for ever as supreme the Great Architect of the Universe, being convinced that those who reject that mighty divine Fatherhood thereby completely undermine the essential principle of human brotherhood. But passing on from this foundation, I would ask you to think for a moment of the oneness of mankind, the unity of the race,—"He hath made of one blood all nations of men." In the origin of our race we are one. Daily experience goes far to teach us that the unity of human nature still exists. In spite of differences we easily recognise a community of needs, of desires, of faculties, thoughts, and habits. We are alike in body and in mind, and more wonderful still, we are alike in spirit, in having similar spiritual satisfactions and similar spiritual longings. So much alike are we in these things, that it becomes almost easy to regard ourselves as just so many manifestations of the one animating principle, whether bodily, mental, or spiritual, only slightly differenced by circumstances. In one regard, indeed, we are many individuals, yet are we not — we cannot be separate. We are not as the stones upon the sea beach, of which we may count any number together and similar to each other, yet we recognise in them no unity; one may be removed here, another there, indifferently in a thousand ways, yet no real tie is either formed or severed. Man is not only like man, he belongs to man; together they form one whole. Trace it from the relation-

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ships of family, parent, child, brother, sister, are one; form, feature, faculty, even character and habit, spring up we scarcely know how to tell of this unity; and if within the bonds of a single family it be true, it must remain true throughout the race that has a common origin, that human nature is one, created and sustained as a universal brotherhood. I have already noticed how religious truth is apt to be marred by human narrowness. The truth which religion asserts is this, that men are brethren; the narrowness of man replies that these brother men shall be as few as possible. There is no doubt a natural tendency also to this. The earliest vivid experiences of life are those which concern the child's own needs, pleasures, or pains; it is only gradually that the circle of sympathy can be enlarged for the admission of the pleasures, pains, and needs of others, parents, brothers, sisters, neighbours, fellow-countrymen, mankind at large. To make use of an old comparison, it was once only possible for astronomers to consider the earth which we inhabit as itself the centre of the Universe, about which all the other heavenly bodies must move in attendance; now we are known to be scientifically small and humble indeed among the vast magnitudes and spaces which the Great Architect has arranged. Man's moral narrowness has in like manner often led him to think himself the one important being to whom all around must minister, or, next to this, to admit into the select number whom he will call brethren as few of his fellow creatures as possible. Thus we have selfishness of all kinds, personal and social. Oh, let us lift up some voice against this false spirit of isolation. The *One Great God is our Universal Father*. Shall we not open our understandings and hearts as widely as the truth demands, and at least aim at the Universal Brotherhood? Yes, surely an appeal for wide-embracing love will meet with ready response amongst us to-day. Have we not already found in the midst of the mysteries of our Craft an ever-abundant stream of sympathy and brotherly love? In our own Brotherhood let us keep such an object in view; for we are in possession of a means very powerful for such an end. Already the ties of love with us are acknowledged to be extensive, spread as they are over the face of the globe; we, if any, are men who ought easily to learn that love is to be without limit. Ready with words of sympathy we should be, active in works of charity, zealous in all that can promote the good of mankind. The opportunities presented to us are abundant, let us not fail to use them, and to act on the principles of our Craft, which are those of true religion. So we shall ourselves be honouring our brotherhood, and be teaching others to honour it. For men assuredly will honour that which is effectual in making life more full of love. When it is found that we as Freemasons can indeed lay aside our quarrels, that to us the appeal, made elsewhere in vain, "Sirs, ye are brethren," comes in the midst of strife with a power of command. When it is found that we can and do use the Craft in such manner as to become at the same time more loving husbands and parents, truer friends, and better citizens, then will the blessing of Almighty God be recognised as working with us. Freemasonry will be known even to the uninitiated to be not against religion, not instead of religion, but as a most effectual agent, a ministering handmaid, in the service of religion. So, brethren, may the bonds that unite us symbolize and teach a universal love. May the brotherhood of earth, by-and-bye, enlarge into the complete fulness of the brotherhood of heaven. We can speak of heaven, for we acknowledge God; and know that, as He is maker of heaven as well as of earth, so, hereafter as well as now, there as well as here, He will be the One Giver, still the Universal Father of those who are members of the Universal Brotherhood.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet in the St. Mark's School, and here also the Provincial Grand Master presided. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung, and then the toast list of the day was commenced. In proposing the first, the Queen and the Craft, General Brownrigg said that while anything approaching politics should be avoided at Masonic meetings, they could but express their sympathy with Her Majesty, who had recently, for upwards of a week, really been without advisers in the government of Her great Empire. This toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the president gave that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince of Wales had for many years ably presided over English Freemasonry and took a great interest in its working. He (General Brownrigg) was one of the oldest members of the Alpha Lodge, in which the Grand Master had recently initiated his eldest son into the mysteries of the Order. The brethren must of course look forward to the time when the young Prince might be called upon to rule over the Craft, and naturally take great interest in anything which brought him nearer to them. He had not only been struck by the way in which the ceremony had been performed by the Prince of Wales, but also by the attention paid by the young prince during his initiation. He had evidently appreciated the position in which he was placed. The toast was duly honoured, and followed by a song. The next toast was that of the Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master felt extreme diffidence in submitting this toast to the notice of the brethren from the fact that he was, in a measure, proposing his own health, he having occupied the position of Senior Warden in Grand Lodge some thirty-two years back. There was no duty actually defined for the Grand Officers, and no duties actually laid down for them. Their work was to carry out the principles of Freemasonry, and promote its welfare. One could but be struck by the number of prominent members of the new government who were also prominent members of the Masonic Order, and no doubt they had the best wishes of their brother Masons. Bro. Case replied. The Provincial Grand Master had said that after thirty-two years' association with the toast he felt a diffidence in proposing the health of the Grand Officers, how much greater difficulty was it to adequately respond to it? The Grand Officers filled duties of a very important character in the Craft, and many of them had recently been called upon by the Queen to fulfil duties of importance in the country. The duties they fulfilled in the Craft they carried out most satisfactorily, and he felt sure they would be equally efficient in their prominent positions in the state.

Bro. Arnold proposed the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. It was not necessary to say much in introducing this toast, because General Brownrigg was universally beloved by the Masons of the Province. The result of his rule was that they had a district working in peace and harmony, and prospering in a most satisfactory manner. He thought if they looked all round England they could not find a single Masonic Province with which they would rather be associated than with Surrey. He concluded by asking the brethren to drink the toast and join him in the hope that General Brownrigg might long have health and strength to manage the affairs of the district. The chairman, replying, said it was thirteen years since he had the honour of being appointed as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. There were then nine Lodges for him to rule over; now they had more than three times as many. He could not say this increase had given rise to an unmixed feeling of gratification, for while Freemasonry had so largely increased, his difficulties in the management of the Province had also increased, and in no particular more so than in the appointment of Officers year by year. He hoped the appointments he had made that day had met the approval of the brethren of the Province generally. He had always received the most gratifying support from the Masons of his district, but from none more so than from he whose health he was about to propose—Bro. Arnold, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He had been inclined to rejoice in the past in possessing so distinguished a Mason for his Deputy, and now that Bro. Arnold was about to leave he felt more like chanting a funeral dirge over his loss. He had often thought and said how fortunate he was as compared with other of his friends in a similar position, and felt it would indeed be a hard time for him when Bro. Arnold really left the Province. He wished him God speed in his new home, and hoped he would long cherish the memory of his association with the Masons of Surrey, by whom he would ever be remembered. With the toast was coupled the health of the Provincial Grand Officers generally. Bro. Arnold tendered his thanks, both on behalf of the Provincial Officers and on his own. He stood before them on what he might term a very painful occasion, for although he then stood in the position most men were proud to achieve, he yet felt his retirement from activity among them would be a painful matter. His being obliged to sever himself from Freemasonry in Surrey was among his greatest regrets. For nine years he had occupied the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and those nine years had been most pleasant ones to him—there having scarcely ever been a case of difficulty in the Province throughout the entire term. In taking farewell of them—for he was afraid he should not be with them at their next meeting—he assured them he should always cherish memories of his connection with the Province of Surrey. The next toast was that of the Charities, and was proposed by Bro. Arnold, who again urged the necessity for united action in the district. General Brownrigg proposed the toast of the entertaining Lodge, complimenting them on the way in which they had carried out their work, and the taste they had displayed in the decorations of the table and rooms. Bro. Sebastian Hart, whose performance on the organ during the Church service had been referred to in most complimentary terms by the Provincial Grand Master, responded. This was certainly the most difficult part of his duty that day. He thanked the brethren for their presence, and was pleased to hear his Lodge had given satisfaction in the arrangements they had made. The Masters of the other Lodges in the Province were next toasted, and to this Bro. Langton, W.M. of the newly-consecrated George Price Lodge, replied. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the toast of the representatives of the Press—a class, he said, eminently useful in recording the doings of the Craft and in criticising its members whenever criticism was deserved. Bros. E. Massey, Morgan and others replied, and then Bro. C. T. Speight, the Provincial Grand Tyler, gave the concluding toast of the evening, this bringing the proceedings to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual meeting of the brethren of Kent was held at Gravesend on Wednesday, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale. The Prov. Grand Master was supported by the following Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge: James Smith Eastes Deputy Grand Master, R. T. Tatham Senior Warden, Rev. V. S. Vickers Chaplain, B. Kelly Thorpe Treasurer, Alfred Spencer Secretary, T. R. S. Champion Senior Deacon, Thomas Watson and F. Klatt Junior Deacons, Richard Dartnell Superintendent of Works, John Wyer Deputy Director of Ceremonies, John T. Reeves Assist. D. of C., James Husband Sw.Bearer, E. Kipps Organist, A. W. Wells, J. M. Browning, E. Fenn, C. F. Wacher Stewards, Robert Eastly Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer were submitted and adopted, after which Bro. B Kelly Thorpe was re-elected to the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, and the following brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:

Bro. J. S. Eastes	Deputy G. Master
Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bt., M.P., P.M. 1837	Senior Warden
Horatio Ward P.M. 31	Junior Warden
Rev. V. S. Vickers P.M. 199	Chaplains
Rev. J. P. Syrèe P.M. 709	Chaplains
B. K. Thorpe	Treasurer
Alfred Spencer	Secretary
J. Gissman Chillingworth P.M. 1973	Registrar
R. Clay Sudlow P.M. 1935	Senior Deacons
C. F. Wacher P.M. 1209	Senior Deacons
Arthur Carter W.M. 77	Junior Deacons
Edwin Fenn P.M. 1208	Junior Deacons
J. M. Browning P.M. 784	Supt. of Works
A. W. Wells P.M. 299	Director of Cers.

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J. W. Penton P.M. 133	-	Deputy D. of Cers.
Herbert Black P.M. 1273	-	Assistant D. of Cers.
T. C. Newsom P.M. 1692	-	Sword Bearer
G. Spinks P.M. 1536	-	Standard Bearers
Henry Doughty P.M. 483	-	Standard Bearers
W. Barlow P.M. 77	-	Organist
H. S. Watts P.M. 1206	-	Assist. Secretary
F. J. C. May P.M. 1063	-	Pursuivant
Saml. Varren P.M. 184	-	Assist. Pursuivant
Francis W. Prescott P.M. 199	-	Stewards
Charles Gray Long P.M. 503	-	Stewards
G. L. Hart P.M. 558	-	Stewards
Abel Fenfold P.M. 913	-	Stewards
John Welsh P.M. 972	-	Stewards
N. Wimble W.M. 1464	-	Stewards

The notices of motion formally submitted were then considered. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master proposed that the recommendations of the Charity Committee be adopted; these comprised two grants of £10 each, one of £15, two of £20, and one of £30. Bro. Eastes seconded, and the votes were unanimously agreed to. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed that the sum of fifty guineas be voted to the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be paid in the name of the Provincial Grand Secretary, making him Vice Patron of the Institution; and that grants of £21 each from the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund, on behalf of the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, be given to the Benevolent Institution, the Girls' School, and the Boys' School. These grants were unanimously confirmed, as also were the following:—£21 each to the Girls' School on behalf of Lodge No. 1208 Dover, 1209 Ramsgate, 1223 Westerham, and 1273 Sittingbourne; £10 10s each to the Boys' School on behalf of Lodges 1209 Ramsgate, 1223 Westerham, 1273 Sittingbourne, 1314 Bromley, 1414 Sevenoaks, 1424 Chatham, 1436 Sandgate, and 1449 Canterbury; and £21 each to the Benevolent Institution on behalf of Lodges 1314 Bromley, and 1414 Sevenoaks. These grants made a total of three hundred and ten guineas voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Masonic Charities, thus distributed:—110 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 100 guineas to the Boys' School, and 100 guineas to the Girls' School. The Provincial Grand Master proposed that the hearty thanks of the Freemasons of Kent be voted to Bro. Warne for his continued care in editing the Manual of the Province. The brethren were aware of the little work compiled by Bro. Warne, which each year was becoming more useful and, he was pleased to say, better appreciated. Bro. Eastes seconded the proposition, which was supported by the acting S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. Warne thanked the brethren for the high compliment they had paid him for the very small service he was able to render to the district. Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren proceeded to St. George's Church, where Divine service was held. The sermon was preached by Rev. V. S. Vickers Prov. Grand Chaplain. On the return of the brethren to Lodge the Provincial Grand Master proposed votes of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Gravesend for the use of the Town Hall, to Rev. R. Joynes for the use of the church, and to the Provincial Grand Chaplain for his admirable sermon. These propositions were unanimously agreed to, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The collection at the church realised £15 16s, of which £7 18s was devoted to the Organ Fund of the church and £7 18s to the Masonic Charities. This latter amount was made up to £10 10s by the brethren of the entertaining Lodge—Freedom, No. 77. The brethren then proceeded to the new Falcon Hotel, where the annual banquet was held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. Among those who signed the attendance register were Bros. Frank Hitchens 77, H. Sole W.M. 158, R. H. Plattin 158, D. Walter 125, J. Brown 1076, Henry Oldham 1365, W. W. Morgan jun., D. Keyse 1314, J. G. Chillingworth P.G.R., E. J. Godall W.M. 1531, E. Collard P.M. 19, J. Bandeanx P.P.S.G.D., T. F. Cooper 1536, W. Moulds W.M. elect 1536, W. Seager 1536, Flaxman Sparrell 615, J. Simmons, J. Goldfinch, Geo. Green P.M. 158, D. G. Chason 77, E. Walker 1766, H. Robson 503, G. Barton W.M. 1915, F. Hornis P.M. 31, Joseph Storey P.P.G.S. of W., W. A. Smeeth P.P.G.A.P., T. Puzey P.P.G.D.C., G. Willson 199, F. Mitchell 77, J. W. Piper 503, Thomas Cruttenden 503, J. Horton 913, A. E. Cranfield 373, A. R. Britten W.M. 829, J. Goldfinch P.M. 133, H. Ward P.M. 31, C. Hind 299, W. Denne W.M. 1206, E. Hire W.M. 125, C. J. Davison, G. Culver 125, G. Harvey 77, H. A. Hayward 77, A. Fien P.G.C., H. H. Green P.M. 709, R. French P.M. 483, W. Newey 77, C. S. Bow 503, W. J. Smith 77, W. Greig 299, R. Beamish 77, W. H. Hedger 77, R. Hyde 77, Edgar Bowyer Past G. St.B. England, W. W. Simmons, S. Varren P.M. 184, A. H. Bateman W.M. 1973, W. Kipps P.P.G.O., Silas Wagon 1063, C. Graham W.M. 874, J. Spurge 77, J. King Sec. 1692, M. J. Dickins 1692, W. W. Thomas, E. E. Elverston 1314, W. J. Hayward 483, E. Wallis 77, W. R. Green 77, W. F. Lukes, Jesse Thomas P.P.G.S.W., James Barnes 20, J. Bailey, J. Eldridge 558, H. McLachlan 1436, C. Russell 1436, T. Deane P.M. 77, G. Adamson P.P.G.A.D.C., Noah Martin P.P.G.S.B. P.M. 299, J. Brock P.M. 299, John Parsons P.M. 829, Jonas Hill W.M. 483, H. S. Watts P.M. 1206, R. Pickering P.M. 483, Allan Nutt P.M. 184, Frederick Nicholls 1050, J. W. Webb P.P.S.G.D., F. J. C. May P.P.G.P., G. Baker 503, T. Coury 1174, G. F. Busbridge P.P.A.G.Sec., Wm. Brodie P.P.G.D. Devon, W. Paine 2046, J. W. Penton P.M. 133, Y. Terry 20, Henry Shaw, C. R. Cockburn W.M. 20, G. Munro 20, F. Teece 77, W. Francis P.M. 558, H. Waite 558, W. Griffin, J. Sherwood jun., W. Worsell 558, G. L. Hart I.P.M. 558, R. Goulden 558, C. Tayler P.M. 1624, Loftus Banks, S. H. Davis 1837, A. Penfold P.M. 913, C. Constance P.P.J.G.W., G. R. Boulton 1314, C. E. Birch I.P.M. 1223, T. J. Perkins W.M. 1208, H. T. Samson W.M. 1436, D. White 1436, J. W. Sutherland 223, J. J. Hamilton P.P.S.G.W., H. George P.G.D. of C. Notts, G. Smith P.M. 1536, A. Bonnett 77, John Aillud W.M. 615, R. Holland 77, G. B. Cobham 20, H. J. Bagshaw P.M. 548, E. Baker 77, E. W. Robins P.M. 483, A. C. Bassenden 503, G. W. Mitchell 615, C. Burley Past Master, C. W. Young, T. R. Spain, Cn White Past Master 299, R. C. Sadlow Past Master 1965, F. S. Warne P.M. 20, J. Kennett P.M. 558, G. B. Chapman P.M. 27, C. E. Hatten P.P.S.G.D., F. J. Leale P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Iron W.M. 1273, H. Morris 1273, G. Goble 1273, P. Brannick W.M. 1967, T. W. Wallis 483, T. Wills P.P.S.G.D., T. W. Page 299, A. W. Wells P.M. 299 P.G.S., W. Hollis Treas. 1531, T. Comerford 1536, P. Jones 1837, W. Roots 1273, A. Petts 558, S. Joseph W.M. 558, P. Bond P.M. 1314, J. Payne, 558, E. E. Cronk P.M. 1414, T. Goodhan 558, C. J. Craig P.M. 1223, Harry Hyssett 1222, Arthur Carter W.M. 77, G. F. Newman I.P.M. 77, J. Hartley, LL.D., P.P.G.W. West Yorks, Alfred Spencer Prov. G. Sec., B. S. Wilmot P.P.G.R., W. Hills P.P.G.D., W. E. Hollingum P.P.S.G.D., Henry Doughty P.P.G.S.B., Rev. Hayman Cummings P.P.G.C., W. Barlow P.G.O., G. T. King P.P.G.A.P., T. C. Newsom P.M. 1692, C. Stratfern P.M. 483, J. Thornhill W.M. 503, J. Gray 503, P. A. Frost 784, E. G. Walthew Sec. 915, &c., B. Lightfoot 1915, F. W. Prescott P.M. 199, W. D. Young 31, J. W. Bussey 199, G. J. Bussey 199, D. W. Langton W.M. 1063, E. Jarvis 1063, Thomas Wyles P.P.G.D., John Smith I.P.M. 1967, W. Russell P.M. 77, J. C. Biggs P.M. 77, W. Jude P.M. 1063, J. C. G. Boorman 158, A. S. Baskett 158, W. Roberts 1506, G. Berry 77, C. T. Groves 77, W. A. Weston P.P.G.S.B., W. Rowlstone 1313, C. Kingsmill 125, W. B. Lloyd P.M. 913, John Coombes P.M. 829, W. Wimble W.M. 1464, Walter Harper 299, T. Morris 503, W. Bedford, G. Orford 503, E. Haswell 503, G. Ker P.P.S.G.D., C. G. Long P.P.G.S., &c., &c.

The banquet was well served, and at its conclusion Lord Holmesdale proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. This was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. When we consider, said the Provincial Grand Master, how much time and how much ability his Royal Higness dedicates to Freemasonry, we should be more ungrateful than the usual run of Englishmen if we did not drink one cordial toast to his health. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past was next given from the chair. With regard to the two first-named, Masons felt grateful to them for the amount of time they devoted, and the ability they displayed in carrying on the work of the Craft. They could, however, scarcely do their work without the assistance of the other brethren comprised in the toast—the Grand Officers. It was not his intention to couple the name of the Senior Grand Officer then among them, as he was one of themselves, and would have to respond later on to the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. They had Bro. Bowyer present, and his name would be coupled with the toast. Bro. Bowyer had done them the honour of attending some of their previous meetings, and they were always pleased to see him. Bro. Bowyer replied. As the Prov. Grand Master had said, the two noblemen whose names were first mentioned in the toast had performed most worthily and most faithfully the duties they were called upon to fulfil in Grand Lodge. He trusted the goodwill and popularity invariably shown towards the Pro Grand Master in Grand Lodge would be but the forerunner of the goodwill and popularity which he would experience in his new position in the Sister Isle. Brother Eastes Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the next toast—the health of the Provincial Grand Master. He should have great diffidence in doing so did he not know that the value the Freemasons of Kent attached to their Provincial Grand Master would fully compensate for any shortcomings on his part in submitting the toast. The occasion was a somewhat special one — it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the installation of Lord Holmesdale as Provincial Grand Master, which ceremony was also performed at Gravesend. Bro. Eastes well remembered that meeting, and no doubt there were many others present who also remembered it. At that time it was looked upon as a grand thing for Kentish Freemasonry that it should have Lord Holmesdale at its head, but it had proved to be very much more. At the time of Lord Holmesdale's installation there were 17 Lodges in the Province, with a membership of 810 brethren; now they had 51 Lodges, with upwards of 2,800 subscribing members. The presidency of Lord Holmesdale had truly been a great event for the Kentish brethren, and in no respect was this more apparent than in connection with the Masonic Charities. Whereas then the Prov. Grand Lodge contributed some £70 or £80 a-year, now their contributions amounted to something like £400 per annum. An immense amount of the prosperity of the district was due to their chief, who was not only known and respected in his Province, but also throughout the Craft, his presidency in the chair of Grand Lodge, or at one or other of the Festivals of the Charities having gained for him the respect of all. His advocacy of the claims of the Boys' School, three years back, had resulted in the grandest total being contributed to that Charity ever known in connection with any Charitable Association in the world. Lord Holmesdale replying said, it was the custom with many whose words and deeds would not comfortably go together to say a great deal had happened since then. A great deal had happened since he had been installed as Provincial Grand Master of Kent. He hoped the 25 years during which he had presided over them had been years of property to Freemasonry in his district. He was honestly proud of his Province, which had risen from seventeen Lodges to fifty-one, and was shortly to be increased to fifty-three. The increase had been followed by increased desire to do good. Their system of Charity Organisation—which had been copied by almost every other Province in the country—had materially helped them. Looking back he could but remember the many distinguished Masons who had assisted him in the work of the Province, and while he regretted that very many of them had passed away, he felt that if they could see the present state of the Province they would be repaid for the share they had taken in advancing it. Four years since he had attained his majority as Provincial Grand Master, and had then received such a testimonial from his brethren as he thought no other Master had had. The silver vases then given him had been objects of regard ever since, and would remind him—should his interest in

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the Province ever lessen—of what he owed to them. He felt, however, that even if he was spared for another twenty-five years to occupy the position of Provincial Grand Master he should never be lacking in sympathy for Freemasonry in Kent. He had had a most pleasing term of office. Only once had he been called upon to adjudicate on a case of dispute in the Province. He hoped as time went on the toast of his health would not be received with less cordiality than it had been received that night—while he was received in such a manner he should know that Freemasonry in Kent was prospering, and that he was carrying out his duties to their satisfaction. Lord Holmesdale then proposed the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. When on the death of the former Deputy he had had to look around for a brother to assist him in the government of the Province it was fortunate he had selected Bro. Eastes, who had proved a most valuable Deputy. They divided the work among them. Bro. Eastes took all the blame and he all the credit, but he might say very little fell to the share of Bro. Eastes, while, thanks to him, very much came to his. Bro. Eastes had but one object in view—the improvement of Freemasonry in the Province of Kent. He hoped it would be many years before he was absent from his proper place at or near the right hand of the Provincial Grand Master. The toast met a most enthusiastic reception. Bro. Eastes found it a very difficult matter to adequately acknowledge the kindness shown him during the past eleven years. His chief regret was that he was not able to visit the many Lodges for which he received invites, and which he should like to attend. He felt sure that if their Provincial Grand Master should feel disposed to preside at one of the Festivals of the Girls' School he would receive the hearty support of the Masons of Kent. He (Bro. Eastes) was very proud of his office in Grand Lodge, which he felt had been given him in consequence of his association with the Province of Kent. He hoped he might long live in the hearts of the brethren of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Col. King Harman, M.P., Prov. G. Master Meath responded. The brethren of Meath had lately gone through some very hard times, but their prospects were more encouraging. During the past ten years, however, they had not only increased the number of the brethren, but also of the Lodges, while they had resuscitated three Lodges which had lain dormant for some time. He felt sure the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, would receive a degree of support from the Masons of Ireland which he would fully appreciate. He had been struck by one part of the day's proceedings in particular—the visit of the brethren to church. It was not the custom to attend Divine Service on such occasions in Ireland, but the lesson he had to-day learnt he should endeavour to inculcate in his own Province, at least. The toast of the Provincial Grand Officers was next given. The brethren must regret the absence of the Senior Warden of the year from their meeting, but his duties in Ireland called him away, and his excuse for non-attendance was a good one. The Junior Grand Warden had been obliged to leave, he having a long journey before him, and the arrangements of the South-Eastern Railway waiting for no man. Luckily, however, Kent had never been wanting for good Officers, or good deputies for those unable to remain. Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings replied. The Senior Warden of the year regretted his other duties had called him away, while the brethren rejoiced that they had among them so distinguished a brother in whom to repose confidence. The Grand Officers of Kent had ever been found first and foremost in aiding the Provincial Grand Master, and he felt those appointed that day would not be exceptions to the rule. Bros. Compland and Spurrell also replied. The health of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary was then proposed. Lord Holmesdale felt the brethren were certain to honour the toast of the Treasurer if they lightly passed over the other Officers, inasmuch as the Treasurer was their own choice. He felt, however, the brethren could not have done better than re-elect Bro. Thorpe, who had served them so well in the past. Were they to search the Province round it was doubtful whether they would find a more suitable brother for the post or one who would give greater satisfaction. The proposition of Bro. Spencer's health as Prov. Grand Secretary had come to be a most monotonous affair. Year after year he had nothing fresh to say—it was always the same story—he had performed his work ably and creditably; indeed, it would almost become a welcome relief if Bro. Spencer would occasionally make a mistake, in order that there might be something fresh to speak about in connection with him. The Prov. Grand Treasurer tendered his thanks. It was indeed a great honour to him to be re-elected, for the tenth time, as Treasurer. They had that day voted upwards of £430 from Provincial Grand Lodge funds in the cause of charity, while during the last three years they had contributed £5,600 to the great Masonic Charitable Institutions. This proved that not only did the Kentish brethren enjoy themselves, but that they also carried out the grand object of Freemasonry—relief. Bro. Spencer followed. It would be his endeavour to disappoint the Provincial Grand Master in so far as giving him something fresh to talk about by making a mistake or neglecting his duties. Although at all times willing to follow the dictates of the P.G.M., this was a matter in which he should be justified in rebelling. He hoped to long enjoy the confidence and support of the Grand Lodge. Lord Holmesdale next submitted the toast of the Charities. The Kentish brethren never neglected the toast of the Masonic Charities, and more especially did they honour it when they had among them such a distinguished worker on behalf of the Institutions as Bro. Binckes, the energetic Secretary of the Boys' School. He felt, however, that the donations they were able to make were far more substantial evidence of their sincerity than any words he could utter. He should also ask the brethren to especially drink the health of Bros. Adamson and Russell, the representatives of the Province at the Elections. The task they carried out was no easy one; they performed it most satisfactorily. Bro. Binckes said that for the last quarter of a century he had been attending meetings of the brethren in Kent—Provincial Grand Lodge and otherwise. He always felt a pleasure in being among them, as he was certain of a hearty welcome. It was often a difficulty with him to find words in which to appeal for recognition of the Charities, but in Kent it was different, there the difficulty was to find words in which to express gratitude for what was done, not only for the Boys' School, with which he was more particularly associated, but for each of the Masonic Institutions. He was pleased to hear the Provincial Grand Master had not forgotten the grand achievement of the Craft in 1883, when he had so ably presided at the Festival of the Boys' School, and felt it was an event which would never be forgotten in connection with the cause of charity generally. He hoped the result of that year might not only be equalled, but that it might frequently be exceeded; yet the honour would ever remain to Kent that its Provincial Grand Master had presided at the most successful Charity Festival ever known at that time. Speaking of the result of the present years' Festival, Bro. Binckes expressed how pleased he was to find that next to the Province presided over by the Chairman of the day, Kent occupied the first place, while another gratifying fact in connection with the present year was, that the Steward supported by the largest list also came from Kent—Bro. Bolton, of the Acacia Lodge, having secured that honour, with a total of £132. It appeared to be the ambition of the Kentish Masons to take the lead among the supporters of the Institutions. There was another celebration during the present year, at which he hoped to see them occupy their usual prominent position—the corner stone of the Boys' Preparatory School was to be laid on the 11th August, by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. He hoped that not only would that distinguished lady be supported by a very large number of Masons, but also that a large amount would be subscribed to meet the necessary expenses of the addition which had been made to the buildings of the Institution. Bro. Binckes desired to add his testimony to the zeal and activity displayed by the two brethren whom the Provincial Grand Master had associated with him in the toast. It was impossible that the working of the elections could be entrusted to better hands. Bro. Adamson followed. He thought Kent might congratulate itself on the way in which the whole of their Charity arrangements were carried out. Their Provincial Grand Secretary would act as Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution at the Festival in February next, and would doubtless receive, as he deserved, a large amount of support from his brethren. Bro. Russell was delighted in being associated with the toast, as he felt the brethren were satisfied at the way in which their wishes were carried out. It was a very difficult matter to decide what should be done in the way of voting at the several elections, and the difficulty was becoming greater year by year as greater organisation was completed in the several Provinces. It was very easy the day after the election, with the full result sheet before one, to say what should have been done, but very difficult when working—in the dark as they really were—at the elections. He urged that all votes should be sent to the Prov. Committee signed, but not filled up for any particular candidate. Neglect of this latter rule not only gave additional trouble, but frequently led to the loss of votes at a time when they were particularly needed. The Provincial Grand Master proposed the health of the W.M. and brethren of the Entertaining Lodge (The Freedom, No. 77), wishing them every prosperity, and thanking them for their admirable arrangements, which had materially added to the enjoyment of those present. The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast. An excellent musical programme was gone through, the artistes being Bros. W. Sexton, E. Dalzell, F. H. Cozens, and Franklin Clive, each of whom ably acquitted himself.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Town Hall, Reading, under the presidency of Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who was supported during the meeting by the following Provincial Officers of the past year:—Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Deputy G. Master, Rev. John Atkins Assistant Chaplain, Charles Stephens P.M. 414 Treasurer, Robert Bradley P.M. 414 Secretary, John Goddard P.M. 771 Junior Deacon, S. J. Wheeler W.M. 414 Supt. of Works, H. L. Harris 948 Organist, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209 Assistant Secretary, Frank Weeden W.M. 1887 Pursuivant, Harry Martin 591, M. J. Withers 414, T. R. Vowles 1101, D. H. Witherington 414, Thos. Linscott W.M. 795 Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler, and others. Previous to the assembly of Provincial Grand Lodge the Finance Committee had met, and the accounts of the year had been audited. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and on the roll of Lodges being called over it was found all were represented. Several letters of apology were received from Provincial Grand Officers who were unable to attend. The minutes of the last annual meeting were confirmed. Report was made as to the consecration of the Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043, and then the Financial statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the report of the Charity Committee were considered. The General Fund of the Province showed a balance carried forward of £77 11s 3d, amongst the expenditure being a vote of twenty-five guineas to the Charity Fund. The Charity Fund itself was closed with a balance of £55 2s 6d, this year's grants from it totalling up to 115 guineas comprised of votes of ten guineas each to Lodges 209, 414, 591, 771, 1101 and 1566, and of five to Lodges 574, 795, 840, 945, 1110, 1501, 1639, 1770, 1787, 1894, and 1899. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported the number of members in the district as 808, and of Past Masters as 180, a state of affairs which Sir Daniel Gooch thought they might congratulate themselves upon. Speaking of the newly consecrated Kendrick Lodge, he said it was not at present a strong one, but no doubt it would enjoy the same amount of prosperity as had attended the other Lodges in Reading. In the death of Bro. Maxhay he felt the Province had lost a brother who had always striven to advance the interests of Free-

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masonry in the Province. The Provincial Grand Master announced that the next meeting of his Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury. Bro. Chas. Stephens was re-elected to the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, and suitably acknowledged the compliment paid him. The other Provincial offices were filled as follows :—

Bro. G. W. Dixon 209	Senior Warden
W. G. Flanagan 1101	Junior Warden
Rev. John Atkins 574	Chaplains
Rev. H. F. Oliver 1894	Chaplains
Charles Stephens 414	Treasurer
W. H. Belcher 574	Registrar
Robert Bradley 414	Secretary
L. Cooper 1410	Senior Deacon
M. J. Withers 414	Junior Deacon
Jas. Wilson 1787	Supt. of Works
C. Luker 1770	Dir. of Ceremonies
G. Stratton 591	Assist. D. of Cere.
F. Manley 771	Sword Bearer
S. Dyer 1887	Standard Bearer
S. R. Hayward 414	Organist
J. H. Hawkes 1101	Assistant Secretary.
W. E. Beale 1566	Pursuivant
C. J. Hawkes 414, Doran Webb 1894, A. W. Parry 414, L. N. Simms 591, A. Mayne 591, J. K. R. Fowler 414	Stewards
W. Hemmings	Tyler

The following brethren were invested with the Provincial Charity jewel :—Bros. M. J. Withers W.M. 414, S. Wheeler jun. P.M. 414 H. S. Hanington 574, Rev. F. W. Harnett 840, G. Saxby W.M. 915 J. E. Danks P.M. 1101, W. W. Ridley P.M. 1101, H. Arrowsmith S.W. 1566 and Henry King W.M. 1639. Provincial Grand Lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren proceeded to the adjoining Hall to banquet. At the conclusion of the dinner the usual toasts were honoured.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE eleventh Convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, 22nd ult. The M.E. Grand Superintendent of the Province, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., presided, and was supported by the following Provincial Officers: R. H. Thrupp H., W. Taylor J., W. A. Dawson S.N., H. G. Buss Treasurer, J. Faulkner S.B., G. J. Dunkley Organist, and J. Gilbert Janitor. Among the other Companions present were :—H. J. Adams, H. M. Gordon, J. W. Pearce, T. C. Walls, T. W. Greenwood, J. T. Biggs, J. J. Marsh, J. Inglis, J. Sadler Wood, J. W. Sanders, A. W. Wright, E. Dare, W. Fooks, C. Veal, C. W. Gray, J. B. Riley, T. Goodchild, A. C. Spaull, C. H. Webb, J. Green, C. Stevens, W. W. Morgan, H. Sapsworth, and W. H. Lee. The roll of Chapters in the Province was called over, and it was found that two of the number were unrepresented. The minutes of last Convocation having been verified, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, this showed a balance of £18 17s ; it was formally adopted. The appointments of the Provincial Grand H. and J. were then made, and was followed by the election of Provincial Gr. Treasurer. The Prov. Gr. Superintendent spoke of the services rendered by Comp. Buss, who had filled the office of Treasurer since the foundation of the Province, and now, he regretted to say, was compelled to retire in consequence of ill health. Companion Inglis was nominated for the office, and was unanimously chosen. The appointments were as follows :

Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp	H.
Dr. Riley	J.
James Inglis	Treasurer
W. Fooks	Registrar
J. F. H. Woodward	Scribe E.
T. W. Greenwood	S.N.
T. C. Walls	Principal Soj.
C. W. Gray	1st Asst. Soj.
C. Veal	2nd Asst. Soj.
Sadler Wood	Sword Bearer
W. H. Lee	Standard Bearer
C. Stevens	Organist
J. Gilbert	Janitor

A vote of five guineas from the funds of the Prov. G. Chapter was made to the Levander Fund, and after a vote of thanks had been accorded to the Companions of the Burdett Chapter for the way in which they had arranged for the reception of Prov. G. Chapter the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. The Companions afterwards dined together, when the usual Royal Arch toasts were honoured.

STOCKWELL CHAPTER, No 1399.

THE installation meeting of the above Chapter was held on the 23rd ult, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Comps. Sawyer M.E.Z., W. Vincent H., Pulman as J. Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The Auditors' report was read and adopted. A ballot was taken for a Companion for the office of H., to take the place of Comp. Boswell, who was elected at the last Convocation, but who had died in the interval. Comp. Frances P.Z. was unanimously chosen. Comp. W. Vincent was installed M.E.Z. by Comp. H. Frances P.Z. The M.E.Z. installed Comp. Goddard as J. in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Comps. Masters was invested S.E., Moss S.N., Pulman P.Z. Treas., Stewart P.S. Companions H. Vincent and C. Tayler were present as Visitors. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Sawyer. A letter of condolence was voted to be sent to the widow of the late respected Companion Boswell, and then the Chapter was closed until October. A banquet followed, when the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given.

A convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Nottinghamshire will be held at the Town Hall, Mansfield, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 2·30 p.m. Among the business to be transacted is the consecration of the Forest Chapter, No. 1852. A banquet will take place at the Swan Hotel, at 5 o'clock.

MARK MASONRY.

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

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday, the 25th ultimo. The Rev. Canon Portal, P.G. Mark Master, presided. After the transaction of the usual routine business of confirming minutes and receiving accounts, the Rev. Canon Portal said that he thought the time had arrived when he should vacate his position, and as this year the brethren would be called upon to make their triennial election of P.G. Mark Master he thought they should appoint some one to the office who could devote more time to the duties than he was able to do. He therefore proposed that Bro. Lord John Taylour P.G.S.W. should be the Provincial Grand Master. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, whilst acknowledging the high Masonic services of Lord John Taylour, said that the Province was proud of having at its head a Past Grand Master of the Order. He was sure after the able manner the Rev. Canon Portal had presided over them for the last fifteen years it would be the unanimous wish of the brethren that he should continue to hold office. He therefore moved a resolution to that effect. Bro. Lord John Taylour seconded the nomination, and Canon Portal having given his consent, he was unanimously re-elected. Bro. R. J. Rastrick was also elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The following were then appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year :—

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland	Deputy Master
Rev. J. N. Palmer 320	Senior Warden
S. T. Webb 37	Junior Warden
D. O. Hobbs 63	Master Overseer
D. Sydenham 125	Senior Overseer
R. Glasspool 54	Junior Overseer
Rev. — Pickering	Chaplains
Rev. W. C. Browne	Chaplains
R. J. Rastrick 17	Treasurer
G. J. Tilling 63	Secretary
R. W. Beale 17	Registrar of Marks
A. Dashwood 320	Senior Deacon
J. E. Buck 2	Junior Deacon
A. Greig 705	Supt. of Works
S. Clarke 63	Direc. of Ceremonies
H. M. Dunston 54	Assist. D. of Cere.
P. H. Emanuel 62	Sword Bearer
W. J. Rix 54	Standard Bearer
Rutland 140	Organist
Blackman 63	Inner Guard
J. Roberton 140	Stewards
J. Brickwood 2	Stewards
W. G. P. Gilbert 17	Stewards
Watson	Tyler

After the proceedings the brethren dined together. There was a large attendance of the members of the Province, including Bros. Lord John Taylour, M. E. Frost, G. F. Lancaster, R. Loveland, W. J. Hickman, A. R. Holbrook, G. J. Tilling, W. Horton, D. O. Hobbs, the Revs. J. N. Palmer, Dr. Ring, Pickering, and Browne, and Bros. G. A. Mursell, F. Powell, R. W. Mitchell, R. W. Beale, G. Whitehall, W. G. P. Gilbert, H. E. Loader, &c.—*Portsmouth Times.*

CONSECRATION OF THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 357.

THIS event took place on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under most favourable auspices as to the future of the new Lodge. Old and tried members met in force, and the element of fresh blood was not wanting to preserve, and it may be to increase the vigour of this branch of the Masonic Order. A sure foundation was laid, and we believe the superstructure will be worthy of the genius of the general body. The founders and numerous visiting brethren having assembled, Brother John Laurence Mather took the chair. He was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.G.J.O. as S.W., J. Syers J.W., W. G. Lemon M.O., W. Lake S.O., F. W. Driver J.O., F. Tyler S.D. The G. Organist, Bro. E. J. Hoare, acted as Organist, while among those present were the following :—Bros. W. Roebuck Grand Master's Lodge P.G.M.O., F. Binckes P.G.W. G. Sec., W. Rawston J.W. 13, W. J. Spurling Bon Accord, F. W. Driver G.S. P.M. 176, W. G. Lemon J.W. Bon Accord T.I., H. Hodges 257 G.S.W. Berks and Oxon, E. J. Mills S.W. 350, W. M. Stiles Old Kent T.I., D. Stroud D.C. Thistle, W. Lake Fortitude P.G. Reg., D. P. Cama 12 G. Stwd., W. Fisher W.M. 181, C. E. Soppet W.M. G. Stwd., W. B. Fendick W.S. 8, Egbert Roberts Organist 233, Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.W.,

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R. Goodinge, M.D., G.J.O., J. Moon Old Kent T.I., and Sir Francis Burdett Provincial Grand Master Middlesex. A Mark Lodge was formally opened, and a ballot taken for new members. Among them were Bros. J. E. Edwards, Robert Taylor, H. J. Davis, R. J. Petley, W. Clowes, J. Brill, B. Hardy, and W. Gomm, who were duly advanced to the degree of M.M. Mason, after some delay, which unfortunately interfered with the subsequent ceremony, and with the comfort of the brethren. Bros. J. L. Mather, A. Pears, and W. W. Morgan were affiliated. Under the presidency of Bro. Binckes, assisted by Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke Senior Warden and Bro. W. Roebuck Junior Warden, the consecration of the new Lodge was proceeded with. Bro. Binckes said he was there by command of the Grand Master, and by permission of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, to perform an agreeable duty. He expressed the pleasure he felt at having conferred upon him the privilege of performing this ceremony. Bro. Gardner Secretary pro tem read the petition; then followed the solemn service of consecration, concluding with the installation of Bro. Dr. Meadows as W.M., who appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Gardner S.W., F. Tyler J.W., A. Pears M.O., J. Syers S.O., J. Edwards J.O., F. Lawrence Treasurer, R. Taylor R.M., J. L. Mather Secretary, W. W. Morgan S.D., R. Petley J.D., A. Scarisbrick D.C., H. J. Davis I.G., W. Gomm and W. Clowes Stewards, J. Walckley Tyler. The Consecrating Officers, Bro. Binckes, Clerk, and Roebuck, on the motion of the W.M., were elected honorary members. Several brethren were proposed for advancement, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet that followed was worthy of the fame Bro. Brill has obtained as a caterer. The menu card was tastefully composed and printed, and the musical programme varied and attractive. Bros. Roberts and Probert displayed their usual power, and Bro. Hoare directed with skill. The first toast was the Queen and Mark Masonry, followed by the Most Worshipful the Earl of Kintore Grand Mark Master Mason and the Grand Lodge of England. Both toasts were suitably introduced by the W.M., and in reply to the latter Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke said he did not know why he had been called upon to respond, as he was not the senior Officer present, but he reciprocated the fraternal words that had been spoken. He alluded to the remarkable progress made by the Mark Degree, and concluded with the hope that he should continue to merit the esteem and goodwill of the brethren. Bro. Moon Mark Grand Treasurer also replied. In proposing, the health of the R.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. Prov. G.M.M.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, the W.M. said it was the toast of the evening. He felt proud of the honour of serving under their Provincial Grand Master, who had distinguished himself by his courtesy and Masonic ability, and to whom they owed their existence as a Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master acknowledged the pleasant compliments that had been paid him. At first he was elected for three years, but confidence had been renewed from time to time, until fifteen or sixteen years had passed. The proceedings that day had put new life into him, and he hoped to continue to labour in the future as he had done in the past,—for the good of the Order. He concluded by gracefully recognising the services of Bro. Brighten, the Provincial Grand Mark Secretary without whose help he could not so well have carried out his duties in the Province. The health of the Worshipful Master having been proposed, was received with great cordiality, and responded to in appropriate terms. The Worshipful Master proposed the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Fredk. Binckes. Accompanying the toast was the following quotation from Henry IV.:

> "A braver place
> In our heart's love hath no man."

The remarks of the W.M., coupled with the enthusiastic reception of the toast, seemed to touch Bro. Binckes, and in his reply he referred to the esteem he felt for Dr. Meadows, whom he thanked for kind reference to himself. He was glad to know that his zeal for Mark Masonry was recognised, and if he could truly believe that he deserved the praise contained in the quoted lines he should leave the room the happiest of Brother Masons. At first the Mark Degree was looked upon with coldness; it was now favoured by those occupying the highest positions in the Craft, including the Prince of Wales. Next June it would be twenty-five years since he became Grand Secretary, and although the Order was only then tolerated, he had lived to see it grow into a Constitutional Degree, recognised in every quarter as an integral part of the great family of Masonry. After alluding to the omission of portions of the consecration ceremony, which he felt was justified under the circumstances, he predicted a bright future for the new Lodge. The following toasts brought the proceedings to a close: Our newly advanced brethren, the Visitors, the Officers of the Chiswick Lodge No. 357, and Our poor and distressed Brethren. We should mention that each article of furniture, clothing, &c., was presented by the founders—the jewels, working tools and pedestals bearing an engraved silver plate with the name of each donor.

The consecration of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, will take place on Thursday, 9th inst., at Herne Bay, at one o'clock, after which Bro. Charles Frederick Wacher P.M. 1209 P.P.G.S. Kent, the W.M. designate, will be installed. The ceremonies will be performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Viscount Holmesdale, who will be assisted by Bro. J. S. Eastes, the Deputy of the Province, and other Provincial Grand Officers. A cold collation will be provided at the Pavilion, at 4 p.m., tickets for which (price 5s 6d each) may be had of Bro. Edward Eyre, the Secretary *pro tem*, Herne, Canterbury.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I again claim space in your columns to inform my Northern brethren what steps have been and are being taken to forward the formation of a Northern Counties Lodge in London?

It has been felt for some time past that a Lodge formed of brethren born north of the Trent, although now resident in or near London, or who were initiated in a Lodge in the districts named, would be sure to meet with hearty approval, and be a sort of rallying point for such brethren, and also for those brethren whose business brings them periodically to London. With the view of carrying this into effect, a number of brethren met at 16A Great Queen-street, by the kind permission of Bro. George Kenning, on Thursday last, the 25th inst., when representatives from West Yorkshire, North and East Yorkshire, East Lancashire, West Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham, and Northumberland were present, and the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

1st. That it is desirable to form a Lodge composed of brethren members of Lodges, or who have been initiated in Lodges, north of the Trent.

2nd. That all brethren now living in London, born in any province north of the Trent, shall also be eligible for membership.

3rd. That the Lodge shall be called "The United Northern Counties Lodge."

4th. That candidates for initiation, duly proposed and seconded, shall be eligible for the ballot as members of the Lodge, who were born in any province north of the Trent, or who at present reside, or have resided in such district for not less than five years.

It was further decided to recommend to the brethren forming the Lodge that the initiation fee be in accordance with the new Book of Constitutions. That the joining fee and annual subscriptions be moderate; that each brother shall pay for his own refreshment; and that no refreshments be paid for out of the Lodge funds except by special vote of the Lodge.

Also that there be a Lodge of Instruction fortnightly, or otherwise as may be decided, at which all brethren from the northern counties, being in London on business, may attend and introduce a brother from the districts named.

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday, the 23rd July, at the same time and place, and a Committee of five brethren was appointed to make certain inquiries, and to report at the adjourned meeting.

I hope that as the movement is now fairly started, brethren who approve of it and are desirous of helping it forward will oblige by sending their names, with full particulars as to Lodge, rank, &c., to me at my office with as little delay as possible, and will make a point of attending the next meeting. I may also add that what has already been done is only preliminary and open to alteration as to details, I will therefore fraternally ask for any suggestions from brethren which are likely to assist in perfecting the scheme.

In conclusion, I will thank you in anticipation, and before closing say, that it is suggested to meet four times a year, either the day before or the day after Grand Lodge meeting, or else near the Masonic Festivals or Elections. Opinions on this point are invited.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND,

P.M. 1611, P.P.G.J.W. North and East Yorkshire.

110 Cannon Street, London, E.C., 29th June.

A confirmation of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on the 18th ult., at St. Peter with St. Paul Church, Battersea-rise, by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, at which 36 of the children were confirmed. The Bishop was attended by several of the clergy of the neighbourhood, including Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke and Rev. J. Toone Chaplain of the Institution. After the confirmation, the Bishop having expressed a wish to see over the Institution, was conducted there by the Chaplain, accompanied by the other clergymen. He was received by Bros. Rucker, Richardson, Grey, and Matthews, representing the House Committee, also Miss Jarwood, the Matron, Miss Davis, the Head Governess, and the other members of the staff. His lordship having inspected the Institution, the children went through their calisthenic exercises, and were most kindly addressed by the Bishop, who, in giving advice and encouragement to them, congratulated them on their behaviour and happy looks, and expressed a wish to bring his own family with him on some future occasion.

The Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094, will be consecrated at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 11th instant.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 11th July 1885, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notices of Motion, as under:

Upon the recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, Vice-Pat.:—

"That one additional Girl be elected at the Quarterly General Court in October, thereby raising the number of elected Girls in the Institution to 236."

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL:—

"That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the Laws be altered accordingly."

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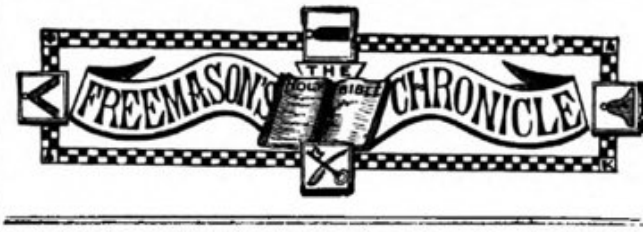
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ANNUAL FETE, BOYS' SCHOOL, WOOD GREEN.

HONOURS were fairly and appropriately divided so far as the presidency of the proceedings on the occasions of the visits of the Stewards to the two Institutions for Boys and Girls was concerned. Miss Fowler, as Lady Mayoress, gracefully discharged the duties of dispenser of honours to the Girls, and on the 20th ult. the Lord Mayor, Bro. R. N. Fowler. M.P., undertook a similar office on the part of the Boys. Bro. Binckes, the able and undaunted Secretary of the Institution, welcomed the many guests who were present. The hall in which they assembled, he said, although not complete, was so far advanced as to be made available for the occasion, and would ultimately form a valuable addition to the School. He desired to recognise the kindness of the Lord Mayor in presiding that day, and he was sure that all present would join him in thanking Brother Fowler for finding time, amidst his multifarious duties, to come among them. Bro. Morris, M.A., LL.D., (Head Master) referred to the education of the boys, which he said was intended to secure their physical as well as intellectual development. The following programme gives the names of the successful pupils, the prizes that were awarded, and the entertainment that had been prepared for the pleasure of the visitors. It is pleasant to be able to say that the whole passed off most successfully. The Lord Mayor shook each prize winner by the hand, and in his remarks he expressed approval of the work done, and of the labours of the Head Master and Committee of the Institution. A sound education was given to the boys, as might be gathered from the fact that out of 16 candidates sent up for the Cambridge Local Examination last December all had passed—12 of them with honours. He concluded with a few words of encouragement to those who had not been successful in winning prizes, but who who had learned the lessons of industry and perseverance. On the motion of Bro. Bowyer, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Fowler for presiding. The Lord Mayor acknowledged the compliment, and took the opportunity of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Morris for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Head Master. The compliment was well deserved and generously welcomed. The vote having been acknowledged, and the Lord Mayor having to leave, Bro. Plankett, the Treasurer, presided over the rest of the proceedings.

PROGRAMME.

Part Song—"A Choral March" (Becker)—The Choir.
Conductor, Bro. H. W. Dutton. Accompanyist, E. Hann, Esq.

Pianoforte Solo—Gavotte, "Banbury Cross" (Prudhom)—W. Conway.

Part Song—"O by Rivers, by whose falls" (Bishop)—The Choir.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

A. Haworth. Attention to Studies, F. Tanner, G. Jones and W. Pringle.

Second Class.—General Proficiency, R. Reynolds and D. Ashdown. Attention to Studies, J. Scott and G. Brooks.

Third Class.—General Proficiency, E. Lucas and G. Wilson. Attention to Studies, H. High, E. Platt and F. Herring.

Fourth Class.—General Proficiency, A. Blunt and A. Fellowes. Attention to Studies, H. Richardson and F. Lewis.

Fifth Class.—General Proficiency.—C. Seagrave and W. Stanford.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency.—S. Gibson, F. Coleman and H. Lillywhite.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, E. Nichols and J. Walters.

Part Song—"The Chough and Crow" (Bishop)—The Choir.

Duet—"Andante" (Haydon's "Surprise" Symphony)—W. Conway and W. Pringle.

Part Song—"My Love's like the Red Rose" (Knyvett)—The Choir.

SPECIAL PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing, 1st, G. Keighley; 2nd, W. Stanton. Dictation, 1st F. Smith; 2nd, P. Gedge. History, 1st, J. Hurst; 2nd, A. Haworth. Geography, 1st, P. Gedge; 2nd, H. Knott. Mental Arithmetic, C. Crow. Elocution, 1st, F. Smith; 2nd, H. King. Efficiency as Monitor, W. Stanton, J. Langdon, and G. Keighley. Proficiency in drill, G. Keighley. The Band, W. Stanton, W. Sutton, R. Watson, C. Thompson, A. Lewis, and J. Hurst. Music (Vocal), F. Cairney.

PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band, 1st, F. Smith; 2nd, V. Shrapnel. Pianoforte, W. Conway.

PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

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

By Bro. W. A. Scurrah (Vice President), for Shorthand, W. R. Watson.

By Bro. Manvietti.—For Mathematical Drawing, A. Haworth.

By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master), for Object Drawing, G. Keighley; Freehand, — Pike; Mapping, W. Sutton; Painting, H. King; Shading, C. Johnston; Architecture, J. Langdon.

Part Song—"From Oberon in Fairyland" (Stevens)—The Choir.

Solo—"Where the Bee Sucks" (Arne)—F. Cairney.

Part Song—"The Sea King" (Smart)—The Choir.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct—Presented by the Institution—Herbert Rich Hounslow.

Canonbury Gold Medal—Presented by the late Bro. E. Cox, Vice Patron—Frank Smith.

Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct—Presented by the Supreme Council 33, to a Pupil leaving the Institution.—William A. Sutton.

Result of the University Examination, Cambridge, December 1884 (the Prizes apportioned from the interest, £23, of the Fund, £525), founded by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657 Vice Patron.

Part Song—"Awake, Awake, the flowers unfold" (Leslie)—The Choir.

Pianoforte Solo—Gavotte "Royale" (Asch)—W. Pringle.

Part Song—"Hail, Smiling Morn" (Spofforth)—The Choir.

Part Song—"A Spring Song" (C. Pinsuti)—The Choir.

Part Song—"England" (Hatton)—The Choir.

A Short Farce.

National Anthem—"God Save the Queen"—The Choir.

After partaking of a cold collation in the gymnasium, the visitors were entertained with athletic sports by the boys. The following were the results of the various competitions:—

Throwing the cricket ball (2 prizes).—P. Gedge 1; W. Gibson 2.

100 yards flat race, boys over 13 (2 prizes).—First heat: F. Thomas 1; M. Coverdale 2. Second heat: W. Sutton 1; S Allison 2. Third heat: P. Gedge 1; W. Gibson 2. Final: Gibson 1; Sutton 2.

100 yards flat race, boys under 13 (2 prizes).—First heat: G. Ker 1. Second heat: E. Farrar 1; C. Sanderson 2. Third heat: Williams 1; P. Liversidge 2. Final: Sanderson 1; Williams 2.

High jump, open (2 prizes).—W. Gibson 1; P. Gedge 2.

Quarter mile scratch race, open (2 prizes).—P. Gedge 1; W. Malcolm 2.

Quarter mile handicap, under 13 (2 prizes).—G. Sutcliffe 1; P. Liversidge 2.

Long jump, open (2 prizes).—P. Gedge 1; W. Sutton 2.

Hurdle race, open (2 prizes).—P. Gedge 1; W. Sutton 2.

There were several other events, which we were prevented from witnessing. They included, a three-legged and band boys' races, two half-mile handicaps for boys over and under 13 years of age, and two tugs of war. The school band played a selection of music between the intervals of the sports, which added to the pleasure of the visitors.

The installation meeting of the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, will be held on Monday, the 27th instant, at the Royal Alfred Institute, Belvedere, Kent.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 25th ult., in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall (by permission of the Mayor), Colchester. Among those present were Bros. R. Haward Ives W.M., Joseph Grimes S.W., A. S. B. Sparling J.W., W. P. Lewis P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, T. J. Ralling P.M. Prov. G. Sec. Secretary, R. Gregson P.M., A. Welch P.M., W. Sowman P.M., W. A. Bowler W.M. 114 P.M., C. Cobb P.M., G. Harrison P.M. S.D., E. Hennemeyer P.M. P.P.S.G.W. D.C., J. J. C. Turner P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, Frank Quilter I.G., F. Horsman, R. O. Coombs, and F. Reichter Stewards. After formalities had been observed, Bro. Joseph Grimes was installed into the chair of the Lodge, and, in due course, he appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. R. Haward Ives P.G. Stwd. I.P.M., A. S. B. Sparling S.W., George Harrison J.W., Rev. C. L. Ackland Chaplain, W. P. Lewis Treasurer, Thos. J. Ralling Secretary, Frank Quilter S.D., R. C. Knight J.D., E. Hennemeyer D. of C., J. J. C. Turner Organist, F. Horsman I.G., R. O. Coombs and F. Reichter Stewards, S. Munson Tyler. On the motion of Bro. W. Sowman P.M., seconded by Bro. Alfred Welch P.M., Bro. Charles Cobb P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, was re-elected representative of the Lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Hearty votes of thanks were passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Ives for so kindly and ably performing the ceremony of the day, and to the Mayor for allowing the use of the Town Hall. In the evening sixty-one brethren dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., a capital repast being well served by Bro. Besford, the host. After dinner the toast of the Queen and the Craft having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave the M.W. the G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, remarking that the interest H.R.H. showed in Freemasonry was clearly evinced by the fact that he had recently initiated his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, into the Craft. The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers Present and Past was the next toast; and the W.M., in proposing it, reminded the brethren that Lord Carnarvon was not unknown in Colchester, and that Lord Lathom had on three occasions visited the Province—to consecrate the Arnold Lodge at Walton, launch the lifeboat at Clacton, and lastly, to instal Brother Philbrick as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of Essex. The W. Master then gave the Provincial Grand Master, recalling the fact of the installation of Lord Brooke having taken place, by the late lamented Duke of Albany, at Colchester. His Lordship then won golden opinions, and had maintained his popularity ever since. In proposing the D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers, the W.M. said he very much regretted the absence of Bro. Philbrick, who had written him a most kind letter, stating that nothing but an official engagement with the Grand Secretary would have kept him away. They were all proud of Bro. Philbrick as a Colchester man and member of the Angel Lodge. Bro. the Rev. W. Morgan Jones, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. John Mann, an old P.M. of 51 and P.P.G. Sec. Essex, and Bro. E. Hennemeyer P.M. P.P.G.S.W., responded. Bro. John Mann said he had been particularly gratified at having an opportunity of once more visiting the Angel Lodge, it having been his mother Lodge. He was admitted into Masonry at the Angel, where the Lodge then met, in 1835, and he cherished many loving memories of the happy evenings he had spent in the Lodge. His only regret was that he saw so very few present who were members then, in fact he might say he was almost the only living representative of those who were then on the roll. Bro. Ives proposed the health of the W.M.; this he said was essentially the toast of the evening. They were all pleased to see Bro. Grimes in the chair of the Lodge, and, with the assistance of the Officers, they felt confident that the Worshipful Master would ably carry out the duties of his post. The W.M., who received a most hearty reception, said he felt deeply the responsibility he had undertaken, and also the high honour they had conferred upon him in electing him W.M. of the Lodge. He looked upon Freemasonry as essentially a religious institution; and if they carried out its principles in their daily walk and conversation, they could not but influence for good those with whom they were brought into contact. Masonry was calculated to make a good man a better one. It was entirely consistent with the Word of God, and he repeated, that if they as a body adhered to the principles laid down for their guidance, they could not but do all that lay in their power for the good of their fellow men. He felt his own shortcomings, but all the time and talents he had at his command, he would gladly give for the welfare of the Angel Lodge. The W.M. then, amid much applause, proposed the Installing Master. All who had witnessed the way in which Bro. Ives had performed the ceremony of the day must have been more than gratified, and personally he felt under a deep obligation to Bro. Ives. Bro. Ives had felt it a great honour to be permitted to instal his successor, and if what he had done had given satisfaction he was more than repaid for any trouble he had taken to perfect himself in his work. The W.M. proposed the Visitors, giving them a hearty welcome to the Angel Lodge, and coupling with the toast Bros. Suthery, Thomson, Nunn, Bowles, and Dankwertz, who expressed their great gratification at the working of the Lodge, and the hospitality they had experienced. The Masonic Charities was the next toast proposed from the chair. The W.M. remarked that it was a most gratifying fact, and showed the vitality of Freemasonry, that in these depressed times no less a sum than £45,000 had been the result of this year's Festivals of the three great Masonic Institutions; towards this Essex had contributed the liberal sum of no less than £700. The Lodge had been nobly represented on various occasions, by Bros. Clowes, Sowman, and Harrison, the former having, for the last three years, acted as a Steward for all three Institutions. Bro. Chas. Cobb P.M., representative of Lodge 51, on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, whose name was coupled with the toast, said they were proud of the position the Angel Lodge held with regard to the Charities; he

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hoped that during the coming year either the W.M. would go himself or send a Steward from No. 51 to give further aid to their Institutions. The other toasts were the P.M.'s, for whom Bro. Welch responded; the Officers, for whom Bros. Ralling, Sparling, and Harrison returned thanks; and the Musical Brethren, which Bro. Osmond acknowledged. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by some excellent vocal music, by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Clowes, Sparling, Lewin, Gowers, Coombs, and some boy members of the St. Mary's Church Choir. Among those present were Bros. W. J. Thomson P.P.G.D. West Lancashire, W. J. Nunn P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk, John Mann P.P.G. Sec. Essex, Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.G.S.W., Arthur H. Bowles P.M. 1395, Frank Sutbery W.M. 276, John South P.M. 114, J. T. Bailey W.M. 697, Thomas Rix P.M. and Secretary 697 P.P.G.S.B., T. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Std. B., T. C. Mills P.M. 697 P.P.G.P., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C., S. Lord I.P.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., George A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.G. Std. B., John Dean P.M. 433 P.G. Std. B., F. J. Nunn Sec. 2063, F. Wallis 2063, A. Gosling P.M. 697, H. J. Skingley Org. 697, James Rowe 1559, W. W. Morgan jun., J. Hutley W.M. 1024 P.G. Stwd., Edmund Gowers W.M. elect 1024, F. Bird P.M. 1024 P.P.G.P., E. H. Williams, W. G. Coombs, and W. O. Dankwertz, &c., &c.

GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

THIS old and prosperous Lodge held its monthly meeting on Saturday, 27th ult., at Kingston. It unfortunately was not so fully attended as usual, owing to the counter attraction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, which met at Surbiton the same afternoon, and at which of course many members of the Grove Lodge had to be present. Those who left Surbiton before Divine Service at St. Mark's Church, went on to Kingston, where the chair was occupied by Bro. H. J. P. Dumas P.M. P.G.D. P.G.W. of Surrey, who was most ably seconded by Bro. H. C. Jepps I.P.M. Grand Steward Surrey. The passing of Bro. H. F. Dumas was impressively performed. Bro. Porter, candidate for the sublime degree of Master Mason, was unfortunately unable to attend, and the ceremony of raising had therefore to be postponed till the July meeting, when it is intended the W.M. shall deal with the two. The business of the Lodge being satisfactorily brought to a close, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

VILLIERS LODGE, No. 1194.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge, which is celebrated for its perfect working, was held on the 20th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. In the absence of the W.M., who is seriously indisposed, the chair was occupied by Bro. Gambrill I.P.M. Bros. W. Vincent P.M. S.W., E. Monson J.W., Steel P.M. Treasurer, J. Adams J.D., Monson I.G.; P.M.'s Cross, Dodd, Green and Steel. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. W. Vincent P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Steel P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler. Lodge was then closed until October.

DACRE LODGE, No. 2086.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Saturday, 27th June, at the Assembly Rooms, Stevenage, Herts. The Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., was the Consecrating Officer, and was assisted by Bros. J. E. Dawson D.P.G.M., R. B. Croft P.G.S.W. as S.W., J. Robinson P.G.J.W. as J.W., Rev. W. D'A Crofton P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, G. E. Lake P.G. Secretary as Secretary, T. S. Carter P.G. Warden as D.C., and R. Shillitoe P.G.W. as I.G. The following brethren were also present:—Founders—Bros. G. Hill Smith P.M. 449, Rev. G. Litting, W. Wurr, Rev. H. F. Oliver, H. Campkin P.M. 403, Captain Fellowes, R.N., W. Kirk, J. Shilcock P.M. 449, W. Smorder P.M. 449, and R. Pigg S.W. 449. Visitors—Bros. R. Shillitoe P.M. 449, F. Shillitoe P.M. 449, Rev. C. E. Mays P.G. Chaplain, F. Sumner-Knyvett P.G. Treasurer, W. Slaughter P.G. Organist, H. Hughes and W. K. Hopkin P.G. Stewards, W. J. Thody W.M. 1580, and W. J. Crutch S.W. 1850. The ceremony of consecration was performed in a very impressive manner. After the consecration the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary, installed as the first Worshipful Master Bro. G. Hill Smith, who appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Rev. G. Litting S.W., W. Wurr J.W., Rev. H. F. Oliver Chaplain and Treasurer, H. Campkin P.M. Secretary, Captain Fellowes, R.N., S.D., W. Kirk J.D., J. Shilcock P.M. I.G., and J. Slater Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Secretary, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Provincial D.C. (Bro. J. Terry, who we are sorry to say was absent through illness), the Acting D.C., and the Provincial Grand Organist were elected hon. members. Three candidates were proposed for initiation; the Lodge closed, and the brethren with their guests adjourned for refreshment.

THE GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday, 24th ultimo. There were present Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. Langton Treasurer, J. S. Fraser Secretary, E. Samuel S.D., M. L. Levey J.D., W. G. Goode I.G., John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, J. Klein, and W. Lane Tyler. Lodge was opened in the first degree and the minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the following gentlemen for initiation, viz.:—Messrs. W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, A. B. Crundall, and J. Rosenberg, and as joining members Bros. F. Cambridge and W. Fraser; all proved unanimous. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. F. Cambridge P.G.O. as D.C. Messrs. W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, F. W. Leaver, J. C. Leaver, and E. C. Holdsworth being present, were initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient rite, the ceremony in each case being performed separately and in a most impressive manner, the charge being afterwards given. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that Bros. General Studholme Brownrigg Prov. G. Master of Surrey and H. Saxelby P.P.G.S. Surrey be elected honorary members. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, and the Parthenon Lodge, for the very valuable assistance rendered to the George Price Lodge. Among the Visitors present were Bros. F. Cambridge P.G.O. Surrey, H. Saxelby P.P.G.S. Surrey, Maitland H. Dicker S.W. 1470, G. H. Townsend-Green J.D. 1974, W. Fraser 174. Hearty good wishes having been offered by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to banquet, served in excellent style under the personal supervision of Bro. T. H. Bentley, the courteous manager of the Hotel. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and some capital songs were ably rendered by Bros. Maitland H. Dicker, F. W. Leaver, J. C. Leaver, and J. S. Fraser. In replying to the toast of the Grand Officers of the Province, Bro. Horsey paid a very high compliment to the W.M. for the most perfect way in which he had gone through the work of initiating separately the five candidates, and the pleasure it would give Bro. George Price to hear of the way in which the Lodge was being worked. Bro. Saxelby spoke of the pleasure it had been to the recommending Lodge (the East Surrey Lodge of Concord) to be of service to a Lodge bearing the honoured name of George Price. Bro. W. G. Oates, in replying to the toast of the Initiates, thanked the brethren for the honour done him in admitting him into the Craft, and also for the great compliment paid to him by making him the first initiate of their Lodge. He was much interested and impressed by all he had seen, and felt sure he would take a very great interest in the Craft in general and in his Mother Lodge in particular, so that he might one day fill—though he could not hope so ably—the proud position occupied by the W.M. The other initiates also replied. Bros. Dicker and Townsend-Green returned thanks for the Visitors. The Officers' toast having been responded to by Bros. H. M. Hobbs S.W. and F. T. Ridpath J.W., the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

An emergency meeting was held on the following day. There were present Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., Hobbs S.W., Ridpath J.W., J. Langton Treasurer, J. S. Fraser Secretary, Samuel S.D., Goodge I.G., Cambridge D.C., Oates, Oxenham, Klein, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, Holdsworth, W. Fraser, and Rawles acting Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Natusch P.G.S., Fonlsham P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland, Woodward P.P.G.W. Surrey, Browning 1328, Ransom S.W. 1790, Webb P.M. 174, Bishop J.D. 1965, Dicker S.W. 1470, and Baber W.M. 1790. Lodge was opened in the first degree. Messrs. C. Holden and J. Rosenberg having been approved of at the previous meeting, and being present, were initiated into Freemasonry. The Brethren then adjourned to the banquet table and passed a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 26th June, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. F. Botley W.M., R. Norton S.W., A. Turner J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Sperring S.D., G. Thomas J.D., Wuest I.G., H. Hughes. Visitors—Bro. J. H. Hughes, 404, Watford. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hughes candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. Hughes was elected a member. Bro. C. E. Botley was appointed W.M. for 3rd July, Lodge was then closed and adjourned until that date. Previous to the meeting the Audit Committee assembled and passed the accounts.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria-park, E., under the presidency of Bro. W. Gray W.M. of the mother Lodge, who was supported by Bros. J. J. Marsh S.W., J. W. Job J.W., A. G. Watkinson S.D., H. Lowe J.D., T. Draper I.G., H. T. Lowe Director of Ceremonies, H. Forss Preceptor, Bro. Dr. Haskins Organist. Amongst others present we may mention Bros. Webb, Larter, Walker, Garrood, Outred, Dunn, Threshie, Sims, Catling, Green, Dutton, George, Hart, Lolieu, Kirk, Beatton, Brett, Harris, Packman, Clandy, Norfield, Abrahams, Fisk, Lee, King, Dunston, Snow, Roach, King, Sadd, De Costa, Fox, Jacobs, Lovejoy, Arsten, Williams, Jacobs, Lee jun., Oxley, Dignam, &c., &c. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. It was then formally announced that in consequence of the indisposition of Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who had promised to attend on this occasion and rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, other arrangements had had to be made. The W.M. stated that all present must regret the cause that led to the absence of Bro. Terry; he sincerely hoped that a few days rest would restore him to his normal vigour, and that he would then find an early opportunity of fulfilling his engagement, which all would be gratified to know was only to be considered as postponed. Bro. Gray then introduced Bro. W. H. Lee P.M., Prov. G. Assist. Sec. Middx., who, he stated, would rehearse the ceremony of installation. He also intimated that Bro. W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211 would

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deliver one of his lectures, but in consequence of Bro. Morgan having to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Berks and Bucks, at Reading, he would not be able to join them till a little later in the evening. The ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. Lee fulfilling his duties in an eminently satisfactory manner, and completing his work by an eloquent delivery of the customary addresses. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming duty Bro. Morgan was introduced, and for about five and thirty minutes secured the attention of the brethren. The several points in Brother Morgan's interesting lecture were listened to with the most profound attention by all assembled. The customary vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Lee and Morgan, and the compliment of honorary membership was conferred on the latter. Bro. Lee is one of the promoters of this Lodge of Instruction, and his services have been recognised on previous occasions. After suitable acknowledgments had been made, Bros. Dr. Haskins, H. T. Lowe and others were thanked for the assistance they had rendered; several new members were enrolled, and Lodge was closed, all agreeing that an entertaining and instructive evening had been spent.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—At a meeting held on Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Hunt W.M., Fisher S.W., Thomas J.W., Stringer S.D., Prior J.D., Penrose I.G.; P.M.'s Vohmann, Hutchings (Preceptor) and S. R. Speight (Secretary); also Bros. O'Donnell, Dandridge, Emblin, Millington, J. B. Williams, E. J. Williams, Enteoott, J. J. Pitt and Mott. Lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millington candidate. The Lodge was then called off and on; and was opened in the second degree; the usual questions having been first answered by Bro. O'Donnell in a very satisfactory manner, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and the Lodge closed to the first degree. Bro. J. J. Mott, of the Lodge of Justice, was then unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Fisher as W.M. for the ensuing Thursday.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 30th June, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, when there were present—Bros. Carr W.M., Clark S.W., Kirk J.W., Cushing S.D., Robinson J.D, Smyth I.G., Brasted P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Christian, Brett, Marsh, Forss, Rose, Darnell, Catling, Gainsavalt, and Watkinson. This being the fifth Tuesday, the Secretary, Bro. F. Carr, claimed the privilege of the chair. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Watkinson offered himself as candidate for raising; he was interrogated and entrusted, and Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony was rehearsed, the traditional history being given, and the third section of the lecture worked. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Forss worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Clark will preside at the meeting on the 7th inst.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS event, which is regarded with especial favour by the brethren who associate temperance with the Craft, is fixed to take place on Wednesday, 15th inst., at Rudyard Lake, near Leek, Staffordshire. The train conveying the visitors will leave the London Road Station, Manchester, L. and N.W. platform, at 9·30 a.m., but it is desirable they should assemble at least a quarter of an hour before that time, so as to prevent confusion. The journey will take about an hour and a half; a walk to Horton Old Church will fill up to time fixed for dinner,—one o'clock. Afterwards the visitors will stroll along the lake to Cliffe Hall and Park, where refreshments will be provided. On their return they will take tea at the Hotel, and at 7·15 p.m. leave Rudyard for Manchester, where they are timed to arrived at 8·30. A brass band will play a selection of music during dinner and tea, and at intervals during the afternoon on the lake-side and in the Park, for dancing. Should the weather prove unfavourable, dancing and a miscellaneous musical programme will be be gone through in the dining hall. The tickets are 10s 6d, and should be applied for not later than Thursday next, 9th July. They can be had of the W.M. Bro. Harris, 21 Cannon-street, City, or of Bro. J. Hatton P.M. Secretary, Gloucester-road, Urmston, and Granby-row, Manchester. Rudyard is a small township in the parish of Leek, and about half-a-mile from the railway station on the Churnet Valley Lane. The lake of the same name is an artificial reservoir, upwards of two miles in length, and one-eight of a mile wide. On one side is a high steep embankment, well wooded and pictureeque. The neighbourhood is full of interest, including Horton Old Church and the pleasant Cliffe Hall and Park. Leek is a quaint old market town, devoted to the silk industry. The Parish Church is an ancient structure, restored in 1862, and from the churchyard some pretty views of the surrounding country can be obtained. Altogether the selection of Rudyard Lake for the pic-nic appears a happy one, and we sincerely trust that the brethren will have fine weather in which to enjoy the beauties of nature and the pleasures of social communion.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Sores, Wounds, and Ulcers.—The readiness with which Holloway's Ointment removes all obstructions in the circulation of the vessels and lymphatics explains their irresistible influence in healing old sores, bad wounds, and indolent ulcers. To insure the desired effect the skin surrounding the diseased part should be fomented, dried, and immediately well rubbed with the Ointment. This will give purity to the foul blood, and strength to the weakened nerves, the only conditions necessary for the cure of all those ulcerations which render life almost intolerable. No sooner is this Ointment's protective powers exerted than the destructive process ceases, and the constructive business begins—new, healthy growth appears to fill up the lately painful excavated pit.

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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"Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, &c. Annual Communication, December 10, 1884. Stated Communication, December 10, 1884. Special Communication, February 16, 1885. Quarterly Communication, March 11, 1885." Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 39 Arch-street. 1885.

IN reading American Masonic records we are often reminded of the difference that exists between many of their customs and our own, but however wide may be their divergence in this respect, there is a wonderful unity of motive and object in both. And what adds to the pleasure of unity is the fact that our American brethren, in Massachusetts at least, are striving earnestly to emulate our example in the cause of charity. They have begun the good work in a good spirit. Many years ago they appropriated money left for charity for Temple purposes; now that they have cleared off their debts they are going to restore the charity money, together with compound interest, to the purpose for which it was left, and if we are not deceived, the one blot on American Freemasonry will in one jurisdiction, and that an important one, be removed. It is worthy of notice, and it may afford pleasure to some of the subscribers to our Charities to learn, that the example of England was pointed at with admiration, and was the means of stirring up a true spirit of rivalry among the assembled brethren of Massachusetts. The tone of the speeches, too, on the several occasions, and the action of the Grand body were marked with judicial moderation, and one act especially evinced a rare spirit of respect and chivalry. The Grand Lodge of South Australia made a formal request to be recognised by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The matter was referred to a Committee, who examined it fairly and reported upon it somewhat exhaustively. The case is admirably stated, and it is set forth that the Australian Lodges presented "to the world the elements of harmony, unity, and self-government, and are in a condition to receive of the Masonic world recognition as the just and legal sovereign authority of the Colony." But, they urged, our fraternal relations with the three Grand Lodges of Great Britain seem to require that they should first have the opportunity of extending their co-operation to the Grand Lodge of South Australia before final action is taken by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts." Fully satisfied of the justice of the demand, they were not unmindful of the respect and courtesy due to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland from which the Lodges of South Australia obtained their warrants. With delicacy and a chivalry worthy of the knights of old, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts suspended action, that those most interested should first decide what course they should take. Their confidence was equal to their courtesy. England has done what seemed to her right, and what once threatened to be a serious quarrel has ended in a happy, and we trust, secure independence. There is much in these Proceedings we should like to dwell upon, much that would be interesting to the brethren generally. We shall advert to one or two matters, and those who want to learn more must consult the reports themselves. If they cannot get them they may perhaps assist in hastening the day when we shall have a Reading Room and Library worthy of the Craft wherein shall be found the literature of the whole Masonic world. We are glad to observe that Freemasonry is spreading in Massachusetts and the Order generally is being strengthened. There is a growing opposition against what are considered spurious offshoots, one of which is said to be the Rite of Memphis. The brethren are cautioned against this and other bodies, and those who join them, or assist them in conferring degrees are threatened with expulsion. In the report of the Commissioners of Trials we find that Leman Paltz was expelled the Evening Star Lodge for larceny. In another case, where a brother is accused of "conduct unbecoming a Master Mason," the name of the offender is not given. It appears he "cast a black cube on a ballot for a candidate" for no other reason than as a return for "certain favours rendered to him by other parties in the past," who could not attend. The charge was dismissed for reasons which are given. We mention the two cases as showing that where guilt or misconduct was clearly proven the name of the offender is published, in the other case it is withheld, on the principle, we suppose, that it is not just to cast a stigma upon a man until he is proved to have offended. What is termed "The Grand Feast" took place after the business had been despatched on 30th December, at which some very able speeches were made. One peculiarity about the toasts is worthy of notice. It consisted of paying respect to the departed before dealing with the living, and the following sentiments were proposed, and three of them drank in silence: "To the memory of the Holy Saints John! Let us follow their precepts and imitate their examples;" "To the memory of our illustrious brother George Washington;" "To the memory of our beloved brethren who have gone from us;" "To the Craft, wheresoever dispersed over the face of the Globe! May health, prosperity, and happiness attend them." If reasons were wanted for the faith that is in Freemasons, they could be found in the speeches referred to. They are excellent, and many of them are original, striking, and profound. In reading the reports we were as surprised as we were gratified at their contents, and we feel assured that those who read them will hope that the Freemasons of Massachusetts are a type of the brethren throughout the whole of America.

The Tailors' Benevolent Institution celebrated their annual festival, with a dinner, at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last.

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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 JULY.

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. (In-truction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Fecleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Khury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union Arms-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1273—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 6th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Bardett Road. (Inst).
1803—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
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. 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
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.
1264—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
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 7th JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
840—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst
1707—Eleanor, Tresslern, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1539—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
285—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
947—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1870—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 8th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
30—United Mariners', The Laurel, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
102—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
22—United Strength, The Hope, Stepney, Bishop's Street, Regent's Park, 4 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poultry, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1620—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1892—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)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
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
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 258—Ambitious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 809—Ethelbreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto 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

THURSDAY, 9th JULY.

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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Phœnix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1165—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1178—Bartlett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8 (Instruction)
1206—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1327—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1538—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
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, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
1674—Hampton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst).
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—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. 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

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.
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.
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
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Macben, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1916—Graystone, Forester's Hall, White-table

R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 10th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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—Randolph, 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)
1208—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1300—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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)
M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
528—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 601—Fyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel Wellington, Salop
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 11th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
188—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)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1688—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sun Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2089—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

THE THEATRES.

St. James's.—Mr. and Mrs. Kendal may be congratulated on having secured Mr. Theyre Smith's dramatic corsecation, "Castaways," and the author is equally fortunate in having secured for his duologue the fittest interpreters the London stage could offer. Some of our dramatic critics, perhaps of Scottish extraction, not having had the necessary trephene operation for the assimilation of a joke, have remonstrated with Mr. Smith for making his lovely shipwrecked widow appear in the Pacific isle in a toilette worthy of Elise. But have not these prophets of pure Reason suffered enough from Mr. G. S. Gilbert's defiance of the laws of Nature that another profane person should thus outrage probability? Mr. Smith's island is a land of delight, for whose loves the laughter and the fun of honest comedy, laughter that is due to the wit of the author and its brilliant reflex from those who represent his work; not the poor humour of Mr. Merriman on his head in the ring. Mrs. Kendal as the relict of the late lamented Timothy, ætat 70, is at her own delightful best. Her disgust at prickly palm leaves, tedious blue skies, and the boredom of life away from London was in the finest comedy vein. Then her satisfaction at finding she is not alone, though a "horrid pipe" disclosing the fact at first gives her a sharp shock. Mr. Kendal, as the other shipwrecked forlorn one, finds excellent opportunity for his good-humoured, half cynical, but wholly pleasant and wholesome man of the world. He is a widower, but like many of the species is ready to accept consolation from bright eyes. How the two castaways swear friendship, then retreat into neutrality, then into armed peace, and finally how the curtain descends on their rescue and prospect of a wedding at the first appearance of a chaplain,—we say go and see these things, and enjoy one of the pleasantest hours to be spent inside a theatre. The "Money Spinner," that clever perversion of interest, forms the chief item in the bill, and those who saw it on its first appearance will once more acknowledge Mrs. Kendal supreme. Mr. Kendal is again excellent as Kingussi, while Mr. Macintosh plays with wonderful individuality as Faubert. Mr. Hare somewhat injures his portrait of Baron Croodle by over-colouring.

The Princess's.—This theatre is closed for a brief period. Meantime preparations go on apace for the new drama by the lessee and Mr. Jones, and curiosity is at summer heat as to Mr. Wilson Barrett's début as a dramatic author. The last nights of the "Lights of London" were marked by the appearance of Mr. Leonard Boyne as the hero; the reckless dash and devilry of the scapegrace young squire were capitally rendered by him. Claudian and Junius never seemed quite at home as the gentleman vagabond, notwithstanding the sincerity which always characterises Mr. Barrett's impersonations. London playgoers were well pleased to see Mr. Boyne again among them, and to find proof of the greater excellence and ease he has attained by thoroughness of study.

The Comedy.—We heartily felicitate the new management of the Comedy on the change of front just inaugurated. The title of the theatre has been for the first time justified by the work placed upon its stage. Mr. Grundy's comedy, "The Silver Shield," has its weak points, but they are mere oversights in the detail of construction. The story is a thoroughly wholesome and pleasant one, the interest rises with each scene till the climax. The dialogue is bright and sparkles with pleasant wit, not with those feeble squib and cracker effects which certain modern playwrights distribute so freely among all their characters. We gave a notice of "The Silver Shield" when it was first produced at a matinée, and on our second visit we noticed some crudities had been toned down, and these make the merits of the work the more evident. Miss Roselle, as the heroine, plays magnificently; probably no London actress in the part, except Mrs. Kendal, could do so well. She is the dashing ambitious lady, the sparkling coquette, the loving wife, the tender friend; each aspect of womanhood harmoniously blends into a fascinating woman. It seems, as we gaze and listen, that Miss Roselle is not acting, but makes the author tell the story of her actual life. No art that conceals art could be more perfect. Miss Kate Rorke is very charming as the loving, doubting wife, Lucy Preston. We congratulate this lady on the fine opportunity afforded by the part. Mr. John Beauchamp brings his refined and excellent method to the trying part of Sir Humphrey Chetwynd, and despite the old man's silver hair we sympathize with his misplaced love. Mr. Arthur Dacre plays with earnestness and sincerity; we could wish he were a little brisker. His wife's earlier exasperation is made too probable, perhaps. Mr. Percy Compton, as the high-dried old parson, shows pleasantly the hereditary gifts of his family, while our dear old favourite Henry Compton will live again in his son. Mr. P. Lyndal makes a manly and unaffected Ned Chetwynd, so well-bred and well mannered that the awkward scene in Act II.—where, at a dinner party at his own house, he forgets to take his guest, Alma Blake, to dinner, leaving her alone in the drawing-room—makes the author's oversight the more emphasized. If it was necessary for Alma to remain behind, so that the great scene with the unhappy Lucy might be introduced, why did not Mr. Grundy content himself with an afternoon tea, or an "at home?" Then he might let his guests wander about without outraging the laws of society. It remains for us to speak of the principal new members in the cast. Mr. Arthur Roberts, as the irrepressible Manager Mr. Dodson Dick, is simply superb; his unconscious impertinence, self-satisfaction and business pre-occupation, make up one of the finest comedy sketches offered by the modern stage. If a thoroughly interesting play, thoroughly well acted, can ensure success for a summer season in Panton-street, then assuredly the management may be content with their present venture.

Steinway Hall.—Something actually new is offered us by our fair American visitor, Miss Jenny Young. She asks us to afternoon tea, sings us some pretty ballads, and gossips æsthetically from the American point of view. Last Saturday's ceramics offered endless anecdote and interest, whilst the living (Doulton) potter turned off his vases and beakers in obligato accompaniment by the fair lecturer's side. Her future symposia will be given to poetry and social economy.

Steinway Hall.—A very pleasant afternoon's entertainment was provided at Steinway Hall, last Tuesday, by the clever Misses Webling. The eldest is perhaps eighteen, the youngest seven years of age. Wee Lucy is a charming little child, and recited the difficult scene between Prince Arthur and Hubert with much intelligence and child-like simplicity. Miss Ruth has a sweet voice, and shows careful study in vocalisation. Miss Josephine gave the "White Ship" with fine dramatic fervour, while the elder sister, Rosalind, showed much dramatic power in the pretty lyric of the "Briar Rose."

The Alhambra Company having specially engaged Signor Saracco, Primo Ballerino of La Scala, Milan, who performed with such great success in the ballet of "Excelsior," at the Eden Theatre, Paris, he will make his first appearance in England in a new arrangement of the ballets of "Melusine" and "The Swans," along with Signorina Bessone (who will at the same time make her *début* at the Alhambra), and Mdlle Palladino, on Monday next, the 6th inst. The ballet of "Melusine" has now been performed 168 times, and that of "The Swans," 187 times.

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OUR PUPILS AND THRIFT.

THIS is an age of compulsion. Mankind are exhorted to be virtuous, sober and provident. If they fail to keep within the narrow boundary, too often determined by bigots, doctrinaires, and enthusiasts, coercion is sought, threatened or enforced. Moral offences are to be met by penal punishments, and to such lengths has the physical force argument been carried, that little would be left to man's free agency were it to succeed. It is difficult to define how far the State is warranted in interfering with the liberty of the subject. There are certain broad lines, however, which cannot be mistaken. A fatherly Government is a limited good, even when it is pure, strong and intelligent; it is a great curse when it is arbitrary, dogmatic and selfish. We need go no farther than the Romish Church for an example of the evils of a paternal Government. Individual liberty in that case is subjected to one pattern, and absolute obedience is the penalty of membership, not only in religious, but in all other matters. That is the principle; the practice, happily, does not now follow completely, except in isolated cases, owing to the general diffusion of knowledge, and the consequent desire for more personal freedom. It would be well in all instances to consider the necessary consequences of prohibitive and compulsory legislation. It sets up a rival authority to moral suasion and religious duty, and puts the material in the place of the spiritual. Men are taught obedience by fear, and love in its general application degenerates into a mere sentiment. The effect is seen in some Lodges, and in other systems, where men sacrifice spirit to form, inward grace to outward observance. Where force is employed, assent is compelled. Resistance necessarily follows, with its attendant evils of lying, deceit and hypocrisy. Education in morals, therefore, should be the primary object of teaching, so that citizens should understand the liberty that makes them free, and the responsibility and obedience that real freedom enjoins.

Of course, these arguments apply chiefly to adults. For the young a somewhat different treatment is required. Even in their case it is wise to allow of as much freedom as possible, in order to develop that spirit of self-reliance which is the stamp of manhood. The parental principle, however, is paramount in their case, and the question for parents and governors, teachers and heads of schools is, how to promote prudence without selfishness, how to encourage thrift without the alloy of meanness, and how to develop courage without fear and cowardice. Without entering into all the points mentioned it is worth while to consider some aspects of the question of the training of children. The Craft have undertaken grave responsibilities in the two educational establishments connected with the Order, and if the matters we are about to refer to are taken up in the right spirit, we shall augur a bright future for the pupils of our Schools, and even for the Charities as a whole. Waste, gratitude, self-denial and thrift are important principles in the training of the young. Waste does not consist of merely throwing away that which might be useful, but also in excessive indulgence, and we are glad to learn, therefore, that in the Boys' School, at least, pocket-money is to be made a matter of control. Gratitude means more than giving thanks. To be practical it should enforce imitation, and that implies self-denial. To give should be the outcome of receiving, just as kindness ought to beget kindness. The due exercise of thrift would prevent waste, would enable the thrifty to practise gratitude, one of the best and most loveable features of which would be self-denial. An indiscriminate supply of pocket money, especially among children in schools, where all are upon a social equality, creates an injurious distinction. It subjects some to obligations that are sure to become galling, and very often destructive of self-respect. It encourages waste and selfishness, and puts worldly power and moral worth in antagonism. To draw a lesson that shall be useful we will state a case, which shall apply to both Schools. Suppose for example, that each boy should be allowed threepence per week pocket money and no more. We would divide the expenditure thus: one penny per week to be devoted to a foundation fund for the support of a boy, to be called the pupils' fund, either with or without the power of voting, as wisdom and experience might determine. One penny should be put in the Savings Bank, and the other penny for free use. We would make the first operation compulsory, the other two optional. One penny per week among so large a number as are in our Schools we should imagine would be amply sufficient to permanently maintain one foundation scholar, and if the subscribers had a vote, an interest would be awakened that might last through life. All the best instincts of a boy's nature would be brought into active exercise, and those principles we have broadly defined would be developed in actual practice. Permissive saving would allow scope for individual peculiarities, and for self denial, which would bear good fruit in the time to come. We would encourage the giving of prizes to those who saved most, and for taking care of clothes, and thus excite a laudable spirit of emulation. We are not unmindful of the generosity of subscribers to the prize fund. We would not curtail the list of subjects or of gifts. We would, however, make the former as comprehensive as possible, so as to embrace every principle that shall tend to the moral and religious, as well as to the physical and intellectual culture of youth. It is only by such a combination that Governors who stand in the position of parents, can fully discharge their responsibilities, that boys can learn the lessons that shall make manhood a blessing to themselves and others. We are justly proud of our Charities, but we have obligations to the Schools that do not apply to the other Institutions, and it is to make them fulfil the conditions of life in their noblest and best forms that we have ventured upon a subject which we know is as present and as dear to their Governors as to ourselves. We desire to make the government of our Schools as broad and far-reaching as intelligence can conceive and experience demonstrate. The wealth of the Craft is most generously given in the cause of Charity. Our Institutions are the admiration of the world, and if we can make them as perfect in moral and religious influence as they are effective in relief and help, Freemasonry shall stand confessed the grandest outcome of civilisation, the most perfect system of faith without dogma, ever established by human agency.

The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Falmouth, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, assisted by the Provincial Officers, the brethren of the Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75, Falmouth, and a large number of visitors from other Lodges.

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THE BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

THE Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is at the present time in a somewhat critical position; it may be said to be passing through one of the most important stages in its history—one of those points which in an Institution such as that established and supported by the Craft for the benefit of its necessitous lads goes far to influence its career for many years, even if not for all time. A considerable addition has recently been made to the buildings of the Institution, in the form of a Preparatory School, which it is intended shall provide accommodation for some fifty additional lads, and as we have recently stated, this Preparatory School will be ready for occupation during the current year. But one very serious obstacle stands in the way of its being made immediately available; the necessary funds are not forthcoming, or, at least, they have not yet been subscribed. The Festival of the year was not as much of a success as the existing claims on the Institution may be said to demand, but when it is remembered that the addition already referred to calls for even larger returns, it will be seen how serious a matter a falling off at the present time really is, and what an effect it may have on the future of the Institution. Indeed, if the Committee keep within the strict limits of propriety, they will perhaps act wisely in recommending that the Preparatory School should remain vacant until a more satisfactory state of affairs occurs, although such a course would hardly be approved of by the Craft. The Preparatory School has been provided in accordance with the expressed desire of the English brethren, but without funds to carry it on it is worse than useless, and accordingly strenuous efforts are being made to alter the present unsatisfactory state of affairs. It is proposed that every Life Governor of the General Fund shall receive double votes for each five guineas he presents to the Special Building Fund before the close of the present year, and a fitting opportunity offers itself for a display of that charity which forms so distinguishing a feature in English Freemasonry. On the 11th August next the Baroness Burdett-Coutts will fix the corner stone of the new building, and it is hoped the brethren will not only then assemble in large numbers, but that such an amount of donations will be announced as will enable the subscribers to immediately avail themselves of the accommodation afforded by the Preparatory School, if not to its fullest extent at least partially. We have spoken so far as though the Preparatory School, to be allowed to remain idle for the present, and we have done so because, as we have said, the Committee would almost be justified in recommending such a course, but they do not go to this extreme, as the notice of motion given by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, to be considered at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers to be held on Monday next, shows. Bro. Bowyer's motion is to the effect,—"That fifteen Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court on Monday, 12th October, for admission to the Preparatory School, over and above the twenty-two Boys to be then elected to fill the number of vacancies in the present establishment." There is little doubt that this proposition will be carried, and that the fifteen additional vacancies provided for by it will be filled up in October, but the question again arises,—Where is the money to come from to maintain these fifteen lads? The Governors and Subscribers of the Institution are hardly the class of men to rush wildly into expenses they do not see their way clear to meet, while there are many brethren who have a voice in the management of the School who will put the matter in the most practical form, and will even go so far as to upset any arrangement they may think injudicious from a financial point of view. We do not write thus strongly with any idea of holding out threats to the Craft, but to make the matter appear in the forcible light it must really be looked at from, and in the hope that we may convince some of our readers of the urgent state of affairs, thereby securing from them that sympathy and support which we feel must follow an understanding of the matter.

Again, the offer of double votes forms perhaps the most attractive bait the Institution can offer for increased donations, but this is not more than it is justified in offering when we consider existing circumstances. It is, however, a resource to which frequent application must not be made, and we question if this special inducement for Ordinary subscribers would soon enter a protest, too strong to be ignored, if the system of giving double votes in cases of emergency was carried to too great an extent, or if it was too often resorted to. Emergencies will arise, and special steps are justifiable in connection with them, but there must always be a strong line of demarcation between ordinary requirements and emergencies. However strong may become the claims on "ordinary" account, they must never be swollen into "emergencies," as by so doing they lose their distinctive character, and become the strongest possible proof of panic. The mere offer of double votes is in itself evidence of panic, unless the clearest proof of emergency can be shown, and although the line which divides panic from sound policy is sometimes a very narrow one, it is, on the present occasion, clearly defined. We have an additional building for the reception of pupils, but the funds at the disposal of the Institution are not in so flourishing a condition as to justify us in filling it or even opening it without some anxiety. It is for the purpose of removing this anxiety that a special appeal is made to the Craft for subscriptions, and a most favourable opportunity presents itself in connection with this special appeal. As we have already mentioned, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts will fix the corner-stone of the new building on the 11th proximo, and it is hoped she will not only perform the ceremony, but that she will be able to announce that her efforts have been endorsed by the Craft to such an extent as to allow of the opening of the new School without the anxiety which at present must accompany any large addition to the calls on the Institution. Of course the time is too short to allow many of our Lodges to take part in the ceremony, or to swell to any extent the donations we hope to hear announced that day, and accordingly it is proposed that the arrangement for giving double votes shall remain in force until the 31st December next, up to which time any Lodge presenting ten guineas or upwards to the Special Building Fund will be entitled to the special privileges offered. Not only will they secure these privileges, but they will also have the gratification of knowing they did good service to the Boys' School at a critical period of its history. A good or bad start has very often an influence on the future of any human undertaking, and we venture to think there are few matters in which this principle would be more apparent than in such a one as that under consideration. If the Preparatory School can be opened without any attendant anxieties, its supporters will be able to devote themselves during the next few years to the work of extending its usefulness, but if otherwise, they will have to struggle and manœuvre to free it from the burden under which it started—a task far more difficult than enlisting support for fresh operations, as the feeling is very strong in all quarters against allowing Charitable Institutions to run into debt or to anticipate in any given year the income of the future. We have purposely refrained from any mention of the claim the Boys' School has on the Craft—that is admitted, admitted so far as this Preparatory School is concerned to such an extent as to prevent any misunderstanding on the point. The members of the Craft, and not the Institution, demanded the increase, and by so doing afforded the strongest possible proof that the increase had their approbation. They are now asked to contribute the amount needed to start the addition as it should be started, and will they neglect the call? Certainly not. We feel convinced that the call will be nobly responded to, and that the meeting over which the Baroness Burdett-Coutts has kindly undertaken to preside, on the 11th August, will be among the most successful of the many successes achieved in connection with the Masonic Boys' School.

ALL HONOUR TO THE FOUNDATIONS.

WHEN Bro. Captain (now General) Warren, of the English Royal Engineers, some years ago explored the site of King Solomon's Temple, and made excavations at the south-east corner of the Sanctuary wall, sinking shafts to the depth of fifty-three feet, he discovered the foundations of the Temple as originally laid by the Tyrian builders. His discoveries were remarkable in more respects than one. They not only revealed the actual substructions of the Temple as they were laid three thousand years ago,

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fresh and exact as they were when first cut and painted. The base of the paint was red chalk, a natural production, and nearly indestructible by the elements or time, so that even on Egyptian monuments that are thirty-five centuries old it is fresh and bright to-day. In Bro. Captain Warren's book describing his discoveries, and in Redding's "Antiquities of the Orient Unveiled," these "Masons' Marks" are exactly pictured and described, and are of the deepest interest to Freemasons. But interesting as these Marks are—forming right angles, triangles, stars, circles, crosses, triple triangles, &c., and awakening important historical and antiquarian recollections as these foundation-stones do, after all the great lesson they inculcate is taught, as all the lessons of Freemasonry are taught, symbolically. He who goes beneath the surface to find the deepest, most abiding truth, sees more than the material stones. And what is this truth? The fact that, while Solomon's Temple, Zerubbabel's Temple and Herod's Temple—the triad of Temples that have stood on the world's chief Masonic ground—have all been swept from the face of Mount Moriah, so that not a vestige of them remains above the surface of the ground, *the foundation-stones, as originally laid, continue in place to the present day*, and promise to so remain other millennials to come—from which fact we learn, that while Freemasonry may tower aloft, a pyramid of degrees, growing smaller and smaller as it rises into the thin air, the topmost shall be the first to fall, and the lowest of all the last to remain—eternal as the foundations upon which King Solomon, with the aid of the Tyrian builders, erected his glorious edifice to the One only living and true God! Brethren of low degree, Brethren of high degree, and Brethren of all degrees, take note of this fact. The first three degrees in Masonry are the foundations of the Masonic edifice to-day, and these alone, or these at last surely, like the material foundations of King Solomon's Temple, are destined to last for all time. The Master Mason's degree is the *sublime* degree, and *there is none higher*, though many others have been superadded. Others beyond are only the original three degrees attenuated and whittled away to a point. So-called "higher degrees" may be temporarily *lifted* up in the air, but they will not remain. In the nature of things the last degree will be the first to go. Look at the Great Pyramid—truncated. Those Freemasons are most to be envied who value most the foundations of Masonry, who are most attentive to their Lodge, who attend to its duties first, and others afterwards.

How many so-called Masonic degrees are there? It might be safe to say, so many to-day; but you could not say how many there will be to-morrow. New rites, which are assemblages of degrees, are invented without any particular trouble. All a brother has to do is to fancy himself a Solomon, and, *presto*, the thing is done. He may either start a new rite, or revive a defunct opposition to an old rite. Everything and anything is right in the eyes of a modern Solomon. He may improvise a Royal Masonic Rite, a Memphian Rite, an Egyptian Rite, or what not. The field is the world, and the fools are not all dead. A certain class are always ready to take any degree offered. The appetite for degrees "grows on what it feeds," and fattens on "accumulative Masonry,"—Masonry gone to seed, and then soaked and diluted to a ninetieth trituration. What do you think of a Brother who has learned three hundred and sixty-five ways of recognising another Brother; who understands three hundred and sixty-five methods of teaching an initiate his duties to his Companions;—who has three hundred and sixty-five manners of investing his loose cash; who worships with equal facility and seriousness at the altar of Mohammedanism or the altar of Christianity; who can one evening as a Templar imagine himself fleshing his sword in an infidel Mohammedan's breast, and the next can join his recent affinity in singing praises to Allah! All this it may be is very curious, very interesting, but very inconsistent, and should be very startling. It is wandering away from the old faith after strange gods. It is covering up the body of Masonry, and decking it and smothering it with embarrassing apparel. It is erecting a superstructure which will not endure the trials of time. The basic degrees only are for all time. The foundations of King Solomon's Temple to-day typify this fact to Freemasons. Let us honour these foundations as we should, for we owe to them all that we are, and all that we hope to be, as members of that great Free and Accepted Craft which alone as a living fraternal chain encircles the globe.—*Keystone*.

THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY.

EARTH'S greatest teacher has said, "In My Father's house are many mansions." Were the gates ajar so that we might catch a glimpse of the life within, what a scene would meet our gaze. Here we are clannish. The Frenchman hates the German, the Irish plot against the English, the Yankee suspects the Briton, mountain chains limit our sympathies, rivers determine our antagonisms, and imaginary lines sunder us. There, nations, kindreds, peoples, and strangers dwell together in happiest fellowship. Here caste rules us, patrician cannot mix with plebeian; the one cries, with sneering contempt, "common people!" the other mutters "privileged classes." There the prince and the peasant, the capitalist and the hodman, the merchant and the menial, meet in fellowship. Here sectarian feelings alienate; the Jew and the Gentile still stand apart; the Catholic and the Protestant are but resting on their arms; the Episcopalian gives over the Dissenter to uncovenanted mercies; the Calvinist hedges himself in with the five points, and the Baptist dwells in castellated isolation, surrounded by a moat whose waters no drawbridge ever spans.

There Heaven's charity has fused these diverse masses into a divine kinship, and behold how beautiful the unity in which they dwell! Here sin especially divides. Once sink below the common standard of morality, and the Church gathers up its black skirts, and inquires, "Doth not your Master know she is a sinner?" and the world, with a hypocritical leer passes by on the other side. There we find those who washed their robes and made them white through forgiving love. They were sinners; but the kiss of Divine Love has made them worthy of fellowship with the Just.

Such is the spirit of Masonry. It was born in the heart of God. Like the Pentecostal fire, it fuses Parthian and Medes, dwellers in Mesopotamia, Cretes and Arabians, Jews and Gentiles, into unity. Oh, that it might burn more fiercely, until the antagonisms of race, the hatreds of creed, and the rivalries of business should disappear, and the pure gold of brotherly love remain.—*Masonic Advocate*.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, the 4th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, London. The minutes having been confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information, nineteen petitions from candidates seeking admission to the Institution were brought under consideration. Of these, fifteen were accepted, one rejected, and the remaining three were left over for the decision of the Quarterly Court on Monday. Grants in aid of four former pupils were agreed to, as also was the sale of the balance of Four per Cent. India Stock, amounting to £3,500, standing to the credit of the Preparatory School Building Fund. It was announced that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts had kindly consented to preside on the occasion of the laying of the memorial stone of the new Assembly Hall at Wood Green on Tuesday, the 11th August, and a special Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the day. Notices of motion for the Quarterly Court were handed in, and after a vote of thanks to the Chairman the proceedings were brought to a close.

Bro. Fehrenbach has just produced photographs of two Fathers in the Craft that are sure to be welcome. Both possess great interest, but the features of Bro. Levander are no more to be seen in the flesh. This likeness of him, therefore, is now especially timely. It is not only a good specimen of the photographic art, but it reproduces the man as he appeared in Masonic costume, as he was known to many brethren, and as he deserves to be known by all who love the Order and respect those who have worked to extend and consolidate its usefulness. All we have said of Bro. Levander may be said with equal, if not greater force, of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, with this difference, that happily the latter is still with us, performing his Masonic duties with a heartiness and relish that ought to shame many a younger brother. We commend both portraits to our readers, and advise a visit to Bro. Fehrenbach's studio in the Strand.

DEATH.

CAMA.—On Tuesday, 7th July, at Bombay, Bai Hemabai, wife of Brother Pestonjee Hormusjee Cama, and mother of Bro. D. P. Cama.

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THE BOYS' FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me to supplement the amount of contributions to the Boys' Festival from the Province of North and East Yorkshire. The amounts given in your paper were correct at the time of the announcement, but have since been increased by other contributions, and now stand as follow :—

	£	s	d
Bro. J. S. Woodall, M. C. Peck, J. S. Cumberland	153	11	0
Christopher Palliser	27	16	0
Total	£181	7	0

By inserting this you will greatly oblige,

Yours fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND P.P.G.J.W. N. and E. Yorks.

BENEFITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have prepared two tables, which I think may be both interesting and useful to the Craft at large. The one as to the value of the benefits received and the contributions given by London and the several Provinces, and the other as to the number of Lodges which have lapsed or become absorbed, *i.e.*, two have become one, and the number that have passed from under the Grand Lodge of England since the last renumbering took place, and which will prove that we are sailing under false colours when our apparent strength is quoted at 2,100, while our real strength is about 1,930. I will make no further remark than to hope that those Provinces which have done well will continue in their well doing, and that others will be stimulated to do better, and more adequately contribute towards their share of the expenses.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

TABLE I.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

Benefits received and contributions given by London and the several Provinces. The benefits are given for this year, while the contributions represent the average for the seven years ending December 1884.

	Benefits. £	Contributions. £	s	d
London	9,350	18,701	4	9
Bedford	—	12	9	0
Berks and Bucks	79	597	2	0
Bristol	85	48	0	0
Cambridgeshire	—	149	5	5
Cheshire	818	430	11	9
Cornwall	394	200	10	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	312	263	5	10
Derbyshire	153	371	2	5
Devonshire	1,154	368	10	0
Dorsetshire	489	389	12	3
Durham	426	419	5	4
Essex	504	510	1	6
Gloucestershire	312	703	0	9
Hants	1,102	822	18	3
Herefordshire	32	9	1	6
Hertfordshire	190	606	15	3
Kent	1,349	1,355	8	3
Lancashire—East	1,408	1,380	7	5
Lancashire—West	960	961	12	2
Leicestershire	79	275	19	5
Lincolnshire	658	48	14	4
Middlesex	489	918	16	8
Monmouthshire	146	240	7	10
Norfolk	377	188	11	0
Northe and Hunts	489	156	4	3
Northumberland	487	295	17	10
Nottinghamshire	100	183	4	11
Oxfordshire	96	317	10	5
Somersetshire	507	389	12	8
Staffordshire	380	532	0	8
Suffolk	663	397	9	10
Surrey	217	464	19	3
Sussex	561	701	8	2
Wales (North) and Salop	235	280	19	0
Wales South—Eastern Division	215	305	5	10
Wales South—Western Division	243	290	9	11
Warwickshire	449	521	10	2
Wiltshire	422	309	9	5
Worcestershire	262	401	18	2
Yorkshire—North and East	624	508	5	8

TABLE II.

The real strength of the Craft under the Grand Lodge of England. Numbers of the Lodges that have lapsed or been absorbed :—

Lodge	Founded	Lodge	Founded	Lodge	Founded	Lodge	Founded
17	1723	596	1851	808	1860	1062	1865
118	1768	612	1853	821	,,	1082	,,
122	1769	616	,,	825	,,	1084	,,
138	1765	620	,,	826	,,	1090	1866
161	1766	623	,,	831	,,	1104	,,
182	1768	627	,,	835	,,	1109	,,
351	1816	628	,,	841	,,	1117	,,
365	1821	629	,,	848	,,	1127	,,
396	1829	635	1854	849	1861	1142	,,
397	,,	642	,,	864	,,	1154	1867
399	,,	644	1855	866	,,	1156	,,
400	,,	648	,,	870	,,	1162	,,
420	1834	658	,,	878	,,	1172	,,
427	1835	664	,,	881	,,	1173	,,
436	1836	668	,,	883	,,	1176	,,
470	1840	674	1856	886	,,	1187	,,
479	1841	675	,,	888	,,	1190	,,
480	,,	676	,,	894	1862	1191	,,
490	1843	677	,,	909	,,	1200	,,
499	1844	682	,,	919	,,	1217	1868
512	1845	688	,,	923	,,	1234	,,
514	,,	690	,,	924	,,	1245	,,
518	,,	693	,,	927	,,	1251	1869
522	,,	695	1857	953	1863	1344	1870
524	1846	701	,,	955	,,	1346	1871
527	,,	717	,,	961	,,	1368	,,
532	,,	722	,,	963	,,	1412	1872
535	,,	740	1858	964	,,	1419	,,
544	1847	744	,,	965	,,	1484	1874
553	1848	756	,,	968	,,	1487	,,
559	,,	762	,,	983	,,	1497	,,
562	1849	763	,,	984	,,	1498	,,
565	,,	770	,,	994	,,	1499	,,
568	,,	774	1859	1023	1864	1516	,,
571	,,	775	,,	1029	,,	1527	,,
575	1850	783	,,	1047	,,	1548	1875
577	,,	790	,,	1053	1865	1606	1876
578	,,	805	,,	1054	,,	1866	1880

Under the Grand Lodge of South Australia :—

423	585	875	1207	1759	1921
505	598	947	1240	1814	1934
583	649	1172	1252	1876	2002
584	842				

Apparent number, 2,100, minus 171; real number 1929.

AN OLD MASONIC LETTER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter I enclose was written by an Ancient and Modern English and American Mason, all combined in one and the same individual; and, what is more, the letter was written in America eighty-two years ago, by a brother who was initiated in Bristol, England, one hundred and twelve years ago. The said brother was Grand Master of New Hampshire when he wrote the letter, and the letter was addressed to a Grand Master of Maryland. The opinions then entertained by such a man about Masons and Masonry may have been right or wrong, yet to a Masonic reader such a letter must be interesting. I have therefore copied it, with the peculiar spelling and punctuation, and here it is :

"June 1803.

"Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour 23rd February last—wherein you mention your design of publishing a work on a plan entirely new. I am induced to believe, that your publication will contain much useful, and valuable information on the subject of true Masonry; and bring to light many facts relative to those unhappy distinctions of Ancient and Modern, existing evils very hurtful to our Society, and mischievous in their effects; particularly amongst our brethren in England—and in several instances have extended to the United States. I hope that this evil is nearly at an end—and that all distinctions will be concentrated in the General Name of Ancient Free and Accepted Columbian Mason.

Thirty years ago—I was initiated and obliged to pass both denominations for the conviniency of visiting both descriptions in England—where those baneful distinctions were kept up with an unbecoming warmth of temper—this I dare say you have observed—and also that Modern, were composed of men of birth, talants, and education, and that those in London stiling themselves Ancients—were generally men of inferior abilities, and less refined in their manners—these Lodges were not very careful whom they admited into the Society—which finally brought Masonry to a low ebb in England, and remained so for some time. I really believe that the Grand Lodge in London, were very much to blame in the first instance—for making such innovation and alteration in the body of Masonry, as tended to creat schisms amongst the Craft in England—I wish that I could give better information upon the subject. The Tenth Edition of Preston must supply this defect to which I refer you—respecting your 2nd question when a Lodge ceases to work?—I am of opinion that the then Officers; have a right to retain the jewels, until others are appointed—to succeed them :

surendered up to the Grand Fund of Charity. 3d question—Altho' I have been admitted many years ago—in Bristol—I am not now much in favour of R.A. Were it confered on those only who merit that distinction, (as was intended by the Royal builder) it would be well: but while it is so easy to be obtained for money, it will ever prove destructive to true, genuine, useful Masonry—'tis not established in our State (nor do we ever wish it should be) yet now and then, we have some poor empty-head Bro. coming from a neighbouring State; puffd up with superior consequence of high rank in Masonry, when at the same time he cannot answer a simple question in lectures on the first degree—and incapable of knowing anything of the R.A. more than feeling himself thirty dollers lighter, paid for his fee admission. R.A. and every other description of Masons, must be under the control, regulated by; and subject to; the authority of the Grand Lodge, and cannot hold any meeting without having first obtaind a warrant from the G.L.—for that purpose—whether the Officers have or have not been admitted into that degree. Because the Officers of the Grand Lodge having pass the chair are qualifyd, and possess that by service in the chair, and merit—which the R.A. have only by assumption. The R.A. has beauties and sublimity when the members are properly selected. But what is the opinion of your Grand Lodge respecting the Sovereign Princes and Grand Inspectors—said to be established in So. Carolina—assuming to extend their control over the *two* hemispheres? Do you submit to receive them, and their 33 degrees?—in your States—"they come in such a questionable shape"—Masonry having been so much disgraced in Europe, by pretended Societies, that much caution is necessary amongst us. As for our Lodge, we shall treat their proposal with silence—we consider our Grand Lodge sovereign of Masonry within this State. Not wishing to extend Masonry beond the three *blue degrees* (as those worthies stile them)—we are at present in ful Harmony, union, and good fellowship; practicing brotherly love, relief, and truth—in three degrees. I am very desirous of a General Convention to regulate everything relative, and belonging to the Craft. To introduce a uniform system—and mode of working, "preserving the old landmarks," and a true American Constitution—you seem truly qualifyd, Most Worshipful, for undertaking, and for promoting sooh a plan. You may insure yourself, of the aid and support, of every good Mason. I must make an apology for not answering your letter sooner—a brother's failings claims indulgences—this I claim—for trifleing matter, stale information, and elapse of time since I received your favour.

I Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Your most ob't ser't,

THO. THOMPSON,

G.M. of Masons N.H.

Most Worshipful John Crawford, Esq."

I have omitted two postscripts to the said letter, which refer exclusively to American Masonry; the nature of Bro. Crawford's contemplated "work on a plan entirely new," will never be ascertained, because the copy of Brother Crawford's letter was not preserved. Bro. Thompson's notion, which he derived from Preston, that the Grand Lodge (Moderns) deserved blame for its innovations, &c., which caused the schisms amongst the Craft, is now exploded. He equally erred about the R.A. degree having originated by a "Royal builder." But his contrast between the Moderns and Ancients, viz., that the former body "was composed of men of talent, birth, and education, the latter were generally men of inferior abilities and less refined in their manners, and not careful whom they admitted into their Society," is doubtless true. I also approve of his opinion about the baneful influence of the high degrees on the Masonic Fraternity. The present high-degreers, as a rule, are as empty-headed simpletons, who are puffed up with their imaginary superior consequence in Masonry, as they were in 1803. I cannot, however, approve of his opinion that the Grand Lodge should grant Charters either for the Royal Arch or any other high degrees. Indeed, whenever and wherever I meet with an infatuated high degree Mason I have strong reason to suspect that he is either a knave or a fool. And this is not only my opinion, but it is also the opinion of a large number of intelligent Masons who have taken all the high degrees. Unfortunately, however, for Masonry, these very intelligent high degreers who, in private conversation, frankly admit that the high degrees are an imposition, &c., lack the moral courage of the Crown Prince of Prussia to say so openly and cut loose from them.

Bro. Schultz explains the allusion of Bro. Thompson to the "Sovereign Inspector General" thus:—

"The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree opened at Charleston, May 31st, 1801, by brethren claiming to be Sovereign Inspectors General, issued in December 1802 a circular to all the Masonic bodies over the face of the two hemispheres. In this document that body claimed control over all the degrees of Masonry, except the first three or Blue degrees (over these it had waived its authority)." It was to this circular that Grand Master Thompson referred.

The most amusing part is, that while those high degree South Carolina charlatans claimed control over all Masonic degrees in the two hemispheres, their descendants have been unable to exercise any control at all. The fact is, disharmony is inherent in these degrees; wherever those degrees were introduced, quarrels and disputes were engendered, which caused division and schisms. Take, for instance, France, Italy, Spain, and even England,—you will find in each country two or more high degree factions, denouncing each other as impostors, &c. Here, in Boston, we have the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, and the De La Granja Supreme Council New York is the Centre of the Cerneau Supreme Council and of the Seymour Supreme Council. But that is not all—the coloured American Masons are also cursed with high degreedom; they have one Supreme Council in New York and another in Philadelphia, and these two coloured bodies abuse each other just the same as the white high degreers do. Again, that is not all. Albert Pike is a descendant of the Charleston high degreers, and he calls his concern "The Mother Supreme Council of the World." But, alas! even in his own Southern Jurisdiction there is another Supreme Council, viz., in New Orleans, whose Sovereign denounces Albert Pike and his "Mother Supreme Council of the World" as an "illegitimate," "a humbug," &c. Now, when our eight Scotch Rite American Sovereigns are at such loggerheads, and abuse each other after the above fashion, it is no wonder that their respective followers fight among each other when they happen to belong to a Commandery, or some other so-called Masonic body, and even our Grand Lodges are not free from disharmony arising from high degree squabbles. It is no wonder, therefore, that many of the better informed high degreers are getting disgusted with all kinds of high degreedom, and say in a whisper, "Oh! I wish all the high degreers were in Sheol."

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 9th June 1885.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to "WATCHMAN'S" letter in your issue of 2nd May 1885, and other communications which have appeared in your paper on the same subject, the idea is so good, practical, and inexpensive, that I trust your correspondent will not let the matter drop until something be accomplished.

The scheme itself, properly developed, would not only give employment to men on its staff, and actually be self-supporting, but I really believe a profit would accrue from the fees, which might be applied to any Masonic purpose. A few pounds, say £150, under proper supervision only being required to start it. Discreetly advertised, there would be many outside the Craft who would (as employers, not those to be employed) be glad to avail themselves of its means to obtain employés whose antecedents would be so well guaranteed, or could be so well ascertained through the Secretaries of the various Lodges to which the various applicants belonged.

I am so convinced of the feasibility of the scheme, and the immense good to be done by its agency, that I should be glad to undertake a part in the management. However, I hope you will not allow the matter to drop now that there is so much distress about, and which might easily be mitigated.

Yours fraternally,

NEMO.

RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was glad to see a letter from Bro. W. J. Hughan above mine in your issue of the 20th June, and more especially so as he is also of opinion that any alteration in the numbering of our Lodges would be objectionable. I fully endorse Bro. Hughan's arguments, and would point out another, which I think is equally strong, in favour of allowing matters to remain as they are. Here, in the Provinces, we are often called upon by "distressed Masons," and I venture to think our difficulties in discriminating between genuine distress and imposture would be increased by any change, as an impostor might get "so confused by the alterations," as really not to know the number of his Lodge. Any how, I look upon this point as another reason why no alteration should be make, and if I have not explained my reasons very clearly, it is only because I do not wish to disclose too much of our local examination of "distressed Masons."

For my own part I think we should be content to let a Lodge number stand as part of its title for all time. Masonry is not an ever-changing science, and why should any of its most prominent features be continually being altered. We might as well revise our Lodge names every few years, and really I do not know but such an arrangement would have much more reason than a mere readjustment of numbers, for whereas the latter has no particular inapplicability to any district or section, the former may, either by the removal of the Lodge, or the enrolment of quite a different class among its members, prove most absurd, and this is particularly the case where a purely local name or title was selected at the start. The only objection that can be raised—so far as I can see—to a continuance of the present state of affairs is, that the numbers given to our newest Lodges are misleading as to the numerical strength of the Craft, but this affects but very few brethren, while any who do really desire to know the actual number of Lodges can discover it without very much trouble, by counting the list given in the Grand Lodge Calendar; besides, a renumbering would not put this matter straight, for even during the few weeks that would elapse between the renumbering and the publication of the revised list there would be a few, or it might be several, changes. Indeed, it might happen that at the very moment the result of the official revision was announced, steps were being taken in another part of the world which would remove a dozen or more Lodges from the English register, so it is no use urging a renumbering on that plea. I have yet to learn that the number by which each of our Lodges is distinguished is more than the number it holds on the register—the books—of Grand Lodge, and if a Lodge does drop out it does not follow that all record of its existence is to drop out also.

The Lodges of South Australia, for instance, were regularly constituted, and existed for years, and *still exist*. Why, then, should their history in the Register of Grand Lodge be wiped out in order

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that future Lodges, instead of being numbered two thousand odd, might be known as eighteen or nineteen hundred and something? Of course the doings of Lodges now severed from England during the time they were under the rule of the home Grand Lodge are not removed from Grand Lodge records, why then should these numbers be given to others, perhaps less worthy of bearing them? Not only do I consider that it would be unwise to attempt a re-numbering in the future, I also feel that those who have gone before me acted wrongly in ever disturbing the numbers agreed upon at the Union in 1813, or the numbers originally given to subsequent Lodges at their Constitution.

I am, Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL SCRIBE.

[The demands on our space during the past week or two have caused delay in the publication of the above and other letters; for this we ask the indulgence of our correspondents.—ED. F.C.]

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have not the reputation of our esteemed brother W. J. Hughan, or the experience of which "A PROVINCIAL SCRIBE" can boast; I am merely an ordinary Mason of some ten years' standing, so my opinion on this question, even if you give it publicity, will not, perhaps, be of much moment; yet I cannot but think that you and the two distinguished brethren I have named are wrong, in desiring that the misleading numbering of our Lodges should be continued. I think it would be better if all Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England were renumbered, say once every seven years. We should then have an opportunity of judging, without trouble, of the actual strength of the Order. I cannot see that the re-numbering would be confusing, indeed I think it is the present system that is confusing, inasmuch as we are taking credit for having considerably above two thousand Lodges, while the actual number is far short. I think it would be much better that our numbers should correspond with the actual strength rather than that we should include many which have ceased to exist, or have severed their connection with the Grand Lodge of England, as in the case of those in South Australia. Personally I cannot see there is any excuse for delaying what must come ere long, as I suppose all are agreed that a renumbering is desirable some time or other.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS AND PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As becomes the Editor of a Masonic journal you every now and then deal with the duties and performances of officials, sometimes in a practical and at other times in an abstract way. Last week, under the heading "Skill and Assiduity in a W.M.," you had an article combining both methods. In it you refer to a previous article which appeared on 19th October 1885, and as I file the CHRONICLE, a plan I cordially recommend to my brother Masons, I was enabled to refer to that article. I am not going exhaustively into the matter, nor am I going to quarrel with your ideas. In the first place, you are pretty general in your description of the duties of Masters and Past Masters; and in the second, what you say are almost truisms.

There is no doubt as to who and what a Master of a Lodge should be. The following is public property, and may be read any day: "All preferment among Masons should be grounded upon real worth and personal merit, therefore no brother shall be elected Master of a Lodge or appointed to any office therein merely on account of seniority of rank." That is one of the fundamental laws of the Constitution. If Lodges will get into the seniority groove, and they do so with a perversity highly censurable, it would require a very discreet Master in all cases to carry out his duties without engendering some bitterness of feeling. Merit and ability are the passwords to office according to the highest authority, and all Lodges are as much bound to see that aspirants to office possess these qualifications as they are to pay Grand Lodge dues, or to perform any other duty prescribed by the Constitutions. So far the ground is clear, but there is other evidence, which if not open to the world, should be known to every Master Mason. At the installation of the W.M., in the presence of the whole Lodge of full Masons, the necessary qualifications of the president for the year are set forth in precise and emphatic terms. He should be an expert brother, of good report, true and trusty, of exemplary character, courteous in manner, easy of address and firm in principle; he should be well skilled in the ancient charges, regulations and landmarks of the Order, and willing to take the management of the work. Whatever may be the fact in practice, the theory is right enough. I admit that few Masters attain to anything like the standard set up. Some approach it, some aspire to it but never get nearer than sighting distance, while others have no knowledge of it, and act only in a blind mechanical way like an automaton. To allow such Masters—except the gifted few—further power than is absolutely necessary to govern the Lodge would be to set a firebrand in their midst. It is here where the P.M.'s influence becomes potent. They have no legal status to interfere; they are like standing counsel ready to be consulted and advise. They are the embodiment of intelligence and experience, and are as a rule the authority to which the Lodge at large looks for guidance. There is no one else to look to, in fact; and it must be a very poor Lodge indeed that does not possess one Master of a Lodge is armed with great powers, they are limited by responsibilities and subject to the controlling influence o the Past Masters. A prudent Master, like a wise counsellor, wil rule without seeming to do so; he will rather let privileges come t him than seek them, and when he is suddenly called upon to act h will have in reserve that power which commands, and is sure t have, the support of the Past Masters. If a Master is not prudent if in his strength he acts like a tyrant, the best hope of delivery i in the P.M.'s.

Thus it follows from my argument that a Master should first b well chosen, that he should act up to the obligations he voluntaril accepts, that during his year of office he is the head of the executive and is really learning how to govern. At the end of the year he ha completed his probation and takes his place amongst real rulers—hi predecessors in office. Were time and space at my disposal I migh dwell upon the fact that the Master of a Lodge must primarily submi his qualification to a Board of Installed Masters; it is they wh must crown the choice of the Lodge. Were they to be as strict i examination as they might be many a candidate would be plucked They know, however, that knowledge is power, and that that is i a peculiar degree their strength. They practically rule the Lodg and also the W.M. for the time being. I cannot conceive it possibl for a W.M. to act so arbitrarily as to place himself beyond the Consti tution and the well-understood authority of the Past Master Offence against the former would be fatal to the career of an Master. Offence against the latter would be destructive of respec and position.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

EARN SOMETHING.

NOW, while you are young, go to work. It is a very, very goo thing to earn a little money for yourself. It is good f women, who may have the necessities of life supplied for them, find some way to make a little money which may be their very own not simply to buy bonnets with, if they already have enough; n just to be finer, but to be able to indulge themselves in those litt amenities of life which are impossible to people who have not th command of at least a small purse. You do not know what a pers who lives, as many women do, on the friendly bounty of relativ would really be if she could do as she chose. It is an unfortuna fact that almost anything we wish to offer another requires some e penditure, and that people who get credit for being so good-natur often earn their reputation with a few spare dollars which they not miss. Aunt Kitty, who buys tickets for pleasant amusement makes Christmas presents, and never forgets a birthday, has more natural kindliness than Aunt Jane, who has nothing to give, b is always hoping that some one will give her something. Long years this have changed her disposition; but as girls she and her sist Kitty were equally kind and generous. Only, you see, when t sudden blow that comes to so many fell upon them, and there w nothing left, Aunt Kitty went to learn the millinery business, a worked at it until she had a few customers of her own, then a wor room, and now a large establishment, with plate-glass windows, a plenty of savings. Aunt Jane, on the contrary, felt ashamed work. Uncle Felix said she might live with him, and she accepte Poor relations have seldom a very good time of it, but Jane is s too proud to be her sister's cashier. They are middle-aged wom now, but Jane is ashamed of the shop—ashamed of her sister, she takes her presents. She can do nothing for any one, and sunk into a cipher; whereas, as cashier for Kitty she would be important person. Naturally, she expected to marry; but a he less young woman, living where she is not much wanted, seld makes a good match. Neither of the young women were pretty, Kitty looks happy and prosperous to-day, while Jane looks "forlor She has not to work hard, but she has rusted, having done very little for herself or any one else. It is not always so. woman who feels that earning something would degrade her, unfrequently settles into a wretched drudge. All the talk ab gentility, all the feeling of shame there is about receiving paym for work, does not alter the fact that any one with a few shilli of her very own is twice as happy as any one who has nc and ten times more important. If it were only having more or of the portable property of this world for yourself, it would be enough to be without money of your own; but when you consi that the want of money will cause you to crush out much of y kindliness and generosity, and make you helpless where you n to be strong, I do not believe you will let pride weigh down balance. Go into the shop, the work-room, or the kitchen; te if you can, enter a profession if you are fit for it; do anything hor rather than become a genteel pauper; and, my word for it, you never spoil your matrimonial prospects by such independe Sensible men know that women who are able to help themse will be help-meets to their husbands.

The following dinners have taken place at the F masons' Tavern during the week ending Satur 11th July:—

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ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND CHAPTER, No. 1538.

THE annual election meeting of this Chapter was convened on Tuesday evening, the 7th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, when Comp. E. Fenner presided as M.E.Z., supported by Comps. J. Green as H., and G. Gregory as J., and many other brethren. After the transaction of some routine business the meeting proceeded to the election of principal Officers for the ensuing year, the choice of the brethren falling unanimously on Comp. J. Green. Comp. G. Gregory was elected as H., and Comp. W. P. Brown as J. At the conclusion of business the Companions dined together, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., when the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured and a very agreeable evening was passed.

STANMORE CHAPTER, No. 1549.

THE regular convocation of this Chapter, for the installation of Principals and the transaction of ordinary business took place on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore. Among those present were Companions C. H. Webb, James Fraser, W. A. Rogers, Charles Veal, E. B. Haynes, C. B. Todd, T. J. Maidwell, F. Browne, C. E. Keyser, D. H. Jacobs. Visitors:—J. D. Langton 1st Assist. Soj, H. M. Hobbs 933, and W. W. Morgan. Previous to the opening of the Chapter the Audit Committee met and examined the accounts, which were afterwards duly presented. After the Chapter had been regularly opened by the Principals, Comp. J. S. Fraser was placed in the chair of Z. Those under the rank of Principal were then admitted, and a ballot was taken for Bro. James Ewan Troutbeck, who, being approved, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being conducted by Comps. Fraser, Webb, and Brown; Comp. Bentley Haynes acting as Principal Sojourner, and T. J. Maidwell P.Z. as S.N. The following were then appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Dr. W. A. Rogers Treasurer, Charles Veal P.Z. S.E., Bentley Haynes S.N., C. B. Todd Principal Sojourner, and John Middleton Janitor. A capital banquet was afterwards served by Comp. Veal, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour, the after proceedings were somewhat curtailed.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, N. Comps. Radcliffe M.E.Z., Strugnell H., Pinder J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Dehane P.S. There was a large attendance this evening as one of the Companions had arranged to deliver an instructive lecture on Royal Arch Masonry; this he did in an able and masterly manner. The Chapter was closed at 10·15 p.m., after a profitable and instructive evening. We trust the delivery of these lectures will occasionally be resumed.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will take place on Monday next. The Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, will open his Lodge at the Public Hall, London Road, Lowestoft, at 1·30 p.m. The banquet will be held at the Suffolk Hotel, at 5 o'clock, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master. Tickets (including pint of wine) 7/6. The Great Eastern Railway Company run trains to Lowestoft from Friday or Saturday to Monday or Tuesday at reduced fares. There will be a train to Beccles, Halesworth, Saxmundham, Wickham, Woodbridge and Ipswich, leaving Lowestoft at 9 30 p.m. on Monday. Members can obtain return tickets, on production of summons, available by this train at all stations, for a fare and a quarter, such tickets lasting until Tuesday for stations beyond Ipswich.

The consecration of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 1319 took place on Thursday, at Herne Bay. The Rt. Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master Kent, performed the ceremony, and was assisted by Bro. J. S. Eastes, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers. We shall give a full report in our next issue.

A new Mark Lodge—the Royal Savoy, No. 355—will be consecrated to-day (Saturday) at the Criterion, Piccadilly, by Bro. F. Binckes P.G.W. G.M. Secretary. The principal Officers designate are Bros. J. Willing jun. W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., and W. A. Scurrah J.W. We wish the new Lodge every success, and hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

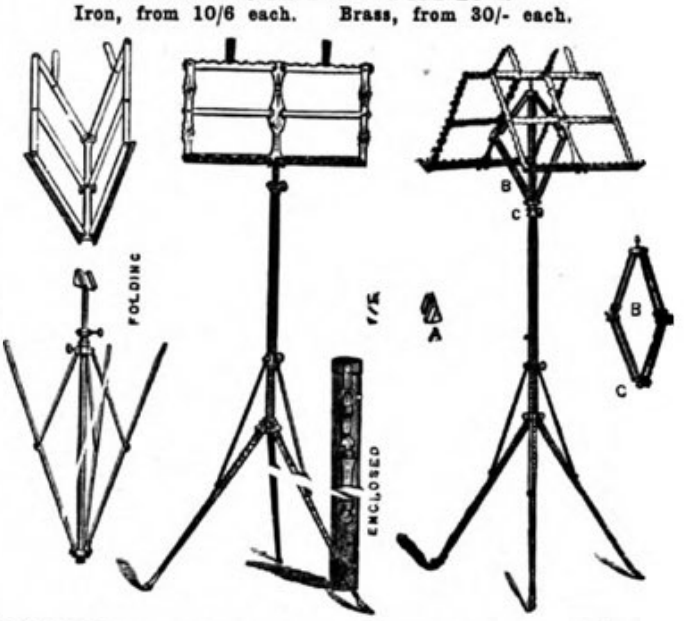
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 13th day of July 1885, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART P.G.D., V.P., Trustee, on behalf of the House Committee:
   That in consideration of the faithful and efficient services rendered by Miss Elizabeth Hall, during 22 years, as Matron of the establishment at Wood Green, an annual grant of £75 be made to her on her resignation for the term of her life, and the same to be paid quarterly.

2. By W. Bro. JOHN L. MATHER, V.P.:
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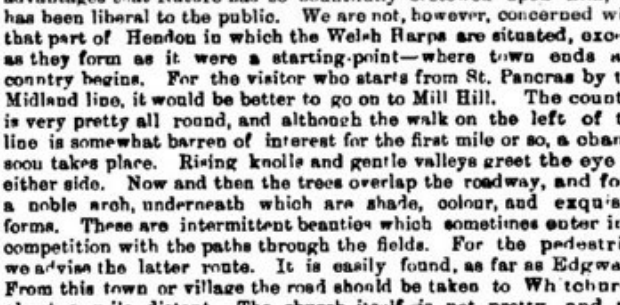
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GREAT STANMORE.

IT is an old saying that people go from home to hear news of themselves; it might fairly be added that pleasure and health seekers go hundreds of miles while beauties as great and air as pur are within ten miles of the great modern Babylon. Let any one go t Mill Hill, Edgware, Whitchurch, and Great Stanmore, all to b visited in a long summer day's ramble, and reached in a conveyanc with ease, and test the truth of our statement. Not far from th places we have named is Harrow-on-the-Hill, a commanding coign o vantage from which to behold the rich country around. In addition are the church and colleges. Farther into the country are Watfor and St. Albans, the journey to which places by coach being an ex ceptionally fine ride. There are few Cockneys who do not know th Welsh Harps, two famous hostelries, on the main road to Edgwar bordered by a magnificent lake, where fishing, boating, and swim ming afford alternate means of sport and recreation in summer, an whose broad surface becomes a glassy floor in winter on whic skaters disport themselves and enjoy a graceful and health-givin exercise. The lower Harp is the centre of attraction, to whic belong the rights and privileges of usage of the lake. They are hel by a genuine sportsman, who encourages the gun as well as the ro and is no mean adept himself with the trigger. Bro. Warner, lik all true sportsmen, is jovial and free, and if he has profited by th advantages that Nature has so bountifully bestowed upon him, h has been liberal to the public. We are not, however, concerned wit that part of Hendon in which the Welsh Harps are situated, exce as they form as it were a starting-point—where town ends an country begins. For the visitor who starts from St. Pancras by th Midland line, it would be better to go on to Mill Hill. The counte is very pretty all round, and although the walk on the left of th line is somewhat barren of interest for the first mile or so, a chang soon takes place. Rising knolls and gentle valleys greet the eye o either side. Now and then the trees overlap the roadway, and for a noble arch, underneath which are shade, colour, and exquisi forms. These are intermittent beauties which sometimes enter int competition with the paths through the fields. For the pedestria we advise the latter route. It is easily found, as far as Edgwar From this town or village the road should be taken to Whitchurc about a mile distant. The church itself is not pretty, and th churchyard bears evidence of neglect. The interior of the church full of interest. Here are memorials of the Chandos family, the orga on which Handel played, and much else that reminds the visitor of t

his office as Paymaster of the Forces during the reign of Queen Anne. Like the great Churchill he fattened upon the spoils of war and a warlike policy, but, unlike the hero of Blenheim, he has left a character for folly and extravagance. He built the Canons, a mansion that, with its furniture and decorations, is said to have cost a quarter of a million of money. The Duke began to build in 1712, in 1744 he died, when the mansion was sold in lots. The estate was purchased by a cabinet maker, who erected a more modest building, which was afterwards the home of Denis O'Kelly, who came over to England a raw Irish lad in 1748, unable to read or write, and died a wealthy man. His career was more remarkable than honourable, and were it not that he was the owner of the most wonderful racehorse ever known—Eclipse, his name would have been forgotten long ago. "The Grand Duke," as James Bridges was called, lives in marble—and as an example of vanity and extravagance Handel lives in marble too, but he also lives in Art. Which will survive the shock of time? We leave this to the judgment of our readers.

We must hasten our journey also; but before leaving Whitchurch a tombstone, erected in 1868, at the south-east corner of the churchyard, is worth a passing notice. It bears the following inscription: "In memory of William Powell, the Harmonious Blacksmith, who was buried 27 February 1780, aged 78 years. He was Parish Clerk during the time the immortal Handel was organist of this church." A short distance from the church is an iron gate, through which are some extremely pretty walks to Great Stanmore, a charming village, nobly situated. No greater contrast between country and town could be found than this delightful spot affords. City life is left behind, although almost within sight. The views from the higher ground are rich and varied. Wood, farm, church, hall, and lowly cot, swelling hills and deep valleys, with here and there a patch of water, make up a panorama that gratifies the eye and makes the heart long for a full purse and perpetual summer. Among the many pleasant places in this Middlesex village is the Abercorn Arms, the views from which alone are worth a visit to enjoy. We were rather surprised at the capacity of this old wayside hostelry. Bro. Veal, the proprietor, was a member of the old coaching fraternity, although his connection with it must have been in its latter days, for mine host is a hale, vigorous man, able to build his own hay rick, and to take his part with the strongest in the work of house and farm. The grounds attached to the hotel are extensive, and serve the purposes of pleasure and profit. A well-kept flower garden stretches along the side of the house, abutting on which and the road side are the vegetable and fruit preserves. In the latter a bee industry is situated, and woe betide the stranger who should be so unlucky as to come within the length of the sting of these busy animals when in a bad temper. Our host warned us to keep a safe distance. "But what about you?" we remarked. "Oh," said he, "they know me," and such appeared to be the fact, although he was obliged to protect himself from his friends when he went to capture some runaways who had swarmed in a tree close by. A well-wooded field at the back of the gardens is used for lawn tennis. It is admirably adapted for the purpose, sheltered, cosy, and picturesque. Adjoining is a large meadow, with a lazy pool, well stocked with fish, at one corner, a shady walk round it, and stables flanking the other side of the house. It is just the spot for parties and for private families. Comfort, quiet, and change come naturally at this pleasant retreat, which is not less fitted for those who keep up the old-fashion of yearly outings called beau-feasts. To Freemasons the Abercorn Arms ought to be regarded as their summer haunt and home. The Abercorn and Sub-Urban Lodges and the Stanmore Chapter meet here, and those who are fond of the country as well as of the Craft, who prefer the light and softness of summer to the coldness and depression of winter for Masonic work, should visit Bro. Veal's house before selecting a place of sojourning. He has just enlarged the banqueting room, which, with his other rooms, afford all the necessary accommodation for privacy, convenience, and comfort.

We have already indicated some of the sights and enjoyments of the locality, and were we not afraid of unduly extending our remarks we might refer to many more. We cannot, however, leave the subject without calling attention to Stanmore Church. The old fabric is now a venerable ruin, clad in ivy and evidently tended with care. The new church offers a striking contrast, but it is not altogether out of harmony with its predecessor. The situation is pretty, and unlike that of Whitchurch the churchyard at Stanmore is a pattern of neatness and trim beauty. We like to see Lych gates at the entrances to God's Acres. There is one at Stanmore, erected by the Kelk family. The Lodge to the right is a pretty little structure, and helps to harmonize the whole picture, which combines art and nature in an intelligent and pleasant form. We leave our subject here, with the remark that those who wish to go to Stanmore can take the Great Northern line to Edgware, or book a seat in that admirably served coach the Wonder, which leaves Piccadilly of a morning, and passes Bro. Veal's house on its journey to St. Albans, returning in the evening.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.—The London Cottage Mission is most desirous of giving some thousand or fifteen hundred children belonging to its Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope and Ragged Schools, &c., from the slums of Stepney, Limehouse, and the East End of London, their annual excursion one day in fresh air, either in the country or at the seaside, as results may permit, and an earnest appeal for special funds for this purpose is now made by Mr. Walter Austin, Managing Director of the Mission, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., who will gladly receive and acknowledge all donations for the purpose.

"Bright Days" is the title of the *Cassell's Magazine* special holiday number, to be issued at the end of this month. The first of the group of nine complete stories will be contributed by the author of "Who is Sylvia?"

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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"Proceedings of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the granting of Warrant 459 to African Lodge, at Boston, Mass., Monday, Sept. 29, 1884, under the auspices of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. and A. Masons. M.W. Thomas Thomas Grand Master." Boston: Franklin Press. Rand, Avery and Company. 1885.

THIS pamphlet, of forty pages, is not only a record of the centenary anniversary of African Lodge, but is also a brief history of the efforts made by the founders and others in freeing their swarthy brethren and sisters from the bondage of slavery. Prince Hall was the first W.M. of African Ledge, claimed to be "the mother of all other true Lodges of coloured Masons in the United States." From this Lodge, and others warranted by it, sprang the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, which we take to be the governing power of all the black Lodges. It is interesting to read the accounts of the doings of some of the brethren in connection with the War of Independence, and it is gratifying to notice the respect in which the Grand Lodge of England is held by the coloured brethren. They owe their Masonic birth to this country, and they evidently feel proud of their parentage. Regret is expressed that the "garden of peace, liberty, and equality is yet encumbered and choked up with the weeds of pride, envy, tyranny, and scorn," but hope is strong that they "may all live, as one great family, enjoying to its fullest extent all the beauties of it." To which we fervently add—So mote it be. The black population of America have passed through severe trials. Some of these people have risen to eminence, and we are glad to find that as a class they are giving their attention to education and works of charity, without which, they assert and believe, the Craft cannot flourish in their midst. These are signs of advancement which must gladden the hearts of all lovers of equality, and if the feuds of race still linger, they have considerably diminished in severity. Time will bridge over the boundary that separates white and black, and if the temper of African Lodge, as evidenced in the record before us, is continued, the time is not far distant when in truth it may be said that Freemasonry has succeeded in uniting all races in the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." Our black brethren are very susceptible of kindness, and they are warm in their acknowledgments. We find among those they wish to honour is Brother Jacob Norton, whose strong arm lent them assistance years ago, and is still vigorously and earnestly used in their behalf. They say, "be it was who exposed the sham pretenders upon this side of the water, and thereby carried fresh encouragement to our friends on the other side." Some interesting episodes are given in the pamphlet, and as a record of a great event arising out of peculiar circumstances it is well worth reading. The subject is a fine one for reflection, but want of space forbids the indulgence. We can only say, in conclusion, that we rejoice with our coloured brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, and sincerely hope that their aspirations may speedily be realised.

GRAND ENTRY INTO BOKHARA.

WE quote the following from the recent work published by Messrs. Sampson Low on "Russian Central Asia," from the pen of Bro. the Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D., Past Master of the Royal Somerset Union and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, P.G.S. :—

I have a dim recollection, as a child, of hearing Dr. Wolff lecture on his travels—I suppose soon after his return—and a better remembrance, as a boy, of hearing him preach. How little, then, I dreamed that I should be the next of the Queen's subjects to enter the city of Bokhara! Yet, on 11th October 1882 I found myself approaching the very gate by which I presume Burnes had entered fifty years before. The sight of the crenelated walls, eight miles round, with holes through which archers might shoot, guarded by a thin clay defence, and supported on triangular beams, struck me as curious indeed for Anno Domini 1882. Everything, however, was in keeping therewith. It was not like a street of Old London, erected in a modern exhibition, or an assemblage arrayed in ancient costumes whilst surrounded with 19th century furniture. Dr Wolff, who escaped with difficulty from the clutches of the present Emir's father, wore his gown and hood into Bokhara, carried a huge Bible under his arm, and announced that he was the great dervish of England; and he partly attributed his safety to having maintained throughout his ecclesiastical character. I had some thought, therefore, of taking a leaf from his book, and the more so because Russians had told me that the Emir would not distinguish between my clerical coat and that of a Russian merchant, and that all the Russian dignitaries this Asiatic sovereign had seen were in uniform and decorated with medals. This suggested to me that it might be desirable, if I could, to combine in my raiment the splendours of ecclesiastical vestments and military uniforms. But where was the Emir? Was he living close by, our house being a part of the palace, or was he a mile off? Because, if I were going to get myself up very gorgeously, and his Majesty were living close by, it might be more convenient to walk. My inquiry had reached the great man's ears, and he seemed to have taken it as a trait of humility on my part that I did not think myself worthy to come mounted to his presence. He therefore sent me a message to say he had heard I talked of walking to the palace, but that he desired I would ride. So I proceeded to make ready, and first put on my cassock that did duty when I went to the Court of St. James's. Over this I put on a gorgeous gold embroidered waistcoat, adapted from a garment I

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bought in Servia as a specimen of a Servian gentleman's vest—grand enough for a general—and tied a cincture at the bottom, with ends hanging at the side, and over these I hung my scarlet hood. Fortunately, perhaps, there was no mirror in the room, or my heart might have failed me; but I next put round my neck a Provincial Grand Chaplain's collar of purple and gold, and on this pinned three or four Masonic jewels, by way of medals, and slung at the bottom my pocket Bible; after which my costume was completed by a college cap; and thus arrayed I mounted my palfrey and sallied forth. My two djignitta went in front, preceded by a whole bevy of officials, and the two interpreters came after. Of course I looked at the people as we passed through the streets. Need I say that they looked still harder at me, doing my utmost, as I was, to keep my countenance? The boys, not content with a passing glance, ran before, and kept turning round to look, and in the bazaar, buyers and sellers stopped their bargaining in order to gaze. All went well, however, and we reached the citadel. This is a large artificial mound, surrounded by high clay walls, having an imposing gateway, with a chamber above, and a tower on either side. A number of troops were drawn up, who received me with a salute, and we dismounted to be received by two officers at the entrance, one of whom took charge of my presents for his master. We then crossed the first court, and on entering the second I caught sight of his Majesty, at a distance, through an open door. Of him I had read various and somewhat conflicting accounts. Of his father, Nasr-Ullah, there seemed to be but one opinion, and about as bad as it could well be; but of the reigning Emir, Seid Muzaffar-ed-din, Vambery, in 1863, spoke rather favourably.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

THE brethren of this Lodge have for some time past set a notable example, devoting a day to the "outing" of their friends. This event is anxiously looked forward to by those associated with the flourishing Stability, and is anticipated with no small degree of pleasure, more particularly by the ladies. This year's "red letter day" took place on Wednesday, and the members wisely, we think, instead of seeking "fresh fields and pastures new," again selected Shepperton as the place to spend their happy day. No locality possesses greater facilities than this charmingly sequestered nook and corner of Middlesex. The trysting-place was the Waterloo Station of the South-Western Railway, and a strong muster assembled shortly before eleven o'clock, the time appointed for the train to start. We may, however, mention in passing that the arrangements of the railway company were not quite satisfactory, inasmuch as both going to and returning from Shepperton carriages had to be changed at Twickenham. This "all change here" system should be remedied. On the party arriving at their destination the rain fell and the wind blew. The forecast, therefore, was unpropitious; but these evil effects were only of a transitory character, inasmuch as the sky shortly became as clear as a bell, the sun shone forth, and nature appeared decked in true summer attire. Mrs. Stone, the proprietress of the Ship Hotel, who has recently become a widow, had provided carriages for the party, wherein they were conveyed to their cosy quarters on the banks of Father Thames, who was as placid as a mirror and on whose bosom in a short time the excursionists plied their oars. At two o'clock the dinner bell was sounded, and a most *récherché* repast was spread before the guests, whose appetites had been sharpened by previous occupation. The esteemed W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. James Glanville, occupied the chair, and Bro. John Nixon (Secretary) filled the vice chair. The wines and dessert were excellent, and elicited the praise of all present. On the removal of the cloth, the chairman, in an eloquent speech, proposed the health of the Queen and Royal Family, in the course of which he alluded to the forthcoming marriage of the Princess Beatrice. This elicited approbation from the ladies, who appeared to manifest a deep interest in this event. The toast was pledged right loyally. The chairman then announced that the toasts would be limited, as he was sure the ladies would feel more happy in the open air, enjoying the beauties of Nature, than in listening to dreary speeches. Bro. Taylor, amid great applause, proposed the health of the chairman. He remarked that it afforded infinite pleasure to them all to see him restored to health and vigour, inasmuch as they were all aware that on the 5th of April he sustained a serious accident, from the effects of which he suffered for a considerable time. Bro. Glanville was now "himself again;" the Great Architect of the Universe had been gracious towards him throughout the ordeal he had been called upon to pass, which ordeal he had borne with much patience and resignation. He (Bro. Taylor) called upon those present to drink his health in a bumper. Bro. Glanville, who was much affected by the sympathy which greeted him on all sides, acknowledged the compliment in his usual forcible manner. He observed that during the long season of his illness the kind attention he received from the brethren cheered him beyond all that he could express, and caused him almost to forget his broken bones and bruised frame. It would be a source of comfort to him during the remaining portion of his pilgrimage to cherish the remembrance of the kindness he had thus received from troops of friends. He thanked one and all for their sympathy. He then proposed the Ladies, on whom he passed a graceful compliment. It was now becoming a time honoured custom in the Stability Lodge for the members to be privileged to enjoy the society of the ladies once a year; a custom he hoped that would long be continued. The toast was most enthusiastically pledged, and Bro. Lagerwall responded to it, in a neat and appropriate speech. The Chairman next complimented the Visitors, and Bro. J. J. Brinton W.M of the Sphinx Lodge responded in an amusing and racy manner, which evoked much applause. The company thereupon adjourned for open air recreation; some took to the water, whilst others rode as far as Chertsey, Weybridge and Addlestone, but returned in time for a sumptuous tea, "the cups that cheer," after which the return journey was made. We must not omit to mention that the W.M. was ably assisted in his arrangements by Bros. Taylor, Addington, and Nixon. Amongst those present were Bros. Glanville W.M., J. T. Wright S.W., U. Gowie S.D., T. R. Hinks J.W., John Nixon Secretary, Mrs. Nixon, G. A. Taylor P.M., Miss Taylor, J. Addington P.M., Mrs. and Miss Addington, John Parker, H. Parker, James Parker, Mrs. Parker, G. and Mrs. Tennant, G. Tennant jun., Miss Farrer, R. Lagerwall and Miss Cook, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Brier; Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs, Mr. Beauchamp, Mr. and Mrs. Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. Cowley, Mr. J. Vickery, Mrs. Hanser, Mr. and Mrs. Page, Mr. Brinton, Mr. Colepepper, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Finch.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE twenty-fifth annual Festival of the above Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Havant, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when Bro. James Collings was inducted into the Master's chair for the year ensuing. Bro. Harry W. Smith Parsons, the outgoing Master, has had a very gratifying tenure of office, and there is every hope that his successor will be equally rewarded with the success he so well merits. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—J. J. Bascombe S.W., J. J. H. Bascombe J.W., E. Good P.M. Treasurer, T. Francis P.M. Secretary, T. D. Askew P.M. D.C., A. H. Wood S.D., H. G. Tuck J.D., S. W. Sprigings I.G., A. R. Jones Org., F. Avery, and W. G. Humby Stewards, Blackmore Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. Martin Green P.M. P.P.J.G.W., T. P. Hall P.M., H. Kimber P.M., W. Dart P.M., W. Longford, A. Borrow, J. H. Corke, H. Wellstead, C. Courtier, J. Pannell, J. Reakes, &c., &c. After Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where an excellent repast was provided by Butler, of Portsmouth. Some excellent songs were given between the toasts by some of the members and their guests, the accompaniments being played by Bro. F. Wilton. The following W.M.'s of Lodges were present—Bros. J. Westaway 1834, W. Miles 1776, R. L. Loveland P.P.G.R. 1990, E. Naylor 928, H. E. Loader 487, J. W. Gieve 309, J. Dempsey 903, and R. J. Restrick P.G. Treas., J. Jackson W.M. elect 1428, W. D. Parkhouse P.M. 1834, and several others.

ROYAL WHARFDALE LODGE, No. 1108.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Friday, 26th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Boroughgate, when there was a good muster of brethren present. Among the Visitors were—the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, Bros. Richardson P.P.G.P. P.M. 1001, Bodman W.M. 1001, Jones 1001, and Adams 1525. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Albert Walker S.W., was presented by Bro. W. T. Marshall, the retiring W.M., for the benefit of installation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Laycock P.M. in a very able manner. The appointment of Officers then took place, as follows:—Bros. W. T. Marshall I.P.M., J. E. Lowrey S.W., J. H. Payne J.W., W. Laycock P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Edson Secretary, R. Watkinson S.D., W. T. Wilkinson J.D., Edmund Walker I.G., Wm. Weegmann Steward, and T. Houlding Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren. Bro. Laycock was unanimously re-elected as the Lodge representative on the Provincial Charities Committee, after which the newly-installed Master, on behalf of the brethren, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Laycock, in recognition of his services to the Lodge. Brother Laycock cordially thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had alluded to him, and also the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him with. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, in responding to the salutations of the brethren, expressed the pleasure he felt at being present, and spoke in complimentary terms of the work done in the Lodge. He thanked them for the hearty reception given him, and wished the Lodge all success and prosperity. The thanks of the Lodge were given to Bro. Albert Walker W.M., and Bro. Edmund Walker I.G., for their gift of ten guineas to endow the W.M.'s chair (Girls' School). The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where songs, speeches, and good fare rendered the evening very enjoyable. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the D.P.G.M., in responding to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, said that the proposer of the toast had not placed West Yorkshire too high in saying that this Province was second to none in England. West Yorkshire in the general working of its Lodges, the promptitude with which it performed its business, and the amount of its subscriptions to the Masonic Charities, occupied a very distinguished position, which he trusted would long be maintained. Bro. Richardson P.P.G.P., replying to the toast of the Visiting Brethren, said that in "Cole's List of Lodges," A.D. 1767, he found the following: 'No. 287 Lodge, Half Moon. Held at the Half Moon Inn, at Otley Yorkshire. Warrant dated August 16, 1762. Meet on first Monday, monthly." This was confirmed by "Wilson's List," A.D. 1777, but no mention of it is made in "J. & B. List," 1809 (23rd edition), hence he concluded that the Lodge must have been erased. This warrant might still be in existence, as there were instances of old warrants having been found amongst the documents of friendly societies, and he recommended that an effort should be made to discover what had become of this warrant.

WILSON ILES LODGE, No. 2054.

THE installation meeting of this recently consecrated Lodge, which is composed chiefly of members of the medical profession, was held on the 7th inst., at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, under

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the presidency of the W.M. Bro. R. Bird, W. Mackie S.W., S. H. Moore J.W., H. J. Moxon I.P.M. Treas., J. Galt Fisher P.M. P.G.S. Middlesex Sec., McLearn S.D., Milburn J.D., Tipper I.G. Visitors: R. D Cummings S.W. 1677, H. Halliday 1677, H. H. Room W.M. 2090, Daraska H. Chil Rising Star S C. 342, R. Cartwright 1671, Tydeman 1327 and 1437, F. Larner W.M. 858, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. the Rev. C. E. Mayo, P.G.C. Herts S.W. 869, was elected a joining member. The Auditors' report was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and had a good balance in hand after all the requisites of the Lodge had been paid for. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Mackie S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. Galt Fisher, P.M. P.G.S. Middlesex, perfectly and impressively, and in a manner that merited the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceremony. The brethren having been re-admitted, the customary salutations were given, Bro. H. J. Moxon P.M. acting as D.C. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. R. Bird I.P.M., S. H. Moore S.W., McLearn J.W., H. J. Moxon P.M. Treasurer, J. G. Fisher P.M. P.G.S. Middlesex Secretary, Milburn S.D., H. Tipper J.D., Rev. C. G. Mayo Chaplain, Hills I.G., R. M. Bruce D.C., Wilson Steward, Young Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of each Officer. The W.M. announced that it was his intention to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in February next, and Bro. H. J. Moxon P.M. proposed and Bro. Bird seconded, that the sum of £5 5s be voted and placed on the W.M.'s list. This was carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given from the Visitors, and Lodge was closed until the second Tuesday in October. During the interval, carriages were provided, and the brethren enjoyed a lovely drive to Cheshunt Great House, now the property of Bro. Rev. J. C. Mayo, the new-appointed Chaplain of the Lodge, who is a lineal descendant of Cardinal Wolsey. The party now, with excellent appetites, adjourned to the Four Swans, where mine host, Bro. Tydeman, provided a very sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert that gave every satisfaction. The wines and viands were first rate, and the tables were artistically decorated, while button-holes were provided for all. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, remarking that he did not intend to make long speeches. The toast of the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., who was present at the consecration, and who took a deep interest in the advancement of Freemasonry in the Province, was most cordially received. This was followed by the health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master Bro. Dawson and the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Province. Bro. Bird I.P.M. then rose; to propose the toast of the W.M. was a pleasing duty at all times. Bro. Mackie had only occupied the chair for a short time, but he had showed his aptitude for office; under his guidance the Lodge would continue to prosper. The W.M., in reply, felt he could hardly find words to express his thanks for the reception the brethren had given the toast; with the assistance of the I.P.M. and the Officers of the Lodge, he hoped at the expiration of his year of office to hear he had given them satisfaction. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the I.P.M., referred to the zeal Bro. Bird had displayed in getting the Warrant. The Lodge was named after a worthy and respected brother, Wilson Hes—a distinguished Mason now no more; but they hoped to perpetuate his memory, and for this the Lodge was named after him. He (the W.M.) had now a very pleasing duty to perform; to present the I.P.M. with the jewel so well deserved. In doing so, he trusted he might live long to wear it and be among them for many years. Bro. Bird I.P.M., in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions; his work had been a labour of love. He hoped the Lodge would stand highest in the Province for its working; while they had such Officers he was sure they would prosper. He would wear the jewel, and prize it, as a pleasing remembrance of his association with the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, of whom there were many present; he would call on Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, representing the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and Bro. H. H. Room W.M. 2090 to respond. Bro. H. M. Levy, in reply, felt pleased to hear the reports in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE were read with satisfaction. He had been gratified in seeing the working of Bro. Fisher, Installing Master, and the genial kindness of the W.M., who he thanked for his hospitality. For this each Visitor had expressed his satisfaction. Brother Room followed, with some pertinent remarks. Brother Cummings 1677 also replied. The toast of the Installing Master came next. Bro. Fisher had ably performed the ceremony of installation, and his duties as Secretary were in every way carried out satisfactorily. Bro. Fisher replying said he did so with great pleasure; but his interest and desire was to assist the W.M. in the chair. It was a pleasure for him to perform any Masonic ceremony; he sincerely thanked them for their kind remarks on his working. His services were at all times at their disposal. After several other toasts, the Tyler was summoned. During the evening Bros. Room, Halliday, Tipper, Larner, and Cummings contributed to the harmony. The brethren, after thoroughly enjoying themselves, returned to town.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present:—Bros. Fisher W.M., Greener S.W., Thomas J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Stringer S D., Banks J.D., Penrose I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings (Preceptor), G. Andrews, and Bros. Prior, Joyce, J. B. Williams and Emblin. All formalities were observed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Joyce candidate. The Lodge was then called off and on, and the usual questions having been answered by Bro. Joyce the Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thurday.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 3rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Norton S.W., Sperring J.W., Turner S.D., Thomas J.D., Tov I.G.; Andrews P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Sawyer, Turner, Russell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Sawyer answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed. Bro. Russell answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Andrews gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the Lodge of Instruction adjourn from the third Friday in this month till the third Friday in September. Bro. Norton was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Cooper W.M., Turner S.W., Parkes J.W., Forge P.M. 1950 Treas. and Acting Preceptor, Ware S.D., Rhodes J.D., Keogh I.G., Collingridge Sec. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Western acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bros. Keogh and Hutchings answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Hutchings 1693 was elected a member. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

THE THEATRES.

St. James's Hall.—No event of the musical season is looked forward to with more pleasant anticipations than that of Mr. John Thomas's Harp Concert. This gentleman does not affect the higher scientific effects of the post-Wagner school; he offers us a feast of melody that touches the heart and stirs the pulses. The sweet ballads of his own mountains are mingled with compositions by Gounod, Meyerbeer, or Schubert. Rarely is St. James's Hall thronged by a more brilliant and sympathetic audience than the one gathered on the afternoon of the 4th. The sombre force of Gounod's "Marche Solonelle," given by the band of harps, seemed to echo the sorrowing tramp of a vast multitude in the rhythmic vibration of the harp strings. A Mendelssohn's prelude, for harp, violin, and organ, was exquisitely rendered by Madame Castalin (violin), Mr. Thomas (harp), and Mr. Bending (organ). A very graceful lullaby, "Sleep, my Darling," by Mr. Thomas, found charming interpretation from Miss Hope Glen. This will probably become a great drawing-room favourite. Schubert's "Ave Maria" was tastefully rendered by Mr. Herbert Reeves. Miss Edith Wynn sang, with all her old charm, "The Briton's Lament," and "In yonder tower." Mr. Lucas Williams, Miss Mary Davies, and Mr. Dyved Lewis gave, with great applause, a selection from Mr. John Thomas's Collection of Welsh Ballads, with the additional charm of the exquisite harp accompaniment by the master. Mr. Thomas had reserved but two solos for himself, "A Serenade" (Alvas), and a Study in G flat, with fantasia. He held his audience completely under the spell of his wonderful fingers. In some intricate passages it was scarcely possible to believe one was listening to a single instrument, the strophe and anti-strophe seemed so distinct.

Court.—Few pieces achieve the honour of a run of one hundred representations; we are gratified therefore in being able to announce that "The Magistrate" was presented for the hundredth time on Thursday, the 2nd instant. The artistes engaged work well together, and keep the house in a continuous roar. To those who enjoy a good laugh we recommend a visit to the Court.

Vaudeville.—Mr. S. Alport, the courteous acting manager of this Theatre, announces that his annual benefit will take place on Saturday, the 18th inst.

Native Indian Art.—Following the example set by the Japanese, who have interested the public so much by their Village at Knightsbridge, it is proposed, by means of a public company, to establish an Indian Native Village Exhibition Entertainment and Oriental Bazaar. The share capital will be £10,000 in £1 shares, in four equal payments of five shillings each. The details of the scheme can be obtained of Mr. W. Southwick Rogers, 10 Old Jewry Chambers, E.C. The object is "to bring before the English people natural representations of the methods of manufactures, amusements, and customs of our vast Indian empire." The movement has secured the approval and assistance of a large number of influential gentlemen and noble ladies, and bids fair to be beneficial in character and highly successful even as a speculation. Sir George Birdwood, C.S.I. India Office, has undertaken the post of Honorary Art Director, for which he is especially qualified.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN.—In *Little Folks* Magazine for July particulars will be given of two competitions, in which a large number of prizes are offered for original stories and for answers to puzzles. These competitions are so arranged that children resident in every quarter of the globe can take part in them on favourable terms with those living in Great Britain.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weary of life.—Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases, and the most prolific source of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits, and repelling the covert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmosphere, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills and explicitly putting them in practice, the most desponding will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

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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 JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
185—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 158 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
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
2094—Elthorne and Middlesex, Town Hall, Hounslow (Consecration)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W. (Consecration)

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham

MONDAY, 13th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst

1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Penel Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1791—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, Public Hall, London Road, Lowestoft
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
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey

R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 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, 14th JULY.

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

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1461—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)
1919—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. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffords ire 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
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1375—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1478—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. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 288—Union, Quee '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, 16th JULY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pope's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1284—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
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. 193—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 934—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
326—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
963—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1048—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1331—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
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 529—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1260—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1423—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1475—Architect, Dulsbury Hotel, Dulsbury
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 16th JULY.

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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1196—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1439—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)
1554—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)

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Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ion, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
ders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst).
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on, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
gate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

t. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.
Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
rnarvon, Café Royal, W.
Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

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Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
nt Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
n, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
ord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
verance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
ty and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
ony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford

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ple, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
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heath, Green Man, Blackheath
Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
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attison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
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FRIDAY, 17th JULY.

odge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
e, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
ch, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
f Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
olitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
sity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ve, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
arven, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

re C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
nagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
nt, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
ll, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
ine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
ra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
arden, Wellington Hall, Deal
, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
ictor, Town Hall, Pendleton
Forest Hotel, Chingford
of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
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th, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
nness of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
t Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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SATURDAY, 18th JULY.

olly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
ing's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
e Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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Cetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
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of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
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anon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

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ALBION LODGE, No. 2003 E.C.

ation of Officers of this Lodge for the ensuing year
e on the 28th April, at the Lodge-room, Devonport,
of circumstances combined to make the occasion an
resting one. Brother Malcolm Nicol D.P.G.M. of the
tution was installed as W.M. of the Albion Lodge
ish Constitution, and the members of the latter Lodge
d for a representative attendance to do honour to the
such a distinguished Master. Their expectations were
ted, for the attendance was not only large but
presentative, all the three Constitutions being fully
The following Visitors attended as Lodges, and were

new regalia of tartan was not only a novel, but a conspicuous feature. On the dais with Bro. Austin the Worshipful Master, who was about to retire, were the following Masters and Past Masters: — Brothers Wright, Powley, Dr. Walker, Hewson, Anderson, Gamble, McCullough, La Roche, Forgie, Stewart (641 Sandhurst) and King (Opotiki). The District Grand Lodge of England was received, and Bros. Lodder D.D.G.M., Wade, Clark and Cooper took their seats on the dais, the other Grand Lodge members taking their seats in the body of the hall. Amongst those in the hall were visitors hailing from Lodges of the Australian colonies, and some from the South of New Zealand. Bro. Gardner occupying the chair had presented to him, by Bros. Wade and McCulloch, the W.M. elect, Bro. Nicol, who was duly obligated, installed and invested. The jewels were presented by Bro. Wright P.M., and the proclamations were made by Bro. Gardner, and the newly-installed Master was saluted in the customary form. He then nominated and invested his Officers, as follow:— Bros. S. Vesper Senior Warden, J. Knox Junior Warden, W. H. Brown Treasurer, A. Burgess Secretary, Jas. Mays Senior Deacon, C. Barclay Junior Deacon, F. Wells I.G., F. Vercoe Tyler, R. Dader and James Simms Stewards. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M. then handed over the charter of the Lodge, the Book of Constitutions, and the Bye-Laws to the W.M., and delivered the address to the latter, while Bro. Gardner addressed the Wardens and Brethren. Congratulations were warmly accorded by the representatives of the various visiting Lodges, and the Lodge was close at ten o'clock in the utmost harmony, and with the most cordial wishes for the welfare and prosperity of Lodge Albion.

A very successful meeting of members of the Masonic Fraternity was held at Pukekohe on the 20th April, to consider the advisability of forming a Lodge in the district. It was resolved "That a Lodge be at once formed, under the name of Lodge Franklin, and working under the English Constitution." Officers were elected and other routine business transacted. The Lodge, apparently, has a bright and successful career before it.

ARA LODGE, No. 318 I.C.

THE regular Communication of this Lodge was held on 4th May, and after the ordinary business had been transacted, the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Irish Constitution was received, and Bro. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. took the chair in the east. A large amount of business of special interest to the district and the constitution came under consideration, and several matters were left over, pending a visit of the P.G.M. to Australia.—*New Zealand Herald.*

Obituary.

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Bro. HAZARD G. DICKSON, P.M. 36 S.C.

We have been requested to record the death, which sad event occurred on the 1st June, in Canon City, of Brother Hazard G. Dickson, P.M. of Rosita Lodge, No. 36 S.C., Colorado. The remains of our deceased brother were brought to Querida, the following day, where they were interred in the Rosita Cemetery, with Masonic honours, before one of the largest assemblies ever congregated for a similar purpose.

PRESENTATION TO SUPT. HAMBLING.

BRO. HAMBLING of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, Superintendent of the B Division of Metropolitan Police, was on Monday, the 23rd ult., the recipient of a handsome diamond ring, the present of his Masonic and other friends. The occasion selected was the birthday of our worthy brother, and the presentation was made at an assembly of a few of his friends at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, the meeting taking place in the department of Bros. Bertram and Roberts, which firm, together with Brother W. E. Wood their manager, was among the subscribers to the testimonial. Bro. T. Butler occupied the chair, and there were present Mr. De Pinna, Manager Royal Aquarium, Mr. D. Carey; Bros. W. H. Baker W.M. 2030, Dr. Harper, J. E. Shand, T. Bull, Dan Godfrey, R. Bagham, J. Kent, J. J. Manley, W. E. Thomas, and others. The Chairman made the presentation in suitable terms, and Bro. Hambling returned thanks, expressing his surprise at the almost sudden and impromptu meeting, and saying how much he valued such a mark of regard and respect from his friends. Other toasts followed, and a very happy hour was spent.

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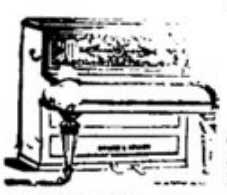
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THE EXPENSE OF AIDING THE CHARITIES.

THE splendid total which has this year been subscribed to the three Masonic Institutions, in face of the almost universal cry of bad trade, has called forth expressions of surprise in many quarters ontside the Order as to how the immense sums are raised which are year after year contributed to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Forty-five thousand pounds from, we may say, a comparatively small section of the community is a tremendous sum to collect in one year, and when we look to the means by which it is acquired the result becomes even more gratifying. Not only does the amount itself consist of freewill offerings on the part of the Craft, but the work of pleading for it is undertaken readily and voluntarily by brethren whose only reward, beyond an extra vote or two, is the knowledge that they have done their best to carry out that principle of relief which forms so important a feature in the Masonic organisation. We have said the few extra votes given to the Stewards is the only reward they receive for the trouble they undertake, but this is supplemented—if serving a second Stewardship and qualifying as Life Governor on each occasion—by the acquisition of the right to wear the Charity jewel of the Order, should a brother choose to purchase one. This latter condition—of having to purchase the Charity jewel—is one of the strongest points which can be adduced in deprecating the expense entailed by those who support the Charities, but it is by no means the only one, or the heaviest, which Stewards have to meet, and which, in the interests of the Institutions, should be lessened as much as possible. As so much of the success of the Masonic Charitable Institutions depends on the number of brethren who undertake the duties of Steward on their behalf, every effort should be exerted to encourage brethren to act, and every obstacle removed which might tend to lessen the number of those who undertake the office. With this latter object in view the expenses attending the serving of a Stewardship may well receive attention.

In considering this question we must not omit to distinguish between those expenses which are inseparable from a Stewardship and those which, although entirely distinct, are often associated with it. There is also a third class of expenditure which may be described as supplementary to the first, not actually compulsory but virtually so. The first class—the expenses inseparable from a Stewardship—may be dismissed after a consideration of the one item of Stewards' fee which has to be paid by every brother undertaking the office of Steward. This Stewards' fee for some years past has been fixed at two guineas, and it is difficult to see how any reduction can be effected in this sum unless a reduction is made in the items it includes, and this is not only possible, but, we think, advisable at the present time. The Stewards' fee of two guineas pays all the expenses special to the Festival, and thus leaves the benefits of these annual gatherings available to the Institutions free of cost; this arrangement we do not object to, as the Festival proper should be self-supporting, and the sum appropriated from each Steward's fee is not exorbitant when it is remembered what expenses have to be paid from it. The Stewards' Fee also includes a ticket for the banquet, and it is in this respect we would urge an alteration for the future. Neither the Institution nor the Festival accounts reap any benefit from these banquet tickets, while a discontinuance of their issue would be of advantage in more ways than one, and would go far towards reducing the expenses attending a Stewardship—under each of the three heads of our subdivision. The difficulty of late years has been how to find accommodation for those attending the Festivals, rather than how to attract visitors to them, and we do not think they would suffer to any extent from a discontinuance of the issue of tickets to Stewards out of these fees, while the Stewards themselves would be relieved of the implied compulsion to attend which many now feel when they receive their banquet ticket. A discontinuance of the issue of these tickets would at once reduce the Stewards' fee to one-half its present average, while further reduction would immediately follow, as the banquet proper would be made self-supporting, thereby relieving the fees from charges which are now paid out of them, and which properly belong to the entertainment itself. We would recommend that the Stewards' fees should only be so large as is necessary for the expenses entailed in matters other that the banquet, and that every Steward should be left to decide for himself whether or not he will attend the actual celebration. We should then be able to all but abolish the "expenses inseparable from a Stewardship," and should go far towards minimising the outlay under the other heads to which we have referred. We are aware this arrangement would necessitate some alteration in the existing rules, as a limit would have to be fixed as to what constituted a Stewardship, what amount it was necessary to collect before a brother was entitled to the extra votes which should still be given to those who acted as Stewards. We would suggest that any brother enrolling his name on the list, and paying his share of the expenses of the Stewardships, who sent up a list of not less than twenty-five guineas, personally subscribed or otherwise, should be considered as a Steward, and be entitled to all the privileges at present attaching to the office—except in the matter of the banquet ticket.

We will next turn to the supplementary expenses—those which, although not actually compulsory, are virtually so, and the chief item under this head is that of the expense entailed in attending the Festival. It appears to be generally considered that a part of each Steward's duty is to attend the annual banquet, for which, as we have said, his fee includes a ticket, but our view is that this attendance has now become unnecessary, and that no good is served by making it all but compulsory, even though the compulsion is implied only. The Provincial brethren have most to complain of in this respect, as those in London can attend the Festivals without any serious expenditure of either time or money, but the same cannot be said of Provincial brethren. With them it often means two or three days' time, an expensive railway journey, and a heavy hotel bill; indeed, so large does the actual expenditure under these heads often become that it frequently happens the Stewardship costs more than the personal contribution which accompanies it, even though the latter be sufficient to qualify the Steward as a Life Governor. It may be urged the railway fare and hotel bill ought not to be considered as part of "the expense of aiding the Charities," but to what other account can they be charged when both are entailed wholly and solely in connection with the implied compulsion of attending the Festival? We have not taken into account the time spent over the Festival, but it is as

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important a one as actual cash, and the two taken together form a tax which many worthy brethren do not feel disposed to impose on themselves, and thus the Institutions lose the services of many who would otherwise prove themselves of service as Stewards. The Charity jewel is another item of expenditure which may be considered under this head. There is certainly no law which compels a brother to purchase it, and no doubt there are very many who have qualified who do not wear one, but for all that the outlay is virtually compulsory, and we think it would be well for the Institutions to devise some means of reducing the expense of aiding the Charities on this head. In many of the Provinces it is the custom for the Charity jewel to be presented by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and we think that Grand Lodge itself might extend its recognition of the Institutions by some amendment in this respect, but it would only be possible to do so in co-operation with the Institutions themselves, by whom some provision should be made to meet the cost of the Charity jewels—in part if not wholly. The mere fact that the jewels were "presented" through the medium of the Grand Lodge would be a further attraction for brethren to earn them, even to a greater extent than is the case in the Provinces where a similar course to that suggested is adopted locally, and where it is freely admitted that this official recognition of Stewardships has had beneficial results. As we have throughout urged as desirable, the expense of the Stewardships would thus be reduced.

The expenses indirectly charged to the Stewardships are too numerous and too varied for us to attempt their consideration seriatim, but those who have had experience of them, and in calmer moments have had to total them up, will agree there is ample room for amendment under this head. The Festivals are really entertainments of an expensive character to many London and Provincial brethren, and like all such entertainments are accompanied by numerous calls on the finances which would not have been made without them as the cause. Is it then to be wondered at that the expense of aiding the Charities is magnified by brethren who will not define a limit between the outlay actually compulsory and that which is indirectly associated with a stewardship?

In conclusion, we would urge the desirability of recognising as Stewards those brethren who merely act as advocates for the Charities without the implied compulsion of attending the Festival or being obliged to pay towards the entertainment of others, and if some amendment could be made in regard to the Charity jewel we think benefit would accrue, both to the Institutions, and those who desire to aid them.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

THE Temple of King Solomon was undoubtedly constructed over crypts or vaults, some of which may have served as secret repositories of important treasures, and others as the burial places of the illustrious dead. Various legends of a more or less striking character are associated with these subterranean recesses. Thus we have an account of the precautions taken by Josiah, who, foreseeing the destruction of the Temple, commanded the Levites to deposit the Ark of the Covenant in one of the hidden vaults, where it remained until found by some of the workmen of Zerubbabel at the building of the second Temple. This legend and others of a like nature may not deserve full credit, though in no wise opposed to the probabilities in the case. Of one thing we may be certain, there were secret vaults beneath the great Temple at Jerusalem, and the Masonic traditions which refer to treasures thus carefully concealed and afterwards brought to light are by no means as absurd as some writers would make them appear. Historic evidence and modern discoveries show the existence of such crypts, and the inference is natural that they were used according to what is the teaching of the Masonic system on this point.

It is the symbolic meaning with which the vault, or crypt, is invested that gives it chief importance in certain portions of the Masonic ritual. Thus in the Royal Arch Degree much more is signified by the secret vault and work therein than merely the recovering of a "lost word." The moral significance of that part of the ceremony points to the fact that truth does not always appear on the surface, and needs to be persistently sought after in hidden recesses. There must be an enduring of toil and hardships, a brave confronting of dangers, for the sake of obtaining that knowledge which is of largest value. All this and more of moral suggestiveness is associated with the "lost and recovered word" of the Royal Arch Degree.

In much the same way Cryptic Masonry, in the degrees of Royal Master and of Select Master, presses into service the symbol of the vault. There is the same search for truth indicated, together with an impressive enforcement of lessons that relate to earnest, watchful, heroic living. Then there is an additional drawing from the ancient mysteries as the vault becomes symbolic of death and the grave—of these not as finalities, but also of what there is beyond in the unfolding of the higher life. Masonically the vault is a prophet of better things—of truth, which shall come in to take the place of error; of knowledge, which shall banish ignorance; of light, which shall drive out darkness, and life victorious over death. No symbolism is more sublime and far reaching than what is thus presented by what is commonly known as the Masonry of the secret vault.

And yet the organisation of the Cryptic Degrees has never been strong or complete. It is only in this country that they have gained any considerable prominence, and here they have had a fluctuating and uncertain life. The degree of Select Master was worked both in Baltimore, Md., and in Charleston, S.C., during the early part of the present century, being regarded as belonging to the system of Royal Arch Masonry, though no great importance seems to have attached to the degree. The Royal Master's degree was not recognised until several years later, when that too came to be conferred as an appellant to Royal Arch Masonry, and a little later by independent Councils organised in several of the more influential jurisdictions. It should be remembered in this connection that the Cryptic degrees originally belonged to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, or rather, that they were conferred as honorary degrees by the Inspectors of that Rite.

The first Grand Council was that of Massachusetts, instituted in 1826, Bro. Abraham A. Dame being the first Grand Master. He held the office until 1856—thirty years. Other independent governing bodies of the Rite were formed from time to time, and in some sections considerable interest was manifested in the progress of the degrees. Cryptic Masonry has never flourished, however, as its friends believe it should. A few years ago, under the lead of Bro. J. H. Drummond, who has worked efficiently in behalf of the Cryptic Craft, a General Grand Council was formed, this step being taken with the idea of bringing the Cryptic degrees and organisation into a condition of greater prominence and prosperity. Whether this movement will secure the desired result remains to be seen. The Cryptic degrees are worthy of preservation and of being embodied as a distinct organisation. The practical question seems to be this: Can room be found for them without crowding upon other interests and branches of the Masonic system?—*Freemasons' Repository.*

It will gratify our readers to know that on inquiry yesterday (Friday) at the office of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution we were told there was an improvement in the health of Brother James Terry. We hope soon to be able to report he has completely recovered.

The installation of Principals of the Royal Hanover Chapter, No. 1777, will be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, instead of the Albany Hotel as heretofore, on Saturday, the 25th instant, at two o'clock. Ex. Comp. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, is the retiring First Principal of this Chapter.

Last week we called attention to two excellent photographs, one being a portrait of the late Bro. Levander, and the other that of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., both produced by Bro Fehrenbach. Unfortunately a similarity of names led to a confusion of addresses. Bro. Fehrenbach's studio is at 13 Pall Mall, and *not* in the Strand. We hasten to make this correction as a matter of justice to an esteemed brother, and in the interest of those who may desire to inspect the productions of an art of which Bro. G. Fehrenbach is so skilful an exponent.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

BRO. Captain Geo. Lambert P.G.S.B., the W.M. of the above Lodge, may well be credited with a spirit of hospitality. He invited the members of the Percy, and several of the members of the Queen's Westminster Lodges, with a few other friends, to a summer outing. Gravesend was the place selected, and the new Falcon Hotel, West-street, the rendezvous. Bro. Lambert occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. R. Rowell S.W., J. W. Lee J.W., H. Lambert P.P.G.D. Herts Treas., W. B. Heath P.P.G.W. Herts, P.M.'s J. Winter, Caney, Cross, Rowe, Carr, J. Rowe, and Orchard. Among the Visitors were Bros. Sir John Robinson 33°, Baxter P.G.S., Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.B., Col. Shipway 2021, Delevante P.M. 1319, Payne P.M. 1328, 2021, Capt. Probyn P.M. 18, N. Penrose, Hine Haycock S.G.W. Devon, C. J. Shoppee P.M., G. J. Barron P.M., Read P.M., Bradley, G. Campion P.M. 19, Levy P.M. 188, &c. The party, to the number of 57, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Abbott; the wines and viands gave every satisfaction, and the tables were artistically decorated by Bro. R. McGuire. After the repast Bro. G. Lambert said he did not intend to give the routine toasts, but there was one that could not be dispensed with—the health of Her Majesty the Queen and Prosperity to the Craft. Her Majesty has sons and grandsons who are Masons, and she is the Grand Patroness of the Order; long may she live. He would couple with the toast the name of H.R.H. our M.W.G.M. and the Grand Officers Present and Past. After the National Anthem had been sung, the toast of the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces was given. In responding Bro. Bradley gave a very interesting account of his experiences in India, Egypt, and other parts. Bro. Huntingdon responded for the Militia. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Queen's Westminster Lodge; they had had a little work to do in the Lodge that day, and he felt a great pleasure in assisting in it; he would propose the health of the W.M. of the Lodge, and trusted they would all work with love and harmony. Bro. Captain Probyn responded; he was followed by Bro. Payne P.M. The toast of the Visitors came next on the list; the chairman said he was pleased to say they had present two Past Masters of the City Guild of Armourers and Braziers; Bro. Jackson Barron, who is a member of the Royal Union Lodge, and Bro. Shoppee, a member of the Lodge of Antiquity; he would couple with the toast the names of these two brethren; both acknowledged the compliment. In speaking of the Percy Lodge, Bro. Lambert said he had been connected with it for forty years; he never saw a wry face there; he and Bro. Dr. Cross had worked together harmoniously. He trusted the Lodge would flourish root and branch for all time. Bro. Captain Probyn, the W.M of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of their host; he esteemed this as a very high privilege; Bro. Lambert had been four times Master of the Percy Lodge; he was a Past Grand Officer and a Past Provincial Officer; his munificent liberality was fully recognised; and his name was a household word in connection with Charity; may he be spared for many years; wherever he goes he dispenses comforts to the poor, distressed, and afflicted. Bro. Lambert eloquently responded. After one or two more toasts, coffee was served, and shortly afterwards preparations were made for the return journey. All thanked the W.M. for his hospitality, and wished him long life and prosperity to continue his good works. Bros. Ross, Brown and Robinson contributed to the harmony.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moor Park Hotel, Honor Oak, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the W.M. Bro. H. Maunder Williams opening his Lodge promptly at six p.m. Among the brethren present were Bros. C. H. Phillips I.P.M., Walter Hopekirk P.M. Treas., John Hammond P.P.G.D. Middx. P.M. Sec., A. Darch P.M. J.D., H. Stokes S.W., J. W. Huntley J.W., H. Hooper S.D., J. Fuller as I.G., F. France D.C., W. Bartlett W.S., J. H. Worstencroft A.D.C., G. R. Langley A.Sec., E. Bye sen., G. Mordey, M. T. Cooper, T. Letchford, W. H. Cloake, J. Andrews, R. Lockhart Lawson, Thomas Tyler, &c., &c. The Visitors were Bros. E. Walker P.M. 72, W. H. Williams P.M. 104, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, B. de Solla 242, A. E. Albert 1949, and G. W. Ruffle 1381. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Thomas Moody P.M. 1572 and W. Biscox P.M. 1572 were duly elected members. In consequence of the inability of the candidate for passing to attend from Southampton the Lodge was in due course raised, and Bros. Reynolds, Andrews and Lawson were admitted to the M.M. degree, the W.M. surprising even his best friends present by the perfection of his work, which he rendered the more interesting by an admirable delivery of the traditional history of the degree. The Lodge having been properly closed in M.M. and F.C. degrees, some matters of business, amongst which were arrangements for the Pic-nic of the Lodge on the 18th inst., were disposed of, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned. The brethren dined together after labour, and a very agreeable evening was spent under the genial presidency of the W.M.

WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THE annual picnic in connection with this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at Rudyard Lake, Staffordshire, and was attended by sixty-two ladies and gentlemen. Bro. W. Harris, the Worshipful Master, and his Committee, had made excellent arrangements. The party left London Road Station, Manchester, at half-past nine in first-class saloon carriages, arriving at Rudyard promptly at 10·50. A short walk brought them to the Hotel Rudyard. After partaking of refreshment, which imparted vigour, but did not intoxicate, the party took a stroll through the fields to Horton Old Church, where, by the kindness of the rector, they were permitted to inspect this ancient structure. Some little amusement was occasioned by the loud snarling and screeching of a bird, perched in the Bell Tower, who seemed inclined to issue a protest against the intrusion of the visitors. After the party had left the sacred edifice they rested on the hill side for a few minutes, when Bro. D. Edwards P.M., first Master of the Lodge, sang a song in his usual effective manner, and much to the gratification of the company. After another walk through the fields, the party returned to the Hotel, where they were greeted by a military band, playing "God Save the Queen;" this was followed by God Bless the Prince of Wales, and again by one or two dance pieces, which induced several to trip it on the light fantastic toe. At 1·45 the bell rang, when all, eager for the fray, sat down to a most excellent dinner. Everything was daintily cooked and served, and was of the very best description. This greatly added to the credit of the host of the hotel and his worthy wife; there was, indeed, abundance of everything. Dinner over, a pleasing part of the day's programme was gone through. A presentation was made to Mrs. Harris, wife of Bro. W. Harris, the highly-respected and universally beloved W.M. of the Wolseley Lodge. This consisted of a very handsome basket of artificial flowers, almost true to Nature. The wicker-work of the basket was gilded, and a satin bow attached to the handle showed a card, hand-painted in a most artistic manner by Miss Barton, daughter of Bro. Barton, the Treasurer of the Lodge. The card contained on the reverse side a photographic view of Rudyard Lake, while the inscription on it read as follows:—

"To Mrs. Harris, from the Ladies attending the Wolseley Pic-nic at Rudyard Lake, Wednesday, 15th July 1885, as a souvenir of the occasion, with kindest wishes to herself and worthy husband, the W.M. of the Lodge."

The presentation was made on behalf of the Ladies by Mrs. Darbyshire, wife of Bro. Henry Darbyshire, the D.C., who addressed the recipient in the following terms:—

Dear Mrs. Harris,—The pleasing duty of making a presentation to you has been deputed to me, by the Ladies attending this pic-nic, and I assure you it is a pleasure indeed. We sincerely hope you and your dear husband may live long to feast your eyes on this basket of flowers, and remember with delight the occasion when it was presented; that occasion being the pic-nic in connection with the Lodge of Freemasons of which your husband is now the honoured Worshipful Master. The Ladies—indeed I think I may say every one present—will remember this day, and I trust we may have another and another opportunity during your reign as Worshipful Mistress of congratulating you on your proud position. In conclusion, my dear Mrs. Harris, allow me formally to present you with this basket of flowers, and with it tender you the kind love of the ladies present.

Bro. Harris, on behalf of his wife, responded:—

Dear Mrs. Darbyshire and Dear Friends,—It has been said that out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh; but though our hearts are very full indeed, in consequence of your great love and goodness, I fear that in accepting this beautiful gift on behalf of my wife I am all but incapable of conveying to you by any words of mine how much we appreciate the loving kindness which has emanated from the hearts of those ladies who have presented my wife with this magnificent basket of flowers. You will, I trust, pardon the seeming want of gallantry on my part when I say that my wife herself ought to have acknowledged this splendid souvenir of your love and affection. She is, considering her sex, not a voluminous talker, yet I can assure you on my honour as a man and my fidelity as a Mason that she is by no means tongue-tied. However, as she has not prepared her speech, and as I am permitted by your indulgence to reply on her behalf, I will simply remark that my few remaining words shall be of a flowery character. In presenting her to-day with this choice selection of lovely voices of the Great Architect of the Universe—which I deem all flowers to be—and although these particular flowers are but the representatives of real ones, we can nevertheless clearly detect even in them the aroma of loving hearts and the fragrance of kindred spirits. The happy feelings engendered by this expression of your loving regard will prove an evergreen to us through what remains of the path we have to tread, and in the time to come when we look back on this day it will remind us of a joyous incident, a happy reminiscence, which occurred in the meridian of her life and mine.

The party now strolled down to the lake, where, by the kindness of Lord Macclesfield's agent, Mr. Brearley, of Leek, also Mr. Challoner, of Leek, and the North Staffordshire Railway Company, boating was enjoyed on the lake by some, whilst the remainder were engaged in dancing on the grass at the lake-side. Here the band planted their stands, and played some excellent music. Refreshments were supplied in thorough pic-nic fashion,—on the grass. At 5·45 the excursionists again repaired to the Hotel, where tea was partaken of. This over, Bro. Walker sang a song; Bro. Brabner gave a very humorous recitation, and Bro. Sherrat entertained the company with a display of his ventriloquial powers. At 7·15 the party left Rudyard and arrived safely in Manchester at 8·30, thoroughly satisfied with a very enjoyable "outing," rendered the more pleasant by most favourable weather. In conclusion, we may mention the fact that Bro. McKellen P.M. took a photo of the party in Horton Old Churchyard, and another on the lawn in front of the hotel at Rudyard. He presents the negatives to the Lodge, and any profits made from the sale of the photo will be given to the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

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REVIEWS.

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"Measuring the Pattern. A Sermon preached in All Saints' Church, Northampton, before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northa and Hunts, his Grace the Duke of Manchester R.W.P.G.M., Worshipful Bro. Butler Wilkins Grand Standard Bearer D.P.G.M., June 11th 1885, by the Worshipful Brother Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., and M.L., &c., W.M. 360, P.M. 1764 1911, P.Z. 360, Provincial Grand Chaplain. Published by request." Northampton: Henry Brown and Co., 18 Gold-street. 1885.

We have in this neat little pamphlet the *ipsissima verba* of a discourse remarkable for concentrated wisdom and eloquence. We would cheerfully reprint the whole sermon were it not to be had in its present correct form. As it is, we shall endeavour so to whet the appetite as to send our readers to the source from whence the following extracts are taken. Bro. Sanders took his text from Ezekiel—the "most Masonic" of prophets—xliii. 10: "Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern." Before proceeding to enlarge upon the text Bro. Sanders took care to refer to the double tie that united the brethren—that of Masonry and Christianity. It was well, he said, to inquire into Lodge business, to review the past; after which it was right to worship in the "church of Jesus Christ to witness to the sincerity of our religious profession; to witness to the outside world that there is nought in the whole circle of our Masonic rites and teaching inconsistent with our Faith." Masonry is not a religion, but "a religious system," a fact strongly urged by the preacher. Ezekiel describes the Holy City, the Holy Temple, and its ordinances, and is commanded to show that "description to the house of Israel that they may 'Measure the Pattern,' and so reform whatever may need reformation in their midst." Bro. Sanders thinks there is much need to "Measure the Pattern" in these days, and proceeds to point out the direction in which danger lies. He says:—

"The Order which has stood so many centuries, with so many sworn guardians of its ancient landmarks, is in no danger of falling now: and yet is it not a fact that among those who claim to belong to our ranks in other countries than England, there are found those who deny the very first articles of our creed? Brethren, you know as well as I do, that it would be in vain that he who denies the existence of a God, or denies the continuance of this life into another, should knock for ever at the door of a tyled Lodge; no possibility is there of admission being granted to such an unhappy man in our country. And yet, for want of this 'Measuring the Pattern,' we have the mournful example of some foreign Lodges falling away from the faith, and the necessity of excommunication being uttered by our own country's Grand Lodge, and by nearly all the Grand Lodges of the world. So, then, looking at this melancholy example, while we claim the glories of antiquity, while we pride ourselves on the excellence of the principles on which our practices are based, let us not be content with history or with grandeur of ritual, but let us seek the underlying truths which that ritual embodies, and shape our conduct by them."

Here follows a word-picture, crisp, boldly conceived, graphic and true. It is a homily in a few sentences, and worthy to be treasured in the memory. The preacher exclaimed:

"Yes! I know it is an enchanting study, this history of the past. It is an inspiring thought that those symbols and marks placed on the very foundation stones of the Temple, and at length discovered after centuries have elapsed, during which they have lain hidden from the eyes of men, were first placed there by those whom we can rightly call 'brethren' of a Craft, which even then could claim antiquity: to trace on the descent through the age of the Roman Empire, the age of Byzantine art, and on and on down to the guilds of the middle ages; to tread the pavements of buildings erected by the operative Freemasons of those times, to marvel at their skill, to wonder at the accuracy of their compasses, and the delicacy of the stroke of their hammers; to trace them on yet further to the decay of their brotherhood in the last century, and its replacement by the speculative brotherhood of to-day. It is grand, too, to reflect on the universality of our Order in the present, that we can pass from land to land, and yet in the remotest climes claim the privilege of brotherhood, and have that claim allowed. We delight in recounting instances in which distress has been alleviated, succour obtained, suffering relieved, help procured, friendship granted, all by means of our simple Masonic claim; and we are proud of this grand feature of our Fraternity. We know it is no idle boast. We point with pride again to the loyalty of our members; the links in the Masonic chain; 'Love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the King,' are firmly fastened together, and no force shall be allowed by us to sunder them. Liberty we prize, but liberty regulated by law: Equality we honour, but with obedience to duly constituted authority: Fraternity we treasure, but Fraternity which tolerates opinion about which there may be difference. Our ritual, again, is an object of assiduous study, that it may be rendered in all its beauty, that it shall not fail of its due impression by carelessness and slovenliness on our parts. These are, and rightly, the objects of unceasing attention: and yet—though I yield to none of you in pride and elation about all these things—yet I still raise the word of exhortation, let us 'Measure the Pattern.'"

Naturally Bro. Sanders asks—"What has been the source of all this grandeur?" Let him answer in his own words, and let our readers ponder the lesson:

"Surely it was the vitality of the principles which actuated the ancient professors: those majestic buildings which adorn our land—'Poems in Stone' they have well been called—which dwarf all other buildings within the extensive landscape, speak to us, not only of the intellectual skill of those who reared them, but of their self-sacrifice, of their life-aim, of their devotion. 'Good work and true' in every bit of carving; the glory of God in every stroke of their chisel; the praise of Him who redeemed them in every nice adjustment of their art. Yes, indeed man's hand hath been upon the tree of the forest, and upon the stone of the quarry; and as he learned to polish the one and to shape the other, and also learned that his skill and work might not be withheld from the adoration of God, his labour was inspired by the spirit of submission, obedience, and love. And in the principles which have spread our Order through the habitable globe there has been this same reality."

The brethren are urged to continue to preserve this real influence of the Masonic spirit, as without it the Craft cannot live. In one of the finest passages of the Sermon the causes of decay are pointed out, which should act as a lesson to us, and in order that it may be learned we quote as follows:

"Other institutions as noble and imposing have died. Kingdoms have had their little day, they have declined, they have shrivelled into skeletons, and finally crumbled into dust, and on the grave where they have been buried other kingdoms have taken their place. Where are all the philosophic systems of antiquity? Their energy died away, vitality was gone and the systems disappeared. What was it that gave honour and permanence to that ancient temple built by the Phœnician Masons of ancient times? Was it the art or skill with which its work was perfected? No, Solomon and Hiram, and the Widow's son, and all their Tyrian craftsmen may have done their best, and on that great consecration morn the result of their labours may be seen shining on the hill-top in all the freshness of its splendour and beauty; the consecration itself may be conducted with gorgeous display; the king may proceed with all pomp and splendour up the hill to the magnificent building; but not until the presence of the Lord God was enshrined between the Cherubim, not until the prayer of Solomon, 'Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place,' had been answered by the cloud of glory which filled the house from end to side, from roof to floor, could it be called a Temple of the Lord God. Did not Ezekiel utter the same truth when he speaks of the Holy City of which he bids the sons of Israel 'Measure the Pattern,' that the law of the house shall be that its name shall be Jehovah Shammah, the 'Lord is there'; and when that Presence was taken away, when, as we are told in Josephus, the voice resounded in the night through the doomed building, 'Let us depart hence,' then the Temple fell: not one stone was left upon another to tell of its former grandeur. So let us learn the lesson which may be drawn that only so long as our system does its work and fulfils its aim, only so long as it has Divine life and vitality of principle, and has a Divine purpose to serve, only so long can it endure."

The preacher believes there is room and scope for Freemasonry in the world, and in the following paragraph defines its place and duties:

"Here is an age of increasing difficulty, with increasing denial of a Great Architect and Creator: when the study of the mysteries of science is being conducted sometimes with a spirit not akin to that Masonic reverence instilled into us the brethren of the mystic tie; when men of the world meet together, and the name of God is never heard, but carefully excluded from the midst of their meetings; when we are told that religion is admirable for private persons, but that it has, and it ought to have, no control over bodies of men; when even the eternal principles of right and wrong are treated as indifferent matters by communities; when classes are becoming estranged one from the other, and there is an urgent need of their being drawn and banded together; when there is an increasing uneasiness that the solidity of kingdoms is being relaxed, or if presenting an externally solid appearance, only present that appearance from sheer despotic pressure; when the lessons of Loyalty, Brotherhood, Reverence, Truth, Charity, need re-stating with increased emphasis, in every variety of form and with all possible variety of expression. Here then is room, here then is scope for Freemasonry. Its ancient teachings need not be altered to suit the times, we have only to 'Measure the Pattern,' we have only need to have recourse to the ancient landmarks; no 'shifty sands' are our principles, but having their lessons for the difficulties of each age, by merely putting our principles in practice, principles which are of eternal value and eternal power, as the chances and changes of time befal, to be useful in every age of the world's history: and never more useful than now."

The concluding pages of the sermon are devoted to exhortation. First, as to brethren, Bro. Sanders says:

"Let us see to it that brotherly love, relief, and truth, be practised in all their integrity. Endeavour that those obligations you wot of, which knit you in a fraternal union, be sincerely and honestly maintained. Let your zeal for your grand and noble Masonic Charities be only the outcome of, not the substitute for, that Masonic Charity to which you are sworn. Let the square, the level, and the plumb rule, with their mystic lessons, be your guide in all your dealings with those who call you 'brother.' Let the strong help the weak, each working in his own place, each doing his own share of the duties of life conscientiously and well, but all learning each to help the other, and all learning to work for the common good."

Then as to the outer world, we are advised—"Let not your good be evil spoken of;" to live "soberly, righteously, and Godly before men," so that when men ask what is the value of Masonry, the life of a brother may be pointed at as an example. The reward of the faithful is great and is thus described by the preacher:

"We work for One who watches us. That All-Seeing Eye which beholds us, looks down upon us, not only with watchfulness and scrutiny, but with compassion and love. By-and-bye, the record of His Pencil shall be complete; the end of the day will come; the

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call to rest shall be heard; the toilers shall cease from labour; the labourers shall be called together to receive their reward. Those who have diligently worked at the building of the temple of God's religion in their own hearts, and in the society of men, shall be abundantly blessed. Their elder Brother, who is on the Throne, shall welcome them to Himself; then a new day shall have dawned; the rising of that unsetting sun, which shall never reach its south, nor decline towards the west, shall touch their transfigured and immortal foreheads."

It is not often that the brethren are treated to such a combination of truth and eloquence as this sermon displays, rich as is the Order in ability, and we shall be very much mistaken if the labours of Bro. Sanders do not accomplish much good, as well as add to his reputation, not merely as a preacher, but as a teacher after the fashion of the prophets of old, who were brave in rebuke, terrible in condemnation, but glorious in hope.

SUMMER TOURS IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

IT is an old saying that "you should never look a gift horse in the mouth," but we have a gift before us that will bear examination, and yield a pleasurable return. It is a Tourists' Guide for the Season 1885, issued by the London and North Western and Caledonian Railway Companies. It is a book of about 250 pages, crammed with information and tempting inducements to those who need recreation, change, and pleasure. Nothing a traveller is likely to want appears to be omitted from this comprehensive guide. The only doubt we feel is about the selection of trips. With eighty Circular Tours to choose from in Scotland alone, embracing within their scope about a dozen Lochs, the Caledonian and Crinan Canals, the Trossachs, Kyles of Bute, Island of Skye, forts, passes, and glens and towns of historic fame and beauty, we confess we should be fairly puzzled which Tour to prefer. We would rather take them as they come, well knowing each has attractions to satisfy all ordinary mortals. In addition, there are trips by Highland steamers, steam yachting, and coaches to every conceivable place where interest and beauty lie, and we need scarcely say that their number is almost legion. There are tours in Ireland, possessing features scarcely inferior to those in the sister country; Continental tours, excursions to the English Lakes, Isle of Man, and various parts of England, cheap day trips, and from Saturday to Monday. In fact the book is an *embarras de richesse*, full of details as to times of trains and other means of transit, luggage, breaking of journeys, hotels, coupons, bookings, horses and carriages, dogs, refreshment and dining rooms on the journeys. First, second, and third class by all trains, and all sorts and conditions of people can be accommodated with every luxury of travelling that modern art can devise. There are maps, showing the various sections in England and Scotland, with a general index, a railway plan of London and Environs, and plans of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Lithographic views are given of the hotels at all the principal centres, and of the Falls of Clyde, Rothesay, Stirling, the Trossachs, Loch Katrine, Loch Tay, Loch Awe Hotel, Kilchurn Castle, and Ben Lui, Oban and Balmoral. Hitherto we have spoken of what may be termed the business part of the guide, but it is not without literary interest. The compiler has done wisely in making the book attractive as well as useful. Several pages are devoted to "Descriptive Notes of the chief points of interest on the Journey to Scotland;" of the "Watering-places and Sea-side resorts which can be visited by a tourist proceeding from Scotland to London by the West Coast route;" of the places traversed by the Caledonian Railway, which is a continuation of the London and North Western from Carlisle, and extends from that City to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, and on to Aberdeen, a distance of about 240 miles, having numerous connecting lines to the towns of importance on the east and west of Scotland. History, local and national, anecdotes, and descriptions abound in the notes. They are ample enough to wile away a pleasant hour, and suggestive enough to stimulate a desire for an enlarged acquaintance. The description of the London and North Western Railway, which very properly is placed in front of the book, is a highly concentrated compilation, very skilfully and succinctly done. An extract or two will prove the truth of our statement. After speaking of Northampton and Althorp Park, the seat of Earl Spencer, the writer says: "Not far from Althorp House is the Parish Church of Brington .... In the aisle" is a "brass" bearing, "an inscription, stating that Robert Washington, of Sulgrave .... and Elizabeth Washington, his wife, were buried in the Church in the year 1662 .... Here are more 'brasses,' prominent among them being one to the memory of Laurence Washington, twice Mayor of Northampton—first in 1532, and again in 1545." In the pavement of the Church is another "brass" of a shield, "and although the feet of generations of worshippers have so worn it away that some difficulty is experienced in discovering the matter the shield contains, the visitor may still trace on this brass shield .... the arms of the Washington family—the Stars and Stripes .... The first President of America was directly descended from Laurence Washington of Sulgrave, for the great grandson of the Mayor of Northampton, John Washington, who was knighted at Newmarket in the year 1622, emigrated to Bridges Creek, America, in 1657. The great grandson of Sir John Washington was no other than George, first President of America, whose fellow-citizens paid him the compliment of adopting his armorial bearings as the natural emblem of the United States of America." We are told further on that "the railway has converted Crewe from a small village into a large and flourishing town. It has now more than 24,000 inhabitants, all more or less connected with the railway interest. In has been called, and called with truth, the railway town of England. Visitors are admitted to inspect the vast railway works at this station on presentation of satisfactory letters of introduction at the superintendent's office at the works." A more interesting visit we should say could hardly be made, especially by those who wish to understand the development of railway enterprise. We should be glad to devote same attention to other descriptive parts of the Guide, but we have said enough, we trust, to induce intending tourists to procure the book for themselves. This they should do before making up their minds where to go for a holiday.

THE THEATRES.

The Prince's.—Unfortunately we were not among the "delighted" audience which welcomed the "Great Pink Pearl" at its first matutinal appearance. With so much the more interest we have looked forward to its full honours in the evening bill at one of the pleasantest theatres in London. We attended with anticipations of brightness and lightness in the dialogue, and a responsive touch in the acting, which would give the play life and reality. We anticipated a kind of Palais Royal Farce—"for family reading"—and though the result was far from exhilarating—the piece slowly rolled through successive acts—this was due rather to the actors than the author. Mr. Garden, as the impecunious editor Mr. Sheen, seemed to take his difficulties with the solemnity of the hero of a Princess's melodrama. Mr. C. Groves, who has done many things well, as the Irish dynamiter Patrocio Gormani lets himself descend into the coarsest caricature. He speaks a brogue too broad for Tipperary, and dresses so as to make a star comique shudder at the wildness of his waistcoats. A Russian servant is made to bring in a letter, apparently because he could give two inches to Chang; he therefore stalks to the footlights, holds the letter of which he is the bearer over the head of the journalist, who has to jump for it. The audience happily find this amusing. M. Marius is excellent as a Russian Prince. Craffrey, too, portrays his international police officer with excellent individuality. Miss Compton, whom it is a delight to see once more near the scene of her father's triumphs, is graceful and dignified as the Princess; but we could wish her English less broken. These sublime Russian ladies speak every language but their own to perfection. Miss Clara Jecks is excellent as a lodging-house slavey, while Mr. H. Bell deserves praise for his study of a Parisian waiter. It will be seen there was much that was excellent in the cast, but the whole thing travels in slow time. We do not want a six-eight andante movement, but a good rattling two-four prestissimo, to catch folly as it flies. We want to be carried away with a momentum that leaves no interval for questioning the possibility of these fantastic presentments. With further rehearsals, and something of Mr. Carton's individuality infused into the vagueness of some of the leading characters, "The Great Pink Pearl" may yet deserve its first reputation. We might well ask, why did not Mr. Carton play Antony Sheen himself?

The Grand.—The Islingtonian playgoer may be gratified at the inspiration which suggested to the managers of the theatre to secure the services of Mr. Charles Warner, to appear in "Drink." Such a rendering of Coupeau as Mr. Warner gives is very rarely to be seen; he acts with great power, and completely carries his audience with him through his assumption of the weak-minded plumber. The Gervaise of Miss Alice Raynor is worthy of special attention; and we think she should be given a chance of adding to her reputation by an engagement at one of the West-end theatres. Mr. T. F. Nye played carefully as Gouget, while Mr. E. Gurney is equally good as Lantier. Other characters worthy of mention are Poisson Mr. G. Stretton, Phœbe Sage Miss M. Stafford, Virginie Miss Ada Murray, and Nana little Nellie Fellow. On Monday next Mr. H. C. Jarratt's "Fun on the Bristol" company open here.

On Saturday last, 11th inst., a permanent exhibition registry and agency of approved architectural appliances and inventions was opened at No. 10 Baker-street, Portman-square, under the management of Bro. S. S. Phillips P.M. 173. The object of the promoters is to establish a central depot where architects and builders can inspect and judge for themselves of the merits of the several exhibits. Here may be seen all requirements for buildings and fittings, with sanitary appliances, the latest improvements in designs, paper hangings of every description, and the latest inventions. This it is expected will prove of great service, both to architects and builders, and will doubtless result successfully for those who have undertaken the formation of the display.

Mr. Charles Du Val's South African experiences, recently published in popular form by Messrs Dean and Son, London, have achieved a remarkable literary success, two editions having been sold out in a few weeks from date of issue. The enterprising publishers, in announcing a reprint of the popular shilling issue, announce also a special drawing-room edition in cloth and gold at half-a-crown. Mr. Charles Duval has done wisely in publishing a popular edition of "With a Show through Southern Africa." In its pages Mr. Du Val is as interesting as on the boards, and that is saying no little. Mr. Du Val will shortly visit India, where he proposes to give a series of monologue entertainments, and will probably produce in book form his impressions of our Eastern Dependency.

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SCHOOL TRAINING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just read a report in a daily paper of the inspection of the pupils and the distribution of prizes at the Royal Military Asylum, or as it is more popularly known, the Duke of York's School. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge inspected the lads and presented the prizes, after which "many of the Visitors were conducted through the workshops, and witnessed an excellent athletic display in the gymnasium." My object in referring to this matter is to compare the training of the lads at the Duke of York's School with that of the pupils in the Masonic Institution at Wood Green, and although I may be wrong, I believe the latter are sadly neglected in regard to the education they receive in matters of a purely mercantile character. That we are efficiently educating our boys in the three R.'s I am willing to admit, but I consider we should do more. I think we should do all that lies in our power to discourage our lads from swelling the already fearfully overstocked clerical market, while we should encourage them to devote their energies to the various branches of manufacture which their inclinations lead them to. There may be branches of trade in which our lads would be somewhat out of place, and the education bestowed on them in a measure wasted; but, on the other hand, there are few mechanical pursuits in which sound education cannot be turned to good use or in which those who are well versed in the recognised branches of a sound English education cannot turn their knowledge to account. There is an old saying that the dirtiest work makes the brightest money, and I am of opinion that a lad who knows how to dirty his hands in any practical branch of commerce need never fear he will die from want of employment so long as he has health and strength to follow the business to which he has devoted his abilities. I therefore feel we should be doing an additional service to the lads we take under our care if we could fit up a workshop, in which they might have an insight into the practical working of some of our more important industries, where they could receive that practical knowledge which would fit them for the factory as soon as they left school, and without which lads often waste most important time in deciding what they shall turn their hand to, even if they do not lose appointments which would have meant employment and comfort for the remainder of their days. There are numbers of supporters of our Boys' Schools who would willingly give their experience and their aid to establish a workshop for our boys, and not a few who would provide situations for those who showed a liking for any particular trade, on their leaving the school, but unless some taste or knowledge is apparent in a lad it is not easy to secure a recommendation. Heaps of boys can be found who are good scholars, but many of them have an idea that to start life in a workshop is derogatory; they all want to fill managers', cashiers', or other—to juvenile minds—light employments, without the knowledge that managers should be those who can bring a practical knowledge of their business and a sound education to bear on the work entrusted to them. A lad who leaves school with a good education, and at once take his place in the busy workshop with some knowledge of its routine to back him is, to my mind, worth twenty who spend the first year or two of their business life in worrying themselves and their friends, trying to decide what they shall turn their hands to, and who, after all, settle down to eke out an existence on the miserable pittance doled out to the clerks in our mercantile centres. I again say I am convinced an immense amount of good would follow the establishment of workshops at our Boys' School, and I hope I may have your assistance in making my views known to the general body of subscribers to the Institution.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN EMPLOYER OF LABOUR.

SKILL AND ASSIDUITY IN A W.M.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—All brethren who have the true interests of the Craft at heart must have perused with pleasure the sensible observations on this subject contained in your leader in a recent issue of the F.C. It has been frequently pointed out, in your columns especially, that in the minds of many of our brethren the summit of that "laudable ambition" which is enjoined upon all Masons, namely, to reach the chair, has been attained when the year of office having expired he hands down the insignia of his office pure and unsullied to his successor. But what sort of legacy does he leave to him who follows in the responsible governance of the Lodge? If, as you rightly suggest, the Worshipful Master of a Lodge has climbed to his position on the shoulders of favouritism and popularity, with merely a knowledge of the ritual, and with but little administrative ability, the task of his successor is rendered doubly hard, inasmuch as he has not only to discharge the functions which ordinarily attach to the position, but he has also to rectify any possible errors which may have been committed by his predecessor. There must be many in our ranks who have seen that men have struggled through the various offices in methodical form, and have striven with apparent zeal to reach the chair, but who, having enjoyed the fleeting popularity of a year, subside immediately into "sere and yellow leaf" obscurity, content with the Past Master's affix—and jewel—and henceforth manifest no active interest whatever in the interests of the Lodge in which they were at one time so enthusiastic. This accounts, in many instances, for the "greatest difficulty" which, as you observe, many incoming Worshipful Masters experience with those who have passed the chair. Granted such cases are exceptional, but I have heard of some in which brethren who have been raised to the presidency of Lodges have found that instead of receiving the assistance they had a right to expect from those who have immediately preceded them, the latter, having "strutted their brief hour upon the stage," have been fain to relax altogether whatever little interest they possessed in the Lodge, and thus the new Master has been left almost entirely to his own resources in the management of the Lodge's affairs. Of course, the embarrassment of such a situation is not so great in localities where opportunities are frequent of attending Lodges of Instruction, but I imagine it must be peculiarly awkward in the country districts, especially where such means of attaining proficiency are not so abundant as they are in the metropolis and other large centres of Masonic activity.

As you very properly observe, the Worshipful Master is to all intents and purposes the "ruler in his own Lodge," just in the same sense as that there can only be one captain on board a ship. But as a general rule, it will be found that a brother who has been installed into the high and exalted position of Master of a Lodge is not only willing to accept, but is grateful for, any advice and assistance which his seniors can give him, and thus to derive the benefit of their experience and wisdom. I have known cases—and one particularly in the City not long ago reminds me of the fact—in which precocious Masters who have risen rapidly to the position have ostentatiously proclaimed the superiority of their intelligence and administrative ability, and who have disdained to accept the proffered aid and counsel of their Past Masters. Need it be said that such egotism and obstinacy have invariably resulted in failure, and that the humour excited by the former has been overshadowed by the dire results of the latter? Happily as a rule the newly-installed Master is only too ready to receive the benefit of the experience gained by those who have preceded him, and thus the work proceeds in that spirit of harmony which should be "characteristic of Freemasonry." As you truly say, the Past Masters of a Lodge have no doubt a claim to be considered, and their opinion should be respected, though that view is qualified by the assertion, "but only so far as a Master can coincide with their views, or at least only so far as their views may not be in direct opposition to his own, is it safe for him to go without some independent advice." I fail to see the analogy or the service of that "independent advice," which should be brought to bear adversely upon that of those who have passed the chair. Unless the Past Masters were of the sample which I have endeavoured to describe—apathetic and satiated with their brief spell of office—or have combined in an effort to carry out a certain and objectionable policy, I can conceive of no "great gulf" between them and the lay members of the Lodge which the Worshipful is expected to bridge over. Such cases, I imagine, must be very few and far between, and must inevitably be the result of that failure which you suggest in the opening sentences of your article, of the newly-elected ruler of a Lodge to estimate his responsibilities, and his inability, therefore, to carry them out. It is fortunate that in a majority of our Lodges kissing does not go by favour, and that merit is the chief recommendation to office of any kind. Thus by the time a brother reaches the distinguished position to which he aspires, he has learnt not only the superficial part of his work and a "mere knowledge of the ritual," but has obtained an insight into the details of working, which are of vital importance to his Lodge, and he therefore shapes his course whilst in the chair in such a manner as he might deem conducive to the best interests of his Lodge. Invariably he is assisted by the kindly and ready counsel and co-operation of the Past Masters, and when this is so, harmony and peace must prevail, and prosperity be secured. It is only in the case of men who scramble into office for the mere sake of popularity that they subside into the position of drones amongst the working "veterans," and even they would do wisely if they abstained from Lodge altogether, and rested upon the honours they have gained, rather than cause any friction by their apathy or useless interference. After all, it is with the lay members of a Lodge to provide against such a calamity, which they can do by a little judgment and forethought. A Worshipful Master is not elected by his seniors, but by the Lodge collectively, and the brethren should take particular care to gauge the qualifications and fitness of an aspirant to the chair before proceeding to the ballot. The system of appointing "Officers by rotation" may be in the main good, and result satisfactorily; but there are circumstances under which an exception might be made to the accepted rule, and, like in many other similar cases, the brethren should say, "May the best man win."

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have carefully perused the remarks of your various correspondents on the above subject, and cannot help feeling amused at the absurd position taken up by the advocates of this new-fangled notion, whose only argument is that, by upsetting the whole of the arrangements which have worked so well up to the present time we should be able to ascertain the "actual strength of the Craft," and the number of Lodges ranged under its banner. In my humble judgment, and in the opinion of all with whom I have conversed on the matter, we may rest content that the numerical strength of Freemasonry is already sufficiently ascertained and recorded on the roll of Grand Lodge. It is a point with many of the

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Friendly Societies, such as the Odd Fellows, Foresters, &c., to parade figures before the world, to show their numerical and financial strength, but Freemasonry needs none of such ostentation. I am proud of the name and number of my own Lodge, and should regard it as little short of a calamity if the figures I have so often acknowledged at the close of Lodge meetings I have attended were altered in any shape or form. I have now been a member of the Craft over twenty years, and I confess to a glow of loyal pride when I see in the columns of your admirably-conducted journal—which I never fail to read with pleasure—the mention of the name and number of my mother Lodge. Every Mason who has a filial regard for the Lodge in which he first derived the germs of Masonic truth, must, I feel convinced, share with me in similar emotions, and would deplore any innovation which would deprive him of the smallest particle of those happy associations which cling around the memories of his "first love." I fail to see any result of the suggested change, except as some of your correspondents point out—"confusion worse confounded," and heartfelt disappointment to those whose fidelity to the Craft is bound up with the earliest associations of their own respective Lodges. However, I have not the slightest fear that any such absurdity would for a moment be sanctioned by the rulers of the Craft, and consequently having had my little say, remain,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

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NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me through the medium of your paper to remind all brethren who are interested in promoting the formation in London of a Northern Counties Lodge that the adjourned meeting will be held at 16a Great Queen-street, at 3 o'clock on Thursday next, the 23rd inst.

I hope that as many as can will attend.

Yours fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am much obliged to "NEMO" for his letter on the above subject in your last issue. Let me assure him that I am too proud of my own child to forget it, and I hope I am prudent enough not to be for ever vaunting its perfections. Still, I do not forget that a little push is needed to urge on even the best of causes, and as I believe the principle of the scheme I have suggested is both excellent and practicable, I should be glad to see it taken up by those better able to assure success than myself. I am not pledged to details, but I am more than ever convinced that the circle of Masonic charity will never be complete until some such a scheme as I have proposed is adopted. It has been my misfortune to witness the difficulties of struggling Masons, and it has been my painful experience to notice that a brother in England is only such when in the Lodge room, or when he happens to be on a social equality with those among whom he mixes. It was only the other day I heard a brother talk about the "aristocracy of Masonry." There is no such thing on the floor of a Lodge. The humble brother to-day may become a Master to-morrow, and there is nothing in the Constitution of the Craft to forbid a brother without social rank and fortune becoming Grand Master of England. Custom has sanctioned the appointment of princes and nobles as rulers in the Order, which has found imitators on a descending scale, but in theory, in principle, merit and ability still remain the watchwords of promotion. I do not mean to say, as was said of the French soldier, that every corporal carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack, but I do contend for the equality of the brethren in the Craft, for the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. I would pay every respect to titles and honours acquired out of Freemasonry. I obey willingly those that are appointed to rule over me within the cordon blue, but I claim a community of right to rule also, provided I can prove my fitness, even were I as poor as was Job.

My first contention is, then, for the recognition of the principle of universal brotherhood in Freemasonry. When that principle is understood and honourably realised, then brethren will care for each other as a natural and imperative duty. That is the higher virtue I am bound to proclaim. But as I cannot expect perfection in human nature, as the ideal can only be approximately reached, I propose as the smallest modicum of duty that every means should be adopted to enable the brethren to help themselves. I believe an Employment Bureau would do this excellently well. Our boys and girls are provided for, our old men and women are cared for, the sick, afflicted, and distressed are generously helped; there is only one class left out in the cold. I want the brethren to step out of the Lodge-room, to enlarge the boundary of their sympathy, to recognise the fact that the tie that binds us is as strong in the factory, in the shop, and at the desk, as it is in the most gorgeously-appointed Masonic salon.

I believe it would be possible to establish a private agency for Masons only, but I should deprecate such a course. The movement I would favour must emanate from the centre of, and I should prefer it to be confined to members of, the Craft. If taken up with the same spirit that now actuates the movers in our Charities, I am certain that the worthy brother would find his future bettered, his hope strengthened, and his Masonic faith increased. The helpers would have the glorious assurance of a good conscience, of duty done. The whole body would undergo a change purifying in its operation, and mighty in beneficence. The whole scheme can be carried out without risking one farthing of money, indeed, as NEMO points out, it might be made a source of income. Where are the workers who will carry it out? Where are the men who will earn a lasting memorable name? I await the answer with hope, with patience even, and with the full assurance of having contributed something to a purpose worthy of the great brotherhood to which I have the pride and honour to belong.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

MARK MASONRY.

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PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 2.

THE installation of Bro. J. E. Buck as W.M. of the above Lodge for the ensuing year took place on Monday, the 6th inst, at the Masonic Hall, Landport. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Willmott, the outgoing Master. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Willmott I.P.M., J. Westaway S.W., F. Sanders J.W., G. Barnden M.O., J. A. Elveston S.O., J. S. Bechervaise J.O., S. R. Ellis P.M. Treasurer, H. J. Guy P.M. Secretary, Irish-Lloyd Registrar of Marks, W. G. P. Gilbert S.D., W. E. Leamy J.D., C. Courtier I.G., W. Miles Organist, J. Brickwood Director of Ceremonies, G. Aylward and D. W. Lane Stewards. At the banquet which followed the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Saturday, 11th inst., on the general business of the Institution. Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, occupied the chair. Upon the recommendation of the House Committee, Bro. J. H. Matthews, Vice Patron, proposed "That one additional Girl be elected at the Quarterly General Court in October, thereby raising the number of elected Girls in the Institution to 236;" this proposition was duly carried. Bro. A. H. Tattershall proposed "That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the laws be altered accordingly," but this proposition was lost.

A Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Monday last, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P. Grand Standard Bearer. The minutes of the last Quarterly Court having been confirmed and those of the General and House Committees read for information, two petitions on behalf of children seeking admission to the Institution were accepted, thus raising the number of approved candidates for the October election to fifty-seven. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's proposition "That in consideration of the faithful and efficient services rendered by Miss Elizabeth Hall, during 22 years, as Matron of the establishment at Wood Green, an annual grant of £75 be made to her on her resignation for the term of her life, and the same to be paid quarterly," was carried, as also was that standing in the name of Brother John Lawrence Mather, "That every present individual donor who has qualified, or who shall qualify, as a Life Governor of the General Fund shall receive double votes for every five guineas presented to the Special Building Fund, and Lodges, Chapters, &c., similar privileges for every ten guineas so presented; in connection with the occasion of fixing the corner stone of the new buildings, by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, on Tuesday, 11th August next, such privileges to be available from this date to 31st December 1885;" Bro. Bowyer's proposal "That 15 boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, on Monday, 12th October, for admission to the Preparatory School, over and above the 22 boys to be then elected to fill the number of vacancies in the present establishment," was likewise carried, so that the number of vacancies to be filled at the next Election is now thirty-seven. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

We are compelled to hold over our reports of the meeting, at Lowestoft, on Monday last, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk; that of the consecration of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Master Masons, with other interesting matters,—for want of space.

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d indeed be difficult, if not almost impossible, to say any- new about Kew and its surroundings, about Richmond, Park, Hampton Court, and Twickenham. We can only old familiar faces and figures, clothe them it may be with ments, adding a little colour here and there by way of The boundless attractions of these places, their associa- ir picturesqueness, and especially the unrivalled view from Hill, are universally admitted. There is no difference of s to the beauty of the whole; the only question is—how can ilth of Nature be best enjoyed? The poet Thomson lived at Richmond, formerly called Sheen, and his remains were n the parish church. In his "Seasons" he says:

"Say, shall we ascend
Thy hill, delightful Sheen? Here let us sweep
The boundless landscape;
* * * * *
Heavn's! what a goodly prospect spreads around,
Of hills, and dales, and woods, and lawns, and spires,
And glitt'ring towns, and gilded streams, till all
The stretching landscape into smoke decays."

poet may be pardoned for allowing his imagination to play h facts on a theme dear to his heart, although in this case 's description falls short of the reality. The Germans do ly go into raptures about trifles, they are slow to move, and ic in judgment, but Mr. C. P. Moritz, of Berlin, could not charms of Richmond. His soul was fired when he saw it, as impelled to speak of it as "assuredly one of the first situa- the world," possessing a "fresh, even, and soft verdure, only to be seen in England." He concludes his praise with wing apostrophe: "Sweet Richmond! Never, no never rget that lovely evening, when from thy fairy hills thou ospitably smile on me, a poor, lonely, insignificant stranger, rsed to and fro thy meads, thy little swelling hills, and lells; and above all, that queen of all rivers, thy own Thames. I forgot all sublunary cares, and thought only of od heavenly things. Happy, thrice happy am I, I again n exclaimed, that I am here, in Elysium, in Richmond!" t what Englishman need be afraid of enthusiasm? And Moritz did not exaggerate one whit. Nature has been all round Richmond, and what is more, an historic halo s the past of that part of the country. For centuries kings ns delighted in Sheen, and monks and nuns lived and enjoyed st its beauties. The little old theatre that stood on the s a real as well as a mimic stage, and could its walls speak s would be unfolded! Edmund Kean died at Richmond, had often figured—a real histrionic king, reproducing the creations of poets, and stamping upon them his own genius. l dwell for pages on the people who flitted across life's stag , e associated with Richmond, who found there peace, enjoy- l beauty; we could enlarge upon the many charms of the Green, and the river, but after all we cannot add to what as already done. We can only whet the appetite of our give a spur to their desires.

Richmond is exhausted there are Bushey Park and Hampton There is no more lovely sight in Great Britain than the and edification. The reflective mind will find food enough there to engage his thoughts, and if he would seek mental diversion he might turn his mind to pretty Twickenham, and people it again with the intellectual giants of the past. Then there is Isleworth, and even long dirty Brentford, with its numberless inns and beershops, and mean buildings, its factories and mills and their accompaniments—smut and dirt. The contrast is great, yet both scenes are real. Nature in all her charms reigns round Richmond; it takes a more vulgar and human form at Brentford. There men toil and labour to supplement nature's bounties; they exemplify the practical in contradistinction to the sentimental. But Brentford has a history and record worthy of a passing notice at least. It may now serve to illustrate the story of the beauty and the beast. The beast, however, is only humanity in dusky clothes. Both the past and the present bear evidence that the people of Brentford are very much like people elsewhere. There have been some stirring scenes at the old county town of Middlesex, and if Foote did satirise the residents by the burlesque *Major Sturgeon* in "The Mayor of Garratt," some sturdy sons have witnessed to the possession of real courage. At any rate it is the centre of busy commerce, and if it be not lovely to the eye, it is so closely allied to its neighbours as to share somewhat in reflected glory. Brentford affords just the requisite contrast to show up the charms by which it is surrounded, and supplies the necessary alloy to prevent an excess of delight pulling upon the senses. There is danger of this on the opposite shore. The walk along the bank of the river from Kew to Richmond is a delightful ramble, but the pleasures within the boundaries of the gardens are beyond description. It is worthy of remark that visitors never tire of Kew Gardens. They go again and again, and still they continue to sound their praises and to long for a renewal of the trip. We can understand this feeling among botanists, because nowhere else can be found so rich a school for study, nowhere is there combined so much that is rare and valuable. But the popularity of Kew, in its broader sense, must be sought for in another direction. It is easy of access by river, road, and rail; the gardens are open on Sundays, and although the example may be questioned by some, there can be no doubt as to the value of this place of resort over many others. Nature dwells there, accompanied only by art; the coarser food necessary for animal enjoyment is beyond the gates. If the visitors therefore do not realise all, or much, or even none at all of nature's lessons, they are free from the intrusion of vulgar tastes and from the exercise of vulgar habits. If there are few exalted heights, there are also few depressing hollows. But we must leave Kew and its attractions, and turn to other matters.

The places we have but very imperfectly dwelt upon have the great advantage of being easily accessible. A jaunt up the river, when the water is high, is very enjoyable. This mode of travelling is always available to Hammersmith. From thence the walk is pleasant on either side of the bridge. On the Surrey side are Barnes and Mortlake, and on the Middlesex side pretty Chiswick and Turnham Green. A tramway runs from Hammersmith to the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, while railways in abundance convey the public to any spot in the locality they can desire. As a kind of halting house, where rest and refreshment can be obtained, where a foretaste of the beauty that is concentrated further on can be had, there is nothing equal to the Star and Garter already alluded to. It stands like a guard at the entrance of treasure caves, and has cells of its own in which to dispense hospitality to the traveller. A huge traffic meets at this point, and those who need to replenish the inner man will find the house we have indicated just what they require. We knew that the St. Mary's and Rose of Denmark Chapters, the Royal Alfred and Loyalty and Charity Lodges, and the Chiswick Mark Masters met at the Star and Garter, but we were not prepared for the extensive accommodation the house and grounds afford for large and small parties. The ordinary public are served at the common bar, the visitors get attention in the hotel department, which is so arranged that luncheons and home comforts for residents can be secured with the necessary privacy. A large and beautiful bowling green runs at the back of the hotel. Adjoining is a splendid open-air swimming bath, with a master in constant attendance. The bather is secured from intrusion by a canvas screen, the dressing accommodation is complete, and the depth of the water varies to suit swimmers and non-swimmers. On the other side of the bath is another lawn of a more general character. It contains a small rifle range, a miniature rabbit warren, and a cage or two for animals. We noticed a sly old fox in one corner, eyeing the fowls with the longing of his species. Behind lawns and bath are the vegetable garden and outhouses, pleasantly studded with trees. The holly trees on the bowling green are worthy of especial notice; they are the finest we have ever seen. Brill and baths are names well known and associated together at Brighton, and it seems quite natural that the nephew of the elder Brill, who is the courteous host of the Star and Garter at Kew Bridge, should keep up the family connection. We were less surprised, therefore, than we otherwise might have been, at the natatory advantages offered at the hotel. The indoor arrangements are as complete as possible, and for Masonic purposes nothing could be better. Secrecy, convenience, and comfort are secured, while the banqueting hall is really a noble apartment, capable of seating a hundred guests and leave elbow room. On the occasion of our visit, the employés of a City printing office, the heads of which are personally known to us, were to dine at the Star and Garter. We were informed that that was the third time they had dined at the same place, so pleased were they with Bro. Brill's catering. As the party mustered eighty in number, it was a fair test of the capacity of the hotel. We mention this circumstance because it is a practical illustration of what can be done at the establishment over which Bro. Brill so ably presides, and in addition we can add our personal experience, which has been most agreeable. We know of no hotel so near town, so easy and cheap of access, [illegible] can be enjoyed with all the acces-

CONSECRATION OF THE ELTHORNE AND MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 2093.

THE constantly-recurring ceremony of consecration reminds us of the growth of the Craft, though it by no means assures us of the quality of the growth. Time alone can decide whether the multiplication of Lodges has been a wise policy or no. We shall not venture upon a discussion of the subject on the present occasion. It would be ungracious to discount the prospects of the manhood of a child just born, and we have no desire to figure as prophets. Judging, however, from the military character of the above-named Masonic offspring, we should say that it has a future before it not warranted by its inauguration. We are familiar with the story of the meeting of a few humble persons in an upper room in the early dawn of Christianity, who have left their impress upon the world, which shall never die. We know that the spirit of Freemasonry does not depend upon the number of its disciples. Yet there is a fitness of things which cannot be altogether dispensed with in the present age, and which was conspicuous by its absence on the occasion of the consecration of the Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge on Saturday afternoon last, at the Hounslow Town Hall. The ceremony of consecration took place in a small dingy top room, where the workers were literally "cribb'd, cabined, and confined." Fortunately only a small number of brethren were present, and the inconvenience was more sentimental than real. The surroundings, nevertheless, were out of harmony with the solemnity and beauty of the ceremony, and had it not been for the relief of colour displayed by the officers of the army present, the whole affair would have been dull indeed. The arrangements, too, were incomplete, and the memory and work of the Officers of the new Lodge were defective, if we except the S.W., who showed that he had the requisite confidence in himself which comes of knowledge. The consecrating Officers, as might have been expected, were equal to the occasion, and as a redeeming feature we may mention that the brethren of the Lodge showed a zeal that may be turned to good account in the future and a degree of hospitality worthy of the members of a large-hearted and glorious profession. In speaking as we have done of what were striking defects, we desire to recognise the good personal qualities of the members of the Elthorne Lodge. It is an every-day experience to praise indiscriminately all that takes place in connection with Masonry. It is an injurious custom, and not a little hypocritical. We are not disposed to encourage that evil, and as we write in all kindness and with that respect due to brethren who evidently are made of true metal, we feel that our remarks will not be misunderstood nor misjudged. We have spoken of the hospitality, let us add that the banquet was one of the best it has been our pleasure to enjoy. The menu card was neat, filled with a list of good things, cleverly selected, skilfully cooked and prepared, and well served. We regret that we cannot record the name of the caterer. It was not on the card, but we here testify to his merits, and to the genuine and generous hospitality of the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex, presided, and took the chief part in the ceremony of consecration. He was assisted by Bros. W. Taylor Prov. G.J.W. as S.W., J. F. H. Woodward 877 Prov. G. Sec. as J.W., Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, Rev. S. T. H Sanders Prov. G. Chaplain as Chaplain, H. Sadler Grand Tyler (who attended with the beautiful consecrating vessels belonging to Grand Lodge), and Raymond Thropp D.P.G.M. The musical services was well performed by Bro. George S. Graham P.P. Grand Organist Middlesex and Surrey, under difficulties that would have dismayed less expert brethren. During the ceremony Bro. Burdett delivered a short address, in which he advised the brethren to be careful in selecting efficient men for office, and in the choice of members. Candidates should be known, so that they could work well together. In some instances black balls were used too frequently, and although he was not much in favour of their use, yet it would be better to exercise the power the brethren possessed than admit improper candidates. Sir Francis referred to the moral power of the W.M., who he said ought to influence the brethren, but in order that it might be successfully applied the W.M. must respect himself. He concluded by saying, that he hoped well of the new Lodge, which had his hearty and best wishes. The oration was delivered by the Chaplain in a clear and solemn manner befitting the occasion. The new brother drew a comparison between King Solomon's Temple and the Masonic Lodge, and enforced the moral arguments arising therefrom. The oration was neither long nor wearisome, but it was nevertheless able, well-conceived and directed. The reading of the petition and other parts of the ceremony of consecration having been performed, Bro. Thropp took the chair of King Solomon, and installed Bro. Capt. A. J. Gant P.M. as W.M. of the Lodge, who invested the following Officers:—Bros. Major G. E. E. Blunt W.M. 1615 S.W, Surgeon-Major J. H. Jephson J.W., Lieut. W. Coombes Secretary, in whose hands the official business of the Lodge will be perfectly safe. Some other offices will be filled up at a subsequent meeting. Bro. P. G. Mitchell was a capable substitute for Brother Gilbert as Tyler. The appointment of this office fell to Brother Shepherd. Brother Frank Richardson delivered the addresses to the Worshipful Master and Wardens with his usual skill, and the S.W. proposed in justly complimentary terms that the Consecrating Officers should become honorary members of the Lodge. This was duly carried, and in acknowledging the compliment Bro. Sir Francis Burdett again referred to the future of the Lodge, and although he did not suspect for a moment that they would require watching he should have his eye upon them. Several names of joining members were given in, as well as those of new candidates, and the Lodge was closed in due form. Among others who were present were Bros. Geo. W. Dixon P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, Thos. Montgomery W.M. 1871, D'Oyley Battley 307, Capt. E. B. Ricketts, Chas. Burt J.W. La Tolerance 538. We have already spoken of the banquet; it will be sufficient if we add that the usual toasts followed, together with the complimentary speeches that are never wanting on such occasions. We cannot, however, close without again referring to the services of Bro. Graham, who—as a brother remarked—is a host in himself. He sang, and whistled, and played, to the delight of the brethren until the lapse of time bade pleasure cease.

CONSECRATION OF THE ETHELBERT LODGE, No. 2099.

THIS latest addition to the roll of Lodges in Kent was ushered into existence on Thursday, the 9th inst., amid surroundings of the most gratifying character. The weather was as fine as could be desired, the season the most propitious, and the company who assembled to take part in the consecration the most brilliant we have ever seen at such a ceremony. Every provision that foresight could suggest had been made, and the whole proceedings passed off without a hitch. The brethren present who supported Viscount Holmesdale Provincial Grand Master Kent, the Consecrating Officer, were Bros. J. S. Eastes Deputy Provincial Grand Master, B. Kelly Thorpe Prov. Grand Treasurer, who acted as S.W., T. H. Grove Snowden P.P.G.J.W. as J.W., Alfred Spencer Prov. Grand Secretary, Rev. E. Gripper Banks, M.A., P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, H. Ward Provincial J.G.W. as D.C., and the following, among other, brethren:—S. Marriott 95, T. Crump I.P.M. 972, H. Inon W.M. 1273, C. E. J. Carter 31, W. Denne W.M. 1206, R. M. Mirch 31, S. F. Pringuer P.M. 972, P. A. Frost S.D. 784, A. Moulding 972, C. B. Cox 31, J. Plant P.M. 31. J. W. Court W.M. 1096, R. Rhodes 31, A. Basaington P.M. 205. Edwin Beer P.M. 972 1449 P.P.G.D., Col. C. J. Cox P.M., James Emmerson P.P.S.G D., Josh. Hazledine P.P.G.D.C., A. Wetherett, J. B. Harrison P.P.G.C., Geo. Page P.M. P.P.J G.D., H. F. Pringuer J.D. 972, J. H. Higgins 972, M. W. West P.P.G.P., T. H. Blamires 1449, R C. Smith 1449, T. Beckett 1449, L. S. Jones 31, P. Montagu P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, W. L. Young S.W. 31, G. H. Chesfield P.P.J.G.W., W. Price 972, F. F. Gerard P.P.J.G.D., J. G. Hanning P.M. 127, W. H. Bond S.W. 1273, H. Sole W.M. 158, W. W. Woodruff P.M. 1206, J. Osborne Roche 31, Robert Blake P.M. 972, W. Plant S.W. 972, G. Hiller P.M. 429, J. F. Cozens P.M. 972, R. Westwood S.D. 972, F. A. Pullen P.M. 742. C. Hills S.D. 127, T. H. Grove Snowden P.P.J.G.W., G. Hill 127, J. O. Eve P.P.G.A.D.C, S. Newman J.W. 972, J. Allen P.M. 160, 1734, W. Crawford P.M. 127, G. Pilcher P.M. 972, R. Welby 972, John Welsh P.M. 972, H. S. Ford W.M. 429, A. H. Hall S.W. 1209, C. J. Hiller P.M. 429, R. H. Gill J.D. 1209, T. Ayling P.M. 1096, John Barnwell 972, J. T. May I.G. 429, John Garratt J.S. 429, S. Payn P.M. 133, J. J. Roach 429, James Cooper P.M. 1449, H. Hammond W.M. 1449, E. Cockerell J.W. 1449, W. J. Fuller J.W. 133, T. B. Rosseter I.P.M. 972, E. L. Elgar W.M. 1209, J. G. Dunn 1209, C. Godsmark 1209, R. Morley J W. 429, R. D. Simms 1449, J. Cooper 1449, Albert Pilcher 972, H. G. West 120[illegible], F. Clarke 972, A. Abbs Sec. 1449, W. Carter I.P.M. 1449, S. Joseph W M. 558, A. Potts S.W. 558, A. J. Crane J.W. 558. H. Waite S.D. 558. F. Stanley 127, S. H. Shaw W.M. 709, G. W. J. Baldwin 1209, G. Dwarner W.M. 1678, W. Ladd 972, G. Hart 972, R Lightfoot 1915. T. W. Porter 1915, W. Chandler 1915, W. H. Donaldson J.D. 31, F Fagge 972. R. Hall 1449, W. Watts 1209, W. J. Davey 1209, W. Ashenden 31, H. J. Naylor P.M. 1449, T. H. Jones W.M. 1449.

The consecration took place at the Town Hall, Herne Bay, which had been most tastefully fitted up for the occasion, and presented a pleasing appearance when filled, as it was, by the Provincial Officers and others present. In his address the Provincial Grand Master expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so numerous an assembly. The Masons of Kent had amply demonstrated their zeal in the Order, and their interest in the new Lodge, by their attendance in such numbers to take part in the consecration, and he thanked them for their support. The Oration by the Chaplain was most interesting, and was attentively listened to. The consecration of the Lodge having been completed, Bro. Eastes assumed the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. Charles F. Wacher P.M. 1209 Prov. S.G.D. as the first Worshipful Master. He appointed the following as his Officers:—Edward Ayre S.W., George Farley J.W., William Hutton Treasurer, Henry Grey Secretary, J. Gascoigne Fawcett S.D., Henry Turner J.D., Edgar A.C., Larkin I.G., and L. W. West P.M. 1089 P.P.G.P. Tyler. Bro. Edward Ayre was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province, and after the transaction of formal business the Lodge was closed.

A banquet followed at the Pavilion, Herne Bay, and was presided over by Bro. Wacher. The W.M. was supported by the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy, and most of those who were present at the Lodge. The repast was well served and at its conclusion the usual toasts were proposed. In submitting that of the Queen and the Craft the W.M. said Her Majesty had endeared herself to every Englishman—indeed to every one throughout her Empire—and he might also say to every Foreign power. As regarded the Craft it was not only beloved by every member of it, but was respected by outsiders for the good it did by its magnificent Charities. The Prov. Grand Master proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In all the pursuits of life the Grand Master had never omitted to take that part which, as Englishmen, they desired their Princes should take—the leading part; while in all the more manly amusements of the English people he had always evinced the greatest interest, this was evidenced by his actions day by day. Yet among all his various occupations His Royal Highness had found time to endear himself to every member of the Masonic Order by the devotion of his time and ability to its interests. Bro. H. Ward proposed the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. Referring to the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom he spoke of the dignity with which these noblemen presided in Grand Lodge and the courtesy they always evinced toward brethren from the provinces. The brethren of Kent had felt especially pleased when the Grand Master gave to their esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master the office of Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, and hoped that Bro. Eastes might live many years to enjoy the compliment paid him. Bro. Eastes replied. He was very proud of the

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honour of being associated with this toast, and desired to thank the brethren for the hearty way in which they were pleased to receive him. He considered it a very great honour to represent Kent in Grand Lodge, and felt that his high office had been conferred on him as a recognition of the way in which Masonry was worked in the Province. The W.M. gave the next toast. He rose to do so with a great amount of pleasure, and at the same time a small amount of pain—pain because he felt he was not able to do justice to the toast and pleasure because he knew it was one sure to be well received. He knew that any shortcomings on his part in proposing it would be more than compensated for by the hearty reception it would meet at the hands of those present. It was the toast of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Viscount Holmesdale. In the high positions held by his lordship he had many important duties to perform, yet he never omitted to spare time to do anything he could for the Masons of his Province. He had been a most painstaking ruler, and had won for himself the respect and esteem of every brother in his own district as well as the respect of those outside of it. The Provincial Grand Master felt very much obliged to those present for the kind manner in which they had honoured the toast. He should be sorry, however, if the reception was otherwise, for he hoped the day would never come when the toast of the Provincial Grand Master was not cordially received in Kent. The W.M. had spoken in somewhat flattering terms of his having come down that day to perform the ceremony of consecration, but he considered that if a Provincial Grand Master was made for anything, it should be to carry out his duties, and no part of the work which fell to his lot could be more important that that of assisting at the establishment of a new Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was one of the simplest and most graceful of the ceremonies of the Craft, and at the same time one of the most important. The addition of another Lodge to the already long list of Lodges in Kent was but adding another centre for Masonic work. He hoped that centre might be carried on with the Masonic spirit which was conspicuous in the other Lodges of Kent, and that it would prosper and become a true centre of Masonic usefulness. He felt they might all congratulate themselves on the work they had done that day, and if they might so congratulate themselves, how much more so was it possible for their Provincial Grand Master to congratulate himself. Bro. Banks Past Prov. Grand Chaplain was entrusted with the next toast. The practice of toast giving, he said, was a heathenism and a barbarism which should be done away with, and yet there were occasions when its continuance might prove beneficial. Many of those present would remember that on a former occasion when he was called upon to propose this toast—the health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers—Bro. Eastes was in somewhat bad health; now he was among them in the enjoyment of perfect health. He felt that the way in which the toast had then been received and the enthusiastic and prayerful way in which the brethren had responded to it had done something towards the banishment of Bro. Eastes' old enemy, which had robbed him of his peace and comfort. In proposing the health of the Deputy of the Province he did not think he now need wish him restoration to health, but long enjoyment of that blessing, which had been restored to him. No Provincial Grand Master could possibly be blessed with a better Deputy than Bro. Eastes. The Deputy was, so to speak, the eye of the Provincial Grand Master, it was his duty to go about making notes where merit was deserving of honour, and reporting such cases to the head of the district. Bro. Eastes carried out this duty most efficiently, and was a noble example of the way in which a brother should stick to his duty in Freemasonry. Referring to the absence of the Senior Warden of the Province, Sir W. Hart Dyke, at present engaged in arduous work in the sister isle, Bro. Banks wished him success in his work. A man must be a very brave one, he said, who undertook the ruling of a country so bristling with difficulties and dangers as Ireland was, and merited the approval of all with whom he was associated. The Provincial Grand Officers of Kent were a hard-working and enthusiastic body, but of their merits as a whole it ill became him to say too much, as he had but very recently joined their ranks. Lest, therefore, he might be considered as singing his own praise, he would immediately give the toast. Bro. Eastes had great difficulty in responding, as he did not know how to adequately acknowledge the kind words which had fallen from the lips of Bro. Banks. The Provincial Grand Officers, both Present and Past, had had especial pleasure in attending and taking part in the establishment of this new Lodge, which they hoped would enjoy every prosperity. It was at all times a gratifying spectacle to witness the launch of a new ship, and in the case of this new Lodge all had been done, so far as the authorities were concerned, to start it on a prosperous voyage. It remained for its members, and the brethren they selected as its pilots, to steer clear of the shoals and pitfalls which would beset them on every side in the conduct of their new Lodge. He felt satisfied they would take care what men they introduced into their Lodge and into Freemasonry—then they would become one of the most prosperous Lodges in the Province and a credit to the Order. He would remind them that strength did not consist of mere numbers, but rather of the quality of the men who were admitted. Speaking to the toast generally, he said the Provincial Officers of Kent were gratified at the reception invariably given to them wherever they went, while as regarded their aptitude for the offices the difficulty had always been to decide who should be chosen from among the many eligible. The W.M. followed: he had passed some of the toasts over to others whom he felt were better able to do justice to them, but the next on the list he felt it was his duty to submit to the best of his ability. It was the health of Brother Ward, the Director of Ceremonies. They had been very pleased to see the high honour recently conferred on Bro. Ward by his appointment to the office of Junior Warden of the Province. He felt sure there was not one brother in the Province who begrudged him his position. Bro. Ward had rendered to the new Lodge the most valuable of services. He had given up some days of his time in order to ensure the comfort of those who took part in the consecration and in arranging for the proper carrying out of the ceremony. His labours had resulted most successfully. He ventured to say that no more efficient Master of Ceremonies was anywhere to be found. Bro. Ward acknowledged the compliment paid him and the too kind expressions of thanks which had been awarded for the poor services he had been able to render the new Lodge. That was the fourteenth time he had had the honour of acting as Director of Ceremonies at the Consecration of new Lodges in the Province, and if he had not performed his duties properly it was not for want of practice. He then stood in a very high position among the Freemasons of Kent, and fully appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master next proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. They had heard a great deal that day of two classes of brethren; there were two classes then present, and he felt sure both would receive the toast with cordiality. Those who had come from distant parts of the Province, and from distant Provinces, as well as those who were members of the Lodge itself, would unite in wishing health and prosperity to the first Master of the new Lodge. Bro. Washer had already filled the office of Master of a Lodge, and would bring practical experience to bear on the work he was called upon to perform. It was a further matter of congratulation to him (Lord Holmesdale) that the first Master had already won the honour of the purple of Provincial Grand Lodge. The W.M. returned his sincere thanks. He felt honoured at being selected as first Master of the Lodge, and felt it even a higher honour to have so many distinguished brethren present to support him in the opening of his Lodge. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Without their presence that day the Ethelbert Lodge would have made but a poor show. He trusted that in the future their meetings would always be graced with Visitors. Bro. Donaldson replied. His heart was in Masonry, and he hoped to have many more opportunities of showing his devotion to the Order. The way in which everything had been done that day was most gratifying to the many Visitors who had attended. They one and all wished the new Lodge the greatest success. Bro. Page followed. He felt a great amount of pleasure in attending, and was sure all those present that day would be willing to do anything in their power to advance the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Farley proposed the toast of the Donors to the Lodge. The establishment of a new Lodge entailed great responsibilities on those who started it, but in this case they had received most valuable aid from all around them. He trusted they might so conduct the Lodge as to make it another jewel in the crown of Masonry, and that through its instrumentality Masonry might advance in Herne Bay and prove of benefit to the neighbourhood and world at large. The toast having been acknowledged, Bro. Spencer proposed that of the Charities. Among the many virtues possessed by the Craft none was greater than that of Charity. The toast was one which did not need many words of introduction in the Province of Kent; he felt he was asking them to drink to a toast they were all anxious to honour. Bro. Binckes responded. During the earlier part of the evening he had been seated at the lower end of the hall, and had there heard the remarks of two brethren—in regard to himself—one had said he supposed they should have the same old tale, and the other had asked, at what time of the evening do you spin your yarn? He should not either tell the same tale or spin the same yarn, except it was to once again thank them for their kindness in Kent. He hoped the new Lodge would prosper, and that it would prove a further means of strength to the already strong Province of Kent. It was not necessary for him to plead among the Masons of Kent, for he knew of no Province where more steady consistency was shown than was the case there, or from whence a more steady flow of support was given to the Masonic Institutions. He was gratified to find that the welcome he had always received in Kent had not been lessened or worn off by the number of times he had been present. The Officers of the Lodge were next honoured, and then the Tyler gave the concluding toast, bringing to a close one of the pleasantest days we have ever spent—even in Kentish Masonry.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 2021.

An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion-square. Present—Bros. Capt. Probyn P.M. 18 W.M., R. Payne S.W., Kempton P.M. as J.W., C. Bellerby Treasurer, G. Coop Secretary, A. Jones J.D., Hunt as I.G.; P.M.'s Capt. G. Lambert P.G.S.B. F. Delevante. After Lodge was opened Bro. Col. Shipway was raised to the 3rd degree by Bro. Payne P.M., who worked the ceremony, by the courtesy of the W.M. Bro. F. Dray was passed by Bro. Capt. G. Lambert P.G.S.B.; both of the ceremonies were excellently rendered. The Lodge was then closed until the third Tuesday in October. Bros. Dusterwald 1586 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 were present as Visitors.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Marks W.M., Turner S.W., Ware J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Fluck S.D., Rhodes J.D., Potter I.G., Weeden acting Preceptor. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keogh candidate. The same brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till 20th instant, when Bro. Turner will preside.

Messrs. Watts and Co., of 17 Johnson's-court, Fleet-street, London E.C., will publish on the 1st of August a new popular weekly magazine, entitled "The Eye: a Journal of Observations." It will contain articles and observations on all the principal topics of the day, and will be filled with information of an instructive, interesting, and entertaining character. The price will be one penny.

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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 JULY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1278—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1874—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Khare Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
[illegible] Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at [illegible]
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross (Consecration)

MONDAY, 20th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Garden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst

1495—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 209 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1509—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C. at 7 30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1606—Kilburn, 44 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 Bardett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8 30 (Instruction)
1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—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

1080—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1087—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1199—Agricultural, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1503—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1973—Save and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 951—St. Anbyn, 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, 21st 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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—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.
8[illegible]—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Prospect-road, Dalston at 9 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1451—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1479—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1550—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1691—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)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 278—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
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. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 22nd JULY.

Grand Mark Benevolent Festival, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Portsmouth-street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
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
1462—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In

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
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
590—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1284—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
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
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, 23rd JULY.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instructio
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Instruction, 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 (Instructio
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In
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 (Instructio
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—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 (Ins
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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

116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Scotch Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasling den
437—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
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford

1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1578—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire

R.A. 293—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 434—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 1096—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 24th JULY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
963—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)
1206—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1608—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star 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)

Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire, Barnet
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staidburn
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
1084—Roe cehill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1713—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1096—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th JULY.

186—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)
1641—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1634—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-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

148—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1484—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1581—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1966—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

MASONIC WELCOME AT LEEDS.

THE Prince and Princess of Wales have been paying a visit to the Marquis of Ripon at Studley Royal, and on Wednesday the Royal party, accompanied by their host, and several other notabilities, went to Leeds, the object being to open the Yorkshire College Building. The reception was thoroughly hearty and loyal, and visibly affected the Princess of Wales, accustomed as she is to receive tokens of sincere respect and esteem. The Prince and Princess first visited the Victoria Hall, where an address was presented by the Corporation of Leeds, which the Prince courteously acknowledged. The Freemasons of the City and neighbourhood, loyal to their Grand Master, and anxious to show their respect for him, mustered in great force on the occasion. Among the brethren present were:

Bros. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., Prov. G. Master, Henry Smith Deputy Prov. G. Master, T. C. Smythe Past Deputy District Grand Master Eastern Archipelago, W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G. Senior Warden, Wm. Hy. Brittain P. Prov. G. Warden, Mayor of Sheffield, C. L. Mason P.P.G. Treas., A. W. Stanfield Prov. G. Registrar, Herbert G. E. Green Prov. G. Secretary, Lieut.-Col. J. E. Bingham W.M. 296 Master Cutler Sheffield, T. Bateman Fox Mayor of Dewsbury, Robt. Craig P.P.G.D., Thos. Winn P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, J. W. Beck P.P.G.D. of C., Rev. E. W. Makieson P.P.G. Chap., Alfred Williamson Immediate Past Master, James Milnes Senior Warden, Alfred Scarth Junior Warden 289, Edmund Woodcock W.M., James Yates I.P.M., Thomas Myers S.W., John Brownfoot J.W. 304; W. H. Thompson W.M., John Dyson I.P.M., John Thrippleton S.W., D. Thompson J.W. 306; E. Crossley W.M. M. B. Yates I.P.M., W. M. Tyers S.W., W. Flockton J.W. 1042; Charles Scriven W.M. John Jaques I.P.M., A. W. Youings S.W., W. H. Bradford J.W. 1211, Richard Prince Brindley W.M., James Marston I.P.M., Richard Kingston P.M., Robert Lees J.W. 1224; George Cobb W.M., A. F. McGill I P.M., W. Hollis S.W.; J. Hollingsworth P.M. J.W. 1311, T. Trevor P.M. Sec., W. Watson P.M. S.D., H. S. Butler Chaplain 2069.

The following address was then presented to their Royal Highnesses by W. Bro. W. L. Jackson W.M. 289 P.G.S.W.:—

To His Royal Highness Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve.

May it please your Royal Highness,

We, the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge Fidelity, 289, Philanthropic, 304, Alfred, 306, Excelsior, 1042, Goderich, 1211, Defence, 1221, Zetland, 1311, and Prudence, 2069, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, beg to express the high gratification and pleasure which we feel on being graciously permitted the opportunity and privilege of welcoming the presence of your Royal Highness as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of our Order, and that of your illustrious Consort, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, on the occasion of your visit to the town and Borough of Leeds for the primary object of opening the Yorkshire College.

We desire also to be permitted the opportunity of assuring your Royal Highness of our loyalty and attachment to the Throne and person of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, to yourself, to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and to all the members of the Royal Family. We fervently pray that your Royal Highness may long be spared to rule and govern the Craft, and that the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth may continue to take deep root in the hearts of all Freemasons as well as of all men.

We are, in the name of the brethren of the eight Lodges in Leeds,

Your Royal Highness's most devoted and faithful Servants,

W. L. Jackson, M.P., W.M. Fidelity, No. 289.
Edmund Woodcock W.M. Philanthropic, No. 304.
W. H. Thompson W.M. Alfred, No. 306.
Edward Crosby W.M. Excelsior, No. 1042.
Charles Scriven W.M. Goderich, No. 1211.
Richard P. Brindley W.M. Defence, No. 1221.
George Cobb W.M. Zetland, No. 1311.
Edwin Woodhouse, J.P., W.M. Prudence, No. 2069.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master replied as follows:—

Worshipful Masters and Brethren,—I thank you for the loyal address of welcome which you have just presented to the Princess of Wales and myself on the occasion of our visit to Leeds for the purpose of opening the Yorkshire College. Your expressions of devotion to the Royal Family are especially gratifying to me, your Grand Master, as coming from a body of my fellow subjects so celebrated in all times for their loyalty to the throne, and respect for the Sovereign. I trust that the Craft with which I am so intimately connected may long be spared to continue its career of utility and benevolence.

BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE quarterly convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 9th July at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C. Comps. Pridmore M.E.Z., Bond H., Angus J., and P.Z.'s Smeed, Thompson, Sharratt, Green, and several visitors. Comp. Green P.Z. and S.E. read the minutes of the last convocation, which were confirmed. A ballot took place for the admission of Bro. J. Etherington S.W. of Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, which proved to be unanimously in his favour, and he being in attendance was impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the whole ceremony being performed in a style which excited the most unqualified commendation from all the P.Z.'s present. There being no further business the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet, served in Comp. Wood's best style and which left nothing to be desired. On the withdrawal of the cloth the usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and also the health of the newly exalted Companion Etherington, who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him in admitting him to the supreme degree of Freemasonry. He also expressed the gratification he had derived in the sublime ceremony he had passed through, which had left an impression on his mind that he should never forget; he trusted that the Companions would never have cause to regret his having been received amongst them. Several other toasts were given and songs sung, and after a very pleasant evening the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THE regular convocation of this prosperous Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 13th instant, when the M.E.Z. Comp. J. W. Watts was ably supported by Comps. J. S. Terry P.Z. as H., H. Baldwin J., Mark S. Larlham P.Z. Treas., George T. Thornes S.N., T. Poore P.Z. Scribe E., Chas. Holeroft P.S., E. Whittaker and G. Treeves 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners, and Comp. J. Gilbert Janitor. A ballot was taken for and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. William H. Tilling W.M. elect of the St. James's Lodge, No. 765, after which he was duly exalted to this supreme degree, the ceremonial throughout being rendered in a very efficient and able manner. Comp Tilling was appointed and invested as W.S. of the Chapter. The convocation being ended the Companions adjourned for refreshment, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent at this ancient hostelry, which is under the able superintendence of Comp. G. Burton.

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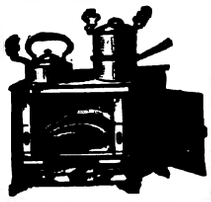
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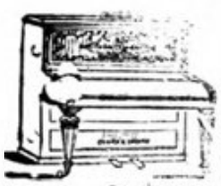
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LODGE LECTURES.

WE notice that there is running through the major portion of the Annual Reports of the Grand Lodges of America a complaint that the theoretical or philosophical history of Freemasonry is but little understood by the brethren generally. The ritualistic side of Freemasonry is carried out to perfection in American Blue Lodges, more so perhaps than in the same Lodges in any other country, yet Masonic scholars find that the history and principles of Freemasonry are as a sealed book to the great bulk of the brethren. We can readily understand this complaint, and cheerfully endorse its justice and correctness, as the same defect exists in our own Lodges, and from the same causes. As brethren are aware, the only insight given into the philosophy of Freemasonry is comprised in the lectures attached to the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. These are given at a time when they are least likely to be remembered with effect. In many Lodges the lectures are scamped or omitted through the unwise effort to confer more than one degree the same meeting night, and the result is that the epitome of Masonic history comprised in those lectures is not imparted with that regularity and impressiveness which was intended, and hence it is that brethren are not as bright Masons as they might be, even through the overture education of the Lodge. Freemasons should all be readers and students. It being one of the "landmarks" of the Institution that every person initiated must be able to read and write, it follows as a natural deduction that it was expected that every brother would "read up" more or less, and thus become fairly versed in his duties and in the principles of Freemasonry. It is a matter for regret that this old time notion remains so widely a dead letter, the result being that the ignorance which exists has a deteriorating effect. Little is learned from the ritual or its recital in the Lodge, and if we are to be educated Masons, it is absolutely necessary that a useful system of Lodge lecturers be instituted, the object of which would be to convey in clear concise language the principles and symbolism of Freemasonry to the members of each Lodge periodically, and thus may be developed a taste for study, with the outcome of bringing to the front "in due course" Masonic scholars of which our Grand Lodge might be proud, and who would reflect honour on the Craft, and raise up beneath the Southern Cross authorities which would be looked up to with confidence and respect throughout the world. The Worshipful Masters of Lodges could do a great deal in this lecture work. Indeed, we think it their particular duty to instruct the brethren, and thoroughly ground them in what Freemasonry really is. The funds of the Grand Lodge will not permit of a paid lecturer being appointed, and we therefore must appeal to the "pride of office" of the Worshipful Masters to give practical effect to the object of this article. There are many Masters who possess the ability to prepare a written lecture on the symbolism of each degree, and we feel sure that the brethren would hail with delight such an attractive opportunity of learning what they ought to know. Will some W.M. take the initiative. The Grand Lodge Library is at their disposal, and any aid we can render will be most cheerfully given.—*Sydney Freemason.*

THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

WE have occasion, in another part of this issue, to speak of the growth and popularity of the Mark degree, which is rapidly becoming more influential, and appears to be extending the circle of its labours day by day. The present month has been a busy one with Mark Master Masons, while during the last few days the activity has reached a climax, which has exhibited Mark Masonry to the world in its grandest form—that of Benevolence—in such a way as to astonish its patrons, and secure for it and its votaries respect from those outside its circle. The Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday, and its success exceeded even the most sanguine expectations of its supporters, while, considered from a general point of view, it is another instance of the true spirit of charity which pervades Freemasonry in its every phase. The result of Wednesday's Festival has given us fresh cause for marvel—marvel as to where the money comes from which is subscribed from Freemasonry for the relief of distress among its members; which, alas! is as widespread as among any other section of the community. Complaints of bad trade does not appear to affect the liberality of the Craft, nor does time lessen the enthusiasm which has been so long associated with the practice of its most gratifying principle—Charity. Year after year, and month after month, have we been called upon to chronicle performances in this noble cause, until the duty has become almost monotonous, while the task which now devolves upon us finds us with nothing but worn-out materials with which to accomplish it. How can we find words strong enough to express our feelings, or how is it possible adequately to thank those who have come forward to assist in securing another success in connection with Masonic Charity? We cannot do so; we can only assure them their labours are appreciated, and that the money they have subscribed will be spent in the best of good ways—in assisting those who, from calamity or misfortune, are reduced to the necessity of appealing to their more fortunate brothers. The success of Wednesday was an all round one. Each of the Stewards—of whom there were eighty-eight—did well; and if we single out the one instance of Bro. the Rev. H. G. Cummings, who represented the Province of Kent, it is only because he was fortunate enough to secure a three figure total—his list amounting to one hundred guineas. Bro. Rowland Plumbe, representing the Davison Lodge, was particularly fortunate; in so far that he received the unanimous support of his fellow members in that Lodge, every one of whom contributed something to the Festival total. The Chairman nobly discharged his duty, not only as President, but by personal support of the Fund, in the form of a donation of one hundred guineas. The total contributed at the Festival was £1,721 16s 6d, being more than twice the amount contributed at the gathering of last year. We append a list of the Stewards, and the amounts brought up by each, and in conclusion again tender our heartiest congratulations to those who assisted in securing the grand success of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival of 1885.

The banquet was served in that ample manner that is so characteristic a feature of this annual gathering. Lord

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Egerton of Tatton, the Deputy Grand Mark Master, presided, and was supported by a large body of the prominent Mark Masons of the day.

In introducing the toasts Lord Egerton said, the first which is drunk in every assembly of Englishmen and Masons is that of Her Majesty the Queen. Her Majesty is not only the mother of a Mark Mason, but she is now the grandmother of a Mark Mason. It had afforded him great pleasure and honour to assist in advancing as a Mark Mason Prince Albert Victor, the heir ultimately to the throne now occupied by Her Majesty. We know that the Queen deserves the respect and attachment of Masons; she has done a great deal during the many years she has reigned over this country, and among her subjects there are none that can claim to be more loyal to the throne than Mark Masons. He therefore gave with great confidence the health of Her Majesty and Mark Masonry. The next toast was Prosperity to Mark Masonry and the health of the G. Master the Earl of Kintore. The Chairman was sure that the brethren would be glad that the abilities of the Most Worshipful Mark Master Mason had been recognised by his being placed in a responsible position as a servant of her Majesty. All would feel that those abilities, which we recognised as fitting him for taking his high place in Mark Masonry, had been recognised by the Sovereign for employment in the service of the State. This showed that some of the qualities of a good Mason were also the best qualities of a citizen. None will recognise his fitness for office more than the Mark Masons of England. We are rejoiced to be governed by one who is so well fitted by his position and by his acts to take the lead and be an honour to Mark Masonry. It was unnecessary to remind the brethren how well and how fittingly the Earl of Kintore had ruled over them; he (the chairman) was sure the Earl would hear with pleasure that his health had been received with enthusiasm. Bro. Lambert said the next toast, which had been confided to him, was one of great importance; because, while it proved that Mark Masonry was in existence, it was the ideal, and not only the ideal but the fact that we have a great many Grand Officers on this occasion rallying round our board. He had the honour to offer the health of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. In days gone by a Grand Mark Lodge was formed, and he had the honour of being the first Grand Deacon. The Grand Officers had worked most sincerely and well in the past, and if evidence of this were needed we have only to compare the number who have been present on former occasions with the number of those present to-day. They have done good suit and service, and have shown by their efforts that they have been thinking of our Mark Benevolent Fund, by urging those who are not members to do the best they can for us. In Mark Masonry, as in every other Degree of Masonry, the Grand Officers had to put their shoulders to the wheel, and carry out those rules which may not always be in accordance with their own views; we are much indebted to those brethren who come up from long distances to advocate these principles. We ought to be grateful for the duties they impose on themselves, and to the Deputy Grand Master, our Chairman, for coming to preside to-day. He should like to say more of him, but was told that had been left for some one else. We have the honour to-night to entertain our Bro. Love Jones Parry, and we are grateful to our good friends who come from so far away. We hail the Province of Wales from which Bro. Parry comes as one of the most excellent in working, and as a bright example to all those who are within our borders. Bro. Love Jones Parry, in responding, said he was a Mason of 35 years' standing; the longer he was in it the greater pleasure he took. It was no violation of Masonic secrecy to say that Charity was the motto and the motive power of Masons. St. Paul placed Charity at the head of the virtues, and Charity was only the Latin name for love. It was in the cause of charity they had met that day, and he was happy to be able to say that the Charitable Fund of Mark Masonry was increasing very rapidly. He need only call attention to the printed books which were in the hands of the brethren; these showed the extraordinary difference between the sums subscribed each year since 1869. In that year it was £97 2s 8d; last year it was £832 19s. He only hoped that that day it would not be less than £1000. It was gratifying indeed to see so much larger an attendance this year than there was last, when they had an equally sunny day, but from some cause or other there were many gaps at the dinner tables, and there were not so many ladies present. He was sorry that the rules of Masonry did not allow of ladies being present more frequently. There was only one instance, however, of a lady being a Mason, but in these days when women's rights were so much advocated there was no knowing what might happen, and the ladies need not despair. Brother the Rev. H. Cummings proposed the health of the Chairman. It must afford Lord Egerton of Tatton very great satisfaction to see before him such a company. He ventured to think such a large number of Stewards, their wives, daughters, and friends, would bring the Festival to such a success as the Benevolent Fund had not yet achieved. Having at their head a Chairman of such deserved popularity was no doubt the cause. They were a long way from Cheshire, but the Cheshire brethren were supporting him strongly. Lord Egerton was now Deputy Grand Master, and he hoped that he would in turn become Grand Master. He was quite sure that the popularity of Lord Egerton had a great deal to do with the immeasurable success of this Festival. They had already heard of the strides made in 15 or 18 years. He ventured to think the result that day would realise a long way beyond £1000. The Chairman returned his hearty thanks for the way in which his health had been received, and for the kind way in which it had been proposed. He felt that the success of the meeting would not be owing so much to his presence as to the good cause of which he was the humble advocate. It gave him great pleasure to see so many Stewards present to support him; more than double the number on any previous occasion; but still drawn together from every part of the world, as well as of the kingdom. Australia, Sydney, and New South Wales were represented on this occasion. All parts of England were represented, and he was glad that the Provinces with which he was more immediately connected—Lancashire and Cheshire—had sent up their fair share, although those two counties could not compare with Middlesex and Surrey, which sent 21 Stewards, or three times the number of the other two. Still he thought if a Mark Festival were held in Lancashire it would show as good an account as the two metropolitan counties. With regard to the ladies he should have thought from the speech they had lately heard that the speaker was the champion of women's rights. Women were to be found in every good work, and although they could not be initiated into Masonic mysteries, they could be associated in Masonic good work. After the many distinguished men he had the honour to follow as Chairman, he felt that his efforts might be small in comparison with theirs, but there was not one of his predecessors who had been actuated by a warmer desire to benefit the Institution which they were met to support. He trusted that the success of this Festival would give promise of better and larger success. In speaking to the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund and the other Masonic Institutions, Lord Egerton said the company had been already told that Charity was one of the most prominent and leading of all the Masonic virtues, and Mark Masons shared it in common with the rest of the Craft. The Mark Benevolent Fund had from its commencement been a source of interest and support with Mark Masons. They had heard how 16 years ago it had a very small beginning. It was then held under the then Grand Master, now Canon Portal, and under £100 was collected. Since then many other distinguished men had presided, and the sums had gradually risen. But this year he trusted that instead of making gradual progress it would go on with those leaps and bounds which a late Chancellor of the Exchequer used to delight in with regard to the national exchequer. Masonry was more fortunate because they had double the number of Stewards. They were well aware of the objects of the Fund—first to relieve Masons in distress, their widows and children. Further than that, there was an accumulated amount of £2,000; and still further, there was an educational branch, which had absorbed the sum of £1,400, and with that twelve boys and five girls were receiving education. Unless a large amount was now collected there would be very few vacancies at the next election, but they had every confidence that they would be able to do even more than they had yet done. They were not only in their Charity assisting Mark Masons, but to a considerable extent they were relieving Craft Masonry also, because all those who have become Mark Masons must have passed the Craft Degrees. He would like to throw out a proposal which he was sure they would approve of. He would like to see a fund started for the relief of decayed and aged Mark Masons and their widows. It had been computed that a very moderate sum would be sufficient to give £15 or £12 a year to each—say six men and six widows. It could not be denied that both aged Mark Masons and their widows had a great claim on Mark Masons, and he thought the Benevolent Fund might be extended in that direction. As example in these cases was far better than precept, he proposed if it was the wish of the Board who had the control of the Benevolent Fund, and if they would accept it, he would give 100 guineas towards such a fund, on condition that it was started. He was sure that on the present occasion it would not be necessary to use many words to enforce the benefit of extending this fund, for he was quite certain that those present would come forward and support it, and would spread the idea to other Masons. They would feel that all deserving Mark Masons should have a fair share of the prosperity of Mark Masons in general, and that every one who became a Mark Mason might look forward to the time when, if his circumstances were not so good as when he joined the Order, he should be able to fall back on such a fund as this, in the full confidence that his claims would be regarded and attended to. He felt certain no words of his were needed to give the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund and the other Masonic Institutions, and that the very successful result, which would shortly be announced by the financial statement, would show them that the exertions of the Stewards and Hon. Secretaries, Bros. Binckes and Matier, had not been altogether in vain. Bro. Binckes in reply said he hoped the brethren would take to heart what the Chairman had said as to forming a new fund. He unhesitatingly accepted the condition attached to the Chairman's gift of 100 guineas, and that, in consequence, the subscriptions of future years would even be greater than the magnificent amount he was going to announce. He then read the list of subscriptions, as given on the opposite page.

The Chairman, in proposing the Board of Stewards, said that the amount already announced had been due to the activity and energy of all; but especially to the President, Bro. A. Williams, and the two Hon. Secretaries. The very gratifying announcement just made could not have been attained without the display of great energy and activity. After a few other toasts the proceedings terminated. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. E. M. Lott Past Grand Mark Organist, who was assisted by Bros. Arthur Thompson and Franklin Clive, with Miss Amy Sargent and Miss Minnie Kirton.

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Grand Stewards, Br. C E Soppet		26	5	0
Bon Accord, Br. G Cooper		12	17	0
Old Kent, Bro. J L Mather		42	0	0
Br. Major W E Williams		12	9	0
Lodge				
1	George Kenning	5	5	0
8	John Mason	16	2	0
22	R J Voisey	11	11	0

UNATTACHED.

Br. Alfred Williams (Pres.)	10	10	0
R Berridge (Hon. Tr.)	10	10	0
R P Spice	5	5	0
C H Driver	15	15	0
C F Matier (Hon. Sec.)	46	0	0
Samuel Kelly	5	5	0
Geo Lambert	10	10	0
Dr George Mickley	5	5	0
Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.	5	5	0
Wm Kelly	10	10	0
Thomas Cubitt	5	5	0

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND OXON.

Province	Br. T J Pulley	5	5	0
Lodge				
27	Edwin Head	5	10	0
55	R E Raynes	10	10	0
225	A H Simpson	10	10	0
235	R Glaspool	31	10	0
247	J M Dormor	15	16	0
257	Rev E De Ewer	3	0	0

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Province and Lodge 163	Br. Thos. Taylor	16	16	0

CHESHIRE.

Province	Bro. Rev. C W S Stanhope	5	5	0
Lodge				
196	W H Finchett	15	15	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

Province	P. de E. Collin	5	5	0

EAST ANGLIA.

Province	Nath Tracey	52	3	0
Lodge				
112	F S H Dyer	35	0	0
205	Geo Graveley (See Temperance in the East, No. 350, Middlesex.)			
334	Benj Chennel	31	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Province	John Walker Geo Norman	10	10	0
		10	10	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Lodge				
54	Henry Stone	32	10	0
305	F Powell	10	10	0

KENT.

Province	Rev H Cummings	105	0	0
Lodge				
226	W A Weston	30	10	0
237	J A Anthony	5	5	0
244	S G T Bourke	10	10	0
332	William Kipps	5	5	0

LANCASHIRE.

Province	G P Brockbank	10	10	0
Lodge				
T.I.	E G Harwood	15	15	0
32	Frank A Hnet	5	5	0
34	W J Conliffe	21	0	0
158	J D Murray	5	5	0

LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON, AND DERBYSHIRE.

Province	Miles J Walker	26	5	0
Lodge				
246	J H Lawson	18	7	6
302	Percy Wallis W L Ball	36	15	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Province	Jack Sutcliffe	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

Province	Thos. Clark	25	2	0
Lodge				
3	W S Webster	32	11	0
5	F T Bennett	34	12	6
7	W E Stewart	27	5	0
13	H D Cama	10	10	0
101	Jabez Church	25	4	0
114	Charles Belton	10	10	0
139	W Vincent	7	1	0
144	C. F. Hogard	23	2	0
173	J Poulton	21	0	0
197	Col. H S Burney	10	10	0
211	Mrs D P Cama	52	10	0
211	Br. John Mason (see Thistle, 8, London)	15	17	0
236	Alex Miller	10	10	0
238	Alfred Tisley	27	5	0
239	F J Tyler	15	15	0
244	H H Shirley	20	9	6
284	Major P Dunbar	19	19	0
315	James Terry	5	5	0
331	Rowland Plumbe	35	14	0
333	Newington Bridges	21	0	0
350	Geo. Graveley	52	10	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Province	Bro. Major A Thralo Perkins	21	0	0

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Br. Norman Selfe

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

Province	C H Hill Drury	17	1	0

NOTTINGHAM.

Lodge				
265	Br. Henry George	43	1	0
344	J Toplis	5	5	0

SOMERSET.

Province	C W Radway	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

Lodge				
166	Fred Rossiter	18	11	0

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Lodge				
178	William Nott	17	15	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Province	A F Godson W B Williamson	31	10	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Lodge				
53	Fred Cleeves	11	0	0

NORTH WALES.

321	Love Jones Parry	5	5	0

SOUTH WALES.

Province	Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart.	21	0	0

DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

Lodge				
237	J A Anthony			

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

Four Kings' Council, Bro. F T Bennett

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

Bro. Thomas Clark

See the same names elsewhere.

SUMMARY.

Berks and Oxon	82	1	0
Buckinghamshire	16	16	0
Cheshire	21	0	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	5	5	0
East Anglia	118	13	0
Gloucestershire	21	0	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	63	0	0
Kent	156	10	0
Lancashire	57	5	5
Leicester, Northants, and Derbyshire	81	7	6
Lincolnshire	10	10	0
Middlesex and Surrey	504	2	0
Monmouthshire	21	0	0
New South Wales	5	5	0
Northumberland and Durham	17	1	0
Nottinghamshire	48	6	0
Somersetshire	10	10	0
Sussex	18	11	0
Victoria, Australia			
Wiltshire	17	15	0
Worcestershire	31	10	0
Yorkshire (West)	11	0	0
Wales (North)	5	5	0
Ditto (South)	21	0	0
The Chairman	£105	0	0
London, 19 Stewards	272	4	0
Provinces, 69 Stewards	1,344	12	6
Grand Total	£1,721	16	6

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MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 355.

IF popular opinion of the Mark Degree is to be gnaged by the frequency with which new Lodges are established—and surely no better criterion need be sought—this particular branch of Freemasonry at present occupies a prominent place in the minds of English Craftsmen. There is a strong feeling among some of those who are opposed to Freemasonry—whether on religious grounds or otherwise—that the majority of men are disgusted with themselves after their initiation, and consider they have been made such fools of that they not only discontinue their search after Masonic knowledge, but at once renounce as far as possible their connection with the Order, and that, too, in the most determined fashion. We who are able to judge of this from actual experience, can testify that the reverse is the case, and that comparatively few of those who are initiated sever their connection with Freemasonry until they have passed through its three degrees, while certainly a majority seek a further association with its teachings in the mysteries of the Royal Arch, or the Mark. The prosperity attending this last degree is in itself a striking illustration of the truth of this view, while the frequent consecration of new Lodges for its practice affords an undeniable proof that some, at least, of those who are initiated into Freemasonry find sufficient to interest them in its teachings to constrain them to continue their researches outside. Another strong point in support of our view, that Freemasonry does not disgust its initiates, may be found in the fact that some of its best men may be found among those who go further than the three steps of Craft Masonry; indeed, some of the higher grades are supported by the most influential members of the Craft—men who have not only made their mark within the portals of Freemasonry, but also in the every day pursuits of ordinary life, either as statesmen, soldiers, or members of the most brilliant professions. But, argue those who are opposed to us, these great men only continue their association with the Order, and only support its offshoots, from unworthy motives. They make use of their position to serve the worst of ends, and under the cloak of Masonry and the higher degrees they plot against all that is good, honest, and lawful. We shall not stay longer now to argue this subject, but simply content ourselves with observing that the establishment of a new Lodge is a matter for congratulation, and when it is started with brethren at its head and with associations so pleasing as those which surround the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Masters, it is not only a matter for gratification, but one which should be heralded with rejoicing by the Craft at large.

The consecration took place on Saturday, the 11th instant, at the Criterion, Regent Circus, London, under the able direction of Bro. Fred. Binckes, whom it is readily admitted has done more for Mark Masonry than any man living. The Royal Savoy Lodge is numbered 355 on the register of Grand Mark Lodge, and its Officers and many of its members are intimately associated with the Lodge bearing the same name in Craft Masonry, and are the men who have won for that a reputation among the most brilliant in the Order. Bro. J. L. Mather opened a Lodge of Mark Masters, and in due course the following were advanced to the Mark Degree:—Bros. H. Dickey, W J. Ferguson, C. J. Knightley, G. Mordey and J. H. Batty. Bro. F. Binckes, Past Grand Warden, Grand Secretary Mark Degree, then took the chair as Consecrating Officer, and called upon the Director of Ceremonies to read the warrant by which he was empowered to act. He expressed the pleasure with which he entered upon this duty and called upon Bro. J. L. Mather to assist him as Senior Warden, and Bro. W. Lake as Junior Warden, while Bro. Robert Berridge P.G.M.O. officiated in his capacity as Director of Ceremonies. Directions having been given, the Founders of the Lodge were arranged in order, and the Petition and Warrant were formally read. The members having signified their approval of the Officers named in the Warrant, Brother Binckes announced that he had anticipated that Brother A. M. Broadley Past District Grand Master of the Mediterranean would have been present to deliver the Oration customary on these occasions, but inasmuch as Bro. Broadley's engagements necessitated his attendance elsewhere, with the permission of the brethren he would endeavour to give them some slight idea of the progress the Mark Degree had achieved since the day of the Union of the rival Craft Grand Lodges, at which time the claims of the Mark Degree for identification more intimately with the Craft were fully considered. The decision arrived at, as those present were aware, was that "pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." Since those days several proposals had been made with a view to amalgamation, with arguments which have been received with more or less favour. Now, he might say, that desire, so far as Mark Masons were concerned, was at an end. They were firmly established as an independent body, and could boast a programme of their own complete in itself. Bro. Binckes referred to the long line of illustrious brethren who had been associated in the management of the Mark Degree, and more particularly spoke of those who had filled the office of Grand Mark Master, and the work they had done to advance the interests of the degree. The list comprised Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker Rt. Hon. Lord Lathom, Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, Rt. Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, Rt. Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Rt. Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick; all of whom had upheld the principles of the degree, and zealously fulfilled their duties during the three years they had each in turn held office. The Consecrating Officer then referred to the interest taken in the degree by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Craft Masonry—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as evidenced by his acceptance of the rank of a Past Grand Master, and then spoke of the similar honour conferred on the degree by another member of the Royal Family, the lamented Duke of Albany, whose early death caused the first gap in the list of Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree. The consecration was then completed, with full ceremonial. Bro. James Willing jun. was regularly installed as first Master, and the Wardens designate—Bros. W. M. Stiles and W. A. Scurrah—were invested. Other offices were filled as follows:—Bros. G. Gregory M.O., H. Dickey S.O., J. H. Batty J.O., G. Mordey R. of M., C. J. Knightley Sec., W. J. Ferguson S.D., and S. Smith Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Binckes, for his services as Consecrating Officer, was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the J.W., and carried with acclamation. The vote having been gracefully acknowledged, Bros. Binckes, Davison, Berridge, Mather, Lake, Taylor, and Soppet were elected honorary members of the Lodge, a compliment for which thanks were returned by Bro. Davison. Six propositions for advancement and one for joining were handed in. A committee for framing Bye-Laws was appointed, and a proposition for the establishment of a Mark Lodge of Instruction, with Bro. J. L. Mather as Preceptor, was considered; after which, other formal business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. Among those present were Bros. Egbert Roberts Org. 223, E. Hoare G. Org., W. W. Morgan S.D. 357, E. Storr S.O. 234, G. Emblin P.M. 237, G. Gardner S.W. 357, E. Mills S.W. 350, J. T. Briggs J.W. 181, R. J. H. Goldney Old Kent, John Skinner J.D. Old Kent, &c., &c.

A banquet was afterwards served, and later on the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. James Willing, who presided, carried out this part of the programme with his accustomed ability. After the toasts of the "Queen and Mark Masonry," the "M.W. the Earl of Kintore G.M.M.M. and the Grand Lodge of England," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., and the rest of the Past G.M.M.M.," that of the "Deputy G.M.M.M. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was submitted. Bro. Berridge replied. He referred to the important services rendered by Lord Egerton, and expressed his belief that when that nobleman succeeded to the chair at present filled by Lord Kintore they would find in him a worthy successor. As an Officer of Grand Lodge Bro. Berridge was delighted to come amongst them to take part in the ceremonies of the day. He believed the Grand Officers of the Mark Degree had been carefully selected, and well deserved their honours. Bro. Soppet also acknowledged the toast. "The Right Worshipful Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey," was the next toast. Bro. Willing, in proposing it, spoke of the estimable qualities of Sir Francis Burdett, and accounted for his absence from their meeting in consequence of his having to consecrate a Craft Lodge in Hounslow. With this toast was associated the name of Bro. Davison Grand Treasurer, who in replying said he was always delighted to support the Provincial Grand Master, who was one of the most zealous of Masons, in every possible way. He congratulated the brethren on the success of the day's proceedings; he should take pleasure in attending their meetings whenever possible. The selection of Bro. Willing as first Master had made it certain that the Lodge would be prosperous and conduce to the strength of Mark Masonry in the Province. He felt pleasure at witnessing Bro. Binckes's admirable working, and all would agree with him they had that day had a rare treat. Bro. Binckes proposed the Worshipful Master. He supposed there was not a single toast given at their Masonic meetings which did not, at one time or another, receive the designation of "the toast of the evening;" that entrusted to him certainly merited that appellation. The toast of the Supreme Ruler of the Order might fairly claim the distinction in an ordinary way, but when they came to consider the special nature of their meeting the honour fell on that of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Binckes spoke of the energy and the ability of Bro. Willing, a more zealous Mason than whom he did not know. He had fulfilled every expectation formed of him, and it was an honour to be the means of placing him in the chair of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Masters. Bro. Binckes congratulated the members on having selected him to preside over their Lodge, and felt no one was more likely to carry out the principles of Masonry—to be happy and to communicate happiness—than Bro. Willing, for whom he wished success during his term of office. Bro. Willing tendered his sincere thanks. He was gratified at the establishment of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, as he felt its meetings would afford the members an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other, and as a consequence would tend to remove prejudices which might exist to the detriment of that spirit of friendship and brotherly love which should prevail among them. He was of opinion that, so far from Masonic meetings being too frequent, as some argued, the reverse was the case, and that more especially in regard to the Royal Arch and the Mark Degree. He felt the ritual of these latter was often very imperfectly rendered in consequence. He should devote his energy, and do all that lay in his power to secure the success of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Masters, and in doing so felt sure he should receive the co-operation of all who were associated with him in its foundation. The toast of the Consecrating Officer was next given. The W.M. said Mark Masons looked up to Bro. Binckes as the official representative of Grand Lodge, ever ready to devote himself to the work of the Degree, while his knowledge of the ceremonies and history of Masonry generally entitled him to respect wherever he was known. Speaking from an intimate acquaintance with Bro. Binckes, he unhesitatingly asserted that a more generous or upright Mason did not exist, while, as Secretary of one of the great Masonic Charitable Institutions, he had done much for the cause of those in distress. He thanked him for his valuable assistance in the establishment of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and hoped he would often be present at its future meetings. Bro. Binckes replied with his accustomed ability. It had afforded him much pleasure to perform the ceremony of the day. He hoped the Royal Savoy Lodge had a career of prosperity before it. He had been a Mason for thirty-three years, and during that time

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had performed many Masonic functions; he hoped that he might yet have time to perform many more. He had been officially associated with the Mark Degree for twenty-eight years, and had watched its rise and progress with pleasure. It had made its way to a high position, and had a long career of prosperity before it, if only its members were true to themselves. He enjoined them to maintain the Charities, and cultivate brotherly love, to ensure that happy result. The toast of the Advancees was next given from the chair, and was replied to by the newly advanced brethren; after which the Visitors was proposed by Bro. Willing. He referred to the fact that several members of the recently consecrated Chiswick Mark Lodge were present, and felt somewhat exercised in his mind as to which Lodge could claim priority. True, the Chiswick was consecrated a fortnight earlier than the Royal Savoy, but the latter had the advantage of being two lower on the roll—355 and 357 being the numbers respectively. After offering a cordial welcome to the members of the Chiswick Lodge and the other Visitors, Bro. Willing submitted the toast. Bro. Gardner in replying said he had heard of, well knew, and appreciated the energy of Bro. Willing. But the members of the Chiswick Lodge could boast of at least equal energy, as evidenced by their consecration having been completed two weeks before, notwithstanding their warrant was two in number after that of the Royal Savoy. Other visitors also responded, and then the toast of The Officers was submitted. This having been replied to, the Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the proceedings terminated. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Hoare, Grand Organist, who was supported by Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Pauline Featherby, Bro. Egbert Roberts and Bro. John Probert; most ably did each of these artistes carry out the part entrusted to them. We cordially wish the new Lodge a career of prosperity, and in hoping it may progress as rapidly as has its namesake in the Craft we feel we are expressing the strongest desire possible.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Public Hall, London Road, Lowestoft, on Monday, the 13th inst., under the auspices of the Unity and St. Margarets' Lodges. The hall was tastefully decorated, and the assembly was both large and influential. The R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by the following, among others:—Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G Chap., Deputy Prov. G.M., J. M. Canova, G. Thompson, P. Hessey, W. W. Waleshy, W. Boby, and A. J. Grimwade P.P.S.G.W., G. J. Paine Prov. G J.W., B. P. Grimsey, Joseph F. Hills and William Dods P.P.G.J.W., Rev. S. Maude Prov. G. Chap., Rev. A. Tighe Gregory P.P.G. Chap., Gen. W. H. Hessey Prov. G. Reg., William Daking and W. B. Cooper P.P.G. Reg., N. Tracey Prov. G. Sec., H W. H. Elwes Prov. S.G.D., B. Gall P.P.S.G.D., A. E. Smith Prov. J.G.D., G. H. Cooper and James Tennant P.P.G.S. of Wks., W. Clarke P.G.P. Prov. G.D.C., Thomas Holland P.P.G.D.C., C. W. Dance and W. Towson P.P.G.A.D.C., Alfred Barnes Prov. G.S.B., George Abbott, Alex. Barber and Robert W. Saul P.P.G.S.B., F. A. Mann P.P.G.O., John Martin Prov. G.P., J. C. Baines, R. A. Barber and James M. Harvey P.P.G.P., Lewis, Horsey, and E. Buckham Prov. Grand Stewards, Edward Sparke P.P.G. Steward, B. W. Syer Provincial Grand Tyler, George Jewson P.P.S.G.D. Norfolk, G. V. Grummett P.P.G.A.D.C. Norfolk, &c. Lodge was formally opened by the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Officers of the year named above, with Bro. W. Boby acting as S.W., and then the Provincial Grand Master read letters from Bros. Lord Henniker and Major General Cecil Ives Prov. S.G.W., who regretted that they were unable to attend Grand Lodge. Bro. Major General Ives, in his letter, stated that he had forwarded the design for the memorial brass to be placed in Clare Church to the memory of the late Prince Leopold, W.M. of the "Clare" Lodge. He had ventured to submit the design to Her Majesty, who was much pleased with it, especially the inscription. The design was subsequently produced by Bro. Vincent. The tablet is surmounted by an open copy of the Holy Scriptures, with the square and compasses lying upon it. The inscription is as follows:—

In fraternal memory of
His Royal Highness PRINCE LEOPOLD,
Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, K.G.
Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire,
Past Grand Junior Warden of England,
Grand Third Principal of Royal Arch Masons of England,
Fourth son of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.
He was born 7th April, 1853,
And died 28th March, 1884,
H.R.H. being at that time Worshipful Master of the Royal
Clarence Lodge of Freemasons of this town,
No. 1823.

This tablet is erected by the Officers and members of the above Lodge, and other brethren in the Province of Suffolk.

The tablet is surrounded by various Masonic emblems. The Prov. Grand Secretary read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which called attention to the apparent decrease in the number of members in the Province, which was due to the fact that greater care had been taken to clear up the number of members in arrear. The total strength was now close on 900 members, distributed as follows: Lodge No. 71. 66 members; 81. 49; 114. 50; 225. 98; 305, 24; 332, 27; 376, 71; 388. 32; 516. 42; 555. 33; 929. 31; 936, 24; 959, 58; 1008. 48; 1224, 62; 1452, 26; 1592, 29; 1631, 36; 1663, 27; 1823. 29; and 1983. 31. The accounts showed a balance in favour of the Province of £62 15s 9d. The Board recommended that the sum of 30 guineas be equally distributed among the three Charities, and also that Prov. Grand Lodge become a member of the Suffolk Life Subscribership Association for the Royal Masonic Institutions, of £4 4s per annum. On the proposition of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. B. P. Grimsey the report was adopted, and then the following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Gen. W. H. Hessey W.M. 81	Senior Warden
J. M. Harvey P.M. 936	Junior Warden
Rev. F. W. Wilkinson 1224	Chaplains
J. B. Blackmore S.W. 1452	Chaplains
E. P. Yonell (re-elected)	Treasurer
C. H. Vincent P.M. 1823	Registrar
N. Tracey P.M. 376	Secretary
G. Bosh W.M. 1452	Senior Deacon
D. W. Bellamy P.M. 1631	Junior Deacon
E. Buckham P.M. 376	Supt. of Works
W. Clarke P.G.P., 114	Dir. of Ceremonies
H. J. Barnes W.M. 1663	Assist. D. of Cere.
B. Seaman W.M. 929	Sword Bearer
W. Maddison P.M. 71	Standard Bearer
W. H. Smith P.M. 1224	Standard Bearer
C. H. Peddar P.M. 516	Organist
H. J. Wright P.M. 936	Assistant Secretary
A. Butler P.M. 114	Pursuivant
A. Langhton P.M. 1008	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Syer	Tyler
H. J. Easthaugh 1432, T. Allerton 71, and W. T. Jeckels 71	Stewards

Bro. Allerton, one of the brethren appointed as Steward was unfortunately absent, having fractured his leg. Regrets at the accident which prevented his attendance, and hopes for his speedy recovery, were freely expressed by those present. The business of the Lodge was then suspended while the brethren attended divine service at St. Margaret's Church, where an eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. G. Wilkinson, Prov. G. Chaplain. The offertory was devoted to the local Convalescent Home. After returning to the Lodge room, Bro. Grimwade P.P.S.G.W. read the report of the Suffolk Charity Association, which stated that the total amount of contributions to the Charities for the past three years amounted to £1,974, being an average of £94 per Lodge. The following were the Stewards from the Province at the Festivals for the past year and the amounts of their respective lists:—Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held in February, Bro. Major W. Dods P.P.G.J.W., St. Andrew's Lodge, Gorleston, £251 5s. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held in May, Bro. J. W. Canova P.P.S.G.W., Prudence Lodge, Halesworth, and Martyn Lodge, Southwold, 200 11s. Bro. H. Pratt, Stour Valley Lodge, Sudbury, £100. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held in June, Bro. H. W. H. Elwes P.J.G.D., St. Margaret's Lodge, Lowestoft, £143 17s, making a total of £695 13s, an increase of £70 over the amount of the previous year. There were at the present time from this Province four brethren and nine widows receiving annuities from the Benevolent Institution, and in the two Schools there were five girls and one boy. The Association tendered its thanks to Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips and Bro. Peter de L. Long, for their kind assistance in securing the election of the candidates from the Province, and to the brethren who had so ably represented the district at the Charity Festivals. In conclusion, the Association pointed out that notwithstanding the liberality of the brethren, the Province was receiving a larger amount from the Charities yearly than was subscribed, so that it was earnestly hoped the brethren would not relax in their efforts for the future. Bro. Clarke P.G.D. of C., in moving the reception and adoption of the report, said it must be gratifying to the Prov. Grand Lodge to have heard such a satisfactory result of the past year's work. It was, to his mind, a matter of satisfaction to know that the Province of Suffolk was awake to the responsibilities which devolved upon it with respect to the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master seconded the motion, with the addition of a vote of thanks to Bro. Grimwade P.P.S.G.W., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of Secretary to the Suffolk Charity Association. Bro. Major Dods expressed his gratitude to the Province for the honour they had conferred upon him by allowing him to attend the Masonic Charity Festival, and for having placed in his hands such a handsome contribution to the funds. The success of the Suffolk Charity Association was due to the fact that the Province was united, and that it contained such men as Bro. Boby, the originator of the scheme, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bro. Grimwade. He was aware that politics were excluded from these Masonic meetings, but he should always be pleased to remember that the present Chancellor of the Exchequer was the chairman of the Festival which he attended, and at which £17,800 was collected in the room. Bro. Vincent then laid before the Lodge the design for the Albany memorial brass referred to above. The Prov. G. Master said it was a gratifying circumstance that the brass which the Freemasons of Suffolk proposed to erect to the memory of the young Prince had been approved in its arrangements and terms by the Royal mother, to whom it might be some slight consolation.

At this stage of the proceedings the Provincial Grand Master rose to make the customary inquiries, when Bro. Holland P.M. P.G.D.C., the author of a recently published work, entitled "Freemasonry from the Great Pyramid of Ancient Times," &c, availed himself of the opportunity—unwisely we think—to propound some of his theories. We say unwisely,—for this reason. The members of Provincial Grand Lodge had been engaged in the conduct of the business of their Province for something approaching five hours, and though our brother's views are worthy of all consideration, this was scarcely the time for their advancement. This seemed to be the general opinion, and Bro. Holland gracefully met the views of those who expressed themselves to this effect. Before dismissing this feature, we desire to recommend Bro. Holland's book to the notice of Masonic students; they will find in it much to interest them. The work is published by the author at 2 Charles-street, Rutland Gate, London.

The Prov. Grand Master now addressed the brethren; he had been struck with the progress which Masonry was making through-

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ont the county. He urged the paramount importance of unity, and expressed the hope that the ancient constitution would be maintained in its integrity. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed the adoption of the revised by-laws, a copy of which had been forwarded to every member of Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Bradbeer seconded the motion, and Bro. Hodgson proposed an amendment, which would constitute Past Masters members of the Board of General Purposes, but this, after some discussion, in which the amendment was opposed by Bros. Clarke, N. Tracey, and the Prov. Grand Master, was withdrawn, and the revised bye-laws were adopted. This concluded the business on the agenda, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form. The banquet was held at the Suffolk Hotel, and a very large company sat down. The Prov. Grand Master presided in the large dining-hall, and an "overflow" party, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, dined in the coffee-room. Most of the Past and Present P.G. Officers and brethren mentioned above were present at the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Smith. After the capital menu had been discussed the Prov. Grand Master proposed the Queen and the Craft, the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the M.W. the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past. In submitting the latter toast the Prov. Grand Master referred to the appointment of Lord Carnarvon as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and expressed the hope that the liberal sentiments to which he had given utterance to that country would be fulfilled. He coupled with the toast the names of the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. Clarke P.G.P. Bro. Martyn expressed the hope that happiness, unity, and comfort would be restored to Ireland under the régime of the Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon. He believed, if the Irish people were approached in the right way, there was not a better class of men on the face of the earth. Lord Lathom's appointment as Grand Chamberlain must have given satisfaction to every Mason in the country; he was a most admirable, excellent, courteous English gentleman. He was pleased to say that the Province had been honoured with the appointment of another Grand Officer. Brother Saunders, who had so well and worthily filled the office of Provincial Grand Chaplain of Suffolk, having obtained the well-earned promotion of Grand Chaplain of England. Bro. Clarke also responded. He had endeavoured to merit the confidence which had been reposed in him. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of Lord Waveney Prov. Grand Master. It was one of the greatest pleasures of the office which he had now for several years had the honour to hold that at their annual gatherings it fell to his lot to propose the health of one of the most popular Provincial Grand Masters in England. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours, and the Prov. G. Master, in response, spoke of the deep interest he felt in the Lodges of the Province, and went on to say he believed he was one of the oldest Masons in the county, having been initiated in the year 1828. The other toasts were—the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, which was drunk with enthusiasm, and responded to in an interesting speech by Bro. Martyn; the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past; the Masonic Charities; the Worshipful Masters of Receiving Lodges; and the Visiting Brethren. The musical programme was carried out by Brothers F. C. Atkinson P.M., H. Thouless P.M., C. L. Holden, H. J. Brookes, J. H. Brockbank, and C. L. Holder. The brethren of the Entertaining Lodges made every possible provision for the comfort of their visitors. Bro. Hodgson I.P.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 71, being particularly worthy of commendation for the energy with which he strove to promote the success of the meeting. The two Lodges kindly provided a special train to convey the brethren from a distance to their respective destinations, the Great Eastern Railway Company meeting them in a very liberal manner.

A moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will take place on Wednesday next, at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. This event is always regarded with interest by the members of the rapidly growing Order of Mark Masons. The place of meeting, and the well-known liberality of the Lancashire brethren, will tend to make this gathering a more than usually important one. The business will probably be of the usual character, but every year, as the Order grows, it increases in bulk and importance. A banquet will follow labour, which is sure to be a season of pleasure and edification.

Among the students who passed the Minor Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society, held on Thursday, the 16th instant, was Mr. Ernest L. Ralling, youngest son of the late Mr. Thomas Ralling, of Colchester. Mr. E. L. Ralling, who was educated at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (where he passed the Cambridge Local), served his apprenticeship with Bro. F. A. Cole P.M. 51 P.P.G.R. Essex, of St. Botolph-street, Colchester.

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RENUMERATION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Into the question of the advisabilit a renumeration of Lodges now, or at a later period, I do not wis enter. It must come before very many years have elapsed, and G Lodge will doubtless provide for it. I wish, however, to point that the list of Lodges erased attached to the letter of "I 1607" in your issue of 11th July is incomplete, and misleadin several cases. For instance, the date of constitution of Lodge N is 1752, not 1723 as stated, so also of No. 122 which was constitu in 1770, not 1769, No. 138 should be 1774 not 1765, No. 161 sh be 1780, not 1766, and No. 182 should be 1787 not 1768. Our brother who compiled the list has forgotten, doubtless, that "Ancient" Lodges bear date much later, number for number, t the "Moderns." Then again, in the same list, No. 894 should be whilst Nos. 819, 1183, 1396, 1666, 1751, and 1956 are omitted a gether, and No. 1172 is inserted in error, it being in the list of So Australian Lodges, in which list also No. 1814 should be 1819.

As accuracy in lists is all important I venture to submit th corrections, and subjoin a correct list of the numbers, from whic will be seen that since the last numeration of 1863 157 Lodges h been erased, and if the 20 of South Australia are added it will n 177, leaving 1925 on the Register to June 1885.

Yours fraternally,

J. I

LIST OF LODGES ERASED SINCE 1863.

Lodge	Founded	Lodge	Founded	Lodge	Founded	Lodge	Founded
17	1752	616	1853	826	1860	1109	1866
118	1768	620	,,	831	,,	1117	,,
122	1770	623	,,	835	,,	1127	,,
138	1774	627	,,	841	,,	1142	,,
161	1780	628	,,	848	,,	1151	1867
182	1787	629	,,	849	,,	1156	,,
351	1816	635	1854	864	1861	1162	,,
365	1821	642	,,	866	,,	1173	,,
396	1829	644	1855	870	,,	1176	,,
397	,,	648	,,	878	,,	1183	,,
399	,,	658	,,	881	,,	1187	,,
400	,,	664	,,	883	,,	1190	,,
420	1834	668	,,	886	,,	1191	,,
427	1835	674	1856	888	,,	1200	,,
436	1836	675	,,	899	1862	1217	1868
470	1840	676	,,	909	,,	1234	,,
479	1841	677	,,	919	,,	1245	,,
480	,,	682	,,	923	,,	1251	1869
490	1843	688	,,	924	,,	1314	1870
499	1844	690	,,	927	,,	1316	1871
512	1845	693	,,	953	1863	1368	,,
514	,,	695	1857	955	,,	1396	1872
518	,,	701	,,	961	,,	1412	,,
522	,,	717	,,	963	,,	1419	,,
524	1846	722	,,	964	,,	1484	1874
527	,,	710	1858	965	,,	1487	,,
532	,,	744	,,	968	,,	1497	,,
535	,,	756	,,	983	,,	1498	,,
544	1847	762	,,	984	,,	1499	,,
553	1848	763	,,	994	,,	1516	,,
559	,,	770	,,	1023	1864	1527	,,
562	1849	774	1859	1029	,,	1548	1875
565	,,	775	,,	1047	,,	1606	1876
568	,,	783	,,	1053	1865	1666	1877
571	,,	790	,,	1054	,,	1751	1878
575	1850	805	,,	1062	,,	1866	1880
577	,,	808	1860	1082	,,	1956	1882
578	,,	819	,,	1084	,,		
596	1851	821	,,	1090	1866		
612	1853	825	,,	1104	,,		

South Australia :—

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I confess I do not see much argume in the letter of "AN OLD SUBSCRIBER," who goes in for a renumber of our Masonic Lodges once in seven years. What is there to gained from "an opportunity of judging, without trouble, the actu strength of the Order?" Is not the name and number of ea mother Lodge entwined sorrowfully around the hearts of all members? Then, why should those members be every seven ye compelled to have resort to the very elementary artifice adopted

think there would be only a miserable minority in favour of a proposal which, on the very face of it, is ridiculous and not to be entertained by any who have the true interests of Freemasonry at heart.

Yours fraternally,

T. W. J.

SCHOOL TRAINING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of "AN EMPLOYER OF LABOUR," in your last issue, opens up a question which has occupied the attention of the members of the House Committee of the Boys' School. Speaking for myself, I have long been of opinion that something must be done, and that quickly, in the direction of technical education. At present our undivided attention must be given to establishing our Preparatory School on a firm basis. As soon as that is done, I propose to have a meeting called to discuss the advisability of starting at the School some branches of handicraft, such as printing and carpentry. We shall have the support, among others, of our Head Master, who is anxious that something should be done for those boys who are not good at books but who are clever with their hands. There is one other point which is well worth the consideration of your readers. Some means are required by which the connection between the School and its pupils should be kept up after the completion of their studies, at any rate, until some employment could be found for them. In the Provinces, with which I am more immediately connected, I have been enabled to effect something of this kind in a few cases. It requires combined effort, and I think that in the Charity Organization Secretaries we have the best possible assistants we can require. In London some other agencies must be discovered. Hoping that other correspondents will make some suggestions on these two points,

I am, yours fraternally,

A. F. GODSON,

D.P.G.M. Worcester.

3 Pump-court, Temple, E.C.
22nd July 1885.

THE THEATRES.

Haymarket.—Salve et vale! How those kindly words of farewell seemed last Monday night to ring above the cheers echoing through the gilded vaults of the "dear little house in the market." Great was the triumph and the honour of this closing scene of the *Bancroft management*. The Prince of Wales, the kind-hearted *lady his wife*, who represents for England all that is most gracious in royalty; their children; the Princess Helena, Prince Christian, and the representatives of literature, art, and social eminence were assembled; whilst the still more disinterested yet devoted humbler folk, who came not for fashion, but for old love's sake, filled every nook and corner. The crowds began to gather at the doors by a little after noon, while the booked places had been sold months ago. The public came to pay a tribute of acknowledgment for the years during which they have had to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft for the wholesome and honest delightfulness with which dramatic art has been represented by them. Who of us who has reached middle age does not look back to those pleasant nights in little Tottenham-street as of the pleasantest among the pleasant things of our youth. "School," or "Caste," or "Ours"—whatever may be their shortcomings—secured for dramatic art a recognition in high places which it seemed it had hopelessly lost. Everything touched by Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft gained a grace from their hands; especially was this due to their thoughtful readiness to ignore their own claims whenever the interests of a play seemed to gain at the hands of any other exponent. Like constitutional sovereigns the Bancrofts have reigned with the greater glory for their distinguished peers and compeers. They have made the stage, both at the Prince of Wales and the Haymarket, an era in the lives of nearly every contemporary actor and actress of celebrity. Henry Irving, Wilson Barrett, J. L. Toole, and Herman Vezin stand almost alone outside the group. By a most happy inspiration this last night was distinguished by the reassembling of many of the distinguished artists who had at some time or other held commissions in this corps d'élite, and thus scenes from such old successes as "London Assurance," and "Money" were given. Every part was made brilliant by a star of the first magnitude—even servants without a line to speak were made eloquent by such exponents as Mr. Clayton and Mrs. John Wood. The happy hundreds who were present will for long years to come tell of the glory and delight of such a night.

The 2nd and 3rd Acts of "Masks and Faces" formed a fitting climax to the scenic festival. The audience might welcome sweet Peg Woffington, and weep for her disappointments and their own coming loss; they could sympathise with dear old Triplet, and feel in the smiles and tears of this kindly old story a fitting reflex of the pride and pathos of the occasion. Mr. Irving, who had altered the arrangements at his theatre in order to be present, and to enable Miss Terry and Mr. Terriss to pay their tribute, came before the curtain, when it at length fell for the last time on the Bancroft management, and in his own kind tones spoke the lines written for the occasion by Mr. Clement Scott. They were listened to with the attention befitting such a moment and the speaker, and many were the handkerchiefs furtively brought forth as Mr. Irving's resonant accents gave the last stanzas:

"Good bye, the cup of sympathy let's fill,
We'll drink it deep 'ere sorrow's sun be set;
Together you have mounted life's long hill,
And leave behind no shadow of regret.

Good bye, old friends; it shall not be farewell,
Love is of Art the birth and after growth;
'Heaven prosper you,' shall be our only knell;
Our parting prayer be this—'God bless you both!'"

We need not say how Mr. Irving was recalled to be thanked for thus expressing, not only his own feelings as the comrade and brother artist of Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, but for lending the eloquence of his voice to the feelings of the multitude.

Cheers were still resounding in honour of the Lyceum manager when Comedy—fearing the melting mood was gaining too much sway—brought on her well-loved votary from King William-street. Now the house overlooked the solemnity of the occasion under the radiant humour of Mr. Toole. This gentleman came up, much out of breath, to relate his adventures at the stage door, whose janitor had told him, "No strangers were admitted behind the scenes." Mr. Toole explained he didn't want to go "behind the scenes," but "in front of them;"—could he see Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft? The reply was, "so many amateurs are always wanting to go on the stage." Then Mr. Toole told the door-keeper his name, and that functionary exclaimed he "had never seen Mr. Toole dressed as a walking gentleman before." Mr. Toole told how it was, on the Haymarket stage he had made his very first appearance, at the end of a long bill, at one o'clock in the morning, thirty years ago. He kept the house in a continuous roar of laughter during his speech, and then, with kindly seriousness concluded by saying, "We have all but one object to-night—to give the heartiest reception to our dear old friends Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft. As friends we mean to keep them, and as their friends we, behind the scenes, share most heartily your regret in parting with a lady and gentleman who have so well and so wisely controlled the stage which they have so long adorned. I do not know whether an actor and actress who retain so much power and fascination over an audience have earned the right to retire, but our hope is they will occasionally revisit the glimpses of the footlights, and charm us now and again with their delightful acting." At the conclusion of Mr. Toole's address the curtain again rose; it was to disclose the stage well nigh hidden in flowers; and loud and long resounded the applause that greeted Mr. Bancroft as he came forward, evidently his trained self-possession sorely shaken by the emotions of the hour. He paused, and then gained sufficient command of voice to speak those last words—very graceful, very earnest very modest, and well chosen they were; especially the tender generosity with which he spoke of the aid and the hope, and the courage he had found in the brave heart which had so faithfully stood firm through the cares and anxieties of those twenty years' work. "Most of us owe Mrs. Bancroft something," he continued, "but I most of all. It is she that has given to our work those finishing touches, those last strokes of genius which in all art are so priceless." Mr. Bancroft gave ready recognition to the services rendered by the Press to the best interests of the stage, and concluded—with his audience standing to do him honour—amid the loudest cheers which had yet been heard. Mrs Bancroft came on; it seemed as though she would utter a few words, but dear Polly Eccles found her eyes all dimmed, and for once her voice was choked; and then the curtain fell once again. Oh friends,—Salve et vale!

That kindliest of acting managers, Bro. Bashford, undertook a heavy weight of responsibility over this night's work. The playgoers of London literally kneeling to him and craving "a corner anywhere." However, he may be said to have achieved miracles—since miracles were needed to seat a hundred where a score only had been wont to find accommodation. Bro. Bashford is to succeed Mr. Bancroft, and we wish him no better success behind the footlights than has marked his labours in front.

Prince's Hall.—A brilliant audience was gathered in the Prince's Hall last Saturday, not to enjoy discourse of sweet music, but to listen to one of the ablest of our war correspondents, as he told the story of the "Terrible Soudan." Mr. Burleigh Bennet speaks with a clear simplicity, not so much as an historian or politician, but from the sympathetic standpoint of the fellow sufferer, the co-worker with those who gallantly and so well upheld the honour of the English name amid the blundering of the Dei majores who sit on our Olympus. Again and again Mr. Bennet had to pause for the cheers that greeted his record of gallant deeds, and the brave men who wrought them. With thrilling eloquence he told the story of Abu Klea, when our rifles and the great machine guns alike proved inefficient at the moment of deadly peril, when our men stood back to back, trusting only to the British courage which can wring honours from defeat. Mr. Bennet rendered his tribute of praise to the bravery of the enemy, especially to the unfailing respect they paid our dead. Graphic indeed was the story of the march through the waterless desert; how men and beasts fell fainting and dead in that fearful drought. We may hope that Mr. Bennet will ere long repeat his story; the close, almost painful interest with which he was followed through his pathetic drama may well convince him how warmly he will again be welcomed to the platform.

We understand that Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Essex, will hold his Provincial Grand Lodge, at Saffron Walden, on Thursday, 13th August.

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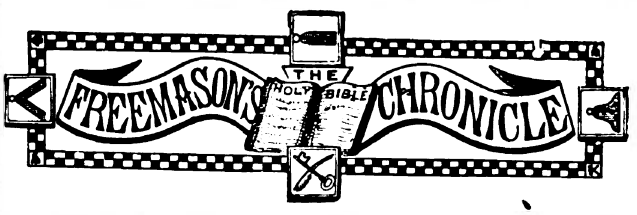
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MARGATE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

MARGATE is the most popular watering-place in England. There are other resorts as near, even nearer to the metropolis, but none rival the lively Thanet town. No doubt the railway services of the South Eastern, and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways have done much to increase the number of visitors. The facility and cheapness of access must of necessity have contributed a great deal to its popularity. Something else, however, was needed to make Margate what it is. Before railways existed, this Kentish bathing-place had a great reputation. A friend, who is now enjoying his holiday there, is always enthusiastic about Margate. He has been seized with the afflicting complaint, "cacoethes scribendi," and much as we value his opinion on most matters, we are not inclined to repeat what he has written on his favourite topic. There is some excuse for him; he went to Margate as a boy; he has been going ever since, and if we say that he is not now young, we shall tell all our readers need to know on that point, without offending our friend. The Margate boats are an institution. They were something more before the era of railways. Then the town was more primitive than it is now; the improving, not destroying, hand of time has effected great changes. It was no easy matter on occasions for passengers to land, and that torture to bad sailors—*mal de mer*—was increased by the rough transit from steamer to dry land. The boatmen, of course, were the gainers, and doubtless they regret the "good old times" when they made profit out of other people's misfortunes. The scene sometimes was very amusing, especially when some of the passengers preferred to wade to shore rather than be carried on the backs of old salts. The old jetty in those days lost its attractions to the sick traveller, although it was largely patronised from the land side. Now, owing to an extension, passengers can gain *terra firma* with ease and comfort, and visitors find a pleasant resort. The added area covers something like 50,000 feet, and on it are erected a refreshment bar and a shelter from the sun and rain. It offers, too, a splendid sea view. The caterers are Messrs. Simmonds, of Reading, who have secured a courteous and efficient manager in Mr. Dupree. The band of the West Kent Militia, under the direction of Mr. Mangeldorf, plays at intervals during the day, and altogether the jetty just now is a very popular centre of attraction. It would not, however, be complete without the presence of the Harbour Master, Mr. Fewster, and the Secretary, Mr. Sowter. The patriarchal appearance of the former and the healthy bronzed features of the latter remind old visitors of the past, and of the value and character of the air of Margate.

We shall not attempt a description of the improvements that have been effected on the beach, and in other parts of the town, except to say that a new town has arisen on the Fort, which has not as a consequence lost the charm of its lofty eminence. We shall, however, allude to some old and new features provided for visitors, but before doing so, we desire to mention a few of the familiar landmarks where men have congregated, and still do muster to satisfy those bodily wants which arise with such avidity at Margate. The town was always noted for its hotel accommodation, and it has not lost its character in this respect. Civility, although it costs nothing, is not always freely dispensed. The people of Margate have learned its value, and it is because they are civil that they have won the good opinion of visitors generally. This is especially true of the hotel keepers. We can call to mind some of these places, known to us we do not care to say how long ago, but with which the friend we have referred to was acquainted years before. Among the most prominent at the present day are the White Hart, the York, Nayland Rock, the Grand Hotel, under the management of Mr. Penman, the old-fashioned, cosy, comfortable King's Head, kept by Mr. T. Pierce; the celebrated "Hoy," with Mrs. J. Stevens at the head of affairs; the Ship, under the captaincy of Bro. Akehurst, who has always a welcome smile for his patrons. Then there is the Old Kent, commanded by the soldier-like Bro. Thurston; also the Elephant, and the quiet bar at Westall's, where all that the thirsty need can be had of the best. We may add to the list the Cliftonville Hotel, which is under the able management of Bro. Louis Jefferis. Among the "institutions" of Margate must be reckoned Bro. W. Crawford, who is ever ready with a witty sally and a good-humoured joke. Nor should we forget Mr. Cosier's Canterbury Coach, which never lacks living freight at his time of the year. The journey is a pleasant one, and the coachman, Mr. Harry Cracknell, is a character in his way.

When the old Assembly Rooms were burnt down about three

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years ago it was looked upon as little less than a calamity. The new building, however, now meets the requirements of the public. It is under the direction of Mr. F. Willis (of Willis's Rooms fame in London), who has for M.C. Bro. Jarvis. We need not say that it is a well-conducted establishment and the large audiences that are attracted is proof of their popularity. Mr. Robert Fort, who rebuilt the theatre, has enabled Miss Sarah Thorne to cater most efficiently for those who think "the play, the play's the thing." Bro. Sanger's "Hall by the Sea" has obtained a name and reputation which reaches far beyond the Isle of Thanet. It is beautifully decorated, and admirably managed. Bro. Arnold is facile princeps as M.C. The Marine Palace is another centre where visitors most do congregate when night succeeds the day. Bros. Pullen and Nightingale, contractors for the Royal Aquarium at Scarborough and Yarmouth, rule at this grand hall, capable of holding 1500 people, and which is crowded nightly. The celebrated baths are attended by Professor and Miss Beckwith, who display their wonderful aquatic performances. Recently Bro. Bertram has been showing how the swiftness of the hand deceives the eye, how in fact it is possible by sleight of hand to upset all ordinary ideas relating to the transmission of coins and sundry other articles. At present those wonderfully fascinating little creatures, the Midgets, are holding court at the Marine Palace; it may be truly said of this palace that it provides one of the best variety entertainments out of London.

From what we have said our readers will gather some reason why Margate is such a popular resort. There are others which, perhaps, will gain a wider acceptance. No one will go there for quiet, nor will the very delicate seek its strong, bracing air. For the great mass of visitors there is no place more health-giving than Margate. The ozone of the sea stimulates and invigorates, and permits of a greater freedom of indulgence in pleasures than would be prudent in relaxing localities. The sands are charming, the new marine drive is just the one thing that was missing, and the Green will by-and-bye be a lovely garden.

Numerous and important as are the features we have mentioned, there are others which will always be sought by a very numerous class of visitors. The trip to Canterbury is most enjoyable, but the Cathedral is the giant magnet that attracts all who visit the city. Associated as it is with the early history of Christianity in this country, beautiful and imposing as a structure, noted for the tragedy that took place within its walls, Canterbury Cathedral will never cease to be famous in the eyes of the English people. The city itself is quaint in some of its parts. It possesses, we believe, the oldest church in the country, and it certainly has one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in England. We advise visitors at Margate not to miss the Cricket Week at Canterbury in August. The ground is on the top of a hill outside the city, from which a splendid view is obtained. It is surrounded with fruitful fields and sunny scenes, and to supplement Nature, humanity in the form of charmingly dressed ladies steps in to adorn one of the prettiest pictures we have ever seen.

Then there is Minster, with its fine old Church. No one should miss quaint Sandwich, with its almost forgotten past, and its only too recent election escapades. The Reculvers are worth a visit, and so is Richborough, and Deal, and Walmer. Of course every one goes to the North Foreland, and we presume that Westgate is visited if only to see how propriety harmonises with the quiet and beauty of the locality. It goes without saying that all who go to Margate do not fail to see Ramsgate and Pegwell Bay. If they do not, then all we have to say is, that the loss is theirs. Nor should they omit old-fashioned Broadstairs, that sits like a prude among the revelry of lively neighbours. Charles Dickens loved this spot, and many love it in consequence. But it has merits of its own, which, if less obtrusive, are more staid and dignified. Add to all, lovely drives and walks, and splendid stretch of sand, a never-ceasing hum of bright life, and who could not be happy at Margate? It is common to hear people sneer at the vulgarity of the visitors, to look with contempt upon any one who goes to the Kentish watering place. Well, it is very true—many men, many minds; but there is one thing about the people who go to Margate—they have the courage of their opinions as to pleasure, and whether the test be a high or a low one, they cannot be accused of either meanness or hypocrisy, too often present with those who follow like sheep, who are the slaves of fashion, and not free agents.

LESSONS IN FREEMASONRY.

THERE is a power, as of the everlasting Gospel, in the life of every man whose heart is fixed in the truth. He who is, in his own heart, good and true will be a help to somebody. It is the nature of righteousness to flow out of the soul that has it, and strengthen, and bless and encourage the world. The brook that runs down through the landscape waters the valley and the meadow through which it goes, and everywhere the grasses grow green along its banks. It cannot be otherwise. So, too, in the life of a man. Give him something that has value in itself, and it will touch other hearts than his own. The world is blest, and community is glorified by every honest hope, and pure desire and manly impulse that takes root in the life of man How can he help being a benefactor? He has that within him which will not abide in darkness. As one of old did say, "He that is of the truth cometh to the light." But in addition to this, the genius of Freemasonry inculcates fraternity. It binds men by the sacred ties of friendship, it teaches them to consider a brother's welfare as their own; it pleads for mutual remembrances, and by the pledge of a five-fold tie, it bids one think of the forces that are able to raise humanity from the "dead level" of ignorance and sin, to the "living perpendicular" of integrity and truth. It can do none of these things alone. It asks men to join in hearty accord that its word of assistance may be given in the name of "peace and love and unity." It may be said in objection to this plea of Brotherhood, that the institution is narrow in its application of the principle, that it does not reach the broad ideal of humanity, that it leaves many a man outside of the gate, and gives no assistance to those who have not received the benefits of initiation. But am I not increasing the sum total of good in the world when I join hands with one I love, and with mutual pledges I with him agree to defend the truth, to oppose error, to aid the helpless, to comfort the sorrowing, and promote as best we may the cause of righteousness? Suppose I do not claim to regenerate the world, am I not doing something towards it, when I strive with loyal heart to strengthen and educate the man who stands next to me? Sometimes theories of benevolence over-reach themselves. Love to all mankind is a commendable feature in any theory of living, but when a mortal man begins to apply it, he will find that the field of action is necessarily limited. We must begin somewhere, he must continue his work along definite lines of labour. He cannot touch all souls. Let him do the best he can for those who stand beside him. Humanity gains something in that. But this criticism on the narrowness of these Masonic ideals is not well founded. Although the letter of its ritual is continually reminding one that he is bound to his brothers of the mystic tie, by something more than ordinary human relations, yet it never makes this the end of its rope. This is but the groundwork on which a broader charity seeks the good of all mankind, but Freemasonry is not merely a charitable institution. It would not admit a man into its ranks who came for the purpose of being assisted. There is in it a spirit of fraternity. It has no sympathy with that spirit that is willing to lie down before the difficulties of life, and be carried into its rest. It makes honest toil the basis of its benefaction. Its duties are mutual, as well as its benefits. But when a man *has* learned that the grandest characteristics of human life are hospitality, integrity and disinterested benevolence he can be trusted everywhere. When a man vows to sustain unsullied the dignity of a true manhood, and do all he can to maintain it in those with whom he is associated, he will not be a hindrance to the growth of pure principles anywhere. He will ever be the reverse of this. Is not that the noblest charity which teaches mankind to honour the truth, to defend the right, to cherish within the heart that spirit of justice that would give to all their due? That is an abuse of charity which would have one go through life with an open hand, bidding him take who will. The world needs examples of manhood, not distributions of alms; honest ties of affection and fraternity, not universal hand-shaking and sentimental gush. Thou art doing best for thy fellows, Oh, man! when thou art doing something that is noble and true. Inquire not what has been given in the name of charity; inquire rather what of virtue and true manliness the world has known. This alone is the measure of real worth. In giving this one becomes a benefactor, and fulfils the highest aim.

The third lesson to which I would refer is that which reminds us of our duty to God. There is one question at the threshold of Masonic life, a question that none of you have forgotten, whose answer lies at the very heart of things. Verily, my brothers, this world is governed by some power that is, in itself, wise and just and true. We quibble not with questions of method, or form, or name. We ask no man the shape of his phylactery, or the size of his prayer-book, or the length of his creed. Let him arrange all such things for himself. But God is. The deepest convictions of an intelligent soul speak of an intelligence which transcends all earthly thought. The purest love that warms the heart of mortal pleads for a love that is not bounded by the flight of years. Each cry for justice that goes out from the human nature is a prophecy of some everlasting law of right that holds the universe. This idea is everywhere present in the Ritual of the Order. It is in no sense a godless life that Freemasonry asks you to live. It is a life inspired with the thought of the Highest. There is reason for our plea in the name of a just and true manhood, for He who gave us being is Himself just and true. There is a reality in our

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thought of fraternity, for we are of one family, and God is our father. The thing that man is constantly saying shows, in some measure, the bent of his mind and the structure of his heart. Men are not hypocrites by nature. This constant appeal to God for help is not all cant. It expresses the honest desire of the soul. But the truth of God's presence and nature as portrayed in these rites and emblems that we use is broader and deeper than even the most zealous among us are apt to imagine. Not merely as a general principle, but as a vitalizing force, this thought of God abides.

From the time when on bended knee you said your trust was in Him, until with hands and hearts closely interlocked you breathed the name of "Emmanuel;" there is no single step that does not remind you of some tie that binds the life below to the life above. I need not repeat them here. That which is lost from out the graces and powers of life, by the usurping force of sin, is but the influence of that sacred name. That which is found, as a nobler manhood builds anew the temple of a redeemed character, is but the thought of God. Man is strongest when he feels the touch of the divine life; when earth seems to be reaching up and blending into heaven. Ah! my brothers, I cannot tell you how, but in some way the thought of God is a power in human life. There is something in it, which speaks of victory, and peace and rest. I may be told that I cannot know that God exists, that these emblems which are said to portray his attributes are but imaginations and fancies; that the mission of "the immaculate Jesus" was but a dream of human theology; that the story of the cross is but a scheme on which to build a church; but my inmost soul repudiates the carping unbelief, and I know that love and truth and life, thrilling as they do my very nature, are from a higher source than anything I see in matter. In the midst of the conflict I meet the "all-devouring scythe of time." I see the emblems of death. I feel the blow of contention and hate. But beyond them all, on the wings of faith I rise, and there, by the borders of "the silent sea," I read the promise of eternal life—"In hoc signo vinces"—and I am at rest. For more than a quarter of a century, I have seen the working of this Order. It has brought me nothing but good. And although I have not always reached its high ideal, yet I cannot but acknowledge that it has been the solace of many a weary hour, and a revelation of some of the noblest traits of human character. Jesus said of some men of his time, "By their fruits ye shall know them." I am willing to let this institution, whose very name we love, stand on that foundation. Its first and last lesson is this—"Be True! True to thyself; to thy neighbour; to thy God." What canst thou ask of mortal man more than this?—*Rev. Bro. T. E. St. John; in The Liberal Freemason.*

MASONRY'S CENTRE OF UNION.

HOWEVER remotely the origin of Freemasonry may be traced traditionally, or from material monuments and remains, the fondest associations to members of the Fraternity are those which cluster around the City of Jerusalem—the glorious setting, in which was placed that gem of gems, King Solomon's Temple. Our Craft to-day centres upon it our attention as Freemasons—not that other objects are not worthy of our regard, but that this one comprehends within itself all of those elements from which may be deduced the high symbolic lessons which our Craft alone is privileged to uniquely enunciate, and to enforce with an almost miraculous power. What a city that Jerusalem was! Although often deemed impregnable, it presents a history unexampled in the number of its sieges, and scores of times it was captured. But its chief characteristic consisted in the fact that it was a centre of union What it was at the beginning to the Jebusites—a mountain fortress, whither they rallied for the preservation of their authority over the surrounding country; what it was to King David—the base for his military operations, and a centre of union for Judah and Israel; what it was, in the phrase of the eloquent Bishop de Vitry, the historian of the Crusades—"situated in the centre of the world, in the middle of the earth, so that all men may turn their steps towards her;" that, and far more than that, it is to Freemasons. It is not only *one city*, the city of King Solomon and the two Hirams—and surely they were citizens of no mean city; "the city whence we came, as the *new* Jerusalem is the city whither we are going." All this would be sufficient to make it symbolically a centre of union to the Craft. But it is material, and we are no longer actually its citizens; hence it is a symbol to us of something greater than itself, as the thing signified always is greater than the sign. The spirit of confraternity is the centre of union to Freemasons to-day, and has ever been, even when the city of Jerusalem was the local habitation of the Craft. Cities deemed impregnable have often been left in shapeless ruins, but an idea, having essential truth for its corner-stone, is for ever invulnerable. This is the secret of the perpetuity of Freemasonry. Why is it that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church of the living God? Why is it that the waves of fanaticism, the storms of Anti-Masonry, the jealous, bitter enmity of the papacy, and the puerile opposition of ignorant man, have one and all failed to make more than the barest temporary impression upon the edifice of Masonry, which stands the shock of opposition with the firmness of Mount Moriah itself? It is because it is founded upon, and is the apostle of indestructible, imperishable, immortal Truth. Do men and nations lament the lost estate of the City of David? The lost shall be found, the fallen city restored. The former joy of the whole earth shall be so once again. But glorious as it was, and shall be again, it is only a type of a city greater than it, of that "new Jerusalem which cometh down out of Heaven from God." The Church of the living God was built upon the rock, Mount Moriah, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against *it*. The Church of a later age, the Church of Peter, was the *same* Church, founded upon the same rock and the same immortal Truth, and the life and prosperity of the one is the life and prosperity of the other. Jerusalem is also the city of Freemasons, and therefore *they* shall endure, for the same reason that it shall be glorified again, and made eternal in the Heavens. Happy Jerusalem, happy Freemasons, happy Truth!

In the phrase of patriotism how often do we hear it asserted, "I know no north, no south, no east, no west." Is it too much to say that no one but a Freemason can truthfully pronounce this sentiment? Masons have no compass; they know no points of geographical divergence. A Freemason is of kin to the whole world of Masons. You are no less a Brother to a Mason in India or Australia than you are to a Mason in Pennsylvania or New York. Whoever has knelt at Masonry's altar any where on the face of the earth, is to every other Mason a Brother beloved. We have no compass—south is to us as north, east as west; but we have compasses, and these sweep around, and include within their mystic circle, every living Freemason linked to the Craft by the living tie of Masonry. This wonderful Masonic implement annihilates time and space. Three thousand miles separate you and your English Brother, but the moment you meet you know each other, and blood could not bind you together more strongly than your mutual stedfast vow. Our compasses have their pivotal centre every where, and their sweep is around the habitable globe. Is there another centre of union which can match Freemasonry in its pervading brotherhood?

—*Keystone.*

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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 JULY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 165 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Rbury 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-street, W , at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

MONDAY, 27th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst

1475—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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
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
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)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.
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 Corinthian, 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
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 28th JULY.

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

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1393—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St Peters, Masonic Hal , Maldon
1335—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
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, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 29th JULY.

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

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1281—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh

R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 30th JULY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6 30. (Instruction)

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)
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).
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1314—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1589—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 116—Crown, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramongate, Kendal
R.A. 268—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 31st JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)

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nelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
eric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

stropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
lgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
val Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
apton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
bique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
anmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
-Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
ld Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
-Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

igwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
aven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
irfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
olsely, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
t—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st AUGUST.

Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
rcy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
ar, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
arl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
colston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
hiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
hapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
0—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

mherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
i—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

last summer meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, he 15th inst., at Bro. Deacon's, the Raymead Hotel, Maiden. Present:—Bros. J. Innes W.M., J. Greenfield P.M. 1602 S.W., h P.M. 173 and 795 acting J.W., W. Holcombe acting S.D., Dearing J.D., Withers I.G., Sheppard Tyler, and numerous n; Visitors:—Bro. Dairy P.M. and others. Lodge was opened form and the minutes of last meeting having been read and ed, the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of passing Bro. s Stuart Bailey to the second degree. Bro. Linscott I.P.M. roceeded with the ceremony of raising Bros. W. Fenton and G. Waterhouse to the third degree, which he did in a most sive manner. The ballot was taken for the election of Treasurer, and Secretary for the ensuing year, when Bro. John ield P.M. 1602 S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Capt. Treasurer, Bro. Hodges P.M. Secretary, and a vote was passed he Tyler provide new collars for the Officers upon the installa. the W.M. elect. The W.M. had expressed a desire—owing to fessional duties, and having only just left the chair of 1602—not the office of W.M. this time, but the brethren induced him to der his decision. Bro. Sheppard was chosen Tyler. Upon ion of Bro. Finch P.M., seconded by Bro. Linscott P.M., the nanimously voted a P.M.'s jewel of the value of seven guineas V.M. Bro. John Innes for his eminent services during the past Lodge was closed in solemn form and the brethren, who had l the heat of the Lodge room for several hours, adjourned to repast under a marquee in front of the Hotel. After everal of the brethren disported themselves on the water and tics, Bro. Withers and Dearing conjointly accomplishing ver feats, showing a high state of perfection and training. llent band played, for several hours, selections from e operas. The brethren returned to town—this time being ng meeting—by a late train.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

turday last the brethren of this Lodge assembled at the sonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, for the usual bi-monthly The Officers present were Bros. J. J. Brinton W.M., A. as I.P.M., R. J. Voisey J.W., J. C. Reynolds Treasurer, C. ecretary, J. Hernaman S.D., S. H. Goldschmidt J.D., Dr. .G., J. W. H. Smith Organist, and C. Gooding Steward. bers in attendance were Bros. J. Arnold, C. Lye J. Aldridge, lgar. The Visitors were Bros. J. Hill S.W. 1658, and J. 1622. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. W. Barry, a f the Rose Lodge, No. 1622. at the request of the W.M. of ge, was present. Bro. Barry had been initiated in his odge on the 6th June last, but being anxious to advance, himself for that purpose. Inasmuch as the W.M. of the office in Sphinx Lodge the W.M. vacated the chair in order Bro. Goldschmidt to conduct the ceremony. Bro. William Blanch, who some years since was initiated in this Lodge, retired therefrom, was unanimously re-elected, as a joining Several matters of deep importance to Freemasonry generally re in particular were discussed, and deferred for further consi. the W.M. having resumed his position during this period. e was then closed. The W.M. informed the brethren that y had dined they would be, so far as the Lodge was concerned, guests at Duke Humphrey's table. Their Steward had, knowingly provided some choice fruits and wines in an room, to which he invited them. An hour was spent in unity.

e Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday. Dale S.D., J. B. Williams J.D., Dandridge I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor, Banks Treasurer; also Bros. E. Good, Greener, Kleinen, W. B. Mansfield, G. Emblin, and Sharpe. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was then called off and on, and opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kleinen personating the candidate. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Walter Billett Mansfield, of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, and Bro. W. Sharpe, of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, were elected as members. Bro. Stringer was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

On the 23rd inst., Bros. J. B dford Williams W.M., Hunt S.W., Fisher J.W., Banks P.M. Treasurer, S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Kleinen J.D., Penrose I.G.; Bros. Millington and Emblin. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bro. Millington candidate. After routine work Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 17th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Andrews W.M., Turner S.W., F. Botley J.W., C. E. Botley Sec., Wing S.D., Sawyer J.D., J. H. Hughes I.G.; Bros. Bailey, Thomas, Norton, Maton, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced to the third, and resumed. Bro. Bailey answered the questions, and in due course the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third degree. Bro. C. E. Botley gave the lecture on the 2nd Tracing Board, and the Lodge was closed in the the second, and dues collected. The W.M. having received the hearty good wishes of the brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until the third Friday in September next, at 8 o'clock.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Turner W.M., Ware S.W., Marks J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hutchinson S.D., Kirk J.D., Keogh I.G., 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. Western candidate. Bros. Keogh and Hutchinson answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was called off and on. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Kirk. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday next, when Bro. Ware will occupy the chair.

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ALDERSGATE CHAPTER, No. 1657.

A MEETING was held at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street on Monday, the 14th instant. Comp. Alderman Staples was installed as First Principal, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke performing the ceremony, assisted by Comps. J. Derby Allcroft Past Grand Treasurer, Rev. Dr. E. Brette and others. The Second and Third Principals elected for the year are Companions Alfred Brookman, C.C., and F. Crookford.

The regular Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday. Comps. S. George M.E.Z., T. C. Edmonds H., H. Dehane J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., W. Radcliffe S.N., R. Fraser P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed, and a pleasant evening spent.

"Saint Lubbock," as Bank holiday is called, is once more upon us, and those who desire to take advantage of the break it causes in business, and to snatch a day or two's rest and change must soon make up their minds. Last week we referred to Summer Tours in England and Scotland, provided by the London and North Western and the Caledonian Railways. There might be some tour among the large number arranged in the book, which can be had by sending for it, to suit people of limited time. At any rate it would be worth while to get the necessary information. Then there is the Great Northern Railway, with a programme just suited to that class who want to make the most of their time and opportunity. See our advertisement columns for information, and consult the tourist arrangements made by this company. The London and Tilbury company have considered the public wants, and will issue cheap tickets by all ordinary, and special trains, on Sunday and Monday, 2nd and 3rd of August. The ordinary return tickets for distances exceeding ten miles will be available from Thursday next, 30th inst., to Wednesday, 5th August. Tickets can be had at various

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GIFTS OF EXPENSIVE JEWELS BY INSOLVENT LODGES.

THE term we here use in association with a section of our Lodges is a strong one, and may be considered by some of our readers as unmasonic. That it is unmasonic we are ready to admit, but only to the extent that the state of affairs it expresses is decidedly opposed to the teachings of Freemasonry. To assert it is a definition which may not justly be applied to some of our Lodges would be absurd—if the term insolvent may be used in connection with any concern which cannot pay its debts without drawing heavily on its unearned income of the future; and although it might be advisable to use some other less obnoxious word, the evil we are writing of is so palpable a one that it needs severe treatment. Not only does the expenditure of money in the purchase of testimonials, by a Lodge already in debt, affect the Lodge and its members personally, but it also brings discredit on the Order generally, while it robs jewels and other testimonials of much of the honour attached to them. This we shall now endeavour to demonstrate.

The question of Lodge expenditure is a difficult one to discuss in public, as liabilities which might be incurred in some quarters would amount to madness in others, and while we acknowledge the existence of special features in almost every case, there is yet sufficient similarity in them all to bring the subject within the scope of general treatment. There are points which must refer equally to all, and which are applicable in every case, and it will not be necessary for us to go beyond the lessons taught in Freemasonry to show all that we need at the present. Extravagance in any shape or form is certainly opposed to the teachings of Freemasonry, and we think there are few Lodges now in debt which, if the truth was stated, could not trace their deficiency to some extravagance—some outlay which was both unnecessary and, considering the expense at which it was made, impolitic. We are aware what inducements are offered to Lodges, on every side, to get into debt. The Treasurers, as a body, are perhaps the greatest sinners in this respect, and what they do they do out of kindness, although their kindness has often very serious results. Many of the Treasurers—we say many with little fear of contradiction—are ready with private means to pay accounts far beyond the sum they have in hand. They consider it an honour to hold the office, and if the Lodge spends more money than it ought to, they are the last to raise a voice to stop it, lest their motives might be misunderstood. Is it any kindness to a Lodge for its Treasurer to advance sum after sum from his own pocket to meet debts incurred by the members as a body, and which are added to time after time in perhaps utter ignorance of the financial state of affairs? Most decidedly not; but, it may be urged, the members of a Lodge do not vote money away without knowing the state of its funds; perhaps not—they know the condition, but men often do things apparently inconsistent with what they know, and excuse themselves by saying they thought things had been altered. If a Treasurer unhesitatingly meets every call of his Lodge without a word of warning or protest, he is certainly open to the charge of allowing the members to rush blindly into trouble. He should have opened their eyes to the true facts of the case, even though in doing so he may have been misunderstood by some of his hearers. His duty is clear, and neglect of it may cause misfortune to the Lodge for which he thinks he is doing a kindly service. The hotel proprietors are among the many who afford temptation for our Lodges to get into debt, and it almost seems impossible it should be otherwise. The Lodges and their members are individually good for what they undertake, and it would perhaps be disastrous for many of the hosts if they even hinted they would not allow the Lodge any credit. Yet, if the matter be looked at in its proper light, and considered in a calm moment, it will be conceded that a rule of no credit would only amount to kindness, as of all the extravagances a Lodge can practise possibly that of feasting is the worst, and if it came to be recognised that no banquet or refreshment was to be had without an early settlement, many a Lodge would be spared that first false step which, as a rule, ends in the growth of heavy indebtedness. We need not extend our researches on this point; it is very certain Lodges do get into debt, and it is also certain that such indebtedness is incurred on account of extravagance; we will at once address ourselves to the special weakness referred to in our heading—the expenditure of funds in the purchase of expensive jewels or other testimonials when the Lodge is already heavily in debt. The first matter for consideration is to decide whether the brother for whom the testimonial is proposed is directly or indirectly responsible for the deficiency. To explain more fully our meaning; we will take the case of a Lodge, the Worshipful Master of which started his year with a balance in hand, and concluded it with a balance either of unpaid bills or of indebtedness to the Treasurer. Is he worthy of a testimonial? The question can only be answered by a careful examination of the facts of each case separately; but if it can be shown that for years past there had been a balance handed over to the new Master on the day of installation, and the deficiency was a departure from the ordinary course of affairs, without any special reason for its growth, then it is pretty evident the Master has either been unqualified for his post, or has exceeded the limits of prudence, and has forfeited his right to a jewel. A Mason who starts the ruling of a Lodge for the customary term with a balance in hand, and closes it with a heavy deficiency, has no right to increase that deficiency, or to allow it to be increased by the purchase of a badge of honour, while the brethren have no right to permit their sense of justice to be upset by any considerations of custom or precedent. "Honour to whom honour is due," is a principle of the Craft which is totally disregarded by the adoption of such a course, while, if it becomes a custom to present a jewel to every outgoing Master—no matter what amount of harm he may have done to the Lodge, either by incompetency or mismanagement—it robs the jewel of any honour which may attach to it when presented to the Master who did his work well and raised his Lodge above the point at which it stood when he accepted the reins of power. On the other hand, a Master who has reduced the deficiency with which he started his term of office is not only justified in accepting a testimonial, but the brethren are also justified in presenting one, although we would rather the jewel in such cases should be the best the members could subscribe for among themselves, rather than the means of once more swelling the reduced debit balance, but in such cases the brethren themselves are the best judges as to which is the correct line to pursue.

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The difficulties of the subject under discussion increase the more we look into them, and therefore we will content ourselves at present with a recital of a case which came under our notice recently. It was not an exceptional case, but it so fully explains our ideas of what should be done that it is the best argument we can offer to prove the need for prudence. The Master of the Lodge to which we refer had had a most successful term of office, but at the commencement of his year the Lodge was heavily in debt, and although he had reduced the amount, the sum owing from the Lodge was considerable at the close of his term. It was then proposed that the usual sum should be voted from the Lodge Funds, to be expended in the purchase of a Past Master's jewel, and had the proposition been carried, it would of course have caused an addition to the indebtedness of the Lodge, and would have reduced the amount of improvement which the year's work had shown. The Master, while not desiring to undervalue the compliment it was desired to pay him, suggested that the usual presentations had better be discontinued until the Lodge was free from debt, and said that a letter of thanks—if any were due to him—would be appreciated, and, under the circumstances, as highly prized as a jewel. He was overruled in this, and then he suggested as a compromise, and as a matter of policy, that a jewel at half the usual cost only should be purchased, until their finances were in a sound state. Even this proposition met with opposition; it had been the custom to do so and so, and any departure from the regular rule was an evidence of decay in the Lodge. However, better counsel prevailed, and the compromise was agreed to, so that the Lodge reaped the benefit of having a public-spirited and conscientious Master, up to the end of his term of office, and we venture to think that the arguments he used, and the manner in which he set himself to the reduction of the Lodge's debts will not only form a pattern for each succeeding Master, but that such a feeling has been engendered in the members as a whole that not one of them will be content until the Lodge is relieved from its obligations to an over-indulgent Treasurer and a kind but misguided landlord.

If a few other Masters would follow the example of the brother we have here referred to—not only strive all they know to reduce the debts of their Lodge, where any are owing, but even make personal sacrifices for the same cause—we should soon have less reason to use the strong terms with which we head this article, or to refer to the outlay on account of testimonials under the head o reckless extravagance.

AN ADMIRABLE SUGGESTION.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE correspondence which has appeared from time to time in the columns of this journal on the subject of an "employment bureau" testifies to the interest that has been aroused in the minds of many brethren of the Craft, more than one of whom has expressed himself prepared to take part in the management of such an institution, if established. Undoubtedly the idea derived much of its conception from the observations made in a not very remote issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE under the title "What Can I Do?" and it would be to us a matter of hearty congratulation should an organisation such as has been suggested be formed, with a view to the mitigation of that depression which exists amongst a large section of our Order. The universal cry throughout the City and in most of the large cities of industry in the country is, that trade is "stale, flat, and unprofitable," and that the supply of labour is far in excess of the demand. Especially and painfully so is this a fact so far as regards the class for whom a Masonic employment bureau has been suggested; for whereas men engaged in mechanical and industrial avocations find it comparatively easy to obtain work—at any rate in sufficient quantity to carry them through the slackest times—those for whose benefit the originators of this suggestion are solicitous are placed in a very different and more awkward position. To put the matter more plainly, a majority of the Freemasons who have been so overtaken by "circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune," are men of the upper middle classes, who have seen "better days," and have moved in respectable circles of society. They are bound, in the very nature of their calling, to preserve a decent appearance, even though the straits to which they are reduced oblige them to forego what in their more palmy days they regarded as the barest necessities of life. Such a man cannot shoulder his basket of tools and issue forth in search of a "job," with the free independence of an artisan who knows that if he fails in one direction he is bound sooner or later to find a market for his labour. The process through which men of the class we allude to is of a more routine and set description, and it is just here that a "bureau" might be brought into action with the most salutary and useful effect. To give an illustration. A man, formerly occupying a fairly good position, and whose prospects were hopeful, finds himself, through a variety of circumstances, obliged to alter his condition of life, and to enter the competitive ranks of servitude, either as a commercial traveller, a clerk, or in some occupation of a like nature. Once in the surging, struggling mass, he has to take his chance with the rest; and all who know what it means can readily understand the wearing anxiety, the hope deferred that maketh the heart sick, the despondency which overwhelms the stranger in the strange land who is so unfortunate as to be in search of a situation. Without a friendly hand held out to help or guide him, he is cast with thousands more into the lottery where the prizes are in terrible contrast with the number of blanks; his application for employment, either in reply to advertisement or otherwise, is filed with a host of others, in many cases unopened and unread, from the very fact of the plethora of letters of a similar nature that have flooded in from men equally impecunious and desirous of earning an honest living. It is just here that a Masonic organisation or register would be of immense service in carrying out those principles of mutual help and support which are taught amongst the cardinal tenets of Freemasonry. It is sad enough to see the thousands of our fellow men who, whilst unable to obtain work, "to beg they are ashamed;" but it is still more sorrowful to know that amongst the serried ranks of the unemployed are many who have rendered good service to the Craft in their more prosperous days, and who look painfully askant to the Craft to exemplify in some manner those teachings of mutual aid and succour which they so admire whilst assisting in the active work of their respective Lodges. The argument is frequently used that it is difficult to become acquainted with the necessities of an impoverished brother, on account of his natural reticence and hesitation to parade his woes before the world. Unquestionably there is considerable truth in all this, for we have known cases innumerable in which Masons have suffered the greatest hardships and privations before they have been impelled by dire and urgent necessity to make their condition known to an intimate brother, with the view of obtaining temporary relief. To the credit of the brethren generally who are so placed be it said, that nothing short of absolute want can induce them to seek assistance at the hands of the Craft; and it is a well-known axiom, tested by experience, that the latter are far more willing to give than the former are to ask. However, in the case of an organisation such as has been shadowed forth by so many of our correspondents, there would be no difficulty in the way of such poor and deserving brethren making known their wants and being placed in direct communication with those who may have it in their power to alleviate their troubles, and it may be to give them the needed "fresh start" in life. We have frequently remarked that when, amidst the multitude of advertisements appearing in the columns of the daily newspapers from persons seeking appointments, there is an appeal from a member of the Craft, the announcement is seldom repeated a second time, and the conclusion one naturally arrives at is, that almost invariably such appeals meet the eye of some kindly brother, who being in want of assistance himself, or able to recommend employment in some other direction, exerts himself on behalf of the necessitous advertiser. What is done, therefore, by private and individual effort, prompted by fraternal impulse, could be infinitely better accomplished, and on a much wider scale, by an institution specially designed for the carrying out of such a plan of Masonic industrial help. Knowing the existence of such an organisation employers requiring the services of respectable and trustworthy men, whose antecedents could be vouched for by the Secretaries of the Lodges to which the various applicants belonged, would place upon the lists at the

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"Bureau" such vacancies as they required to fill up. In like manner men finding themselves suddenly or inevitably thrown into the ruck of competition, holding their labour in their hands, would repair immediately to the self-same rendezvous, where they could ascertain at once whether or not there might be any prospect of securing that occupation for which they are fitted. Only lately many cases have come under our observation illustrating most forcibly the value and need of some such means of intercommunication between employers and employed in the Masonic ranks. One brother, stricken down by an attack of rheumatic fever, which prostrated him for many months, finds his business and his livelihood slipping through his fingers and becoming smaller by degrees and beautifully less every anxious day. The illness which has nearly shattered the poor frame leaves it still weak in convalescence, and consequently our poor brother is unable to undertake the arduous work in which he was erstwhile engaged, even if he could reconstruct the business he has lost. He is therefore compelled to seek for some light employment, suited to his present physical condition, and here he finds himself confronted by hundreds of others who though not afflicted as he has been, are nevertheless fain to join in the struggle for "anything they can get." Our brother is thus heavily handicapped all round, and it is from such a position as this that a "Bureau" could render assistance which would be the revival of hope, if not the raising of life to him. This is but a solitary case, which might be multiplied *ad infinitum*, and yet there has existed no intermediary system by which such men can be brought into contact or placed in communication with those who could and would assist them. It appears to us that without incurring any expense whatever—indeed a source of pecuniary gain would, in our opinion, be speedily secured—some such project as has been outlined by writers in these columns could be brought into useful activity in London with the executive of which employers could communicate when in need of honest, upright, and responsible servants, whose probity and excellence of character generally could be guaranteed by the Lodges in which they are well known, and where the latter also could apply in case of vacancies arising, or await such time as notifications should be received at headquarters of employment being accessible. Of course, we do not for a moment anticipate that such a movement would be taken up by the Craft in official manner; if it is done at all it must be inaugurated by private enterprise, and by men who are actuated by the "distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart." Anyhow, nothing could possibly be lost by the experiment, whilst a vast amount of good might be accomplished; and this being the case we should welcome any steps that might be taken with a view of bringing the suggestion to a practical issue. In the midst of so much distress as we read of amidst all classes, and more particularly in those ranks of industry where a majority of necessitous brethren are to be found, something might be done to help our less fortunate fellows out of the slough of despond in which they find themselves helplessly floundering, in company with thousands more. Surely this is a field in which the compassionate interest of Masons everywhere might find legitimate exercise and be productive of the most beneficent results. It is a slur upon the professions of the Craft that any member of it should pine away in enforced idleness and want when it is in the power of others to assist him. Nor would any more deeply deplore such a calamity more than they in whose power it is to avert it. Under all the circumstances of the case, therefore, we trust the hearts of some brethren may be moved to take the initiative in this matter, and institute some means of bringing under the notice of those who could relieve and assist them the wants of so many of our unfortunate brethren who are capable of, and willing to, work in many branches of industry. A "Bureau" would go a very long way to meet the case, and for that reason we sincerely hope the wishes of our many correspondents may be practically realised.

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THE TRUTH OF MASONRY.

TRUTH in Masonry is a trial. First, we have its very substance and body—the principles taught by the Craft; second, the peculiar form in which these principles are imparted—through allegory and symbol; and third, the genesis and exodus of both the body of Masonry and the habiliments with which it is clothed—as revealed in the origin and history of Freemasonry. To this trinity of truth every Freemason should be loyal. Dr. Johnson justly said, "Sir, I know not any crime so great that a man could contrive to commit, as poisoning the sources of eternal truth." That Freemason is false to his Fraternity who materially varies either the principles or the forms of Masonry, or intentionally perverts, or carelessly reads, its history.

Let us regard, for a moment, the *body* of Masonry. Its principles are its body, and this body is by far the greatest member of the triple truth which constitutes Freemasonry. It is the truth of substance—that which may not be changed. Of this body, Faith in God is the heart, which must beat true to Him who is over all, and Truth itself. The Masonic system draws its inspiration from the Grand Architect of the Universe. Whoever obliterates the truth of Masonry in its body—its eternal principles, as did the French Masons, by ignoring the Grand Architect of the Universe, commits a deadly sin against the Craft, for which nothing can atone. It matters not that they still have, in a degree, the truth of ritualistic form, and may justly claim a sort of apostolic succession. The tie that bound them to the Universal Craft is severed—the body of French Masonry is dead, its heart has ceased to beat. Who cares for a dead body, although it be clothed in the habiliments of life? Such a body is only fit for burial. Let us, then, treasure the truth of *principle* in Masonry as its noblest part. As the eloquent Bossuet said, "Truth is a queen who has her eternal throne in heaven, and her seat of empire in the heart of God." We may not tamper with this truth, nor gloss it over. "Truth needs no colour." The moment Freemasons are untrue to the first member of the great Masonic triad—the central body of truth, which is itself another triad—composed of Faith, Hope and Charity, that moment they are loose from their moorings, and in imminent peril of destruction.

The *forms* of Freemasonry constitute the second member of the Masonic triad of truth. These forms are not like the habiliments of the natural man, which may be changed at pleasure. Masonry is not fashionable, and has no Worth to set its styles. It does not perpetuate absolutely the same forms, but it changes them, not as much, but as little as possible. Truth in substance *must be* unchangeable, while truth in form may, within certain limits, be somewhat varied without seriously affecting the substance. The aim should be, however, to change even forms *as little as possible*, since they might be so radically altered as to affect even the body of truth. The less the ritual of the Craft is tampered with the better. Old truth appears best in old forms—the one matching the other. It is the glory of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania that it teaches the oldest and purest Masonic truth in the oldest and purest Masonic forms. The ritual of the Fraternity in the Keystone State has probably suffered less from the well-meaning, but sadly marring, remodelling of ambitious Masonic ritualists, than that of any other jurisdiction on this continent—the Grand Lodges of Virginia and South Carolina in this respect approaching it in organic force and primitive simplicity more nearly than any other Grand body. It is a matter of just pride for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that it has maintained, not only the substance, but also the very form of Masonic truth.

The origin and history of Masonry—the correct statement of the Craft's succession, constitutes the third member of the Masonic triad of truth. Freemasonry possesses so great antiquity that no one can name a period so remote as to say that it did not then exist. History tells of it as far back as the history of the Craft is contained in any records now extant; prior to that its existence is found recorded on the monuments—on imperishable stone; and beyond that we trace our line of descent through the pre-historic era by means of the traditions which are peculiar to Freemasonry, and justly regarded as vouchers only less valuable than written records, of the history of the Craft. Whoever perverts Masonic history, by either undervaluing its manuscripts or

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its unwritten traditions, is an unworthy "Son of Light." He has heard the truth, but has not learned it. He has seen the truth, but does not recognise it. He who would date his Fraternity only from 1717, when it was endowed with fresh vigour in England, or from any merely modern date in a European country, has yet to learn and appreciate the truth of Masonic history. Its birth was in the Orient, in the youth of the world. Freemasons have always gone to the East for Light, as they must go still. Let us, then, be loyal to the truth of Masonic history, loyal to the truth of Masonic ritual, and loyal to the truth of Masonic principle—a glorious Masonic trinity, worthy of our stedfast adherence and our sincerest devotion.—*Keystone.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

THE fourth regular meeting for the present season of this popular Lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, on Saturday, the 25th ult., with Bro. Moreton in the chair, Bro. Eustace Smith S.W., and a large attendance of members, with one visitor. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. stated he had much pleasure in vacating the chair in favour of Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, who desired to have the privilege of raising Bro. H. J. Fairrie Dumas, his son, and also of passing Bro. H. C. S. Dumas, his second son (a visitor on the occasion), to the second degree, by permission, and at the request of the W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge, No. 859. Bro. H. J. P. Dumas P.M. P.G.D. P.G.W. Surrey accordingly took the chair, and performed both ceremonies to the entire satisfaction of those present. All business being concluded, Lodge was adjourned till September, and the brethren retired to an excellent banquet, when in the course of the evening happy and congratulatory allusions were made, particularly by Bro. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. P.G.W. Surrey, &c. and Bro. Lester P.M. P.G. Supt. Wks. as to the fact of a father having been able to confer degrees on two of his sons on the same evening. The raising of Bro. Porter had again to be deferred.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Masonic Rooms, 74A King-street, Manchester. Bro. R. Walker W.M., Seth Wrigley S.W., Jordrell J.W., Jones S.D., Williams J.D., James Campbell acting I.G., Sly Tyler; also Bros. D. Edwards P.M. Secretary, Alfred B Outram I.P.M. Treasurer, and R. White P.M. Organist. Considering the very warm weather, there was a fair muster of members of the Lodge, with about half a dozen visitors, among whom we noticed Bro. W. Harris W.M. Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993. The agenda contained no business, but the worthy and Worshipful Master, Bro. Roger Walker, had provided a most excellent repast for the brethren and visitors, which at 6·15 p.m. was served up by his good-natured wife, who was assisted by her friend Mrs. Edwards, wife of the Treasurer of the Lodge. Lodge was opened by the W.M. in due form, and with solemn prayer at 7·30 p.m.; the minutes of the last regular meeting were then read and confirmed, when, for rehearsal, and to show the Visitors he was able to do the work, the W.M. rehearsed the first ceremony in a very satisfactory manner, convincing the brethren—if that were necessary—that they had in Brother Walker a most able Master, and one who could boast of an excellent staff of Officers. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and in due course lowered to the first. Hearty good wishes were expressed from the visiting brethren. Bro. P.M. Edwards Secretary then intimated that he had received a communication from a member of this Lodge intimating his intention to give the magnificent sum of £150 to the Charities in the name of the Callender Lodge. Bro. Edwards said at present he could not disclose the name of the worthy brother, but would do so in due course, after the interview that had been requested, when he would confer with the donor as to the disposition of his munificent gift. The Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 8.45 p.m., when the brethren and visitors were handsomely entertained at the expense of the W.M. Songs, recitations, and speeches were in requisition for the rest of the evening. The members of this happy and prosperous "fireside" Lodge, as it has been called, bade adieu to their visitors and dispersed at 10·45 p.m.

SAYE AND SELE LODGE, No. 1973.

WITH Lodges so few and far between which can boast a home of their own in which to hold their meetings, it would hardly be fair to commence our report of the first installation of the Saye and Sele Lodge in its Masonic Hall at Belvedere, Kent, without offering a few words of congratulation to the brethren on the completion of their building operations, and referring to the splendid accommodation they now possess for the practice of Freemasonry. Whatever may be the conveniences offered by buildings of a public character they can never hope to compete with the comfort of a properly constructed Masonic Hall, any more than the most comfortable lodgings can be compared in an Englishman's heart with the comforts of home. In the one there is always a feeling that there is a peculiar to different households. Then, again, there seems very wide difference between the Masonry practised in rooms adapted for Masonic purposes, and that worked in halls every surrounding serves to illustrate some one or other teachings of the Craft. It is just that difference which exist representation of a play in a private drawing-room, and th displayed at a well-appointed theatre, with every addition and experience can lend in the shape of scenery and dresse comfort of a Masonic home so strongly appears to impress ev who is accustomed to visiting that we are surprised to find Lodges departing from the regular course. What is possible in should be equally easy in others, and yet the number of Lodge meet under their own roof is most insignificant as compared wi acting otherwise. The question is one which might well rec attention of brethren who desire to improve the status o masonry, as we feel a more general adoption of the plan carr by the Saye and Sele Lodge would be hailed with delight by b in all parts. It is not every Lodge which is surrounded b natural attractions as are possessed by the one meeting at Bel but there are few places in the Provinces which do not posse special feature of attraction, which only requires adapting made as pleasing as is the case with the Saye and Sele Rooms. The building is situate in the grounds of the Roya Asylum, in the midst of one of the prettiest spots in the pict county of Kent, and every care has been used in its construc make it suitable for the purposes for which it is intended. vouch for its suitability, and would recommend those who c plate the erection of a hall for their own Lodge to pay a visit erected by the brethren of Belvedere before finally settlin plans. We may add that the erection of the hall was comme October last; it was opened in December, and was handed the Worshipful Master of the past year—Bro. Bateman— successor, in a complete state.

The installation ceremony took place on Monday, the 27th when the Lodge was opened by Brother A. H. Bateman, the W ful Master of the past year, who was supported by Bros I.P.M. and Treasurer, Elliot S.W., Bright P.M. P.P.J.G.W. J.W., Chillingworth P.M. P.G.S. Kent Secretary, Flaxman S P.P.J.G.W. Kent P.M., De Pinna S.D., Robinson J.D., Colem After the usual formalities had been observed, an address w sented to Brother Chillingworth, congratulating him on be first member of the Lodge honoured with the purple of Pr Office. A vote of congratulation was past to the Provincial Master on the completion of his twenty-fifth year as ruler of M in Kent, the vote being proposed by the Immediate Past Mas seconded by the W.M. The installation of Bro. Elliot the elect was then carried out, Bro. Bateman acting as Installing and performing his duties in the most exemplary manner. course the following were appointed as the Officers for th Bros. Bright S.W., De Pinna J.W., Wood Treasurer, Heaps Se Robinson S.D., Coleman J.D., Russell I.G. (in Bro. Russell's u able absence his collar was entrusted to another brother p Streeton and Church Stewards. In investing the latter brot W.M. thanked him for the way in which he had carried thro architectural work of their new Lodge building. The brethr one and all grateful for the assistance he had rendered in th be had so cheerfully undertaken. Bro. Bateman I.P.M. propo election of Bro. Creed as Tyler. Now that the brethren had of their own, it was but right they should have a local Tyler. could not do better than elect one who had been initiated i Lodge, and who had already proved himself worthy appointment. The proposition was seconded by the Treasu carried unanimously. The Worshipful Master then propose of thanks to the Installing Master. He was sure no other me the Lodge could have performed the work of that day as Br man had done, and he doubted if the many visitors he saw him would say it could have been done better. Their Im Past Master had performed every work of his year of offi perfectly, and had finished in such a way as to call forth the of all who witnessed his efforts. Bro. Wood, as retiring diate Past Master, had much pleasure in seconding the pro especially as he considered Bro. Bateman had earned their thanks. The proposal was adopted with acclamation, and Br man, in acknowledging it, admitted he was glad his rule w He had looked forward to that day's work with some fe anxiety. He was greatly gratified at being the first W Master of the Lodge to instal his successor in the home of th and Sele." However well t ey had been entertained in the those who had so kindly come forward to accommodate could but feel they had greater comfort in store—there was like home, and now the brethren of the Saye and Sele Lodge ha of their own he felt sure they would discover the truth of th was equally applicable in Masonry as outside it. The W presented to Bro. Bateman a Past Master's jewel. He w pleased to make the presentation of what he hoped would se memento of a most enjoyable year of office in the Lodg Bateman tendered his thanks. One of the disadvantages of installing his successor was, that on the closing day of hi Master was very apt to weary the brethren by a too freq of his voice. He had had to say nearly all that had been day, and feared the sound of his voice would become mor He thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which t had been given, and although it was true that Past Master had lately lost some of the glamour which formerly to them—from the fact that their presentation, in many had become a mere matter of form—he was conceited en believe, from many private remarks he had heard, that his j really a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his efforts du past year. He accepted their present with pleasure, and th

Bye-Laws was given. The Immediate Past Master proposed a vote of two guineas to Bro. Creed for what he had done during the past few months towards getting the Lodge buildings into order. The vote was seconded, and unanimously agreed to. The W.M. then proposed that an engrossed vote of thanks should be presented to the I.P.M. for what he had done for the Lodge, and more particularly for the part he had taken in providing the Lodge with a home of its own. No doubt Bro. Church and Bro. Creed had had a share in the work, but to Bro. Bateman was due the chief credit for what had been accomplished. Bro. the Senior Warden seconded the proposition, knowing that to a very great extent the comfort the members then enjoyed was due to such exertions. The vote was unanimously carried. Bro. Bateman acknowledged the further compliment paid to him. Lodge was then closed. Among the brethren present as visitors were Bros. George Beddel 11 and 1107, John Strapp P.M. 33, W. H. Hedger W.M. 77, J. McNeill W.M. 184, H. H. McNaul W.M., T. Jenkins J.D., and James Smith 299, Dr. H. L. Bernays W.M. 1706, E. Palmer W.M., and A. Jackson P.M. 913, C. Jolly W.M. 1074, W. Futcher 1365, G. Kennedy P.M. 1536, W. H. Thomas P.M. 1669, H. Gilbert 1838, Percy Beamish W.M. 1967, and others.

The Past Master's jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. A. H. Bateman, by the Brethren of the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, 27th July 1885, in recognition of his efficiency as Master, and of his untiring energy in connection with the establishment of the Saye and Sele Lodge Rooms."

The banquet was served in a handsome apartment of the Royal Alfred Institution, and was thoroughly in keeping with the other successes of the day. At its conclusion the customary toasts were given. The Queen and the Craft was followed by that of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Worshipful Master could not say anything to exalt the Grand Master in the estimation of the brethren around him. He felt the mere mention of His Royal Highness's name was sufficient to ensure a hearty welcome to the toast. The I.P.M. proposed the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers. They were all good men worthy of the respect and esteem they had won for themselves in the Craft. Though not permitted to speak politics at their Masonic meetings the brethren could but feel proud when distinguished members of the Craft were raised to high position in the service of the Queen. The W.M. gave the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale. The brethren were acquainted with his lordship, who had been present at the Lodge, not only at its consecration, but also at a subsequent meeting. This was a great honour for so young a Lodge, and he hoped that its future conduct would show that the interest taken in it by the Provincial Master was not misplaced. The Senior Warden proposed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Officers. The Deputy was well known throughout the district, and had done a great amount of work in the Province. The other Provincial Grand Officers were brethren worthy of the honour conferred on them. He was pleased to say the Saye and Sele Lodge had not been overlooked; it had among its members two brethren on whom Provincial honours had been conferred. Bro. Chillingworth, as a representative of Provincial Grand Lodge, returned his heartfelt thanks for the reception which had been accorded to the toast. On behalf of himself, and in the name of the Provincial Grand Officers, he tendered the heartiest wishes for the success of the Lodge. Bro. Bateman submitted the next. It was a toast which could only raise one feeling—of gratification and pleasure—being the toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master. The members of the Saye and Sele Lodge only dined together once a year, and then they endeavoured to be happy and communicate happiness; they had been assisted this year by the Worshipful Master in no small degree. Doubtless Bro. Elliot would be much happier as soon as he had got through the work of that day, as there must always be a feeling of nervousness associated with a first night in the chair. Bro. Bateman was proud of having installed Bro. Elliot, as he considered him fitted in every way for the office. Those who were brethren at heart knew there was really something in Freemasonry—it was a grand and noble Institution. They should therefore be very careful, not only of the men whom they admitted, but also of those who were selected for office. He had every confidence in the brother installed that day, and felt convinced he would be able to meet the responsibilities of his office as they should be met. Not only would he continue any good impressions which might already have been formed of their young Lodge, but he would add to its reputation. The W.M. returned thanks. He should try and do all he could for the good of the Lodge. He felt his position was a most difficult one, in having to follow the brethren who had preceded him in it. Their last Worshipful Master was as perfect a Mason as could be found, and it was really a mystery to him how he learnt the many ceremonies he was master of. He should do his best to uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and felt assured he should be supported in his endeavours by the brethren. He then referred to the rapid progress made by the Lodge, more especially in regard to the Masonic Hall they had erected for themselves. After an existence of only three years they might well be proud of it. He should try to the utmost of his ability to carry on the Lodge as it had been carried on by his predecessors. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Bateman. He was sure the toast would be received with all that enthusiasm it deserved. The brethren certainly owed their present comfortable quarters to Bro. Bateman's efforts. He had left behind him a memorial which would be appreciated by the members for many years to come. Bro. Bateman desired to thank the brethren, as he had often had to thank them before, for the very kind way in which they responded to the toast. His thanks were not mere idle words, but the true expression of his feelings. He was pleased to think he had given satisfaction to the members. In any new Lodge it was but natural they should have a number of new Masons, and it was therefore much more difficult to direct a new Lodge, than it was one firmly established, just as it was more difficult to steer a new steamer, the machinery of which had not settled down to its bearings. He had the honour of wearing the Past Master's jewel of a Lodge upwards of one hundred years of age, but he assured the brethren he experienced no such friction there as had been the case in their new Lodge. He thanked the brethren, not only for the support they had given him, but also for the support they had given to the cause of which he was the representative. He hoped the Lodge rooms which had just been completed would be of service to the members for many years to come, and he felt that had they been suggested during the Mastership of either his predecessor or his successor those brethren would have done as much for them as he had done. It had however happened that the work was proposed during his term of office, and he had done his best to carry it through successfully. The building was paid for with the exception of their mortgage—all respectable men had a mortgage—and it only remained for them to pay an ordinary rent for some few years, in order to clear that off also. He trusted the Lodge might go on prosperously, and ever remain a credit to those Officers who steered it to so successful a starting point. Bro. Spurrell added a few words of congratulation to the I.P.M., and then the W.M. proposed the Visitors. The members of the Saye and Sele Lodge, like all others, were pleased to receive visitors at their meetings. Bro. Strapp responded. It had been the greatest possible pleasure to him to be received as he had been received that day, and he felt sure all the other Visitors were equally gratified. It was especially pleasing to see so young a Lodge worked up as the Saye and Sele had been. He hoped it would continue to prosper, and that the I.P.M. would have many more opportunities in the future of showing his appreciation of Freemasonry. Further replies having been given, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters. He was perfectly sure this toast would meet an enthusiastic response, as the brethren knew that each of the Past Masters had done a great amount of work to get the Lodge into its present position. He did not wish to brag, but really he felt their Lodge was in such a state that they might boast of what had been done under the direction of the Past Masters. Bro. Spurrell replied. The association of his name with that of the Past Masters had been somewhat unexpected, his position as acting Past Master during the first year of the Lodge hardly entitling him to the rank. He felt great gratification at the way in which the Lodge had prospered. He felt that all who aspired to the prominent position of Worshipful Master of the Lodge would give their fullest attention to the duties, and endeavour to follow the example set by those who had preceded them. Bro. Wood regretted the absence of the first W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Chillingworth, who had been obliged to leave earlier in the evening. He (Bro. Wood) had felt somewhat nervous at the starting of the Lodge as to whether they would succeed, but they had started on the right principles; not merely for the sake of feasting or obtaining Provincial honours, but for the purpose of promoting Freemasonry in the district, and extending its benefits generally. They were particularly fortunate in having among them several brethren who worked for the good of Freemasonry rather than with any personal object in view. The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Officers. He spoke of the Senior Warden, who then had already filled the office of Master in other Lodges, and who had not only allowed the present Master to step over his head, but had kindly accepted the office of Senior Warden under him. Bro. Bright, on behalf of the Officers, returned his best thanks. The Officers were all pleased to see their present Master in the chair, and would strive their utmost to fulfil their duties in supporting him. The W.M. next gave the Masonic Press. The Masonic papers were always ready to help the brethren in any work they might have to do, while their representatives were always ready to come to their meetings whenever asked to do so. Bros. Jolly and Morgan having replied, the I.P.M. proposed our Landlords. Landlords were sometimes obnoxious, but the Trustees and Committee of the Royal Alfred Institution, who occupied that position towards them were far from being so. They were most kind in all their dealings, and especially so in allowing the Lodge to hold its annual banquet in the splendid room they then occupied. Their Worshipful Master was himself an officer of the Institution, and his position as Honorary Surgeon to its inmates was but another evidence of the thorough good fellow they had in the chair. The Worshipful Master responded. He knew the officials of the Institution were only too pleased to lend the rooms of the Royal Alfred Institution for anything the brethren might desire to do in the way of Masonry, and that they would appreciate the compliment which had just been paid them by the brethren present. The proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion in the regular way, and a most gratifying meeting was thus brought to a close. We hope to have the pleasure of visiting the Saye and Sele Lodge on some future occasion, feeling sure that while it is conducted in the same spirit as at present prevails, we shall always enjoy an evening under its hospitable roof.

THE ABBEY LODGE, WESTMINSTER, No. 2030.

AN emergency meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday, the 20th ult., under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Baker the W.M. The Officers present were Bros. F. Seager Hunt S.W., W. Sugg J.W., J. F. Warrington Rogers Treasurer, J. E. Shand Secretary, H. B. Soinck I.P.M., J. Gibson I.G., R. E. H. Goffin D.C., H. Mainwaring Dunstan A.D.C., C. C. Piper S., G. Wheeler assistant S., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain. These were assisted by Bros. P.M.'s T. Bull, J. A. Jones and Beasley. The following brethren were also present:—J. M. Burt, H. O. Hamborg, J. Hayler, C. Sweeting, T. Davies, H. Hambling, R. Banghan, J. Kent, J. Pain, H. Brinkmann, C. Davies, R. Wake, R. D. Wynne, T. Rintoul, T. Holder, T. J. White, H. Roach, J. M. Hughes, B. Genner, D. Stroud, J. Balchin, A. F. Jeffery, W. G. Holland, J. D. Dick, A. W. Thompson, Sydney Hodges, Z. A. Berry, G. Cookson, A. W. Hillier, T. Butler, J. A. Richards, J. S. Manley,

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W. Lloyd, T. Flury, A. Simner, G. White, F. B. Wyatt, G. Dexter, W. Bonwick, J. Eisdell Salway, H. Cloots, J. Hawkins, A. Talbot, H. H. Bridgeman, J. Vaughan, W. E. Wood, R. Chivers, &c. The following Past G. Officers were also present:—Bros. Frank Richardson and R. Turtle Pigott. Lodge having been formally opened by the W.M., three brethren were passed to the second degree, Bro. Bull acting as S.W. and Bros. Gibson and Dunstan as Deacons. Mr. Joshua Hawkins, Mayor of Bedford, and Mr. J. Eisdell Salway, of Chelsea, were unanimously elected as candidates for initiation, and were duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being most impressively and accurately performed by the W.M. The W.M., before rising, presented the acting I.P.M., Bro. H. Bowman Spink, with a jewel, which had been voted at the last meeting, in acknowledgment of the services rendered by him as the acting I.P.M. during the first year of the Lodge. Bro. Spink thanked the brethren for their appreciation of the services he had rendered, and said he should always be pleased to do everything in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge. The ceremony having concluded, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned till Monday 12th October. At the conclusion of the Lodge the brethren proceeded to Holly Lodge, Highgate, the residence of Bro. Burdett-Coutts I.P.M. On arriving at the grounds, being joined by several other brethren who had been unable to attend Lodge, they were received by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and her husband. Bro. W. H. Baker W.M. then, in the name of the brethren, presented the Baroness with a handsome gold broach, consisting of the jewel of the Lodge, beautifully wrought in enamel, and having the following inscription on the back:—"A token of affection from the brethren of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, 20th July 1885." The work had been executed by Messrs. Jones and Co., of 236 Regent-street, and was greatly admired by all the brethren. The Baroness was visibly affected by the remarks of the W.M., and thanked the brethren in most feeling terms for their kind present, which she said would always be treasured by her. The members of the Lodge were subsequently entertained at dinner, Bro. Burdett-Coutts presiding. After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed prosperity to the Abbey Lodge, coupled with the name of its Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Baker, who responded in suitable terms, and stated that the Lodge now consisted of ninety members. Bro. F. Seager Hunt proposed the health of Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. H. Bowman Spink that of the Baroness, both of which the Chairman acknowledged. The party left about eleven o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable time.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

THAT "nothing succeeds like success" is particularly demonstrated at many of our Lodge meetings. Some Lodges which appear to have everything around them in proper order, which seem to possess every requirement that can possibly be needed, and which are governed by brethren, of whom great things are expected, somehow or other fall short of achieving those brilliant successes which attend other and perhaps less pretentious meetings. It is often very difficult to point to the cause of the falling off, we will not say absence of success, but on the other hand we need not search far to discover the secret which leads to the acmé of perfection—that can only be secured by a combination of happy circumstances which embrace, first of all, a Master who has the skill to preside, and next efficiency, popularity, and hospitality in those who are associated with him in the management of the day's proceedings. Such were the happy circumstances which surrounded the installation meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge, which took place on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on which occasion Bro. W. A. Scurrah was installed into the chair of K.S. The meeting was an unqualified success, and stands out as an example of what is possible on such occasions. There was, however, one fault, if fault we may term it; the brethren were treated to too liberal a programme; the work which had to be performed being more than should have been attempted, especially on so hot a day as Saturday proved to be. However, the work was exceptionally well done, and it is perhaps bad taste to even think of faultfinding when all we have to complain of is, that we had too much of a good thing. The Lodge was presided over by Bro. H. Lovegrove P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middlesex, the first W.M. of the Lodge, who was supported by the following of his Officers:—C. J. Axford S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., C. P. McKay P.M. Secretary, Phillip Cheek S.D., R. W. Surridge I.G., W. H. Burgess D.C., H. Webb Steward, J. Bend P.M. 720 Organist, and Very Tyler. Having disposed of the opening formalities Bro. J. Mills was, at the request of the W.M. of Lodge No. 1919, passed to the second degree; Bros. Edgar Robert Clunn and Arthur William Wace, of the Henry Levander Lodge, and Bro. C. Mennie, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, were raised, and then the ceremony of installation was commenced, Bro. W. A. Scurrah being most impressively placed in the chair. In due course he was saluted, and appointed the following as his Officers:—Axford S.W., Cheek J.W., H. Lovegrove P.M. Treas., McKay Sec., Surridge S.D., Burgess J.D., Webb I.G., Worral D.C., Barfoot Assist. D.C., Read Organist, S. Reece Steward, and Very Tyler. Bro. Scurrah was at once called to activity, as five candidates were awaiting initiation, and in each case he fulfilled his duties in a most gratifying manner. The candidates were—Arthur Henry Scurrah (nephew of the W.M.), Frank Charles Joseph, Alfred William Gerrard, H. W. Parker and William Dent Dickenson. After the initiation of these gentlemen some routine business was transacted, and Lodge was adjourned until the 26th September next. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Spencer W.M. and John W. Marsh P.M. 73, G. Emblin J.D. 147, Edwin Storr W.M. 167, Stephen Richardson W.M. 183, W. Fenn 538, James Stevens P.M. and Thomas Poore P.M. 720, F. Marx P.M. and Harry Sillis A.D.C. 957, A. G. Fidler P.M. 1237 P.P.S.G.D. Middx., J. Archer D.C. 1156, W. M. Stiles P.M. and C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, J. Fidler 1550, 1743, E. A. Francis and G. M. Thompson 1599, W. Medwin P.M. 1613, G. H. Stephens W.M. 1623, B. J. W. Love I.G. 1695, James C. Smith J.W., H. Dickey Sec., W. H. Barling J.D., R. Ross D.C., Henry W. Field, J. J. Taylor, J. Glynn, A. Thomas, John C. Hamilton and C. J. Knightley 1744, W. H. Lee W.M. 1879 Prov. Assist. G. Sec. Middx., C. Gurr 1919, James Willing W.M., E. Clunn, J. Duncan, and C. Mennie 1997. During the meeting of the Lodge a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Lovegrove. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Henry Lovegrove, First W.M. and Founder, 25th July 1885."

A banquet followed, and here also the W.M. displayed great ability as President. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge were each briefly proposed and honoured. That of the Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett was next given. The Worshipful Master was quite sure all who knew Sir Francis Burdett knew him to be a good Mason, always ready to do his best for the Lodges under his direction. He was a most genial man, and never met one of the members of his Province without heartily shaking him by the hand, and inquiring as to the state of Masonry in the Lodge with which he was associated. The Worshipful Master had received a letter from Sir Francis Burdett, in which he expressed the pleasure it would have afforded him to be present at the meeting, had he not been away from home. Further than this he had another engagement the same day. With the toast he coupled the health of the Provincial Grand Officers. He was pleased to have several Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge among the company. There was Bro. Levander, a brother of the worthy Mason after whom their Lodge was named, Bro. Fidler, Bro. Lee, and among their own members Brother Lovegrove their Immediate Past Master, and Brother Axford their Senior Warden. He was heartily pleased to see them, and trusted they might all along enjoy the honour of the offices to which they had been appointed. Bro. Levander acknowledged the compliment. The toast was rather a comprehensive one to respond to. Of Sir Francis Burdett one might say a great deal without going too far. All who had met him in Freemasonry must have been struck with the gentlemanly bearing of the Provincial Grand Master. The Deputy likewise had his heart in Freemasonry, while the same could be said of the Provincial Grand Officers generally. It was a source of great gratification to them to visit the Henry Levander Lodge. Only twelve months since a few brethren had assembled to consecrate the Lodge, under what he might term auspicious circumstances, and it was a great pleasure to be again present to witness the way in which the Lodge had prospered. In conclusion, he would ask the brethren to drink the toast—Success to the Henry Levander Lodge. Bro. Lovegrove proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was great pleasure for him, for the first time in the Henry Levander Lodge, to do so. In Bro. Scurrah they had a most desirable Master, and one who would advance the interests of the members. Bro. Scurrah returned his thanks, both for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the hearty reception it had met with at the hands of those present. The brethren would believe him when he said he considered it a great honour to be placed in the position of Worshipful Master of a Lodge. It was with very proud feeling that he had assumed the chair for the first time, and he felt he had risen to it by the kind wishes of the members of his Lodge. Ever since he had been a member of the Order he had taken the greatest interest in its welfare. He considered that every man who became a Mason should master the ritual, and never forget that relief was one of the grandest principles of the Order. Masons should find a pleasure in working for those of their brethren who had been overtaken by distress, or those whom brethren had left behind in necessitous circumstances. He trusted he should be able to do his duty as Worshipful Master of the Henry Levander Lodge, and that he should gain the approval of its members. Bro. Scurrah next gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master, who was also their Installing Master. The brethren who had witnessed the ceremony that day must have been pleased and delighted at the ready manner in which Bro. Lovegrove had performed his work. They were all of opinion that the Immediate Past Master was a really true and worthy brother, one who would do all he could to advance the interests of the Lodge during the coming year, while the Master felt he would assist him most materially in the work of his office. Bro. Lovegrove tendered his warmest thanks. He had been unable in the Lodge to adequately thank the brethren for the very handsome jewel they had presented him, and now assured them he highly appreciated their kind gift. The Henry Levander Lodge had been established for two especial purposes, firstly to perpetuate a name—that of Henry Levander—honoured and respected, not only in Middlesex, but throughout the Craft in general; and secondly, to provide a Lodge, needed by several brethren of the City of London, in which they might meet together and enjoy themselves in true Masonic form. He was very proud that he had been appointed as first Master of this Lodge, and that it had been so great a success; it gave every promise of faithfully fulfilling the objects for which it was established. Bro. Lovegrove then said that he had received the sanction of Sir Francis Burdett, their Provincial Grand Master, to start a Masonic Calendar for Middlesex. This he hoped to make interesting, of service to the brethren of the district, and to Freemasonry at large. Bro. Scurrah now proposed the toast of the Initiates. This was a very important toast. Grand as Freemasonry was, grand as were its doings, it would be nothing without the frequent importation into its midst of new blood. They had that evening initiated five gentlemen, whom they all trusted would become worthy members of the Order, and a credit to the Henry Levander Lodge. Among the Initiates, the W.M. said, was his nephew, and he should never have thought of introducing him to Freemasonry had he not thought that it would benefit him, and that he was certain to do his duty. Bro. A. H. Scurrah suitably responded. He felt a great pleasure in having been admitted. Bro. Joseph also considered a high honour had been conferred on him that day. He had long been associated with University College Hospital and University College, where the

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late Henry Levander was well known and highly respected. Bro. Joseph also had the pleasure of a long friendship with the present Worshipful Master of the Lodge into which he had been initiated that day, circumstances which increased the pleasure he felt in being among them. He felt that if he and his fellow initiates endeavoured to emulate the achievements of their Worshipful Master in Masonry the brethren would not consider them unworthy members of the Craft. Bro. Gerrard also thanked the Lodge. What he had seen and heard that day had given him the greatest satisfaction. He trusted he might always remain a member of the Lodge and do his duty to it. Bro. Parker followed. He trusted by attention to his duties to make himself a worthy member of Freemasonry. Bro. Dickenson also hoped, by perseverance, to win a reputation for himself. The warning of the Tyler at this point—"ten minutes to catch the last train" had the effect of bringing the proceedings to a hasty conclusion. Bro. Scurrah, however, took the opportunity of proposing the toast of the Visitors in a most hearty manner. He felt their attendance that day in such numbers showed they thought very highly of the Levander Lodge; they thought a great deal of the Officers; and, he hoped, that they thought a little of its Worshipful Master. He trusted they would attend again, and that he should then have more time in which to express the pleasure he felt at their presence. Bros. Willing and Stiles suitably responded, but we are obliged to say that even these distinguished members of the Craft could not offer attractions to the brethren sufficient to counteract those of "the last train." Doubtless we shall have future opportunities of hearing these brethren at the Henry Levander Lodge, and then we shall be in a better position to record the gratification they must feel at seeing one who may justly be numbered among their Masonic children occupying the position of its Worshipful Master. The proceedings were brought to a close in due form, and the brethren repaired to town after having enjoyed a most pleasant evening. We trust the present state of prosperity of the Lodge may continue for all time.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2068.

AT the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 27th ult., Bro. Captain Ward, R.A., presiding. After the ordinary business of the Lodge, Bro. Captain Haldane P.M. presented Bro. Captain Ward with a gold jewel, on behalf of the founders of the Lodge, and Bro. A. L. Emanuel I.P.M. with an address that had been handsomely illuminated by Bro. James Robertson, and which read as follows:—"To Bro. A. Leon Emanuel I.P.M. P.P.G.J D. Hants and Isle of Wight,—We, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and brethren of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, desire to express our high appreciation of the great assistance rendered by you in founding this Lodge. Impressed with the belief that the Lodge would conduce to the welfare of the Craft in this borough your advice and influence were most cheerfully given; and in conveying to you our best thanks for your valuable co-operation, owing to which obstacles disappeared and the Lodge was successfully started, we venture to trust that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare you for many years to be of service to Freemasonry and other useful objects." Bro. Capt. Ward responded, and said that anything that gave satisfaction to the brethren was a source of pleasure to him. Bro. A. L. Emanuel also responded, and said that though there were many difficulties in forming the Temperance Lodge they had been overcome.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE second regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Present:—Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. Langton Treas., J. S. Fraser Sec., M. L. Levey J.D., W. G. Goode I.G., and W. Lane Tyler; also Bros. W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, J. Rosenberg, W. Fraser, J. Klein. Visitors—Bros. J. Hook P.G.D.C. Surrey, A. Pocock W.M. 1965, M. H. Dicker S.W. 1470. The minutes of the last meeting and the emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Oates, Oxenham, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, Holdsworth, Holden, and Rosenberg were passed to the second degree, the ceremony being performed in the W.M.'s usual admirable manner. The by-laws of the Lodge, which had been previously circulated among the members, were then approved of, and the members adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of the W.M., when some very good songs were rendered by Bros. Dicker, Ridpath, J. C. Leaver and F. W. Leaver.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE summer entertainment to the "Old Folks" at Croydon took place on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Among those who were present were Bro. W. J. and Mrs. Murlis, Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Strong, Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Thomas Cubitt, C. F. Hogard, Bro. Edgar and Mrs. Bowyer, Mr. A. P. Bowyer, Bro. James and Mrs. Terry, the Misses Kate and Jessie Terry, Bros. J. Terry jun., J. G. Stevens, R. W. Stewart, H. M. Mason, J. J. Berry, H. G. Buss, W. W. Morgan, Isaac Dixon, E. Dixon, John Newton, Mr. and Miss Massey, Mrs. Mason, the Misses Anna Johnston, P. Culver, Ada Strong, Grace O'Neill, Crutch, &c. An hour was pleasantly spent in visiting the residents and overlooking the establishment, after which refreshments were supplied, and then the Royal Criterion Handbell Ringers, conducted by Bro. Harry Tipper, gave one of their pleasing entertainments, of which the following is the programme:—

Part Song—"Legend of the Rhine."
Song—"The Whaler's Yarn," Watson.
Recitation—Selected.
Part Song—"Love's Good Morrow," Reay.
Song—Selected.
Interspersed with the following, played on the bells:—Selection from "Faust," Gounod; "Mvosotis" Waltz, C. Lothian; Scotch Airs; Gavotte; Imitations of Village Chimes.

Part Song—"Kate Dalrymple," Archer.
Song—"Madoline," Nelson.
Recitation—"Yarn of the Nancy Bell," Gilbert.
Song—Selected.
Part Song—"Matrimonial Squabbles."
Bell Selections:—"Merry Bells" Polka, D. Godfrey; English Airs; "Mia Cara" Waltz; "Les Cloches de Corneville."

"God Save the Queen."

At the conclusion of a very pleasant evening, Bro. James Terry proposed a cordial vote of acknowledgment to Bro. Tipper and his coadjutors, for the excellent entertainment they had provided. The zeal invariably displayed by Brother Terry in connection with these half-yearly gatherings was also specially referred to, and the thanks of those present cordially tendered to him. Among other gifts which were distributed to the inmates during the day were packets of tea and sugar to each of the Female residents at the Institution, and packets of tobacco to each of the Male annuitants, presented by the Supreme Council 33°. In another column we refer to the liberality displayed by the members of this body, whose gifts are always dispensed with judgment. No more gratifying feature of this liberality can be offered than the example we thus refer to. A bountiful supply of flowers was provided by Bro. Isaac Dixon, of Feltham, whose forethought appeared to be greatly appreciated by the old people, who accepted these "lovely voices of the Great Architect of the Universe" in true Masonic spirit. It is gratifying to see that the residents take an interest in setting off their homes to the best advantage, especially worthy of commendation in this respect being the display of flowers by Bro. Shoring, exhibiting, as it does, the greatest care on his part in their culture.

THE LEVANDER MEMORIAL.

AT a meeting of the "Levander Memorial" Committee on Tuesday, the 21st inst., Bro. R. H. Thrupp P.A.G.D.C. D.P.G.M. Middlesex in the chair. It was resolved to erect a tombstone over the late Bro. H. C. Levander's grave, in West-Hampstead Cemetery, at a cost not exceeding £40, and with the balance of the money that may be subscribed to found a "Levander Prize Fund" at the Girls' School, of which Institution the late Bro. Levander was an active supporter and friend.

Below is a list of subscriptions paid and promised, and it is hoped that the Lodges and brethren in the Province who have not yet sent in a subscription will do so at an early date, to Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, Hon. Treas., Comberton, Mowbray-road, Norwood, S.E.

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: Baroness BURDETT-COUTTS has kindly consented to reside and perform the ceremony as above, on Tuesday, 11th August 1885. jenner will be provided, for which a limited number of tickets will be Ladies, 12s 6d; Gentlemen, 15s; Children, 7s 6d; including wine, , &c. Tickets of admission to the grounds and buildings, 2s 6d. hments at moderate tariff. Commence at 3·0 p.m. Déjeuner 4·30 p.m. ing the announcement of definite arrangements, the names of Brethren to co-operate with the Committee and Executive as Stewards will be ully received.
fee payable by a Steward is One Guinea, to include ticket for Déjeuner. rammes, with full details of the ceremony to be observed, will be ed in due course.

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.
—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
July 1885.

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EASURING THE PATTERN," A SERMON,
Preached before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts, at npton, by the W. Bro. Rev. S. J. W. SANDERS, M.A, and M.L., &c., rand Chaplain.
rthampton: Henry Brown & Co., Gold Street.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

UARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, Inesday, the 5th day of August next, at six o'clock evening.

BUSINESS.

finutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for tion.

PORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

mmittee of General Purposes beg to report that they have the accounts from the 15th April to the 14th July 1885, usive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Grand Chap-				Disbursements during			
- -	375	17	5	the quarter -	717	0	0
ppropriated				Balance - -	74	9	5
ount -	192	3	10	„ in Unappropriated			
t Receipts	414	16	6	Account -	191	8	4
	£982	17	9		£982	17	9

nces are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

mmittee have likewise to report that they have received the Petitions:—

m Companions Edward Thomas Clark as Z., Henry Trevor s H., Ezra Gooderidge as J., and seven others for a Chapter hed to the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, to be Aire and Calder Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic othferry Road, Goole, Yorkshire (Western Division).

m Companions Robert Foreman Castellari as Z., George ates as H., Henry Wilson Warmington as J., and six others er to be attached to the Lodge Northern Star, No. 1463, to be called the Mayo Chapter, and to meet at Feroze-b, East Indies.

n Companions William Kelly as Z., George Toller jun. as Steads Partridge as J., and seven others for a Chapter to to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, Leicester, to be

The Committee have also received the following petition praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original being lost or destroyed by fire in 1882:—

From the Principals and Members of the Sussex Chapter, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica.

The Committee recommend that a Charter of Confirmation for the above-named Chapter be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Companions of the Royal Gloucester Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, praying for a Charter authorizing them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882. This memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee recommend that the meetings of Grand Chapter in future take place in the Great Hall instead of in the Zetland Room, commencing at the November Convocation, and that the Committee be authorized to complete the paraphernalia and appointments, which are at present defective.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.A.G.S.
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th July 1885.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for this Province was held at Abingdon, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., and was numerously attended, each of the six Lodges, the Porchester, University, Abbey, Leopold, Alfred, and Jersey being well represented. Much success attended the day's proceedings, the only drawback being the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, who had been compelled to leave England for a few weeks to recruit his health. In his lordship's absence, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stephens, of Reading, presided, supported by the Acting Deputy P.G. Master, and a goodly number of Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. Deep regret was expressed at the cause of the absence of Lord Jersey, whose letter to Bro. Stephens was read at the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Pulley, presented an interesting report upon the state of the Province, showing a satisfactory increase in the number of members during the past twelve months. The Province and all the Lodges were represented at the recent Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund at the Crystal Palace, the Stewards representing them taking up about £82. Bro. E. J. Trendell, of Abingdon, having resigned office as Provincial Grand Treasurer, was cordially thanked for his past services, and Bro. John Tompkins was elected to fill that position. The brethren were unanimous in conveying their hearty congratulations to Earl Jersey on his having been appointed by the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to preside over the Craft Masons in the Province of Oxfordshire. Various matters affecting the welfare of Mark Masonry were considered, and the brethren of the Porchester Lodge gave a cordial invitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge to meet next summer at Newbury. The invitation was at once accepted by Bro. Stephens, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow:—

Bro. E. J. Trendell, 225 - - -	Senior Warden
J. M. Dormor, 247 - - -	Junior Warden
Sir B. Brodie, Bart., 55 - -	Master Overseer
A. H. Simpson, 225 - -	Senior Overseer
E. Head, 27 - - - -	Junior Overseer
Rev. H. Wells, 235 - - -	Chaplains
Rev. H. Lewis, 225 - - -	Chaplains
F. G. Hall, 27 - - -	Registrar of Marks
J. Tompkins, 225 - - -	Treasurer
T. J. Pulley, 235 - - -	Secretary
J. W. Lindars, 235 - - -	Assist. Secretary
W. W. Ridley, 235 - - -	Inspector of Works
T. Lucas, 247 - - - -	Senior Deacon
Llewellyn, 257 - - - -	Junior Deacon
J. E. Sydenham, 235 - -	Direc. of Ceremonies
F. J. Humphreys, 55 - -	Assist. D. of Cere.
E. Nichols, 235 - - -	Sword Bearer
W. Graham, 27 - - -	Standard Bearer
J. B. King, 225 - - -	Inner Guard
R. Puttick, 257 - - -	Steward

The business having concluded, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden (Bro. Trendell) following his liberal practice on former occasions of a like nature, invited the brethren to his charming residence "The Abbey," in the grounds of which luncheon was provided in an elegant style, with an *ad libitum* supply of champagne and other choice wines. The guests included, besides the Mark Masons, many of Bro. Trendell's private friends, and among those seated at the head table were Mr. J. C. Clarke, M.P., and his son, Mr. Heber Clarke, the Mayor of Abingdon. The usual toast list was gone through, and the health of the most esteemed host (Bro.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Barnet, on Friday, the 24th ult. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., was supported by Bros. J. E. Dawson Deputy Prov. Grand Master, F. Sumner Knyvett Treasurer, Charles Bullock Registrar, Geo. E. Lake Secretary, J. Terry D. of C., H. Beadell St. B., W. A. Sprout, H. Hughes and W. K. Hopkin Stewards; George Lambert P.G.S.B. England, T. S. Carter P.P.G.W., James Cutbush P.P.G.A.D.C., George Mickley P.P.G.D., H. J. Foster W.M. 504, C. E. Playfair P.P.G.S. of W., F. L. Lane S.W. 504, J. G. Yolland P.P.G.S.B., W. J. Thody W.M. 1580, G. Askew P.P.S.G.D., H. J. Giller W.M. 1984, W. Warr J.W. 2086, J. Knight P.P.S.G.D., J. Shilcock P.P.G.J.W., J. Parrott P.P.G.S.B., H. Edwards P.P.S.G.W., R. F. Young P.P.J.G.D., J. Euerby P.P.G.P. G. Young P.P.G.P., Henry Cox P.P.G.S. of W., Henry J. Moxon 2054, R. Townsend J.W. 1984, George G. Flint P.M. 404, W. Gilbert P.P.J.G.W., W. A. Rogers P.P.J.G.D., J. Tydeman P.P.G.P. Essex, W. Lewis P.P.G.S., J. Robinson P.P.J.G.W., T. Reilly P.P.G.P., W. Large P.P.S.G.D., T. Grant P.M. 1984, W. Smith W.M. 409, E. Bowyer P.P.S.G.W. P.G.S.B. England, W. J. Crutch J.W. 1580, Percy W. Taylor P.P.J.G.W., J. E. Cussans P.P.S.G.W., J. Brittain P.P.G.S., F. Venables P.P.G.P., Charles Lacey P.P.G.D., J. Lowthin P.P.S.G.W., Charles E. Keynes P.P.J.G.W., J. R. Cocks P.P.J.G.W., Rev. C. W. Harvey Chaplain 403, G. S. Bigley J.D. 869, F. R. Barrett 469, Jos. Mellor J.D. 1757, G. F. Kempson A.D.C. 1385, J. S. Webb I.G. 1580, P. W. Dunville J.W. 1479, C. H. Marriott 1385, G. Holdsworth Senior Deacon 1327, D. Schmidt Junior Warden 1385, S. Tryon 1950, H. E. Roberts 449, E. P. Debenham I.G. 1479, B. Gotto D.C. 1385 W. Mole S.D. 1757, R. W. Wilson Steward 2054, A. Phillips Hills' I.G. 2054, J. H. Baxter 1385, G. Rule 1984, G. W. Brumell 1414, W. Bellingham 1964, L. Marcus J.W. 409, J. Terry S.D. 1964, F. Christmas J.W. 194, W. Lewis S.D. 1385, and others. The minutes having been confirmed, and the roll of Lodges in the Province called over, Bro. Knyvett was re-elected to the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and then the following brethren were appointed as the Officers of the year:—

Bro. George Mickley P.M. 449	Senior Warden
John Brittain W.M. 1385	Junior Warden
Rev. Philip Deedes W.M. 1479	Chaplains
Rev. C. W. Harvey Chap. 403	Chaplains
F. S. Knyvett P.M. 404	Treasurer
H. S. Sherry W.M. 404	Registrar
G. E. Lake P.M. 404	Secretary
H. J. Foster W.M. 504	Senior Deacon
F. Hall W.M. 403	Junior Deacon
W. Smith W.M. 409	Supt. of Works
J. Terry P.M. 1327	Dir. of Ceremonies
H. Hughes W.M. 869	Assist. D. of Cere.
W. K. Hopkin S.W. 1385	Sword Bearer
H. J. Moxon P.M. 2054	Standard Bearers
W. J. Thody W.M. 1580	Standard Bearers
W. Warr J.W. 2086	Organist
Henry Holmes 1385	Assistant Secretary
H. J. Giller W.M. 1984	Pursuivant
W. Mole J.D. 1757	Assistant Pursuivant
W. T. Graves S.W. 1984	Stewards
D. Schmidt J.W. 1385	Stewards
W. Lewis S.D. 1385	Stewards
J. Mellor J.D. 1757	Stewards
P. W. Dunville I.G. 1479	Stewards
E. P. Debenham 1479	Stewards

Bro. Wright was elected Prov. Grand Tyler, and Bro. Thomas Assistant. The report of the Board of Finance having been submitted, Bro. T. S. Carter P.P.G.W. P.M. and Secretary 403 proposed "That the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the amount be placed on Bro. George E. Lake's list as Steward." Bro. James Terry Prov. G.D. of C. P.M. and Sec. 1580 proposed "That the sum of ten pounds be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Charles E. Keyser P.P.G.W. P.M. 404 proposed "That the sum of ten pounds be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the High Barnet Schools." Bro. G. E. Lake Prov. G. Sec. P.M. and Treas. 404 proposed "That the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued," and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed "That the thanks of the brethren are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. R. R. Hutton for his courtesy in placing the School House at the disposal of Provincial Grand Lodge." Each of these propositions was agreed to, and then two notices of motion, which formed the subject of a supplemental agenda, were considered. The first, submitted by Bro. J. Tydeman P.M. 1327, was to the effect "That the sum of ten pounds be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Fund for the Restoration of Queen Eleanor's Cross, Waltham Cross," and the second by Bro. A. T. Brett, M.D., P.M. 404 P.P.G.S.W., "That the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Building Fund of the Watford District Cottage Hospital." After discussion of the former proposition, the Provincial Grand Treasurer submitted as a counter motion "That the sum of ten guineas be invested in Consols." Ultimately the original proposition was negatived, and thereupon Bro. Brett withdrew his proposal. After the transaction of some formal business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet, which was served by the proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Mr. H. S. Roberts, and presided over by the Provincial Grand Master. The usual toasts followed. The Prov. Grand Master hoped the first toast would not have to be varied for many years to come, but that Her Majesty would continue her reign and continue to meet that reception always accorded her. He spoke of the marriage of the Princess Beatrice, and was assured every Mason wished her happiness. In proposing the toast of the Grand Master, he had to say the same thing year after year, but each time with greater conviction of its truth. He spoke of the way in which the Craft had flourished under the rule of the Prince of Wales, and felt that if any opportunity could be found of showing the present feeling of Masons towards His Royal Highness, it would far exceed the grandeur of his installation ceremony. It was hardly necessary to say much on behalf of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, as it was well known that in consequence of the multifarious duties of the Grand Master much of the work of ruling the Craft devolved on them. The brethren might congratulate themselves on the way in which they performed their duties. He feared they would not have so much of the company of the Earl of Carnarvon as formerly. They could but wish him God speed in the office he had been pleased to accept in Ireland. The Earl of Lathom was equally worthy of their esteem, and was equally beloved by the brethren. Of the other Grand Officers he would leave the two distinguished members of Grand Lodge who were present to speak. There was one thing, however, the brethren must not forget. Each were Past Wardens of the Province of Hertfordshire. Bro. Lambert was the first to reply. The Grand Officers had worked well—did work well. He could say, from personal knowledge, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom were ever ready to perform their share in the work of Freemasonry. Neither seemed to spare time or expense in doing anything that might be required of them. Bro. Bowyer also responded. The Deputy Prov. G.M. then gave the health of the Provincial Grand Master. It was not necessary to make a long speech in submitting this toast. The Provincial Grand Master had been pleased to allude to the time when the Grand Master was installed, but there in Hertfordshire he felt they wanted to centre their thoughts on the day they secured the services of Bro. Halsey as Masonic ruler of the county. That was indeed a day worthy of being recorded in their memory, as under his rule Masonry had flourished and prospered in the district. The Prov. G.M. replied. It was a source of great gratification to him that Masonry had so greatly increased in the Province during the past few years. All the Lodges embraced were on a satisfactory footing and progressing as well as could be desired. So long as they pulled together as they had done in the past they would do well. The brethren of the Province of Hertfordshire appeared to consecrate a new Lodge each year, and if this continued, with the same amount of prosperity surrounding them as they then experienced, there was no knowing to what position they might rise. No one could dispute that Freemasonry was flourishing in the county. He hoped the members of the new Lodges would follow the example of the old ones, and that the older ones would keep up their enthusiasm for Freemasonry. He felt that no Provincial Grand Master could be better supported by the members of his Province and by his Officers than he had been. He next gave the toast of the Deputy, and the Provincial Grand Officers. He was gratified that he had always had such distinguished Masons to assist him in the Province. It was a great comfort to him to be supported by a brother so well acquainted with the Lodges of the District, as was his Deputy Bro. Dawson, while the manner in which the other Provincial Officers performed their work gave evidence that they had their hearts in it. It gave Bro. Dawson great satisfaction to reply to the toast. Whenever he had the pleasure of attending any of the Lodges he received a most enthusiastic reception. He filled a very difficult office, in having to follow the lamented Bro. Wilson Iles. So long as he was permitted to hold the office he was then honoured with he should endeavour to devote his best services to the Province and the Lodges comprising it. Brother Mickley Senior Warden followed. He was proud of being a Hertfordshire Mason, and was sure every Officer appointed by the Provincial Grand Master was proud of his position. He thought he might answer for all that they would assist, to the utmost of their power, in upholding the dignity of the Province. The next toast was the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province. When they looked back at what the older Masters had done, and witnessed how the younger ones were trying to emulate the work of their predecessors, they need have no fear of the result. The Province was much indebted to the Gladsmuir Lodge for the way in which its members had come forward on an emergency and prepared for the annual meeting of the Province. It had been arranged that the King Henry VIII. Lodge at Hemel Hempstead should this year entertain Grand Lodge, but the sudden death of its Master had put an end to this. The Gladsmuir Lodge had stepped forward and nobly undertaken the duty. Unfortunately their presence there that day was not one of unalloyed pleasure. He missed from among the Past Masters of the entertaining Lodge the face of an old and worthy brother, Dr. John Livingston. He believed the loss of the two distinguished members he had mentioned would be felt by every Mason in the Province. He trusted the present Masters would follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, and that they might so perform their duties as to provide examples for those who would come after them. Bro. Brittain, W.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge, replied, thanking the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had done the Masters of the Province in proposing their health. He felt he was only expressing the feelings of every Worshipful Master in saying how pleased they were to once more meet their ruler in Lodge, and to see him in good health. Their duty was not only to do the work of their respective Lodges, but also to make themselves capable of meeting any emergency they might be called upon to face. The Provincial Master had referred to the circumstances—the unfortunate circumstances—under which their meeting had taken place that year at Barnet. As soon as he, as Worshipful Master of the Gladsmuir Lodge, heard of the desire to hold the Lodge under their banner, he called a meeting of the Past Masters, and so great was the interest they took in the work of the Province that a larger number of them assembled than had been known for years before. They then fully proved the desire they felt to carry out the wishes and commands of the Provincial Grand Master. The toast of the

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Charities followed from the chair. Bro. Halsey was pleased to think that every brother in Hertfordshire knew what the Charities were, and supported them to the best of his ability. He considered it a wonderful thing, and a most gratifying feature in connection with Freemasonry, that notwithstanding cries of bad trade and severe times the support given to the Charities did not fall off. This proved that however much brethren might have to curtail their expenses they looked upon benevolence as the last call which should be disregarded. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Terry, congratulating him on his improved state of health, and hoping he might long be spared to be among them and plead the cause of Masonic Charity. Bro. Terry responded. The kind way in which the mention of his name had just been received was an evidence that when a man endeavoured to do his duty he was respected. Not only had the brethren kept up their support of the Charities, but they had subscribed sufficient to allow each of the three to be extended, and this too at a time when nearly every Charitable Institution was reducing its sphere of operations—closing wards or leaving beds empty. The brethren could accomplish a great deal if they would all do something, however small. He hoped the day would come when every brother, as soon as he received his third degree, would enrol his name as a Steward for one or other of the Institutions. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and that having been acknowledged the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although not much of an advocate of "change for the sake of change," I cannot help thinking that the suggestion is a feasible one that aims at the renumbering of our Masonic Lodges, in order that we may really know to a nicety the number and strength of the Craft. Many Lodges that have ceased to exist are still retained on the register, and thus it is made to appear that the numerical strength of the Order is greater than is obviously the fact. It is difficult to see what "confusion" would arise from the alteration, as brethren would soon settle down to the new order of things. I presume the numbers only, and not the names of the various Lodges would be changed, and the only variation would be in reply to the query as to the age of one's maternal parent. I do not apprehend any great difficulty is likely to arise from that circumstance, while, on the other hand, we should be accurately informed of the actual strength of the Masonic body, which would be in many respects most desirable.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

A READER.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your excellent periodical, of the 27th ult., I find among the list of Stewards for the Boys' School Festival the name of Bro. John Early Danks, "Union Lodge, 414." As Bro. Danks is not a member of the Lodge of Union, but of Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, the report should have stated "Union Chapter 414." This was explained to me by Bro. Danks at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting on the 29th ultimo, which I attended, and was much surprised at the paucity of numbers in that noble building, the New Town Hall, Reading.

There appeared to be a general grumbling on the dais as to the dispensation of the regalia, and the general management. I was much pleased to find that the right man was in the right place, viz., Bro. Flanagan, the founder of the Kendrick Lodge, Reading, as Junior Grand Warden. Rather stringent remarks were made respecting the Senior Grand Warden, who lives in the Province of Surrey. It was also remarked that it is high time the Provinces was divided, viz., the Province of Berkshire (or Berks) and the Province of Buckinghamshire (or Bucks).

I wish it to be distinctly understood that these remarks are made solely for the benefit of the Craft generally.

Believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. P. IVEY P.M. 1101,
P.Prov.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks.

The Grange, Theale, Berks,
27th July 1885.

We are gratified in being able to offer our congratulations to the members of the Wilson Iles Lodge on the honour conferred on one of their most esteemed members—Bro. Henry J. Moxon—by his appointment to the office of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer of Hertfordshire. The offer of the office was an honour conferred on the Lodge, and by the unanimous voice of the members Bro. Moxon was selected as the recipient; the appointment, therefore, is really of double value.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. A. SCURRAH.

THE election of Bro. Scurrah to the chair of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, was taken advantage of by a few of his Masonic friends, who, a short time since, held a meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C. Those present were Bros. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, 1732, 1744, in the chair, H. W. Field, C. J. Knightley, J. Glyon, A. Thomas, and W. A. Scurrah. Letters were read from Bros. J. Hamilton and H. Dickey excusing their absence on account of pressing business engagements. The Chairman stated the object of the meeting was to present to Brother W. A. Scurrah a W.M.'s apron and case from a few old Masonic friends as a mark of the respect and high esteem in which they held him as a friend and as a Mason, he having in a very short time made for himself a name in the Craft, both in respect of the Masonic Charities and his knowledge of the Ritual, and to express their gratification at the honour that had been done him by the members of the Henry Levander Lodge in having elected him W.M. of that Lodge. Brother Stiles expressed a hope, on behalf of the donors, that Bro. Scurrah might live for many years, and in due course be advanced to the highest Masonic honours. A Worshipful Master's apron with silver levels, &c., was then presented. Bro. W. A. Scurrah in accepting the present, said it was his opinion that Freemasonry was one of the noblest institutions of the land. All that he had done and all he hoped to do was from a conscientious conviction that every Brother should carry out the three grand principles of the Order in his life and actions. In thanking the brethren for their very handsome present, Bro. Scurrah said he could not forget that the donors were old and tried friends, and he thanked them for this fresh proof of their esteem. Some of the other brethren present made some suitable remarks upon the presentation, and the brethren then separated. The apron bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother W. A. Scurrah by a few sincere friends on his being installed Worshipful Master of the Henry Levander Lodge. July 1885.

Royal General Theatrical Fund Dinner.—Happily the "universal depression" which affords profitable employment to royal commissioners and inspires melancholy leaders in the "dailies," spares at least the Royal General Theatrical Fund—one of the most useful and most carefully administered of existing charities. The annual dinner, held on the 24th ult., proved the most successful yet given, while the subscriptions announced amounted to £1200. A special interest was felt in the occasion as Mr. Bancroft presided. In the speech of the evening, proposed in graceful and sympathetic terms by the chairman, who referred to his own days of hard apprenticeship, when fame and fortune seemed at times but a mirage, and from the trials of those days pointed an eloquent appeal for those to whom the mirage proves no omen of coming pleasant places, but leaves them too often in the thirsty desert of disappointment. Mr. Bancroft spoke with affectionate respect of the profession "to which I have the honour to belong;" referred to his old friends T. Swinburne and Simpson, who had given him kindly encouragement when encouragement meant new strength, and hope. The chairman's voice suffered from the strong emotions of the occasion, but he was listened to with hushed attention and loud and long were the plaudits given, not so much to the able and earnest chairman as to the kind friend whose farewell to the honours and cares of management could once more receive the regretful God speed of many a private friend and lover of dramatic art. Mr. Justin McCarthy proposed Literature and the Stage, but though he "caught the Speaker's eye," he was but irreverently listened to, and subsided with virtue's usual recompense. Mr. Yates made an amusing speech for the Drama and the Stage. Mr. Pinero, evidently not yet consoled by the "Magistrate" for certain misadventures, said unkind things of Mr. Gilbert's young person of fifteen, and spoke still more severely of her factious brothers and cousins, who make first nights hideous to sensitive authors by irreverent comments and indelicate interruptions. The pleasantest episode in the evening's proceedings was the descent of the ladies from their gallery to the dining room, Mrs. Bancroft leading the way, when the cheers and handkerchief waving that greeted her appearance might have been a loyal outburst in honour of a Princess; but then, is she not a queen of hearts? The musical arrangements by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz gave delight to the guests, and made ample compensation for certain of the speeches. Miss Grisvold and Miss Little sang, amid much applause; especially exquisite was "Who is Sylvia?" Mdlle. Donilly gave some exquisite French chansonettes, and made a most favourable first appearance in England. We need not say with what pleasure the ever popular Sims Reeves was listened to, as he sang the old favourites, "The Bay of Biscay," "The Death of Nelson," and "My Pretty Jane." He shared the honours with Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft. It but remains to say the dinner was well served, with that attention to the comfort and convenience of the guests which especially distinguishes the management of the Freemasons' Tavern.

The Actors' Benevolent Fund.—The public may be said to have enjoyed a great treat—that is to say the happier public, to whom guinea stalls and generally raised prices means but added satisfaction—on Tuesday, 21st ult., when the Executive of the Actors' Benevolent Fund held their festival performance at the Lyceum. A fine programme had been secured. All the leading actors and actresses in London strove to contribute to the success. Madame Sarah Bernhardt gave her weird Macbeth sleep walking scene, amid the hushed silence of the house. Every seat and each corner for standing room was occupied, and Mr. Irving could well be proud of the result, when the balance sheet announced a sum of £560 raised for the Charity on whose behalf he had given his theatre, and for which he had brought to bear all the tact and ability needful to bring about such a triumphant result.

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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 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—Peckston, 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
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 3rd 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst

1425—Hyde Park, 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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

87—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
238—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
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

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
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 4th AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, 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)
850—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1691—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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., 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
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1760—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 939—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, 5th 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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
861—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)
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)
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)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 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)
1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
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. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 6th AUGUST.

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)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1145—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)
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)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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
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, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
569—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Cavile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshirre
1384—County, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley

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1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecon shire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 496—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
M.M. 85—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th AUGUST.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
786—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)
1298—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
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

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. 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
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
996—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool

1066—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
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
General Lodge 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, 8th AUGUST.

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Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

1637—Unity, Harrow
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds

REVIEWS.

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"Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Degrees from 4° to 32° inclusive, under the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, together with a List of Members, corrected to June 30, 1885." Office of the Secretary General, 33 Golden Square, London, W.

Among the many calendars and directories issued by Craft Freemasonry, this little work comes as a refreshing novelty. The information it contains is *caviare* to those whose knowledge of Masonry is bounded by the blue and the red. It reveals nothing of the occult science enshrined in the higher degrees; it only tells of matters that ought to be known to the novitiate before he enters upon a course of development. To those already within the charmed circle the book before us will be very acceptable. It contains the designations of the several degrees, an account of the clothing and jewels to be worn in certain sections of them, schedule of fees, order of procedure as to warrants, consecration, and various other matters. There is a full and complete directory of Councils, a list of Rose Croix Chapters and members of the several degrees; in fact, it is an ample and interesting guide for all those who desire to climb the Masonic ladder, and for those who are on the upward course and at the summit. Page 38 has a value for the whole of the Brotherhood. It gives in a tabulated form the sums of money contributed to various charitable movements connected with the Order since 1857 up to 1884. There are gaps of years in the earlier period, but the grants follow in consecutive order, from 1873 downwards. During the whole time £2,428 13s 9d has been contributed, and embraced in the list of objects aided are some which show that the charity of the Perfect Masters Elect, Knights, Princes, and Sovereigns is wide and comprehensive. For instance, we find money granted to the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin; National Society for Aid to Sick and Wounded in Time of War; French and Irish Relief Funds, India Famine Fund, and our own particular Institutions. The annual balance sheet shows that nearly £200 was given during the past year in charity donations, a sum, we think, that might be increased, considering the financial condition of the Council, for after writing off liabilities a capital balance is left of £15,855 7s. Among the items of assets is one that will cause some surprise and pleasure. We find under the head of "Library (estimated)" is the sum of £2,353 12s 6d. That must represent a large collection of books, which should be valuable, not only to the members of the higher degrees, but also, we should think, to Craft Masons as well. We should like to know if they are available to the latter, and under what conditions. The library question is often brought before the brethren, but little progress has been made to open up Masonic treasures to the whole body. We should be glad to learn that something more was being done in this direction. More light is wanted, and there are many rays yet undisclosed that might reward the diligent searcher were opportunities offered. We have found much suggestive matter in the book before us, and as it can be procured for 1s 2d, postage included, those interested in the subject should send to the office of the Supreme Council for a copy.

"Record of the Installation of Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.M. Lodge No. 910, St. Oswald, Past Grand Deacon of England, as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the West Riding of Yorkshire, at the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Friday, the 24th day of April 1885. With Preface and Appendix. Dedicated to the Brethren of the West Riding of Yorkshire, by Bro. Charles Letch Mason, P.M. Lodge 304, J.W. 2069, P. Prov. Grand Treasurer of West Yorkshire, P.Z. Chapter 304 306 580, P. Prov. Grand H. of West Yorkshire, P.M. Copley Mark Lodge, No. 111, Prov. Grand Mark Master of West Yorkshire, &c. &c. &c." Leeds: Printed for Inchbold and Beck, 33 Bond Street. 1885.

This is a full, complete, and capitally arranged printed record of an event that happily comes very rarely. When Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, through failing health, retired from the chair of Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, he carried with him the love and esteem of the brethren in the Province. So highly were his services estimated that a thousand guineas was raised to purchase a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be called the "Sir Henry Edwards Presentation." Such was the parting gift to one who had done so much for the Craft. His successor was found in Bro. Tew, and the Yorkshire Tykes resolved to give him a welcome worthy of their large hearts, and to the man who had been chosen by our Royal Grand Master to preside over them. We shall not follow the record of the proceedings; the facts are still remembered; but there are other matters in this book that give it a wider and more permanent value. We are told that "on no occasion, with the exception of the Installation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in the Albert Hall, on the 28th day of April 1875, has there been so large an assemblage of brethren" as met when Bro. Tew was installed. That of itself would be sufficient warrant for Bro. Mason, but he has added something of his own, which shows that he is not unskilled in knowledge of the Craft in general, and of the Lodges in the West Riding Province of Yorkshire in particular. His preface is a carefully written summary of the History of Freemasonry. "Like beacons," he says, "receding from us in the distance, there stand in view, through the mists of antiquity, evidences that Spiritual Masonry has in past ages shed its benign light, dim at times it may be, but true and steady, in the midst of the densest ignorance, bigotry, and superstition. The hand of Time, the storms of civil tumult, and the clash of war, have not entirely eradicated those relics and traditions of our Masonic forefathers." The same belief in the remote origin of the Order found expression in the admirable sermon preached on the day of installation in Leeds Parish Church, which is given in full in the record before us. Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., said on that occasion: "The strong and useful resemblances between our own Masonic secrets and ceremonies and those of early periods justify the conclusions that the principles and practices of our Order carry us back to times when historical accuracy is impossible, and that, under different forms and various names, our Craft may claim a past which Masonry itself cannot measure." This is an inviting subject to dwell upon, but we must leave it, to say, in conclusion, that apart from the record of a notable event, Bro. Mason deserves to be commended for the various items of information he has furnished of the early history of Masonry in Yorkshire. He has bestowed great labour, patience and ability on his work, and we heartily congratulate him upon the result.

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OUTSIDE CALLS ON MASONIC LIBERALITY.

THE benevolence of English Freemasons has earned for them a reputation outside the limits of the Craft, and while many of those who are not yet numbered among the brethren of the mystic tie look on the doings of Freemasons with admiration, there are others who take a more mercenary view of the case, and see in it an organisation which is composed of men who not only have the means, but who are liberal in dispensing such means, for the relief of others. This latter class look on Freemasons and Freemasonry as a rich mine from which to draw supplies for other than Masonic purposes—provided they can once get a footing sufficiently strong upon which to carry on their operations. With a view of putting a stop to a growing evil we think attention should be drawn to this system of poaching, as if it be allowed to go on unchecked for a few years it will be all but impossible to eradicate its pernicious effects. Freemasons do too much for the aged, the distressed and the orphan to allow any one to accuse them of meanness, in so far as actual giving is concerned; and if we desire to keep all the good things of Freemasonry for Freemasons alone, it is not because we are selfish, but rather because we believe that Charity begins at home. Further we are of opinion it is much better to do one thing properly than to attempt several and fail with each. Moreover, Freemasonry asks no aid from outsiders, and therefore it is not going too far if we say outsiders should be shut off from its benefits, that is from a strictly benevolent point of view.

We have been induced to devote ourselves to this subject in consequence of the ever-increasing system of applying to Freemasonry for funds for almost every known object—either directly or indirectly. If a new building is to be erected—whether it be a church, a chapel, a hall, a hospital, or indeed anything to be promoted by voluntary subscriptions—the Freemasons are favoured with a request to lay the foundation stone with Masonic honours, and we regret to say this is often done with a view of getting an influential party together in order that, when a collection towards the cost of the building is made, it may realise more than it otherwise would have done. A restoration of some old building is proposed, with a similar object in view; its connection with the Freemasons of centuries back is traced in a most elaborate and ingenious fashion. The Freemasons of the present day are then asked to restore the work of their ancestors (?) and a few of them take the bait—of flattery—so temptingly arranged for them. We have seen the rulers of Masonry made use of for the purpose of attracting outsiders, who travelled miles for the purpose of witnessing some ordinary ceremonial, made "imposing" by the aid of Freemasonry; but in reality attracted for the purpose of serving the ends of some enterprising speculator. We have seen Lodges led away by flattery, and induced to support some scheme of local improvement, to the detriment of far more deserving Masonic objects; and we have seen worthy, but misguided, brethren urging the claims of some local institution for support at the hands of Masonry. We are of opinion that all these calls are unjustifiable, and even at the risk of being deemed selfish, we shall use every means in our power to keep the liberality of Freemasons within the limits of the Order. It may be urged that any cause of benevolence comes within the range of Masonic charity, and so it may be, so far as individual effort is concerned, but it certainly is not the case when applied generally to our Lodges, the funds of which are subscribed for purposes of Freemasonry, and to our mind this does not imply support of outside Institutions. The Charities intimately associated with the Order have most assuredly a stronger claim on the Lodges than any outside object, but even these should not be supported to the detriment of the true spirit of Masonic Charity, which may be briefly described as the relief of distress amongst our own members, rather than attending to the wants of outsiders. We have more to do than we can manage in attempting to relieve the distress prevalent in regard to those who in their days of prosperity helped to assist the distressed among the brethren of their time, and until the Masonic Schools and the Masonic Benevolent Institution are in a much better position than they are at present any attempt to divert the Funds of our Lodges to outside objects should be discouraged.

Provincial Grand Lodges receive, perhaps, more attention from outsiders than private ones do; or at least they are often appealed to first; and the reason for this is obvious. If the promoters of a scheme can secure the support of a Provincial Grand Lodge they are almost sure of some recognition from the subordinate Lodges, as they have the example of the higher authority to refer to; but if, on the other hand, the Provincial Grand Lodge refuses its co-operation, those who are begging lose heart, or feel their supplications will be disregarded in the private Lodges also. At all events, they seldom trouble subordinate Lodges if a Provincial Grand Lodge declines to support the appeal, and hence it is that additional caution should be exercised by those at the head of affairs, lest through any mistaken ideas of what is required from Masonry a large part of the benevolence of the Order should be diverted from its legitimate channels.

FREEMASONRY'S DESIGN AND SCOPE.

SPECULATION has been rife in the outer world as to what the great purpose of Masonry was, and they of that sphere have not been slow or scant in finding, or at least in giving what they have judged to be the purposes of the Order. These designations have sometimes been very narrow, and at others vague and wild. Now they have asserted that it was only an insurance society or mutual-aid association. Then, again, they have looked wise and even alarmed, as they declared it was a vast secret body bound by awful oaths, and organized to overturn civil and social order and perpetuate ceaseless revolution. And so many other curious or evil reasons have been given for its existence. Now it is right, at such times as this, that we should give the real object and scope of this ancient and powerful association.

Let me say, first, it is not a society or organization in the sense of being the product of any age or man. It is the growth out of the long centuries, and from the better instincts and demands of humanity. Away in the dim past it arose and took form and life out of the necessities of men; grew with their advancement; was modified and moulded by the development of human wants and by the lessons of experience; was expanded and perfected by wise and good men,

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and at last matured as it found its highest adaptation to the advancement of humanity. Its principles seem to have been fixed early, and from the purest sources; while its working processes adjusted themselves to the advancing wants and relations of men. Like the stream whose distant sources are far away in the summits of the misty mountains, but whose gathered flood sweeps in beneficent power down by meadow and city, a joy and a benediction wherever it comes, so this system comes to us from the far-distant past a mighty and beneficent influence, beginning at the springs of man's early life and gathering flood and force as it comes along the ages.

"Crowns have grown playthings since first we united,
Glory's frail fabrics have fallen to nought,
Nations have risen, like lamps newly lighted,
Then in oppression's dark mantle been caught;
While, like a sunny rill,
Silent, yet gaining still,
Deeper and wider our influence has spread,
Soothing the widow's fears,
Wiping the orphan's tears,
Strength to the weak, to the fatherless bread."

This system belongs to no age or nation; it is the product of no class or condition, and is confined to no place or people. It is universal and cosmopolitan.

The object and scope of this organization will be found in the permanent relations of men and the ever-recurring necessities of the race.

I. It strives to comprehend and realize the true brotherhood of man.

This thought of a real, valuable, and loving relationship, a true brotherhood between men—all men—has all along the ages been struggling for recognition, and been longed for as a realization. Often indeed it has been perverted, and the sacred name used to beguile the simple and to deceive the confiding. Now, some limited organization, for narrow and selfish purposes, has taken up the name, and called men to its fellowship, and promised them great things, only to disappoint their hungering expectations Men, impatient of the restraints of civil order or social organization, have taken this sacred name, and under its sanction rushed to the destruction of some of the noblest monuments of human toil or genius, and led the so-named brotherhood to disgrace the simple name of man, much more that of brother. Sometimes the vicious and corrupt have concealed under this coveted name the dark plots of their foul minds and wicked hearts, and have brought a disgrace and a distaste to the very word, so that men have almost instinctively turned from it with abhorrence. Yet there is a real blessing in it. It is a doctrine of our Father above. There are yearnings of the human spirit that cannot be satisfied except in the hope that man shall yet know how to recognize his fellow man as a part of one great common brotherhood, and shall have a heart and spirit to act and feel toward him as such. No conception of a perfect state of man can be complete without it. Men, often deceived and disappointed, yet ever long for and hope to realize what is felt to be deeply imbedded in the inmost heart and founded on eternal truth. Somehow men are all brothers, and there must be a way in which this cherished truth can be realized and made fruitful of happiness to the race. God has written the truth in His word, and put it down deep in the human soul, and it will abide until the reality is found. Hitherto the difficulty of realizing this cherished desire has been twofold. Men have either limited the idea to a brotherhood of class or nationality or condition, or they have perverted the very meaning of the term. It is broader and farther in its reach than these limitations; it stays not at the name of kindred or coterie or countrymen; it lives not shut up in narrow bounds of class or profession or sect; it lays hold of man because he is man, and reaches out his sympathy to embrace the race and to do good unto all men. Men even professing the pure religion of the Bible have often failed to comprehend the broad love of its Great Teacher, and were willing to limit their, and even His, kindness to the narrow bounds of a class or at most a nation; hence that beautiful and instructive parable of the man fallen among thieves, to whom He made the stranger and despised alien minister, rather than his countryman, his co-religionist, or his kindred; and then drew the lesson of brotherhood, not from any of those incidents, but from the bond of human fellowship and kindness bestowed for the sake of humanity and common manhood. So this brotherhood of man is broader, and means more, than the ties of family, or class, or society, or nation. It is that feeling, abiding down deep in the bosom of humanity, that would seek its realization in the fraternity, affection, and kindliness of all men, wherever they may be found, and that because they are men.

The other difficulty was in mistaken notions of what is meant by the term *brotherhood of man*. Men have attempted to teach that it consisted in equality of goods, in a parity of gifts, or in a similarity of circumstances, and a perfect level of stations. An equality, therefore, that sought to bring all men down to the condition of the lowest, that would take away the rewards of industry, diligence, and skill from the rightful possessor, and waste them on the idle or incompetent; to bring the social status and culture also down to the same common level; and as the status of those advocating these ideas was often very low, the result would be a great level of vulgar and unattractive people, a community and a commonalty on a very low plane. Neither good sense nor good fellowship would require or allow such a brotherhood to exist. It is not remarkable that such travesties on the name have often begotten a profound disgust for all connected with the cherished idea. But the true human heart holds a better conception of this brotherhood, and while it revolts at the excesses of the communistic and socialistic mob the delusion and falsity of the cry "equality, fraternity and liberty," uttered by those bent on sad destructions and anarchy, yet it believes in the reality and value of a genuine and happy fraternity; a brotherhood where the great and good are still revered; where the industrious shall reap the rewards of diligence; and the appreciation of merit is an act of friendship and justice, and yet all due kindness and consideration be rendered to every man in his place. It believes in a brotherhood of men composed, indeed, of all classes and conditions, but of men received for their manhood, and loved for their kindred relationship, while to each is given, in his place, the consideration due to his merit.

Now, this is the ideal of Masonry. She receives a man for no accidental circumstances of his life or surroundings. Her inquiry is only, "Is he a man, and does he come under the tongue of good report?" His manhood and his moral character are the stamp of his acceptability. He may be poor, if only he is true and good; he may be ignorant if only he wants to obtain light; he may be humble, if only he seeks by true ways to be exalted; he may be unskilled, if only he seeks to become a master workman; he may come, in his need, led by the hand of another, but if his search is for truth and purity, the most exalted brother of the Order will take him by the hand, and bid him be of good courage, and welcome him to all the privileges of the highest member of the Order, and to the fellowship of a brotherhood wide as the world and extensive as the race. But the hand of welcome is extended to him, not with the promise that the Order will come down to his level, but that they invite him to be lifted up to the hopes and joys and fellowship of their more exalted position. He is welcomed to a fraternity that does not believe in depressing men to the level of those below, but of lifting men up higher. We do not seek to crush the aspirations and despoil the high gifts of our membership, that we may produce an equality of fellowship on a low plane, but we strive to cultivate all in the amenities of truth and goodness and knowledge. We seek to have true merit reach the highest places, and then we honour capacity and attainment and position fairly won. We love and cherish goodness and virtue, and bow with respect at the place of rightful authority. Among the treasures of our history we cherish the names of Solomon and Hiram of Tyre, men of royal position; and by their side we love to place that other Hiram, whose claim to our honour is alone in his personal merit, the matchless lessons spread upon his ever-cherished trestleboard, and his fidelity so true that it flinched not in the presence of death itself; then, with these of greater distinction, our Order embraces in her regard all the great company of her fellows, unfolds to them alike her rich lessons, extends to them lovingly her sympathy, and tries to disperse, ungrudgingly and impartially, her rewards as they deserve. Men who know her spirit and imbibe her lessons love and revere her broad and elevating fellowship. One grand aim and purpose of Masonry is to realize, as far as possible, the true idea of the universal brotherhood of man; not of tramps, nor cranks, nor dreamy idealists, nor mistaken socialists, nor destructive anarchists, but of men capable of noble things, and willing and striving to attain them.

II. In her scope and design Masonry is led to recognize and realize the being and sovereignty of God. The

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mistake of the ages, now read on all the pages of history, is the failure to know and recognize God. The theorist, the philosopher and the sceptic have attempted to solve the great problem of human life, while leaving out the grandest factor in it. They have tried to account for a grand and beautiful world of order and action without an author or a governor; they have essayed to find a destiny, and a path by which to reach it, without recognizing the only relation of man that can give dignity and significance to his life or his destiny; they have tried to make and to write the history of nations, while they leave out the animating and significant element that does condition all national existence. Is it any wonder if disaster and failure should be written among all these pages, and look up at us out of the buried past? The blank atheism, or the dreamy sentimentalism of those who will not recognize the real and true God, is a poor basis, or want of basis, on which to build either individual or national character, or upon which to found hopes of genuine progress or real greatness. At any rate, there is no ground for a great brotherhood of man in such negations. There is no creator, no father, no common friend or overruling governor, to which all may look; nor any grand motives or springs to noble lives or high purposes, when the greatest of all motives is gone, and the most powerful of all incentives is taken away. Hope and faith and love lose their meaning when the author of all these is blotted from our belief. There can be no lasting fraternal regard spring up between beings sprung from chance, or apes; no aspiration for high approval where there is none above us to approve or even recognize our struggle for good; no living aspiration to a life of progress and approach to God, if all above us is a blank

The world has need of a God, and all its great hopes have been inspired, and its grandest achievements made successful by the conscious conviction and helpful belief in the existence and sovereign power of a personal, creating and overruling God. What has lived of man's greatness has linked itself indissolubly to his immortality, and what has perished, in mute but eloquent voice, speaking out of the dust of decay, is ever declaring the folly of disowning Him who is above all.

Now *the long life* of Masonry, through all the ages, dark and *light*, is one continuous attestation of its faith in the existence and overruling providence of God. The first footfall of the candidate for her fellowship is hushed at the very threshold of his entrance, that he may first give utterance to his faith in God. If he cannot do this, his eyes can never open on the beauties or mysteries of our Order. And the next step is still more significant, for now he must pause and lift his heart and mind to that God in actual worship and prayer. It may be all new to him, he may have neglected this in the past, but now he must wait to speak to God before the Order will undertake to instruct and advance him. This is the alone avenue to all our privileges. Thus his first lesson is that "God is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Then, when he is permitted to study the significant imagery and emblems around him, he sees as the necessary conditions of a working Lodge, the Word of God. He is taught to govern his life by it as a divine and infallible guide, and at every step of his progress the emblems and expressions of the attributes, the actions, and the authority of God are ever before him, and explained for his instruction. The all-seeing Eye, the first third of the twenty four-inch gauge, the ladder whose steps lead upward to the foot of the throne, the sword pointing to the naked heart, indicating the responsibilities of man for the acts of his life to Him who will reward or punish, according as we have lived; the anchor, teaching hope in Him; the ark, expressive of safety in Him; the hour-glass, the scythe, and all that tells of His providence, His care, His guidance and His help. All along the walk of life, these, as they are before his eye, or fresh in his memory, tend deeply to impress on the mind of the disciple of Masonry a sense of the existence of God. I am persuaded that the world will never lose the idea or the conviction of the being and presence of God so long as Masons are studious of the lessons of the Order, or are true to what they have learned of these great lessons.

III. I purposed to illustrate the design and scope of Masonry by three of its great characteristics; first its teachings about man, then its lessons about God, and, lastly, about duty. In this I will take but one essential department, that is the duty of human culture.

It is one of the very elements of the Masonic life, that it must educate and develop its members as far as it can, and as far as they will receive and profit by its lessons and culture. Her organisation was not intended to afford a pastime, nor to be a social club to gratify the sentiments of pleasure, but to accomplish good and permanent results. Her men are not gathered into her fraternal embrace merely to admire, to amuse, or to eulogise each other, but to make strong, improved, and useful men of every one of them that will receive her culture. And time and experience and the intellect of the ages have so modelled her lessons that they are well adapted to reach man in all his needs, and develop all the elements of his nature. Her lessons teach him to reverence and worship God; they also fill his mind and heart with just and kindly feelings to his fellow-men. They give him such an estimate of himself, such a conception of his matchless and mysterious being and organism, that he must care for, and try to develop himself to the best of which he is capable. It makes him know the value and power of human skill and art in subduing all nature about him, making it yield him its greatest comfort, and express for him its sublimest beauty. It impresses upon him the need of the best mechanical skill, as well as the finest culture of art and genius to be able to secure the highest results for himself and the world, out of the surroundings amid which he is placed. Her demands are that he shall cultivate his mind and manners, his muscle and his genius; but just as much she requires that he shall improve his morals and his heart. She would develop the man not one-sided, nor several-sided, but in the perfection of a full, rounded, and complete manhood.

These lessons, too, must go *pari-passu*, side by side. With her, ignorance has no attraction because it claims to be pious; nor great learning any special virtue because it is atheistic. Genius is not a passport, if diligence and industry be wanting, and in her view, neither piety, intelligence, nor culture need be separate from each other, or from earnest manual labour. Piety, intelligence, and culture are honoured of God; so, none the less, is skill of hand, with the wonderful products of labour, recognised and blessed of the same God. The first great development of Masonry was in combining study and moral culture with the every-day toil of men, busy at the work of building. She seemed to find her peculiar work in a combination that sanctified and exalted every-day work to the level and companionship of the best culture, both in intellect and morals, thus harmoniously joining what ought never to be separated—work, worship, and the best culture of the mind; for in the force of this combination, and in the power of this harmony, is all the promise and prophecy of human progress. Masonry gives no countenance to the foolish conceit that would cast any contempt, from any position, on the worth or standing of any other necessary and worthy occupation; and she has just as little regard for him who seems to feel himself humiliated by any work or service that he may properly be called to do.

Such is the view Masonry has taken of true and proper culture; and it is to this view, for practical results, that she invites all her loving and earnest disciples. If she has not attained all that this implies and is intended to secure, it is because men are slow to learn in the higher paths of culture, and because our efforts are to be made in a world where a thousand obstacles are always found to stay the progress of that which is true and good, and because Masonry cannot make "the new man," but must work with the rough ashlar as she finds him. But when man's happy day is come, it will be found that this ideal of true culture will have been largely realised.

These are the great leading characteristics by which the genius and spirit of Masonry may be known; the effort to realise the true human brotherhood, the recognition and the testimony for the existence and authority of a living and personal God, and the best and broadest human culture.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.*

A PRELIMINARY word is necessary before resuming the notices of Bro. Gould's work. The nature of the production is restricted to one subject, and possesses an interest chiefly limited to the select few. All historical study has a common character and a common charm, but some branches of it have special features. The history of Freemasonry is a striking instance of this fact. The one element of secrecy takes it out of the usual category, limits the vision of the ordinary beholder, and circumscribes the mode of criticism. Only Freemasons can approach the subject of the origin and development of their Order with practical knowledge; they alone possess the means of forming an accurate judgment. Strange as it appears at first sight, it is nevertheless true that this limitation of criticism results in the fertile growth of theories. The greater freedom possessed by the brethren, the limited area in which freedom is exercised, has given rise to speculations, which in some cases are ingenious, in others wild and extreme. A liberty, unrestrained by a wider public than Freemasonry affords, has permitted, if it has not engendered, a license which is not less curious than extravagant in some of its manifestations.

In taking up the task of reviewing the volume before us it is necessary to say that we have no acquaintance with the author beyond that gained by a perusal of his writings; no Masonic idol to bow down before and worship; no foregone conclusions to establish. We have no mental promissory notes flying about waiting to be honoured; no startling theories to uphold. We approach the consideration of the volume before us with an open mind; with a desire to enlighten if possible; at any rate with a determination to deal justly, according to the light we possess. The author's reputation must be judged by the work he has already accomplished, and by what yet remains to be done. At present he stands on a high eminence of fame. Whether he will maintain that position the future will disclose. But whether he does or not, Bro. Gould has already accomplished enough to take him into the first rank of Masonic writers, to warrant his name being handed down to posterity, and to shed a lustre upon the Order which for him possesses so many attractions, and for which he has shown so much devotion. His task was voluntary. it involved difficulties of no ordinary character, and yet Bro. Gould seems to have gone about it with the unselfishness of a martyr, with the enthusiasm of a hero of truth No money likely to be derived from the sale of this History can recompense the labour, time, and ability of the author. His reward will be in the future, when men will be able to take a broader view of his work.

It was hardly necessary for Bro. Gould to remind his readers that his sole aim was truth, although perhaps it was soothing to him to suggest to his critics to bear that fact in mind. Addressing the Deist Collins Locke wrote: "Believe it, my good friend, to love truth for truth's sake is the principal part of human perfection in this world and the seed-plot of all the other virtues." A glance at the volume before us would at once show the author's honesty of purpose. He shirks no difficulties, glosses over no apparent contradictions, and is evidently not afraid of making admissions when his judgment is satisfied, although his character for consistency might be in danger. The strength of Bro. Gould is tempered by an extreme sensitiveness to criticism. He does not like being called an Iconoclast, nor does he approve of having attributed to him a policy of dynamite. We see nothing in the word or phrase that need excite offence. A greater than he has been exalted for breaking the images of false gods, and if the weapons used have not always been the same, it is rather a compliment than otherwise to have selected the most destructive known to modern science. The main questions are—were the images false, and did the dynamite destroy more good than evil? The answers to these questions open up the whole subject, which cannot now be fully re-argued, but which must necessarily arise in some of its details as we proceed. To the charge of want of reverence for antiquity or tradition Bro. Gould replies by quoting Sir George Cornewall Lewis, who says: "The same strict rules of evidence are applicable to historical composition which are employed in courts of justice and in the practical business of life." This is taken as the key-note of the author's method. Whither the method leads he must needs follow. Tradition can have no force where there is a written record, a conclusion right enough in theory, but often wanting in practice. Not only must the record be preferred, but it must be interpreted upon the same principles that govern Counsel in estimating titles to property and the Advocate in pleading. Sentiment can have no place beside the logic of facts, and if tradition cannot brook the test of records, so much the worse for tradition, but not necessarily for truth. The comprehensiveness of this theory includes a good deal more than mere historical accuracy. As an abstract proposition it is feasible, as a practical rule it is misleading and false. There are some written things that cannot be proved, that have their origin in tradition, and yet are true. Were it not so there would be no faith, and without faith there could be no love. The very essence of faith is belief, which often has to wait the confirmation of fact. No doubt Bro. Gould intends his argument to apply to historical criticism only, but it cannot be so limited. It is a question, too, whether there are not flaws in the canon which he has so elaborately tried to establish, whether he has gathered the whole meaning of the numerous authors he has quoted. He says that validity of authorities is the measure of opinion and the condition of confidence, that it is just to acquaint his readers whence he derived his information—whether from traditional, authentic monuments, original records, or memoirs of more ancient writers; and that each historian, and indeed almost every separate portion of the words of each, must be estimated apart, in order to arrive at a right and just conclusion. We have no doubt Bro. Gould has followed the above theories, laid down by such men as Isaac Taylor, Sir George Lewis and Dr. R. Henry, as far as he could; whether he has given the whole of the opinions of his authorities on any given subject so as to constitute them good guides is open to question. We have evidence that he is alive to contradictions when they tell in his favour, and it is a fair inference that he weighed both sides when they were presented to him. Of the value of his judgment there may be difference of opinion. Bro. Gould refers to what he calls the contrary views held by Sir Thomas Browne. That quaint writer wrote, in 1633: "Methinks there be not impossibilities enough in religion for an actual faith. I love to lose myself in a mystery, to pursue my reason to an *Altitudo*. I can answer all the objections of Satan and my rebellious reason with that odd resolution I learned of Tertullian, *certum est quia impossible est*. I desire to exercise my faith in the difficultest point, for to credit ordinary and visible objects is not faith but persuasion." Twelve years later, in his "Inquiries into Vulgar Errors," Sir Thomas, we are told by Bro. Gould, lays it down, "that one main cause of error is adherence to authority; another, neglect of inquiry; and a third credulity." If we were concerned in defending Sir Thomas Browne's consistency, we should say it would require a very subtle argument to prove it otherwise by the apparent contradictions just quoted. Faith is the foundation of religion. Mundane matters are exposed to the abuses of authority, credulity, and neglect of inquiry. Sir Thomas Browne defines this distinction, which it would be well to bear in mind in discussing the subject of our Order. Freemasonry, if not a religion, is a religious system, and draws its inspiration from the eternal. Bro. Gould is right in bringing to bear the test of inquiry, and in discounting credulity and authority when dealing with recorded statements about guilds and persons. But there is an esoteric value in Freemasonry which he is apt to lose sight of, to the danger of becoming a mere Materialist. M. Renan, in his "Life of Jesus," seems to have a truer conception of the office of critic and historian. He says what is wanted is "Not material circumstances, which it is impossible to verify, but the very soul of history; what must be sought is not the petty certainty about trifles, it is the correctness of the general sentiment, the truthfulness of the colourings." Again: "To make great souls of the past live again, some share of divination and conjecture must be permitted." For "great souls" substitute "Freemasonry," and the comparison is complete. "For a great life is an organic whole, which cannot be rendered by the simple agglome-

* "The History of Freemasonry: Its Antiquities, Symbols, Constitutions, Customs, &c. Embracing an Investigation of the Records of the Organisations of the Fraternity in England, Scotland, Ireland, British Colonies, France, Germany, and the United States. Derived from Official Sources. By Robert Freke Gould, Barrister-at-Law, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England; Author of 'The Four Old Lodges,' 'The Atholl Lodges,' &c. Volume IV." London: Thomas C. Jack, 45 Ludgate Hill. 1885.

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ration of small facts. It requires a profound sentiment to embrace them all, moulding them into perfect unity." M. Renan was not the man to neglect facts, he did not blindly accept authority, and he certainly was not credulous. He did not always rise to his ideal, but the fact that he had it before him is a lesson for us, and especially for those who write the history of great movements which embrace the spiritual as well as material issues.

Bro. Gould clings with great tenacity to the authority of Isaac Taylor, which he accepts and rejects in turn. Taylor, no doubt, is entitled to respect, and many will be disposed to agree in his opinion that there is more truth in the world than falsification and error, and that "he who believes indiscriminately will be in the right a thousand times to one oftener than he who doubts indiscriminately." To this our author demurs, although he admits the literal accuracy of the proposition. He believes in a middle course, and calls Bacon as a witness, who says: "For disciples do owe unto Masters only a temporary belief and a suspension of their own judgment until they be fully instructed, and not an absolute resignation or perpetual captivity." Locke is called in with the following: "Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking makes what we read ours." Buckle brings up the rear with—"They who do not feel the darkness will never look for the light." All these are truisms which no intelligent mind denies, but they possess an academic rather than a practical value. The mass of belief follows the mass of authority, and authority is more frequently based on tradition than on the learning and logic of experts. Nay, it may be advanced with perfect truth that the learned differ as widely as the ignorant, and only approach common ground when dealing with exact science. We are constantly reminded of the progress of the present age. Men talk glibly of what appeals to their senses, forgetting the unveiling of the past which is ever going on. Solomon said, "there is no new thing under the sun," and if a comparison were made between things old and new, the general truth of Solomon's statement would be apparent. It has almost become an aphorism to say that history repeats itself. It would be profitable to know how much of this sentiment belongs to tradition and how much to the hard and fast line of criticism which prefers the letter to the spirit. The problem is not likely to be solved; we should have no fear of the part tradition would play in the solution, were it possible. We do not share in the opinion that as a country advances the influence of tradition diminishes; nor do we agree with Buckle, who is quoted as saying that Descartes deserves gratitude for what he pulled down rather than for what he built up. Has England lost all faith in traditions? If she has it is a sign of decay, and not of progress. Without discussing the merits of Descartes we may point out that Bro. Gould's reference to him tends to confirm the charge of iconoclasm which Bro. Woodford has brought. The attack upon tradition is confirmed, and the complaint of want of reverence finds support in the readiness with which Bro. Gould quotes Voltaire, who in his epigrammatic style said fables begin to be current in one generation, established in the second, respectable in the third, and in the fourth temples are raised in honour of them. Voltaire, whether Deist or Atheist as he has been claimed by rival parties, was a scoffer of holy men and things, a man of no principle, as heartless as he was cynical; who delighted in satire no matter at what cost of truth and manliness. Such men are curses, however great may be their talents, and no one questions the ability of Voltaire, which is happily not now so esteemed as it used to be. But as Bro. Gould has given one quotation from the French philosopher, we venture to give another, which for sneering and irreverence it would be difficult to beat. Voltaire said: "Philosophy was never made for the people. The *canaille* of to-day resembles in everything the *canaille* of the last 4 00 years. We have never cared to enlighten cobblers and maid servants. That is the work of the Apostles." "Yes," adds Canon Farrar, "and it was the work of Christ." Our author is welcome to the authority of the little man of Verney; to most people he will appear as a discredited witness. It is to the influence wielded by such men that the present condition of Freemasonry in France is owing.

We are told in the preliminary pages of the new volume that "Masonic historians have treated the subject in a free and discretionary style," and Bro. Gould adds: "The writer who questions the accuracy of his predecessors can hardly, by reason of his scepticism, be considered bound to demonstrate what they have failed to prove." This, he says, is just what reviewers in the Masonic press require of him, and he compares these gentlemen to the Cameronians who held the simplest doctrine that "I am right and you are wrong." Assumption is combined with fallacy in these contentions. By what right does Bro. Gould assume that other Masonic writers have been less in earnest than himself? Would it not be equally as fair to say of him that he has treated all that the majority of the Craft hold dear in something worse than a "free and discretionary style." Bro. Gould lives in a glass house, and he ought not to throw stones. We are not aware that any reviewer has asked the author to demonstrate what other historians have failed to prove. What they have asked, and what they still ask is, that Bro. Gould should prove his right to destroy what other men as worthy as himself and tradition have built up. Masonic history is not an exact science, and it cannot be made such. There is plenty of room for conjecture and speculation without the least danger to truth. Indeed, it is impossible to get at the spirit of the Order without the aid of tradition, and it is becau e Bro. Gould does not realise this fact, or only partially realises it, that a strict and absolute proof of his own views is demanded.

(To be continued).

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TROUBLE AMONG HIGH DEGREERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few years ago Dr. Wilson, of Boston, and Judge Burt, of Michigan, entered into a Memphis Rite partnership; but after the business was e-tablished Wilson thought that he could conduct the concern in his own name and for his own benefit, and hence he repudiated the compact, when the two worthies mutually expelled each other from Memphisdom. Burt is also a *Cerneauite* Scotch Riter, which seems to have offended the Scotch Riters of Michigan, who belonged to another Scotch rite faction. Hence it seems they managed to have Bro. Burt expelled from Masonry altogether. If that was not the reason of his expulsion by the G.L. of Michigan then I confess that I do not know why he was expelled. It seems, however, that two Canadian Masonic papers have defended Bro. Burt, but the new Michigan *International Masonic Review* is at issue with the Canadian papers upon more than one question. By special reque-t, however, the *International Review* reprinted a letter from the *Toronto Freemason*, written by Bro he· Burt. And in order to give your r·aders an idea what a high degree fight is like, I have copied Bro. Burt's letter for their instruction:—

"In reply to various letters from Canada and elsewhere concerning certain slanderous statements, permit me to say that I made Darius Wilson a Mason [I suppose a *Memphisite*] November 1879, when I formed Boston Chapter, No. 1. During the same month I made him a Deputy Grand Representative 95° at large. Feb. 16 1880, he organised Jesse R.C. Chapter, No. 20, at London, Ontario, and pretended to confer 90° on some 24 members, among whom was Dr. Oronhyateka and D. McGloughlin. He left 7 copies of the ritual, and promised to come again and post them in the work. At the January 1880 meeting of Michigan Grand Lodge, a pretended resolution of expulsion was passed against me. *I never had a trial;* was never a member of the Michigan G.L. or any other Michigan Masonic body. I belonged then and do now to a New York Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, and Consistory. Wilson organised a number of Chapters for me, but never understood the work. He was only a M.M., and very poorly posted in those three degrees.

"In March 1880, Wilson persuaded me to call a meeting for the purpose (as he said) of passing resolutions of censure upon the Michigan G.L. for its illegal and unmasonic action towards myself and the Memphis Rite. I called one for that purpose only, March 30th 1880. Wilson, John D. Young, McGloughlin, W. B. Lord 95 deg., of Utica, New York, and one or two others came to my residence in Battle Bay, Michigan, and being unable to obtain a copy of the Michigan G.L. Proceedings, could take no action on the resolutions. I was advised to take legal proceedings, and in the meantime let some other person act for me. Wilson said he had been chosen by his Chapter in Boston (110 members), and that he could organise 50 Chapters, which he had then ready, if the stigma of this Grand Lodge proceedings could be hushed up for the present. The fees for 50 Chapters, two hundred dollars each, would be ten thousand dollars, which he agreed to divide with the grand body of the Rite (as I had expended a large sum of money in the Rite, and the grand body owed me over five thousand dollars), and advanced me then one thousand dollars. This I agreed to do for one year. Wilson was to act for me, but to be at my pleasure Acting Grand Master, without the 96th degree, which he never had conferred on him. For the faithful execution of the trust, and payment of the money,

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Wilson executed two bonds—one for one thousand dollars, and one for ten thousand—conditioned on the first day of every month to pay one-half of all money received for degrees, rituals, charters, &c., and to make on the first of every month returns of names, residences, and degrees given and money received, under a penalty of one thousand dollars for each failure. He was never a member of the grand body Sovereign Sanctuary, as that body only met once in four years. The previous session was held in June 1878, at Quincy, Michigan, Wilson took about two thousand dollars' worth of rituals, charters, diplomas, &c., and commenced work, and made monthly returns for one year. About March 14th 1881 Oronhyateka and McGloughlin had been trying to get Wilson to come or send some one to London (Canada) to instruct and put the Chapter in working order. They appealed to me as Grand Master, and I notified Wilson, and he refused to go to London unless he got extra pay therefore. They had paid two hundred dollars, ten dollars each, and considered they had been defrauded. I finally consented to go to London, and gave two lectures there, instructing them in the work, and reconstructed the old Chapter, formed a new Senate and Council; made some 20 new members, and came back to Detroit (Michigan) to find a letter from Wilson, saying he would not pay over any more money, as he had elected himself Grand Master, formed a new Grand Body, and expelled me and the bodies in Canada, and some 20 more of the Memphis Masons, and claiming to be the Grand Master himself; all of which was published by Wilson in his paper called the 'Legion of Honour,' and circulated extensively in Canada and elsewhere. I immediately issued an edict suspending Wilson, and summoned him to be present at a special meeting of the Grand Body in Detroit, Sept. 14, 1881. Wilson held a pretended meeting in Boston, Sept. 6, and with a few of his followers (not exceeding six), none of whom belonged to the Sov. Sanctuary, promptly suspended me and all Canada, and every one else who did not recognise Darius Wilson as Grand Master. I then appointed Oronhyteaka Deputy Grand Representative for Canada; he formed a few chapters, but failed to pay over the money he received for books and degrees. I suspended him, and he joined with Wilson, who took Dr. Ramsay, of Orillia, and they formed a clandestine body called the Ancient and Primitive Rite, Egyptian Oriental Rite of Memphis for the United States, and Canada, and have succeeded in roping in a few of the soft-headed with more money than brains." (Do not all high degreers do that?)

"Subsequently Wilson, McGloughlin, Dr. Ramsay, and others of the clandestine body, have been glorifying each other by various high-sounding titles, such as Grand Master, Sov. Grand Magi, &c., and writing after their several names 33, 96; and W. B. Lord, 95 degrees, has also become a great Mogul in the Mizraim Rite, and, like the Kilkenny cats, "that ate each other up tooth and nail," they have been expelling and vilifying each other ever since. Wilson has expelled myself, his G.M. Gen. Laurence G.M. of Massachusetts, C. W. Strait, John Stevenson, W. B. Lord, and a great many others, and Lord has expelled Wilson.

"At the regular meeting of the Sovereign Sanctuary, held in Detroit in June 1882, Wilson and Oronhyateka were duly tried on charges and expelled, and Wilson's Boston body declared clandestine.

"Some time in the fall of 1883 H. Seymour, once a high officer in the Memphis Rite, died; and Wilson in some way acquired a charter belonging to Dr. Alex. B. Mott, of New York, G.M. of the Ancient Primitive Rite of Memphis (another humbug Rite of Mizraim affair). Dr. Mott accused Wilson, the self-styled G.M., of larceny.

"Dr. Mott had Wilson arrested in New York, and then Wilson said he had bought the charter of me. I never sold, gave, or delivered any charter to Wilson, or any other man. I never saw this charter, although intimately acquainted with Harry J. Seymour from 1858 to 1866. I have Dr. Mott's letter, saying that he knows I never had this charter—that Wilson in some way at the funeral of Seymour obtained it. This is all I know about it, and the New York papers and Dr. Mott deny publishing that I ever had the charter.

"In conclusion permit me to say, I have taken all the degrees in Masonry, and am a Past Officer in all, and present Grand Master *ad vitam* of the Memphis Rite in America—the oldest and best system of Masonry on earth; and I feel bad to think it disgraced by such time-serving, unprincipled men. Wilson is now publishing a monthly called the *Masonic World*, in which he is bespattering all Masonic bodies with filth, and advertising his nauseous drugs of clandestine Masonry of Memphis and Mizraim wherever he can gain a dollar or find a dupe. He has been duly expelled from the Rite, and should be stopped from defrauding the brethren of their money. I will give a hundred dollars if he will satisfy a committee of the 96 deg. that he ever had the 96 deg., or the Royal Arch Commandery, or the Consistory degrees, A. and A. Scotch Rite degrees, or any others save what I gave him in the Memphis Rite in Boston. Thank God, the Memphis Rite is not dead, nor is its Grand Master an expelled Mason, much as his enemies (or the enemies of the Rite rather) would desire him to be; and the day will come when all will be acknowledged in truth, ancient date and power.

Fraternally, &c.

CALVIN C. BURT,
Grand Master, *ad vitam*.

"Detroit, May 2nd 1881."

The above is a fair specimen of the style of our rival high degreer's pugilism. I must, however, add that Wilson is now engaged in peddling far and wide a new system of degrees, which he calls "The Royal Masonic Rite," consisting (according to Bro. Burt) of 33, 90 and 96 degrees," [illegible]

ritam," that the Memphis Rite "*is the oldest* . . . Masonry on earth"?

Fraternally yours,

Boston, U.S., 17th July 1885. JACOB N

RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hoped and believed the corres on the above named subject was closed, after the very c letter of our learned Brother Hughan, an authority on all matters, particularly its history. He pronounces strongly ag change in the numbering of Lodges, and gives excellent rea

In your issue of 25th July, "J. L." gives Chapter and ver 157 Lodges erased since the renumbering in 1863, and he sa add the 20 South Australian Lodges you get 177 in all 1925 Lodges on the Register.

I fancy "A READER," writing on the 1st instant, cannot l the foregoing letters. He thinks it very desirable to know number of working Lodges; he also thinks it difficult what or inconvenience would arise from renumbering. It is quite c has not been Secretary to a large, or even a small Provi would be prepared to agree with "T. W. J.," who asks, "I name and number of each mother Lodge entwined sacred the hearts of all its members?" He is quite content to le remain as they are, and I join him in the belief that the general is of that opinion also.

I imagine there are comparatively few of us remaining, working order, who were bewildered by the renumbering i created great confusion and irritation, and for several annual pocket book had to give the old and the new numbe side.

I trust you will forgive my trespassing upon your valua at considerable length, in order that the opinion of this Pr least, may be generally known.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M. W

St. John's, Wakefield, 4th August 1885.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Whatever merit or demerit t be in the suggestion for the formation of an Employment connection with Freemasonry, belongs entirely to myself struck with the good work done by the Boys' and Girls' Sc Institution at Croydon, and the Benevolent Fund. It ap me that the organization for the relief of the fatherless, th the widow and the aged and infirm was complete. Even caused by sickness, failure, and other means were provided and the thought occurred to me, that as Masons we ought t on their feet again who had stumbled; that we could and sh brethren to get employment under regulations that mutually beneficial. I suggested that a Bureau should be es under the auspices of the governing body; that the payr small fee would cover all expenses, and that by such a syst would procure employment to the advantage both of thems employers. It appears to me that something of the kind is nay, demanded—to make the circle of our Charitable or complete. Many a struggling brother is driven to seek aid Benevolent Fund who would be glad to help hims employment to be had. There is always a large of floating labour, and in depressed times like t increase is painful to witness. If charity is to be the pract we Freemasons say it is, and there is evidence of that existing Institutions, why not extend the principle and mal comprehensive? I daresay there is something to be sa other side, but it is not my business to anticipate diffic objections. When they arise I shall be prepared to m Until then I can only express the hope that the brethren my proposal into consideration with the view of making it reality.

Yours fraternally,

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the excellent your last issue—"An Admirable suggestion"—I ventur address you even at the risk of being considered obtrusive. a well-known saying—"That while the grass is growing th starving," so I think no further delay should be allowe place in this very urgent matter, but that some scheme sh working order before the winter is upon us.

I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that a working C of Management be appointed, to arrange and carry out th naries for the establishment of an Employment Bureau.

Last year I travelled a great many miles, and I assure from my own observation I know that *great distress* is spread—much more so than is generally supposed—wh amount of this distress is among *the upper middle class*. wives and children, delicately nurtured and unused to struggle for existence they find themselves now involved in

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

HE Royal Arch Masons of England assembled in Quarterly Convocation on Wednesday, at Free masons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Comp. F. A. lbrick, Q.C., who acted as M.E.Z. The other offices e filled as follows: E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., H., J. A. cker J., Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Rev. W. Lake Onslow N., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.S., Frank Richard- 1st A., J. M. Case 2nd A., E. M. Lott G. Org. The ntes having been confirmed, the report of the Com- tee of General Purposes as printed by us last week was mitted and adopted, the granting of the several Char- s recommended therein being agreed to. On the question providing better accommodation for the meetings of nd Chapter considerable discussion ensued. Comp. Maudslay wished to know why it was proposed to hold nd Chapter in the Great Hall, the Companions had er hitherto found the Zetland room too small. It might pen some day that this would be the case, then it would in the discretion of the Grand Chapter Officers and the ecutive and Committee of Management to meet and ermine what should be done; for the present he thought re was no absolute necessity for altering the place of eting. Comp. E. H. Letchworth said that in making s recommendation the Committee were influenced by eral reasons. It would be in the recollection of many mpanions that not long since that room was found te insufficient for the necessary accommodation. e Committee also felt it would add to the nity of Grand Chapter meetings if they were d in the Temple, which was in every way suited for the rpose. He might say that, although they did not have ge meetings, it was never intended that they should be rmanently held in that room—it was only a temporary angement. In regard to the paraphernalia, it occurred all on the Committee that they should have banners and ier articles that were impressive for Grand Chapter. ere was no space for such things in their present arters. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, in answer to acting M.E Z., said the cost would be about £150. up. H. J. P. Dumas supported the proposition. The etings had certainly not been held as important meetings nanded. Comp. Butler Wilkins was sure that if they in the Temple a greater number of Companions would nd Grand Chapter than was the case at the present e. He had heard it remarked frequently that that n was not adequate for the purpose, and Companions not care to take the trouble to attend. The recom- dation was put and carried, after which Grand Chapter closed.

etland Chapter, No. 236.—The regular quarterly meeting is Chapter was held on the 29th ult., at York. There were ent Comps. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. Prov. G.H. M.E.Z., Mark e H., J. Todd P.Z. P.P.G.J. as J., G. Garbutt S.E., Dr. Foster G. Kirby P.S., and about 20 other Companions and Visitors. ssful ballots were taken for several candidates, and three ren were exalted to the supreme degree. The new decorations e hall were the source of much favourable comment, and the rgan, just erected by Messrs. Conacher and Brown, of Huddersand which was manipulated by Comp. G. Balmford P.Z., was admired. A large sum of money has been expended upon the and fresh adornments, and very few Masonic Halls can be found elegant and complete than this building, which is the property he York Lodge, 236. After the close of the Chapter the anions met at supper.

Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improve- was held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, Paul's Road, N. Comps. Strugnell M.E.Z., Radcliffe Knight J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Russell P.S. ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed. A series tures on R.A. Masonry will shortly be delivered at Chapter of Improvement; particulars of which will be given in this journal.

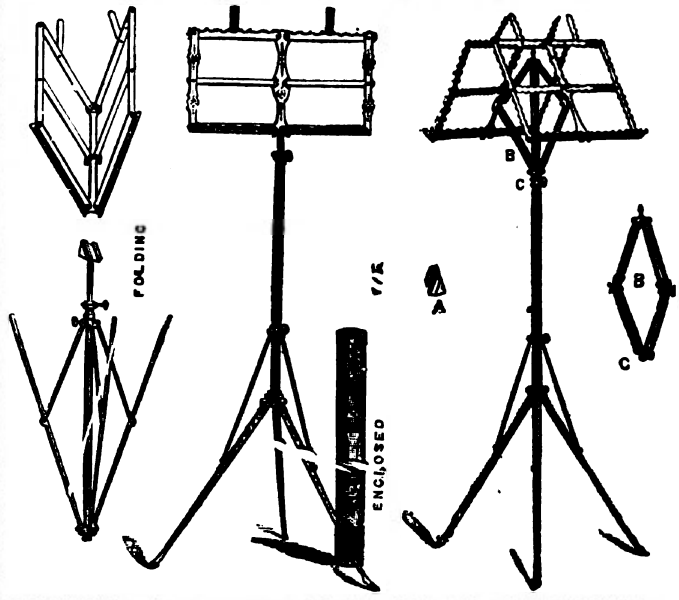
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Peebles	,,	4 31	6 45	8 0	—	—	—	9 28	—	12 35
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Devon was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at Devonport. The brethren assembled at the Friendship Masonic Hall, Granby-street, under the banner of Lodge Friendship, No. 16, Bro. J. Leonard P.P.G.P. Worshipful Master. There was a large attendance. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Tanner Davy P.G.C. presided, supported by Bros. C. S. Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M., Vincent Bird P.P.G.W. P.P.G.M. pro tem, W. Vicary P.S.G.W., A. Latimer P.J.G.W., J. Lane P.G.M.O., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 deg. G. Chap., P.P.G. Chap., Prov. G. Chap. pro tem, Dr. W. G. Jarvis P.G.T., G. F. Gratwicke P.G. Sec.; Bros. W. H. Cawse P.G.A.S., J. T. Williams P.G.S.D., A. Trout P.G.D.C., R. Lavers G. St. B., Jas. Haywood P.G. Pursuivant, J. T. Crosley and H. Rogers P.G. Stewards, Jas. Gidley P.G. Tyler, officers of the year, and the following Past Officers, of whom there were a large number present:—Bros. Captain A. W. Rodd, J.P., Victoria Volunteer Light Horse, formerly of Stonehouse, but now of Dandenong, Melbourne, P.P.G. Registrar Devon P.P.S.G.W. Colony of Victoria, P.M. 47, W.M. 1701, Victoria, Saml. Jew P.P.G.M.O., G. F. Burnes P.P.S.G.W., W. Allsford P.P.G.J.O., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.T., John Lynn P.P.G.O., R. H. Rae P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.P.G.M.O., E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G.J.D., J. M. Hifley P.P.G.J.D., E. J. Knight P.P.G.S.D., H. Stocker P.P.G.D.C., Geo. Whittley P.P.G.A. Sec., T. S. May P.G. Pursuivant, R. Dickson P.P.G. Pursuivant, H. Rogers P.G. Std. B., H. Miller P.P.G.S. of W., H. Langmead P.P.G. Pursuivant, Jas. Lose P.P.G.O., D. Cross P.P.G. Std. B., R. Pengelly P.P.G. Std. B., J. Rogers P.P.G.T., J. Lavers I.P.M. 76, C. Marshall J.W. 159, W. H. Crimp A.D.C. 66, R. Maunder J.D. 16. The Secretary reported that all but one of the brethren appointed to office at the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge had assumed their rank, and that the fees of honour had been paid. During the past year there had been 58 advancements, and after allowing for losses by death and otherwise, there had been a net gain of 31. The number of members in the Province was 452, as against 436 at the end of the previous year. On 6th August the Province was honoured by a visit from the Grand Mark Master Mason and the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The arrangements were made by a committee of Provincial Officers acting in conjunction with St. George's Lodge, No. 15. The attendance of distinguished brethren was large, the meeting was very successful, and the Earl of Kintore and the Officers of Grand Lodge expressed themselves highly pleased with the welcome given them. The Treasurer reported that the receipts had been £68, and the payments £27 10s, leaving a balance of £40 9s. Both these reports were unanimously received and adopted. The Prov. Grand Master said he had the pleasure of informing the brethren that a very zealous Officer of their Province, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, had been appointed to the office of Grand Chap. of the Order. He heartily congratulated Bro. Lemon on his appointment, and was sure the brethren would join in offering their congratulations. Bro. Lemon acknowledged the compliment paid him. The Board of General Purposes recommended that £5 be voted to the Devon Educational Fund, £5 to the Benevolent Fund for Aged and Decayed Masons, £5 to the Boys' School, and £5 to the Girls' School, and that a sum not exceeding £5 be devoted to the purchase of a banner for the Provincial Grand Lodge, the design of the banner to be left to the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and Bros. Vincent Bird and the Rev. T. W. Lemon. This report was received and adopted, with the amendments that ten guineas be voted for the banner, and that the contributions to the Charities be guineas instead of pounds. Bro. D. Cross 169 was unanimously elected the Treasurer for the year. The P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as the Officers:—

Bro. Spence Bate, F.R.S., 35, reappointed	Deputy Prov. G. Master
J. M. Hifley, 76	Senior Warden
H. Stocker, 15	Junior Warden
A. T. Blamey, 319	Master Overseer
R. Lose, 48	Senior Overseer
W. L. Sampson, 23	Junior Overseer
Rev. T. W. Lemon	Chaplain
D. Cross	Treasurer
C. H. Collins, 316	Registrar
G. F. Gratwicke, 15	Secretary
J. Oldfield, 16	Assist. Secretary
H. Miller, 91	Senior Deacon
W. H. Lister, 169	Junior Deacon
H. Rogers, 96	Superintendent of Works
Bro. T. S. May, 96	Direc. of Ceremonies
J. Lavers, 76	Assist. D. of Ceremonies
J. T. Crosley, 64	Sword Bearer
T. D. Ford, 100	Standard Bearer
W. Lavers, 64	Pursuivant
C. Marshall, 48	Stewards
J. Gifford, 63	Stewards
F. Crouch, 16	Stewards
Jas. Gidley	Tyler

The following brethren were appointed by election the Board of General Purposes:—Bros. E. Aitken-Davies 96, E. J. Knight 16, Rev. W. Whittley 66, L. D. Westcott 66. Thanks were voted to the brethren of the Lodge of Friendship for the admirable manner in which they had provided for the reception and accommodation of the Prov. G.L. In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. The Prov. G.M. presided. The catering was very satisfactory. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and replied to, and vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with speeches, contributed not a little to the enjoyment of a very pleasant evening.—*Western Morning News.*

GRAND LODGE STATISTICS.

THE following table, showing the strength of the various Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada, are from the statistics prepared by Josiah H Drummond, of Maine. They give the figures to 1st June 1885:—

Grand Lodges	Members	Raised	Admitted and Restored	Died
Alabama	7,838	399	482	188
Arizona	350	18	22	5
Arkansas	10,361	588	519	176
British Columbia	301	14	12	7
California	14,016	695	707	227
Canada	18,911	1,197	504	175
Colorado	3,483	379	233	24
Connecticut	14,921	512	151	193
Dakota	2,020	324	194	9
Delaware	1,448	81	16	15
District of Columbia	3,005	172	113	34
Florida	2,314	127	103	58
Georgia	11,024	602	693	194
Idaho	456	26	9	11
Illinois	39,565	2,142	1,190	435
Indiana	23,143	1,325	740	284
Indian Territory	653	89	28	13
Iowa	21,076	1,378	1,316	204
Kansas	11,353	864	713	107
Kentucky	15,150	848	596	203
Louisiana	3,857	123	79	111
Maine	19,871	734	253	225
Manitoba	1,246	154	127	15
Maryland	4,732	79	31	35
Massachusetts	27,188	1,247	1,580	319
Michigan	26,675	1,240	576	295
Minnesota	8,640	249	297	75
Mississippi	8,897	243	417	166
Missouri	25,509	1,441	1,084	313
Montana	1,128	67	59	9
Nebraska	5,188	453	728	34
Nevada	1,176	31	45	24
New Brunswick	1,916	96	38	31
New Hampshire	8,065	319	28	92
New Jersey	12,077	605	226	144
New Mexico	388	...	...	...
New York	71,338	3,536	1,767	966
North Carolina	8,069	380	190	104
Nova Scotia	2,907	187	77	22
Ohio	31,914	1,679	1,301	389
Oregon	3,178	182	158	27
Pennsylvania	36,503	1,667	437	478
P. E. Island	457	21	16	5
Quebec	2,728	163	46	26
Rhode Island	3,559	159	147	67
South Carolina	5,388	253	—	93
Tennessee	15,268	545	579	252
Texas	18,372	1,217	1,433	315
Utah	482	41	9	6
Vermont	7,944	305	4	95
Virginia	9,356	—	7	134
Washington	1,526	112	4	14
West Virginia	3,518	202	5	45
Wisconsin	12,392	638	0	130
Wyoming	400	27	4	3
Total	593,164	31,165	20,753	7,621

As will be seen by the table New York leads all the States, Illinois second, and Pennsylvania third. Then Ohio follows. New York has 78,338 and the other three States each between thirty and forty thousand. Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Indiana, and Iowa, between twenty and thirty thousand. The total of all makes the Blue Lodge membership 593,194.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT.

WE feel we are but expressing the hope of every Craftsman who knows anything of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—and who among us does not?—in wishing every success to the meeting to be held on Tuesday next, when the Baroness Burdett-Coutts will lay the corner-stone of the new Hall of the Institution at Wood Green. Our readers are fully aware of the object of the gathering, and we doubt not are alive to the importance of securing a large amount of support in answer to the special appeal now being made; but there are a few facts which we may here briefly enumerate, as they afford the strongest proof we can offer that some special effort is needed on behalf of the School. In previous issues we have urged the desirability of starting the new buildings free from debt, and although the sum needed to consummate such a desire is somewhat large, we yet hope the Craft will prove itself equal to the occasion, and between the time present and the close of the year the necessary sum may be forthcoming. Again, it should be borne in mind that the offer of double votes in connection with this special appeal, although more directly applicable to next Tuesday's gathering, holds good until the 31st of December next. Brethren, and more particularly Lodges and corporate bodies, do not appear to fully recognise the advantages of this offer of double votes, or we fancy more of them would avail themselves of the benefits of an arrangement which we are inclined to believe will never be repeated—at least not for very many years to come. We urge this the more emphatically as undoubtedly there is a growing feeling that it is unwise to make so wide a departure from the beaten track, even though the needs may be of the most pressing character.

The funds required for the Preparatory School Building in connection with which next Tuesday's ceremony may be described as the finishing touch, were subscribed in answer to a special appeal made to the Craft. But, as is usual in most building operations, the original estimate has been exceeded; not, however, in connection with the actual Preparatory School originally proposed, but in the purchase of some adjoining ground, with houses, and in the erection of a laundry for the use of the whole establishment at Wood Green. In other words, the appeal now made to the Craft is urged in order to meet the cost of further additions to the establishment, which if not actually necessary to have been made now, must have been added ere long, and then might have cost considerably more than they have done, while other building operations were being prosecuted. The special fund raised for the Preparatory School was something like £14,000, and by the time the whole of the work on which the Institution is at present engaged is completed, the outlay will have amounted to some £19,500. Of this sum £3,200 has been expended in the purchase of freehold land and houses, while an additional amount of £2,000 represents the outlay on the new laundry, to which we have just referred. These two items therefore represent almost the total excess of the actual outlay over the estimates, and we trust this explanation will remove any feeling—as we are assured does exist—in the minds of some, that the sanctioned increase in the establishment, in the form of the Preparatory School, has been greatly exceeded. The deficiency in reality represents the cost of property, which is entirely distinct from the Preparatory School, the outlay for which has been kept steadily within the limits originally prescribed for it.

Next Tuesday's meeting will in reality be "a grand day" in connection with the special appeal, which offers advantages securable for the next five months; the direct object of this special appeal being to free the Institution from liability on account of the new laundry and the additional ground which it was felt best to acquire at Wood Green, and we trust that although the sum required is something like £5,500 it will not prove to be too great an undertaking for the liberality of the Craft to cope with. The Institution is making a most liberal offer—too liberal in the eyes of many—to enlist sympathy, and we trust the result may justify the anticipations which have been made. The executive of the Institution appear to have done every thing in their power to ensure success for next week's gathering, and have been most fortunate in enrolling the services of an enthusiastic, and, comparatively speaking, large Board of Stewards, the number so far being about fifty, and embracing among others, Bros. R. Berridge, C. Belton, Edgar Bowyer, R. Clowes, C. F. Hogard, Capt. G. Lambert, H. B. Marshall, J. L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, W. Roebuck, W. A. Scurrah, J. Willing, &c. The actual ceremony of laying the stone will be performed by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, while the Board of Stewards and the members of the House and Audit Committees will take an active part in the proceedings. Bro. A. F. A. Godson, the Deputy G. Master of Worcestershire, will occupy the chair as rota Chairman of the House Committee, and no doubt he will bring with him a goodly sum from the Province of which he is so worthy a member, and in which he is so widely respected. Other officials of the Institution will do their utmost, and we venture to predict that the meeting will prove a success. We do not say the result to be achieved will be sufficient to meet all calls to be made, but it must be remembered that next Tuesday may be reckoned somewhat as but the opening day of an appeal which is to extend over some months, and which we are sure has only to be properly understood to be answered as we desire it shall be answered.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

THE distinguishing tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. There can be no question that these virtues are especially recognised in the Masonic system, and that they go far to determine what is the real character of the Institution. Brotherly Love ranks first among the essential elements that constitute the organic life of the Craft, and is the chief bond of fellowship and service among these who are thus brought into near relations. It is a constraining, impelling force, that makes itself felt in the general movements of the Fraternity and in the thought and life of the individual Mason.

Solomon, traditionally the founder and great leader of the Craft, well understood the power and worth of this divinest quality. He eulogized wisdom as amongst the most important factors and possessions of human life. "Get wisdom," he said, "for it is the principal thing." "And with all thy gettings get understanding." But Israel's King made Love to stand for a more excellent endowment, a more abiding force. Love, said Solomon, is stronger than death and more enduring than the grave. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it; if a man should give all his substance for it it would be utterly condemned." Again it is described under the figure of a "vehement flame," the suggestion being that it is kindled by the Almighty. Thus,

> "Its bands are bands of fire,
> A lightning flash from God Himself."

It is love, thus enkindled, the consummation of many other graces and virtues, which constitutes an elemental principle in the noblest and best life of which man is capable. It is the greatest of all great things because it so completely dominates the will. But one answer can be given the question, "Do the affections sway the will?" Most certainly they do. It is the genuine heart loves that determine what one will do—what will be the line and force of human endeavours. That which a man loves most controls his action. If his affections are fixed on many objects and persons, each will be a ruling power for a time, and he will render a divided service. Thus a man has ardent love for material objects, for worldly gain it may be, and during the hours of business he may seem wholly engrossed in making money; but see him at the close of a busy day—at his home or among his friends—and he will make expression of another side of his nature and show the higher loves that control him, at least in part. Under this inspiration he is faithful to the duties of domestic life and renders a beneficial service in the world.

This power of love as expressed in the higher regions of human activities cannot be gainsaid. Only fill the heart with the rich stores of love for a cause or an enterprise, for a principle, an institution, or an individual, and any service in behalf of the interest or person will become comparatively easy. We say then that love is the secret impulsion of the best service which man can perform—that it is the vital force which imparts the highest good of life. By its power difficulties can be put out of the way and the grandest successes made possible. By its presence the cold and barren soil of human nature may be enriched, and made to bud and blossom like the rose. Thus its transforming, pro-

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ductive energy is expressed outwardly in the best progress of society, while there is also a witness within the heart of its blessed, renewing force.

Freemasonry is so organised that it must in the nature of things make much of this virtue. Love is the bond by which it would unite its members, so that the strong shall support the weak, the wise instruct the ignorant, while those possessed of large resources shall give and do generously for the benefit of others less favourably situated. Masonic teaching calls for a reciprocity of feeling and sympathy—for mutual interest and helpfulness—and Brotherly love is the one imperative need to such a result. Quicken the generous impulses of the heart and develop its strong affections, as Masonry seeks to do all along in its communications of the rich and varied lessons of fraternity, and by its opportunities for friendly intercourse, and the richest quality of life shall become manifest. So the most and the best of good work shall be done, the rewards of which shall be glorious.

The love of brethren, thus fervent and effective, what an incentive to action—and what an experience of blessedness! It is indeed a force of omnipotence to constrain the hearts and conduct of men—a power stronger than death, immortal as virtue itself—and so it should be recognised and heeded. And let it be also remembered how Brotherly Love brightens and blesses the pilgrim way on earth! It takes men out of isolation, softens and harmonises their feelings, brings them into hearty fellowship, and thus communicates a zest of life not otherwise obtainable! It is a divine quality of soul which brings something of heaven itself to earth! So likewise it is to be prized and developed according to its true nature.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

We have been given to understand that our worthy Brother W. P. Ivey, P.M. of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading, has just presented to that Lodge, with which he has been long associated, a parcel of Masonic books, comprising, among other valuable works, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, from its commencement to the present time, and a number of the late Bro. Dr. Oliver's books; in all about 40 volumes. The I.P.M., Bro. W. W. Ridley Past Prov. G.A.D.C. Berks and Bucks, has also presented this Lodge with an enlarged coloured photographic portrait of Bro. Ivey, which is now hanging in the Lodge room.

Obituary.

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BRO. JAMES CUTBUSH, P.M. 1385.

A few weeks since it was our painful duty to chronicle the death of one of our earliest friends in Freemasonry, in the person of Bro. John Livingston, Past Master of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385. Now we have to record the death of another with whom we have been intimately associated during our Masonic career; he also a Past Master of the Gladsmuir Lodge;—Bro. James Cutbush. Bro. Cutbush expired suddenly on Saturday, the 1st instant, and was interred at Highgate Cemetery on Thursday. Our deceased brother was present on the day of his death at the distribution of prizes by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, in connection with the Brookfield Horticultural Society, South Highgate, and while in the act of seconding a vote of thanks to the officers of the Society, was seized with an apoplectic fit, which speedily proved fatal. The name of Cutbush is well known in connection with the Masonic Institutions; both James Cutbush and his deceased brother William having for many years past made frequent presents of plants, &c., to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. Bro. James Cutbush was a member of the Audit Committee of the Girls' School, was a Life Governor of each of the three Institutions, and had served the office of Steward for all of the Charities; acting twice on behalf of the Boys. His funeral was attended by a large number of personal friends, members of the profession of the deceased, and brother Masons. Among the latter was Bro. Brittain the W.M., several of the P.M.'s, Officers, and brethren of No. 1385, by whom Brother Cutbush was universally respected; Bros. Kingston P.M. 1612, A. Hickman P.M. 228, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, and others. Bro. Cutbush was also a Past Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies of Hertfordshire, and was H. of the Gladsmuir Chapter at the time of his death.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their monthly meeting on Saturday last. Bro. A. F. Godson, V.-Pat., D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, presided, and among those present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, Edgar Bowyer, W. Maple, S. Richardson, Dr. R. Morris, R. W. Stewart, A. Williams, J. L. Mather, F. Adlard, G. Gardner, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the Auditors' Report was submitted and adopted. A sum of £500, transferred from the General to the Sustentation of Buildings Fund, and the sale of £3,700 stock, realising £3,561 5s net, was reported. Two petitions were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the April election next year. Grants towards the outfits of three ex-pupils were made, and a vote of thanks to the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, for having presided at the Festival in June last, having been passed, the meeting concluded with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

DE LA POLE CONCLAVE, No. 132.

A REGULAR meeting of this Conclave was held on the 31st ult., at Hull. The attendance was very limited. Sir Knt. A. P. Wilson presided as M.P.S., and Sir Knt. Dr. R. Wiseman Cooper V.E., Past Sov. Sir Knt. W. Gillett as Sen. Genl., P. C. Whitfield Jun. Gen., and Geo. S. Highmoor Recorder. The muster roll was called, and the minutes of the last Conclave read and confirmed. Grand Imperial Councils were delivered to Herald. Sir Knight Comp. Dr. Cooper V.E. was elected M.P.S. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knt. Whitfield V.E. The Permanent Council was elected as follows: Sir Knts. Moll, T. T. Davis, and T. D. Wing, in addition to the Recorder and Treasurer as ex officio, Sir Knt. H. Preston Past Sov. was re-elected Treasurer, and Sir Knt. Burdell Sentinel. The V.E., in returning thanks for the confidence the brethren again reposed in him, congratulated the Companions on the success which had attended the Conclave during the past year in the increase of its members, that being the only night on which the Companions had had no work. He also referred to the very satisfactory condition of the Conclave from a financial point of view. The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to the refectory, where the usual Red Cross and Masonic toasts were honoured.

NORTH WALES AND THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

A MEETING of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges and a delegate from the Lodges in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire was held on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Chambers, Public Hall, Wrexham, and was numerously attended. The purport of the meeting was to elect a Sub-Committee of six brethren, three from North Wales and three from Shropshire, who will be deputed to draw up a scheme for the equitable division of the funds in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the votes for the Masonic Charities, the "Sir Watkin Presentation," and the other property of the present Prov. G. Lodge, which scheme will be submitted to a Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held in September. The three brethren that were elected to represent North Wales were Bros. James Salmon, of the Rhyl Lodge; John Davies, of Denbigh; and John Lloyd Griffith, of Holyhead. Those chosen to represent Shropshire were Bros. Rowland G. Venables, of Ludlow; W. Lascelles Southwell, of Bridgnorth; and V. C. L. Crump, of Shrewsbury. The first meeting of the above Committee was held on the 24th ult.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, the 6th August, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Stringer W.M., Thomas S.W., Dale J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Banks S.D., Hunt J.D., Dandridge I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings (Preceptor), Waterman, J. W. Freeman, and Bros. H. C. Freeman, Prior, and Emblin. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. C. Freeman candidate. Lodge was then called off; on resuming the usual questions leading to the degree of F.C. were satisfactorily answered by Bro. H. C. Freeman. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. H. C. Freeman again personating the candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. G. Waterman P.M. of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Thomas S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, after which Lodge was closed in due form.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the weekly meeting held on Tuesday, 28th July, there were present Bros. Gush Preceptor, Mercer W.M., Frampton S.W., Hildredth J.W., Berry Secretary, Foalé S.D., Hodges J.D., Bokenham I.G., and Bros. Fenner, Oldis, Aynsley, J. Stevens, Hill, Parrington, Barnett, Sycklemore, Weeden, Rogers, Turner, Knightley, Howard and Beck. Lodge was opened, and minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Beck as candidate for raising, answered questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in third, and the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. Lodge resumed in first degree, and three new members were elected. A Committee was appointed to ascertain the members entitled to participate in the ballot for a Life Subscribership to one of the Charities, and the Lodge was then closed, and adjourned to Tuesday 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, 8th 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—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

1637—Unity, Harrow
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds

MONDAY, 10th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, 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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Cork Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington

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
491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham

1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea

R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough

TUESDAY, 11th AUGUST.

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

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Chamolon, 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)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

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

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
408—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
628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
686—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

1260—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpoo

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

WEDNESDAY, 12th 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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stroudhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Pound-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1284—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
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

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)

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
284—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
656—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
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
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 291—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 303—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Moribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 13th 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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1145—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)
1568—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
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)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
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)

Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Town Hall, Saffron Walden, at 1 p.m.
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
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.
549—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

1045—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
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn

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1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—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—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 733—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
K.T. 31—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 14th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
907—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—Randolph, 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)
1206—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)
1720—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star 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, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
663—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
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

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Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 261—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

THE THEATRES.

Drury Lane.—That Mr. Augustus Harris has been well advised to seek consolation from the drama of our youth for the disappointments which contemporary talent is apt to inflict is well proven by the enthusiastic houses which laugh at, cry over, and rapturously applaud Charles Reade's parable, "It's never too late to Mend." To cold-blooded criticism it may offer tempting specimens of sheer claptrap, grotesque clumsiness of construction, and the weakness that usually marks the play with "a purpose." But, as in the novels of the author, there is a dash and spirit, and the hot excitement which springs from his keen human sympathies we feel evolved in each surrounding phase of the plot. Tom Robinson is a thief and a swindler; but when Bro. Charles Warner takes him in hand all our respectable prejudices take flight, and we would gladly put prison governor and turnkeys in irons so only our delightful and volatile friend might be happy. Mr. Warner plays the part with even more racy thoroughness than of old. There is infection in his laughter, and a fine eloquence in his pathos. Mr. Harry Nichols has scarcely a congenial part in Crawley, but he works it out with intensity of humour, while his abject terror at his drink-inspired phantoms have true tragic force. Sometimes, however, he forgets he is not acting in pantomime, and indulges in unjustifiable clowning. Mr. Clynds, in the impossible and preposterous part of the bucolic Jew, evinced a versatility of excellence. He was finely impressive in his denunciation scene. Mr. Garney, another of Mr. Harris's latest recruits, made good his claim to naturalisation in the West by his manly and tender rendering of the Rev. Mr. Eden. Josephs was earnestly given by Miss Kate Maccabe. Mr. Calhaem played Jacky with all his old inimitable cleverness. The great match box and umbrella *motifs* sent the house into roars of laughter. Mr. Estcourt as the prison governor showed the necessary amount of malignity, and took the howls and hisses of the gallery with pleasant equanimity. The rest of the cast may be pronounced satisfactory. No pains has been spared to make the play run smoothly. The scenery is worthy of Drury Lane; the cataract of real water especially beautiful. The female interest in the play is at best very weak, and though Miss Isabel Bateman plays with care and refinement, we cannot but think the part of Susan, the simple village girl, would have greatly gained if it had been entrusted to Miss Amy MacNeil, who in the "Tale of Two Cities" showed that very delightful gift of unconscious ingenuousness.

The Lyceum.—Though the season at the Lyceum had been extended beyond its usual length, and the doors of nearly every other theatre of the first rank had been closed some time, Miss Ellen Terry's benefit seemed to lack no element of that friendly enthusiasm which we have come to associate with every important event at the Lyceum. The house was crowded as for a great *premiére*, though many of the familiar faces associated with the best places in the stalls and the first rows everywhere else, for geographical reasons, were unhappily absent. Mr. Irving and Miss Terry could not, in the ringing cheers that summoned them again and again before the curtain, have felt but that these were rendered not more to their great gift of art than as homage to that power by which each seems to hold sway over the hearts and affections of their audience. Surely Mr. Irving has never more successfully merged himself in any of his best creations than in this of Dr. Primrose. And though the play is feeble, and frayed at all the seams, and must remain a warning to those who would turn a story written for the arm chair into one for the footlights, yet, whilst we listen to Henry Irving, watch each gesture, turn of eye and motion of finger, all eloquent of tender heart, sweet simplicity, and endearing little foible of the old parson; we forgive Mr. Wills for all the dulness he has so liberally bestowed on us in his Burchell, his Moses, and his wicked Squire. Of course, Miss Terry's Olivia still holds the house enthralled. Since the first night it has gained greatly in poetic feeling; Miss Terry plays it in a more subdued key; especially is this noticeable in the inn scene, where she no longer allows the triumph of the young wife to efface the tender regrets of the loving daughter. Of the rest of the cast we have spoken in an earlier notice, with the exception of Miss Lydia Foote, who succeeds Miss Louisa Payne as Mrs. Primrose. Miss Foote though a thorough artist, fails to invest the Vicar's wife with any individuality. She is too entirely modern; she forgets to assume the staid dignity which should make the Matron of the period. She could not have offended the parish by "quality airs," or led her daughter to the extravagance of "flowered farthingales." Miss Payne had evidently read her Goldsmith to much better effect. Mr. Terriss has not mitigated his classic severity. Indeed, he might seem to rival Master Clifford as a "man of principle," if he were but inaudible. Only in the inn scene does he grasp the part with any thoroughness; his impatience, and weariness with his victim is then well indicated; while his rage at Burchell's interference has the right ring of vehemence in it. But, just as he never makes us believe in his rakishness, he equally fails to make his contrition have any air of reality. Mr. Wenham still makes his Burchell as insufferable as philosophical philanthropists are apt to be. The last act has gained by being played more closely, and evidently a warm welcome will await "Olivia" when the house re-opens in September. Mr. Irving spoke a few words of graceful acknowledgment in Miss Terry's name for the cordial honours accorded her benefit, and announced at the conclusion of the run of the present play a new version of Goethe's great drama "Faust." This official announcement was received with the heartiest expressions of satisfaction, and very reluctantly the audience at length allowed the curtain to fall—"till we meet again."

The Adelphi.—Our best thanks are due to the Messrs. Gatti for the pleasant inspiration to which we owe their revival of "Arrah-na-Pogue," one of the brightest, raciest, and most clever pieces of its author—"Dion the Inimitable." The original cast, with the author and Mrs. Boucicault, could no longer be gathered in its entirety, but that which now replaces it is well worthy the inheritance. Mr. Charles Sullivan, as Shaun, delivers his many good lines with fine unconsciousness, and the interest never flags in his keeping. Though in face and figure he might seem scarce qualified for the love-making required, yet it is impossible to think of this so full is Shaun of the right geniality and delightful deviltment of a true Irish boy. Mr. Pateman made a wonderful mark as Feeney, the process-server; the realisation of the primary idea of that minion of the Saxon as he exists in the imagination of a "patriot." His Feeney is a sort of Caliban-Quilp, thought out with endless care to every uncouth grimace and cringing contortion; wonderfully clever, but played with just too much emphasis. Mr. Beveridge was delightful as the good-hearted, jovial O'Brady; he speaks with that delicious fillip of the brogue that gives point to a pleasant speech, and intention to a witty one. We have rarely seen this gentleman in a more congenial part. His scenes with the volatile Fanny were finely conceived, especially when he dissembles behind the screen. Mr. Glenney, as the persecuted hero, McCool, was too solemn; by no means the dashing, adventurous young Irishman the author intended; and why does he not offer up that moustache to the altar of art?—a young buck of the powder period should not disgrace himself with hair on his lip. Mr. Cranford is a dignified English Major, while Mr. Fitzdavis made excellent work of his small part of the jovial Sergeant, keeping well in the picture, but displaying a fine bit of character. We cannot give equal praise to Mr. Dagnall, as Winterbotham; his determination to get a laugh, even though successful, was much too evident. Rarely has the part of "Arrah" been more delightfully interpreted than by Miss Mary Rorke, whose accession to the company is matter of congratulation alike to managers and the public. She identifies herself completely, alike in her joys and sorrows, with the warm-hearted peasant girl. This admirable achievement of true art was especially noticeable in the court martial, when the danger of her lover, and the changing aspects of the fate awaiting him might be read in her eloquent eyes and pale trembling lips, though she sits silent and motionless. Miss Lizzie Nelson quite roused the house in the famous jig contest; she danced with the true national "furia." The play is well mounted. Glendalough by moonlight is an exceedingly lovely scene, and, thanks to Mr. Beveridge the stage manager, the liveliness and vigour of the colours bring pit and gallery to an ecstasy of enthusiasm.

The Strand.—Among the pleasant examples of "Survival of the Fittest" through the inhospitable desert of a London August we have to congratulate the Strand management on their fortune in securing such a genuine occasion for wholesome laughter as "Cousin Johnny." We made the acquaintance of that ingenious youth last week, and hope to renew it ere long. Mr. J. S. Clarke enters into the preposterous humour of the play with a zest that reminds us of the classic "Adelphi roarer." It is the best fitting part he has had since Major de Boots first sent London into convulsions of laughter. Frank Wyatt admirably seconds his chief, while all the cast play with plenty of go. Especially would we felicitate Miss Buckstone on the marked improvement in her method; her Florence Courtney is indeed winsome and bright. The play is well-mounted and promises to keep the bills throughout the summer.

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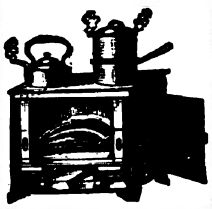
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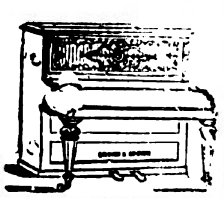
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TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

A FEW weeks since we published a letter from a zealous supporter of the Masonic Charitable Institutions—who, however, preferred to hide his identity under the *nom de plume* "AN EMPLOYER OF LABOUR"—on the subject of the training of the lads at the Masonic School, at Wood Green. This was followed, the next week, by a statement from one of the officials of the School, in the person of Bro. A. F. Godson Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, a member of the House Committee of the Institution, which we imagine must have been most satisfactory, not only to our correspondent, but to many others who are concerned as to the future of the lads at present under the care of the Masonic Brotherhood. Bro. Godson tells us that the question of technical education is one which has already occupied the attention of the members of the House Committee of the Boys' School. Speaking personally, Brother Godson is of opinion *that something must* be done, and that quickly, towards extending the training of the lads at Wood Green. At present, he says, undivided attention must be given to establishing the Preparatory School on a firm basis, and as soon as that is done he proposes to have a meeting called to discuss the advisability of starting, at the School, some branches of handicraft, such as printing and carpentry. This is gratifying news to us, and although in the face of Bro. Godson's statement—that the question has already received attention from the Committee—we cannot claim for our correspondent the honour of having inaugurated a much needed addition to our course of training, we yet feel his letter appeared at a most opportune moment, and that it has already borne good fruit. Bro. Godson's proposal to have a meeting to "discuss the advisability of starting at the School some branches of handicraft" appears now to be almost unnecessary, for as Chairman of the meeting at Wood Green held on Tuesday last, in connection with the fixing of the corner stone of the new hall, he said it was the wish of the executive to send the boys out into the world, not merely as clerks but as good handicraftsmen. Such being the case it is hardly necessary, we imagine, to hold a meeting to discuss the advisability of making the addition. The supporters of the School have sufficient confidence in their Committee to accept any proposition they may submit on such a subject without question, and the only point on which a meeting may now be necessary is that of deciding to what extent the technical education shall be carried, and where the money is to come from which will be needed in connection with it. Brother Godson stated on Tuesday that at least £1200 a year would be required for this technical education—his proposal being to make a start with two branches of trade only, printing and carpentering—and while we are not in a position to question the accuracy of his estimate, because we are unaware of the bases on which it is calculated, we are of opinion he has placed his requirements far above what should be necessary. Assuming that the sum he states would be needed each year in connection with the two branches of trade he mentions would be equally divided, we have £600 per year with which to instruct the lads in either printing or carpentering. Although even that sum would be well spent if it was the means of giving a start in life to some of those educated in the School, we are of opinion the work might be carried on at a much lower cost. We will not attempt to prove our views so far as carpentering is concerned, because we have no practical knowledge of that subject—there are many members of the Craft who could, however, enlighten us on this branch—but as regards printing we feel we are in a position to say something, inasmuch as we have a practical knowledge of its several branches. We should expect to give a fair insight into the business of printing to a large number of the pupils, even if not to all of them, at a considerably less cost than £600 a year, even if it were not possible to do so without any charge on the Institution beyond the first outlay on plant. Assuming that some forty lads leave the School each year, and that it is decided to give half of them a twelvemonth's training in the printing office of the Institution—the other half being similarly cared for in the carpenter's shop, we should have a class of twenty lads, who, we suppose would spend half their time in the workshop and the other half in ordinary school training. These lads could not, of course, do much at first, and it would be unreasonable to expect them to turn out work as well as if produced by expert workmen, but under proper supervision they could do something, and this something should be sufficient to nearly pay expenses in connection with the training. We do not know we should recommend the Institution to enter into business competition with the outside world in the earlier days of its efforts, but even if it did it would have many similar examples to refer to. What we should propose would be to start with the straightforward work of the Institution itself, and leave that to recommend the enterprise or otherwise, as brethren might decide for themselves. There is a great amount of printing which might legitimately be done at the Boys' School, and if once it could be proved that any work entrusted to "our Boys" was fairly well done, there are many among the supporters of the Institution who would use their efforts to advance the welfare of the lads cared for by it, either by sending them work, or by securing situations for them on leaving the School. Doubtless something almost as satisfactory might be urged by practical carpenters, but, for reasons already explained, we prefer to leave that subject to brethren who are acquainted with the details of that branch of industry.

We trust enough has been said on the question of technical education to convince the supporters of our School that the work is not only desirable, but that it is practicable, and, that too, without any very serious expenditure. All, therefore, we now want is, for a decision to be arrived at as to what shall be attempted and an early start made. The Chairman, of Tuesday, said he hoped that before many months were over the lads would at least be receiving instruction in the two branches of trade referred to, and considering his position on the House Committee there is no doubt but that his hope is also the hope of others on that Committee. We may then look for almost immediate action, pending which we feel sure the Committee will be pleased to learn the views of brethren generally, either in the form of suggestions, or advice on such technical points as can only result from a practical knowledge. Our columns are at the disposal of any of our readers who may desire to make their views public, and we trust that some at least will avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded.

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THE JUNE NUMBER OF THE "VOICE OF MASONRY."

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

BRO. Steinbrenner's "Origin of Masonry" was printed in 1864. The first and second editions of Bro. Findel's History in the English language appeared respectively in 1866 and 1869. Bro. D. M. Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland" was published in 1873; and three of Bro. Gould's volumes have been out for some time. But, strange to say, P. G. M. Bromwell, one of the principal writers for the *Voice of Masonry*, seems to be unacquainted with the said publications. Bro. Singleton, G.S. of the D.C., and Bro. Charles E. Meyer of Philadelphia, both of whom have been *illumined by all Masonic Degrees in creation*, yet, each of the said conservative Brethren admitted that before 1717 Masons had but one ceremony or degree. But Bro. Bromwell still believes in the antiquity of the three first degrees. The antiquity of the so-called high degrees he seems to deny; but the degrees of "Ancient Craft Masonry" he believes to be truly ancient. Whether Bro. Bromwell was cognizant of the fact that recent investigation had shaken the old belief in the antiquity of "speculative Masonry" I know not; but, be that as it may, he certainly was induced to read Bro. Hughan's latest work, viz., "Origin of the English Rite," wherein he found the antiquity of speculative Masonry denied; and hence, our worthy Bro. Bromwell endeavoured in the *Voice of Masonry* to demolish Bro. Hughan's Masonic heresy.

The most amusing thing is that Bro. Hughan furnished his critic with weapons for defending the antiquity of speculative Masonry; thus, Bro Hughan persists in denominating Ashmole and other pre-1717 non-operative members of the Craft as "speculatives," and of styling 1717 as the "Masonic Revival"; hence, Bro. Bromwell justly reasons, that if Ashmole was a "Speculative Mason," Speculative Masonry must have existed in 1646; and if the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717 was a "Masonic Revival," then our Freemasonry with the three degrees must have been in existence before 1717. I will now, however, proceed to reason with Bro. Bromwell from another standpoint.

First. The guild system originated not in England, but on the continent, and it is a well known fact that the continental Masons never associated Jewish legends with their history or ceremonies.

Second. The Halliwell poem was written by a Catholic priest some years after 1407. It is the oldest Masonic MS. in existence. The author ascribed the origin of Masonry to Euclid; and, though he incidentally mentions Noah's flood, and Masonised Nabogodonzor as the builder of "the tower of Babyloyne seven Myle the heighte," yet neither King Solomon or his temple are referred to in the poem.

Third. Next in order is the Matthew Cooke MS. which was written about a century after the former. The author of this MS. was *an out and out Masonic crank*, and he may be called the father of *Masonic crankism*; he Masonised scores of prominent persons of ancient and modern times, among whom were David, Solomon, King Hiram of Tyre; and he informs us that the King's son of Tyre was Solomon's Master Mason; the name of that Master Mason, however, he did not give.

We next have about fifty pre-1717 rituals of the English Masons, which Bro. Hughan denominated as "Old Charges." All these contain a rehash of the Matthew Cooke MS., with some variations of course; most of these were written in the 17th and some of them in the 18th century, and with the exception of two of these (which I shall show to have been written after Anderson's Constitution had been printed), they all [or nearly all] repeat the statement of the Matthew Cooke MS., that *the King's son of Tyre was Solomon's Master Mason;* but they variously name him Aynon, Amon, Aynone, Anon, Ajnon, and Benaim; thus showing that the pre-1717 Masons were ignorant of the connection of Hiram Abif with Masonry.

Now, one of the two MSS. wherein Hiram Abif figures is Krause's MS., about which all writers agree that it was fabricated either at the end of the last century or beginning of this. The second MS. is called the "Inigo Jones MS." Bro. Gould remarks (see Vol. I. p 63).

"Its right to the above title is based upon the claim made in the document itself, which was sold, 12th November 1879, by Messrs Puttick and Simpson. The catalogue described it as 'The ancient Constitutions of the Free and Accepted Masons, a very curious folio manuscript, ornamented title and drawings by Inigo Jones, old red morocco, gilt leaves, dated 1607.' Mr. Woodford subsequently became its fortunate possessor, and, as usual with him, lost no time in making the Craft acquainted with its contents."

The said MS. was printed in the *Masonic Magazine* (London), July 1881, and Bro. Woodford thus introduced it:

"The MS. of which a transcript is now given to Masonic students was originally sold by public auction in London, and fell into the hands of the well-known firm of Pickering & Co, . . . from whom it was purchased by its present possessor. It is a curious and valuable MS. '*per se*,' not only on account of its special verbiage, but because it possesses a front-piece of Masons at work, with 'Inigo Jones *fecit*' at the bottom. It is also highly ornamented throughout, both in the capital letters and with 'finials.' It is, we apprehend, pretty certain that it did belong to Inigo Jones. It is of date 1607."

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Woodford, I never believed that his MS. was written in 1607; for, in the first place, it is more free from archaisms, than the Masonic MSS. that are known to have been written late in the 17th century, and the beginning of the 18th century.

Second, if Hiram Abif had figured in a Masonic ritual of 1607, in Inigo Jones' Lodge, surely that name would have been copied in later written rituals. Now, the Lodge of Antiquity MS., written in 1688, renders the story as follows:

"And he [King Hiram] had a son called . . . that was Master of Geomitrie and was chief Master of all his Masons that belonged to the Temple, both for graving, carving and all other Masonrie." And the Alnwick MS., undoubtedly written in 1701, has it thus: "And he [Hiram] had a son that was named Ajnon." I must here add that Alnwick Lodge, whose records begin in 1703, and continue till 1757, was an old-fashioned operative Lodge; it never joined or associated with the 1717 Masons, and its records, which Bro. Hughan examined (see the *Freemason*, Jan. 21 1871), shows that they had but one degree. We see now, that the old operative Masons, including the members of the Lodge of Antiquity in 1688, were ignorant of Hiram Abif's connection with Masonry. But that is not all. Within a month, I had a friendly chat in London with the Rev. Bro. Woodford himself, when I bluntly asked him whether he still believed that his MS. was owned in 1607 by Inigo Jones, and he frankly answered *in the negative*, but added, "it was not written before about 1680." Why Bro. W. limited its origin to about 1680 I know not. It is certain, however, that "1607" and the name of "Inigo Jones" recorded on the MS. were designed for a fraudulent purpose, and as Bro. Woodford consented to reduce the antiquity of his MS. about seventy-three years, I can see no reason why we cannot reduce its antiquity by seventy-three additional years, which would bring it nearer the time of its origin. In short, Hiram Abif's Masonry dates after 1717; and if after reading the above hints, Bro. Bromwell would read also Bro. Lyon's History, I think that he would acknowledge that Bro. Hughan was right. And now we will change the subject.

Among all our American Grand Lodge dignitaries and Masonic writers, I believe that very few equal Bro. C. Diehl, G.S. of Utah, in sincere desire to write the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. I am, therefore, sorry to come in conflict with him. But the best disposed are sometimes apt to err, and as every error promulgated by a prominent Mason, if not immediately exploded, is apt to take root in our Masonic histories and literature—indeed, the editor of the *Voice* seems to have been already converted to Bro. Diehl's opinion—I shall therefore first give the editor's version (see p 516 of June *Voice of Masonry*) about Bro. Diehl's new opinion, and afterwards I will show its fallacy.

"A Masonic orator in Utah [says the editor of the *Voice*] in the course of an oration, mentioned St. John's Lodge of Massachusetts and the Grand Master who signed its charter, Viscount Montague. Noticing the name, Bro. Diehl says, Bro. Montague was a Roman Catholic, and adds:

"'For the sake of his religion he suffered many penalties,

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and on account of it was not permitted to occupy a seat in the House of Peers. But he loved Masonry, . . . and spared no time nor means in propagating its tenets.'"

Now, it is true that Viscount Montague was a Catholic, and was therefore excluded from the House of Lords, but it is not true that he signed the charter of St. John's Lodge; and as he never entered the Grand Lodge after the day of his installation, viz., 19th April 1732, he could not have loved Masonry, and there is certainly no evidence of his having taken pains to propagate its tenets. True, his neglect of Masonry may not have been due to his religion, for the Duke of Norfolk, also a Catholic, who was G.M. in 1730, continued to visit the G.L., and Lord Peters, another Catholic, was Grand Master of England from 1772 to 1777. But whatever motives Viscount Montague had for deserting the Institution, he certainly could not have cared about propagating its tenets. It is possible that some facts about Viscount Montague may be known to Bro. Diehl that are unknown to me; if so, I hope he will inform me about them. If, however, his opinion was due to a flash of imagination, unless I am mistaken in his character, he will surely acknowledge his mistake at the earliest opportunity.

I shall only add that there are two communications by *Luz E Tenebræ* in the same number of the *Voice of Masonry*, which require correction as usual, but space will not allow me to lengthen this communication.

POSTSCRIPT.—Since the above was in type, I happened to recollect the following facts, which will further illustratate the subjects discussed in the above paper.

First, in 1860, the Rev. Bro. Kerr of Clinton, Canada West, delivered an oration upon an old Masonic MS. or pre-1717 Masonic ritual of a Lodge in Scarborough, Yorkshire, dated 1505. After modernizing the language of the MS. he sent the address and the MS. to Bro. Leon Hyneman, who printed them in his Journal, August 1860. In 1873 Bro. Hyneman sent me the two papers referred to, and asked whether these would not destroy my theory about Masonry being a modern institution. On the day I received the papers I sent to Bro. Hughan, and wrote both to Hyneman and Hughan my reasons for believing that the said MS. was written, not in 1505, but in 1705. This caused, at my instigation, a correspondence between Hyneman and the Rev. Bro. Kerr; for some months the MS. was missing, but it was finally recovered by Bro. Kerr, who presented it to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and it was printed verbatim in the *Craftsman*, and the editor remarked, viz.:

"There is reason to believe that the figure has been altered, a microscopic examination showing a difference in the colour of the ink between that part of the figure which makes a good seven and that part which has been added if the seven has been transformed into a five. It is a very awkward and unsymmetrical five as it stands; remove the part supposed to be added and a very good seven remains." (See the *Freemason*, London 1873, p 761; the *Craftsman*, 1874, pp 24, 33, 56, and 89; also Gould's History, Vol. IV. pp 69-70.)

We see now that even dated Masonic MSS. should not be admitted as evidence without great caution.

And, second, I have a dim recollection of having read somewhere (I believe that it was from the pen of the late C. W. Moore), that *Viscount Montiente's* love for Masonry induced him to unite the Grand Lodge seal with his crest or coat of arms. Now, if the above was the source whence Bro. Diehl drew his inference of "Bro. Montagne's" love for Masonry, then, I can assure him that *there is not a particle of truth in it.*

A special meeting of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place at the Institution at Wood Green, on Saturday, the 8th instant, for the purpose of bidding farewell to the former Matron, Miss Hall, and formally inducting into office the newly appointed House Steward and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Dove. In taking leave of Miss Hall, after her long and efficient services as Matron, the Committee were most cordial in the expression of their thanks, the members, both collectively and individually, giving utterance to the wish that she might be spared for many years to enjoy the rest to which, by reason of her onerous and responsible duties during 22 years, and the admirable manner in which she had fulfilled them, she was justly entitled.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

THE Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at its meeting in October last, in view of the large number of weak Lodges under its jurisdiction, took the initial step to perfect a plan under which two or more Lodges could be consolidated into one, by the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved—"That a Committee of three be appointed to digest a constitutional amendment for the consolidation of weak Lodges, and report the same at the next Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge."

The Committee appointed consists of Bros. Rob. Morris Past Grand Master, Henry B. Grant Assistant Grand Secretary, and S. O. Graves. In the consideration of this subject this Committee have discovered what appears to them to be an insurmountable barrier in the way of such consolidations, and have addressed a circular letter to "the most experienced Masonic writers of the day," asking their views upon the subject. A copy of this letter now before us has been carefully considered, and we are asked to give our opinion editorially. As the subject is one of general interest to Masons we will comply with their request.

The Committee start out with the premise that a consolidation can be effected only by *the close ballot.*" Their argument is that "No Grand Lodge can force a person into the membership of the humblest Lodge against the wishes of the humblest member." We are ready to admit the correctness of this proposition, but cannot see its application in the consolidation of Lodges, unless there are more than seven members of one of the Lodges opposed to a proposed consolidation. A proposition to consolidate two or more Lodges into one is simply a proposition to the members of each of these Lodges to surrender their charters and enter into a new organisation. Any Lodge has a right to surrender its charter, in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge under which the charter is held, provided seven members are not found voting against such surrender. If less than seven members vote against a consolidation they are left in the same condition as the same number would be by voting against the surrender of the charter of their Lodge. They simply become non-affiliated in either case, and are entitled to a certificate from the Grand Lodge, which will enable them to petition any other Lodge for affiliation. They are not obliged to seek membership in the new Lodge formed by a consolidation unless they choose to do so. On the other hand, all who voted in favour of the consolidation are enrolled as members of the new Lodge thus formed. No brother has been deprived of any of his rights, nor has any Mason been forced into a Lodge "against the wishes of the humblest member."

A plan similar to the one we have outlined was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1879, and revised in 1882, to which we call the attention of this Committee. Three short sections cover the whole ground. Since their adoption by the Grand Lodge several Lodges have been consolidated under them peacefully and harmoniously. The process is a simple and practical one, and easily understood. The Grand Lodge of Indiana in this, as in many other regulations, has taken the lead in common sense legislation for the government of Lodges. Other Grand Lodges can profitably follow her example.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart. After the confirmation of the minutes, the death of one male annuitant was reported. A vote of thanks was passed to the Supreme Council 33 deg. for their annual presents of tea and tobacco to the residents at the Asylum, and then the new petitions for admission to the Institution were considered. Eight (five male, and three female) were approved, and their names added to the list for the May election. The application of a widow for the half of her late husband's annuity was granted. After the transaction of other business, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

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HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 85).

BROTHER GOULD, before proceeding to deal with the main subject of the present volume, alludes to the case of Wren. Until fresh light is thrown on the matter it would be a waste of time to discuss whether Sir Christopher Wren was or was not a Freemason. The author contends that it was not possible for Wren to have been Grand Master, for the office was not in existence during the life of the architect, and he discredits the idea that Wren could have been a Mason at all. Bro. Gould, on one page of his work, admits that the question must remain an open one; on another he argues upon the assumption that Wren could not have been at any time at the head of the society. In support of the open theory the author goes so far as to say that Wren's dying declaration, even were it extant, would not establish a negative proposition. The case of the great Duke of Wellington is cited. It is recorded that he was initiated at the close of the last century in Lodge No 494 on the Registry of Ireland. Lord Combermere, speaking of the Duke at Macclesfield in 1852, said—"Often, when in Spain, where Masonry was prohibited, he [Wellington] regretted . . . . that his military duties had prevented him taking the active part his feelings dictated." There is also a record in which the Duke declined to sanction the naming of a Lodge after him, "inasmuch as he never was inside any Lodge since the day he was made;" yet shortly before he died he lost all recollection of ever having been initiated at all. Wellington was a remarkable man, but there is nothing in his case that might not happen to any one. It is true the rite of initiation into Freemasonry is a very solemn ceremony, and calculated to strike the mind with great force. That the Duke felt the solemnity of the occasion there can be no doubt; that he subsequently desired a better acquaintance with the Craft is equally true. Admitting this, it is not impossible to understand that first impressions gained in an experience, it may be of half-an-hour, might in the lapse of years entirely vanish from the mind. Cases of the kind have been known, but we fail to see how the one in question affects the identity of Wren. Bro. Gould lingers over this matter as if he doubted his doubts. He still stands by the opinion that the evidence at present forthcoming does not prove the assumption that Wren was a Freemason, and he concludes that it is immaterial whether he was or not. After the laboured efforts that have been made on both sides this seems a lame and impotent conclusion. Bro. Gould "closes the book" on that subject, but he is not quite so ready to part with that branch of it which relates to Wren's alleged Grand Mastership. Here he seems to have found firmer ground and a stronger faith. At any rate he confidently assumes that the era of Grand Lodges did not exist in 1663, and therefore the assertions of Anderson in the first two editions of the Constitutions with regard to Wren are false. As the result of confidence in the statements of Anderson he quotes the inaccuracies of Kloss and the mistake of Sir James Hall. He admits that the former collected his materials with diligence and judgment, but he relied upon expressed belief and not upon determined facts. Sir James Hall built up a theory about Wren and Gothic architecture upon the same unsubstantial grounds. Bro. Gould contends that much mischief has been caused in consequence. To enter upon the matter at all would be to open up the whole question, which we are not inclined to do. So far as Sir Christopher Wren, as an individual, is concerned, it is not a matter of supreme moment what, if any, connection he had with Freemasonry. But if it could be demonstrated beyond doubt that he was a member of the Craft, light might be thrown upon the condition of the Order at the time in which he lived. It might convert a wide-spread belief into a certainty, and show that Freemasonry had a broader existence in England than Bro. Gould is willing to accept. His object, in reverting to the Wren controversy, is again to traverse the use of tradition in historical inquiry, and to reaffirm the position he has defended in a former volume. We have already dealt with the subject of tradition, and need not repeat our arguments. We are told by Brother Gould, in the present volume, that "we are about to pass from one period of darkness and uncertainty to another of almost equal obscurity, and which presents even greater difficulties than we have yet encountered." He is anxious, therefore, that the plan upon which he works should be understood. A writer has a right to choose his own method, and it is to the credit of Bro. Gould that he takes his readers into his confidence. If we cannot always follow him, if we think he is too sensitive to criticism, and too sceptical about the force and usefulness of tradition, we can at least believe in his sincerity and rely upon his love of truth. We do not propose to dwell further upon the subjects that have hitherto engaged our attention, and as Bro. Gould enters upon a new phase of his theme in the pages with which we have still to deal, we shall accompany him, but prefer to begin the fresh journey next week, rather than resume it now.

(To be continued).

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on the 6th inst. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., occupied the throne; Bro. S. C. Burke Prov. Grand Master of Jamaica acted as Depute Grand Master; Bro. James T. S. Elliot jun., of Wolfelee, as Senior Warden; Bro. G. Fisher as Junior Warden. The other Grand Officers were Bros. D. Murray Lyon Secretary, David Kinnear Cashier, A. W. Rennie W.M. of Lodge Journeyman, No. 8, acting Senior Deacon, W. Officer acting Junior Deacon, Dr. Rowand Anderson Architect, Alex. Hay Past Grand Jeweller, David Hume acting Bible Bearer, Provost Brand Director of Ceremonies, Dr. James Cranstoun Bard, John Wilson acting Sword Bearer, W. Harrison Director of Music, R. Davison Organist, A. M. Potter acting Inner Guard. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Haddington Master Depute, the Earl of Kintore Substitute Master, W. Mann S.S.C., John Graham C.A., James Crichton, J. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow; James Berry, Dundee, &c. The Grand Master introduced the following Visitors to Grand Lodge:—Bros. Durashaw R. Chichgar, Bombay, honorary Substitute Grand Master of Scottish Masonry in India; S. C. Burke Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica; and K. J. Spicer Depute Prov. Grand Master of Jamaica; and these brethren were welcomed to a seat on the dais, and in acknowledging the compliment, referred in short addresses to the condition of Masonry in their respective districts. Bro. R. Douglas Clark, of the English Constitution, Pietermaritzburg, was also received as a visitor. Bro. J. Wilson, Past Master of Lodge Caledonian, No. 392, presented his commission as representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and was welcomed from the throne to a place on the dais. A vidimus by the Grand Cashier of the income and expenditure for the quarter ending 25th July showed that the income had been £806, and the expenditure £660, an excess af income to the extent of £146. During that period there had been 682 entrants to the Order registered in Grand Lodge. From the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence the grants by the Committee during the quarter had amounted to £172. It was reported from Grand Committee that a Committee had been appointed to communicate with the brethren who had issued a circular in regard to a publication, and to endeavour in a friendly spirit to bring the matter in dispute to a determination. Grand Secretary reported that the Grand Master had accepted invitations to lay, with Masonic honours, the foundation-stone of a new public hall at Kirriemuir on the 18th of September, and to plant the memorial-stone of the new parish church of Langside on the 3rd of October, the ceremonials being under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Forfarshire and Renfrewshire East respectively. It was resolved that the Grand Master be supported on each of these occasions by a deputation from the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master stated that he was in communication with the Past Grand Master (the Earl of Mar and Kellie) in order to present to him the bust given by the Grand Lodge, and also to instal him as Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire; and that as soon as a date was found that would exactly suit his Lordship's convenience and that of Grand Lodge, his services would, he need not say, be at their disposal. The Grand Master drew attention to presents from other Grand Lodges, including a photograph of the Office Bearers of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales under the Scottish Constitution, and also a photograph of the painting of Grand Lodge at the inauguration of Burns as Poet Laureate of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, by Bro. R. S. Brown, and it was resolved to receive these with thanks. The sub-committee appointed to consider the rearrangement of the Border Provinces submitted a report on this subject, which detailed the arrangements in 1802, 1827, and 1836, and that by the arrangement now existing seven Lodges were within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirk, five within that of Berwick and Roxburgh, and five within that of East Lothian. They proposed that the existing three Provinces should be formed into two:—Haddington and Berwick composed of the following eight Lodges:—Duns, St. John Kilwinning, Haddington; St Abbs, Eyemouth; Dunbar Castle, Dunbar; St. Luke, Lauder; St. John, Coldstream; St. Baldred, North Berwick; and Tyneside, East Linton. Roxburgh and Selkirk, consisting also of eight Lodges, viz.:—Kelso, St. John, Selkirk; St. John, Jedburgh; Hawick, St. James, Hawick; St. John, Galashiels; and St. John Stow. They left out Peebles in this arrangement from a conviction that in the circumstances the placing of the Peebles Kilwinning in the metropolitan Province was necessary to its existence. They submitted that the arrangement of the Border Lodges into two Provinces was desirable, and the allocation of the Lodges was such as on the whole would be the most convenient for the Lodges themselves. They had been guided, the

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committee reported, solely by the general convenience and interests of the Lodges concerned. Their proposed rearrangement extinguished East Lothian as a separate province; but by its union with Berwick, and the union of Selkirk with Roxburgh, there would be two strong provinces, and with less expense to each individual Lodge. With more Lodges to choose from there would be no difficulty in selecting such an excellent staff of office-bearers for each province as could not fail to be highly advantageous to the interests and progress of Freemasonry, and they had every reason to believe that their proposed re-arrangement would give general satisfaction. Consideration of the report was deferred till the opinion should be obtained of the Lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges in the district in question. It was agreed to grant a charter to Lodge Ellangowan, Milngavie, in the parish of East Kilpatrick, and to place the Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire, as, from the convenience of railway communication, it would be for the benefit of the Lodge, though situated in the county of Stirling, to be Masonically connected with Dumbartonshire. It was resolved to grant a charter in favour of the new Lodge Star in the Far South, Papakura, Auckland, and to recognise and open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of South Australia as has been done by Grand Lodge of England, and to allow the six Scottish holding Lodges in South Australia to retain in their possession the charters under which they served to be held by them, as they said in a petition on the subject, "in affectionate remembrance of their connection with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland, and as a mark of their appreciation of the benefits received from their parent Grand Lodge." The other business was unimportant.

At a Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Kirkcudbright, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., a committee was appointed to make arrangements for receiving a visitation from Sir Archibald Campbell, Grand Master of Scotland, and a deputation from the Grand Lodge. This is expected to take place early in October. George Maxwell, Esq., of Glenlee, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, presided at the meeting, and presented Bro. R. Torry Provincial Grand Secretary with a purse of sovereigns, subscribed by the brethren of the Lodges in the province, in recognition of his services to the cause of Masonry in Galloway.

Obituary.

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BRO. CHARLES J. PRINGLE.

The death is announced of Bro. Charles J. Pringle, of Sloane-street, Chelsea, an esteemed member of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, which sad event took place, after two days illness, on the 1st inst. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, was buried on the 6th inst., at Brompton Cemetery, where many brethren and neighbouring tradespeople assembled to pay the last tribute of respect. We tender to his family our sincere sympathy with them in their affliction.

MRS. ALICE LAYTON.

It is with much regret that we learn of the demise of Mrs. Alice Layton, the beloved wife of Brother Harry John Layton, of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, which melancholy event occurred on Thursday, the 6th instant, at her residence at Nunhead. The deceased lady had been ailing for some weeks, and had been attended by Bro. Dr. Cock, of Peckham, but no serious consequences were apprehended until a few days before the crisis arrived. Her death, at the early age of 33 years, has evoked profound sorrow amongst a wide circle of friends, whose sympathy with Brother Layton and his family in their affliction has been genuinely expressed. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, at Nunhead cemetery, in the presence of a numerous assemblage of friends. On the coffin were placed several beautiful wreaths, by loving hands, as a last tribute of respect for the deceased, her husband and family. Amongst the chief mourners were Bro. H. J. Layton, the husband, Mr. James Hewson and Mr. Charles Hewson, brothers, Bros. John James 1571, R. U. Steele 1410, J. Penny P.M. 1571, J. Reynolds, S. Lampen 30, F. Noyce 1571, Cook-Taylor, Mr. G. H. Burchell, &c. We add our tribute, to that of many others, of condolence with our brother in his sad bereavement.

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FREEMASONRY AND DISPLAY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You seem to be strangely in conflict with the views of the *Masonic Journal*, of Portland, Maine, U.S. Not very long ago, in an article (which was quoted verbatim in the *Keystone*) on English and American Freemasonry, you said that "the love of display, to our mind, is the great danger of American Freemasonry." The Maine *Journal*, in speaking of ourselves, says: "The truth is, there is more public display of Masonry in Great Britain than in any other country." To disprove the latter statement, and uphold your own would require references to documents which are not now at hand. I know it is risky to affirm the truth of circumstances that have not been personally witnessed, and I am afraid that the Press does not always speak the truth. Allowing for these difficulties, and the exaggeration that too often accompanies descriptions of ceremonies, I still contend that we have nothing like the Masonic displays in this country that prevail, according to the accounts of native Masonic papers, in America. We have few, if any, spurious societies, and if any departure is held to be necessary from a strictly rigid system, a dispensation must be obtained. Unless the object be good, and the bad consequences of relaxation excessively small and almost impossible, no dispensation would be granted. What all the world and his wife may see cannot be held to be secret, and without saying that Americans overstep the border line that divides the enlightened from the profane, I may confidently assert that they do delight more than we English do, in gratifying the public taste for display. It is notorious that in America demonstrations are an institution; to us they are an exception, and only tolerated. After all, the question is not of much moment, for if I remember rightly, your article, as a whole, was written in a kindly spirit, and was calculated to cement brotherly love rather than sow discord.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

OUTSIDE CALLS ON MASONIC LIBERALITY

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I recollect on one occasion I was interested in a Masonic object of charity, and asked a personal friend, not a Mason, for a subscription. I got severely snubbed, and have never since gone out of the mystic circle for help. I should be the last to advise that the brethren should only give to their own Masonic kin. Each man must be a law unto himself in the matter of charity; some give from impulse and indiscriminately, others prefer a systematic method. Of the two I admire most the spontaneous giver, although I by no means wish to harshly judge the latter. It is another matter when outsiders come to us for help. Then I think a line should be drawn, and in the main I agree with your article in last week's issue. The more we keep aloof from the outside world the better, except the claim for aid is beyond question and can be given without detriment to ourselves and connections.

One exception is present to my mind, which probably you might not sympathise with; that is you would possibly draw it closer than I should. There is such a close connection between practical Masonry and speculative Freemasonry that I should desire to help in most cases where architectural monuments are involved. Having antiquarian tendencies, I should prefer to assist in the restoration of the works of the past of acknowledged beauty and grandeur, rather than in raising new structures. My reason is simple, if not generally acceptable. The noble edifices of the past bear the stamp of unselfish devotion, of a strong religious motive. The present generation are too much imbued with the utilitarian spirit, and although there are degrees of manifestations of that spirit, its presence is sufficiently strong in all modern cases to warrant the conclusion in my mind that Freemasons would be better advised to limit their assistance to old monuments, the creations of a genius that has died out, and which cannot be revived under existing conditions. Our fame is closely associated with all that is glorious in the architecture of the past, and it seems little less than sacrilege to lend our countenance to the building of structures, some of which are hideous, and few if any reach within measurable distance of the ancient standard.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in tendering you my personal thanks for your remarks under this head, as they act as a sort of approval of my conduct on a recent occasion, when a vote for "outside benevolence" was proposed in my own Lodge. The object for which the grant was suggested was a worthy one, so far as worth under such circumstances goes, but inasmuch as it was for the purpose of feasting the eyes only, that is to say the work contemplated was the restoration of an ancient monument, I felt there were many more useful purposes to which our funds might be applied. I could not overlook the fact that there were many near

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and dear to us as Freemasons who wanted food for their bodies much more than a chosen few wanted food for their eyes, and accordingly I was uncharitable enough to oppose the vote. A discussion ensued, and ultimately the proposition was withdrawn. I thus saved the expenditure of five guineas from our Lodge funds, but I fear there are some of our number who even now regard the saving as evidence of meanness. I hope your remarks will convince them to the contrary, and that they will come to regard my action as the right one to be pursued under such circumstances.

So long as we have distress unrelieved within the portals of Freemasonry I maintain we are wrong in spending Lodge funds for purposes outside the limits of the Order.

I am, yours fraternally,

ZWEI.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not remember having seen anything more impolitic in your columns than the article in which you recommend that Freemasons should confine their benevolence to Masonry alone, and I trust the advice you offer may be disregarded, as I feel it should be. What can be more opposed to the true spirit of Masonry than to ignore all outside calls, no matter how worthy of support they may be? There are very many applications which we should do well to listen to, and relieve to the best of our ability, and if this were done even to a greater extent than has been done in the past, I feel sure we should be thought even better of outside the limits of Freemasonry than we are to-day. I look upon every grant made to general charities as so much money spent in extending the good opinion of Freemasonry, or, in other words, of making its charitable principles known to outsiders. I very much question if we do not owe the the advent of many of our present members to some one or other of the grants made in response to calls from other than the recognised Masonic Charities. Outsiders see and admire the principles of a society which extends relief to those outside its circle, and seek admission to its ranks. Would you stop this method of doing good for Masonry altogether? Would you say to Grand, Provincial, and to Private Lodges, thus far shalt thou go, and no further? Would you lay down a hard and fast line beyond which it should be illegal to go?

If you answer all these questions in the affirmative, as your article would lead me to suppose, you would do a great injury to the principles of Masonry, and you would do a great injustice to worthy causes, the supporters of which reasonably look to Freemasons for same little assistance in carrying on their work.

I am, yours fraternally,

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THE BOYS' INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—An opportunity now presents itself which I hope your readers and the Craft generally will be quick to avail themselves of, as it is one of those opportunities which occur but once in a lifetime—I may almost say, once in all time. It is none other than the chance of rendering the establishment of the Boys' School perfect in every detail, at an estimated cost of from £1,500 to £2,000. I quote from the official programme of the meeting at Wood Green on the 11th, which says, "The only further expenditure necessitated to render the establishment perfect in every detail is that for a Swimming Bath—the desirability of such addition being universally recognised—for which the amount required may be estimated at from £1,500 to £2,000." Here follows the signature of that most energetic Secretary Bro. Frederick Binckes, so that I suppose the statement has the approval of that worthy brother. I think it is somewhat novel for him to say the Institution has reached the "summit of his ambition," or that it is even within £1,500 or £2,000 of that much to be desired goal, and I feel that the perfection here spoken of will be but of short duration. However, it is not my present purpose to ridicule, but rather to support him and the executive of the Institution in their desire to add a swimming bath to the possessions at Wood Green, and I think it will be recognized that with such a number of boys as are housed in the buildings there a bath is essential. Our boys should be taught swimming, and the first step in such a direction is the construction of a bath. This Bro. Binckes tells us can be accomplished at an outlay of less than £2,000, and I hope it will not be long before that amount is forthcoming and the work started upon.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

THE ACCOMMODATION FOR GRAND CHAPTER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I know of no means, except that offered by the Masonic journals, of expressing my approval of the action decided upon in regard to providing more accommodation for the regular meetings of Grand Chapter, and perhaps it may be asked why I should trouble you with these words of approval. I hold that all of us, from the highest downwards, like to know that our deeds meet the approval of those who are affected by them, and as it is not possible for all to express their approval by word of mouth, other means must be adopted. I, and I may say most, if not all of the companions of my Chapter, agree with the decision arrived at on this subject, and it is principally because we believe the steps taken will add to the dignity of Royal Arch Masonry that we do so agree. A great deal depends on the surroundings of important meetings. Impressive ceremonies lose much of their charm if they cannot be conducted without confusion, and lack of accommodation is one of the most prolific causes of confusion it is possible to imagine. The remark of Comp. Butler Wilkins that many more Companions would attend Grand Chapter if the meetings were held in the Temple is, I believe, very true, as the surroundings of that splendid hall create such an impression as must engender respect and reverence. It is the Temple of Freemasonry, and has attractions as such which appeal to the heart of true and worthy Craftsmen, so that altogether I believe the contemplated change will be in every way of advantage to the Order.

Yours fraternally,

ROYAL ARCH.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While I admit that much might be done among Freemasons towards finding employment for brethren at present seeking it, I fear that the establishment of an employment bureau, such as suggested by your correspondent "WATCHMAN," would be productive of evil rather than good. It would perhaps do good for a very few, but it would do evil to the whole body of Freemasons, inasmuch as it would bring discredit on the Order. Besides, I think it would be wholly opposed to the principles of Freemasonry, which are, or should be, uninfluenced by mercenary or any other unworthy motives. You may, perhaps, ask what is there mercenary or unworthy about finding an unemployed brother a situation, and I admit it would be very difficult to prove anything, but as soon as anything like organised trade recommendation is attempted, I think we should have evidence it was likely to engender feelings both mercenary and unworthy. Freemasonry, we are told, is not a benefit Society, and until it is decided to reorganise it so as to render it one, I feel it is best to avoid official interference on behalf of unemployed brethren.

If an employment bureau is to be anything more than a name, it will have to be officially recognised, and if once recognised it will be the means of attracting men who are in situations of a temporary, or at least uncertain character, and if once that happens there is no knowing what evils may follow. I should very much like to be able to point to some method of relieving the great distress which must exist in our midst in consequence of lack of employment, but I cannot recommend that Freemasonry should descend to the level of maintaining an official registry office.

Yours fraternally,

A FREEMASON PURE AND SIMPLE.

MASONIC INFLUENCES AFFECTING CHARACTER.

Oration delivered on the occasion of dedicating the new Masonic apartments in the city of Fall River, Massachusetts, by Bro. Rev. Martyn Summerbell:—

LADIES AND BROTHER MASONS,—It is to us a rare festival this, which brings us together for the dedication of this Masonic Temple,—rare, because it is so seldom our pleasure that the *penetralia* of our secret labyrinths are illumined with such a galaxy of feminine grace and loveliness; and rare again, since now, for the first time in the sixty years since the M.W. Grand Lodge chartered a subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, Masonry can claim a distinctively Masonic home under exclusively Masonic ownership.

Enjoying this high privilege, as we survey the faces of sisters, daughters, and wives of brother Masons, we do not forget what encouragement to our enterprise was given in its inception by the kindly action of a noble lady, whose name will long be linked with the moral and educational interests of the city—Mrs. Mary A. Young—who made it possible for us to utilize this site by kindly placing it at our disposal, and on most generous terms.

In the exultation attending the delightful consummation of our hopes, the Lodges have invited you to share these festivities; have thrown open the inner *adyta* of Masonic seclusion to your inspection; and have placed the present speaker on this platform to disclose to you all the secrets of Freemasonry which Masons incline to impart to an over-curious world.

We to-night cordially invite you to enjoy everything you can enjoy, and we wish you to feel thoroughly welcome to see everything, from cellar to garret, that can be seen; and to treasure, in a sympathetic remembrance, all the occult allusions, or direful secrecies, or abominable mysteries, which, inadvertently or otherwise, your speaker may call to your attention.

In the course of your tour of inspection you will hardly proceed to a great distance before observing that the appearance and structure of this edifice, and the peculiarities of its internal arrangement, mark it as devoted to special uses. It will be quite impossible to associate with it in thought the peaceful joys of domestic life, the activities of trade, the frivolities of the giddy, or the exclusive privileges of the Sabbath sanctuary. Through all, and in all, runs a thread of controlling purpose, speaks a silent voice of lines, and projections, and contours, declaring it apart from all other buildings among which it stands.

Reading, in its form and outline, a mystic language, as its interpreter, I invite you to remark that it embodies four several principles, which I may designate as:—

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1. Mystery without mischief.
2. Subjection without servitude.
3. Establishment without display, and—
4. Asperation without pretension,—all of which are prominent characterics of the Craft, and exercise a wholesome control in the development of the excellence and grandeur of the Masonic spirit.

This Temple and the Craft represent the principle of Mystery without mischief. These solid walls enclose the shrine of Reticence and Caution. When you visit the granite Temple of Masonry which graces the Empire City, at the head of the grand staircase you see a statue of spotless marble,—a female figure, her fingers touching her lip,—the impersonation of Silence. No such creation of artistic genius guards our portal; but the angel of silence hovers over the place; and when you survey our belongings, and peer into nooks and corners, the uses of which you can only distantly conjecture, even the careless will feel their senses burdened with an unusual and unaccountable awe. Though to-night our corridors may echo with unaccustomed footfalls, and many a solid door swing on easy hinges, it is understood that this courtesy is extended for this one occasion. When Masons transact Masonic business they retreat from the public gaze, and discreetly cover their labours with the mantle of reserve. Of this retirement the uninstructed are disposed to complain. "*Why hide*," they ask, "*unless there is someting to hide?*" "*Why darkness rather than light, unless a cloak for evil?*"

But, in the Divine order, darkness has a place. When the world was making, the Almighty set the night before the light. The evening and the morning were the first day. Is speech silver? Then silence, reflection, meditation, which teaches the right speech, is gold. In a certain place, the Book of books—our book as well as yours—bids all to be "*swift to hear, slow to speak;*" and, in another passage, teaches the prayer, "*Keep Thou the door of my lips.*" "*Hear much and speak little*," says Sir Walter Raleigh; "*for the tongue is the instrument of the greatest good and the greatest evil that is done in the world.*"

How can you better distinguish wisdom and folly than by this sign,—that the wise man knows all he tells, while the fool tells all he knows? The landmark of Masonic secrecy which has come down through the ages is a Mentor of prudence and circumspection in character. To decide what should be revealed, and what concealed; to weigh possibilities and consider consequences; to regard relations and obligations,—all this is culture of the judgment, and imparts firmness and decision to the mind. Were this the solitary benefit of our secret tradition, I would cherish it as an invaluable instrumentality for education. The mysteries I admit; but that mischief lurks behind them I deny. Time enough for those who misunderstand them to decry them when they can trace disorders to the door of the Lodge. Their trail does not lie that way; for which reason we, who have the matter under our *own control*, may be expected to speak when the inclination takes us, and to be silent when we are in the silent mood.

Our Temple has also a primary purpose, controlling its formation, from the living rock at its base, to the highest point which the builders reached. This leading thought is service for the Craft, to be first and foremost for Masonry. The needs of our peculiar art are met in every particular, nothing being omitted which is required for convenience or rendition of ritual. And yet no pretence is offered that it copies King Solomon's Temple, or any other holy place. It offers the essentials of a Masonic edifice, and, besides this, displays an individuality quite its own, thus teaching Submission without servitude.

This is a cardinal principle of Masonic law. The Lodge in session is a wondrous teacher of the Order; for the sun rising in the east, or gleaming in meridian splendour, or slowly dropping in the western sky, is not more regular to allotted tasks than each brother Mason and the officers he has set to rule. Out of a world where freedom is often a name to cover anarchy, we pass to a kingdom where the one privilege is perfect liberty to do the right. Masonic government is a blending of autocracy and democracy in a unique system which insures the maximum of order, while it preserves in highest degree all personal rights.

I confess, in this presence, that I never reflect upon the regularity of the Lodge, its beauty, its perfect calm, without recognition that this Institution is a potent teacher of conservative citizenship and a substantial bulwark of free institutions. The tyrant dreads its influence, and the superstitious and narrow-minded fulminate maledictions against its principles and organization; for, while it plots against none, all evil powers feel the antagonism of its spirit. Let them rage; for it will survive to benefit mankind when the throne of the one and the parchments of the other have crumbled into indistinguishable dust.

Our Temple, to outward view, while singularly solid and massive, is severely plain. It retreats from the bustle of the great highway, spreads its foundations over an ample space, and rises in the beauty of useful adaptation, with no effort for ornament or display. It embodies establishment without ostentation. This statement applies to the Fraternity as a whole. Its basis is the broad earth; for Masons inhabit every continent, and are dispersed among the scattered isles. All classes and conditions of men—the lofty and the lowly, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned—here meet on a common level, study the symbols, and, though from opposite sides of the globe, meeting, have acknowledged the Fraternal Tie.

And this edifice of Masonry comes up from the past,—a past so remote that it antedates the dawn of history. Nevertheless, the sun, which bathes its walls to-day, reveals no marks of decay. In buttress, in springing arch, in fluted column,—everywhere appear strength, massiveness, establishment. Rulers of kingdoms consider the Mason's clothing a mark of honour. Washington was Master of a Lodge, and selected many of his trustiest counsellors and generals from the Order. Many of his successors in the Executive Chair of the nation have been distinguished in the Craft, among whom I note President Arthur and the lamented Garfield. The coming King of England holds the gavel as Grand Master of Masons, and, within the year, Prince Edward, Heir apparent, has become a Master Mason.

And yet this fraternity, standing as solidly on the centuries as the pyramids on the sands of the Nile, easily the mistress and queen, shuns the ostentation of idle display. Of her ministrations to the widow and the fatherless we may say in the familiar lines:—

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

While tender to the needy, she crowds no forceful alms upon the strong, and suffers not the trumpeting of her benefactions. Modest in extending, she is modest in inviting help. With the reserve of a chaste and high-bred maiden, she seeks no homage, and lets her suitors woo before they win, and press their suit with free and untrammelled will. This consciousness of worth, which attracts the worthy, lends dignity to the Masonic attitude.

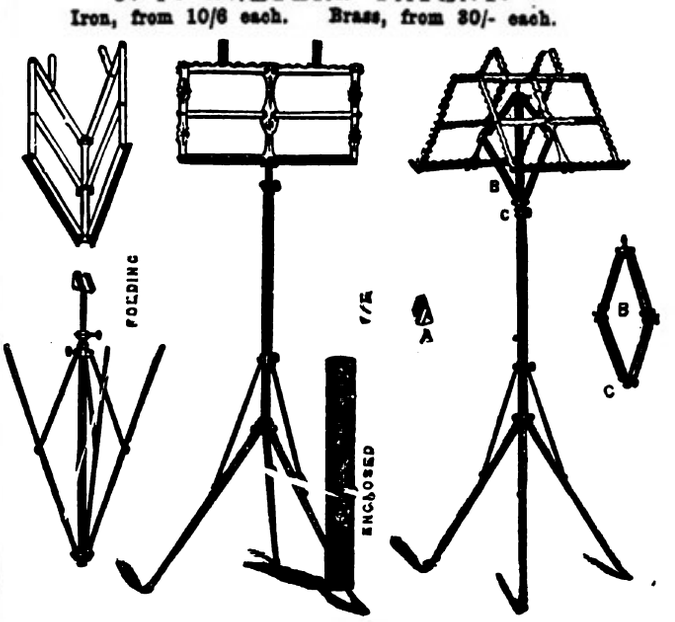
The Temple stands, its upper windows looking down upon surrounding dwellings, and yet its topmost pinnacle far short of the ridge of yonder sanctuary of religion, whose spreading roof reechoes the song and prayer of devotion, and whose ascending spire points toward the stars, and God, and heaven. This spirit, which reaches skyward just so far and as boldly halts, bespeaks aspiration without pretension. The Masonic spirit is devout, reverential, earnest in search of truth and the essentials of a ripening manhood. To subdue his passions, to moderate wrath, to deal justly and love mercy, are daily precepts. To believe in God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe; to accept the Holy Bible as an unfailing guide for duty; to cling to an eternal hope,—all are fundamental to the Masonic character. It has well been said: "The highest art is always the most religious, and the greatest artist is always a devout man. A scoffing Raphael or Michael Angelo is not conceivable." So a scoffing Mason is not conceivable.

But while he aspires toward truth and virtue the true Mason avoids all extravagance of eulogy for his Craft. Enemies taunt him with confusing Masonry with religion, but the most he asks is that Masonry be known as the handmaid of religion. All his first Grand Masters were devoutly religious men. His ancient charges bade all Masons adopt the religion of their native country, and if now the rigour of this obligation is relaxed it is only that each soul may serve God as best it can. Masonry and religion have no conflict. Each has its field in which each may help the other. For many years I have felt the conviction that the Christian who is a faithful Mason will be the better Christian, and that the Mason who is an honest Christian can better fulfil every recurring Masonic duty.

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Mason! It is a title of dignity and honour. Princes may exult in the stability of their thrones, philosophers leap with joy at discoveries in science or art, generals recount their victories, and authors dream of works which posterity will cherish; but the proudest and best of them all, when the even-tide of life draws on, may have sunlight in his soul, if the muse of history, repeating his triumphs, can add, as final proof of stability and royalty of character, HE WAS A FAITHFUL MAN AND MASON.

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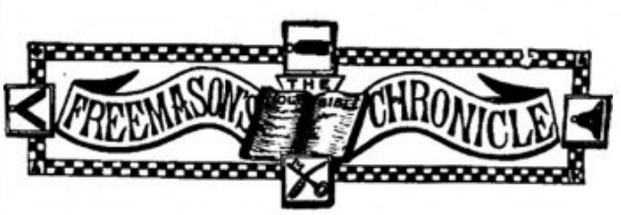
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TUESDAY last was an eventful day in the annals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, the occasion being the "placing" of the corner-stone of the new assembly-room in connection with the Preparatory School buildings, which are now nearly completed there. The origin and progress of this important work have so frequently been described in these columns that it would be superfluous to add any further details. Our readers will be already sufficiently aware of the desire which was so energetically expressed some year or so since that additional accommodation should be provided, in order that the demands made upon the bounty of this beneficent Charity should be met. It is unnecessary also to enter upon the causes which have led up to this exigency, for our brethren have often heard it repeated how that, since the accession of our Most Worshipful Master the Prince of Wales the number of Lodges has multiplied enormously, and it is only the natural outcome of things that the demands made upon the various Charities of the Craft should advance in a corresponding ratio. How these circumstances have been met is known by the records we have published from time to time of munificent sums which have poured into the coffers of our great Institutions, showing that the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth have in no whit lost their significance and force. It were useless to recapitulate the splendid response which has been made to the repeated appeals on behalf of these the grand landmarks of the Order, but on the present occasion it is only for us to congratulate Brother Binckes upon the success which crowned his efforts on behalf of the Preparatory School on Tuesday last. On one of the most charming afternoons which has been vouchsafed to us this summer, a numerous and distinguished company of the brethren and ladies assembled to witness the ceremony, which was so gracefully performed by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The sun shone with benign influence upon a scene that was already animated by the smiles of the fair and the flutter of flags innumerable, whilst a fresh breeze prevailed to modulate the otherwise oppressive heat into a refreshing temperature. Early in the afternoon visitors were to be seen wending their way in the direction of the School, around the approaches to which a crowd of people hovered in the expectation of catching a glimpse of the distinguished personages who had been announced to take part in the proceedings. Shortly before three o'clock the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who was accompanied by Bro. Burdett-Coutts, the Hon. Mrs. Stuart Wortley, and the Misses Henderson, daughters of Sir Edmund Henderson, arrived, and was received by the chairman of the day, Bro. A. F. A. Godson Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, the Board of Stewards, and the members of the House and Audit Committees. Amongst those present we observed Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary, Rev. Dr. Morris Head Master of the School, R. Berridge P.M. 21 P.G.S., Edgar Bowyer 1471 P.G. St. B., Thomas Cubitt P.M. 157 P.G.P., H. W. Hunt P.M. 29 P.G.S., W. Mann P.M. 186, Horace B. Marshall, C.C., P.M. P.G. Treas., J. L. Mather P.M. 65 P.P.G.D.

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Binckes, who said he very well remembered, as a few other friends of the Institution would remember, twenty-three years ago, when her ladyship, who now presided, laid the foundation stone of the main building, and when it was their pleasure to have her presence amongst them, and to receive her generous support. On this occasion, of placing in position the corner stone of a most substantial addition to their buildings, the executive committee thought they were paying a deserved compliment to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and doing themselves a pleasure at the same time, by requesting that her ladyship would attend there, not to assist, as on a former occasion, but to take a leading part in actually placing in position the corner stone of the new building. To that request her ladyship graciously assented; and in commencing these proceedings it was his duty and pleasure, as it was his privilege, to formally introduce, as President to-day, the lady whose name was as a household word, not only in the public world, but wherever any good was to be accomplished—the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The Chairman, who was received with loud applause, said, before he pointed out the business of the day, he wished to say a word or two as to the time at which this meeting had been convened. If it had been held in July they would not have had their young friends the boys present, as they would have been away on their holidays. They only came back two days ago; therefore he thought the committee had taken the first opportunity of presenting them to her ladyship. With regard to September, very few of the brethren would have been comatable in that month, and in October most of them would be absent—fighting for the "good cause" of politics—either on one side or the other. It therefore became a matter of necessity to fix August for the laying of the corner stone, and on behalf of the Committee, and thanks to the kindness of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, they were able to fix it two days after the boys returned. With regard to the business which brought them together, those who had seen the new buildings would not want to hear much, but to those who had not read the articles respecting it, which had appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and other Masonic journals, he might point out the absolute necessity which existed for their erection. In the first place there had been *an immense increase in* the number of Freemasons since he joined the Order, twenty-one years ago. The number of the Lodges at that time was not over 1,000, whereas now it was double that number. As they had amongst them both rich and poor, they must be prepared at some time or other to care for those who were sent to them to instruct and set forward in the world. Beyond this, this Institution had suffered from a want of room in its old buildings. Most of the brethren knew the boys had been more crowded than they should be, or than the House Committee wished. Therefore, it was the aim of the executive to take away some of the boys from the main building, and to place them into an additional space that they had been empowered to raise. They had to look to the fact that education was changing its character. True, every boy who had been sent up from this School to the University examinations had passed, but, as education altered in the country, they had to provide the means of educating their lads and bring them up to the requirements of the age. At present they had not gone into the matter of technical education. They had in theory talked it over—that was as far as laid in their power; but, as all were aware, that meant money, and he was sorry to say that up to this time nothing had been practically done in that direction. Besides this, they had been pressed by a great many of the Craft to admit a greater number of boys into the School; but this could not be, so long as the Institution remained the size it had been up to the present time. They had had to recognise the fact that after 21 years' service, different portions of the building had become obsolete. Their laundry was, from an archæological view interesting, but it could not keep up with the requirements of the establishment. Other portions needed amendment, and the Committee, in considering the erection of the new buildings, had taken care to provide new apparatus for heating the whole of the establishment, and the improvement of the cooking department as well. Then again, their present hall was a useful, good room, and served nearly all the purposes required; but it was the place where the boys dined regularly, and on Sundays during divine service there was a surrounding about the place which was not at all desirable or satisfactory. Under all these circumstances it was necessary to make an appeal to the Craft, which appeal had been answered in the most handsome manner possible. The committee had been enabled to erect an annexe to the building, which it had been suggested should be called a Preparatory School, but they had not yet decided on what conditions boys should be admitted into it. They had an improved laundry, and heating and cooking apparatus, and last, though not least, a public hall set apart for meetings such as the present, and more particularly for the religious services which were held every Sunday. Under all these circumstances money was a stern necessity, and had the amount subscribed at the last Boys' Festival been double what it was they could have done with it all. He then referred to the enormous sums contributed by the Craft towards the various Masonic Institutions, and expressed the hope that by the example her ladyship had set by coming amongst them that day others would be cheered to emulate it, so that the £6,000 required to complete the work in hand would speedily be forthcoming. He then proceeded to urge the necessity of a swimming bath for the boys, similar to that at the Girls' Institution at Battersea, and, reverting to the subject of technical education, said it was the wish of the executive to send boys out into the world not merely as clerks but as good handicraftsmen. He hoped before many months were over they would at least be receiving instruction in two branches of trade, viz., printing and carpentering. But in order to carry on this technical education they would require at least £1200 a year more than they had at present. In conclusion, he again thanked her ladyship, whose name was a household word in the cause of charity, not only in this country but throughout the world, for coming among them that day. The V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, then read a passage of scripture (1 Kings, viii. 22-30), the responses being given heartily by all present; and this was followed by the anthem "Hail! Universal Lord," by the pupils' choir, who occupied a platform on the right side of the hall, and were led by Bro. H. J. Dutton, musical instructor to the Institution. The Architect (Bro. R. Berridge) having addressed the Baroness briefly recapitulated his instructions, and announced that the work, so far, had been carried out by the contractors (Messrs. Prestige and Co., of Cambridge Wharf, Grosvenor Wharf, S.W.) according to the plans and specifications agreed to by the Committee; her ladyship expressed her approval, and congratulated the Architect, Committee, and Officers on the result of their labours. She said: As I am presiding here to-day, understanding as far as I am able to understand the plans laid before me, and explained by the Architect, they seem to be calculated to promote the objects you have in view. I sincerely hope that every blessing may rest upon your undertaking, and you have my every wish for the future good and prosperity of the pupils. The anthem "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," (Psalm cxxxiii) was then chanted by the choir, and the official programme closed with an invocation by the chaplain. At the invitation of Bro. Binckes the ladies and lewises who had collected "purses" in aid of the building fund advanced to the dais and handed them to the Baroness, whilst Miss Eadith Soppet, the only lady who had acted as a Steward on the occasion, presented her ladyship with an exquisite bouquet of flowers. After the glee, "Hail! smiling morn," by the pupils' choir, the majority of the visitors repaired to a marquée in the grounds to witness the placing of the corner-stone, raised seats being placed for the ladies and others who had presented purses. A procession was then formed, and made a circuit of the new hall, led by the stewards and the band of the School, and others. On arriving at the site of the stone the procession divided right and left, leaving a passage for those in the rear to advance and take their places as arranged. The Baroness having taken the seat allotted to her near the stone, the bearers with the corn, wine, and oil, the treasurer, secretary, architect, and builder advanced, the latter presenting her ladyship with the silver trowel with which to spread the mortar on the bed for the stone, which was duly lowered into its place and adjusted. During the strewing of the corn, the sprinkling of wine, the pouring of oil, and the scattering of salt, verses of sacred music were sung by the choir, the rite being very impressively performed. The architect then presented the plans, and the treasurer advanced and deposited in the cavity of the stone a phial, which, as Bro. Binckes explained, contained a copy of the *Times* of that day, the last issues of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and *Freemason*, all the current coins of the realm, and, by her ladyship's express desire, a medallion of General Gordon. The Baroness then spread mortar on the plate, and with the mallet used in laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral by King Charles II. struck the stone thrice, saying "I declare this stone well and truly laid," to which the brethren responded "So mote it be." The inscription on the stone was

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Tuesday August 11th, 1885.

The ceremony having been completed, the Baroness addressed the audience in the following terms:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. CHAIRMAN, ARCHITECT, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:—I should not detain you, even for a few minutes, only that I have a few observations which I should like to make respecting this School. I will not dwell upon the inherent significance of the acts which have just been performed, because they are too well known to the body now present. They know, better than I can tell them, that the fabric of the noblest temple ever raised for the worship of the Divine must be built upon the same stable foundation as is the humblest church in the quietest spot where

"The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

The smallest house and the largest, if it is to stand, must rest upon those principles and be carried on in the same loving spirit in which the ceremonials of this day have been conducted. I wish for a moment to explain why it is that I have added the medal of Charles George Gordon to the coins that were placed in the cavity of that stone. This is a year that has been full of grief to England—of grief that will last throughout history—at the death of the heroic Christian and the heroic soldier. But it was not entirely for that reason I placed the medal there; it was to mark his deep affection and love for boys. General Gordon was a man who, long before he was known to fame, worked in the spirit of your Craft in every position of life in which he was placed. Nothing could have been more striking than the grief that was exhibited at his death, or the anxiety that was manifested by the nation during the many months of torture that preceded his death. Nothing could be more striking than the feeling which arose from all classes, once unknown to anybody amongst whom he had worked, and to whom he had done

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every kindness in his power. I ought to avail myself of this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honours you have accorded me in your programme of to-day, of being both the wife and the daughter of Masons. I might, on that plea, have thanked you, that, being a poor woman, I was entitled to your consideration. I cannot do that, but I will put it in another form. Having been elected to preside over this interesting gathering, I will only make a few observations, because you have mentioned in your records that, by the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I am the only lady who has been present at a Lodge, sitting but not working. Perhaps, therefore, I may say a little more than if I were an ordinary lady, and quite without the pale of Freemasonry. The advantages of an institution similar to this have some little chance of not being thoroughly estimated at the present time. It is 80 years since this School was brought into existence, and I think between 1,000 and 2,000 boys have passed through it during that period. These little figures, however, represent very little of the real history of your School. When you think that these 80 years represent a very long average of human life you will recognise that the boys who left the School at the beginning of its history have either passed away, or, having fought the battle of life successfully, are still, at an extreme old age, living amongst us. When you remember what those 80 years have been in your own history and in the history of the world, these little figures do not at all represent what has been done through the refreshing and purifying influences that have passed from this School into the outer world. Nor do I think I shall be rash in saying that the 1,000 or 2,000 boys who have left the School do not represent the influence for good that has been shed abroad by men who have acted nobly in life through the instrumentality of this School. We should be very much in the same under-estimate if we endeavoured to judge of the influence exerted by each boy in the workshop, or otherwise, for good. And when we think how much they may have influenced others for good, the amount of benefit which will have been conferred by this School before the century ends, of which the last eighty years have been the beginning, cannot be estimated by any human mind. It is known only to Him to whom we must render all honour, all reverence, and every kindly feeling we have in this world. At the present moment we want to observe that 80 years ago to be illiterate was not a discredit, certainly not a disgrace, and at times it was not a great disadvantage. In those days there was many a Master, many a person, who would rather trust the ready wit, the willing hand, and the good conduct of a boy than his having been well taught and well informed. That is not the case now. It is a discredit and a disgrace now not to be educated; and the legislation of the country has made it so. Whether the legislation of the country carries out its laws effectually I do not know, but at any rate it provides that children shall be looked after up to the age of fourteen years, and properly educated. That makes an immense difference in the position of the children of the present age over the means of education possessed by the boys of the time to which I have alluded, or by the girls either: because I had the pleasure of seeing them under circumstances which will never be effaced from my memory. That difference cannot be calculated by any one in the present day. There is, however, great danger lest the education of the country may lead people to think that because a boy is put to a good school, and is being taught in such a place as this, nothing else is required. We have in Board Schools able masters, who are most desirous of doing their work, but it is impossible in the Board Schools of the country that the habits of home life can be so cultivated as they are in an Institution such as this. There is many a good habit which has prevented a boy falling into bad company, or taking the wrong side of the road instead of the right side; whereas, if he had been brought up in coarse or bad habits he would have been led into grief and sorrow. Such is my estimate of your Institution here, which, by what is proposed in the future, and the support it is certain to receive—if not immediately, at no distant date—from such an influential body as the Masonic Craft will redound not only to the credit of the Order, but to the good of the country in general and particularly to the good of the boys who are educated here. I can only add my own poor thanks for the honour that has been paid to me by your body on this and on other occasions, and to say how highly that honour has been valued by me. Her ladyship resumed her seat amidst enthusiastic cheering.

Bro. Binckes then presented to her ladyship the four little Lewises who had borne the Bible which had been presented to the Lodge which bears her name—the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278. In doing so he said the boys should not be without some little memento of the event, and Bro. Cumberland P.P.G.S.W. had provided four copies of the volume of the Sacred Law, which he hoped her ladyship would be kind enough to present to them. Each volume contained an entry in commemoration of the event, and they were presented respectively to George Octavius Fearon, Ernest Harold Anderson, Christopher George Barber, and Salmon Almond Beavis. In making the presentation, the Baroness said it had added much to the pleasure of the day to present those copies of the Bible. She hoped each of the boys who had received them would reach the age of Sir Moses Montefiore, and would read those sacred words with the same comfort and consolation that he did. The pupils' choir then sang "All people that on earth do dwell," and the Chaplain and brethren recited "Except the Lord build the house," the whole proceedings closing with the prayer, "May the Omnipotent and Merciful Father of all bless this neighbourhood and this land with corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessaries of life, and may the same Almighty Power make us humble and grateful for all His mercies. May he look down with benignity upon our present undertaking and crown the edifice of which we have now placed the corner stone with every success.—So mote it be. The Glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handy-work." Psalm xc. 17.

The band of the Institution, under the able direction of Bro. W. Whare, played some selections of music during the afternoon.

The following is a copy of the inscription in each of the Bibles presented by Bro. Cumberland:—

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.
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To commemorate the
Placing in position the corner-stone
of the
PREPARATORY SCHOOL BUILDINGS,
at Wood Green,
on Tuesday, 11th August 1885,
by
BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS.
This Bible is presented to
... ...
One of the four "Lewises" who assisted in carrying the
Volume of the Sacred Law, by
Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND P.M. P.J.P.G.W.,
Life Governor,
with best wishes for your future welfare.
—:o:—
Read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest.
Herein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God,
to your neighbour, and to yourself.
Be careful to perform your allotted task while it is yet day.
And may God bless and prosper you in your work.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the company sat down to *déjeuner* in the new assembly hall, under the presidency of Bro. A. F. Godson, who proposed the usual toasts, introducing each with some well-chosen remarks. In the course of the evening Bro. Binckes announced that the amounts subscribed that day totalled up to £1,100; these included a donation of one hundred guineas from the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and a similar sum from Bro. Godson, the Chairman. We append a list of the Stewards of the day, together with particulars of the principal contributions received.

Adlard, Frederick P.M. 7, &c., V.-Pat.			
Baker, W. H.	10	10	0
Berridge, Robert P.M. 21, &c., P.G. Steward, V.-Pat.	52	10	0
Belton, Charles P.M. 165, &c., P.P.G.D. Surrey, V.-Pat.	5	5	0
Bennett, Frederick T. 33, V.-Pres.			
Binckes, F. P.M. P.G. Steward Secretary, V.-Pat.	10	10	0
*Bowyer, Edgar P.M. 1471, &c., P.G. Std. Br., V.-Pat.	21	0	0
Clever, Joseph P.M. 171 V.-Pres.	27	6	0
Clowes, Richard P.M. 51, &c., P.P.G.S.W. Essex, V.-Pat.			
†Cooper, George P.M. 214, &c., V.-Pat.	5	5	0
†Cubitt, Thomas P.M. 157, &c., P.G. Purs., V.-Pres.	5	5	0
Dicketts, Herbert	5	5	0
District Grand Lodge, Hong Kong	21	0	0
†Driver, Charles H. P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Surrey	5	5	0
*Godson, Aug. F. D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, V.-Pat.	105	0	0
†Goodall H. S., L.G.			
Grand Lodge M.M.M.	52	10	0
Hill, Fredk. C.	60	2	6
†Hogard, Charles F. P.M. 205, &c., P.P.G.S. Works Essex, V.-Pat.	26	5	0
Humphries, T. Mount P.M., L.G., P.P.G.S. Works Staff.	26	5	0
*Hunt, Henry Wallis P.M. 29 P.G. Steward, V.-Pat.	5	5	0
Kempster, W. H., M.D., P.M. 1420, &c., L.G.			
Kenning, George P.M. 192 1657 P.G.D. Middlesex, V.-Pat.			
Lake, W. P.M. 131 P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall			
Lambert, Captain G. P.M. 198, &c., P.P.G.W. Herts P.G.S.B., Patron	26	5	0
Layton, Alfred Thomas W.M. 1601 P.M. 181, &c., V.-Pat.	10	10	0
†Mann, W. P.M. 186, &c., V.-Pat.			
Marshall, Horace B., C.C., P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Patron	94	10	0
*Mather, J. L. P.M. 65, &c., P.P.G.D. Herts, V.-Pat.	31	10	0
Matier, C. F. P.M. 645, &c., V.-Pat.	2	2	0
†Maple, W. P.M. 657, &c., L.G.	10	10	0
Martyn, Rev. C. J., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, P. G. Chap., Patron	10	10	0
*Miller, T. Hastings P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex, V.-Pres.	10	10	0
*Moon, James P.M. 49, &c., V.-Pres.	10	10	0
Morris, Rev. Dr., Head Master, V.-Pat.			
Motion, George P.M. P.P.G.D. Essex			
*Murray, Joyce P.M. 1703, &c., V.-Pat.	21	0	0
*Pana, W. P.M. 28, &c., V.-Pres.			
Plucknett, George P.M. P.G.D., V.-Pat., Treasurer			
Prestige, George 1900, L.G.			
*Ramsay, F. W., M.D., P.M., L.G.			
Roebuck, W. P.M. 29, &c., P.G. Steward, V.-Pat., Trustee			
*Rolls, Dudley P.M. 12, &c., V.-Pres.			
*Sanders, Charles, M.D., P.M., L.G.			
†Saunders, W. Harris P.M. P.P.G.D., Middlesex, L.G.			
Scurrah, W. A. 167, &c., V.-Pat.			
†Soppet, Charles E. P.M. 1627 P.G. Steward, L.G.			
Soppet, Miss Eadith	5	5	0
Stanley, H.	26	5	0
Stewart, Raynham W. P.M. 108, &c., P.G.D., V.-Pres.,			
Stone, H. P.M. 723, L.G.			
Storr, E. F. P.M. 22, &c., V.-Pres.			
Taylor, E. T.	5	5	0
Thiellay, E. H. W.M. 2060 P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, L.G.			
Torkington, A. W.M. 60 P.G. Steward, V.-Pat.	5	5	0
Tweedale, J. F.	26	5	0
*Venn, Henry P.M. 23 P.G. Steward, L.G.			
Wallis, Percy P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, V.-Pres.			
Webb, Jubal	15	15	0
Williams, Alfred P.M. 49, &c., V.-Pat.	15	15	0
Williamson, W. B. P.M. P.P.G.W. Worcestershire, L.G.			
Willing, James jun., P.M. W.M. 1987, V.-Pres.	5	5	0

* Members of House Committee.
† Members Finance and Audit Committee.

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PRESENTATION TO BRO. E. J. ACWORTH.

ON the occasion of the annual dinner of the staff of the *Middlesex County Times*, at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, on Saturday last, the opportunity was taken of presenting Bro. E. J. Acworth P.M. 133, W.M. elect 1612, &c., proprietor of the above old-established county journal, with a travelling and dressing-case, as a token of esteem, from his employés and a few friends who had joined them for that purpose. The case, which was made specially to order, is of Russian leather, replete with the necessary travelling and toilet fittings in ivory and silver, each article bearing the engraved monogram of the recipient, the whole costing about £40. A silver plate on the front of the case bears the following inscription:—"Presented to E. J. Acworth, Esq., by his employés and a few friends, 8th August 1885." Mr. J. F. Cosworth (overseer of the news department) in making the presentation, said the staff, with the help of a few friends, had been enabled to offer for Mr. Acworth's acceptance a substantial present, as a slight recognition of the kind, just, and upright manner in which he had dealt with them as employés, and also as a mark of appreciation for the energy and enterprise evinced in the conduct of his journal. Personally he had to acknowledge the greatest kindness at Mr. Acworth's hands, and he hoped the present would be accepted in the same free spirit in which it was offered, and that their respected employer might long be spared to utilize the gift which it was now his pleasure and privilege to offer for his acceptance. Mr. Acworth, in acknowledging the presentation, said he scarcely knew how to thank them for their very handsome gift. He felt himself to be undeserving of it, as he had only done what he considered to be his duty, and in so doing he could truly say that he had experienced great pleasure. They might be sure this event would linger long and pleasantly in his memory; he again cordially thanked all concerned for their kind and unexpected present.

THE AUTOMATIC SHOP.

EVERY one knows the difficulty of obtaining stamps and writing materials just when they want them, for instance at night and on Sundays. To meet this want it is proposed shortly to form the Post-Card and Stamped Envelope Public Supply Company, Limited. This Company is to purchase the patents for the sale of prepaid goods, which have recently been most favourably reported on by Sir Frederick Bramwell, President of the Institute of Civil Engineers, and also of the Executive Council of the Inventions Exhibition. These "free delivery" boxes have been at work for some time in London, at the principal railway stations, and at the Inventions Exhibition. The apparatus consists of a box in which a number of post-cards and stamped envelopes are placed. On a penny being *dropped into one of* the slits at the top of the box, the lock is released, and allows the operator to pull out a drawer which brings with it one post-card; or, on two pennies being dropped into two other slits in the box, a stamped envelope and sheet of paper is delivered. The top of the box forms a desk on which to write. When the box is empty, notice thereof is given by a plate rising with the word "empty" engraved on it, and at the same time the apertures for coin close. It is, therefore, impossible to cheat the public. This "shop" costs less than £5 to make, and, according to an estimate we have seen, will, if it sells only two stamped envelopes and five post-cards each day (thus receiving 9d in all), earn sufficient money to pay all expenses of the proposed Company and a dividend to the shareholders of 14¼ per cent. per annum on their investments. Messrs. Quilter, Ball, Crosbie, Glegg, and Welton, the eminent accountants, in their report of the accounts of the six months ending 30th June, state that the takings of the boxes then in use in London (40 in number) averaged 2s 1½d per day, nearly three times as much, it will be seen, as the 9d on which the estimate is based. The late Professor Fawcett, when in office as Postmaster-General, promised the owners of the patents that in any case in which there was not a Post-Office letter box within easy reach of these boxes, one should be placed whenever the correspondence proved sufficient to justify it. The day is probably not far distant when these boxes for the sale of envelopes and post-cards will be placed in conjunction with every pillar box in the kingdom. Many times the writer of this notice has, by the timely investment of a penny in a post-card, been saved a shilling for a telegram.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Thomas W.M., Dale S.W., J. J. Pitt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Howes J.D., O'Donnell I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hutchins (Preceptor), Waterman, G. Bolton, H. Bartlett, E. Good, and Banks; also Bros. Mansfield, Dodd, Millington, Fisher, Greener, and Emblin. The Lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dodd personating the candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming the usual questions leading to the degree of F.C. were satisfactorily answered by Bro. Greener. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Howes of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, was elected a member. Bro. Dale S.W. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, after which Lodge was closed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Monday, the 17th instant.

THE THEATRES.

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The Grand.—Whosoever doubteth the fact that the good borough of Islington merits its ancient title of "Merry" let him go to the Grand and see Mr. Frank Harvey's "Ring of Iron." Such shouts, such cyclones of laughter re-echo through the house, he might think himself back at the Adelphi, with Wright and Paul Bedford. A gallery which holds a thousand, and a crowded pit, without counting the politer "stalles," given the right provocation, can produce a fine orchestral effect. The drama is primarily pathetic, and of course domestic, but Mr. Harvey has understood his business, and after due intervals of harrowing excitement gives the necessary "comic relief." The play opens at the Gold "Diggins" in Australia where the heroine, Mary, a young person of humble origin, is living with her scapegrace husband, Gentleman Jack. A capital scene is given us when her friend Nancy, the only spinster at the creek, finds herself forcibly interviewed by all the local bachelors, who, to settle the deadly jealousies occasioned by her charms, insist on her choosing one of them for a husband. She objects, but yields to *force majeure*, and names Sam Thorpe, an ex-carpenter, as the happy man. Then Sam has misgivings, and tries to back out. She will take no one else, and by way of settling the difficulty it is proposed to "settle" Sam and start afresh. However, he thinks a wife a lesser evil than three inches of steel, and then follows a capital bit of courting, the Modus and Helen sitting on the kitchen table. How Gentleman Jack learns, by an advertisement, he has come into a title and an estate; how he abandons his wife; how he turns up in England, in two-button lavender gloves and a cadaverous complexion; how his injured wife follows him; how she is got into a private lunatic asylum; how she escapes thence, by aid of the faithful Nancy; how the wicked husband would have married a lovely heiress, but is circumvented by a noble-hearted doctor; and how virtue is duly rewarded—all is capitally told in the five acts that fill the evening. The scenes with Nancy and Sam, at home with the baby, and the love making of Sam's sister Selina and his young friend Clinker, are the great comic "motifs." Mr. Harvey plays well as the benevolent Doctor. Mr. Carter-Edwards was especially good in the Australian scene, but he has adopted a foreign accent that is very trying to one's nerves. Mr. T. W. Benson plays splendidly as Sam, with thorough individuality and freedom from exaggeration. He is capitally seconded by Mr. Shirra as Clinker. Miss Eyre Robson has excellent opportunities as Nancy, and she misses none of them. Miss Jane Coveney played the small part of a cringing, wicked old nurse at the madhouse with fine dramatic instinct; hers was a distinct dramatic creation. Miss Baldwin, as the heroine, has the great charm of beauty, with a fine stage presence, but though at times she achieved a fine effect, her acting is marred by a monotonous and too emphatic delivery. We scarcely wonder Gentleman Jack should run away from so oppressively tragic a young lady. However, Miss Baldwin has such natural gifts that it only needs study and time to make her an excellent actress.

FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL!

LARGE photographs of the Temple, taken immediately after the fire, on 4th May (suitable for framing), 5s each; or framed in oak, securely packed, sent to any address in the United Kingdom, carriage paid, on receipt of cheque for 15s. Masters of Lodges should secure this memorial of the old Temple for their Lodge rooms.

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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 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—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1328—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Twickenham
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1328—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton

MONDAY, 17th AUGUST.

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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, 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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
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
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C. 28—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 18th 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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1449—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)
1473—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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1305—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
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418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
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960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
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. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th 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)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Parliament-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

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, Coopers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

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. 1599—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
758—Ellesmere, 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
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
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
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 1357—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 20th 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, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

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, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—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)
1674—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)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicke 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, Barnsley
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire

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345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1162—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1333—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1860—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 21st AUGUST.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

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

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1383—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chanter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 22nd 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)
1671—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
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1963—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

THE MASON'S LAST REQUEST.

IT was a very hot day in the summer of 1778. The British General Clinton, with a formidable army, was hastening across the sandy plains of New Jersey to join the forces of General Howe, at Sandy Hook. Washington, with an army regenerated into life, determined, if it lay within the bounds of possibility, to prevent that junction; and, to effect his purpose, sent a large detachment of light troops, under General Lee, to harass their movements and retard their progress until he could come up with the main force and effect their capture or destruction.

As soon as the American sharpshooters in the van of Lee's division began to annoy the British, the latter drew up in order of battle and prepared for defence. The Americans pushed on, and were driving all before them, when, to their utter astonishment, and to the deep mortification of their gallant officers, who were flushed with the hope of victory almost in their hands, General Lee ordered a retreat.

Shame mantled many a brow then and there, and, in spite of discipline, angry words broke out from many a lip; for even then, as now, the word retreat sounded strangely, aye, almost harshly upon an American ear. But the order had been given by him who had command, and he must be obeyed. But so angry and unwilling were those who fell back that they did not preserve the order which they would have done had they only been yielding to the stern necessity.

And the British, overjoyed at a victory so easy, were pushing their advantages as they ever did, mercilessly; and our brave men were falling fast before them, when suddenly dashing forward upon a horse which was white with foam, rode that matchless man upon whom a nation's fate depended.

"What means this cowardly retreat? Who dared to order it?" he demanded.

"I did," was the angry response of General Lee.

"Rally your men, coward, go hide your face in shame!" cried Washington, that day giving vent to a passion which hitherto, under all circumstances, he had managed to control.

"Halt, and form!" he cried again, and in a voice so loud that it fell alike upon the ears of friend and foe.

And though the bullets fell like hail around him, and brave men dropped upon his right and upon his left, he sat unmoved upon his horse, stemmed the tide of retreat, and checked the advance of the triumphant foe.

The carnage was terrible. Bayonet clashed upon bayonet, sabre met sabre, whilst the sulphurous smoke almost hid the combatants from view; and they sprang at each other like fiends, lighted by the flashes of cannon and the blaze of musketry.

One gallant officer whose hairs had become tinged with blood fought directly under the eyes of Washington, whom he loved not only as a general, but as a *Brother*, bound by that mysterious and holy tie which equalises a peasant with a prince. By his side three sons of lesser rank, the youngest scarce eighteen years of age, fought as bravely as himself.

It was at that moment when, with Washington at their head, the Americans drove back the foe at the bayonet's point, that he whom I will call Major Carroll, who was leading his battalion on, himself on foot (for two horses had already gone down under him on that day), and to whom I just alluded, saw a British officer fall who had, with heroic gallantry, striven to stem the changing tide.

Though wounded and down, the brave officer still struggled, and drawing a pistol disabled a man whose bayonet was at his breast. Major Carroll's sword was raised above his head, but quickly a sign, a word, and the widow's son was safe, for the foe whose arm had just been raised was now a *Brother*, whose extending hand was ready to lift him who lay upon the earth in such distress.

But, ah! fatal pause! that generous bosom, so full of fraternal love, which did not forget duty even there amid the wild carnage of battle, was pierced by a bullet; and the brave Carroll sank dying by the side of him who had called for help, and had not been refused. Washington's eye was on him—he knew who and what he was, for he had sat with him where Light abounded; but he could not wait—the enemy are flying and must be pursued.

"On!" cried the dying hero to his men. "Forward!" he shouted to his boys. We are victorious and I am content."

The battle was over. The British had been swept back over the gory field which they had taken; and night had drawn its mantle over the horrors which the day had exposed.

And by Major Carroll's side knelt the only one of his race that was left to life—his youngest born. His two eldest sons had fallen on that dear bought field—like himself, contented, that they died for their country, and fell in the hour when victory was theirs.

"Father, what can I do for you?" said the boy hero, as he grasped his dying sire by the hand, and sustained his head upon his breast.

"Be a man, and do your duty to your country first, and to your mother next. And, lad, save my Masonic regalia. He, our nation's Father, invested me with it! Save it, and act so worthily that when you are of full age you may be entitled to wear it. It is my last request!"

And soon the noble spirit of that brave, good man left his body, and went to dwell with the Great Architect of the Universe.

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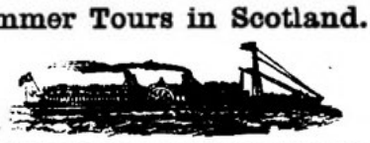
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THE CHARITY BENEFITS AND THEIR APPORTIONMENT.

LONDON labours under numerous disadvantages as compared with the Provinces; so much so that the promotion of schemes for the removal of the anomalies under which the Metropolis suffers is a matter of almost daily occurrence. Such schemes have occupied the attention of politicians and reformers of all classes in the past, and will no doubt continue to do so in the future. At the present time, however, there appears to be an increased activity among the band of reformers, and while many of the proposals they put forward can be dismissed without much consideration, there are others which are worthy of attention, and offer prospect of being carried to a successful termination. The size and importance of London, and its position as a centre of population, as compared with the remainder of England, gives it such prominence in matters where a pro rata distribution is attempted as to frequently place it above the whole of the Provinces combined. This position, which though often deserved is seldom attained, causes a jealousy among Provincials which has most disastrous consequences, and thus it is that any attempt to remove the disadvantages under which the capital suffers is associated with a dread by those who look to the prosperity of the country as a whole, rather than to any particular section of it, and no doubt it is this dread of the ultimate result which has deterred many men from associating themselves with the best suggestions which have been offered for the amelioration of the condition of Londoners.

Freemasonry is not behind in this respect. Suggestions are constantly being made to place Metropolitan Freemasonry on a more equitable footing as regards its position in the Craft generally, or at least as to giving its members equal privileges to those enjoyed by Provincial brethren. As in outside matters so in Freemasonry, we find schemes proposed which are worthy of serious consideration, and others which may be at once dismissed as impracticable. It has been proposed to establish Provincial or District Lodges for the metropolis, and no doubt such a course would remove one of the disadvantages under which London Masons suffer as compared with their Provincial brethren,—in the matter of being virtually deprived of Grand honours. This course would also go far, it is urged, to remove the anomaly which forms the subject of our present remarks,—the distribution of the benefits of the Masonic Institutions among London and Provincial candidates,—inasmuch as it would provide London with the same means of organization as has been so successfully worked during the past few years in the Provinces; but the official division of Masonic London into Districts or Provinces is a matter which at present appears very unlikely of accomplishment. Accordingly, other means have to be proposed by those who desire to secure for London the share which its importance, or in this particular its contributions, fairly entitle it to. Years ago we advocated the formation in London of committees for the organization of London voting power, and although a stir was then made, little good has resulted, beyond the formation of a body which can hardly be said to enjoy the support of London Masons, and which is now barely kept alive by the zealous efforts of a few untiring workers. The existence of the anomaly is admitted, but no combined action appears possible among Metropolitan brethren to secure its removal, yet we are continually hearing of new organizations in the Provinces, and almost always the reports of those in existence are of a most satisfactory character. Much of this apathy in London is doubtless due to the absence of any authority to make the appointment, or receive the report of a committee or committees, and we fear this and other difficulties will always prevent anything like that organization in London which exists in nearly every part of the Provinces. 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Doubtless many more London candidates would be elected if systematic combination were the rule in London, instead of, as it now is, the exception, but we do not think London would ever secure the number of benefits its contributions seem to entitle it to, and our principal reason for supposing this is because we are of opinion the combination and unanimity general in the Provinces is inattainable in London. The figures put forward by the Mutual Voting Association are, we must admit, surprising. We knew London did not get its proportionate share, but the disparity of the totals is even greater than we had thought. How far this state of things can be altered by the Association recently formed, or by others which may be established on similar lines, we cannot say, nor are we prepared to predict what result a radical change in this matter would have on the Charities as a whole. The Provinces, according to the figures just quoted, get a much larger share of the benefits than their united contributions seem to entitle them to, but there are very few of them which will admit they individually receive more than their share; in other words, that they receive greater benefits from the Charities than they subscribe for. Of course, it is very certain if London gets less than its share, those outside of London must get more, and while it is not difficult for Londoners to point to individual Provinces in which the excess appears specially apparent, many in such Provinces will often attempt to argue to the contrary. The whole subject is a most difficult one to approach, and one which if fully ventilated will have much wider results than at first appear probable, but inasmuch as it is likely to influence the future donations of the London brethren, it should be approached without fear or delay.

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THE BURNING BUSH.

An Address by the Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York.

FACTS have a deeper and more powerful effect on the mind than the causes which lead to and produce them. A full and most accurate account may be given of the Corliss engine; each part laid open to a thorough inspection and knowledge of it, until the mind of the maker is revealed in its inventive power, and commands respect and admiration. But how much more grand will be the effect on man when he beholds it in work, lifting its ponderous arms, turning every wheel without noise or jar, and in the perfection of its arrangements, setting in motion the instruments of the manifold industries in that exhibition which marked a century of national skill and national progress. And this holds true in the moral and intellectual world. The qualities and powers of the mind and the heart have a wider influence upon society when exhibited in the actual life, than when made the subject of a treatise in philosophy or mental science, however refined it may be; for life is the most impressive and potent fact in nature. The philosopher may unfold the faculties of man and shape an ideal character in humanity, but when there is brought before the eye, the reformer or philanthropist, working, toiling for the elevation of society or the race, the living, acting man is felt to be a nobler thing than the grandest ideal of the philosopher.

It is a remarkable fact that the Book which is our guide in Masonry no less than in our spiritual life, meets so largely and so closely this want of man's nature. Divine truth is unfolded in every relation, suited to the manifold circumstances of man's being. The truth is all-embracing as the sun, ever the same in its strength, shining on from age to age, affluent in its power and penetrating and giving life to the work and functions of nature. Whatever the object or the conditions of man may be, it is fitted for that object or condition; and silently and yet so marvellously tending in every part to produce in man the object that he needs.

This is true of the men of old who have influenced human life as seen in God's Word. There is no special portrait of them; but their life is unfolded in its various conditions. They are brought before us more by their words and deeds than by a special description of them, and from these we can draw our own conclusion as to the great master principle which controlled their lives and made them ideal lives, example for men in all generations.

It is thus we gather the various materials of that character which has left such an impress on the Masonic Institution and furnished it with magnificent symbols to work out in its life and make Masonry not only a splendid brotherhood, but a moral power in the ages.

But as we have on another occasion given the chief features of Moses' life, we can now only take that portion of it which will furnish us with his training to be a leader of men, and which will furnish us with the Burning Bush and its meaning for us as men and Masons.

The story of his life is familiar. By faith he was saved from death in the waters of the Nile. The adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter, he was brought up in a palace, and educated in all the learning of the Egyptians. The occasion is known how he took the part of his people, and forsook the treasures of Egypt. That which seemed the destruction of his life was the unseen but open way to a higher grandeur and more enduring greatness than to sit a monarch on a Pharaoh's throne and to be entombed in the stately silence of a pyramid. This is ever the way of Providence. God is working in the plans of man, and not man alone. Life issues from death; strength from weakness; light from darkness; completeness from the broken and fragmentary in existence and history. It is so in this great world around us. The fallen leaves of Autumn touch the soil and nurture it, and spring up in the fruitage of the year. The breath of decayed matter infuses itself into the air, and contributes to its varied life in manifold ways. It is so in the higher kingdom of humanity; circumstances may seem to crush men down, but out of defeat God leads on the hosts of His own divine purposes for man. Out of the eater comes forth meat. The little insect that toils so noiselessly in the farther seas raises up by the slow work of years the coral islands, and passes away; but its unnoticed work has formed places for man to build up civilisations. Rome was occupied in her own aggrandisement, but in the opening up of roads for the spread of her empire she unconsciously prepared a way for religion to spread and transform the earth. Columbus, as he steered across the unknown seas, seeking a pathway to the farthest East, was an instrument in a hand stronger than his own, and a means of giving a continent for man to create history anew and found the grandest commonwealth of thought, of industry and freedom—an empire for the broadest development of humanity and the home of the truest human liberty. So God works unseen, and nature and man become His agents and carry to their issues His magnificent plans.

In that flight from Egypt God had a special work for Moses to do, and the renouncing of his greatness in the court of the Pharaohs was the pathway to a more enduring greatness. The child of the Nile was not to be an Egyptian, but an instrument in the hand of God to work out a destiny for mankind, and to be, not the leader of the people only, but the guide and teacher of the race.

Forty years passed slowly in his Midian shepherd life, Failure and solitude were shaping the man to higher issues. The ark that held all that was worthy and precious in Israel was tossing in danger among the angry billows of an Egyptian tyranny. Only one hand could hold the helm and steer through the storm to the quiet harbour and leave it in safety far from the troubled and chafing sea. Moses was striving to read out the meaning of this wilderness discipline. He was learning to unfold a mystery grander than the brilliant masses of the stars or the great nature around him, the mystery of his mission and destiny. For years he kept the peaceful flocks at the foot of Horeb. The seasons came and went. The life came with its old duties, and passed away in days and years with those duties simply done. The waiting time was a time of discipline, the time of the ripening of character, the time of the unfolding of a mind grand in its thought, its learning and philosophy. The great gifts of intellect were touched and sanctified by the greater gifts of his spiritual being. He had held communion with the magnificence of nature and its Creator, and the mind could not lower itself again. The solitudes of the plains and hills were nurturing that reflection which solitude ever aids, and throwing his whole nature into reliance on Him who made the hills a learning place for humanity, for the culture of strength and repose of character. Man would hasten results and shorten the time of waiting, and press to their issues the great plans of God. But God waits in calm grandeur for the unfolding of His purposes, and whether it is the events of history or the actions of man, they come forth only in the hour which he has designed.

The character of Moses, like all great human characters, was fashioned by discipline, and sculptured into proportion by the painful process of waiting and the shaping hand of patience. These were needed in his development and the sublime destiny that lay before him. The people demanded a man gentle yet strong, the noblest man of all ages—one strong in leadership, gentle in that he trusted in a power beyond himself, and so was meek. And the man was found in that Midian shepherd; educated not alone in a splendid court, but amid the hills with their silent and abiding influences. Disappointment, with its sharp fires, had burned out the secret ambition for self-aggrandizement; and he was tender and true, and so fitted to lead a people to that land into which it was to rise up a nation with its teachers and prophets for the races and generations of mankind.

And when the hour came for this the man was prepared, and the sign was near that he must begin his work. It came with a symbol for the eye, and a voice for the ear. At the end of a second great period of his life, at a time when man, if ever, seeks repose, Moses was called. As the culture in the palace had given him a place among kings, so the discipline in the wilderness had prepared him to act for God. He is called out of his quiet obscurity when venerable with age, and when his character had been moulded for use by adversity. As he is guarding his flocks he beholds a manifestation of the immediate presence of God. The angel of the Lord appears to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush, infused with fire yet not consumed. In astonishment he gazed on this marvel. And as the philosopher and scholar drew near to examine this great sight he is stopped by the voice—"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon

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thou standest is holy ground. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God." The glory of that vision was more than the glory of nature, but it was not for destruction. It was a fire, and though it wrapped the bush round about, it did not consume. The bush remained, every tender leaf, every delicate bud in its beauty and freshness was preserved in the garment of flame. Out of that marvel God had spoken to Moses, and from it he had received his charge.

At the Bush a grander force entered his soul. Doubt and fear passed away, and the higher nature of the man had taken its true position and held its kingly sway over the lower. Life was henceforth a mission to be wrought out of God. The great passion of his being, the strength of his intellect, was to do the work He had given him, in the consecration of spirit to the end. Ever before him was the vision, ever sounding in his ear was the voice of Jehovah. His purposes were gathered up into a greater, a richer and more noble form. The unity of his life, which seemed to float apart in space like a wandering star, falls into its true sphere in that firmament in which God's purposes, like golden constellations, shine out clear before the eyes of man. He is strengthened and renewed. The vision transformed him, as he moved, leader, prophet, law-giver, for humanity, in the felt presence of Jehovah. He is the bearer, henceforth, of a magnificent trust; into his hands is given the charge to formulate a nation; to receive a law; to be the type of God when, in other ages, He should manifest Himself to men.

And now, what is the meaning of that name which Moses heard, and what is the symbolism of the burning bush which we perpetuate in our Royal Arch? I am. This is the revelation of God's own being. He lives the author and source of all existence. I am. He lives—life, the great attribute of Jehovah; but it is life which had no beginning and will have no end. There was no power to create Him, and there is no power which can end His being. He is above all, beyond all that He has called into existence. All things, however great, shrink into insignificance when compared with Him. Imagination is baffled as it reaches back into the past, and out into the future, to determine what is the duration of His being. He was the I Am, through the countless ages of the past, before the earth was shaped into order, before the atoms that form the stars and brilliant worlds of the firmament were combined, before the numberless spirits surrounded His throne. Of the creature, the grandest thing that can be said, is, he is or shall be; but of God alone, He is the I Am.

The Burning Bush was the unfolding of a Name. It was not a new God that appeared in the flame bush, but only a name was given that was unpronounceable. It asserted that attribute of Jehovah which could not be communicated to man—"I am that I am." I am by Myself of Myself. I am with no dependence on creation, with no being or existence given Me by any power; perfect in Myself and of Myself, the fountain of all force and life. There is nothing greater than I, in heaven or in earth. All is below Me. I am the centre and the crown of the universe. No time, or power, or decay, touches My being. From eternity to eternity, I am.

In the Burning Bush there was the unfolding of His unchangeable nature. Duration, mutability, loss, succession in time and strength, characterize humanity; but God never changes. Through all changes of time He is the same. Change is the law of things that are seen. The solid earth upon which man treads is changing its relations and its attributes and substances. The hills are yielding to the touch of years, the waters are taking other places, and matter in its manifold qualities is moving on to take other shapes. Even man in mind and life is undergoing the process of change. To him belongs the law of progression; he advances to a more splendid form of thought, to a larger range of knowledge, to a more varied culture, until he reaches his height, and then begins the working of the law of retrogression and decay. But perfect in Himself, God has no law of progress or decay. He is the fulness of that which filleth all in all. He cannot change, for His being is eternal. He is the same, yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

The Bush spoke of His Almightiness. His power is present in all the universe. In every part there is the felt presence of His hand. His energizing force is wherever creation is. His will controls; His providential care sustains; His love fills all. But where no created thing is, beyond our largest conception of space, in places where no word of creating power has been heard, Jehovah is there—the great I Am.

I Am, not alone almighty, but incomprehensible. It is the root of the name of Jehovah, and has the same meaning. It is the greatest of the names by which He is known. It has in itself all that He is. It is higher than Elohim, the strong ones. It is higher than the most magnificent conception of the mind, and gathers into itself all the attributes and perfections of God.

The flame of the Bush was the outward and visible sign of an eternal superiority. There was no material to feed and add to its flame. Nature about it gave it nothing to sustain or strengthen it. All that it was, all that it had, was in itself. A little thorn bush of the desert, with delicate buds, could not be that which could maintain an abiding flame. And yet that bush was unhurt in the fire. And the fire burning and not consuming can be of no earthly origin, for the grand law of earthly fire is to consume and reduce to other forms that which it consumes. Fire without material to sustain it could not be of man's kindling. It must, therefore, have been fire as we can conceive of it in its pure, original nature. And so it is the symbol of a being without origin; a being who has existed in Himself without first or last; a being who changes not, neither is weary—whose glory is the eternal light.

The Burning Bush was a symbol. We are accustomed to speak of the first three degrees of Masonry as the symbolic degrees. But a closer study of all the degrees shows that that they are profoundly symbolic, and so enduring in their influence. And the Royal Arch has its abiding place, therefore, as it teaches by a grand symbolism.

There are certain likenesses or correspondences between the ideas which we conceive in our minds and the objects in the world about us; the nature, the force and relation of which man has recognised in every age. This is the source of symbolism, and is the reason that symbolism has had such enduring power over the human mind. The grand, the beautiful within the soul has had its counterpart in the grand and beautiful in nature.

Language, that marvellous gift bestowed upon man, is but a universal symbolism. Words are the pictures of ideas; the outward expression of the unseen thought. They are the forms by which, in the most potent manner, the mind transmits ideas, the intellect passes on its thought or philosophy to the minds of all men, and unfolds its secret working. Symbolism, therefore, is joined in the closest harmony with the inmost nature, the central and spiritual condition of man's life. He is a being composed of body or matter, mind or intellect, and spirit which is too subtle to be defined. But to such an extent does matter prevail with spirit and mind, that it is only through the organism of objects we see or touch, the most refined, invisible, immeasurable and spiritual thought can be conveyed. To express himself then by symbols is part of a man's constitution, and is the necessity laid upon him to find utterance for the social and sensuous, the intellectual and spiritual in outward forms and signs. Hearing, seeing, touching, are gifts and senses, avenues of knowledge and power; and this knowledge and this power are to find expression in the outward signs again, no less than the thought of the invisible spirit and intellect with their vaster and grander sway. All are to be consecrated, not alone to man's own use, but for the use of men as individuals, societies or bodies gathered for mental or spiritual improvement. Symbolism consecrates and perpetuates the observation of the senses, the ideas of the intellectual nature, in seen shapes and figures, or in the printed book, to be an inspiration and force in the ages.

And as man in all times is the same in the constitution of his being, in the secret working of his nature, however widely thought may manifest itself in civilization or in art, so he must have symbolism to be the expression of his thought or worship. It is so in moral and social and religious life. Hence the universality of symbolism. Symbols were used by the greatest of those nations which represented civilization before Greece gave her letters or her sculpture to the world. Egypt, the home of the alphabet, used certain signs or characters to express in clearer or darker modes, the thought or objects to be formulated before the eye or mind. Its colossal architecture and massive statuary were exhibitions of the same principle.

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HOW DEGREES WERE PLANTED AND TOOK ROOT IN AMERICA.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

In my communication to this journal, printed 8th November 1884, about "Masonic Degree Pedlers," I called attention to a group of degrees, variously called "Cryptic Masonry," or "Royal and Select Masters," which Jeremy L. Cross peddled in Baltimore in 1822. This I gave from hearsay, and it was not quite correct. Bro. Ed. T. Schultz, who is now issuing a History of Freemasonry in Maryland (from which work I copied Bro. Thompson's letter of 1803, which I communicated to this paper 11th July,—I must add that the said work is highly interesting). The said author cites various authorities about the origin of our "Cryptic Degrees." Thus, according to Bro. Dove, of Virginia, the "Select Degree," in conjunction with the Royal Masters' degree, was in the possession of a distinguished chief in the State of Maryland, and by him conferred without fee; he delegated his authority to others to do the like, until the year 1824, when the Grand Chapter of Maryland, with his consent, took charge of the [two] degrees, and ordered them to be given before the "Most Excellent Master" degree. Mackay says:—

"The Masons of Maryland and Virginia contend that the Royal and Select degrees were introduced by Philip P. Eckel, of Baltimore, one of the most distinguished and enlightened Masons of his day, who in 1817 communicated them to Jeremy L. Cross, and gave him authority to confer them in every Royal Arch Chapter which he might visit in his official character."

Bro. Folger says, that there was a very warm discussion at the General Meeting of the Grand Chapter in 1816, caused by Bro. Eckel's request for the Grand Chapter to incorporate the Royal and Select Degrees, which the Grand Chapter refused to do. Bro. Folger then continues thus:

"Mr. Eckel, the Baltimore delegate, went home, and when Cross, who at that session of the General Grand Chapter had been appointed and confirmed as General Grand Lecturer, started on his lecturing tour. He stopped at Baltimore, and purchased and received the privilege from Eckel and Niles to erect and establish Councils of Royal and Select Masters. This privilege he carried out pretty effectually; beginning with New Jersey, and all the Councils in existence in those States mentioned in his narrative were established by himself, also the Eastern States, except Rhode Island."

"From the above quotations (says Bro. Schultz) it will be perceived that it was the general belief that the control of the Royal and Select Degrees was vested in Eckel and Niles; but we think Bros. Dove, Mackey, Folger, and others, make a great mistake in coupling the Royal Masters' degree with the Select degree . . . for there is no evidence whatever to show that the brethren ever exercised or claimed control of the Royal Masters' degree, or that they were even in possession of that degree at the periods named by them."

After the usual preface, the Warrant Cross received from Messrs. Eckel and Niles is given in the said history, and is as follows:—

"Whereas the said degree of Select is not so extensively known . . Therefore . . Reposing especial confidence in my beloved and trusty Companion Jeremy L. Cross, I do hereby, by the high powers in me vested, authorize and empower him to confer the said degree, as follows, viz., in any place where a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is established, the officers or members approving, he may confer the said degree according to its rules and regulations, but only on Royal Arch Masons who have taken all the preceding degrees, as is required by the General Grand Chapter. When a competent number of Select Masons are thus made, he may grant them a Warrant to open a Council of Select and confer the degree, and do all other business appertaining thereto.

"Given under my hand and seal at Baltimore, the 27th day of May, A.D. 1817, &c.

Philip P. Eckel,

"Thrice Illustrious and Grand Puissant in the Grand Council of Select at Baltimore and approved as G. G. Scribe.

"Approved and attested as Ill. in the G. Council.

H. Niles."

"In the first Warrant issued by Cross under this commission (says Bro. Schultz) the Companions were empowered to form 'themselves into a regular Council of *Select Masters*,' but in the Warrants issued by him in 1819, and thereafter, the 'High Powers in him vested by the Grand Council of Baltimore' were enlarged to include the Royal Masters' Degree. In view of the action taken subsequently by the brethren of Baltimore, there is every reason to believe that the 'enlarged powers' under which Cross claimed to act were not granted by Eckel and Niles."

"At a session of the Grand Chapter held [in Baltimore] in 1827, Jas. K. Stapelton, Grand High Priest [meaning the Z.] documents upon the subject of the institution of the Select degree independent of the G.R.A. Chapter, which were referred to a committee, who recommended that a circular be sent to the several Grand Chapters regarding the matter, and which was adopted."

The circular is too long for insertion. I shall therefore give the gist of it.

Bro. Stapelton complained about the unsettled state of the degree of Select Masons. This degree (he says) existed under the authority of a distinguished chief in the State of Maryland. In 1824, the Maryland Grand Chapter ordered its subordinates to confer the Select degree in its proper order, immediately preceding the R.A., and were hence desirous to deprive the independent Councils of the right of conferring the said Select degree, and he goes on to say:—

"But as we are satisfied, through a great mistake or actual abuse of any authority delegated, or meant to be delegated, in relation to the Select Degree. We would therefore beg leave to recommend to your G.C. the consideration of this degree. . . . With the hope that you will see it to be for the general interest of the Craft to take the said degree under your recognizance and control, to whom it of right belongs, and thereby do away what is felt to be a grievance by those distinguished chiefs, whose authority, delegated to a limited extent and for special reasons, has been perverted for sordid purposes by the creation of an independent order, never contemplated by them," &c.

Whereupon Bro. Schultz remarks, that "It will be seen that Bro. Cross is charged with having abused the authority 'delegated or meant to be delegated' to him."

Now it seems to me that Bro. Schultz misunderstood the meaning of Bro. Stapleton's circular, for there is no doubt that Eckel and Niles gave a warrant to Cross to establish Councils for the "Select." And as Eckel was alive in 1827, when the Maryland Chapter issued the circular, it seems to me that the Maryland Chapter took umbrage at Eckel's pretended right to establish independent Councils for the said degree. Stapleton's statement that "This degree existed under the authority of a distinguished chief in the State of Maryland" could not have referred to Eckel, but to another party. Who that distinguished chief was I shall show hereafter; and hence his subsequent reference to "distinguished chiefs, whose authority delegated to a limited extent for special reasons has been perverted for sordid purposes," was directed against the assumption of Messrs. Eckel and Niles for selling to Cross the right of establishing independent Councils. True, Cross pretended, in 1819, to have received enlarged powers from Eckel and Niles to add the Royal Masters' degree to the Select. But Bro. Stapleton seems to have been ignorant of Cross's imposture, or of even the existence of the Royal Masters' degree: his aim was simply to deprive the independent Councils of the power of conferring the Select degree, and *that degree only*. Hence, I came to the conclusion that Stapleton directed his censure more against Eckel and Niles than Cross.

But where did Eckel get the Select degree from? Who conferred upon him the power to grant warrants? and who was the distinguished chief referred to by Stapleton? Well, the following document, discovered by Bro. Schultz, will explain the subject. It is as follows:—

"Whereas, in the year of the Temple 2792, our thrice illustrious brother Henry Wilmans, Grand Elect, Select, Perfect Sublime Mason, Grand Inspector General, and Grand Master of Chapter of Royal Arch, Grand Elect and Perfect Masters' Lodges and Councils, Knight of the East, Prince of Jerusalem, Patriarch Noachite, Knight of the Sun, and Prince of the Royal Secret, did, by and in virtue of the powers in him legally vested, establish, ordain, erect and support a Grand Council of Select Masons in the city of Baltimore, and wrought therein to the great benefit of the Craft and to the profitable extension and elucidation of

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the mysteries of Masonry. And, whereas, we, the subscribers to these presents, are by regular succession possessors of all the rights, privileges and immunities and powers vested in any way whatsoever in the said Grand Council of Select Masons, considering the great advantages that would accrue to the Craft in an extension of the knowledge of the Royal Secret as introductory to, and necessary for, the better understanding of the Superior Degrees."

This is followed by a form of a warrant "to open and to hold a Chapter of Select Masons in the city of Baltimore." Blank spaces are left to be filled in with the names of the Officers, and next, there are five bye-laws, with blank spaces before "Dollars," and it winds up thus:—

Seal. "In testimony whereof we have signed our names and affixed the Seal of the Grand Council, this—[I suppose "THIS"—was to be followed with a date]."

PHIL. P. ECKEL.
H. NILES.

We see now, that Messrs. Eckel and Niles did not receive a warrant from Wilmans to establish Councils, but merely claimed a right to do so by virtue of succession, or, in other words, *by inheritance*: they claimed that Wilmans established a Council, and they succeeded to all his powers at his death or retirement, and this claim seems to have been doubted by Bro. Stapleton. According to information I received from Bro. Schultz it is evident that the above document was written some years before Eckel and Niles signed it. Bro. Schultz says, that "It was written in good clear handwriting, although the ink is somewhat faded; but, 'in testimony whereof' as well as the two signatures, the ink is blacker." He has, however, no doubt that the signatures are genuine. But *when* it was written and *by whom*, and *when* Messrs. Eckel and Niles signed it, and why they signed it, I was unable to learn. Bro. Schultz further says:

"By virtue of the powers claimed to have been received from Eckel and Niles, Cross established some thirty-three Councils in various parts of the United States, he also *delegated his* powers to others, who in a like manner issued Warrants for Councils of Royal and Select Masters. It is said that as high a sum as one hundred dollars was demanded for a Warrant."

The fact is with Cross Masonry was a money-making business, and he accumulated enough money to live upon his income some time before he died. But what of that? Dr. Wilson, Judge Burt, Rob Morris, and even Albert Pike, are now doing precisely what Cross did then. And as long as Masonic *noodles* hunger for more degrees, there will always be in our midst degree manufacturers and warrant sellers.

But where did the "distinguished chief of Maryland" obtain his supposed high powers? This question Bro. Schultz cannot answer, and he says:—

"The name of Wilmans does not appear upon any register or document in the archives of the Supreme Council of the Southern jurisdiction, or upon any other known document or record containing the names of the early Inspectors. From the fact that in both the documents he is styled 'Grand Inspector General,' while those deriving their powers from Morin are styled 'Deputy Inspectors,' led to the supposition that he might have derived his powers from Europe. . . Letters were addressed to the Grand Lodges of Berlin and Bremen . . [but] nothing in regard to his Masonic character could be learned."

This much, however, has been learned about Wilmans, viz., he was a native of Bremen, and settled in Baltimore as early at least as 1790. In 1793 he was Master of a new Lodge, the same year he was elected D.G.M., the next year G.M., and he died in 1795. I will add, that Eckel was a member in 1793 of the new Lodge of which Wilmans was the first Master.

Bro. Holbrook, of South Carolina, claims the honour of motherhood of the Royal and Select degrees for Charleston, in his State. Thus, in a MS. book written by Holbrook in 1829, he stated that Joseph Myers, Deputy Inspector General, deposited in 1788 in the archives of the Grand Council of the Princes of Jerusalem at Charleston, a certified copy of the Royal and Select degrees received from Berlin.

Now, Holbrook was probably an infatuated high degreer, and his statements may not be reliable; hence, I do not believe that Myers received the said degrees from Berlin. We know, however, that in those days Charleston was famous for manufacturing all kinds of Masonic degrees; the Charleston luminaries even manufactured a warrant for 33 degrees, eight of which were bran new ones, which they pretended to have received from Frederick the Great of Berlin; and there are foolish Masons living to-day, both here and in England, who would swear to the genuineness of the Frederic the Great Charter. It is no wonder, therefore, that in 1829 Holbrook believed that the Royal and Select degrees also came from Berlin. But a letter of Dalcho, written in 1802, shows that the Select degree at least was a Charleston invention, and may be the Royal was also. Dalcho says:

"Besides those degrees, which are in regular succession, most of the Inspectors are in possession of a number of detached degrees given in different parts of the world, and which they generally communicate, free of expense, to those brethren who are high enough to understand them, such as Select Masons of 27, and the Royal Arch, as given under the Constitution of Dublin. Six degrees of Maconnerie d'Adoption, Compagnon Ecossois, De Maitre Ecossois, and Grand Le Maitre Ecossois, &c., &c., making in the aggregate 52 degrees."

We see now that while in 1762 the Charlestonians had but twenty-five degrees, in 1802 they had fifty-two, among which was the "Select" degree. It is possible that the Royal degree may have also originated in Charleston; but during the first two decades of this century New York swarmed with degree manufacturers, and as the Royal degree made its first public appearance in New York before 1810, it is not impossible that the Royal degrees' origin was in New York.

We have seen that up to 1819 Cross gave warrants for the Select degree *only*. After 1819 he gave warrants for the Royal and Select *degrees*. Since then, however, a degree called "Super Excellent Master" was tacked on to the "Royal and Select." For some years the following order was observed in conferring the said degrees. Select, 1st; Royal, 2nd; and Super Excellent, 3rd. But about six years ago it was discovered that the Royal should be conferred before the Select, and the routine has been changed accordingly. I must further add, that between the Master Mason and Royal Arch, three degrees are here given, one of which is called "Most Excellent Master." I always supposed that "Most Excellent" and "Super Excellent" were *much of a muchness*. I have, however, been assured that the Super Excellent degree "*is a horse of another colour.*"

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P.S.—I have just received a letter from Bro. Schultz, in which he says:

"It is impossible to know definitely at this day who is meant by the 'distinguished chief' in the address of Stapleton. I have often puzzled over the matter, and my conclusions are about the same as yours, that Wilmans is the person referred to. And yet Dove uses the same term, 'distinguished chief;' and evidently, I think he there refers to Eckel."

Undoubtedly, Dove referred to Eckel, otherwise he would not have said that, in 1824, "when the G. Chapter of Maryland, *with his consent* took charge of the degrees." Now Wilmans died in 1805, but Eckel lived until 1831. If therefore it referred to either, it must have been Eckel. Mackey also supposed the "distinguished chief" referred to Eckel. It is evident, however, that neither Dove nor Mackey knew about Eckel's claim to have received the degree from Wilmans, but Stapleton did know it, and did not believe it. Hence, his saying, "by the creation of an independent order never contemplated by *them*," could not have referred to Eckel and Niles, because the warrant to Cross proves that they did contemplate the creation of an independent order. Hence, the word "*them*" must have meant some other party, from whom Eckel and Niles received the Select degree.

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BROTHER Hiram Lately is a backslider. A backslider! Has Masonry backsliders? The fraternity which was born when time was young, and still lives in these latter days; which Presidents and Kings are proud to be members of; which is founded on that rock, the Holy Bible; can such a fraternity as this have backsliders? Let us see. Brother Lately is one of a class all more or less different, and yet all more or less alike. Many roads lead to the backsliders' Hades, and spacious roads they are, too. Brother Lately travelled one of these roads. He signed the usual petition—how honestly we should not like to say. Could he have been seeking Light? Had he no mercenary motives? Were his eyes turned aside from the flesh pots? Let his history answer. The Craft, believing his statements, finding his public record all apparently clear and clean, unable to discover the secret intent and purpose of his heart, made him a Mason—that is, gave him the name and clothing of a Mason. It is not in the power even of the Craft to make a Mason out of improper material. A man must be made a Mason in his heart before he can be made a Mason indeed. After all, the power of a W.M. in strictness is limited to declaring the Masonry of one who appears fit for initiation and membership. He may commission initiates as Masons, and give them *prima facie* evidence of connection with the Fraternity, but before any great lapse of time, observing brethren who are true to their obligations will discriminate between the genuine and the conterfeit Brother, and cast the latter (in his mind, at least) over among the rubbish.

Brother Lately, to all appearances, enjoyed Masonry greatly, for a time. Certain aspects of the Craft were to him simply delightful. How he did enjoy the festive board! Was he ever known to miss a Lodge supper to which he was freely invited? Did he not visit every Masonic body that had a set-out at its close? And then, how close was his communion with his brethren. Brother Lately was of a jovial frame of mind. Not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, and not fancying hard work, he never borrowed trouble, though he would borrow money. What a delusion and a snare Masonic lending is! We had almost said never lend. Give as freely as you can, but lend almost never. Many cross over the bridge to visit the money lender, but once returned they never cross again. Brother Lately ate and borrowed, and borrowed and ate. The time was sure to come when he could do neither, at others' expense. Forgiven his dues for a time, at length that ceased to be a virtue in the eyes of his brethren, and he was cut off from the Craft. Now you behold a DISENCHANTED Brother.

Brother Anthony Rusher's case was dissimilar. He came into Masonry with enthusiasm. He, for a time at least, honestly performed all of his duties. But, singularly enough, his brethren occasionally would disagree with him. They took outrageous views on certain Masonic subjects. While he held the sober, sensible view, all of his companions differed with him, and voted against him. What could ensue, when this occurred repeatedly, but disgust, and how does disgust usually end but in neglect of the Craft? Bro. Rusher, once active in Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery, resigned from all his bodies, and is now the next thing to a profane. Here you behold another DISENCHANTED Brother.

Brother Ephraim Officer's experience was different from that of both of his companions in misery. He was one of those active, earnest, ambitious, office-seeking brethren, who when they are in office are apparently models of propriety, but not having much depth of feeling, or much, if any, grasp of principle, they endure only for a time. But while he shone, he shone, and when his sun set it went out in the blackness of darkness. He wore all the honours, and when these were attained he became, first luke-warm, and then entirely neglectful. Brother Officer is a life member of his Lodge, but he is never seen within it, and if he were to send in his name, probably none besides the Secretary would recognise it. Ephraim is joined to his idols, DISENCHANTED—let him alone.

Brother Luke Legion is—almost everywhere. He belongs to the numerous company of the non-affiliates. His reason for retirement is — well, we will not attempt to give it. His name is Legion, and the reasons are legion, now one, then another. The insincere and selfish are *all* disenchanted after they have been no long time in Masonry. They are possessed—we will not say with what. Milton, in *Paradise Lost*, says:

> "Proserpine gathering flowers—
> Herself a fairer flower—by gloomy Dis
> Was gathered."

It must be this "gloomy Dis" (old Pluto) who disenchants certain Freemasons—all that company composed of Brother Lately, Brother Rusher, Brother Officer, Brother Legion, *et id omne genus*. They never were Masons at heart, and while they were clothed with the Lambskin, and wrote their names in the book of the elect, they had no proper place there, and soon discovering it went to their own place. Let the disenchantment go on. Those rightly subject to it are not really of us. But let not the number of those subject to it be increased. Discover, if possible, whether every applicant for the honour of Masonry is honest and of good report; scrutinize his motives, and save him the trouble, and the Fraternity the disrepute, of practically severing the tie which binds him to us. At first enchanted by false views, when true views disenchant, the Mason is wrecked, and the man may be wrecked also. All the company of the disaffected, the non-affiliated, the suspended and expelled are most effectually DISENCHANTED. —*Keystone.*

THE CANDIDATE.

AT the present day, when so much has been said and written concerning Freemasonry, to become a member of the great Fraternity is a matter of no inconsiderable moment; yet there is a touch of sadness in the thought that out of the large number continually joining our ranks, so many are satisfied by merely coming into possession of the esoteric or secret portion of the ritual, without an endeavour, or even apparent desire, to penetrate further and discover the symbolism and true meaning that lies beneath the surface.

We see the candidate upon the threshold of our mystic temple, of his own free will, seeking admission to a society that has laboured for centuries in promoting the welfare of his fellow men. There he stands, a man, free born, in total darkness, concerning the trials he is to undergo, as weak and helpless as a babe, wholly dependent upon that Supreme Being in whom he expresses his belief. He enters into a new world, and receives a knowledge of all the virtues that expand the heart and dignify the soul. He discovers that the aim of Masonry is to introduce him to new views of life and its duties.

In due time he takes upon himself new duties and increased obligations, and by directing his attention to the wonders of nature and art he is taught that man is not to devote himself solely to physical labour. The cultivation of the mind and intellect, with which he has been endowed by his Creator, is impressed upon him, that he may be able to occupy with honour his proper station in society.

At length he attains the summit of sublime knowledge; he learns that man is born to die, and that beyond the grave there is hope of a blessed immortality. He has now passed through our solemn ceremonies and obtained possession of all the ritualistic secrets of the Craft. He has been instructed in all the details of that universal language by which he is enabled to converse with his brethren in every nation under the sun. He may to-day express his wonder and surprise that so much is contained in so small a compass; to-morrow it is forgotten.

What a theme for contemplation has been opened up before him. The ceremonies of initiation are but ripples upon the surface. Beneath lie the hidden mysteries, and to understand them requires deep and serious study. Volumes have been written upon these hidden things, yet it is a lamentable fact that few care to peruse them, or even give them a momentary thought. It is a duty the candidate owes to himself to investigate the ceremonies through which he has passed, and not content himself with the meagre explanation as given within the tyled precincts of the Lodge. Unless he does this Masonry will soon lose its charm for him, and a few years hence he will wonder what such and such a brother, more zealous than himself, can find in Masonry to cause him to take so deep an interest in it.—*Loomis' Masonic Journal.*

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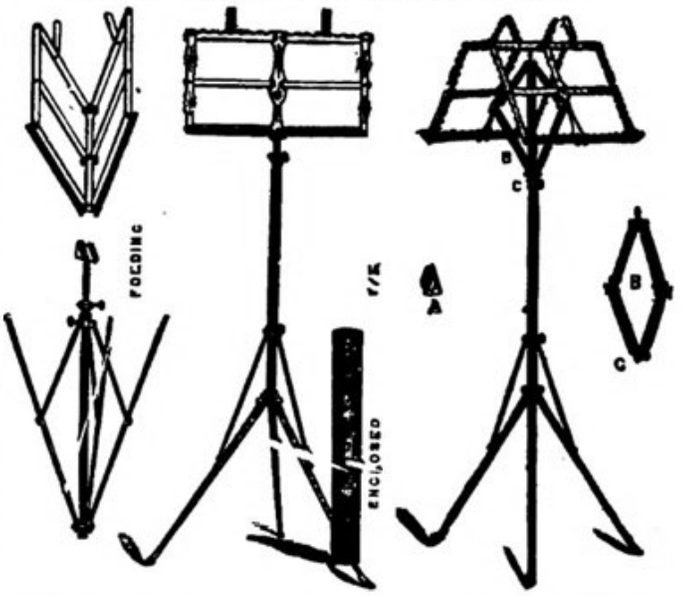
Princess's.—The strange title that has excited the curiosity of Mr. Willing's readers, with those also who study Shakespeare and who remember Hamlet's—

"What devil was 't
That thus hath cozened you at Hoodman Blind—"

foresaw in the new play the working out in suffering of a story of human delusion. Mr. H. A. Jones, whose masterly study of hypocrisy in "Saints and Sinners" made him—like the author of Tartuffe—an object of pious horror, with the aid of Mr. Wilson Barrett as collaborateur, have set themselves to give, in modern dress, and the speech of daily life, the story of the love, the devotion, and the trust of an Othello, who turns to mad jealousy and madder rage under the promptings of a seeming virtuous friend. In none of Mr. Barrett's modern plays has he found a part so thoroughly suited to his gifts; the grief and brightness, the careless happiness of the first act surprised even his fondest admirers. His scene with Kridge, the land agent to whom his farm is mortgaged, was singularly eloquent in its manly anguish, as he compels himself to ask pardon for an earlier offence, only to learn it was demanded but as a new humiliation. Our readers are doubtless acquainted with the story; how Lezzard, the Iago of the piece, avails himself of the resemblance between the vagabond half sister of the hero's wife to convince him she is faithless. The scene where Jack Yeulett is conducted to the pretended rendezvous by Lezzard is one of the features of the play. Jack's wild fury and despair is splendidly realised by Mr. Barrett, and his furious onslaught on his supposed rival had a shuddering reality in it that fairly startled the house. The subsequent scene with his wife was singularly fine; when Jack upbraids and reproaches her; then entreats her to confess, and be forgiven; then, at her bewildered denial, grows the more enraged, and flinging her from him rushes from his desolated home. The third act is the weakest in the play; through the first and second we are hurried, with the interest rising through each successive scene. We are now in London; Nancy, our Desdemona, is living in a poor lodging with her child; and here she and the audience are much cheered by the arrival of Ben Chibbles, an old village friend (Mr. George Barrett)—whose genial humour gives a delightful relief to the tragic tension of the story. The next scene is a glimpse at London misery in its extremest depths. Down by the river we find a poor crippled child (Miss M. Clitherow), living in an empty cask, and Jack Yeulett has found in the poor waif an interest that still holds him back from self-destruction. Here Mr. Barrett's unaffected tenderness with children was very touching, and perhaps justified a scene that scarcely aids the development of the story. We next come to Twite's Cosy, a kind of thieves' kitchen, very clever and realistic, perhaps too much so; however, it gives Miss Eastlake a fine opportunity. We see her now as the vagabond sister, pale and wan, desperate in the sense of abandonment by her gipsy lover. He mocks her white face and weakness, and there is a weird pathos in her struggle at gaiety. She laughs and dances; he mocks her the more; she denounces his cruelty, in the madness of her misery, whilst the crowd, in pity, attempt to pacify her. She staggers from the room, "to seek peace where it is always found." Miss Eastlake has made a most careful study of her dual part; she keeps voice, gesture, bearing perfectly distinct all through. The gipsy—Mr. Hudson—whose Vindex must be in every one's recollection—was excellent in the coarse humour and picturesque dare-devil bearing fitting the part. Mr. C. Cooper's old usurer was well characterised; entirely different from his Father Christmas. His make up was good, but it would be excellent if toned a little. Miss Eastlake, as the happy wife in the first act, was really charming; warmly we congratulate her on the great improvement which has marked her style; attributable perhaps to the discipline demanded by her classic study for Lucretia. The whole cast is good; we might go through each of the thirty-two members and award to all commendation, if space permitted, but we must not omit acknowledgment of the poignant reality of Mr. Fulton's acting as the dying man in the first act. The paralysed lips, and glazed eyes, the drawn features, made a terribly weird study. Mr. Price, too, as the detective through whom the great wrong is righted, and Desdemona restored to her husband and happiness, played with perfect sincerity and with the true Scotland-yard air of superiority. Great as was the applause accorded to Mr. Wilson Barrett, assuredly no less was given to his coadjutor Mr. E. S. Willard, whose Mark Lezzard is certainly one of the finest studies the melodramatic stage has seen. We seem to see hate in its intensest and cruellest embodiment, and yet with complete absence of exaggeration. So admirable is the acting that as his crimes recoil we almost despise ourselves for desiring to ask mercy for this man, whose voiceless terror at the awful retribution prepared for him for the moment makes us forget that virtue wields the sword of justice. Never has the stage seen a more thrilling scene than when Mark Lezzard clings to the feet of the man he has betrayed, only to be flung to the infuriated mob. We could have wished the authors could have seen some other outcome to the scene. For such wrongs no vengeance but Heaven's would be sufficient punishment. The scenery is all we have been accustomed to at the Princess's, and Mr. Hann has almost excelled himself in the wonderful beauty of "The Silent Highway," with the calm moonlight sky over the sleeping city. Mr. Ryan's Village Cross is very lovely in colour, and a wonderful effect of perspective has been here achieved. We may safely prophesy crowded houses for many a night to come, with added honour alike to authors and actors in this the most striking of all the melodramas produced under Mr. Wilson Barrett's management.

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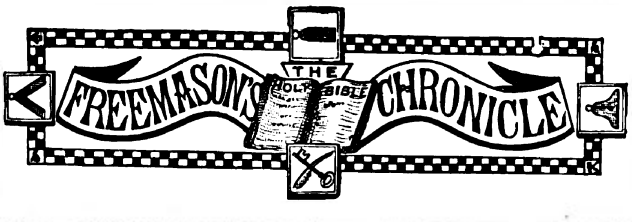
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THE annual meeting of the Freemasons of Essex was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, M.P. His lordship was supported by the following brethren: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. England, Deputy Prov. G.M., Rev. W. Morgan Jones Prov. G. Chaplain, Andrew Durrant Prov. G. Treas., William Herbage Prov. G. Reg., Thos. J. Ralling Prov. G. Sec., J. Gilling Prov. G.J.D., Arthur Mead Prov. G. S. of W., A. Lucking Asst. G. Pursuivant England Prov. G.D. of C., T. S. Sarel Prov. G. Tyler, Andrew C. Durrant and W. Strutt Prov. Grand Stewards; Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chap. England, Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec. England, Rev. John Sedgwick, D.D., P.G. Chap. England, Fred. Binckes P.G. Steward England, Griffiths Smith P.A.G.D. of C. England, A. Buck P.M. 453, F. Wood P.M. Treas. 1000 and Richard Clowes P.P.S.G.W.'s; Herbert Taylor, W. Sowman, Joseph Bell and J. C. 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Previous to the assembly of Grand Lodge the Finance Committee met and audited the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge having been confirmed and the roll of Lodges called over, it was found all were represented. The Auditors' report was adopted, and the report of the Charity Committee formally presented. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren. He said it was a very pleasing duty to him to address them again at that interesting meeting. He need not say what great pleasure it gave him to meet the brethren of the Province, because he found that on all occasions, when a Masonic duty brought them together, the brethren were most cordial and hearty in supporting their Provincial Grand Master. On this occasion they had proved themselves quite up to the mark again. It was very pleasant for him to be there in that charming town, and to find that the preparations for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge had been so excellently conducted by the Master and members of the Walden Lodge. It was very satisfactory to him to be able to tell them that Masonry was flourishing in the Province. This was of course due to the exertions of the individual Masons of the Province all working together in the cordial spirit that they had hitherto done. He was pleased to remind them that two new Lodges had been established in the Province during the past year. The first of these he had consecrated, and the second had been consecrated by his able Deputy, and the way in which those Lodges had been conducted showed that they were perfectly right in consecrating them. There were now forty members in the Priory Lodge, and he had no doubt that the Epping Forest Lodge, which filled a vacancy, would prove itself worthy of Freemasonry. At the same time he might tell them that the Province had not been unmindful of the Charities, as the report which had just been read fully demonstrated. They could not expect, however, the large sums of money which were collected when he had the honour of presiding at the Festival of the Girls' School, when out of fifteen thousand odd pounds a thousand pounds was contributed by the Province of Essex. He desired to take this opportunity of thanking the Province for the support they gave him on that occasion. He found that this year also they had done extremely well, the contributions of the Province amounting to nearly £800 at the three Festivals. This was a Province which could not be considered particularly rich; relying as it did—he was sorry to say—almost entirely upon agriculture, that was a most creditable contribution to the three Charities. Their Charity Committee had been most successful in doing good work; they had carried in their two candidates, and their thanks were due to those who served on the Charity Committee. He thought it extremely satisfactory, and they could see that they had only to put their shoulder to the wheel to be able to carry in their candidates. It appeared to him most desirable that as far as possible they should all of them hand over their proxies into the hands of Provincia

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Grand Lodge. He thought there was not much more that he had to speak of. He might mention that his attention had been called to the fact that it might be desirable if Secretaries of Lodges, after the installation, would send in the names of those ready to serve on the Charity Committee. He believed that this had been done as a rule, but he thought it desirable that the practice should be more regularly adhered to. He felt sure that it was only necessary for him to mention it in passing. He thought it might not be out of place for him to mention also that since they last met Bro. Philbrick had received further Grand honours, having been appointed G. Registrar of England. That was a matter of hearty congratulation to all the brethren of the Province. No one had worked harder than Bro. Philbrick, and no one more deserved the honour. The arduous duties connected with his new post would not, however, occasion the resignation of the office he held in the Province. He was afraid that Bro. Philbrick would not be able to be present that day, but he had just received a telegram to say that he was now on his way to join them. There was another thing that he should like to mention, which was that their old and esteemed Brother Lucking had also received honours from Grand Lodge. There was no person to whom he could more sincerely wish good luck, and he was sure that feeling would be shared equally by all members of Prov. Grand Lodge. In conclusion, he hoped they would remember this: whenever he could see his way to make a new Lodge, provided it did not clash with interests already existing, he should always be happy to give the formation his hearty support. The next business was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Durrant having been unanimously chosen, that worthy brother rose and said he again thanked them very heartily for having elected him. He was delighted to think they were satisfied with the way in which he conducted their exchequer, and it would be his endeavour in the future to continue to keep the accounts in the same satisfactory manner. The rest of the Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master, and they were afterwards saluted by the members of Prov. Grand Lodge according to ancient custom. The following is the list of the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

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T. S. Sarel, 276	Tyler
Joseph Grimes W.M. 51	Stewards
John Corble W.M. 453	Stewards
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F. E. Emson P.M. 1280	Stewards
Joseph Clever P.M. 2005	Stewards
A. Rattray W.M. 1543	Stewards

Bro. Tandy Prov. S.G.W. was elected to fill the vacancy on the Provincial Charity Committee caused by the usual "rotation" retirement. Bro. Clever, in the absence of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, who was to have made the proposition, proposed—"That the resolution of Provincial Grand Lodge at the meeting of 1882 be amended by the insertion of the following among the Bye-laws of the Provincial Charity Committee:—'The incidental expenses incurred in the management of the Charity Committee shall be defrayed from the Provincial Charity Fund, and the available balance appropriated from time to time, as the Provincial Grand Lodge shall direct, in support of one or other of the Masonic Charities. Notice of proposed appropriations shall be given in the circular convening the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.'" The proposition was duly seconded, and after a few remarks from the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who explained that the expenses referred to averaged about £6 per annum, and that they had previously been paid out of Provincial Grand Lodge Funds, was carried. Bro. John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O. then submitted the proposition standing in his name, that the sum of 25 guineas be paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, from the Charity Fund, in the name of the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge. The proposer explained that his reason for leaving out the Girls' School was that important additions were being made to the Institution at Wood Green, for which funds were needed, besides which, the Girls' School had benefited by the contributions of the Province very largely at their last Festival. He wished, however, to make the vote to the Boys' School 30 guineas instead of 25 guineas, as they would thereby obtain very much greater voting power. Lord Brooke did not think Bro. Turner could go beyond the proposal of which he had given notice, upon which an amendment was submitted, that the vote should be one of 30 guineas, in lieu of twenty-five, as proposed. Bro. Joshua Nunn asked whether any sum could be voted by Provincial Grand Lodge unless the amount were printed in the summons? The Provincial Grand Master said there was no doubt the amendment was somewhat out of order, the usual custom being that the sum to be voted should be stated in the notice paper, but on this occasion it appeared to be so important that the extra £5 should be voted that he thought the brethren would agree with him that the amendment should be carried. The increased grant was then agreed to. The proposition standing in the name of Bro. Joseph Bell P.M. 1280 P.P.J.G.W., "That the following be added to the Bye-Laws of the Province: 'Notice in writing of any Motion to be brought forward at a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge shall be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary at least four weeks before the day of meeting, in order that the same may appear in the summons convening such meeting; otherwise the motion cannot be brought forward without the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master,'" occasioned some discussion, with the result that it was decided to keep the matter over for consideration at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. A. Lucking P.M. 1000 P.G.D.C. proposed, "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the R.W.P.G.M. for his kind present of the necessary collars and jewels for the new Provincial Grand Offices instituted by the Revised Book of Constitutions; and to W. Bro. Wm. Herbage I.P.M. 2005 P.G.R., and W. Bro. Joseph Clever P.M. 2005, for presenting standards and fittings." To this was added a rider conveying the thanks of Prov. G. Lodge to Bro. Philbrick D.G.M. for his present of a sword for the use of the Provincial Grand Tyler. The proposition, with the rider, was carried unanimously. Bro. H. E. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.D. next proposed, "That the publication of a Grand Lodge Calendar be continued, under the management of a small Committee (say five) to be appointed at this meeting." This question gave rise to considerable discussion, the feeling being that Provincial Grand Lodge should not undertake any financial responsibility in connection with the matter. Bro. Martin suggested there should be, say, five guarantors, of whom he would be one, to undertake the responsibility. The expenses of the last year's Calendar had been about £15 only, while the receipts had left them with an available balance of between £2 and £3, which had been handed over to the Charity Fund of the Province. Other brethren immediately offering themselves as guarantors, the publication was agreed to, and the Committee of Management appointed. The Prov. Grand Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Master and brethren of the Saffron Walden Lodge for the manner in which arrangements had been made for the accommodation of Provincial Grand Lodge. His lordship added a vote of thanks to the Great Eastern Railway Company for the facilities they had granted to the brethren to enable them to attend the meeting. The S.W. acknowledged the compliment, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer moved that a sum of £15 should be allowed out of Provincial Grand Lodge funds in aid of the expenses of entertainment. This was seconded by Bro. Smith, of Brightlingsea, and carried unanimously. The Provincial Grand Master announced that next year's meeting would be held at Chelmsford, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren then repaired to the Corn Market, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion; here they sat down to banquet, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. At the conclusion of the repast the customary toasts were honoured. The toast of the Queen always met a hearty reception in Essex, as the Provincial Grand Master trusted it always would do; at least so long as he held the office of Provincial Grand Master. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lord Brooke was quite certain the Prince of Wales was as much beloved as Grand Master of England as in any other of the many positions he filled in consequence of his high birth. There was no doubt but that His Royal Highness took the greatest interest in Freemasonry, and, so far as his arduous duties allowed, did all that was required of him. The brethren had reason to congratulate themselves that the Prince of Wales had come among them and assumed the position of Grand Master, a fact which had called public attention to the benevolent teachings of Freemasonry. In speaking of the Royal family he could but refer to one who was always in his mind, and was especially dear to him—one who he thought had done his duty as a Mason. They must all regret the early death of that brilliant scholar—the Duke of Albany. The toast having been honoured, that of the Grand Officers was proposed; Brother Sedgwick, a Grand Chaplain of some thirty years ago being called upon to respond. Lord Brooke had great pleasure in seeing so many members of Grand Lodge present to support him. The Grand Officers took a great interest in Freemasonry, and all that concerned its welfare. Of the Earl of Carnarvon it might truly be said no more efficient Pro Grand Master could be found. He at present occupied a most arduous post, and they would not be exceeding the limits of Masonic propriety if they wished him good luck. It was an especial pleasure for Essex Freemasons to have members of Grand Lodge visit them and give them the benefit of their experience. The Grand Officers, as a body, had contributed no small part towards the success of Freemasonry at large. Bro. Sedgwick tendered his most cordial thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers, who, he said, did their best to promote the interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Philbrick submitted the next toast. Some one had said that the joys of anticipation surpassed the pleasures of fruition, but he felt that on the present occasion the anticipations of the brethren would not be surpassed by the pleasure they would feel in drinking to the health of the Provincial Grand Master—a brother who ruled over the district for the benefit of Freemasonry in general, and the Essex Masons in particular. They would remember that when his lordship was called upon to fill the throne of Masonry in Essex they were not nearly so numerous as they were then. They must congratulate themselves upon the progress of Freemasonry in Essex under their Grand Master's sway, and upon the united body of which Lord Brooke might justly and proudly call himself the head,—a body of Masons who were not excelled in true Masonic spirit, or in devotion to the great principles which they had at heart, by any other in the world. They knew that mere numbers were not strength. It was rather because they were resolved to adhere to and carry out the great principles of Freemasonry, be brethren in deed as well as in name, that Masonry owed its strength and its power. They were rejoiced to think that under the presidency of their present Master

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the Province had attained its high position, and trusted the district might be strengthened and improved as years went by. The Provincial Grand Master had referred to the position the Prince of Wales held as ruler of the Craft. The brethren of Essex gladly recognised their President as occupying the same position among them as the Grand Master did among Freemasonry generally. Bro. Philbrick then called on the brethren to drink to the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, an invitation which was most enthusiastically responded to, musical honours following in lieu of the usual "firing," which was omitted in consequence of the room not being "close tiled." Lord Brooke replied. He thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and also felt greatly flattered by the musical honours they had been good enough to give him. He did not know anything which united one's hearts more closely than Freemasonry. Thank goodness, there was nothing political about it, or nothing which could mar those feelings of unity which united them as Masons. He hoped the brethren of Essex would always have the same kindly feeling towards their Provincial Grand Master as those they had just expressed. Speaking of his Deputy—Bro. Philbrick—he felt he could never look upon him as a Judge, passing a heavy sentence. At all events he had been very lenient in passing sentence on him that day. With his characteristic kindness of heart Bro. Philbrick had been good enough to ascribe a considerable amount of the success of the Province to his endeavours, but he (Lord Brooke) knew that this success was due to the very cordial support which they had given him as a young Mason coming among them. He hoped that as years went by the brethren would continue to give the same kindly support they had accorded him in the past. He knew it would require a little exertion on his part to keep Freemasonry in the Province going, but when that exertion could be effective, and when it was possible for him to give the time to it, they might rely upon him. It was a great thing for him to be able to count an increase in the number of the Lodges of the Province, but he should never sanction an increase which would affect, or in any way clash with, existing institutions. At the same time, whenever he felt there was a need he should be pleased to come among them and consecrate any new Lodge in their midst. It was a matter of congratulation to them in Essex that their Deputy had had the honourable office of Grand Registrar of England conferred on him, and also that Bro. Lucking, another brother who had given them much support, had been appointed to Grand Lodge Office. As regarded Bro. Philbrick, he might say that the oftener he was with them the better they knew him. The brethren had known the Deputy longer than he had, but he might say that Bro. Philbrick always imparted good feeling and cheerfulness to any meeting where he was present. It had given him great pleasure to see him approach that afternoon, and he could only hope that those gentlemen with whom he had been associated at Lewes Assizes that day had found him an equally agreeable companion. At all events they had hailed with the greatest enthusiasm his coming among them that day. They must know it was no light task to carry out the arduous duties of such a profession as Bro. Philbrick's, and at the same time to find opportunities to attend to such pleasures as he trusted Freemasonry was to him. He was sure the brethren would heartily drink the health of his excellent Deputy and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that those whom he had that day appointed would support their Grand Master as well as their predecessors had done. The toast was honoured, and then Lord Brooke again rose. It would naturally have fallen to the lot of his Deputy to respond, but as the brother whose name he was about to couple with the toast of the Visitors had to leave in order to catch a train he would ask the brethren to allow Bro. Philbrick to postpone his reply until after Bro. Martyn had spoken on behalf of the Visitors. He trusted that one of the virtues of Freemasonry would always be its hospitality, and that the guests would always prove themselves as genial and pleasant as the visitors who graced the board on that occasion had done. He was quite sure it was a matter of congratulation to them all that Bro. Martyn had been enabled to come and be with them that day. They might also congratulate themselves on the presence of Col. Shadwell Clerke, who might be said to have all the numerous secrets of Freemasonry pass through his hands and entrusted to his keeping. He felt that no brother more zealously did his duty than Bro. Clerke, and he hoped he would be able to give them the benefits of his company and advice on many future occasions. He would not enumerate all the other Visitors he saw present—there was Bro. Binckes and many whose faces were familiar—all he could say was the oftener they were there the better. Bro. Martyn replied. He was sure he need not say how grateful he was for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. That really was kind, but he did not think it was kind for the friend on his right and the friend on his left insisting every moment on making suggestions (laughter). Colonel Clerke on his right had said, "Now then, do not let modesty interfere;" and Bro. Philbrick, on his left, had said, "Now then is the time for blushing." He certainly did not think it was kind to assail him with such remarks as that, at a time when he was endeavouring to collect his scattered thoughts, especially when they remembered, as the Archbishop of Canterbury said only the other day, that one of the characteristics of the British clergyman was his extreme modesty. He did not know that he had any cause to be bashful before that assembly, for he felt very little of a visitor in Essex; indeed he was an honorary member of a Colchester Lodge, and came among them really as a Colchester native, the more so because one friend had peppered him with sarcasm, and another attempted to vinegar him with the sour remarks so strange to his nature. Speaking as Deputy Master of the adjacent Province of Suffolk, he felt the Essex Masons, like their neighbours, had the interest of Freemasonry at heart. He hoped and trusted the same prosperity would follow them in Essex as was being enjoyed in Suffolk, and that their Province would occupy a position among the Provinces of England second to none—bar Suffolk. He hoped the kind and hospitable feeling which had always existed between the Provinces of Essex and Suffolk would always be continued, and that they should, even if strangers, ever be bound together by the bond of friendship which at present united them. Bro. Clerke followed. He represented a large number of Visitors who had had the pleasure of attending that day, and who felt that much of the enjoyment they had experienced was due to the arrangements made for the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province. Personally he was no stranger in Essex. He had been present at the installation of their late Master, Lord Tenterden, and also at that of their present ruler. The report of the progress of the Province during the past year was most satisfactory, their increase of upwards of 100 members during the twelve months being a handsome one. That the funds of the Province were ably administered was evidenced by the increased votes they had been enabled to make to the Charities that day. He concluded by expressing the thanks of the Visitors. The Provincial Grand Master then called upon Bro. Philbrick to open his brief. That brother in reply said: My Lord and Gentlemen of the——, I beg pardon, Brethren,—Having illustrated the first of all Masonic virtues—obedience, I have, on behalf of the Grand Officers of the Province to return you their most sincere and grateful thanks for having proposed a toast in their honour, and for what you were pleased to say of them. It was indeed a difficulty, said Bro. Philbrick, to respond and adequately express the feelings of so distinguished a gathering of brethren as he saw on their legs in answer to this toast. Those who were associated with the toast were brethren who had made for themselves a name in the Masonic history of the Province, and who had assisted in the great cause of Masonry which they had at heart. He assured the Provincial Grand Master that the brethren he had that day called to Provincial office would not be less devoted than had been their predecessors. It was a matter of gratification to them that the recognition of their ruler had been endorsed by Grand Lodge in regard to one of their number at least—Bro. Lucking, who had so long acted as their D. of C. Bro. Philbrick concluded a most interesting speech with a promise on behalf of the Provincial Officers to do their best to exemplify to the world the great advantages associated with the Order. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of the Masters of the Province, to which Bro. Tandy responded. This was followed by a toast in honour of the Charities, proposed from the Chair, which was ably responded to by Bro. Binckes, and then the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a conclusion.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, 19th inst. in the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, under the auspices of the Percy Lodge, No. 1427. There was a large attendance. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., presided, and was supported by Bro. R. H. Holmes Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bros. B. J. Thompson P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Sec., E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D. of C., Addison Potter, C.B., P.P.G.S.W., Thomas Anderson P.P.G.S.W. P.G.T., J. Straker Wilson P.P.G.S.W., Robert L. Armstrong P.P.G.S.W., George Spain P.G.S.W., Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Ralph Thompson P.G.J.W., and numerous other P.G. Officers and brethren; also Bro. F. Binckes Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The various reports were presented, and the roll of Lodges was then called and responded to by the various W.M.'s, after which the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and duly invested by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. Earl Percy, in addressing the brethren, congratulated them upon the efficient state of the various Lodges in the Province. He thanked the members of the various Committees for the work they had done during the past year. The next annual meeting will be held under the auspices of the D'Ogle Lodge at Morpeth. The meeting afterwards terminated, and the annual banquet was held in the evening; an excellent repast being admirably purveyed by Mr. T. R. Dobson, of 54 Scotswood-road, Newcastle. The Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., presided. The vocalists were Bros. Walker, Leatham, Whitehead and Nutton.

We are asked to mention that Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. is now arranging dates for the delivery of his popular lecture, Explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonial of the First Degree, in various Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges, during the ensuing months. He has accepted the invitation of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, at Manchester, for Friday, the 2nd October, when the Lodge opens its winter session.

The installation meeting of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, will be held on Wednesday next, at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, when Bro. A. G. Fidler will be installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have watched with great interest the letters that have lately appeared in your columns on this subject, and now beg to offer my opinion. I at the present time hold the position of Technical Instructor. I was trained an Engineer in one of our largest railway works, and after leaving them was employed by various firms in the three kingdoms, and can fully appreciate the advantages to be derived from a knowledge of work previous to entering any mechanical trade. A large portion of the drudgery an apprentice has to go through could be avoided by his having previously attended a Technical Class. Nor need the boys get an insight into the mechanical portion only. Mechanical drawing and one or two science subjects could be taught with very little extra outlay.

I should recommend workmen to be engaged and one head instructor. The workmen to teach their trades and the head (who should also be a mechanic) to superintend, receive reports, and teach in the higher branches; the chief instructor to be responsible, and under the Head Master only.

It is impossible for me in a letter to enter into details, but should any of the brethren consider my opinion of any practical value I should be most happy to let them know the system I now work on, and such alterations as I should advise. I certainly agree with your remarks in your article of 15th August on the subject, and consider that more than two branches of trade could be successfully worked for £1,200 a year, including the higher education I have alluded to, but of course not including the first outlay for plant, &c.

I beg to remain, Sir, yours fraternally,

INSTRUCTOR.

Old Warrants (G).

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to enclose copy of the Warrant under which the Lodge of Friendship, No. 278, is now working. It has been forwarded to me by Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, the District Grand Master of Gibraltar, and I am hopeful of receiving, through the same channel, copies of the two "Atholl" warrants existing under his jurisdiction, very shortly.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD P.G.D.

And P.M. Inhabitants' Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar

formerly "Atholl" No. 202.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK G.M.

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

WE PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH Duke of Sussex Earl of Inverness Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter &c. &c. &c.

GRAND MASTER

Of the most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS it appears by the Records of our Grand Lodge that a Warrant bearing date the 15th December 1789 was issued under the Seal of Masonry enabling certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free Masons to be called "The No. 345 Calpean Lodge" and which Lodge was then No. 556. By the alteration of numbers in 1792 it became No. 465 and in consequence of the Union of the Two Fraternities of Masons on the 27th December 1813 became and is now registered in the Books of the United Grand Lodge No. 520 under the title or denomination of the Lodge of Friendship. And whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge have by their memorial represented unto us that their said Warrant hath by some accident been lost or destroyed and they have therefore prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation. Now know ye that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request do hereby grant this Our Warrant of Confirmation unto our Right trusty and well-beloved Brethren Samuel Fairburn, Joseph Underwood, James Relph, William Gladdon, William Glover, Henry Glynn, Edmund Coombe, John Spencer, Charles Hoyland and others composing the said Lodge authorizing and empowering them and their successors to hold a Lodge of Free Masons at Gibraltar under the title or denomination of

"THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP,"

at such times as to the brethren thereof may appear necessary and then and there when duly Congregated to make pass and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further at the petition of the said brethren we do appoint the said Samuel Fairburn to be the Master, the said Joseph Underwood to be the Senior Warden, and the said James Relph to be the Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be [installed in ancient form and according to the laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. The said Lodge to be upon] the General Register of our Grand Lodge No. 520 and we do require you Samuel Fairburn and your successors to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are and have been regularly made Masons. And that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe perform and keep the Laws Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitution and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being.

And we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the general Laws and Regulations of the Craft and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations and also an account of the Proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters or to the Right Honourable Lawrence Lord Dundas our Deputy Grand Master or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same together with the fees and monies payable thereon it being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Confirmation shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you the said Samuel Fairburn are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an Account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 8th day of December A.L. 5825 A.D. 1825.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

(Signed) DUNDAS, D.G.M.

(Signed) William H. White, Edw. Harper } G.S.

R.M.I. FOR BOYS—PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

THE following additional contributions should be added to the list we published last week:—

Bro. F. Adlard (Steward)	-	-	10 10 0
E. F. Storr ditto	-	-	10 10 0
R. Clowes ditto	-	-	5 5 0
E. R. Cust	-	-	5 5 0
Acacia Lodge, No. 876, Monte Video (per Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.)			10 10 0
Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex	-	-	31 10 0

It is with deep regret we direct the attention of our readers to the serious illness of two worthy brethren. Bro. J. Eldridge, P.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, has for some months past been suffering from the effects of a painful and distressing malady, which has now completely prostrated him. We trust our esteemed brother's strong constitution will yet enable him to assert himself, and that he may recover strength to be able to resume the active duties of life he has hitherto fulfilled to the advantage of all with whom he has been associated.

The other case of illness to which we refer is in connection with Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M. 188. His ailments are not of such long standing as those by which Bro. Eldridge is afflicted, but they are, similarly, of a serious character. Bro. Levy, however, has youth on his side by comparison with the age that Bro. Eldridge has attained. And we sincerely hope that in our next issue we shall be able to report that he has made progress on the way to convalescence.

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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 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
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 24th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, 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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

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. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 25th AUGUST.

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

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1690—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1696—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
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, 26th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, 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)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

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)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
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
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
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THURSDAY, 27th 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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
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)
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 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)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
316—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
393—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
837—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1565—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1584—Thorahill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

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R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields

FRIDAY, 28th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star 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)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1713—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1903—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex

SATURDAY, 29th AUGUST.

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)
2013—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

ON Thursday evening, the 13th instant, at the regular meeting of this Lodge, the following address, which had previously been unanimously adopted by the brethren was presented by the Worshipful Master (Bro. Wm. Brook) to Bro. the Rev. C. E. Storrs, vicar of Snaith, there being on the occasion, a large muster of brethren, including visitors from neighbouring Lodges:—"Aire and Calder Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 458. To the Rev. C. E. Storrs, vicar of Snaith and Rural Dean; Chaplain of St. Oswald's Lodge, No. 910. Revd. Sir and Brother, We, the Master, Wardens and brethren of the Aire and Calder Lodge of Freemasons, No. 458, are desirous of expressing to you a heartfelt and fraternal farewell on your leaving the Vicarage of Snaith for the living of Bedminster; and of wishing you and your family a happy and prosperous future; assuring you it is with very great regret that we have heard of your intended departure from this neighbourhood. The indefatigable manner in which you have worked for the church, and in the service of the Great Architect of the Universe, has won for you the respect and admiration of all with whom you have come in contact; and we trust that the many good works you have begun and carried on may be continued by your successor, and be a help and blessing to the people of Snaith. That He, in whose service and for whose glory you have laboured, may abundantly bless you in your new sphere of life is the fervent prayer of the brethren of this Lodge. Signed on behalf of the Lodge: Wm. Brook W.M., W. Everatt S.W., E. J. Foster J.W., R. Dayson Secretary. Goole, 16th July, 1885." Bro. Storrs replied in an excellent speech, in the course of which he referred to the pleasant associations he had had with the Aire and Calder Lodge, and the brethren connected with it.

ISLE OF AXHOLME LODGE, No. 1482.

AT the recent yearly meeting of the members of this Lodge, the following Officers were appointed: Bros. Geo. Mason W.M., Staniforth I.P.M., Horobin S.W., Bellerby J.W., Constable Chaplain, Watson Treasurer, Wood P.M. Secretary and Almoner, Chamberlain S.D., W. Burtonshaw J.D., Fillingham I.G., H. L. Burtonshaw Org., J. Hemingbrough P.M. D.C., Drury S.B., Chamberlain-Lane and Robinson Stewards.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Monday, the 10th instant, there was a meeting of this Lodge at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Bro. J. Blenkin I.P.M. was in the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. B Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, W. Brown J.W., Jas. Kay Secretary, J. E. Wilkinson, J. D. Irving, W. Stephenson, Pearson, Tuff, Stubbs, Major McGachen P.M. 1991, and W. C. Foster 24. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate, after which Brother William Routledge was passed to the second degree. The chair was afterwards taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and Bro. J. W. Blenkin was raised to the third degree. The Lodge being resumed in the first degree, Bro. Whytehead, in the name of the Ebor Lodge, of St. Lawrence, and in the absence of its W.M. (Bro. W. B. Dyson), presented to the Lodge a dinner service for use on ordinary occasions of suppers. Bro. W. Stephenson presented a massive mahogany vase, beautifully carved with the name of the Lodge, for the purpose of a tobacco jar for the smoke-room. Bro. Whytehead presented some books to the library, and a gas cooking-stove for the Tyler's cottage, as well as a copy of Dr. Morris's Masonic Poems, on behalf of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar. Bro. Starkey presented additional articles of furniture for the smoke-room. The Lodge passed votes of thanks for all these valuable gifts, and then, on the motion of Bro. Blenkin P.M., seconded by Bro. J. T. Seller P.M., a resolution was passed congratulating Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G. Master, upon his providential escape from injury on the previous Saturday, when the driver of his carriage was killed. Bro. Whytehead gave notice that at the next meeting application would be made to the Lodge for permission to open a Lodge of Instruction on the premises, and the Lodge was then closed.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Dale W.M., W. T. Hunt jun. S.W., Thomas J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., J. Bedford Williams J.D., Dixon I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Hutchins (Preceptor) and Banks; also Bros. Stringer, Joyce, Prior, Greener, Emblin, Strickland. After preliminaries, the questions leading to the sublime degree were satisfactorily answered by Bro. Joyce; Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was then called off; and on resuming, it was closed to the first degree. Bro. Hunt was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month. After the Lodge was closed, a ballot in connection with the Justice Charity Association was taken, the prize was secured by Bro. Penrose, who announced his intention of placing the amount (5 guineas) on the list of Bro. R. T. Stringer W.M. of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, who is a Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Forge W.M., Ware J.W., Potter S.D., Collingridge (Sec.) J.D., Woodman Acting Preceptor, Flack I.G., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker acting as candidate. Bros. Baker and Hutchinson answered the questions leading to the second degree. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. Dixie and Weeden. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 24th instant, when Bro. Western will rehearse the installation ceremony.

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EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

AN emergency meeting of this Chapter was held on the 4th inst., at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, York. Amongst those present were Comps. G. Simpson Z., T. B. Whytehead P.Z. as H., J. Sykes Rymer J. 236 as J., J. Kay S.E., J. Blenkin S.N., W. Brown P.S., and a number of other Companions and Visitors. A ballot was taken for several candidates, after which Bros. T. Masterman, T. Horsley, R. Kersopp, and Rev. R. Blakeney were duly exalted by the M.E.Z., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Whytehead P.Z. Subsequently the Companions met, to the number of over 20, at an excellent supper, where the usual toasts were duly honoured.

At the convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, Comp. S. George filled the chair of M.E.Z., T. J. Cusworth H., T. C. Edmonds J., J. E. Sheffield S.N., J. Russell P.S. The ceremony was ably rendered, those attending striving to perfect themselves in the respective offices they fill in regular Chapters.

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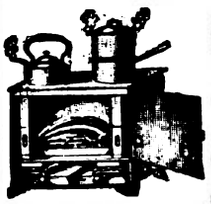
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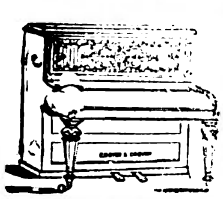
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"AS ITHERS SEE US."

A FRIEND has done us the unkindness to send two broadsheets filled with the ravings of a man more fit for Bedlam than to be at large. We advise Mr. R. H. Cotter, the person alluded to, to remain in Ireland, for a law was passed on the 6th inst. which gives power to overseers, relieving overseers and policemen to arrest any person who may appear to them to be under the influence of some mania. It would not be difficult to arrive at a conclusion with regard to Mr. Cotter. Only let England be named, or Freemasonry be hinted at even, and the vials of his wrath would be poured out in such a torrent as to convince those who heard him that he must be labouring under extraordinary delusions, and that in his ravings he forgets the decencies of life, the slightest regard for facts. It is not pleasant work to gibbet an enemy, but there is no objection to his doing the thing himself. We are not sure that we are wise in letting our readers see how wild some men become when filled with *hate* and *all* uncharitableness. Freemasons have always *bad bitter* opponents, and none more unscrupulous than the Romish Church, but never have we read anything so violent and outrageous as the slanders penned by Mr. R. H. Cotter. We shall not attempt to reason with a man who is incapable of believing any good of Freemasons; he shall speak for himself, and our readers can judge how far we are justified in classing him with persons scarcely to be held responsible for their actions. If he had only Freemasonry on the brain we should not be so much surprised, but he seems to be the incarnation of all that is violent in his feelings with regard to England. He is no respecter of persons, and we are afraid we must add, has not the least respect for truth.

It would be labour in vain to argue with such a man. We give some specimens of his language that our readers may know how low it is possible for an enemy to descend. Besides, Mr. Cotter is a curiosity in his way, and let us hope is even unique in Ireland. The object of the broadsheets before us is "to unmask the plot of God-defying political domination in blaspheming Freemasonry, which it appears is now the State religion of England," to show that "Masonry was heathenish, as its humbugging libations of wine and oil and corn might suggest." We owe our origin to a "Jew, who rejected Christianity *in toto*, for their motto is not only composed of Babylonian Hebrew cabalistic words, but actually refers to the heathen doctrine of transmigration of souls—a 'doctrine of devils.'" As their origin is, so are their works, and we need not be surprised that our brethren in Ireland—"traitors to God, are drawing down Heaven's wrath" upon that country. Mr. Cotter has got hold of some books; he has learned of some renegades, who, like perverts and false friends, become the bitterest of enemies as well as the falsest of guides. From these he draws pretty largely, and takes all they relate as pure gospel. A Dr. Carwithen is a great authority in the eyes of Mr. Cotter, and so is a Mr. Trevillan, who thus described a system that had once tolerated him as a disciple, as "scandalously and detestably anti-Christian." He relies very much upon the fact that "one hundred and three" American Masons seceded from the Order on the ground that it was "a bloody relic of barbarism." He mouths this over frequently as if alarmed at the poverty of his own conversion. Mr. Cotter need not fear; his vocabulary is stored with epithets that an Irish fishwife would envy, some of which we shall presently reproduce.

We are told that Freemasonry is "a school for grabbing as well as for murder," for it is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Cotter believes in the Morgan story. Bishop Plunket, of Meath, according to this veracious witness, was made an Archbishop by "his clique of cowardly, darkness-loving blaspheming Freemasons-God-blaspheming ring." Daniel O'Connell, who was at one time a member of the Fraternity, but retired from it at the bidding of the Romish priests, once described Mr. Disraeli as "the heir-at-law of the blasphemous thief upon the cross." Mr. Cotter has studied the Repealer as a model of vituperation. He calls Archbishop Plunket "an impenitent Freemason;" calls Lodges "Cowardly murderers' dens;" says that their frequenters have "blasphemous lying mouths," and that they are "liars, assassins and blasphemers." He rails at times against their secret arts, at another he says, "The more secrecy 'the devil' and these 'his angels' keep, the better I'm pleased, till they're pinned down into the bottomless pit." We have said that this coarse traducer was no respecter of persons, and the proof is forthcoming. Writing of a relative he described him as "a most gloriously charitable, most pious skull-drinking, most blaspheming Freemason of immortal memory." His own brother, a member of the Craft, rebuked him for his vile language, and he is immediately lashed and accused of being "without natural affection." Another brother, also a Freemason, who renounced the Order before he died, is extolled almost as an angel. Mr. R. H. Cotter believes any story that can be made to tell against the Fraternity. He has got it into his head that the brethren make a practice of drinking out of human skulls. This is a great fact with him, and he calls "one hundred and three" seceders and the *Standard* newspaper as witnesses. But then he has another witness, "a butler, who lived in the house of the notorious Freemason named Furnell, and that butler saw a coffin full of skulls and bones lying for months in Furnell's parlour, in George Street, Limerick." After that who can deny that skulls are converted into drinking cups by the abominable Freemasons, who might with equal truth be dubbed body-snatchers and cannibals.

There is scarcely a crime under the sun of which it is not possible for a Freemason to be guilty, but it may be a consolation to know that they are condemned in the company of others. England is denounced with the same unsparing hand, and Orangemen belong to the same tribe of fiends. England is "the great Red Dragon," and Mr. Cotter calls in a witness who believed the day would come when "she would lose all her commerce, and that Tyre and Sidon's end would be hers. She is also a 'scarlet-coloured beast'—the leopard, spotted with all the lies from Puseyism to Bradlaughism." After all, Freemasonry is the ground-work of all our wickedness. The brethren are the evil genii of the world; they are the serpent that beguiled Eve; they cannot be saved; they are the elect of the damned, and Mr. Cotter is the destroying angel who means to execute vengeance. We can imagine how the brethren will open their eyes with wonder at being so foully stigmatised, how they will tremble when they enter the Lodge, lest the "red dragon," the "leopard, spotted with all the lies," should fall upon them and devour them. Let them not fear. Mr. Cotter is living in a world created

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by his own mad fancies; his very violence defeats the end he has in view. His slanders may be regarded as the frenzy of impotence. Nevertheless, it would be well were his friends to look after him,—out of sheer pity.

THE BURNING BUSH.

An Address by the Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York.

(Continued from page 115).

THE Greeks, who made art a moral force and rose to be the educators of man, in their sculpture and literature, changed the coarser and more primitive forms which Egypt lent them into higher and more splendid creations. Their architecture and their sculptured figures were touched and moulded by a more grand and larger intelligence. The inward graces, the more subtle harmony, the more delicate beauty of their minds were set forth with artistic expression and intellectual symbolism. They caught that rare and airy spirit of proportion which was working in all nature around them, and carved it in stone or built it in architecture, and made these the sign and the embodiment of the sublime, the ideal and the beautiful.

India and China had their symbolism. The sacred tree of India is the expression of her faith. It was the visible form of Brahma, the Creator; Vishnu, the Preserver; and Siva, the Reformer; the three interchangeable attributes of the first great intellectual cause, the will and mind of the Highest.

Not alone in the East, but in the West, did symbolism prevail. This shows that it is an instinct of the human heart, wide as the race is wide, and a felt necessity of all generations of men. The historian tells us that the same art prevailed among the earlier Mexicans, as among the people of Egypt.

Religion has ever had its symbolism. All the Hebrew religion, from which we draw our royal art, is one grand symbolism. Types and their teachings speak out the emblems in which they are enshrined. The Bible relates things symbolically, as if it would foster and maintain this seeming need for symbolism. Things sacred are represented from the first as appealing through symbols to the senses. The scape goat, the serpent in the wilderness, the ark, the forecast of the temple, the ladder of Bethel with its brilliant throng of angelic beings, the Shekinah that shone with splendid light in the Holy of Holies, the burning yet unconsumed flame bush of the desert, were all symbols of higher things. And they were prophecy looking forward to a golden age, rich in works wrought for man's spiritual nature; while the symbolism of our age is history and truth enshrined in the golden mists of a vanishing past. The Temple, with its gorgeous ritual and magnificent ceremony, was not merely a house of sculptured stone, but a symbolic expression of man's need of a home for worship—a place consecrated to the purest spiritual ideas, and the altar of communion between God and man.

Man himself is a symbol. He is the living embodiment of a priciple, high or low, in that he is the representative of a world we cannot see. He represents truth or he represents falsehood. He stands for both, as he is true or false in himself. He is the living symbol of justice as the eternal law of right as opposed to wrong finds a place in his moral being, and is expressed in rewards or punishments. He is the representative of science as he has applied the secret forces of nature to things of use or beauty. He is the symbol of philosophy as he has unfolded the laws which govern mind or by which mind works. He is the expressed form of immortality in his spiritual nature, which thus cannot die. Truth, love, beauty, justice, poetry, art, and the manifold worlds which he is, or adopts as his own, make him a living symbol of the grandest forces in the universe.

In harmony with this instinct of the human heart, Masonry, like religion, has its symbols and lesser mysteries. It is a moral and social institution, and the representative of art in its practical bearing and science in its teaching, and enters into the very principles which regulate art and architecture. It brings into harmonious whole not alone the elements of geometry, but symmetry, proportion, beauty and decoration.

The symbol of the Burning Bush, which Masonry uses, teaches us that Masonry like all institutions, moral, social, and political, must have symbols. It must have forms expressed and seen. It is only the dream of a dreamer to hope to have any system, that can influence human thought and human life, without symbols. Man's nature is material as well as spiritual, and he must have material things to influence it. The soul, the mind dwells in a material temple, and cannot abide without symbols and signs. Is not this universe we see one magnificent symbolism of Him who made it and designed it to minister to this instinct of man? The divine thought is unfolded in the majesty and glory which are spread over this visible world. With the touch of the unseen hand the Creator covers the earth and sky with touches of beauty, such as no pencil of man can paint. The hills in their strength tell of the strength of Him who made them. The sea in its tides and boundless flow speaks of His grand, unlimited nature. The stars that burn in the sky, and the sun that rules the day, and the moon that rules the night, tell us of Him who is the light of lights. The flower, whose chalice holds the dew-drop, speaks of his tender care for the smallest things in nature. The fruits of the earth tell of His unchanging goodness. The rain that falls upon the soil and makes the valleys and plains gleam and ripple with the golden tides of harvest, tells of His refreshing spirit. The night that covers man with sleep is the symbol of His loving providence for man His child.

And it is the wisdom of Masonry that, recognising this truth, and knowing that men are not all spiritual, employs symbols to meet this need of man's nature, mental, social and spiritual. It has learned its lessons from the rich symbolism of the great universe about it. And this is the result of its symbolism of Brotherhood: the expression of morality, civilisation, and social life; the outward manifestation of a high and noble intercourse of man with man. Tender and strong in its organisation, it is the treasure house of larger sympathies, generous impulses and nobler charities.

Into the quiet harbours of our seaports come the ships of the greater or smaller nations of the earth. They carry the flag that tells us they are the representatives of commerce, of labour, of art, and the thousand creations of genius and industry. They represent the thought, the skill, the special work, the force of nationality. The flag that floats at their mast-head is the symbol of an empire or people, and tells us that the vessels are on a mission of peace and commerce, and the flag must be respected as if the nation stood a magnificent army in battle array. And to show that the nations are respected to which the ships come, the flag of that nation floats over the bow, as the representative of the people. The stars and stripes are the symbol of our life as a nation, our honour, our power, our integrity, our greatness. And wherever that flag floats, on sea or land, it must be regarded with respect and courtesy due to the commonwealth it so grandly symbolises. Without a flag, the emblem of itself, the strongest nation would lose its inspiration and much of its conquering force. In battle it is the rallying point of victory, and to guard its folds from stain and capture is the moral power of the soldier. It is the nation watching its armies as they uphold its honour, its being, and its glory.

Symbols are the seen helps to impress and deepen the hold of moral truths in the mind. And the vision of the Burning Bush glows with its symbolic lesson for all ages, and the voice that speaks out of it gives Masonry, as a moral order among men, a charge to use art, signs and all that enriches, all that will solemnise in the heart, the great truths it unfolds. And from first to last, Masonry, therefore, has become a great symbolism, like the world about it, to touch and guide man into higher beauty and the promise of more glorious things.

In all ages there has been a Burning Bush for each soul who would influence his own time or all times. To prophets and holy men the vision came and God spoke to them and in them, and they became His glorious agents to utter truths for all conditions of men. It came to Homer, blind as he was, and he was charged to sing of beauty, and his poetry has gone through the history to cultivate human thought. It came to Phidias, and the marble block quickened into the image of man, to be the delight and culture of the ages. It came to Plato, and his philosophy has been the education of the scholar and the thinker. It came to Dante, and his strong soul moved out to stronger measures in poems that cannot die. It came to Shakespeare, a very god in his insight into the human heart, and

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crowned him king of mind, the source and treasure of the knowledge of man. It came to a thousand singers and poets, to reformers and thinkers, to philanthropists and teachers, and the world has been lifted up and civilisation has moved on its splendid march, because they lived and died in the discharge of their mission for humanity.

The Burning Bush teaches the lesson of reverence. In the present age great forces are opposed to reverence, and hinder its culture. There is a spirit of irreverence which places its image and superscription on all things. Life has a larger scope, and the means of gratifying its tastes and desires are easily within its power. Material things, the pleasures of sense seem to be the highest things, and these weaken the grasp of the mind on moral truth and turn the whole stream of reverence into irreverence or indifference. There is a cherished dislike to all that would control and guide; a freedom which in art, society, politics, morals, religion, touches the very lines of license. The old landmarks are breaking up, the tasteless waters of old forms, old modes of thinking, old modes of working, are turned as by a powerful word into the wine of a new and more highly flavoured living and acting. Mystery is no longer the study of a refined scholarship and true philosophy. All the great verities are questioned, and with sandalled feet, there is the vulgar treading on and gaze into the most sacred things. A spirit of boldness, of reliance on self, a spirit of aspiration and independence in all things, is to a large extent the spirit of the age. The moral tone of men has changed. They once had faith, and with noble, toiling hands built up; now they lack faith, and with irreverent hands pull down. Once they brought thought into practice, now they reduce it to false philosophy or nothing. They may have increased in knowledge, in learning, in science, but wisdom has not come with the increase, and there is too much of the sneering spirit of the fiend Mephistopheles in them and about them. Life, courage, self-mastery, heroism, are full of faults and lack all goodness. And while in some things there is much that is noble, much that gives a wider culture and breadth to the mind, and scope to its achievements, *still* there is evil in it. The good, it is true, is daily coming more and more to light. Creation is unfolded to the eye and the mind of man. Each day is the record of a fresh discovery and a new use of power for the wants of society. Man is receiving from science new continents with splendid possibilities, just as he received from Columbus and the great discoverers of the past new lands on which to build nations. This wide, heaving sea of life is explored everywhere to bring gain and honour and power for human use. Common objects assume great attributes and record a thousand things for investigation, and serve as a stimulus to further thought. Machinery is the hand and foot of man, and its swift wheels bear man's inmost wishes far and wide. The round earth, the all-present air, are filled with treasures for him to take and make his own.

But side by side with this, like the fiend in the German story, is a spirit of evil and a doubt of truth and virtue in humanity. Science claims not alone to be a means to investigate truth, but to be the very truth of truths. Reason claims to be God and man. Life is only a process of going on, moving, acting, flowing toward some destiny by a force of its own creation. And so, reason and faith being the same, the Personality of Him that spoke in the Bush is destroyed. He is not the creator and ruler of nature and man. Law is God and sways the world by powers that are not the outgoings of an intelligent will, but only a force self-creative and self-existent. Man is robbed of his power of will and choice. The spirit from which all this flows insinuates by unseen but most potent force, doubt as to all things which man has decreed above him. There is through all confusion, the breaking up of that fixity of faith, that confidence in the institutions which mark the morality and are the glory and strength of the highest civilisation. The intellectual strength is set in battle array against the spiritual; strong powers are at work to deny even the claims of the human spirit over matter and to ignore its very being. The royalties of this great human spirit are not valued and cherished as if there was something in them to reach beyond the earth.

And we know that all this is opposed to the secret feelings, those grand aspirations of our humanity. Every mode of thought which tends to weaken a belief in a God who wills and creates, every form of doubt which darkens the law of right in the soul, which undermines truth, morality, purity, is at its foundation utterly wrong, and is antagonistic to the deepest and truest and divinest conceptions of man's inmost nature. It needs no philosophical argument to show that it is evil in its origin, in its issues, and destructive of all upon which society rests. It will take from the soul all its high aspirations, and give no force for real and abiding achievement, for the progress of man in the material, the mental and the spiritual. Denials and doubts are not the things that achieve, but only are the forerunners of darkness, evil and destruction. Doubt builds no cities, no ships, no railroads, or things of use for society or nations. Doubt only pulls down. It is not progress, it is not freedom, it is not any great thing. This evil is potent in the world, and the age, grand as it is in the supremacy of man over nature, is largely an irreverent and doubting age, and crushes out reverence as a dying superstition. And so there is needed the vision of the Burning Bush, the tender, unconsuming flame that destroys no leaf or bud on that thorn tree. There is needed the obedient heart that yields to the voice which speaks, that turns aside with unsandalled feet to see that glorious sight. "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." "I am the God of thy Father, the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob." For so only by reverence can we truly look upon the mysteries of life, the mysteries that brood around us, and read out their true secret and find that which will help to fill the aspirations of man.

And the voice of Him who speaks to us out of that flame bush, and the vision that is revealed to us in our inmost spirit, will place all the manifold objects that are in the world in their true relations to us as regards our own position and beliefs and the progress of humanity. Still, as of old, out of the Bush that burns, out of that sacred flame, the voice speaks to man as it spoke to Moses, and we can hide our face in token that reverence is the way to higher revelations, to the knowledge that unfolds our work and mission in life, and that faith transformed by the nearer presence of the divine, is the most marvellous power to achieve and bring all human motives and actions to splendid results.

In an age like this, we need to be lifted out of ourselves to an ideal such as the Burning Bush can inspire. That vision at Bethel is not a thing of the vanished past, but a reality of this great present. It shows us as it showed Moses, that God is not a material thing, that this earth on which we walk, in the possibilities it sets before us, is holy ground, and our manhood is given us to work out these possibilities. This knowledge will open to us the ideal after which we most aspire, and lead us to higher endeavour and effort to carry to its true issues that faith in all the divine gifts which God has implanted in the soul. For just as the nature within us grows stronger under the influence of a great ideal, or great thought, or some good thing which is ours to impart to men, so will our higher being be transformed and strengthened for larger duties and grander results. This will be the consecration of our lives, for true and worthy efforts for ourselves and others. Until our aim is lofty and our aspirations noble, we cannot work out that mission which will change the world, and send forces into the wider or narrower circle of society and Masonry, a glory and a power, not to die, but to live with the ages.

In our life's work there will be a Burning Bush, if only we open our eyes to see, and our ears to hear the voice that speaks to us. Whatever our work, whether it is great or small, it can take to itself attributes of dignity and power. If only we make it a work for Him who speaks to us, a true work for ourselves and society, there will be a force borne in upon it that will transform it. We become strong by working towards the grand ideals which may be every man's, by working for humanity. Again and again we must go to Horeb that we may reflect and see, that we may hear the voice that is lost in the noise and manifold sounds of this busy world. We shall catch gleams of power to quicken our powers, and feel a new strength to make our work a larger influence and a blessing, even a Burning Bush on which others may work and be strong. For this is the law of our being, that we grow like that on which, in our moral and mental nature, we feed. As we look to Him who speaks out of the Bush, we shall grow more and more like Him. He shall be revealed to us as we learn more truly to see Him by our cleansed spiritual nature. We shall find that He is the revelation of all—that mystery we call life. Too often we walk as in a

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dream, and all the great forces and circumstances of our position seem to be against us. But when we look at the vision of God that is given us in His Word, our Burning Bush, we shall know that He is the law of the world, Who guides all things to their true end; Who directs the currents of the sea no less than the raindrop; Who holds the planets in their balance, no less than the atom of dust, and regulates the grandest forms of life, no less than that of the smallest insect. And in this faith we can reach onwards and upwards to Him, assured that our life, broken and fragmentary as it is, if only it is used in His service, through all its defects and wanderings shall be brought back to Him to be more life and endless power. And then, not in a Burning tree of the desert, not in outward symbols and earthly temples, shall we see Him, but behind the veil, without a shadow or flame, in His eternal beauty.—*Voice of Masonry*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the Bath Saloons, Torquay. The room was specially fitted up for the occasion, and there was a very large attendance of brethren. The meeting was called for 3·30 p.m., but it was about forty minutes afterwards before the P.G.M. entered the room. He apologised for detaining the Grand Lodge so long, but explained that it was the old offenders—the Great Western Railway Company—the train having been late. The Prov. Grand Master, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., was accompanied by Bro. Webb E. Elphinstone Stone P.M. 37 P.P.G.S.W. as D.P.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Walter Goddard Rogers the Rev. W. Whittley P.P.S.G.W. as S.G.W., the Rev. H. B. F. Elvington G. Chaplain, J. T. Browning G. Treas., E. H. Wilton G. Registrar, John Brewer G. Secretary, G. R. Barrett and Walter Bradnee Senior G. Deacons, R. Cawsey Junior G. Deacon, G. Huxham G. Supt. of Works, R. P. Morrison G.D. of Cers., C. Phillip Deputy Ditto, T. 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Colston P.M. P.P.S.G.D., J. J. Daw P.M. 282, G. Ellery S.W. 159, Rev. R. B. F. Ebrington Chap., Nathaniel R. Hammett P.M. 666 P.G.P., J. U. Valentine P.M. 303, W. J. McLean P.M. 248, John Parnell S.W. 1388, Alfred Bodley P.M. and Treas. 39, P.P.G.D. of C., W. J. Tozer 1358, E. Chapple W.M. 797, Mark Whittle S.W. 797, George Horswill S.W. 105, J. M. Hifley P.M. 223 P.P.G.A.D.C., G. Merrifield P.M. 282 P.P.G.S. of W., George Wilson S.W. 1205, William Sidwell W.M. 372, J. Whitford P.M. 230, Charles H. Fulford J.W. 1254, H. Northmore W.M. 159, J. S. Sloggett S.W. 2025, T. King W.M. 70, Fred. R. Goodyear W.M. 223, T. C. Lewarn P.M. and Treas. 223, W. H. Symons J.W. 70, Thomas Hine I.P.M. 372, Jesse Sargent S.W. 372, James Hoyten S.W. 223, R. Paul Morrison P.M. 251 P.G.D. of C., Isaac Roskelly J.W. 282, John J. C. Elliott J.W. 1212, J. P. Phillips P.M. 223 P.P.G.D. of C., Henry Cole P.M. 1091 P.P.S.G.D., R. Lavers P.M. 1091, J. D. Cobbledick I.P.M. 1091, C. Hunt Dir. of Cere. 230, James Murray P.M. 1402 P.P.G.D.C., W. Radmore J.W. 159, William A. Goss P.M. 328, Hugh Elliot J.W. 363, P. J. Dunn I.P.M. 1205, George Sercombe S.W. 70, Edward Pillar W.M. 105, James Giffard I.P.M. 105, James Gelverton S.W., C. G. Vicary W.M. 1138, James Alexander P.M. 1358, H. P. Jarman P.M. 1358, J. P. Templeton P.M. Treasurer 1332, J. Jolliffe W.M. 954, R. Lake P.M. 1135, E. Huxtable S.W. 1138, Charles Stevens P.M. 1138, William Harris P.M. 1138, A. H. Whiddon I.P.M. 1212, T. Gray J.W. 105, Richard Pengelly P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., William Kennedy J.W. 1205, J. Grant W.M. 328, A. W. Oakley J.W. 1181, W. Gregory P.M. 1254, W. H. Crimp W.M. 1255, J. Wallis S.W. 1255, George Lee J.W. 1255, C. P. Sutton S.S. 1847, Peter A. Wiest (Illinois) 1847, H. Martin P.M. 1138, L. Stevens J.W. 1138, J. Clever P.M. 1138, W. R. Gay P.M. 1486, James Lose P.M. 1847, W. H. W. Macey S.W. 1847, W. H. Webb P.M. 1486, E. H. Littleton J.W. 230, J. Bradford P.M. 1358, R. J. Goodyear S.W. 1847, F. C. Hallett P.M. 303, W. O. Beazley P.M. 172, Fred. C. West W.M. 303, G. J. Watson J.W. 1550, Henry Stocker P.M. 39, R. J. Steward S.W. 710, A. Brickwood Hutchings W.M. 2025 P.G. Stwd. Cornwall, E. Coppin S.W. 156, T. R. Cridland W.M. 710, J. H. Stevenson P.M. 159 P.G.S., W. S. Rattenbury J.W. 230, R. T. Tyacke P.M. 1181, John Shapter J.D. 1443, Chas. Pope P.M. and Treas. 1138, R. L. Mugford J.W. 328, Samuel Greenfield P.M. P.P.G.S.D., G. F. Webb 1443, Edwin Roseveare P.M. 1099, R. Williams 143, George R. Barrett P.M. 189, P.G.S.D., W. H. Lear I.P.M. 1443, E. R. Lee 328, J. Du Pre P.M. 70 P.P.G.D.C., John Salter S.W. 328, T. W. R. Chalice W.M. 1855, John Elliott S.W. 1847, G. T. Goad J.D. 1855, T. R. E. Olver J.W. 1247, T. Lavers J.W. 1091, N. Bray W.M. 282, Thomas Andrews W.M. 1254, John T. James S.W. 248. The Treasurer reported that the dues received amounted to £291, the total receipts being £516. After giving £40 to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund and paying all expenses there was a balance in hand of £238. Bro. Fulford informed the Lodge that the Fortescue Annuity Fund capital account amounted to £2,377, but there was an adverse balance on the year's working of £37 15s. Bro. J. B. Gover reported that the Committee of Petitions had given £105 to the widows and children of deceased Masons and £100 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London. The reports were received and adopted. Bro. Samuel Jones P.M. 112 P.P.G.J.W., proposed the election of Bro. J. Templeton, of 1332, as Treasurer of the Province. Bro. Brewin P.G.J.W. seconded. Bro. J. Murray P.M. 1401 P.P.G.D.C. nominated Bro. J. Dodge 1402. Bro. R. H. Rae 189 P.P.G.J.D. seconded, and, on a vote being taken, Bro. Dodge was declared elected by a large majority. Bro. William Harris P.M. 1138 and Bro. J. Murray 1402, were elected auditors. The new revised rules for the Province were passed, with two exceptions. There was an interesting discussion on the publication of reports of Masonic meetings in the newspapers. There was a resolution on the books making this illegal, but the motion was not approved of. The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. W. G. Rogers P.M., 112	Deputy Grand Master
William Derry P.M., 156	Senior Warden
Henry Ford P.M., 1181	Junior Warden
Rev. R. F. F. Ebrington, 248	Chaplain
W. F. Geare P.M., 112	Registrar
John Brewer P.M., 251	Secretary
J. J. Daw P.M., 282	Senior Deacons
William Burd P.M., 1753	Senior Deacons
J. Griffin P.M., 70	Junior Deacons
J. Moysey P.M., 223	Junior Deacons
A. R. Lethbridge P.M., 159	Superintendent of Works
T. D. Allams, 328	Director of Ceremonies
W. H. Discombe P.M., 1443	Deputy Dir. of Cere.
J. H. Stephens P.M., 1847	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
John Olver P.M., 1138	Sword Bearer
T. Hine P.M., 372	Standard Bearers
J. Allen P.M., 1099	Standard Bearers
A. B. Hutchings P.M., 2025	Organist
W. R. Hammett P.M., 666	Pursuivant
R. Lavers P.M., 1091	Assistant Pursuivant
P. C. Blanchard P.M., 444	Tyler
A. K. Hamilton P.M., 112	Stewards
Charles J. Workman P.M., 383	Stewards
M. Burrows P.M. 489,	Stewards
W. Ward, 847	Stewards
Richard Lake, 1135	Stewards
R. H. Webb, 1486	Stewards

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

ON Friday the 21st inst., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, duly installed Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Past Grand Warden of England, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, as R.W. Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Durham, in a most impressive manner, in the presence of a large assemblage of distinguished brethren of Durham, North and East Yorks, West Yorks, Northumberland, and other Provinces, together with Officers and members of the whole of the 30 Lodges of the Province. The ceremony was performed in the Lecture Hall, Palace Green, Durham, the use of which was granted by the Dean and Chapter of Durham. The Provincial Grand Lodge entered the Lecture Hall at noon, the brethren singing the Masonic hymn, "Behold how pleasant and how good," as the Provincial brethren entered the Hall in procession. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. Bro. Victor Williamson, Past Grand

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Warden of England, acted as D.P.G.M. The distinguished guests on the right and left of the Deputy G. Master were:—Bros. T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master West Yorks, R. H. Holmes Deputy Prov. Grand Master Northumberland, Dr. Bell Deputy Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorks, Banister Past G.S.B. England, H. Green P.G. Sec. West Yorks. The other Provincial Grand Officers officiating on the occasion were:—Bros. J. W. Barnes P.G.S.W., R. A. Ruck P.G.J.W., the Rev. J. Lawson P.G. Chaplain, B. Bolton P.G. Treas., R. Hudson P.G. Sec., T. M. Barron P.G.R., T. Bradley P.G.A. Sec., W. C. Blackett and T. Walton P.G. Senior Deacons, J. C. Moor and F. H. Bennett P.G.J.D., R. W. Thompson P.G.S. of W., E. Hudson P.G.D. of C., J. J. Clay Deputy P.G.D. of C., H. W. Emerson P.A.G.D. of C., M. Douglass and P. M. Stonehouse P.G.S.B., S. Fenny and W. Gray P.G. Std. B., D. Whitehead P.G. Organist, J. S. Wilson and W. H. Turner P.G.P., J. Curry P.G. Tyler, Bros. W. Gregory, W. Barlow, F. West, R. Coulson, and J. A. Rainbow Prov. Grand Stewards. The Prov. Grand Secretary and Prov. Directors of Ceremonies were also assisted by Bros. W. Coxon P.G.D., A. S. Fowler P.G.D., C. S. Lane P.G.D., J. G. Smith P.M., Stonehouse, Marley, and Olsen. Supporting the Deputy Grand Master on the dais were Bros. Addison Potter, C.B., P.P.G.W., E. D. Davis P.P.G.W., G. Spain P.P.G.W. Northumberland, T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, Jos. Dodds, M.P., P.P.G.W., Colonel Monks P.P.G.W., G. F. Charlton P.G.W., T. Y. Strachan P.P.G.W. Northumberland, J. W. Cameron P.P.G.W., J. Wood P.P.G.W., J. Spearman P.P.G.W. Northumberland, B. Levy P.P.G.W., J. Straker Wilson P.P.G.W., T. G. Mabane P.P.G.D., W. Brignal P.P.G.R., W. Liddell P.P.G.D., G. Porteous P.P.G.O., W. J. Ward P.P.G.W. Northumberland, W. Donkin P.P.G.P., J. Hunter P.P.G.D., R. Luck P.P.G.R., T. Bell P.P.G.D., R. Thompson P.P.G.W. Northumberland, A. T. Munro P.P.S.B., C. Cobham P.P.S. of W., C. S. Lane P.P.G.D., J. H. Bentham P.P.G.D., R. W. Cummins P.P.G.P. Northumberland, R. Fenwick P.P.G.B., T. Jopling P.P.G.D., R. W. Halfnight P.P.G.P., H. J. Turnbull P.P.G.P., A. Harkness P.P.G.D., A. S. Fowler P.P.G.D., H. Maddison P.P.G.R., C. R. Fry P.P.G.W., A. Turner P.P.G.D. of C. York, J. McCulloch P.P.G.W., G. Hardy P.P.A.D. of C., H. E. Muller P.P.G.O., W. T. Agutter P.P.G.D., Staffordshire, G. J. Wilson P.P.G.W., T. Coulson P.P.G.D., C. D. Hill Drury P.P.G.R. Norfolk, S. Gourley P.P.G.W., A. Iley P.P.G.D. J. Totman P.P.G. Supt. Wks., James S. Wilson P.P.G. Supt. Wks., R. Ferry P.P.G.D., W.M. Bell P P.A.D. of C. Northumberland, W. M. Watson P.P.G.W., J. Trotter P.P.G.W., J. Potts P.P.G.D., R. Kinmond P.P.G.P., J. Graham P.P.G.R., A. T. Munro P.P.G.S.B., T. Jackson P.P.G.D., C. Rowlandson P.P.G.W., W. J. Watson P.P.G.D., G. R. Bulman P.P.G.W., Rev. J. J. Brown P.P.G.C., W. C. Harris P.P.G.C., J. M. Meek P.P.G.R., G. Stillman P.P.G.D., F. Marriner W.M. 107 King's Lynn, John C. Wilson P.P.G.P. Northumberland, R. H. Dickenson Provincial Grand Stewards. Among those present of the principal Officers of Lodges were Adamson Rhagg W.M. 48, J. G. Smith P.M. 48, W. Dobson W.M. 80, J. E. Nelson P.M. 80, W. Green W.M. 393 Berwick, J. A. Rainbow W.M. 94 P.G. Steward, J. Hudson P.M., J. D. Todd P.M., T. Henderson P.M., J. Dixon P.M. 94, J. B. Pattison W.M. 97, R. Singleton S.W. 97, E. Potts W.M. 1676, D. Murray W.M. 1712. W. B. Ferguson J.W. 97, W. Brandt P.M. 1389, J. G. Kirtley I.P.M., R. Shadforth P.M. 949, D. G. Smith W.M. 661, G. Robson W.M., T. Potter P.M. 240, J. Todd W.M. 1247, W. Ross W.M. 1970, W. Davidson I.P.M. 1970, W. Logan W.M. 124, A. Carr I.P.M., S. Wilson P.M., J. Sewell P.M. 124, J. Sedcole W.M., A. McDougall P.M. 1119, J. F. Hiller I.P.M., W. Donkin P.M. 1334, W. Dodd W.M. 531, W. T. Tate P.M. 764, E. D. Brown P.M. 509, G. Lazonby W.M. 940, T. Bowman W.M. 1418, D. B. Tod W.M. 1121, A. Allan P.M. 1121, John Heslop W.M. 1932, T. Coates W.M. 1650, W. Swales P.M. 1650, W. Love W.M., S. Holdsworth I.P.M. 2019, J. Eggleston jun. P.M. 1494, Sir Farrer Herschel, M.P., W.M. Lambton Lodge, R. W. Cummings P.P. G. Pursuivant Northumberland, &c. The ceremony was commenced with the offering of prayer and the reading of a portion of Scripture by the Prov. Grand Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. J. Lawson). The Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, together with the other distinguished visitors of other Provinces, were then saluted according to ancient custom. The Deputy Grand Master then addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and stated the business of the meeting. He congratulated the brethren on the choice H.R.H. the Grand Master had made of Sir Hedworth Williamson to be Prov. Grand Master of that Province; and he felt perfectly certain that choice was fully in accord with their feelings, and he congratulated them that they would have a Grand Master, not only one who was a good Mason, but one who would fulfil the duties of the office most perfectly. A deputation of distinguished brethren then retired, accompanied by the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies (Bro. E. Hudson), to introduce the Provincial Grand Master designate. The deputation consisted of Bros. Jos. Dodds, M.P., James Laidler Mayor of Durham, E. D. Davis Newcastle, T. G. Mabane Mayor of South Shields, B. Levy Sunderland, Dr. S. Gourley Hartlepool, C. S. Love West Hartlepool, and A. S. Fowler Stockton. The deputation then introduced Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson Prov. Grand Master designate, the brethren standing to order as Freemasons. As the procession moved to the dais, the brethren sang, "Hail! Masonry Sublime!" led by Bros. Whitehead P.G.O., and Thos. Walker, Leatham, and Nutton, of Durham Cathedral choir. Cushions, upon which were the collar and jewel of the P.G.M., and the apron and gauntlets, were borne by Bro. W. Logan W.M. Marquis of Granby, No. 124, and Bro. Dr. L. Booth S.W. 1334. The Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. R. Hudson) then read the patent of the P.G.M. designate, after which the R.W. Deputy Grand Master duly obligated and invested the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Sir Hedworth Williamson, whom he then placed in the chair as the head of the Province, amid the loud plaudits of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies (Bro. E. Hudson) then proclaimed the newly-installed P.G.M., who was saluted according to ancient form. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., who was loudly applauded, said it was rather difficult for him to address that meeting, and he would do it under feelings of the most deep gratitude for the very kind way in which Lord Lathom addressed them, and the way in which they had received his address. It was difficult for him to acknowledge the manner in which they had received his lordship's remarks. He had had most kind letters from his noble brother Grand Masters of the North Riding and of Northumberland, both of whom were unable to be present. It was, however, very gratifying to see close to him a very distinguished brother, namely, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and so many other distinguished Masons. He hoped and trusted he might be able to so rule that Province that the Craft, already so prosperous, should at all events not deteriorate. He would spare no pains to do what he could to carry it on even more prosperously. There were two ways, it seemed to him, in which this could be effected. First, that he should try impartially to discharge his duties, and, secondly, that he should be assisted and supported by the loyalty and zeal of the brethren. He felt sure he could succeed in his part, and he felt equally confident that the brethren would give him their loyal zeal and assistance. It seemed to him that the simplest course he could pursue was to imitate his two predecessors. He would endeavour as far as possible to faithfully imitate the kindliness of his noble friend who had so lately gone from them, and he would also try to imitate as much as he could the unswerving though courteous rule of his late friend John Fawcett. Lord Londonderry was too short a time with them for many of the brethren present to discover his numerous good qualities, but he possessed one of the greatest recommendations any one could possess, namely, those who knew him best loved him most. The noble lady who mourned his loss had shown her interest in the Craft by presenting the Masonic clothing of the late Marquess, which he (Sir Hedworth) now wore, to the Province. That of course was a Special Grand Lodge, and therefore no formal acknowledgment to the noble Marchioness could be there given, but at the annual meeting he would make it his duty to see that a vote of thanks was tendered to her. He had also been presented with the Masonic clothing of the late Bro. John Fawcett. His intention was to present the collar of his friend the late Brother Fawcett to the Grand Lodge, and he would wish it to be framed and hung up in a conspicuous place in the Grand Lodge, so that every brother might see the memento of one who was certainly the best Mason he ever saw, and who was his oldest and dearest friend. He thanked them all very sincerely, and Lord Lathom particularly, for the kind way in which they had received him. He would do his duty as well as he possibly could, and he hoped to have the help of every Mason in the Province, however humble his position might be. Bro. W. Logan W.M. 124 then presented the following address to the Provincial Grand Master on behalf of the Durham Lodges Nos. 124 and 1334:—

To the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Past Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham.

We, the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, and of the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holden in the ancient city of Durham, do most heartily congratulate you on your appointment by the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to the distinguished rank of Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham.

We sincerely welcome you to our ancient city. We are sensible of the honour you confer on theF raternity, and we feel sure, from your long continued services to Freemasonry in this Province, and your public and private devotion to the Craft, that your new duties will be performed with fervency and zeal.

We earnestly pray the G.A.O.T.U. to spare you for many years to be the ruler of the Province, and that when summoned from this sublunary abode you may ascend to the G.L. above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

Signed on behalf of

Lodge 124.—Will. Logan W.M., Joseph Lawson S.W., W. Crawford J.W., W. H. Oliver Secretary.

Lodge 1334.—Wm. Clarke Robinson W.M., Lionel Booth S.W., Robt. Hauxwell J.W., Geo. S. Shaw Secretary.

This twenty-first day of August, A.D. 1885, A.L. 5885.

The Provincial Grand Master (Sir Hedworth Williamson), in accepting the address, said he augured from the date of the appointment of the two Lodges, one very old and the other comparatively new, that he would be supported by the Masons at large. Canon Tristram's appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master having been announced amid loud applause, the Provincial Grand Master stated that he had selected the Canon on account first of his intimate knowledge of Masonry, second his social position, and thirdly his continued residence in the Province. He referred in eulogistic terms to the ability of Canon Tristram, and the fame he had achieved as an author and traveller. At the conclusion of the P.G.M.'s remarks, Bro. R. Hudson P.G.S. presented Bro. Canon Tristram, who was formally installed, and invested the Deputy Prov. G. Master, after which the latter thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had conferred upon him and the brethren for the manner in which they had received the appointment. He remarked that he had been connected with the Masonic Order for about 40 years. At the conclusion of the ceremony in the Lecture Hall the brethren formed in procession and marched into the Cathedral, where a special service was held. Prayers were read by Bro. Canon Cooper, the first lesson by Canon Smith Dorian, and the second by Archdeacon Hamilton, Sub-Dean, Mr. Liddle, in the absence of Dr. Armes, officiated at the organ. The service was Turle in D, the anthem being "Zadok the Priest" (Handel). Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram delivered an eloquent discourse from the 9th Chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes, 10th verse, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." He said not many months had passed since he was called upon to set forth from that place the three foundation principles of Masonry, Godliness, Loyalty, and

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Charity. These were their aims and the work of Masonry was for time. The work of Christianity was for time and eternity, but work in time prepared for work through eternity. The places of two who were with them at the last gathering were now empty. On that day, they had with them their Royal brother exalted in the Craft, and not less exalted in the love and esteem of every loyal Englishman. In daily life, he was a perfect type of the Masonic Brotherhood. His last great public action, before his sudden removal, took place in that Cathedral, when, at the head of their Order, he worshipped there. In his short career, whatever his hand found to do, he did it with all his might. Life was not measured by years. Their assembly there that day told them of another bereavement. They were gathered together to instal a worthy successor to that most noble Provincial Grand Master who but for four short years was permitted to rule over that province. He was the heir to the name of a race interwoven with the history not of their county alone, but of their country. He proved, during his short career as Grand Master, how worthy he was to rule. Although a sufferer for years, and rarely free from pain, he spared no effort in the performance of his Masonic duties. In the course of his further remarks, the rev. Canon said the time was coming, was even upon them, when the principles upon which Freemasonry had been based for 3,000 years would be put to the test. Then it would be seen that Masonry was no visionary scheme, but that it was a federation of men who knew that without order there could be no progress. It was for Masons to show, when wild schemes were being advocated by designing and unscrupulous men, that they had the welfare of all at hea t. After the service the brethren returned to the Lecture Hall, where Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, after the Provincial Grand Master had expressed the thanks of the Lodge for the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, and the very admirable services of the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Provincial Directors of Ceremonies, and the other Officers for their excellent arrangements. Subsequently the brethren met in the Castle Hall, where luncheon was partaken of. Sir Hedworth Williamson presided, and was supported right and left by Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Canon Tristram, T. W. Tew, Dr. Bell, Sir Farrer Herschell, V. Williamson, J. Dodds, M.P., R. H. Holmes, Colonel Dalgetti, H. Smith, Colonel Potter, C.B., R. J. Lawson, J. W. Barnes, R. A. Luck, E. D. Davis, and G. Spain. The Loyal toasts having been given and heartily responded to, the Grand Master proposed the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge. He referred to the fact of brethren high in the Craft being appointed to fulfil important positions in Her Majesty's Government—a matter which was satisfactory to them all, apart altogether from politics. The Earl of Lathom, who was loudly applauded, responded, and said it was a matter of satisfaction to him to have installed his friend Sir Hedworth Williamson as Provincial Grand Master, although they would all have a feeling of sorrow at the death of the Marquess of Londonderry so soon after he was installed. Apart from the ceremony, he was pleased to be again enabled to visit their city and the fine cathedral. The health of the R.W. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, having been given and acknowledged, and also those of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Visitors, the proceedings terminated. During the luncheon vocal music was supplied by Bros. Welsh, Walker, Whitehead, Leatham, Nutton, and Goodhead.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

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I BELIEVE, BECAUSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Gould, in his History, quotes the above motto as the maxim of Tertullian. That Christian Father had a virtue of believing in the impossible, because it was impossible. Our Masonic writers, especially the high degreers, are not only determined to believe in the impossible, but, like the Bourbons, they never learn and never forget. To quote all the absurdities promulgated by that school would fill volumes—a few specimens will, however, satisfy my present purpose.

1st. Brother J. H. Drummond P.G.M. of Maine P.P.G.C. of N.J., &c., &c., came out last year in a report showing that Masonic Grand Masters have existed from time immemorial. I, however, endeavoured, in a paper published in the *Masonic Truth*, to convince him that the system of Masonic Grand Masters began in 1717. Brother Drummond, though he read my communication, never replied, and I naturally thought that he had given up the fallacy, but in the last issue of the *Token* I find an article headed "Origin of Dispensations," from the pen of Bro. Drummond, wherein, after referring to the Stuarts, especially James II., he goes on to say :—

"During all this time Freemasonry existed in a transition state, from Operative to Speculative, with a Grand Master at its head, and with a government naturally based upon the comparative despotic government of the land. It then had no written code of laws, and its laws were very largely the usages of the Craft. After 1717 the Institution was organised under the Grand Lodge system. In 1720 . . . . the old usages of the Craft were compiled in the form of General Regulations."

Now, I think that there is very little doubt that Bro. D. is wrong about the then existence of a Grand Master, and about the then despotic government of the Masons; but there can be no doubt that the Halliwell MS., the Matthew Cooke MS., and about fifty other Constitutions enumerated by Bro. Gould, are all pre-1717 documents, and each of them has a written code of laws. You see now that what Masons did not have in the time of the Stuarts, viz., a Grand Master and a despotic government, Bro. Drummond says they had, and what Masons did have, viz., written codes of laws, Bro. Drummond says they had only usages, but not a written code of laws.

2nd. During the last eleven years Bro. MacCalla of Philadelphia repeated in his own and in other Masonic papers, on an average about four or five times a year, his vagary that Daniel Coxe somehow was the father of Philadelphia Masonry in 1730 or 31, that a Lodge, No. 79, of English origin, met at the Hoop, in Water-street, Philadelphia, that Philadelphia was the mother of American Masonry, &c., &c. True, almost every well-informed Mason outside of Pennsylvania laughs at Bro. MacCalla's notion. He, however, still continues periodically to repeat it, and seems determined to continue repeating it, I think, therefore, that he may be numbered among our distinguished American Masonic Tertullianites and Bourbonites.

3rd. Bro. Bromwell P.G.M. of Illinois, who had evidently never read either Steinbrenner's, Findel's, Lyon's, or Gould's Works, happened somehow to get hold of Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite," and was terribly shocked at Bro. Hughan's heresy that before 1717 Masons had but one degree; this brother is willing to admit that the high degrees are of modern manufacture, but the three first degrees are, he says, Ancient Masonry. Two of Brother Bromwell's articles upon the said subject have already appeared in the *Voice of Masonry*. I endeavoured to enlighten him. But what was the use? From Bro. Bromwell's style of reasoning I doubt very much whether he will ever learn or ever forget.

4th. Bro. Schultz quotes from Mackey's Cyclopædia, as follows :—

"It is only in Scotland that the Templars endured no persecution, long after the dissolution of the Order in every country in Europe the Scotch Preceptories continued to exist, and the Knights lived undisturbed. One portion of the Scottish Knights Templars entered the army of Robert Bruce, and after the battle of Bannockburn were merged into the Royal Order of Scotland then established by him.

"Another portion of the Scottish Templars united with the Knight Hospitallers of St. John. They lived amicably in the same houses, and continued to do so until the Reformation. At this time many embraced Protestantism. Some united with the Freemasons, and established 'The ancient Lodge at Stirling,' where they conferred the Degrees of Knight of the Sepulchre, Knights of Malta, and Knights Templar. It is to this division that we are to trace the Masonic Templars of Scotland, &c."

Now, every one who is familiar with Bro. Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland" knows there is no truth whatever about the Templars and Masons in the above quotations, but yet there are tens of thousands of K.T.'s and A. and A. Riters *the world over*, and especially in America, who still firmly believe that before 1717 Masons were Templars, and Templars were Masons.

5th. In the *International Masonic Review* of Detroit (No. 5) there is an advertisement of a History of the Memphis Rite, written by Judge Burt, G.M. *ad vitem* of the said rite, whose published letter I sent you some three or four week ago, about Dr. Darius Wilson; the advertisement fills two pages: it contains letters of commendation from high dignitaries, among others is the following :—

"Mr. Mackey says, This history of the origin of Egyptian Masonry, that had its birthplace in the sunny lands of the East, near the garden of the world,—a country whose evidence of civilization and civil law, together with its monuments, pyramids, temples, and tombs, * * * the land where Moses the Law Giver, High Priest, King and Scribe of the Masonic fraternity of the Israelites was born, * * * abundantly the most correct and authentic, is briefly set forth in this volume, and is the best American translation I have seen, and should be read by every Mason."

A. G. MACKEY 33°.

Mackey has written a great deal of nonsense, and he may have written the above letter too, may be for a *consideration*, or some other person may have written it and fathered Mackey with it. But be that as it may, if the patron of the *International Masonic Review* had not been out and out *Tertullianites* such *ridiculous* stuff would not have appeared under its covers as an advertisement.

6th. Burt's letter I sent you has introduced Dr. Darius Wilson to your readers ere this as the Grand Something of the "Royal Masonic Rite" of 96 degrees; he also published a pamphlet, and here are some specimens of original Masonic history. He says—

"Moses, in consequence of his adoption by the Royal family of Egypt, was permitted to receive every degree of the mysteries up to, and including, that of high priest, or Perfect Pontiff, to which corresponds the 88th degree of the Royal Masonic Rite. You remember that Moses in addressing the people—not the high priests mind you, but the people—regarding a certain word representing God, said to them, under no circumstances should they pronounce the word aloud, with the head uncovered."

Intimating, I suppose, that the fashion of American Masters wearing cocked hats while presiding, was a landmark derived from Moses. Again,

"It will be seen from what has already been said, that all ancient Masonry might appropriately be termed Royal Masonry, because all the original authority for working any of the degrees came of necessity through the Royal family. Hence, the organisation embracing all the high degrees of Egyptian Masonry is most appropriately termed the Royal Masonic Rite. Those who have mounted the last round of the ladder of Egyptian Masonry have convincing proof that Masonic degrees were worked under the King at Memphis in Egypt, more than twenty-one hundred years before Christ, and even at that early date the Order was known as the Ancient Masonic Rite.

"Something over three thousand Masonic degrees have existed from time to time, that is, if we consider the sixty odd so-called Rites separate and distinct by themselves; but the fact remains,

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however, that ninety-six degrees of Egyptian Masonry includes all the ancient Masonic degrees, and the different so-called Rites are simply transpositions or re-arrangements of a portion of these degrees."

But here comes something new about Sir Christopher Wren's Grand Mastership which, if true, will smash up Bro. Gould's Wren theory, and will make Bro. Woodford very, very happy. Bro. Wilson says—

"You are of course familiar with the fact that prior to 1703 no Masonic Lodge was permitted to initiate any person except an operative Mason. During that year St. Paul's Lodge of London rebelled as it were against the laws and regulations of the Order by passing a resolution, which reads thus: 'Resolved—That the privileges of Masonry shall no longer be confined to operative Masons, but to be free to men of all professions.' . . . . This was a first step towards a change from the monarchial to a democratic government. The constant warfare carried on between this Lodge and the Grand Master at York, Sir Christopher Wren, until his death in 1716, so disgusted the Fraternity, that in 1717 only four working Lodges were to be found in all England, and these were at that time called together in general convention for the purpose of organising a Grand Lodge."

There is evidently an affinity in the traditions preserved in the archives of the A. and A. Rite, and the Royal Masonic Rite, for both Bro. Drummond P.S.G.O. of the A. and A. Riters, and Dr. Wilson 96th degree and Grand Something of the "Royal Masonic," agree that Masons had Grand Masters before 1717, and that the government of the Craft was then despotic; and now

Who shall dispute when doctors agree?

"The standing of the officers [continues Bro. Wilson] is of the highest order, socially, morally, intellectually, and Masonically. Most of them are Knight Templars, and a large majority are 32nd and 33rd degree members of the Scottish Rite: the standing of the entire membership (nearly 16,000, mostly Knight Templars) compares most favourably with that of the best organisations of whatsoever name or nature in the U.S.A."

So much for Bro. Wilson, Grand Something of the Royal Masonic Rite, and now I will introduce "a bird of another feather."

7th. At Bucyrus, Ohio, the A. and A. Riters of the Cerneau brand, erected a Cathedral, for so the the Scotch Riters style the halls they meet in. [By the bye, is the house in Golden Square also a Cathedral?] The said Cathedral was dedicated on the last St. John's Day. For such a purpose an orator is essential; usually either a Rev., an M.D., a Lawyer, or some great Masonic dignitary is chosen to do the talking. Upon this occasion no less a personage than the illustrious J. R. Clymer was the orator of the day. And here are some of his specimens of select and original Masonic historic events, he said—

"Masonry has been the conservator of the Holy Scriptures at times and periods of history when without its protecting care it would have been lost to the world, and in conjunction with the Jewish Church it was the medium through which the revealed Word of God was preserved in the terms of the original text, and its alteration, adulteration, or perversion prevented.

"Freemasonry, like the religion of Jesus, has been the object of the fiercest persecution. Like the church, it has its honoured roll of martys. Prominent among them, was that peerless Christian Knight Jaques De Molay."

We see now that our orator believes firmly that De Molay actually rode on the back of our Masonic goat, and for which he suffered martyrdom. Again—

"There be those who affect to despise Freemasonry, its teachings, and its history; who do not remember, or else never knew that England numbers on record [that is original] fifty-one Grand Masters from A.D. 596 to A.D. 1717, including among them the great names of King Alfred [original], Athelstan, Edward the Confessor, King James I., Edward III., Henry VII., Cardinal Wolsey, Thomas Cromwell, and Sir Christopher Wren the architect of St. Paul's. The greatest men in nearly every walk of life during the past ages have concluded it to be an honour to enrol themselves as Craftsmen. Look at them! John Locke, the greatest metaphysician; Newton [original], the wisest of philosophers; Shakespeare, the foremost poet. * * * Webster, our country's greatest lawyer and statesman." [Webster must have been Masonized in the other world, for while he was alive he never was a Mason.

"Are Masons gooder men than others? was the question asked by King Henry VI. of England, as found in an ancient manuscript by Locke in the celebrated Bodleian Library; the answer, as found in the manuscript was, 'Some Masons are not so virtuous as some other men, but in most parts they be more good than they would be if they were not Masons.' That great man Locke was so struck with this colloquy, that he knocked for admission, and became a patron of the Order."

I suppose that you desire now to learn what comments were made by the learned Masonic editor of the *International Masonic Review?* (in which paper Bro. Clymer's hotch-potch specimens of Masonic hisory was printed). Well, you may judge from the following:—

"We publish, says the editor, the dedication, as a matter of Masonic news, and the oration, because it is a beautiful tribute to our noble Order and its remarkable and glorious history. It is an oration that the Masons of Ohio—yea, that the entire Masonic Fraternity—may feel justly proud of, and we commend its perusal to our many thousand readers."

The above proves what I have already inferred, viz., that the patrons of the *International Masonic Review* must be mainly composed of Masonic Tertullianites. And now for the last, and

Oh! "may it be the last."

The editor of the *Freemason's Repository*, of Providence, Rhode Island, who is of course a high degreer, and is, therefore, bound to prop up the legends of all high degreers, came out as a champion for "Cryptic Masonry," (see FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 18th July), and he reasons thus:

"The Temple of King Solomon was undoubtedly constructed over crypts or vaults, some of which may have served as secret repositories of important treasures, and others as burial places of the illustrious dead. Various legends, of more or less striking character, are associated with these subterranean recesses. Thus we have an account of the precautions taken by Josiah, who, foreseeing the destruction of the Temple, commanded the Levites to deposit the Ark of the Covenant in one of the hidden vaults, where it remained till discovered by the workmen of Zerubbabel at the building of the second Temple. This legend, and others of a like nature, may not deserve full credit, though in nowise opposed to the probabilities of the case. Of one thing we may be certain, there were secret vaults beneath the great Temple at Jerusalem, and the Masonic traditions which refer to treasures thus carefully concealed, and afterwards brought to light, are by no means as absurd as some writers would make them appear. Historical evidence and modern discoveries show the existence of such crypts, and the inference is natural that they were used according to what is the teaching of the Masonic system on this subject."

Now, the communication I mailed to you last Friday (and the subject is not yet exhausted) will show that, to the best of my ability, I have investigated the origin of the so-called Cryptic degrees. I have since then read the history of Josiah in the Books in the Bible, 2 Chronicles and 2 Kings, which contain all that is known about Josiah, and I have no hesitation in saying that all the fine reasonings of the learned editor of the *Freemason's Repository* are hollow, and his conclusions unfounded. And if the said editor had been acquainted with the Mosaic laws he would have known that the crypts under the Temple could not have been designed for a burial ground: for according to the said laws the body of a dead man was deemed unclean. I respectfully recommend the Rev. editor to read the 19th Chapter of the Book of Numbers. But the 14th verse will give the reader an idea what the laws were, and here it is—"This is the law; when a man dieth in a tent, all that come into, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days." Indeed, to this very day, the descendants of Aaron (the Cohanim) if they strictly observe the Jewish laws, cannot enter a burying ground. The crypts under the Temple of Jerusalem were, therefore, never designed for burying, even "the illustrious dead."

Now, my Dear Brother, the above specimens from the pens of our greatest writers, Grand Masters of various Rites, and of our Masonic editors, prove, I think conclusively, that as far as American Masonry is concerned, "the blind are leading the blind."

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 4th August 1885.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Thursday, under the presidency of Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information, the Chairman announced that fifty-seven pupils of the School were examined at the Science and Arts Department at Kensington, in physiography, and out of these 9 were in the advanced stage, and they all passed. In the first stage 14 passed in the first class, 26 in the second, and 8 failed. In geology 32 were presented and 30 passed—Class I. 10, Class II. 20, failed 2. The brethren must remember that this education did not cost the School anything; the study was all extra, in the evening. Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for wages and office expenses. A West Yorkshire petitioner was placed on the list of candidates for the April Election. Brother C. H. Webb, before the business was closed, said he thought after the announcement of the success of the children at the Science and Arts examination, the Institution was to be congratulated on the fact, and that it ought to be widely made known, as it would show that what was believed to be an expensive education was not so costly as was supposed. The Chairman said that electricity and galvanism were going to be the next subjects tried, and after that a very pretty and interesting subject indeed—Botany. It must be remembered that the study of those subjects was in addition to the regular school routine, and out of school hours. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

MARRIAGE.

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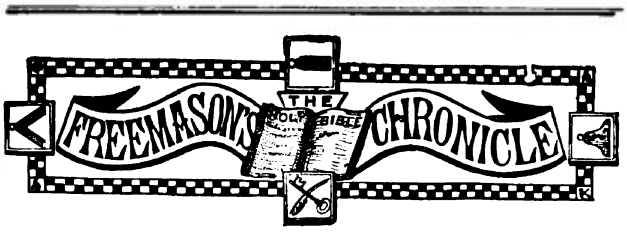
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd September 1885, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd June for confirmation.

2. 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 Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, Huddersfield	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Sykes Lodge, No. 1040, Driffield	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield	75	0	0
A Brother of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1446, Southwark	50	0	0
A Brother of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, Totnes	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge True Love and Unity, No. 248, Brixham	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, Southwark	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 938, Birmingham	100	0	0
A Brother of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London	60	0	0
A Brother of the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, Derby	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, London	75	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 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 August instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £3,734 15s 3d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £11.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
18th August 1885.

4. APPEALS:—

By Brother William Hilson Pigott, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1653, Sydney, New South Wales, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales, that a motion proposed by the said Brother W. H. Pigott for discussion at the District Grand Lodge was irregular and could not be considered thereat.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2102—The Lodge of St. John, Mosgiel (District of Otago and Southland), New Zealand.
2103—The Bungendore Lodge of Australia, Bungendore, New South Wales.
2104—The Whitwell Lodge, Wellington Street, Stockton-on-Tees.
2105—The Cama Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
2106—The Elopura Lodge, Elopura, North Borneo.
2107—The Ethelreda Lodge, Newmarket.
2108—The Empire Lodge, Piccadilly, London.
2109—The Prince Edward Lodge, Heaton Moor, near Manchester.
2110—The Aurora Lodge, Sydney, New South Wales.
2111—The Hunters Hill Lodge, Hunters Hill, New South Wales

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. TEW AS P.G. SUPERINTENDENT.

ON Monday afternoon, 24th inst., one of the largest gatherings of Royal Arch Masons held in this province took place at Huddersfield, on the occasion of the installation of Excellent Companion Tew as Provincial Grand Superintendent, consequent on the resignation of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. About 200 Companions assembled, representing every Chapter in the province. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. officiated as First Principal, assisted by E. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and D.P.G.M. Essex. After the opening of the Chapter Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke briefly referred to the occasion of their meeting, and was sure all would share his regret that the meeting was consequent on the retirement from the post of Provincial Grand Superintendent of their worthy and earnest friend and Companion Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards. So good a Mason as he, and one who had done so much for Freemasonry, could not fail to be regretted. The patent of the Chief Superintendent having been handed in, E. Comp. Tew was admitted and installed in an impressive manner by Colonel Clerke, and after the investing of the newly-obligated Grand Superintendent, the Companions testified their approval by loud and prolonged applause. Colonel Clerke, in addressing Comp. Tew, prid a high tribute to his great worth to Freemasonry generally. He had already been selected to fill the high and honourable position of Grand Master of a province numbering 69 Lodges, and the third largest on the roll of our Constitution. It was clear that a brother so well recommended could not fail to find favour with His Royal Highness to fill the other exalted position of Grand Superintendent of a province of Royal Arch Freemasons, numbering, as this did, 32 Chapters, and again the third largest on the roll. Most heartily did Colonel Clerke congratulate Comp. Tew and the province on the appointment, and wished Royal Arch Freemasonry in this province a long and prosperous reign. The Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested by the Provincial Grand Superintendent as follows :—

W. H. Brittain P.Z. 139	H.
Wm. Gaukroger P.Z. 61	J.
Henry Smith P.Z. 302	S.E.
Joseph Mitchell P.Z. 1513	S.N.
Wm. Fredk. Tomlinson P.Z. 804	Principal Soj.
Alfred Austin P.Z. 806	1st Asst. Soj.
Wm. Wilson Macvay P.Z. 495	2nd Asst. Soj.
Geo. Marshall 521 (elected)	Treasurer
John E. Craven P.Z. 308	Registrar
Thomas Denby P.Z. 387	Sword Bearer
Richard Jessop P.Z. 448	Standard Bearer
Edward Poppleton P.Z. 827	Dir. of Ceres.
William Ash 1019	Organist
Henry Wm. Pawson P.Z. 296	Stewards
William T. Beanland P.Z. 1462	Stewards
C. T. Rhodes P.Z. 448	Stewards
William Delanoy P.Z. 242	Stewards
Joshua Lee P.Z. 290	Janitor

The Provincial Grand Superintendant then addressed the Companions at some considerable length. To each and all he offered the aspirations of health, peace, and goodwill—health to enjoy length of days; peace, that contentment which passes all understanding; and for goodwill towards all men, especially to the members of the Prov. Grand Chapter. Such, in brief, was the epitome of the interpretation of the patent which had just been read to the Companions, signed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Superintendent, and to whom we look up with feelings of unbounded loyalty, veneration, and respect, and whom may God preserve. He stood in that hall in Huddersfield on ground memorable by having been trodden by the feet of most eminent Grand Superintendents of the Province, whose footsteps we can hear no more on earth, and to whose wise counsels we can no longer listen. But the remembrance of these our former rulers is preserved with veneration in our hearts, and their wisdom still actuates our policy by the loftiness of their views and the generosity of their hearts. Lee, Fearnley, and Shaw have exchanged this mortal life for immortality; and whilst a noble Marquess with sorrow left us for conscience sake, a noble Baronet suffers on a bed of sickness which has compelled him to resign this distinguished office also, and we miss the genial familiar faces from our midst. May God give the noble Marquess health to devote himself to his country's service, and to carry out those philanthropic aims so warmly espoused by him and worthy of his connection with the Craft, and to the noble Baronet renewed strength to lift himself up from his prostration were the prayers of every Companion in West Yorkshire. Under the guidance of Sir Henry Edwards peace and goodwill have prevailed throughout our Chapters, which have increased from twenty-six to thirty-two in number, and which are eminent in Supreme Grand Chapter for loyalty, fidelity, and obedience to the statutes of the Order. His retirement has been a subject of deep regret to all. The question of his successor was one of vital interest to this Province, and it was his (Comp. Tew's) desire that the new occupant of the chair of that Grand Chapter should be some other more competent and erudite brother than himself, and he had urged some reasons to Supreme Grand Chapter against the concentration of the highest offices in one individual. He felt bound, however, to bend to the exigencies of circumstances, and to try to fulfil the duties of this other high office in this Province. He would throw himself on the indulgence of the Chapters, and ask their forbearance and support in the discharge of the duties. He had written no history of Freemasonry like Bro. Gould, of the antiquities, symbols, constitutions, and customs of the Craft; no papers like Canon Tristram of Durham, on the theology and philosophy of the Craft; but if diligence and industry to govern the Craft be not unworthy aspirations in the place, these efforts are at the service of the Province, and his ample reward would be the satisfaction of the Companions. They would find him a faithful man and Mason, for his leading thought was service for the Craft. Masonic government was a blending of autocracy and democracy in a unique system which insures the maximum of order, while it preserves in the highest degree all personal rights of the brethren. He confessed with this sentiment that he never reflected upon the regularity of the Chapters without feeling that it reacts upon the Lodges, its beauty and its calm making this ancient institution a potent teacher of conservative citizenship and a substantial bulwark of free institutions. Evil powers felt the antagonism of its spirit, and he prayed that it might survive to benefit mankind when superstitious sentiments and maledictions against its principles and organisation had passed away into the oblivion of forgetfulness. He appealed to all to aid him in promoting the prominent characteristics—mystery without mischief, subjection without servitude, establishment without display, and aspiration without pretension, so that a wholesome control might be exercised in the development of the excellence and grandeur of the Masonic spirit of this most beautiful degree. In concluding his remarks he felt bound to acknowledge the obligation the province was under to Colonel Shadwell Clerke for his presence on that occasion, and also that of the learned Recorder of Colchester, whose genial influence was like the silver and softening light of the moon at full upon us. West Yorkshire desired most loyally ever to be in perfect harmony and friendly relations with the Grand Officers. The difficult duties of his office commenced with the appointment of Officers for the current year. He wished it were in his power to number more on that list. He concluded an earnest and eloquent address by expressing the great gratification and pleasure he felt at that reunion of the Chapters, and his gratitude for the warm welcome and salutation to their new Grand Superintendent, as well as for the many kindnesses he had ever received at the hands of his Companions. He accepted that new office as a sacred trust, and would do his best never to permit it to be used for any other purpose than was implied in his patent, and safely transmit it to his successor in office in prosperity and harmony. After the Chapter was closed the Companions were entertained to a sumptuous tea by their newly-installed Provincial Grand Superintendent, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

AT the quarterly meeting of this Chapter, held at the Cups Hotel, Colchester, on Tuesday evening, the 26th inst., the following Officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year :—Comps. W. Sowman P.G.A.S. Z., J. J. C. Turner P.G.O. H., R. Clowes J., S. Munson Janitor. The installation takes place in November.

Old Warrants (H).

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AUGUSTUS FREDERICK G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful Brethren.

We Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick Lunenburgh Duke of Sussex Earl of Inverness Baron of Arklow Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter &c. &c.

GRAND MASTER

Of the most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England

Send Greeting.

Whereas it appears by the Records of our Grand Lodge that a Warrant bearing date 4th January 1774 was issued under the Seal of Masonry authorising certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free Masons in His Majesty's Royal Regiment of Artillery and which was then No. 148. And whereas by the Union of the two Fraternities of Masons the 27th December 1813, the said Lodge became No. 181. And whereas the said Brethren composing the said Lodge have by their Memorial represented to us that they are all now residing in or near the Town and Garrison of Gibraltar. And that it would tend to the advantage of the said Lodge and to the convenience of its individual Members if the said Military Warrant were exchanged for a civil Warrant and they have accordingly surrendered up the said Military Warrant. Now know Ye that we having taken the subject into our serious consideration and being satisfied with the reasonableness of the request do hereby grant this our renewed Warrant unto our right trusty and well-beloved Brethren John Nicholls, Joaquin Bayam, John Rombado, Edward Chapman, Nicholls Travenon (*sic*), Thomas Truth, and Manuel Aparicio and the other Brethren composing the Lodge authorising and empowering them and their successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and accepted Masons at Gibraltar aforesaid under the title or denomination of

No. 181.

No. 132.

No. 115.

The Lodge of St. John

on the second Wednesday in each month and at such other times as to the said Brethren may appear necessary and there when duly congregated to make pass and raise Free Masons according to the antient Custom of the Craft in all ages or nations throughout the World the said Master Nicholas Traverso being the present Master of the said Lodge the said Thomas Truth Senior Warden and the said Manuel Aparicio Junior Warden and who are to continue in office until such time only as another Master shall be duly elected and

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installed and other Wardens duly appointed in conformity with the Laws of the Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of the Lodge of St. John strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office the said Lodge to be upon the general Register of our Grand Lodge No. 132 And we do require you the said Nicholas Traverso and your successors to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are to have been regularly made masons and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe perform and keep the said laws rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Master or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being And we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General laws and regulations of the Craft and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in the Book to be kept for that purpose and you are in no wise to omit to send us or to our successors Grand Masters or to the Right Honourable Lawrence Lord Dundas our Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the Members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same together with the fees and monies payable thereon it being our Will and Intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our said Grand Lodge And you the said Nicholas Traverso are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 2nd day of December A.L. 5826 A.D. 1826.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master.

(Signed) DUNDAS, D.G.M.

(Signed) William H. White, Edw. Harper } G.S.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, under the presidency of Bro. George Rowe W.M. He was supported by A. G. Fidler S.W., W. S. Cooper J.W., J. Wells, H. V. Clements, H. Stephens, J. Garrod, W. M. Tegg, and John Maller, Past Masters; W. Dance P.M. Treas., J. Linzell P.M. Sec., J. D. Butlin S.D., J. H. Meek J.D., E. Holt I.G., J. Very Tyler, and the following, among other, Visitors:—R. Salmon 177, H. C. Osman 1327, Selby Parsons J.D. 1237, A. Bryant P.M. 1237, G. Tegg W.M. 1237, J. Driscoll 30, J. H. Peach 1237, G. Richards 1707, H. B. May 1237, L. Franckel P.M. 780, G. C. Jennings 1737, J. J. Bird 1897, J. M. Longhurst 133, Bennett 77, J. Day 141, A. Perl J.W. 813, C. Sharp 1365, J. Corf 157, T. Wrigglesworth 15, J. Barber 933, J. Pinder 1707, A. Durrant 569, W. Binnie S.W. 1237, C. J. Knightley 1744, M. F. Green 861, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2048, C. Handley 475, Joseph Smith, and W. Hall. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Voller was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and then Bro. A. G. Fidler P.M. 1237 P. Prov. S.G.D. Middlesex was presented as W.M. elect. In due course he was installed and appointed his Officers. The appeal of a brother of the Irish Constitution for relief was considered, and the sum of one guinea voted from the Charity Fund on his behalf. A vote of £5 from the Lodge Benevolent Fund was made on behalf of the widow of a deceased member. The resignation of Bro. Townsend P.M., on account of continued illness, was received with extreme regret; the brethren generally wishing him restoration to health, and hoping they might yet have the pleasure of his company at many of their future meetings. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an enjoyable repast was provided by Bro. Oddy. The W.M., at the conclusion of the banquet, gave the usual toasts. That of the Queen and the Craft was followed by the National Anthem, and then the W.M. gave that of the Grand Master. That the Prince of Wales might be Grand Master of the Order for many years to come was the hope of every brother present. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers followed. The brethren comprised in this toast were all good men, and true Masons; worthy of the positions they occupied in the Craft. Bro. G. Rowe I.P.M. proposed the health of Bro. A. G. Fidler, the Worshipful Master. It was a very pleasing duty to him to submit this toast. He had been associated with Freemasonry for some years, and during the time he had been working in different offices of the Lodge had had opportunities of judging, yet he had never met with a more genuine brother than the present Worshipful Master. He had on many occasions stood beside him in Lodges of Instruction, and had learnt from him much of what he knew in Freemasonry. Should it ever fall to his lot to propose the toast of another Worshipful Master, he felt he should not have a more worthy brother to submit to the notice of the brethren, or one who could more ably fulfil the duties of the chair than Bro. Fidler. The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his thanks. It was to him a source of great gratification to hear his health proposed, and the toast received as it had just been. The brethren of the Lodge had been pleased to put him in his present high position; he trusted he might carry out its duties to their satisfaction, and in such a way that they would never regret having elected him to fill the chair of the Lodge. He next proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master. He had no more important toast to submit during the evening than this—the health of his predecessor. None who had witnessed the zeal of the Immediate Past Master during the past year could but be sure of his interest in the Lodge, while those who had seen the work he had that evening performed—the third degree and the installation ceremony—would doubt his desire to carry on the work of Freemasonry. The W.M. had much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Rowe the Past Master's jewel, which the brethren had been pleased to vote him. It was a small token of the high appreciation in which he was held by the members of the High Cross Lodge. He hoped that whenever Bro. Rowe might look upon it in the future he would consider it as an evidence that he had faithfully fulfilled the duties of Worshipful Master in the Lodge. Bro. Rowe tendered his thanks. He did not know he had done anything to entitle him to such high praise as had just been awarded him by the members of the Lodge over which he had had the honour to preside during the past year. His work in the Lodge had always been to him a labour of love, and he was pleased to learn his efforts had met with some success. So long as he remained a member of the Lodge he should strive to advance its interests. He prized the jewel they had just presented to him most highly, not as the shining object which was visible to any eye, but as the outcome of the good feeling shown towards him by the members of the Lodge. No part of his life had had more pleasurable associations than that spent as Worshipful Master of the High Cross Lodge. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of the Past Masters. They were really the backbone of the Lodge. Each in turn had worked for the welfare of the Lodge in such a manner as to raise it to its present high standard. Bro. Wells was the first to reply. He had great pleasure in attending the Lodge, and hoped to be present whenever its meetings took place. He considered it one of the duties of the P.M.'s to attend and support the ruling Master whenever it was in their power to do so. Bro. Lewis followed. The Past Masters had always endeavoured to do their duty. It was his desire, and it would be his constant endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. Bros. Maller, Garrod, Linzell and Dance also spoke to the toast, Bro. Linzell expressing regret at the absence, through ill-health, of an old Past Master (Bro. Jones), and the continued indisposition of their old friend Bro. Townsend. The W.M. gave the Visitors. It would, indeed, be a great disappointment to the members of the High Cross Lodge were they deprived of the opportunity of honouring this toast on such an occasion as the present. The attendance of so many visitors at his installation was a great gratification to him; he hoped they had all spent a pleasant time. He would refer them to the toast list, and to the words from Shakespeare which were associated with their toast, which fully expressed his feelings—

"Better cheer may you have,
But not with better heart."

Bro. Scurrah replied. It was always a pleasure to him to visit Lodges, and make himself acquainted with the way in which the work in them was performed. Freemasonry he believed to be one of the grandest and noblest Institutions in the world, ennobling all who were associated with it. No matter how good a man might be, his initiation into Freemasonry must make him better. There was no more grand or noble sight than to see a Mason carrying out the principles of the Order in his every deed. He had taken a very great interest in Freemasonry ever since he had been admitted a member of it, and hoped his interest would continue as long as he was associated with the Craft. Bro. Dr. Hall followed. He had always endeavoured to carry out the teachings of the Craft in his everyday avocations, and urged others to do the same. His principal connection with Freemasonry had been in looking after the health of the boys in the Masonic School at Wood Green, and in discharging his duties there he had come in contact with a very large number of brethren and others, whose main desire appeared to be to do the best they could for their fellow creatures. He hoped that Freemasonry might long continue its beneficent working. Bros. Tegg and Driscoll also replied, after which the health of the Officers was proposed. The W.M. hoped the brethren appointed that evening would do all they could to advance the interests of the Lodge Bro. Cooper S.W. acknowledged the toast. The utmost endeavours of the Officers would be to carry out the work required of them to the satisfaction of the brethren. If it were possible to make the Lodge better than it had been, the Officers would be pleased to do their share. Each of the other Officers having spoken, the Master proposed "The Masonic Charities." Every true Mason had the interests of the Masonic Institutions thoroughly at heart. The reports of the great work that was being done must be gratifying to all who heard them. The Charities were far from lost sight of in the High Cross Lodge, many of the members of which had qualified as Life Governors, and were still working to advance their welfare. The Associations formed by the members of the Lodge, together with others in the district, had been the means of sending between £1600 and £1700 to the Charities, a result which not only proved the benevolence of the members, but was most gratifying to all who had taken a share in the work. At the present time they had a candidate for the Boys' School—a son of one of their old members—before them. It was the desire of the Lodge to carry this lad's case (John E. T. Hobbs) on the first application, at the October Election. To do this they would want all the help they could get. He and the members generally would be much obliged if any of their friends could help them with the case. Votes might be sent to Bro. P.M. Maller (Brunswick Nursery, Tottenham), who was working most energetically on behalf of the lad. Bros. Stephens and Garrod replied. The former had never had the pleasure of representing the High Cross Lodge on behalf of the

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Charities, but would be very pleased to do so if the members would do their best to support him. He had recently acted as Steward on behalf of the Boys' School, and took up between £74 and £75. Of this amount thirty guineas had been secured by the present Worshipful Master of the Lodge from members of it who were associated with the High Cross Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Garrod referred to the good work that had been done and was being done by the Association formed in connection with the Lodge, and hoped the system might be maintained and extended. The toast of the Press was given from the Chair and acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., after which the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

KING HAROLD LODGE, No. 1327.

THE Annual Meeting of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and for the appointment and investment of Officers, was held on Thursday, 20th August, when a full attendance of brethren assembled, including Bros. Rogers W.M., Lewis P.P.G.S. W.M. elect, Noyes P.M., Robinson P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Lacey P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Parker P.M. P.P.G.P., Tydeman P.M. P.P.G. Purs. Essex, Gilbert P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Sproat P.P.G.S.W., West P.M. 1076, &c., P.P.G.D., Treasurer, Reilly P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, Holdsworth S.D., Bilby J.D., Brewster I.G., Young Tyler; also Bros. Blackmore W.S., Jacobs P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Fisher P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Fuller, Milam, Peacock, Yardley, Bickel, Metcalf, Maycock, Osman W.S., Newman, Imrie, Welsh, Stables, Diamond, Shuter, Eversfield, Wiggs, Maxwell, Shepherd, Middlehurst, Burgum, Robin, and the following Visitors: Bros. Hughes P.M. 869, Gompertz P.M. P.P.G.D. 869, Valentine W.M. 1017, Brayshaw P.M. 1472 P.P.G.S.B. Essex, Child P.M. 443 P.P.S.G.W. Essex, Dicks 1437, Dorman 403, Long 1445, Searle 1604, Gaskell P.M., Bewley 1571, Wise 1158, Cox 188, Nicholson 1604, Durrant 34, and others. The Lodge having been opened in proper form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was then performed, Bro. John Robinson P.P.G.S.W. being the Installing Officer, and Bro. William Lewis P.P.G.S., Worshipful Master elect, was placed in the chair of K.S., and proceeded to invest his Officers in the following order: Bros. Rogers I.P.M., Sproat S.W., Holdsworth J.W., West Treasurer, Reilly Secretary, Bilby S.D., Brewster J.D., Osman I.G., Blackmore W.S., Young Tyler. The beautiful ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Robinson in a masterly and most impressive manner, calling forth the applause of the brethren assembled. The addresses to the newly-installed Master and Officers were especially well rendered. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried to Bro. Robinson for his services on this occasion, and to Bro. West for assisting. A very pleasing incident next occurred. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Lewis, on behalf of the Lodge, addressed the retiring W.M., Bro. Rogers, expressing hearty thanks and kind feelings towards him for the very able and satisfactory manner in which he had ruled the Lodge. Bro. Lewis also presented him with a valuable Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted to Bro. Rogers at the last meeting. The business of the Lodge over, and the meeting adjourned, the brethren retired to the pleasure gardens of the Hotel, where the majority were photographed in Masonic costume by Mr. Nichols, of Waltham New Town, and shortly afterwards about sixty sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Tydeman's best style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were responded to, and the meeting was enlivened by some excellent singing.

R.M.I. FOR BOYS—PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

THE following additional contributions should be added to those already announced :—

Bro. G. Prestige	(Steward)	- -	15 15 0
H. Venn	ditto	- -	10 10 0

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction will resume its weekly meetings on Saturday evening, the 29th instant, at the Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Rose of Denmark Lodge of Instruction, No. 975, held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, S.W., on Monday evening, the 31st instant, at 7.30 p.m. punctually, by Brother Edward Ayling P.M. 975 Preceptor.

The *London Gazette* of the 21st instant announces that Major Charles Mercier, 3rd Battalion Manchester Regiment, is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. This announcement will not be without interest, for Colonel Mercier's name will be remembered in connection with many most useful public movements, notably, perhaps, as the Honorary Secretary of the Association, of which the Prince of Wales was the Honorary President, that so

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

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Queen's Rooms, Newport, the Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presiding, supported by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre Deputy P.G.M., and the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bros. Major Sheldon Smith and H. Cawte. After the confirmation of the minutes, a report was received from the Prov. Grand Lodge Committees on grants of money for relief and elections to Masonic Institutions, from which it appeared that the efforts of the Committee had met with satisfactory success. The accounts of the P.G. Treasurer Bro. R. J. Rastrick were presented, showing a balance in hand on the current account of £193, in addition to £800 invested funds. It was pointed out that the balance sheet indicated returns from every Lodge in the Province, there not being a single arrear in the accounts. On the motion of Bro. Holbrook, Bro. R. J. Rastrick was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.P.G.D. proposed that a sum of 50 guineas be given from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in support of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. He pointed out that it was not in any way intended in opposition to the Central Charities, which he trusted would still receive full support from the Province. The object of this local institution was to enable the Province to give immediate relief in cases of necessity, and to provide for the education of children either entirely, or pending their election to one of the Central Schools. The motion having been seconded, was met by an amendment from Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, who stated that two years ago he had withdrawn a motion to subscribe a similar amount to the Masonic Institutions on the ground that the Provincial funds would not admit of such a donation. He thought that their support should be given to the Central Institutions. The amendment was seconded by Bro. Pack, and Bros. Niven and R. W. Beale spoke in favour of the original proposition, which was carried by a large majority. Bro. Lancaster then gave notice that he would move that the byelaws providing for the annual contribution of twenty-five guineas to each of the Central Charities be altered, by the Hampshire institution being included in the list for a similar annual donation. Bro. Snelling P.M. (Winchester) brought forward a motion sanctioning the collection of funds towards the erection of a statue in the reredos of Winchester Cathedral, which is now being restored, as a memorial to the late Archdeacon Jacob, and proposed that the list be headed by the sum of twenty-five guineas from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds. He referred to the fact that no less than four Grand Officers of England had been buried within the precincts of the Cathedral, and thought that this opportunity should not be lost of placing upon record their appreciation of those eminent Masons. Bro. W. H. Jacobs seconded. An amendment was proposed by Bro. E. S. Main, and seconded by Bro. W. E. Atkins, to the effect that no subscriptions be given from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds. This amendment was carried, and the Prov. Grand Master commended to the earnest attention of those present a scheme suggested by Bro. Snelling to raise a private subscription among the brethren of the Province towards the proposed memorial. The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year :—

Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre 130	Deputy Grand Master
R. Loveland Loveland 1869	Senior Warden
J. B. Goldsmith 309 ...	Junior Warden
Rev. E. H. Elers 319 ... }	Chaplains
Rev. C. S. Ward 694 ... }	
Capt. St. Clair, R.N., 2074 ...	Registrar
R. J. Rastrick 1069	Treasurer
Edgar Goble 309	Secretary
G. A. Mursell 35 ... ... }	Senior Deacons
Dr. F. H. Elliott 1373 ... }	
S. Wheeler 151 ... ... }	Junior Deacons
R. Roseman 1461 ... ... }	
W. Gunnell 342	Supt. of Works
A. H. Jolliffe 195	Dir. of Ceremonies
James Gieve 1069	Deputy Dir. of Ceremonies
T. Walton 1780	Assist. D. of Cere.
J. G. Niven 1776	Sword Bearer
J. Westaway 1834 ... ... }	Standard Bearers
G. Cross 359 ... ... }	
W. Dart 2074	Pursuivant
A. W. Ward 132	Assistant Pursuivant
T. Kentfield jun. 151 ...	Organist
G. L. Stobbs 175, G. B. Irons 303, E. Nayler 928, J. R. Sharp 1112, J. Jackson 1428, F. Cooper 1814 ... }	Stewards

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Borough Hall, High Street. The attendance at the Lodge and banquet was very large, every Lodge in the Province being represented.

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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 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—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
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 446—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, 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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., 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.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
168—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
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick

493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—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
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 208—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
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, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

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

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
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
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
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 389—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 3rd 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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
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)
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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 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
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bailring-lane, Great Grimsby
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

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
1384—Equity, Alfordo Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich

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1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
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. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)

1066—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.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 1469—Kara, 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.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (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
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 349—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 5th 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1963—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

REVIEWS.

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"Original Character Illustrations to Dickens." Drawn and painted by "Kyd." London: T. Gilbert, Dealer in Works of Art, 275 Pentonville-road, 378 Gray's Inn-road, and 85 Caledonian-road, King's Cross, N.

Passers along the Pentonville-road can scarcely have failed to notice in the shop-windows of Bro. T. Gilbert, dealer in works of art, a series of original character illustrations to the works of Dickens which have attracted the attention and admiration of thousands. In this series of drawings, which number over 230, illustrating the writings of the most original and popular novelist England has yet produced, the artist "Kyd" has pourtrayed in the most striking and successful spirit the leading features and peculiarities of each character in the various Dickensian works. With such a wealthy subject to choose from there are, of course, instances in which some drawings are far more striking than others, but the text in every case has been strictly adhered to, and readers of these undying works will be quick to recognise such characters without reference to the originals. We have long been accustomed to the quaint engravings with which the many editions of Dickens have been embellished by Cruikshank, Phiz, and other caricaturists of the old school, but it is a novelty both original and picturesque to see the characters depicted in water colours and placed in new and more piquant attitudes by the modern artist. In all former illustrations the central figure is seen amidst a surrounding group, which, though humorous enough in its way, as representing an antiquated style of artistic illustration, nevertheless fails to bring out the peculiar traits upon which the great novelist descanted with such inimitable humour and pathos. In the series now on view the artist has invested each character with an individual interest which cannot fail to lend additional charm to the most favourite of all works of English fiction. In no single instance has the imagination been permitted to wander away from the object in view; and whether depicting the benignity of a Pickwick, the humour of a Weller, the brutality of a Sikes, the simplicity of a Pinch, the jauntiness of a Micawber, or the malignity of a Quilp, the artist has thoroughly entered into and grasped the true spirit of his subject. It is hardly necessary to point out to the student of English literature that the characters of Charles Dickens are something more than mere fictional creations, mere creatures of the imagination; they breathe and live in real flesh and blood: they exist in our very midst. We know, or seem to have known, them personally; we have smiled with Sam Weller, we have sympathized with Tiny Tim, we have wept with little Nell, and we were almost going to say we can sniff the perpetual odour of pine apple rum when we gaze upon the hypocritical "phiz" of Stiggins, the sanctimonious and sycophantic "Shepherd." They will cease to charm us only when the English language is forgotten, or human nature ceases to exist. And these original illustrations, so eagerly sought after at the hands of Bro. Gilbert, will but tend to heighten the pleasure of, and to add zest to, a renewed perusal of Dickens' works, which they must naturally stimulate. They are exquisitely drawn and tinted, and the most prominent figures in each of the works are portrayed in a style and artistic finish never before attempted. They are of a size most convenient for an album, and when bound together will form not only an ornament to any library or drawing-room table, but will serve as a most récherché companion to the reader as he revels in the literary treats which Dickens has bequeathed, not only to his own country, but to every nation where the English language is spoken. We congratulate Bro. Gilbert upon his taste and enterprise in securing the copyright of this interesting and most picturesque collection of drawings; and we can hardly be surprised at the amount of attention they have evoked on the part of all admirers of conceptive art which they have already drawn around them in the very short time since they were published. We anticipate for these little gems of pictorial skill a very wide and extensive circulation, so soon as their merits and fame have become more generally known, and there will be very few who revere the memory of the immortal writer, and who show their affection for that memory by enriching their library shelves with his writings, who will not also possess themselves of this wonderfully clever and admirably drawn series of illustrations which Bro. Gilbert is now submitting to public inspection at his various establishments in the locality named at the commencement of this notice.

THE THEATRES.

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Toole's.—Amid the multitudinous failures and half-successes which have beset our poor modern Thalia, very heartily we congratulate the most genial of the Muses on the merry little play for which London is indebted to Miss Eweretta Lawrence and Mr. Duck. "On 'Change" is very cleverly adapted from the sparkling original, which achieved so great a success on the Berlin stage, and its author, Herr Von Moser, may congratulate himself on the spirit and sparkle preserved in the trying process of transplantation. "On 'Change" is described as a "farcical" comedy, and in accordance with the prevalent demand for the "hot poker" motif, fun more exuberant than comedy should indulge in is introduced in two or three of the scenes; but if the sad-eyed critic sighs, the house rocks and roars with laughter, and is glad to overlook the depression of trade and the horrors of the penny Press for a quiet, wholesome interval. But if comedy must be farcical, let her not descend to buffoonery, and, on this ground at least, we must protest against an incident where Mr. Burnett (Mr. Farren) is taking wine with two young men and is made to choke and throw the contents of the glass over his face by his companion's slapping him on the back. Mr. W. Farren has found in this genial stockbroker, with his weakness for a good cigar and occasional glass of "dry Monopole," a personage after his heart. With a true touch of benevolence and a fine sense of humour he sets himself to teach a lesson to his cousin, the impecunious Professor Peck, who having lived all his life in a laboratory with small pecuniary result, borrows bank notes from the city man and declares that "any fool can make siller on the Exchange." James Burnett offers to place £10,000 at his disposal to try his hand at fortune making. In the succeeding excitements and anxieties and final tribulation of the Professor the real originality of the play consists. Mr. Morris, as the learned Scotsman, gives us one of the finest so-called character portraits the modern comic stage has offered. The dry crude harshness and angularity, the restrained impatience, the eager hunger for wealth, and agony at the thought of extravagance when his wife proposes to refurnish their house, all this is given with true discrimination, never passing into the least touch of caricature. The accent, too, is of the purest. If the play offered nothing else good but this one character it would deserve success, realised as it is by Mr. Morris. How settling day arrives, to lower the vanity of the Professor, but to console him with news of wealth secured by a chemical discovery sold through the careful intervention of his cousin; when the Professor hears that all his supposed purchases in "Grand Trunks" have landed him in insolvency, his despair is really tragic and there was a fine bit of grotesque pathos when he would insist on giving up the money secured by the chemical discovery. The other parts are adequately filled, especially must we praise the thorough manliness, dash and pleasant youthfulness of Mr. Yorke Stephens, as Joseph Johnson; he displays a fine sense of humour and a no less gift of sincerity where feeling is required. Mr. Morton Selten, as a young doctor, in love with the Professor's daughter, played very pleasantly. Mr. Gerald Moore delighted the house with his most amusing assumption of the Masher, perfectly vacuous and sublimely happy in the consciousness of his own perfections. His love making could not be surpassed in its delicious conceit. Miss Eweretta Lawrence makes a charming little maid home from school. Her method has improved since we last saw her in London. Miss Rosina Filippi gives us an agreeable school girl pendant. A charming scene is that where the two are exchanging their first love confidences. The play is well mounted, and well-filled houses will certainly continue at King William-street if "On 'Change" keeps the stage till Mr. Toole's return, which has been arranged for September.

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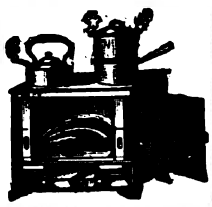
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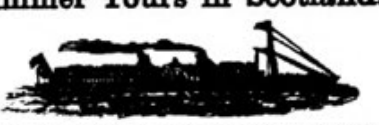
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A DEARTH OF CANDIDATES.

IN some of the old-fashioned, steady-going Lodges, where the advent of an initiate is a matter of rare occurrence, the prospect of a dearth of candidates during the coming season is of little or no concern; but there are Lodges, less firmly established, where the members have been relying on new blood, or new blood's money to put their finances in a better condition. To such as these, a scarcity of candidates may prove disastrous so far as the Lodge itself is concerned, but undoubtedly of ultimate benefit to Freemasonry at large. The desire at the present day, even if has not always been the aim of mankind, is to get everything as cheaply as possible, and not only is this desire predominant so far as commercial affairs are concerned, it is also apparent in less mercenary transactions. Men go to the cheapest market for their merchandise, their luxuries, their comforts and their entertainment; and although it may be somewhat out of place, they frequently go to the cheapest market for their Freemasonry. Knowing this, it is not surprising that among the most popular Lodges of the present day we find many of the cheapest. If we look into the inner life of some of these cheap Lodges we shall find their affairs are carried on in such a manner as to put their expenditure far above their natural income, that is the income derived from subscriptions alone. As a consequence, these Lodges have to rely on fees for initiation or joining in order to maintain their position, and in such cases any falling off in the supply of candidates immediately makes itself felt. Signs are not wanting, say many of those who profess to know something of the subject, to induce the belief that the supply of eligible candidates for Freemasonry will be somewhat short during the coming season, and among the reasons given for this view of affairs is the badness of trade, the reaction which is to be expected after the great additions which have been made to our ranks during the past few years, the effect of so many summer Lodges having been recently established, and, last, though certainly not least, the growing idea in the minds of those least worthy of being admitted to our ranks, that the benefits derived from being a Freemason produce no sufficient return for the expenditure necessary to ensure admission to it in a respectable manner. Without attempting to endorse all or any of these arguments we may devote attention to them seriatim, as each will afford food for discussion at the present time.

There is not much doubt that the state of trade has an influence on the quantity of candidates for Freemasonry; and it is probable that in times of prosperity its ranks may be recruited to a much greater extent than at others when trade is bad throughout the country. But we fear that any benefit which may be apparent at the time of an exceptionally large increase is more than counterbalanced by the falling off in the quality of those admitted, and that it may be found when matters have fairly settled down to their level, that the great increase, so far from being a benefit, only leads to trouble, anxiety and discomfort. Some of the most prominent Lodges of six or eight years back can endorse this view, and if their rulers had their time to come over again they would rather prefer to keep quietly and steadily going along than to advance by the leaps and bounds which they previously looked upon as being only the most reliable who can afford the luxuries of this life, and as we may include Freemasonry in this category, our argument is that in hard times the quality of candidates is likely to be improved. Of course there will always be some—a comparatively few, we believe—who will endeavour to join Freemasonry from mercenary or other unworthy motives, but this class is certainly not more numerous in bad times than at others, and therefore our surmise is not affected by them. On the other hand, in days of universal prosperity candidates spring up, mushroom fashion, and flourish for a time. Having, however, no firm basis on which to exist, they die off; they sever their connection with the Craft, and leave the Lodge in which they were initiated worse off than before they joined it, from the fact that accommodation had been provided for them, and at their secession no candidates were forthcoming to fill the vacancies caused by such retirements. Lodges which flourish for a time only find it much more difficult to resume their old places than those which have never gone from their original lines experience in keeping them; as a consequence, therefore, we feel that excessive increase in numbers can seldom be regarded as an unmixed blessing.

That a reaction must follow the very large additions to the Masonic Order during the past few years is to be expected, but to what extent this reaction will affect Freemasonry it is difficult to determine. Previous to the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England—the date from which we must reckon the most recent period of advancement—the number of Lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England was 1535, now it is 2111, or an increase of 37½ per cent. during the last 10½ years. This great addition to the roll of Lodges must have called for a very large increase in the number of candidates, and while we do not for a moment imagine the supply of young men is, or ever will be, exhausted, there can be no question that other sections of the community have been drawn upon—if not to the fullest extent—at least out of proportion to their numbers.

numbers. This must have an effect on the supply of candidates in the future, but possibly the reaction will be so gradual as to be all but imperceptible, while in a few years it will have been entirely outgrown.

The establishment of summer Lodges around London and other large centres has given a new feature to Freemasonry, by placing it among the amusements or recreations of certain classes of the community. Some men will join Lodges which meet at convenient intervals at places a few miles away from their every-day haunts much more readily than they will others which assemble a few yards from spots to which they are chained by the requirements of business; as by so doing they secure double benefits. They not only derive pleasure from the practice of Freemasonry, they enjoy the periodical outings, and these, to men who are engaged in busy offices, are very acceptable. These summer Lodges, too, absorb a large number of the candidates who otherwise would present themselves at the commencement of the winter season; consequently, instead of there being a batch of candidates ready at the resumption of labour, we find the six or seven months' holiday enjoyed by the winter Lodges has been used as a time of harvest by the summer ones. Under existing conditions it becomes necessary to calculate only on the pre-

as those who make up their minds to seek admission to Freemasonry during the summer find ample opportunities of gratifying their desire, instead of waiting as they otherwise would do until the resumption of the winter meetings. Freemasons will be delighted if the fourth cause of the anticipated dearth of candidates given above is to be realised, and from our experience we think such a desideratum, if not to be expected, is certainly possible. One "mercenary" candidate who retires from Freemasonry in disgust will do more to stop others of his class asking for Masonic light than all the sermonising of the advisers of caution in the selection of candidates. No doubt there are several disgusted Masons about at the present time, telling all their friends that Masonry was a disappointment to them, and no good as a paying speculation. If this is to be the cause of a dearth of candidates we shall be truly pleased, and no doubt the Lodges which for a time may feel the effect of the falling off, will in course join in the rejoicings which such a state must call forth, while the ultimate benefit to the Order will be incalculable.

As we have said, we do not endorse any of the reasons given above, nor are we sure the approaching season will be less productive than past ones have been in the matter of Masonic candidates. We have heard the opinions above expressed referred to in various quarters, and have endeavoured to place them in a connected form before our readers.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

THE Grand Lodge of Kentucky has appointed a committee to prepare and present a constitutional amendment for the consolidation of weak Lodges in that jurisdiction. Past Grand Master Rob Morris, chairman of the committee, in a printed letter of inquiry designed to call out the views of Masonic writers upon some of the questions involved in the proposed movement, clearly shows the need of consolidation in Kentucky. He says: "We have upon our rolls more than five hundred Lodges, but so reduced are they in strength, that the average in membership is less than thirty. In some counties reporting five or six Lodges, the aggregate of Master Masons is scarcely a hundred. This state of things is attributable to the bad custom that prevailed in former years of granting Dispensations for new Lodges in sparesly settled neighbourhoods. The fact that so many of our young men emigrate to other states also has a bearing upon the subject."

With this the condition there would seem to be no question as to what the remedy should be. The feeble Lodges should be consolidated. But in attempting to take this step practical difficulties come in. It may be altogether desirable to effect a union among two or three Lodges not far apart, each of which has but few members and is greatly troubled to maintain a separate existence, but difficulties arise as soon as the consolidation is undertaken. What name shall be given to the new body formed by the merging of several Lodges in one? Shall the name of the oldest Lodge or the one having the largest number of members be preserved? Very likely, also, in some cases, there will be complicated property interests to consider, and the adjustment of these may not be easy. A greater difficulty is liable to arise in regard to the determination of membership in the consolidated organization. The Kentucky committee, assuming that no consolidation is possible except on the basis of a *close ballot* for members, refer to this stumbling block in the following words: "There are few Lodges that do not contain at least one black sheep, who, however his own Mother Lodge may consent to retain him, could not gain membership in another Lodge. To illustrate, take the case of two neighboring Lodges A and B. It is proposed to unite the latter with the former; upon a *viva voce* vote, the majority of both Lodges favour the union; but the secret ballot being spread in A upon the general question of consolidation, black balls appear. The ballot being then taken separately upon each of the seventeen members of B, fourteen are accepted and three rejected. Now in Lodge B, by a similar process, thirty-two of the members of A are accepted, two rejected. How can a consolidation be effected between those two Lodges? Such, we apprehend, will be the result in nearly every instance where the question of organic union comes up."

Many things are desirable which are difficult of accomplishment. Where there is a will there is generally a way found to reach a desired result, or escape from a troublesome dilemma. So it will be, we think, in this case. If the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has power to decree consolidation it must also have authority to carry out the details of the required union. It may be unable to force a member of one Lodge into the membership of another Lodge against the protest of a single Brother belonging to the last named body, but there can be no doubt that, for the general interest and the largest good, the Grand Lodge may call in the charter of any of its subordinates, making provision that the members of the organization may be eligible to membership in other Lodges. Of course if any Brethren belonging to the Lodges whose organic life is thus terminated fail to gain admission to other bodies they will stand as unaffiliated Masons. Consolidation carried out on this basis might somewhat swell the ranks of those who are already on the outside of Lodge membership, but this would seem to be every way better than to maintain the existence of so many Lodges that have a name to live by and yet are practically dead.

In pursuing the course indicated, there can be no conflict with fundamental principles and vested rights. A legitimate authority may be exercised to close up certain feeble Lodges. The Grand Lodge may give discretionary authority to the Grand Master, or a committee, to take such action, and there can be no question, we think, as to its absolute, binding force. There will undoubtedly be difficulties in proceeding on this line; there will be individual cases of hardship where a deserving Brother may be forced into the ranks of the unaffliated class; but perhaps there is no better course of procedure if consolidation is to be secured.

We have written the foregoing without any reference to authorities or precedents that may have been made in Grand Lodge legislation. Possibly the inherent power remains with a Grand Body to unite the membership of two or more subordinates, without subjecting the individual members to the test of a close ballot. In equity this would seem a proper course. The case is not as when a Brother presents his dimit and asks to be received by a Lodge; it is rather a matter which affects Lodges in their organic being and relations; and may not the Grand Lodge decree that two of its subordinates, neither of which has strength to stand alone, shall come together, and have their rights and prerogatives merged in one organization. In the common sense application of consolidation such a union would seem to be possible; and we are by no means sure that the Grand Lodge may not by its new legislation bring about such a result.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

SO-CALLED "CRYPTIC MASONRY."

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

OUR American Masonic luminaries have not only distinguished themselves as *Masonic degree* manufacturers, but also in grouping their degrees under different names. Thus, we have "York Masonry," "Scotch Rite Masonry," "Egyptian Masonry," "Capitular Masonry," Cryptic Masonry," "Concilor Masonry," "Chivalric Masonry," and I believe other kinds of Masonry besides. I have already given an account of Jeremy L. Cross in connection with the "Royal and Select" degrees. I have, however, obtained a number of tracts, containing Proceedings of the Councils held at New York from 1810 to 1874. In one of these, printed in 1861, I find the following report, viz.:

"To the Most Puissant the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York.

"*Thrice Illustrious and Illustrious Companions,*

"Having been selected by you at your last Annual Assembly to collate the History of your Illustrious Body, I beg leave to hand you the manuscript, which I think will afford you sufficient matter whereby you and your sister Grand Councils of the United States may intelligently trace your relationship and origin. Although much more matter might have been interpolated, to have lengthened the production, and given it more seeming importance, I have deemed it unnecessary to tire the attention of the reader, or to add unnecessary expense by burdening your

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Archives with useless verbiage and waste letterpress; and I trust, in acting thus, I shall not be deemed guilty of neglect or indolence by your illustrious body.

(Signed) VINCENT W. BATE, Chairman.

Bro. Bate then continued with the following address or report:—

"The Degrees of Royal Select and Super Excellent Master, as conferred under authority of the Grand Council of the State of New York, derive their origin from authority of Frederick II., King of Prussia, who was in 1761 Most Puissant Sovereign, Grand Commander of the 33rd Degree at Berlin, where the Supreme Grand East of the Ineffable Degrees was then held.

"[The Ineffable Degrees are those conferred in the Lodge of Perfection, eleven in number, and in which were formerly conferred several Detached or Side degrees, among them the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, Grand Patriarch, Most Excellent Master, and Super-Excellent Master. These degrees (Ancient and Accepted Rite) were introduced into this country by Henry S. Franker, who emigrated from France, having been there appointed a Deputy Inspector-General of the 33rd degree by Bro. Stephen Morin, who, in 1761, was constituted in Paris a Sovereign Grand Inspector General by the Grand Consistory (or Grand Council) of the 33rd degree, held by order of Frederick, King of Prussia, from Berlin, the then seat of the Supreme Grand East.

"Under Bro. Franker's auspices these degrees were introduced into New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The Detached degrees, however, were never cultivated to any great extent in these States, but the Royal and Select Degrees were very extensively promulgated at the South, under the auspices of the Southern Jurisdiction, or Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd degree, at Charleston, S.C., from 1782; the Northern Jurisdiction being stationed in New York City.

"The Northern Jurisdiction did not cultivate the Detached degrees, and hence it was that, in 1807, Franker having been dead several years, Bro. Joseph Cerneau *Deputy* Inspector General 33rd degree and a member of Washington Lodge, No. 85, conferred the degree of the Royal Master upon several brethren in New York, and by his authority, derived from the Grand Consistory of France, formed in September of that year the Council of Royal Master Masons of the City of New York, and installed Companion Thomas Lownds as first Grand Royal Master. No mention is made of the Select Masters' degree until 2nd December 1821, when a communication was received from 'the Council of Select Masters,' informing them that they are willing to be united and come into the Council of Royal Masters. The question being taken, it was unanimously agreed that we accept the proposal, and Resolved—That the fees for the degree of Select Master be two dollars.

"The Council of Select Masters of New York whose members were healed and came into the Council of Royal Masters, under one jurisdiction, owed its origin to Philip Eckels and Hezekiah Niles, of Baltimore, Maryland, who received their authority, primarily, from the representative or representatives of the Grand Consistory at Berlin, and was established in the City of New York in 1820.

"The records of the Grand Council of Royal Masters of New York, 2nd September 1810, say: This Grand Council, by resolution, granted a warrant to Columbian Council, No. 1, for the City of New York, Comp. Thomas Lownds, thrice Illustrious Royal Master, John E. Buckel Deputy Illustrious Royal Master, William Craig Illustrious Royal Warden. From this date to 1821 that of Royal Master was the only regular degree conferred, for which the fee of five dollars was charged. There were, however, Detached Degrees conferred, viz., 'Knights of the Round Table,' the 'Illustrious and Invincible Order of the Knights of the Garter,' and 'Knights of St. George of Cappadocia.' Upon the assumption of the Select Degree by the Grand Council the Detached Degrees were never again mentioned, they seem to have fallen into immediate disuse, and not until 1842, under Comp. Richard Ellis as Grand Master, was the Super Excellent Degree very frequently conferred, and then as a Detached or Honorary Degree, which practice has prevailed ever since, both in New York and in Massachusetts. Although an attempt has been made twice to raise the fee to ten dollars, no more than five dollars have ever been paid for the Council Degrees."

The above is followed with extracts from the records of the Council beginning 2nd Sept. 1810, and here are some items from the said record:—

Dec. 5th, 1810. "Resolved, that the Knights of the Round Table meet on the 10th day of the present month Kislen [meant I suppose for Kislev].

Dec. 7th. "A Council of the Knights of the Round Table was opened by the Illustrious Abott Lownds. [Abbott was the title of the chief officer.]

March 4th, 1811. "A Chapter of the Knights of the Honourable Order of the Garter was opened by the Grand Prelate Lownds.

Novr. 3rd. "A Chapter of Knights of the Garter held. Year of the Order 454.

(The general opinion is that the Order of the Garter was created in 1349. Our New York Gartered Knights must therefore have been informed by "Masonic tradition" that it was not established by G.M. Edward 3rd before 1357. Hence, in 1811, it was just 454 years old.)

Novr. 10th, 1811. "A Chapter of the Illustrious and Invincible Order of Knights of the Garter was opened. The following Companions were installed Knights of the Order of St. George of Cappadocia, &c. &c.

June 21, 1812. "More than two candidates shall not be received at the same time in any Council, as there were but two Grand Masters when H. A. B. was" (here the remainder is obliterated by age).

I have another compilation of extracts from the same record, from 1810 to 30th January 1823, containing additional items, such as the names of the illustrious noodles who were dubbed Knights of the various Orders above mentioned. On 3rd of April 1818, I find that over thirty of these were dubbed Knights of the Round Table, and 21st April 1818 nine of them were Round Tabled, and that is the last time that knight dubbing is mentioned in the pamphlet. But I also found that the first time a "Super Excellent" Lodge was opened was on 29th December 1817, when three brethren were made Super Excellents, for which each paid a dollar. On 31st March 1818, 21st August 1818, 31st March 1819, 19th March 1821, 8th April 1821, and 6th September 1821—on the above dates seventeen were Super Excellentified.

I have also a compilation of the Proceedings of the Grand Council from its organisation, on 25th January 1823, containing the Constitution, &c. Up to that time any Master Mason could be Royalled, but the new Code required that the degrees should be conferred only on those who, in addition to the Masters' degree, had also received the degrees of Mark Master, Excellent Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch.

In 1842 it was passed that the words "Super Excellent Master Mason" be inserted in the Warrant of Columbian Council, No. 1, after the words "Select Master," and that the same power to confer the Super Excellent degree be extended to all Councils.

In 1846, Columbian Council, No. 1, was directed to confer the degrees in the following order—1st Super Excellent, 2nd Royal Master, and 3rd Select Master. This arrangement was not universally followed, for in the Proceedings of the same Grand Council of 1868 I find the following complaint, viz.:—

"It will be observed by the title of the Grand Council of Massachusetts that it classifies the Cryptic degrees in a manner entirely different from any other Grand Council in the United States. . . . This classification reminds us of the dilemma a certain individual was once placed in who put the cart before the horse, and certainly has the appearance of being taken from a system of tactics teaching the movement of 'advancing backwards.'"

The truth, however, seems to be that neither the Cryptic luminaries of New York nor of Massachusetts know which is cart and which is horse. I was informed by a very intelligent brother that formerly the Cryptic degrees were given in Boston in the following order: 1st Select, 2nd Royal, and 3rd Super Excellent, but about six years ago the Select and the Royal changed places, that is, the Royal precedes the Select. We see now that what the New York Cryptics confer first is in Boston conferred last, and *vice versâ*. Whether the routine of the Cryptic degrees has been changed in New York since 1868 I have not ascertained.

In summing up the history of the so-called Cryptic Degrees, I must make a distinction between evidence derived from mere heresay, and evidence substantiated by original records or manuscripts. Hence, all that Bro. Bate said about Frederick King of Prussia, "who was in 1761

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M.P.S.G.C. of the 33rd degree at Berlin;" about Henry A. Franker (or Franken) "having been appointed a Dep. Insp. Gen. by Stephen Morin," and that "the Royal and Select Degrees were very extensively promulgated at the South . . . from 1782;" all of which I unhesitatingly put down as pure fiction. Frederick the Great was never a high degreer, and consequently the so-called "Frederick the Great Charter," under which the Charleston high degree luminaries established, in 1802, their so-called "Ancient and Accepted Rite," has been condemned as a fraudulent forgery. Kloss denounced that Frederick Charter as "the greatest lie of the Order." Rebold, Findel, and Folger have demonstrated the falsity of Frederick's connection with any high degrees whatsoever. All that we know about the origin of the Cryptics and Crypticism is simply this. In 1761 somebody at Charleston, South Carolina, received news from the West Indies of 22 new French degrees, said to have been brought there by Stephen Morin, an agent of a Paris firm of Masonic degree manufacturers, thus increasing the number of degrees to twenty-five. In 1802 the Charleston worthies were in possession of fifty-two degrees, eight of which they tacked on to the French degrees of 1761, making a total of thirty-three degrees, which they variously styled "Scotch Rite," and "A. and A. Rite." The remaining nineteen degrees they called "Detached Degrees." Among these was a "Select Masters' Degree." Messrs. Eckel and Niles, of Baltimore, somehow got hold of that degree. In 1817 they gave Jeremy L. Cross power to establish Councils for the Select Degree. In 1820 the said Eckel and Co granted a warrant to New Yorkers to open a Council for the Select Degree in New York. And now for the other Cryptic branch.

In New York they had, in 1810, a Council of "Royal Masters." In the same year they gave in that Council a degree called "Knights of the Round Table," and in 1811 they conferred degrees called "Knights of the Garter," and "Knights of St. George," &c. In 1817 they added the "Super Excellent" Degree. In 1821 the Councils of Royals and the Council of Selects united into one Council, and in 1842 this United Council tacked on to the above-named two degrees, the "Super Excellent" Degree, which, as already stated, made its first appearance in New York in 1817. The inference therefore is, that the Select Masters' degree was manufactured in Charleston before 1802, while all the other degrees conferred in the York Council between 1810 and 1821, including even the Royal Masters' degree, owe their origin to one or more New York geniuses. And should the Masonic thirst for more degrees continue, we may again be blessed with the Knights of the Round Table, Knights of the Garter, and Knights of St. George and the Dragon. And why not? Bro. Folger, the Historian of the A. and A. degrees, says, that in 1824 "the degree of Aaron's Band was conferred in New York by power from the Sovereign Grand Consistory." Bro. Rob Morris manufactured some Masonic Orders, among which is one for Lady Freemasons, called the Order of the Eastern Star, consisting of five performances. We have also the Sacred Order of the Mystic Shrine, and several other Masonic Orders and degrees of recent manufacture. I was informed in London during last spring that an agent of the New York Mystic Shriners had been trying to sell Warrants for establishing there his Sacred Order, but he received a cold shoulder from those he met with. But what of it? If Templar-ism, A. and A.-ism, the Cross of Constantine-ism, Cryptic-ism, and other isms find a ready market in England, the Sacred Shrine may also ere long be numbered among English respected Masonic Orders. Indeed, all that is necessary to make a success of it is simply for the Shriner to get an ambitious Lord, a Sir, or even an M.P. to patronise it, and then hundreds, and even thousands, will rush into the concern to be Mystic Shrined.

Looking, therefore, at the multiplicity and the still continued rage for multiplying Masonic degrees, I consider it my duty to caution every Mason against rushing into any and all kinds of so-called "higher degrees," for the more degrees he will take the more humbugged he will be.

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OBEDIENCE.

THE first duty of a soldier is obedience. All the orders of a superior officer must be implicitly and faithfully obeyed; and the soldier refusing to obey such orders, on being tried by a court-martial, shall have no mitigation of his sentence or punishment from the fact that it shall be proven before such court that the orders of the superior officer were not just or legal. If a soldier be aggrieved in that way, he shall obtain redress if he prefer his complaint to the commanding officer, through the captain of his company—but *he must first obey the order* and afterwards make his complaint.

Such was the first lesson we received in our boyhood when we exchanged our liberty for a shilling, "in the name of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria." Such is the opening of the first Chapter of the British Articles of War, which the captain of each company in Her Majesty's service is compelled to read to each man in his company on "muster parade day," that is, the last day in each month.

The first duty of a *Mason* is also obedience. "A Mason is obliged by his *tenure* to obey the Moral Law." Here we find a striking resemblance between the military and Masonic law. Not only is that resemblance to be seen in theory, but in the practice of Masons in Lodge assembled and soldiers on parade. The General draws his plan upon his trestle-board, gives his instructions to his subordinates, who proclaim his will and pleasure to the soldiers, and they govern themselves accordingly. The officers receive the commands of their General with pleasure, communicate them with pleasure, and the soldiers have pleasure in obeying them. The most difficult evolutions of the field are performed in a manner to excite the admiration of the spectator entirely and solely by *obeying* the word of command. A brigade of infantry or a squadron of cavalry will with perfect ease go through the most intricate exercises by obeying the instructions given them. Every man must obey the order. If one individual refuse or neglect so to do, confusion and disorder arise, and beauty and harmony are lost.

How correspondingly obedient should the members of Freemasonry be! They are both the parent and offspring of order; and order, that first of Heaven's laws, they should ever cultivate and practise. The Master of his Lodge is the general of his army—draws the designs and plans—communicates them to his subordinates (the Wardens), and they proclaim them to the Craft, who, in their turn, *obey* them to the letter, and thus peace and harmony, and order prevail.

In some instances we have seen the utmost confusion in the ranks, in consequence of giving the command of a battalion to an unqualified and incompetent officer—the soldiers were willing to obey, and did obey, with reluctance, the orders given them, but instead of beauty and harmony, disorder and chaos were the result. We have seen in Masonic Lodges similar confusion through the inexperience and ignorance of the Master, rendered worse still by the progress the brethren had made in acquiring these qualities, from their Master. An ignorant officer can improve himself by studying his drill books; and I believe an ignorant Mason may very much improve his knowledge of Masonry by studying Masonic literature.—Bro. J. W. LEONARD, in the *Freemason's Repository*.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

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EBOR COUNCIL, T.I.

A MEETING of this council was summoned on Tuesday, the 18th ultimo, at the Grand Stand Hotel, the Knavesmire, York, for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of St. Lawrence. The Lodge of St. Lawrence was opened in the large room of the Grand Stand, the W.M., Brother W. B. Dyson, presiding. There were also present Bros. A. T. B. Turner I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., Dr. B. L. Mills S.W., H. C. Pickersgill J.W., W. Brown J.D., Major McGachen I.G., and other brethren. Bro. W. Stephenson was admitted into the Order of St. Lawrence, some business was done, and the Lodge closed, and then the party adjourned to the dining room, where a capital banquet had been provided by the host, Bro. W. M. Briggs.

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HONOURABLE ORDER OF MODERN MASONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you or any of your readers give me any particulars of the Society of which the above is the title? Until within the past few days I was quite unaware of its existence in our midst, and yet it must be an organisation of both age and importance, for in a recent issue of *Eddowe's Shrewsbury Journal* there are reports of annual anniversaries of two of its Lodges; in one case the celebration being the "third annual anniversary of Lodge No. 171."

As a brief outline of the proceedings of these "Modern Masons" may interest some of your readers, I summarise the following from the paper already mentioned:

The members of the Jackfield Branch of the Honourable Order of Modern Masons celebrated their annual anniversary on Monday afternoon (20th July) at the Half Moon Inn, Jackfield. At 10·30 the members assembled at their Lodge room, and after the transaction of some business formed into procession in the following order:—27 juveniles, bearing flags, &c., followed by four of the tallest members, bearing staffs of the Order, then came the Coalbrookdale brass band, followed by the Committee and members of the Lodge. The procession, which presented a very animated appearance, with flags, bannerets, &c., marched to the Church, where service was conducted by the Rev. Lloyd-Edwards, rector, who preached an able sermon from Proverbs iii. 6. Special hymns were sung for the occasion by the choir. After service, the procession reformed and marched back to the Lodge room, where a most substantial repast was awaiting them. After the withdrawal of the cloth, the Rev. Lloyd-Edwards was voted to the chair and Mr. Meredith to the vice-chair, while among those present was the district Secretary, Mr. Wilcox, of Birmingham, who was asked to give an account of the working and strength of the Friendly Society of which the "Jackfield" was a branch. He was glad to say he had received a very satisfactory report of the working of that branch and that the Society was receiving great success in that part of the district. The auxiliary had proceeded very successfully during the past year, for not only *had they* increased in numbers, viz., 38 adult members and 16 *juveniles*, but their funds were very much larger, and these were the things that made a society stable in years to come. It was this that the younger members of the Lodge had to look forward to. Such societies as these were entirely for the benefit of the working classes, who have not the opportunities of amassing wealth to meet an emergency, and so they thought that some means should be provided for them, by which they could lay by for a time of need. He would like to hear in the future that that Society was prospering as well, and better, if possible, than they had in the past, but they were not to let their success lead them into wrong paths; they should always study prudence and economy. The speaker then, at length, advised the Society to treat each member with due respect as a brother, and to steer clear of little grievances. In the Birmingham district they had done very well in the past year. They had initiated upwards of 100 new members, and had established a number of extra branches, which seemed to be doing very well. Their funds were also gradually on the increase. The position of the district was a thoroughly stable one, and everything was working very comfortably, and they were determined in the future to still proceed onward. The cause was a noble one. It was for the benefit of the working classes. They were desirous of seeing them improve their position. They did not expect them to get rich, but they expected them to raise themselves to such a position as would be a source of happiness to themselves and all around them. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given by the chairman, the next toast was introduced as one that they would all heartily respond to. It was the "Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of all Denominations." Previous to drinking the toast of success to the Honourable Order and Members of the Modern Masons, the Chairman said the Society should be congratulated on the progress that had been wrought among them in securing so many new members. Mr. Edwards (Bridgnorth) said he had great pleasure in responding to that toast. He was sorry that they had not a Lodge of the Freemasons in the little borough of Bridgnorth. There were many other friendly societies, and he was sure that, if some influential gentleman was to commence a branch there, it would be warmly supported by the working classes. He hoped, ere long, he should see a Freemason Lodge in Bridgnorth.

The health of the "worthy and respected surgeon" was proposed, and that gentleman's assistant, in acknowledging the toast, said the members of their flourishing society were in tolerably good health. There had not been a single death during the year, and there had not been any serious illness among the members. The health of the worthy and valuable Secretary of that branch was honoured, as also were those of the "Host and Hostess," the "Chairman and Vice-Chairman." A most enjoyable and convivial evening was spent the proceedings being greatly enlivened with some capital selections by the band, and some good songs by several members of the Order.

I am afraid my summary has exceeded the limits of a "brief outline," but I hope you will not find it necessary to still further reduce the extract, as I feel there is very much in the account of the doings of these "Modern Masons" which may be read with profit by my brother members of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry. Any member of our Order who may take the trouble to read the above extract cannot but be struck by the similarity between the general tone of the teachings of the "Modern Masons" and that of our own ceremonies. Although I do not say there is any actual similarity between the two Orders, from the fact that I am wholly ignorant of the system of the "Modern Masons," the expressions of one at least of the speakers would lead me to believe that the "Modern Masons" are really an offshoot of our own Order, "entirely for the benefit of the working classes. . . . by which they could lay by for a time of need." The expressions to which I here refer are those of the gentleman who responded to the toast of "Success to the Honourable Order and members of the Modern Masons," and who is reported to have said, "He was sorry that they had not a Lodge of Freemasons in . . . . . Bridgnorth." Did he refer to the Order of Ancient Freemasons, or to that of the "Modern Masons"? And if to the former what has become of our Lodge, No. 1621, which according to the Cosmopolitan Calendar of the present year, meets on the fourth Friday each month, September to April, at the Crown Hotel, High Street, Bridgnorth? It is clear also from the particulars given above that th is "Modern Masonry" is purely of a benefit society character, but as to this and other items of its working perhaps you or some of your readers can enlighten me. I may add that the second report to which I have referred as appearing in the same number of the *Shrewsbury Journal* is a very brief one, simply announcing the fact that the anniversary took place, and giving the names of some of those present. In this case "about sixty sat down to dinner."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

M. J.

AN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have waited in expectation of seeing some reply to the article inserted in the columns of your influential journal a few weeks ago, on the above subject. But finding the suggestion either flags in interest, or is of insufficient importance to evoke further correspondence, may I venture a remark or two upon it? The very fact of your having adopted the article as "Communicated" proves to me that the opinions therein expressed were not to the fullest degree endorsed by your editorial opinion. Nor need we think far into the suggestion without discovering that it is capable of criticism in a variety of ways by practical men who are in the smallest degree conversant with the ordinary rules of business life. The theory of mutual help may commend itself to most of us as desirable, but whether it could be put into practice in the manner suggested by your *communique* and many of your correspondents is doubtful. Masons who have become reduced in circumstances, and who would form the class of applicants at the "Bureau," would be men who have occupied positions in life which must totally unfit them for such employment as it would be in the power of the executive to offer. Light employment at luxurious or even substantial remuneration is by no means so plentiful as to create a demand for such persons as would in all probability figure upon the society's books; and those who have fallen from a previously "high estate" would hesitate, I fancy, to accept "anything menial." For instance, is there any one amongst them who would descend to perform the duties usually appertaining to the position of a commissionaire? Even if he were, such situations are already at a discount, so many are the applicants for every vacancy that occurs. Again, would he feel himself at home in any very subordinate place in a shop or warehouse—of the same class, perhaps, as that in which he had hitherto acted as principal? Is it not natural to expect that, having got over the first feeling of dependence, caused by a continuance, it may be, of adversity, the spirit would rebel, and then as soon as he "felt his feet" once more, he would look out for something better? It is all very well to say that if you have two candidates before you for your service, preference should be given to a brother; but such a principle can only be upheld on the conditions that the merits of the candidates are equal. To accept a "duffer" because he is a Mason in preference to an outsider who is superior in ability and business capacity is too absurd to be entertained even by the most ardent advocate of the "Bureau" arrangement. It seems to me that the idea, though no doubt well-intended, is impracticable, and is not one such as will commend itself to the approval of thoughtful men of business.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As one who fully endorses the sentiments of "A FREEMASON PURE AND SIMPLE," on this subject, which appeared in your issue of the 15th ultimo, I will, with your permission, give him and "WATCHMAN" a practical example of what is done in the way of finding situations for brethren out of employment in some of our Colonial Lodges. It is now some years since the event occurred, but in this case time is not the essence of the contract, and I have no doubt but that such events frequently happen. The facts are simply these. At a stated meeting of a colonial Lodge a letter was received from a brother desiring employment, much in the same way as appeals for pecuniary aid are frequently received in home Lodges. After discussion a member of the Lodge kindly took the matter in hand, and I have little doubt but that the relief sought was forthcoming.

Could not something of this kind be done in England? I think, with your correspondent of the 15th, that this would be much better than bringing Freemasonry down "to the level of maintaining an official registry office."

Yours fraternally,

TRAVELLER.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. The chair was taken by the retiring Master, Bro. J. A. Robson, who was supported by the Officers of the Lodge and the following Visitors:—W. J. Heath J.D. 766, C. Cox P.M. 1566, E. Williams P.M. 933, J. G. Twinn J.W. 1306, G. H. Stephens W.M. 1623, R. W. Galer S.D. 1366, J. B. Reid 1364, C. Fleming 1981, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, J. Zanzig S.D. 201, E. R. Clynn 2048, V. Jagielski P.M. 534, Thos. Enderson J.W. 606, W. E. Johnson 1763, J. Gibbs 1613, R. Medwin P.M. 1613. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last regular meeting, and those of an emergency meeting held on the 13th ult., were read and confirmed. The ballot was then brought into requisition for the initiation of Mr. George Edwin Lucas, who had for sponsors Bros. Wilkinson and Tyson. A second applicant, who desired to participate in a study of our mysteries, was now brought forward in the person of Mr. Charles Harris, who had secured for his introduction the good offices of the brethren named above, viz., Bros. Wilkinson and Tyson, who undertook the responsibility of supporting his application. The result of the ballot was favourable to both candidates, who were then separately introduced, and inducted into the mysteries of the first degree of Freemasonry. The Auditors' report was next presented; this was eminently satisfactory, and showed a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, after all claims had been settled. The W.M. was presented, and in due course the ceremony of installation was completed by Bro. Robson, who performed the work in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon him. The following brethren were appointed as the Officers of the year:—Bros. H. Seymour-Clarke S.W., Joseph Chamberlain J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. Treas., J. A. Robson P.M. Sec., H. Winkley S.D., Smith J.D., F. J. West I.G., E. J. Haviland D.C., W. Tombs Steward. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, who was complimented on the ability he had displayed in the work during his year of office, and on the satisfactory condition in which he handed the Lodge over to his successor. In acknowledgment, Bro. Robson expressed his determination to do all that lay in his power to sustain the Lodge in its present position. He was very gratified to know that his efforts had met with success, and that what he had attempted had merited approval at the hands of the brethren. Reference was likewise made to the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. H. Winkley, in the capacity of Acting Secretary, and he received the cordial thanks of the members for what he had done. Lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet, which was presided over by the Worshipful Master, who in due course proposed the toasts customary on these occasions. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the I.P.M., who spoke of the ability Bro. Kimbell had displayed in the various offices and since his initiation in the Lodge. In reply, the Worshipful Master, after thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, assured them he should do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office, to the advantage of the Lodge and the comfort and happiness of the brethren. After a song by Bro. Dr. Jagielski, the toast of the Past Masters was given, and in reply Bro. Robson said his interest in the Lodge was of a permanent character. What he could do to promote the prosperity of the Lodge would be most cheerfully undertaken. Bro. W. H. Myers, who was the next to respond, took a retrospective glance at the career of the Lodge, and said it was gratifying to know there was then just double the number of members on the roll of the Lodge as when they left their old quarters at Dalston. There were but three of the founders of the Lodge now associated with it, but he and his coadjutors in this regard felt the Lodge was never in a more prosperous condition. He anticipated for the Lodge a career of extended and increased usefulness. Bros. Lewis and MacDonald, the other Past Masters of the Lodge present also replied. For the Visitors Bros. Cox, Dr. Jagielski, Williams, Morgan and others responded. Bro. Cox spoke in eulogistic terms of the working and ability displayed in the management of the Lodge. Dr. Jagielski thanked the Worshipful Master for reference to his Lodge—the Polish National,—and briefly sketched its career from the granting of its warrant by the Earl of Zetland. The Initiates' toast was followed by the Entered Apprentice's Song, given by Bro. P.M. Young, the Organist of the Lodge, and was suitably acknowledged by the newly-admitted members. The Officers were also complimented, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual manner. During the evening several songs were given, Mr. Gargett and Miss Thomas (who accompanied the singers throughout) deserving especial praise.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1,834.

THERE was a numerous and representative gathering of the members of this Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Tuesday, 25th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. T. Cunningham as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Westaway Prov. G. Std. B., who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services. The W.M. appointed his Officers as under: Bros. J. W. Westaway I.P.M., I. S. Gardner S.W., C. W. Bevis J.W., S. R. Ellis P.M. Treas., D. T. Rule Sec., W. H. Baker S.D., W. W. Slade J.D., G. T. Aylen D.C., T. F. Wilton Org., R. G. Farland I.G., E. Penney and T. J. Suter Stewards, J. Exell Tyler. Among the visiting brethren present at the banquet which followed were Bros. Aldermen W. D. King and A. Cudlipp, G. Rake, R. W. Beale, J. G. Niven, T. Good, Mason, Gieve, Hill, Dempsey, Naylor, Drake, Lancaster, Rastrick, Long, Backler, Jolliffe, Bond, Williams, J. W. Gardner, Marshallsay, Blanche, Sylvester, Miles, Green, Gunnell, Croucher, Corke, Boulton, Bainton, &c. The health of the W.M. was proposed in fraternal and felicitous terms by Alderman King, and appropriately responded to by Bro. Cunningham. The usual toasts were given, and the vocal contributions were accompanied by Bros. Miles and Sylvester.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2,096.

THE fourth regular meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday the 26th ult. Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. Langton Treasurer, J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. L. Levey J.D., John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, George Price P.G. Treas. Surrey, W. D. Merritt, W. S. Oates, E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, W. Fraser, J. Rosenberg, A. B. Crundall, J. Klein, W. Lane Tyler. Visitors: W. Grellier I.G. 21, H. J. Smith 1475, R. Conrock 186, G. C. Barry P.P.G.O. Surrey, C. Daniels P.M. 65, E. R. Holton 2021, J. T. Hoerth 1790, A. Daw Kerrell P.M. 145. The W.M. invested Bro. W. D. Merritt P.M. 1000 as acting I.P.M. Bros. Oates, Holdsworth, Holden and Rosenberg, candidates for raising, were entrusted, and subsequently raised to the degree of M.M. Mr. A. B. Crundall, previously approved, was initiated into Freemasonry, this, as well as the previous ceremonies, being performed by the W.M. in his usual faultless style, although suffering from the effects of a severe cold. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested Bro. Oates as Steward, and that brother proposed a gentleman for initiation at the next meeting. The W.M. intimated his desire to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the offer was accepted. Bro. Hobbs S.W. gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that such a sum as the funds of the Lodge would permit, not exceeding 10 guineas, be placed on the W.M.'s list. The W.M. in the course of the meeting drew the attention of the brethren to the testimonial then being got up by the different Surrey Lodges to show their sincere appreciation of the services rendered to the Province by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in April, the brethren retiring to the banquet room, where a very excellent repast was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bentley, the able and courteous manager of the hotel.

Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72.—A new Lodge of Instruction was opened on Wednesday evening, 2nd inst., at Bro. Trew's, Unity Tavern, Strand (adjoining the Opera Comique Theatre). The following brethren were present:—Bros. E. Walker as Preceptor, N. Turner W.M., A. Darch S.W., C. R. Williams J.W., J. D. Simmonds S.D., D. T. Davies I.G., E. W. Lewcock Secretary; Bros. F. H. Williams, C. H. Trew, J. Braham, E. Williams, M. E. Stokes, all of the Jubilee Lodge, No. 72; also Bros. J. Stevens, H. Baldwin, Perkins, T. Brady, W. J. Formley, J. Jones, &c. The members of the Royal Jubilee Lodge present became members, and the remainder were unanimously elected members of the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Stevens being elected an hon. member. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of a preliminary meeting were read. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed. Bro. Darch was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Officers were appointed in rotation. A Committee was formed for the purpose of framing the Bye-laws. A proposition was unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Turner for his services as W.M. on this the first meeting; as also a proposition that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to those brethren who had so kindly presented furniture to the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Wednesday next, at 8 p.m.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. W. T. Hunt jun. W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Mansfield J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Catt S.D., Prior J.D., Stringer I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings Preceptor, J. W. Freeman, and Bros. J. J. Pitt, W. B. Mansfield, Joyce, Till, Penrose. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. B. Mansfield candidate. Lodge was then called off; on resuming, the questions leading to the degree of Fellow Craft were very well answered by Bro. Joyce. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge resumed, and Bro. J. B. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Bro. Stringer, W.M. of the Royal Oak Lodge, presented to the Lodge a very handsome Masonic carpet, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to him for the same. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Rose of Denmark Lodge of Instruction, No. 975.—The ceremony of installation was rehearsed on Monday evening last, 31st August, at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham Station, by the able Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. Edw. Ayling P.M. 975, when a good muster of the members rallied round him on the occasion. As a token of the great interest taken in the proceedings, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, consisting of as many as thirteen brethren. The ceremony was rehearsed in a satisfactory manner, Bro. Stranger acting as W.M. elect, and the several addresses were so ably and impressively given as to evoke frequent expressions of approval on the part of the brethren assembled. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Ayling was proposed and carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties that evening. Bro. Ayling, in an appropriate reply, stated that he felt highly gratified to see so many

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brethren present, amongst whom he recognised many eminent and distinguished Masons. Thirteen new members were enrolled, and although the Lodge has scarcely been in existence four months, it now numbers nearly sixty members, and gives every promise of becoming a flourishing Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge room placed at the disposal of the Lodge by the worthy proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Shannaw, 975, is without exception one of the most spacious, convenient, and comfortable Lodge rooms in the south of London.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On 24th ult., at the Cook Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Weeden W.M., Parkes S.W., Stockhall J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Jones S.D., Woodman Acting Preceptor, and several others. After preliminaries, Bro. Turner, as candidate for raising, answered the questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the three degrees, and adjourned.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 29th ult., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street-west, Hammersmith, Bros. Wing W.M., Walters P.M. S.W., Wood J.W., Johnson P.M. Secretary, Gardner (Treasurer) S.D., Craggs J.D., Meir I.G., Weeks Tyler, Ayling P.M. Preceptor. Bros. Laundy, Stroud, Coward, Bishop, Burton, Tipper, Mulvay 179, &c. The Preceptor worked the second section of the first lecture, with the assistance of the brethren, after which the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, in a very efficient manner, Bro. Mulvay being the candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and closed to the first. The S.W. was then elected to fill the office of W.M. on the ensuing Saturday evening. Bro. Gardner proposed, and succeeded in establishing a Benevolent Association, to be attached to the Lodge, a Committee being formed of the members present to draw up the rules. This is another step in the right direction, and will tend to a regular and large attendance at this successful Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Mulvay was duly proposed as a member, and was elected unanimously.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N. Comps. Radcliffe M.E.Z., Bird H., Debane J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Storr P.S. The Companions attended in goodly numbers, and the ritual was ably rendered. A most profitable evening was spent.

We are pleased in being able to offer our congratulations to Brother John G. Horsey, P.P.G.D. of C. Surrey, on the award of a silver medal by the Council of the Inventions Exhibition to Horsey's Patent Broom and Brush Manufacturing Co., Limited, of which Brother Horsey is the Managing Director. This silver medal was awarded to the Company for their exhibit of brooms and brushes, in recognition of their great durability over other brooms and brushes, for their heat-resisting qualities, and for the superiority of their finish. This award must be a source of gratification to our esteemed brother, following as it does honours gained at the Paris Exhibition of 1878, the National Fisheries Exhibition, and the Plymouth Industrial Exhibition of 1881.

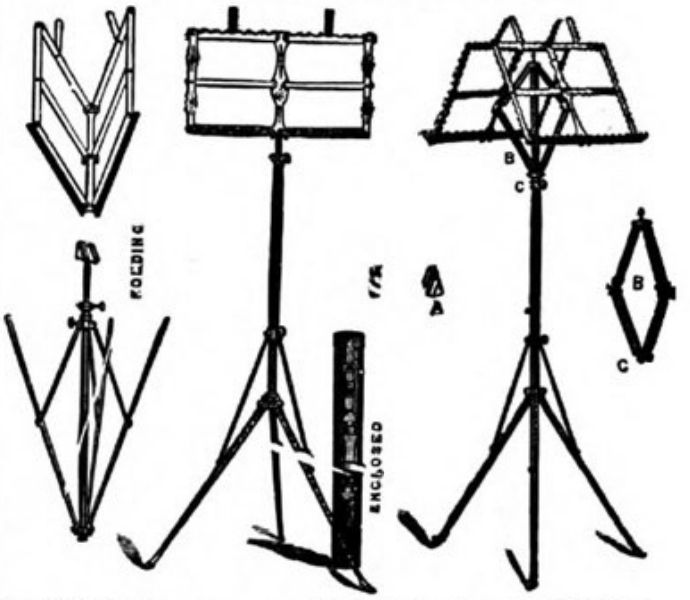
Amongst the many improvements that have recently been made in the City, unquestionably that of the widening of Queen-street, Cheapside, may be reckoned in the foremost place; and, taking advantage of the transition now in progress there, we notice that the old and historical restaurant, "Ye Golden Fleece," has undergone a complete and most satisfactory change. Many of the brethren of the "mystic tie" are familiar with the noted vegetarian restaurant, "the Arcadian," which is attached to the house named; and, although the enterprise has scarcely hitherto come up to the anticipations that were formed of it, yet in connection with the opening up of this important thoroughfare, and the infusion of "new blood" into the business, the Golden Fleece promises to retrieve its former popularity as a resort for City men. Under the arrangements which are now in progress by the new proprietor, Bro. E. Smith, vast alterations and improvements are contemplated, and already the hotel and adjoining restaurant present an air of improved patronage and success. By a diligent study of the various tastes of the customers, and a careful supervision of the catering in all departments, the Golden Fleece, under its new management, will rank amongst the most favourite resorts in the metropolis. The re-decoration of the interior has been skilfully carried out by Bro. Snow, of Kingsland, and no expense has been spared in developing the culinary arrangements, and those appliances which will conduce to the comfort and convenience of visitors to this old-established and well-known house. The "shades" on the basement are being entirely renovated and improved, and will be stocked with wines and spirits from the leading shippers, and transformed into a commodious and well-appointed smoking room. We understand that in a few days the re-opening of the Golden Fleece under its new *régime* will be inaugurated by a dinner and social evening, at which a large number of gentlemen engaged in the City have promised to attend.

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[COMMUNICATED.]

MR. SAMUEL WELLER jun. would have made fine capital out of a conversation I overheard a few days since in the parlour-priced side of a public-house, for although a thread of the story contained all the elements of grim humour, yet there were mingled among them touches of tender pathos to prove the veracity of the old adage, "There's many an honest heart that beats beneath a ragged coat." Not that the conversationalists were ragged in the literal sense of the term; quite the contrary. Both were attired with scrupulous neatness, in sober black, albeit of the "old fogey" cut, with deep-breasted shirt fronts of spotless white, potential cravats, and the old-fashioned seals hanging at their fobs. They had evidently struck up an old acquaintanceship after many years of absence, and addressed themselves in easy terms of familiarity over their evening "nips," as though the pleasure of meeting as they had not done since they were "boys together" was mutual and eminently gratifying. After a sanguinary tussle as to who should have the pleasure of standing the first drink, the chat began, naturally about "old times," now laughing boisterously, now shaking their heads mournfully, the old "cockalorums"—the epithet was mutually applied—ran over the gamut of friends they had known in earlier days, and the scenes through which they had passed together ere Time had laid his "fiery finger" on their brows. The elder gentleman explained that the said Time had been hard upon him, for a stiff attack of "roomatiz" had laid him low for many months, and it was as much as he could do to hobble, even with "two sticks." After the preliminaries to which I have alluded, the junior party, addressing the other with affected juvenility, and a gentle slap on the shoulder, exclaimed, "And now, old gen'leman, how are you getting along?" "Oh! purty well," replied the old 'un, "except for this 'ere sciatica, which bothers me fearfully at times. Can't grumble, you know, for tho' I don't do much in the bizness line myself now, my son Tom is all there at it; and it is only on special occasions as he wants me to help; that is, except for my advice, you know. We had two 'growns' yesterday."

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"Two what?" enquired the other. "Don't you know? That's an expression in the bizness, to distinguish the grown-up folk from the hinfants." From this I gathered that our elder friend was an undertaker. "Yes," he repeated, "we had two 'growns' yesterday, and very nice and purty they was done too, for which I gives Tom credit. Tom's a quiet, steady lad, and if anything happens to me he will carry on the bizness, whilst the other one will have one or two of the houses I have managed to buy." "Oh, then, yours is a money-making game, old boy?" rejoined the other; "buying houses now-a-days is rare amongst any other trade than undertaking." "Well," replied the "old boy" thus addressed, "it ain't quite so brisk as it used to be; there's more on us at it, you see," referring, I suppose, to the increased competition in his particular line rather than to any diminution in the rate of mortality. "Anyhow, I've been able to buy four good houses, and they'll be enough for me so long as I can hobble about; after that they and the bizness goes to the lads." After dipping once more into general topics, he inquired, "And so you live in Hawthorn Square, do you? Ah, I had three 'oaks' from there within the last six months. Real tip-top jobs, them; quite gen'lefolks; and you know one job recommends another." With a touch of grim satisfaction he added, "I never yet conducted a funeral at anybody's house but they was so pleased with my arrangements that they wanted to see me again soon! When I buried poor old Mr. So-and-So's wife, he was so pleased with me that he recommended me to his next-door neighbour, and he in turn recommended me to the parson in the same square, who purty nigh broke his 'eart over that sweet daughter o' his. And so, you see," digging the other in the ribs, and winking slyly, "nothing succeeds like success. If you're dealing with poor folk, you may charge 'em quids, but it ain't decent among the bettermost class, they wont hear nothink except it's guineas. Well, well, I suppose we mustn't grumble, eh? When the dear old parson went away to the Continent to recruit his 'ealth," quoth the old man, "they rose a subscription for him, and I couldn't do much less than *send in my guinea* towards it; so I did." And here, in proud recollection of the fact, he ordered "two more whiskies, please, miss!" After some further reference to the provision he had made for his sons, the conversation reverted again to family matters, and the younger man observed, "Your sons seem to have been pretty well provided for, but you had a wife; how about her?" "Do you see this 'ere 'at-band, Mister?" "Thought it was part of the bizness," replied the other; "No, this 'ere 'atband's for her," he said, with a deep sigh; and there was a silence between the two for a moment. It was evident that, accustomed as the old man was to arranging for the obsequies of others, Death, who is no respecter of persons, had touched him too. The event had happened quite recently, and it had struck home to the old man's heart. "She wor a good old sort," he went on, shaking his head. "It wor all through that cussed drink; all along of an old charwoman as used to come in now and then to 'elp with the 'eavy part of the work. Lor' love yer, she could'nt do a bit of cookin' without a drop o' gin; she always had a kind o' *sinkin'* in her stomick; and so she persuaded the missus 'twas good for her, too; and so my wife took to it, wuss luck! Then my daughter took to nipping little drops along with 'em, and they're both gone now, all through that cussed drink!" The subsequent dialogue revealed that, although he did fairly well out of the undertaking, the late lamented missus did considerably more in a quiet sort of way by means of a loan office in a small line on her own account, amongst the costermongers and poorer classes, who in times of need would borrow small sums, ranging from half-a-sovereign to a fiver, which they promptly returned with interest. Thus the coster who wanted a little "ready" to go to market with found a friend in the old lady, who acted as a sort of banker and money lender all in one, and enabled these poor traders to tide over many a difficulty, to their mutual advantage. The subject then took another turn, and the old man remarked, "I have been a Forester, you know, for some years, and I've got many a job through belonging to them. And you're a Freemason, they tell me?" "Yes," was the reply. "Well, I'm too old to become one now, I suppose," rejoined the other; "but what might be the cost if I felt inclined to let my son join your Order?" "Well, if you're not extravagant, about £15 at first, and say £5 a year afterwards; you could do very well for that." A sudden idea seemed to strike the old man as he scratched his head, evidently with an eye to business. "That ain't much," he exclaimed; "suppose I was to make *one* of my sons a Freemason? Do you think it would *pay?* He's a good-looking chap, and always wears nice fitting waistcoats, and everything natty,—clean, white neckcloth, and so on. It's a bad game, Mister, to neglect your personal appearance." The other nodded approvingly, but ventured no reply as to the "paying game" of becoming a Mason. The remark could not but remind me of the too many persons who join our Order through mercenary and other unworthy motives, of whom there are unfortunately such frequent instances in the modern history of the Craft. Our veteran friend was evidently imbued with the idea which, I am afraid, is far too common among aspirants for a participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, namely, that it is a passport, not only to social aggrandisement, but a stepping-stone to pecuniary gain. Consequently, I was pleased to observe that the friend to whom the remark was addressed proved that he had learned the lesson of caution taught him in the earlier stages of his Masonic career, and very little information was vouchsafed his inquirer as to the *paying* attributes of Freemasonry. This only shows how valuable are the precepts which actuate true Freemasons, for once admit of the poor principle suggested by the heading of this article, and away goes the very pith and marrow of the Order whose purity and stability we all so much admire. At this moment the son made his appearance on the scene, and I was curious to hear what might ooze out with respect to the question of which I was itching to learn a little, but nothing further turned upon Masonry. The son was, as his father had proudly described him, a smart-looking young fellow, and he immediately launched into business topics. "Do you know, father, Jack Smith, who has been with us some time? Well, I've given him the sack." "What for?" asked the old man, in evident surprise. "Well, I wanted him to take some trestles up to —— Road, in readiness for that funeral to-morrow, and he refused, so I told him he would not be wanted any more." The old man, who listened to the story, replied, "It's not quite right, you know, Tom. Don't you think it would have been better to have offered him his tram-fare? He would have taken the trestles then. Now it will be *more expensive* to send them." Perhaps he was thinking more of his own convenience than of the man who had thus been suddenly thrown out of employment. But though the man lived that way, "he was not going to carry trestles;" to him it was *infra dig.* After the son had passed on, the old man whispered to his companion, "Silly fellow! I've paid that man two pun' eight this week for driving for me." The other inquired, "What? do you pay your men so much as that!" "Well, you see, I pays 'em so much a job, say four shillings each, and we had two every day, which makes up his two pun' eight." "And good pay, too," rejoined his companion. "When he came to me he was only a gen'leman's coachman out of place, and was fearfully hard up; but when he earns money he always gets high and mighty, and proud. That ain't the way to get on, Mister, is it, now? You don't know what you may want to-morrow." After this sage reflection there was a talk about wreaths, and the money that is wasted in the purchase of these so-called "tributes of affection," on the part of sorrowing relatives and friends. But there was a touch of human nature as the old fellow related an instance of a young married woman who had lost her husband, and whose funeral took place at the same hour as that of some richer individual whose bier was "literally buried in flowers," as the reporters say. As the embowered coffin was borne on in front a wreath fell accidentally from it, and our old friend, the "cockalorum," who was superintending both funerals, immediately snatched it up, and surreptitiously placed it on the more humble coffin as it came along in the rear. "She were very fond of flowers, poor dear," he said, "and *'ow she did cry* when she saw me put that 'ere wreath on her poor dear husband's coffin, even tho' twer'nt mine to give!" And here the old man took another nip, with proud satisfaction at having done a generous, if not altogether an honest, action. It appears that when remonstrated with by the parties to whom it belonged, he merely replied that he knew it was wrong to take another person's property, and especially one who was dead, but he *could'nt help it;* he had'nt the heart to see one so well provided for, and the other perfectly deficient

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of such loving remembrance. "You see, Mister, they wor very poor people, and I was doing the funeral for less than cost price. I had had many a job from the family; they were not long livers any of 'em. Made of bad stuff, I suppose." After a recital of this touching episode, showing that sympathy is not wanting even in the heart of one who is continually face to face with death and its surrounding trappings, the old man said he must get home, and the two cronies separated, with mutual hopes that they should meet again at no very distant date.

MARK MASONRY.

CÆSAREAN LODGE, No. 74.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopfond Road, St. Helier's, Jersey, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. L. Hespiradoux W.M., J. Gray I.P.M., W. Pugsley P.M., T. Leat P.M., W. Chapman P.M., Thomas Le Scelleur S.W., J. E. Hamon J.W., J. W. Tapper Chaplain, C. Naylor M.O., Thomas Stone S.O., P. Bois J.O., J. Poole Treasurer, O. Dodge Secretary, F. D. Wallis S.D., G. Coombes J.D., J. E. Saunders Organist, H. Richer D.C., J. H. Elliott Registrar, H. Ahier I.G., G. H. Rogers, P. Blampied, C. Marrett, T. Moss, J. Maguire, J. Gibbs, and George Rogers Tyler. The usual formalities having been gone through in opening the Lodge, according to ancient custom, the minutes were read and confirmed. There being no candidate present in the ante-room awaiting advancement to the high and honourable degree of a M.M.M., the W.M. utilised the time by rehearsing, in his usual efficient manner, the lecture in the Mark Master Mason's degree, explaining the tracing board, and giving the charge and working tools. Several Grand Lodge communications, and several letters from Brother C. F. Matier, giving many hints and instructions on the working of the authorised ritual of the Grand Lodge, introduced by the present W.M., were read, and accounts passed and ordered to be paid, after which the W.M. rose and proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Miss Hopkins, the daughter of our late and much lamented Bro. Dr. Hopkins, the father of Mark Masonry, to express the heartfelt sorrow of the brethren of this Lodge on his death, which was duly seconded by Bro. T. Leat, unanimously carried, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the W.M. promised to write by the next night's mail to Miss Hopkins. A vote of thanks was also proposed by the W.M., and duly seconded by the S.W., to be passed to Brother C. F. Matier, on account of the great patience and kindness he had shown in keeping up so voluminous a correspondence with the Worshipful Master about the working of the authorised ritual, which was unanimously carried, it being added that the vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, and the Secretary be instructed to write to Bro. C. F. Matier to that effect. There being no other business offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the following Wednesday. The brethren then retired to the banqueting hall, where the usual spread awaited them. The W.M. proposed the toasts, which were duly responded to. Several songs and recitations were given, and thus a pleasant hour was wiled away.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

YORK COLLEGE.

ON Wednesday, the 19th ultimo, the members of this College met at Pontefract for the purpose of viewing the ruins of the great castle, once so formidable, and whose history is of such intense interest. Some years ago the College met at the same place and heard a paper on the subject by Fra. T. B. Whytehead, but since that period extensive excavations have been made on the old site, large portions of the ruins then buried have been exposed to view, and the great internal square of the castle, then used as a garden for the cultivation of liquorice root, has been turned into a recreation ground for tennis, &c., and is surrounded by picturesque kiosks and arbours, the whole forming a beautiful and instructive recreation ground for the townspeople, maintained by subscription and fees for admission. The College was opened at 2 p.m., at the rooms of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, kindly lent for the purpose, there being present Fratres T. B Whytehead Hon. IX. Chief Adept, J. M. Meek V. Suffragan, T. Trevor III. Celebrant, Dr. B. Langley Mills I. Sec., Col. J. Monk II. P.A., Major R. W. Moore IV. as S.A., W. Brown I. as T.A., A. T. B. Turner III. as Q.A., C. L. Mason V. as C. of N., Major McGachen I. Torch Bearer, G. Locking I. as G.T., and C. S. Lane I. as Medallist. A numbers of letters of apology were read and ballots were taken for Bros. W. H. B. Atkinson 910, W. Flockton 1042, and J. J. Fretwell 2069. Bros. E. C. Patchitt, W. H. B. Atkinson, and W. Flockton, accepted aspirants, were then duly received into the M C. It was arranged to hold the next meeting in October, since the prospect of elections in November would make that month inconvenient. Bro. J. Blenkin P.M. 1611 was proposed as a candidate, and a vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of St. Oswald Lodge for the use of their room. The M.C. was then dissolved and the members, accompanied by several brethren of the local Lodge, proceeded to the ruins of the castle, where they were met by Brother R. Holmes P.M. 910, who conducted them over the entire ground, explaining the characteristic points, and finally read them a most interesting and learned paper upon the structure of the old fortress and its history. A vote of thanks was given to Brother Holmes, and the paper was ordered to be printed for the use of the members. The Collegians afterwards assembled at tea with their visitors at the Red Lion Hotel, and in the evening a party of them attended a meeting of St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, where they received a hearty welcome.

Old Warrants (1).

[No. 153, GIBRALTAR.]

ALBERT EDWARD G.M.

(Signed) GEO. FRED. CORNWELL D.G.M.
JOS. F. FRANCERI D.G.S.

Seal.

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

We HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter &c. &c. &c. &c.

SEND GREETING.

Whereas it appears by the Records of the Athol Grand Lodge, or Old Institutions, that a Warrant bearing date the 18th November 1777, was issued the Seal of Masonry authorising certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Gibraltar, which Lodge was then No. 202, and which said Lodge in consequence of the Union of the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons on the 27th day of December 1813 became No. 251, by the alteration of the Numbers in 1832 it became No. 178, and by the general closing up of the Numbers in 1863 it became and is now registered in the Books of the United Grand Lodge as No. 153, meeting at Gibraltar aforesaid under the Title or denomination of

No. 153. INHABITANTS LODGE

And Whereas the original Warrant of the said Lodge is lost, and the Brethren now composing the Lodge have by their Memorial prayed Us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation.

Now Know Ye That We being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request do hereby grant this Our Warrant of Confirmation unto our right trusty and well-beloved Brethren James Cunningham, James Conroy, Russell H. Collins, Henry Evans Batchelor, William Pringle, Anthony Botala, William Isaac Henry, and the other Brethren composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their Successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Gibraltar aforesaid on the first and third Monday of every month or at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear necessary, and be regulated by their Bye Laws in conformity with the general Laws of the Craft. And then and there when duly congregated to Make, Pass and Raise Free Masons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And further at the Petition of the said Brethren We do appoint the said James Cunningham to be the Master, the said James Conroy to be the Senior Warden, and the said Russell H. Collins to be the Junior Warden for continuing to hold the said Lodge under this Warrant of Confirmation until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in Ancient Form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And We do require you the said James Cunningham to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly Made Masons, and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And We do enjoin you to make such Bye Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the Majority of the Members appear proper and necessary the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the general Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such Bye Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the Members of your Lodge and the Names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable therein. It being our will and intention that this Our Warrant of Confirmation shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said James Cunningham are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 10th July A.M. 5877, A.D. 1877.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

(Signed) SKELMERSDALE D.G.M.

JOHN HERVEY G.S.

[We are indebted to Brother R. F. Gould P.G.D. for copy of the above Warrant of the "Inhabitants" Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar. It is, however, only a Warrant of Confirmation, of A.D. 1877. We hope soon to announce that the *original* Warrant—which has been so long missed—No. 202, of 1877 (now 153), has been traced.—ED. F.C.]

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master Surrey, Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman P. District G.M. Bengal acted as Deputy Grand Master, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, P.G.J.W. as Senior Grand Warden, while Lieut.-Col. Sackville West occupied his chair of Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand Officers present were: Revs. R. N. Sanderson and G. R. Portal Chaplains, J. W. Woodall Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick Registrar, T. Fenn President of Board of General Purposes, F. H. Goldney J.D., Sir Albert Woods D. of C.' C. W. Hammerton Swd. Br., G. P. Brockbank and Butler Wilkins Std. Brs., E. M. Lott Org., Henry Garrod Purs., A. Lucking Asst. Purs. The minutes of the last Communication having been confirmed, the recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were considered, and all but one passed unchallenged. In this case Bro. Sampson Peirce P.G.D. explained that the case had been thoroughly considered at the time it was before the Lodge of Benevolence. Ultimately the proposition was agreed to. The report of the Board of General Purposes (printed in our last issue) was accepted, and then the appeal of Bro. W H. Pigott was introduced. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, in submitting it, said the motion which the District Grand Master of New South Wales ruled to be out of order was a somewhat lengthy one. It would be in the recollection of Grand Lodge that in the District of New South Wales there were many Lodges which owed allegiance to and held under the Grand Lodge of England. There were other Lodges which were held under other jurisdictions. But a body had been established, or had established itself, within the District of New South Wales, which styled itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In 1881 Grand Lodge of England declined to recognise this as a lawfully constituted Masonic body, on the ground that it was irregularly constituted. The motion of which the brother appealing desired to give notice was—

That in the opinion of this District Grand Lodge it would be for the good of Freemasonry in general and to this Colony in particular that a Grand Lodge should exist in this Colony, that the above opinion be immediately forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England, with an intimation that this District Grand Lodge, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and being anxious to exert its best endeavours to promote the general principles of the art and the good thereof, respectfully prays for the permission of the Grand Lodge of England to hold a conference with the body calling itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with the object of agreeing and uniting with the said body to the formation of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and to negotiate and agree with the said body upon all matters affecting or incidental to the formation of the said Grand Lodge.

The notice of motion was probably given because the District Grand Master had interfered with, and prevented, the discussion in District Grand Lodge of another motion of which notice was given, to the effect that the time had arrived when, in the interest of Freemasonry in the Colony of New South Wales, there should be a union in Grand Lodge of New South Wales of all persons who had been initiated in any Masonic Lodge under any Constitution, and that there should be a Committee of officers and representatives of Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland upon the matter. The District Grand Master interfered, no doubt, on the ground that it was not competent for a District Grand Lodge which derived its authority from the warrant conferred upon him by the Grand Master to discuss a motion of that nature. The brother thereupon withdrew his first notice, and gave the second, which the District Grand Master forbade the discussion of, and the present appeal was brought. It must be evident to any brother who had followed him in reading these motions that the second notice practically brought before the District Grand Lodge the discussion of the same matters as were involved in the first, and it was quite clear that no District or Provincial Grand Lodge could possibly discuss or entertain a proposition of the nature referred to in the resolution, notice of which Bro. Pigott gave. The high authority of a District Grand Lodge was derivative. Recognising other Masonic bodies was a matter on which the Grand Lodge of England acted for itself, with a knowledge of the responsibility which it bore in taking action, and with the full sense of the weight which that action imperilled. It was an authority which Grand Lodge would not delegate to any other body, and more particularly when, as in the present case, it had declined to recognise the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. It was impossible that Grand Lodge could delegate to any other body the power of discussing a motion with the object of a conference for agreeing and uniting with the said body, which was irregular, and with which Grand Lodge was not in accord. He therefore advised Grand Lodge to dismiss the appeal. Bro. Canon Portal seconded the motion. Grand Lodge had already declared the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to be an irregular body. He was surprised that Bro. Pigott found it in accordance with his Masonic obligation to have given notice of this motion. The appeal was dismissed, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

THE THEATRES.

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Her Majesty's.—That most delightful and wonderful tragical, comical, dancical, historical drama without words, by Luigi Manzotti, which has vivified the solemn seclusion of Her Majesty's with more applause than ever before awoke its somnolent echoes, has prolonged its season, for the best of all reasons. As business waned or vanished at other houses, here it has grown the better with advance of time. "Excelsior" goes as brightly and as briskly as ever, and though we may mourn the departure of lovely Adelina Rossi, she is succeeded as prima ballerina by Signora Limido, one of the most famous dancers of Italy. This lady verily flits and flies, and hovers rather like a winged bird than a human creature. She was encored again and again on Monday night, her first appearance in London. Signor Cecchetti dances with wonderful dash and spirit. There is nothing of that effeminacy so often associated with the "male dancer" of earlier times in his style; his dancing seems an outcome of youth, strength, and vigour,—to adopt the language of some primitive age, when dancing was regarded the fittest exponent of emotion. Signor Montarman has gained in picturesque variety of expression since we last saw him. The Attack on the Caravan by mounted Bedouins is very dramatic, and the rising clouds of sand that overwhelm the combatants is a wonderfully clever illusion; but the effect would be heightened if the lights in front were lowered. Indeed, many of the finest scenes suffer from the competing brilliancy of the Auditorium. "Excelsior" will depart in October, and those of our readers who have not yet seen it we advise to pay an early visit, and to take any young holiday folks with them. The episodes of the first steamboat, of Volta's electric battery, of the Suez Canal, become as thrilling as fairy stories, and are certainly more impressive than if seen by the light of a school primer.

The Court.—Nothing can better prove the affectionate interest "The Magistrate" inspires than the fact that though Mr. Cecil, Mrs. John Wood and Miss Marion Terry are no longer in the cast, "booking" at the Court still goes merrily on, and the popularity of the merry little play seems to defy alike the vacuum of the vacation and the "Jullien" high art in the adjoining parish. No little interest had been felt by the jaded playgoer as to Mr. Beerbohm Tree's rendering of the title part. An actor so conscientious and with so fine a gift for characterisation need not fail to fill the place even of that delightful comedian Mr. Cecil. Mr. Tree gives us a new reading of the part; very consistent, very true, carefully, studied at every point—but somewhat heavy from over elaboration; and wanting, we think, in those gleams of an unconscious survival of an early fun instinct, which made Mr. Posket's escapade so much less improbable when he is betrayed to his discomfiture by his enigmatical step-son. Miss Lottie Venn makes a bright and merry Mrs. Posket, while Miss Lucy Roche shows improvement in Miss Marion Terry's part. Miss Norreys cannot be too much praised for the delicate tact with which she treats certain situations, making them wholly humorous and void of guile when in other hands they might easily become offensive. Mr. Eversfield, too, merits commendation for the care with which he keeps within honest school-boy limits, even when the temptation to win ready applause by "suggestion" offers itself. Mr. Sugg as the police constable now excels his first capital bit of "modelling from the life." Mr. Clayton is as vigorous and dignified as ever as the ill-used Colonel, and Mr. Kerr is perfect in his self-possession as destiny heaps new trials on his devoted head.

Toole's.—In our last week's notice of "On Change"—in error—we suggested that the piece would keep the bills till Mr. Toole's return in September. December is the month fixed for that gentleman's reappearance.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weary of life. Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits and repelling the covert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmospheres, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills, and obediently putting them in practice, the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

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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 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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

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

1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Penod Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, 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
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
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 108—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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)
869—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
881—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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)
1369—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—Isbarton, Channon, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1685—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
502—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
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1259—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpoo

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. 321—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 540—Stuart Bedford
R.A. 650—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 901—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, 9th SEPTEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pownin'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)
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)
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.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
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
507—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
694—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 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, 10th 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)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stamgate, 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)
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1369—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1781—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
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.
545—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
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.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1585—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
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, 11th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
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)
1196—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, 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.
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 12th 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—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
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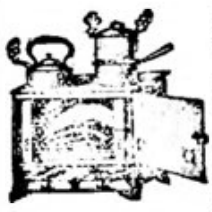
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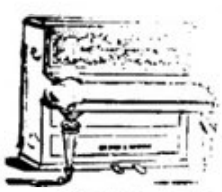
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THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE needs of the Craft appear to keep pace with every effort made to increase the charity dispensed through the medium of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and the number of candidates who are admitted at any of the periodical elections seems to have but very little effect on the number who come forward at succeeding ones. In other words, the supply of candidates is greater than the demand; and we fear that the present time, when every one is complaining of bad trade, and distress appears on every side, is a bad one in which to hope for any alteration. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls affords us an example. The usual half-yearly election takes place on Saturday, 10th October, and the ballot paper for that election gives particulars of thirty-four candidates, of whom twenty-eight now appear on the list for the first time. At the last election, in April, twenty-three girls were elected from a list of thirty candidates, leaving seven only unsuccessful. *Six of these* appear again on the list for the October election, and the other (Rose Adelaide M. Smith) has had to retire in consequence of having reached the maximum limit of age. It may be remembered that this girl was a candidate at each of the last two elections, and that in October 1884 she polled 56 votes. She was one of two dependent children, both of whose parents were alive at the time of the last application. Further than this she had had a sister educated in the School, and, as we remarked when reviewing the candidates for the April election, her case was one which called for some special details. Judging from results, our comments were not out of place. Fifteen hundred votes would have secured her election; as it was she only added 42 to her previous total, making in all 98, and this, for a last application case, is convincing proof, in our mind, that the child should never have been entered on the list. Without knowing more than is told to each subscriber of the Institution, we feel that justice has been done in excluding her from the School.

As we have said above, there are thirty-four candidates to compete for the sixteen vacancies to be filled on the 10th, two making a third application, four a second, and twenty-eight appearing for the first time. Ten of the candidates are accredited to London, four to Hants and Isle of Wight, three each to Kent and West Yorkshire, two each to Essex, Lincolnshire, Suffolk, and Sussex, and one each to Berks and Bucks, Devonshire, Monmouthshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, and North and East Yorkshire.

"Last application" appears to two names on the list, Nos. 5 and 24. No. 5, Maud Emily Fitt, is one of those who took part in the April election. She then polled 1403 votes, and stood at the head of the unsuccessful candidates. She is one of six children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was a member of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norfolk, and was a subscriber until his death, in 1884. He was initiated in 1877. No. 24, Emily Hannah G. Campbell, is a first application case. She is one of three children left to the care of a widowed mother. Her father was initiated in 1865, and was for some time Secretary of Isca Lodge, No. 683, Monmouthshire. Both of these

A particularly deserving case appears on the present list, one which we hope will secure universal sympathy and support, even if it does not call for some special action on the part of the subscribers. It is No. 26, Isabelle May Pinder, one of whose sisters was elected to the Institution, but she died before her admission. We do not know whether there is any way by which this child can be admitted in place of her sister—without further polling of votes—or whether the votes polled on behalf of her sister can be placed to her credit; but we think the case is one for special consideration, especially as it comes from the ever ready Province of West Yorkshire. The child is one of four dependent children, whose father, late S.W. of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, died in 1882, and she now makes her first application.

London Lodges, which statistics prove do so much for so little in return, supply ten of the remaining candidates. Two of these are the girls who now make third applications, and these would appear to afford further proof of the backwardness of Londoners as compared with the Provincials, for they are the only candidates left over from those who appealed at the October election of last year. No. 1, Minnie Madeline Mansell, has 982 votes to her credit. She is one of a family of six children whose parents are both dead, two of the children being partially provided for. Her father was a member of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, the members of which ought, we think, to have been able to carry the case before this. We hope, however, they will not allow the child to be sent away again this October. No. 2, Louisa Adelaide Smithers, has better prospects of success, and her position would appear to justify the advantage. She has 1326 votes already polled, and is one of seven parentless children. Her father was a member of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, remaining a member until the time of his death, in 1883, and yet it has not been possible to secure his daughter's election. We venture to think that if either of these cases had emanated from a Provincial Lodge their election would have been certain, on the second application even if not on the first. They certainly afford the strongest proof that some organisation of voting power is necessary in London, similar to that adopted in the Provinces. When two of the strongest Lodges of the Metropolis allow parentless children (members of families of seven and six respectively) to go unelected for twelve months, there must be something radically wrong, and the sooner a remedy is attempted the better for the unfortunate members of London Masonry. No. 4, Lilian Frances Wells, is another London case. She polled 574 votes last April, and is one of seven children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was a member of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, and was a subscriber to both the Boys' and Girls' Schools. We hope that each of these three "brought forward" cases will be satisfactorily disposed of at the coming contest, and the stain on London thereby, in a measure, removed. No. 20, Gertrude Emma Wardroper; No. 21, Edith May Walmsley; and No. 23, Ida Campbell Tucker, are each members of families in which five children are dependent—in the cases of Wardroper and Tucker on the mother, and in that of Walmsley on the stepmother. The father of Gertrude

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father was a Past Master of the West Middlesex Lodge, 1612. We thus see three London cases, in which there are five children dependent in each, whose fathers all did good service to the cause of Masonry. What will Masonry be able to do for those left behind in need of assistance? No. 19, Mary Ann Dickinson, is one of three children dependent on their stepmother. Her father was a member of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, and remained a member until his death. As far as our memory serves, he was much respected, both by the members of his Lodge, and by a large number of brethren in the north of London. Looking at the chance of a candidate whose case is well supported, we think young Dickinson should be successful next month. We know of many, with less ground to work on than the "Royal Standard" should have, where a case has been carried on the first application, but it means hard work for some of the friends of the child. No. 32, Emily Mary Fulford, is a very similar case. Here also there are three children dependent on a widowed mother. The father was a member of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, until his death, in August last, and had so far advanced there as to be entrusted with the office of Junior Warden. We cannot believe the brethren of No. 205 will do aught but their best for his child in her time of need. Nos. 17 and 18 are cases to which especial attention should be drawn, as in both the two parents are living. Doubless, as we have often said before, there are special reasons why the applications are approved, but until those special reasons are made known on the ballot papers we shall always consider the particulars supplied to voters are incomplete; No. 18, Margaret Ellen Grammer, is one of six dependent children, and No. 17, Grace Ellen M. Barnard, one of four. The father of the former was a member of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613; and the latter, of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749. Both are described as supporters of the Charities, and, as we have said, both are alive.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight sends up four new candidates, and no doubt will soon prove the benefit of the excellent system of organisation existing in the Province on behalf of one or all of these children. No. 12, Kathleen Mary Holman, is one of ten dependent children, both of whose parents are living. The father was initiated in 1858, rose to Provincial Office in the Province of Surrey, and was P.M. of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257. Why not say the reason of his child's eligibility for the Masonic School? No. 11, Edith Coxwell, is one of six fatherless children accredited to this Province through the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, of which the father was a joining member. No. 14, Isabel Davies Knight, is also one of a family of six left to the care of a widowed mother. Her father was a member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, and rose to the office of Senior Deacon therein. No. 30, Eva Marian Lillywhite, is one of three children now relying on their mother. Her father was a Past Master of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257, and a Past Grand Officer of the Province. She has a brother in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and on that account her eligibility, to the exclusion of other families from the benefits of the Schools, is a matter of question in the minds of many.

Kent sends up Nos. 27, 28, and 31. No. 27, Edith Jane Menpes, is one of eight dependent children, whose father died in April last; he was a Past Master of the Malling Abbey Lodge, No. 1063. No. 28, Bessie Caroline Holleyman, is one of four children of an old Past Master of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, now left to the care of their mother, and No. 31, Lilian Woods, is one of three similarly circumstanced. Her father was a member of the Adams Lodge, No. 158. We are convinced the brethren of Kent will do their best to carry these three cases, and unless they are heavily handicapped in other quarters we should not be surprised to find all three on the list of successful.

West Yorkshire has two cases besides that of Isabelle May Pinder, to which we have already referred. These are Nos. 13 and 25. No. 13, Kate Broughton, has both parents living, the father being a Past Master of Goderich Lodge, No. 1211. She and two other children are now dependent. No. 25, Mabel Allatt, is one of three children left to the care of the mother, their father having died in April 1881. He was a Past Master of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, and also of No. 1042. We do not think our West Yorkshire brethren ought to have much difficulty in carrying these three cases. We are aware it will entail heavy work on them, but they have been accustomed to work hard in the past, and are not likely to let their candidates suffer from any neglect in this respect in the future.

Essex has a most deserving case in No. 33, Flora Richardson, who is one of four children left parentless. Her father was a Past Master of the United Lodge, No. 697, and had gained Provincial honours in his district. We sincerely hope the Craft will be able to take charge of this one of his children at an early date. No. 22, Bessie Gardner, is one of five dependent children, whose father is the surviving parent. He was a member of the Good Fellowship Lodge, No. 276, but further than that we know nothing of his Masonic or private career.

Lincolnshire is answerable for one of the brought forward cases. No. 3, Mary Alice G. Smith, who was a candidate in April last, and then had 197 votes polled on h behalf. She and two other children are parentless, and on that account are deserving of especial consideration at the hands of the Masonic Brotherhood. Her father was Senior Warden of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, and was a subscribing member thereof until the time of his death, in January 1881. No. 9, Flora Burkill, is one of four children whose parents are both living. Her father was a member of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 1447.

Suffolk puts forward No. 15, Ida Ellen Strathern, who is one of nine children dependent on a widowed mother. The father was a joining member of Prudence Lodge, No. 388, and attained to the office of P.M. therein; he was likewise a Past Grand Warden of the Province. He has a record of 37¼ years' Masonic life, and judging fro n the particulars furnished, the case is among the most deserving on the list. No. 8, Mathilde Pratt, is one of five fatherless children, whose father was initiated in St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, in 1867. Here also there is a long record of Masonic membership, which we should like to see recognised by the affording of early relief to his daughter.

Sussex, too, has one very distressing case, No. 29, Evelyn Martheze Conti, whose father, the Organist of Yarborough Lodge, No. 811, is insane. This child and four others are dependent. Under the particularly painful circumstances the case should, and we trust will, receive the warmest support of our Sussex brethren. The other Sussex case is No. 16, Ethel Kirkman, who is an only child, dependent on a widowed mother. The father was a member of the Union Lodge, No. 38.

We now consider the Provinces which have but single cases on the list. These are Berks and Bucks, Devonshire, Northumberland and North and East Yorkshire. No. 7, Kate Jane Adams, is the Berks and Bucks candidate, her father having been a Past Master of the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, and a Past Provincial Grand Deacon. She is one of eight children dependent on their mother. No. 34. Ettie Louise Chapman, is an only dependent child of a late member of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, Devonshire. Both parents of this candidate are deceased. No. 10, Eleanor Phillips, from Northumberland, is one of five fatherless children, accredited from the St. George's Lodge, No. 431, in which her father was initiated in 1876. No. 6, Mary Frances Read, is the North and East Yorkshire candidate, and is an only dependent child. Both her parents are dead; her father, who was a member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, having died in October 1883. These four cases to which we have last referred stand perhaps as good a chance of being successful as any on the list.

MASONRY.

MASONRY is undoubtedly the oldest institution among men. We can trace it to the building of King Solomon's temple, where, if it did not originate, it was more particularly organised. This evidence is in the Bible; yet there are able Masonic historians who assert that Masonry is as old as the world. This may be an extravagant idea, yet the principles of Masonry must necessarily be as old as the creation, and be connected with the matter and need of created things. It must be admitted, then, that when the earth was first formed, it was imbued with all the natural sciences which it contains. That sect or class of men, therefore, who first discovered the proper application of moral nature to the life and comforts of men would be the oldest moral and religious order founded on the divine laws and works of the Creator.

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After the completion of Solomon's temple, the workmen travelled into the surrounding countries to get work, and, consequently, the principles of Masonry spread with them, notwithstanding the strong opposition which they received. They were eminent and skilful Masons, and therefore were honoured by Kings and Princes, who in great numbers joined the Order, which gave them strength and more consequence among men. Masonry has survived all opposition, and is now universal over the world.

There is not in the wide world a religious people who equal the Masonic Order in the praise and veneration of the Creator of the Universe. His throne is called the Celestial Lodge above. The rituals and books of Masonry are flooded with sublime expressions of His Great Name. It would not be absurd if a man who believes in God should call Him the Grand Master of the Universe, for such a being He certainly is.

But it may be asked here, What is the great foundation of Masonry? It is the Bible—the Holy Bible! It is before this Book, covered with the emblems of virtue and righteousness, that the candidates kneels and promises to deal and live honestly and justly with all men, especially those who are of the household of faith.

But Masons have drawn from the archives of Nature much other light and instruction to guide the footsteps of men. The system of the world's construction is before all men. Here are emblems and symbols of moral rectitude, of justice and equality among men, teaching human life with their moral principles.

But, though Masonry struggled through the dark ages with more light, the ignorance and superstition of men became an obstacle in its path, and nothing but divine favour seemed to encourage the first born society among men. Even Christian people opposed it on the ground that it had signs and secrets. They said, "Why have secrets? If it is a good thing, let us all have it." The answer to all this is, they are not useful except to the members of Lodges. They concern nobody else. They could not be understood or used by other people. They are private signs and words by which Masons express their wants and feelings to each other, who are bound to aid and help their brethren when in trouble or affliction. The utility of such language is a commendable contrivance to do good. But it is proper to state here, that all Masonic signs are nothing but three geometrical figures, as innocent now as when God first created them, being used without the help of a cosign or a tangent.

As to secrets in general, it may be said that it has taken the world many centuries to find out that nations and individuals cannot live safely without secrets. It is necessary for their decency and protection. Even Christian denominations must have their secrets. Moses hid the Ark of the Covenant in his Tabernacle. It was hidden in many places in the holy land with great expense and difficulty, to keep it from the gaze of the people; and Solomon at last hid it in the temple, where no eye could see it. Most religious people hold secret meetings, class meetings or conferences. So, too, in cases of sedition and rebellion in governments, it is often necessary to maintain secrets and exclude the public from their deliberations, otherwise they might harbour enemies and spies in their midst. But the thief and burglar are hunting for your money; if they can find it they will take it. It must be hidden. If we were all honest and just, the devices of secrecy might be much neglected. Then men might live harmless, without fear or danger.

A like objection was also made to the exclusiveness of Masonic Lodges, for shutting their doors against intruders and the common people. But no mild, peaceful proceedings could be carried on in a promiscuous crowd, bound to no rules of order, and under no obligation to keep the peace. Their deliberations would become the wild sport of a jeering multitude of men, women and children. The light of Freemasonry cannot shine upon the paths of the uninitiated. The Institution might be routed by any mob that chose to do so.

But we must not forget the characters of Ancient and Modern Freemasonry, which have ever worked together as one order of people. The organisation of each is the same. Ancient Freemasonry was at first wholly operative, and consisted of the leading geninses of architecture, whose fame increased to the highest possible beauty and perfection of their work was attained. A lull was a consequence of their overaction and work. Their tools, which had wrought them so much honour and fame, were idolised by their respective occupants as possessing virtue and moral excellence. They were, if I may so speak, soon canonised and spiritualised by their owners. They seemed imbued with an intelligence of their own.

It was soon seen that mankind, too, were only rough ashlars, and needed the polishing use of the gavel and square. The compasses were to circumscribe the bounds in which a man's life might act. The square was an instrument made use of to square their work; but, on account of its wonderful accuracy, it became an emblem of justice and equity. A look upon it might startle the guilt of a sinner! It suggested the righteousness of its own work. A perpendicular and a plumb line were symbols of rectitude. They were straight, as a man should be, not crooked. They were self-balanced by their own steady gravitation. And the Lord said to Amos, "Behold I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel." The level taught them that mankind walk on a level together, and that, however haughty or insolent a man may be, death stands behind to teach him that the beggar and the king fall into a like condition at last, and that there is no pre-eminence in the grave. The trowel is an instrument made use of by Operative Masons to strengthen and beautify the walls of their dwellings, and is emblematical of that holy cement which unites the members of Masonry in one common brotherhood of people.

It is thus that Masonry has made its tools teach morality to men. But the emblems and symbols of moral suasion in Nature are not yet half perceived or explained to mankind. The study and philosophy of these are called Speculative Masonry. For instance, a true circle, which is a geometrical figure would be a beautiful emblem of a life well spent. The boundary line of the circle points out the space in which a man's life may lawfully act. So two straight parallel lines near together would be a symbol of affinity and friendship between two individuals, because they are in perfect harmony with each other. And, above all, the North Star is a beautiful emblem of constancy, for ever shining in the same latitude and longitude. It gives the four cardinal points of the compass to man, and has saved the lives of millions of people.

But the moral tone and character of this great Institution is to be considered. We venture to say that the moral standard of this Order is not excelled by any other class of people. Their motto is "Friendship, brotherly love, relief and truth." Their Masonic halls are dedicated to virtue. The seven liberal arts and sciences and the four cardinal virtues—Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, are added to their code of morals, which are to be blessed with Unity, Peace and Plenty. Benevolence and Charity are their two great cardinal objects. In this mode of morality Masons have lived and prospered for many ages; and it may be asked, What worthy member of their Order ever entered one of their Lodges needy and went out without help and relief?

But, what is most marvellous in this Institution is, that men of different religious and political principles should meet together in perfect concord and harmony through life without a schism or a contention! Methodists, Baptists, Unitarians, Presbyterians, in fact, all orders of churchmen, blend together in one harmonious brotherhood, where no confusion or discord exists! It is conceded that in these modern times other secret societies have sprung up, who are bountiful with charity, and are lending a helping hand to the miserable and poor. God bless them. But they have not been tried and tested 2473 years! Masonry makes no claim to be a religious order. They forbid all religious discussions and controversies in a Lodge. They sing, pray and lecture, and invoke the Divine Guide in all their works. If they are not religious people, it will be difficult to find where they are.

But a new era is dawning upon the sons of men. Ever since the divine light of the great Shekinah shed its beams upon the walls of the Temple, a better system of life and hope has appeared to men. It is no matter what class of men have blessed the world with their kindness and benevolence, if it has been done. The thanks of men are ready. It is a true saying that virtue rewards itself. This first class in the world may be the salvation of it at last; and here the seeds of the millennium day may spring up and cover the earth with a paradise of glory which is yet to come. Then, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will to men." So mote it be.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I referred to the Mystic Shrine, in my last communication, I was ignorant of its history. But I have since then got hold of a book published in New York in 1885, by Bro. Robert Macoy, viz., "Masonic Directory and Cyclopædia of History," in which I find the following account; it is thus headed :—

"ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

"The Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine [says my authority] was instituted by the Mahommedan Kalif Aler, the cousin germane and son-in-law of the Prophet Mahommed, in the year of the Hegira 25 (A.D. 656), at Mekkah, in Arabia, as an Inquisition or Vigilance Committee, to dispense justice and execute punishment upon criminals who escape their just deserts through the tardiness of the courts, and also to promote religious toleration among cultured men of all nations.

"The Order is yet one of the most highly-favoured among the many secret societies which abound in Oriental countries, and gathers around its shrines a select few of the best educated and cultured classes.

"Its membership in all countries includes Christians, Israelites, Moslems, and men in high positions of learning and of power. One of the most noted patrons of the Order is the present Khedive of Egypt, whose inclination towards Christians is well known.

"Frequent revolutions, however, in Arabia, Persia, and Turkey have obscured the Order from time to time, as appears from the many breaks in the continuity of the records at Mekkah, but it has as often been revived. Some of the most notable revivals are those at Mekkah and Aleppo in A.D. 1698 (A.H. 1110) and at Cairo in A.D. 1837, (A.H. 1253) the latter under the protection of the Khedive of Egypt, who recognised the Order as a powerful means of civilisation.

"The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are sometimes mistaken for certain orders of Dervishes, such as those known as the Hanafeeyeh, Rifaeeyh, Sadireeyh and others, either howling, whirling, dancing, or barking, but this is an error. The only connection the Order ever had with any sect of Dervishes was with that called Bektash (white hats). This warlike sect undertook to favour and protect the 'Nobles' in a time of great peril, and have ever since been counted among its most honoured patrons.

"The famous Arab known as the Bektash, from a peculiar high white hat or cap which he made from a sleeve of his gown, the founder of the sect named in his honour, was an Iman in the army of Sultan Amurath I., the first Mohammedan who led an army into Europe, A.D. 1330. This Sultan was the founder of the military order of the Janizaries (so called because they were freed Christian captives, who were adopted into the faith of the army), although his father, Orkhan, began the work. Bektash adopted a white robe and cap, and instituted the ceremony of kissing the sleeve.

"The Bektash Dervishes are numbered by many hundred thousands, and they have several branches or offshoots, which are named after the founder of each. Among the most noted of them are the Darkaweeyeh, the Khowaneeyeh, the Abdel-Kader of Bagdadeeyeh, and the Essaweeyeh, who have their headquarters at Cairo in Egypt, Damascus and Jerusalem in Palestine, Smyrna and Brousa in Asia Minor, Constantinople and Adrianople in Turkey, in Europe, Teheran and Shiraz in Persia, Benares and many other cities in India, Tangiers in Morocco, Oran in Algiers, and Mekkah in Arabia, where all branches and sects of Dervishes are represented at the annual meeting, which is held during the month of pilgrimage.

"The Bektasheeyed's representative at Mekkah is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, is the chief officer of the Alee Temple of Nobles, and was in 1877 the chief of the Order in Arabia. The chief must reside either at Mekkah or at Medinah, and in either case must be present in person or by deputy in Mekkah during the month of pilgrimage.

"The Egyptian Order of Nobles has been independent of the Arabian, except the yearly presence of the Deputy in Mekkah, since the expedition of Ibraheem Pasha, the son of Mohammed Alee, the Great Pasha of Egypt, in 1818, when the Wahhabees were conquered.

"Among the modern promoters of the Order in Europe was Herr Adam Weishaupt, a Rosicrucian (Rosy Cross Mystic) and Professor of Law in the University of Ingoldstadt, Bavaria. This distinguished scholar opened a Temple, 1st May 1776, the members of which were styled Illuminati, and exercised profound influence before and after the French Revolution. From this parent stem the Temples were spread throughout Europe, recording such names as Frederick the Great, Mirabeau, Duke of Orleans, Goethe, Spinoza, Kant, Lord Bacon, and many more literary, scientific, and professional men on their rolls.

"In no single instance has the Government in any country ventured openly to oppose the silent, secret workings of the 'Nobles,' although the secret agents of the Government are always present, and exercise a careful surveillance in every Mystic Temple.

"The leading spirits of the Order are found in every circle of the higher classes, even including the functionaries of Government, and exert an influence in proportion to their position, dangerous to the vicious, beneficial to the virtuous.

"The Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in America does not advocate Mohammedanism as a sect, but inculcates the same respect to Deity here as in Arabia and elsewhere, and hence the secret of its profound grasp on the intellect and heart of all cultured people.

"Ill. William S. Paterson 33 deg. of New York, a Masonic student of no ordinary merit, at much expense of money as well as time, had the plates which embellish this brief history prepared, and in connection with Ill. Noble A. L. Rawson, the translator, prepared and edited the history of the Order, from which we have been permitted to write these notes.

"The ritual in use is a translation from the original Arabic found preserved in the archives of the Order at Aleppo, Syria, from whence it was brought to Algiers, thence to Cairo, and to London by Rizk Allah Hassoon Effendee, a celebrated author and historian. The ritual was also translated into the Italian language by the great Orientalist, Luigi Marracci, and a temple constituted which found active co-labourers in the persons of Count Cavour, Mazzini, Garibaldi, and King Victor Emanuel.

"In making the present version, the translator has had the benefit of the works of Alnasafi, of Marracci, and of Hassoon. The rendering is literal where the idiom permitted, except where a local reference required the substitution of American for Oriental names of cities.

"The work has been perfected under the supervision of Brother Dr. Walter M. Fleming 33 deg., Sovereign Grand Inspector General A. A. S. Rite, and Past Eminent Commander of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, New York, who received his instructions and authority from Rizk Allah Hassoon Effendee, who had competent jurisdiction for America.

"These instructions were received by Dr. Walter M. Fleming 33 deg. at the hands of Ill. Noble William J. Florence 32 deg. of the City of New York, direct from Cairo, Egypt, in 1870, and in November 1871, assisted by William J. Florence 32 deg., A. J. Rawson 32 deg. (the translator), Edward Eddy 33 deg. (deceased), Sherwood C. Campbell 32 deg., Oswald Merla D'Aubigne 32 deg. (deceased), James S. Chappell 32 deg. (deceased), John A. Moore 32 deg. (deceased), George W. Miller 32 deg., William S. Paterson 32 deg., Daniel Sickels 33 deg., Charles T. McClenachan 33 deg., John W. Simons 33 deg., Albert P. Moriarty 33 deg, and Aaron L. Northrop 33 deg., names distinguished in every branch of the Masonic guild, instituted in the City of New York 'Mecca' Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, with Ill. Walter M. Fleming 33 deg. at its head.

"June 6th 1876. The Imperial Grand Council of the United States was organised, whose officers, as in Arabia, are elected for a term of three years. The regulations of the Imperial Council for the United States, as in Europe (except England), Asia and Africa, have established as pre-requisites for membership that each candidate must be either a 32nd degree A. A. S. or a Knight Templar in good standing. In England the 18th degree is sufficient.

"The generous proposition to make the Order of Nobles an organisation for the exercise of charity, the improvement of the *mind, and* an ally of the Fraternity of Freemasonry in the United States was primarily adopted by the Imperial Grand Council."

The above history is decorated with three funny oriental pictures. One has, among other mysterious figures, two men with asses' heads on their shoulders, facing each other, both standing under a pair of scales. The first picture, however, I very much suspect was not designed by the Ill. Wm. S. Paterson 33rd degree, &c., for the Ill. Dr. Darius Wilson has the same picture in his "History of the Royal Masonic Rite;" and as it has an Egyptian look, Dr. Wilson seems most entitled to the proprietorship of that picture. Under the third picture are the names of the Imperial Nobles of the Council, every Officer has the prefix of "Imperial," but Walter M. Fleming 33rd degree, &c. is an "M.I. Imperial." Next, there is a list of twenty-one Temples, extending from New York to California, and from Vermont to New Orleans: we have one in Boston also. Philadelphia and Baltimore are also blessed with the civilising influence of Mystic Shrinism, and altogether they claim to have a membership of 2560. But I must here add a very important fact, viz., in the "Tripoli Temple" at Milwaukee in Wisconsin, the Thrice Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander of the A. and A. Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, viz., the great Henry L. Palmer, the head of the orthodox 33rds, serves in the said Tripoli Temple of Mystic Shriners as a "G.P. and Deputy." The said history finally winds up with the "Arabic Almanac A.H. 1301-1303," corresponding with the "years of Grace" 1884, 1885 down to the 7th of January 1886.

Now, my Dear Sir and Brother, between you and I and the post (as the saying is), I confess that I have some doubts about the above history. For instance, I cannot understand how Herr Adam Weishaupt in 1776 could have induced Spinoza and Lord Bacon to become Mystic Shriners? And other arguments might be brought against the truth of the above narrative. But, on the other hand, a great deal might be said in its defence, and if the said Order should continue until—say 1940—unquestioned and unrebutted, the evidence in its favour would then be overwhelming. Let us imagine that in 1940, when Shrineries will probably be counted by hundreds or thousands, and a "Thomas" should then be bold enough to attack the authenticity of the above Shriner's history, the orthodox Shriner would then argue after the following manner :—

ORTHODOX.—"You, Sceptics, question the antiquity of Masonry, the antiquity of the first three degrees, the antiquity of Masonic Grand Masters, the Masonry of Sir Christopher Wren, &c. Now I know that you are wrong, but I must admit that your arguments are at least plausible, for when Anderson wrote his immortal history, doubters did not exist, and whatever he wrote was at once believed. If, therefore, no one questioned Anderson's history during his lifetime this may be owing to its appearance in an 'age of faith.'"

SCEPTIC.—"What do you say to the Masonry of De Molay, and to the Frederick the Great Charter?"

ORTHODOX.—"Well, De Molay's Masonry is not as absurd as you make it out to be; for you cannot deny the existence in olden times of Knights Templar, nor can you deny that Freemasons existed at

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the same time, and 'Masonic Tradition' informs us that the Knights joined the Masonic Order in Palestine, and our traditions should not be doubted. With regard to Frederick's Charter, I have not the slightest doubt of its genuineness, and if intercommunication between this country and Berlin had then (between 1786 and 1802) been as easy as it is now, and the then doubters of the authenticity of the said Charter had at once applied to Berlin for information, the authenticity of Frederick's Charter would undoubtedly have been at once confirmed. But the history of the Order of the Mystic Shrine was published in 1885, when Masonic sceptics were numerous, and when intercommunication between America and all parts of the world was easy, had any one doubted in 1885 the truth of our Mystic Shrine history, he would have at once written to Rizk Allah Hassoon Effendee, to the Khedive of Egypt, to the son of Garibaldi, to the King of Italy, and others whose relatives or ancestors are named in the history as honoured members of our Order; and the very fact that no inquiries were made about the statements of our history when it was first published, is itself conclusive evidence that no one in 1885 was bold enough to question its authenticity.

"You are always clamouring for authentic 'contemporary histories.' You disbelieve Anderson because the pre-1717 period of his history of Freemasonry is not supported by contemporary histories. Here, however, we have a contemporary history of the highest kind. When our history was published, in 1885, the Ill. Wm. J. Florence 32 deg., who received his Shrinering authority in 1870 direct from Cairo, was still in the land of the living. Walter M. Fleming 33 deg. &c., (who received his authority direct from W. J. Florence) must have been satisfied that it was all O.K. Besides which, the history was published by Bro. Robert Macoy 33 deg. P.D.G.M. of New York, who was doubtless intimately acquainted with all the then Ill. Mystic Shriners; and do you suppose that Bro. Macoy would have published our history if he had not believed every word in it?

"Again, when our history was published, there was about a score of high-toned Masonic papers and Magazines published in America, and one of our most luminous Mystic Shrine scholars assured me that not a solitary Masonic publication of the period had a word to say against the truthfulness of our history.

"The most luminous paper of that period was the *Keystone*, and Bro. MacCalla K.T., &c. was its editor. That high Mason was a firm believer in the Grand Mastership of Solomon, and of Sir Christopher Wren, also in the Masonry of De Molay. In short, he was a firm believer in all kinds of traditions; he never suffered anything to appear in his paper that was opposed to traditions, or which conflicted with his Masonic orthodoxy. Why! he even gave a terrible scolding to the editor of the *Freemason's Repository* for reprinting from the London FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE one of Jacob Norton's articles, in which the antiquity of speculative Masonry was questioned. *Well!* in 1885 an advertisement for a Mystic Shriner's picnic appeared in the *Keystone*, and do you suppose that Bro. MacCalla would have inserted that advertisement in his paper if he had not sincerely believed in the truthfulness of the then recently published history of our Order? What! you say, 'it was a mere business transaction.' No! Bro. MacCalla was a K.T., and a K.T. never connived at such a transaction for filthy lucre.

"Besides, just look at the high Masonic titles of the members of our Order when the history was published, who, by assent and consent, bore testimony to the faith that was in them. There was J. W. Simons 33rd degree and P.G.M. of New York; the immortal McClenechan 33rd degree, author of the most profound commentary on the A. and A. Rite; the learned linguist and translator of the history, Professor Rawson; the Ill. W.S. Paterson, whom the historian described as 'A Masonic student of no ordinary merit;' two Christian Ministers of high Masonic standing officiated in the Imperial Council as 'Chief Imperial Rabban,' and as 'Assistant Imperial Rabban;' but above all the Thrice Ill. Henry L. Palmer Sov. Gr. Com. of the N.J. of the U.S. of A. was 'P.G. and Deputy' in Milwaukee. Truly did our historian refer to them as 'Names distinguished in every branch of the Masonic Guild.' Now, do you think that all these great Masons were imposed upon? Or that they were a confederation of impostors? Why, if we reject the authenticity of that history, then credibility in all kinds of history must in future be abandoned. Besides which, you must not forget that membership to our Order was restricted to 32nds and to Knights Templars. And can any one believe that Christian Masonic Knights Templars were ever humbugged or deceived?"

SCEPTIC.—"But why is your Order in America confined to Christians only, while 'its membership in all countries includes Christians, Israelites, and Moslems?'"

ORTHODOX.—"That question I cannot answer."

SCEPTIC.—"What is your opinion of the Masonic writings of Findel, Steinbrenner, Lyon, Hughan, and Gould?"

ORTHODOX.—"I have no opinion about them, because I have never read them, and do not care to read them."

I shall only add that although a reader endowed with common sense must at once pronounce the history of the Mystic Shriners a gross absurdity, yet in reality it is no more absurd than the thousand and one so-called "Masonic traditions" which have at different times and in different places been imposed upon the credulity of the Masonic Brotherhood by means of a thousand and one so-called "Masonic degrees," and which traditions the high luminaries of the respective rites and degrees have defended with the same kind of plausible sophistry as is exhibited in the above imaginary dialogue by "Orthodox." Now, as it is undeniable that tens of thousands of our brethren are still sincere believers in the traditions of all the degrees they have taken; it is, therefore, not unreasonable to suppose that if future Masonic luminaries should continue to reason, as they have hitherto reasoned, and as they still reason, that a time may come when the above history of the Order of the Mystic Shrine may be claimed by its defenders to be the most authentic Masonic history that was ever written.

Fraternally yours,

BOSTON, U.S., 20th Aug. 1885. JACOB NORTON.

A DEARTH OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Among the reasons assigned by you last week to account for the anticipated dearth of candidates during the coming season is "the growing idea in the minds of those least worthy of being admitted to our ranks, that the benefits derived from being a Freemason produce no sufficient return for the expenditure necessary to ensure admission to it in a respectable manner." You may well say that Freemasons would be delighted if this feeling was to affect the supply of candidates, and I venture to think there is no true brother among us who would regret his Lodge suffering for a time, if it suffered (?) from such a cause. You also say that there is a possibility of such a consideration really having weight in the future; I sincerely hope your surmise may be correct. I can, unfortunately, testify to the ill effects of having in our midst a brother (?) actuated by other than worthy motives. One of our members introduced a candidate, who was, to all appearance, one worthy of being admitted, but we soon found it would have been much better for us if we had never seen him. He has now resigned his connection with the Lodge, but it is really marvellous to think the amount of mischief and ill feeling he caused among us, who previously had been a most united family. I have since heard that now he "cannot say anything bad enough about Freemasons and Freemasonry," and looking at the matter from the point you raise, I quite see he is doing the Masonic Order a good turn. It is very certain none of his friends will think of joining if he can have an interview with them, and under the circumstances Freemasonry will not suffer much if he does succeed in creating a dearth of candidates from among his acquaintance.

I beg to remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

J. G. F.

AN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am much obliged to "TRAVELLER" for his notice of my letter on this subject, and for the example he gives of what is being done at the present time in the way of assisting brethren to obtain situations. I should be very pleased to see such a system as he describes recognised in our home Lodges, but at present I think a brother would almost be called to order if he brought such a subject as employment regularly before his Lodge. Perhaps the public notice of the system described by "TRAVELLER," which you have afforded, may be the means of classing it—should it be suggested here—among the regular business of our Lodges. In such case I think that a great amount of good might be done in a quarter where it is much needed, and it would not be derogatory to the reputation of Freemasonry.

Yours fraternally,

A FREEMASON, PURE AND SIMPLE.

A TRIP BY BOAT FROM SOUTHAMPTON TO BOURNEMOUTH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is marvellous to note the cheapness of travelling and the great improvements made, and still going on with regard to Excursion Boats. Lately I had the gratification of spending a very pleasant day, amongst agreeable companions, on the "Baby" steamer *Her Majesty* (only four months old, but strong and well set up); her length 190 ft., 20 ft. beam, while the decorations and fittings are perfection. This boat may be said to have been initiated on the 24th of May last, when she made her first journey from Southampton to Bournemouth, under command of Bro. Capt. James Short, 359, and if she continues doing her work as smoothly as on the occasion I refer to, and retains the services of Captain Short, she soon will be able to assert herself as a "Past Master."

The steward, Bro. and Comp. Mark Smith (better known as the editor of "French made Easy," is a Mason that any brother will be pleased to make the acquaintance of. His tariff is reasonable, and the viands he dispenses are bountifully supplied, the wines, &c., of the best quality. A capital band, under the direction of Mr. Fred. Mouncher, discoursed most eloquently. On this occasion our party returned to Southampton, after travelling a distance of over 100 miles, and this for the modest sum of three shillings. In conclusion, I may state that we were allowed a stay of three hours at Bournemouth.

Yours fraternally,

A LOVER OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Æolus Waterspray and General Ventilating Company, 235 High Holborn, has received instructions to apply their complete system of Inlet and Outlet Ventilation to the new composing-rooms and stereo foundry of the *Morning Post*. This is the third London "daily" which has entrusted the ventilation of its printing premises to the Æolus Company, the other two being the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Daily News*. Amongst other recent applications of the Æolus system are St. Raphael's House of Charity, Bristol; the School Board Offices, Wolverhampton; Clifton Church, York; the Commercial Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh; the Post Office, Canterbury, for H.M. Office of Works; the Heneage Board Schools, near Grimsby; Anerley Board Schools, &c., &c.

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French Made Easy; Phonetic Method of Learning French, with conversations on all topics. By Duncan Smith. London: Haughton and Co., Paternoster-row, E.C.

In this comprehensive volume the author or compiler endeavours to illustrate by example how the student may be assisted in grasping the true accent of a language which undoubtedly should form part of the curriculum of every schoolboy and girl in the present age. We frankly confess, at the outset, that we have little sympathy with those who stickle for a "spelling reform," in consonance with phonetic rendering; but after a perusal of this work we are bound to think that it will serve as a valuable help to those who are striving in the ordinary way to acquire a knowledge of French. The author, in a brief preface, observes that several of his friends and acquaintance had often asked him how he managed to acquire so readily the correct accent and pronunciation of the languages he is conversant with; and his reply has been that he did so by writing down the sound of the word or sentence he was desirous of learning. By following this method he easily overcame the barrier and difficulty that beginners experience in studying languages. This may be so, but we do not suppose that any beginner would be fortified for the acquirement of the French language by such a work, however valuable it may be as a concordance, as that which he has just issued. If we take it in the light of a companion, or aid to the learner who is already endeavouring by the usual means of books to master the language, it is easy, even to the casual observer, to see that this volume might be put to useful and practical service. The preface goes on to remind us that "it is not every one who can afford to travel, neither reside abroad, or have a professor always at his side to give him the correct accent and pronunciation of a language." That is the experience of every learner in our own schools, and the consequent necessity of every one who would speak French fluently to spend a certain period of his educational career across the Channel. To write or translate French may be effectually accomplished by the ordinary scholastic means, but very few effectually overcome the difficulties of accent without living for some years on the Continent. In a measure to obviate this difficulty Mr. Duncan Smith has written the work before us, and in doing so he is well assured that he has "overcome the great obstacle in learning languages." If by so doing he provides, we will not say a "royal road," but an aid to acquiring a thorough knowledge of the French language "at little cost and no great loss of time," his efforts will command the respectful attention of a large circle of readers, and especially of the young who are floundering about amidst the difficulties which always confront those who are endeavouring to master the pronunciation of one of the most useful of modern languages. The volume is dedicated to Bro. Mark Smith, who is well known and esteemed in Masonic circles, by whose kind counsel the author is led to undertake the work, and whose sympathy and assistance Mr. Duncan Smith acknowledges as having been of the greatest value to him in the labour of its preparation and completion. To say the least, this compendious and interesting volume is deserving the consideration and perusal of teacher and student alike who are mutually solicitous for any aid that experience can lend in the mastery of an unquestionably useful and essential branch of modern education.

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. London: Messrs. J. and A. Churchill, 11 New Burlington-street, W., and all Booksellers.

We have already referred at some length to this bold and manly exposition of truth in relation to a delicate subject, with which very few men have been found to grapple in the interest of the public morals. But in the present day, when our streets, and even our very homes, are flooded with prurient literature, which is calculated to do infinitely more harm, especially to young minds, than the vaunted good which is pretended, it is most satisfactory to know that there are men of Dr. Hime's courage to counteract the pernicious influences of such sensational rubbish as has disgusted the public sense within the past few months. It is unnecessary to refer in the faintest way to the beastly revelations that have been so eagerly devoured by a certain section of the morbid public, and which even at the time we write form the staple of newspaper attraction; but we can safely commend the little volume before us to all classes of readers, especially young men, to whom the thoughtful observations of the author are especially addressed. Very naturally, Dr. Hime felt in attempting this crusade against the most prevailing immorality, he was treading on delicate ground, and opening up a subject which one would rather not discuss, although it is impossible of being ignored. The stock objections to all essays of this kind are thus summed up—(1) That they suggest evil thoughts to youthful readers, awaken feelings which would be far better dormant, and excite prurient curiosity; (2) that young men are frequently very innocent, as the world is pleased to denominate those who are supposed to be ignorant about carnal sin; and (3) that essays of this kind may be read by others than those for whose special benefit they are intended; and that, therefore, they should not be sent forth into the world, but kept (if written at all) for merely private circulation. All these objections are answered in a manly, open and honest fashion, and we can only re-echo the author's desire, that by a perusal of this book many will be prevented from ever learning, by their own personal experience, the sorrows which are always sure to follow, as punishments, those who unlawfully gratify the appetites treated of; and of perhaps even inducing others who have gone astray in this respect to pause and ponder, and, as far as in them lies, redeem whatever time may still be left to them. Our worthy brother has done a service to mankind as a mentor, and a friend to warn our youth against the shoals and quicksands into which a majority of them are apt to fall, and against which schoolmasters and fathers are too often too reticent to point out.

Round London: A Holiday Handbook to the Metropolis. F. E. Longley, 39 Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

In selecting his title, "Round London," Bro. F. E. Longley has hit upon a happy vein, which we have frequently heard mentioned as a *desideratum* in the City, and indeed in the whole of the metropolis. True, there are guides *and* guides to London which contain all the elements of erudition and research, and which contain a volume of interesting information; but, the truth to tell, they comprise too much for the ordinary holiday seeker, whose time is precious, and who wants to see as much as he possibly can in the least time and at the cheapest and most ready means that can be placed at his disposal. This is precisely the sort of handbook which Bro. Longley has produced. He gives, *multum in parvo*, all the information which can be desired by a tourist on a "flying visit" to London, respecting the palaces, the public buildings, churches, hospitals, parks, gardens, &c., in and around the metropolis and its suburbs, together with a vast amount of useful detail as to the best means of access to all the "sights o' town." The work is accompanied by a specially-engraved double-page route map, and a very useful index of thoroughfares, collated from the most reliable sources and revised from personal observation by the author. Almost everybody is familiar with Longley's admirable guides to various parts of the United Kingdom, and are aware that instead of wading through unwieldly matter in which legends and statistics are inextricably mixed up, he places at the fingers' ends of his readers the very information they require, at a glance, and in such form as proves most convenient and handy at the precise moment such hints are most valuable and sought after. For instance, if one wished to get speedily to the Crystal or Alexandra Palaces, or to Kew Gardens, one would not care to stumble through the pages of a Bradshaw or a Murray for the information desired; but here in Bro. Longley's little brochure even the veriest tyro in touring would be able to find his "way about," and to select the places most worth seeing, and at the most nominal cost. It is proverbial what a prodigious amount of work in this way is done by our provincial friends when they visit the metropolis, and to none will Bro. Longley's handy little guide be more welcome than to them. We cordially recommend the "Guide" to all who are desirous of "covering the ground" in and around London in the most speedy manner possible, and what is of moment to many of us in these depressed times, with as little expenditure of money as is compatible with the enjoyment of a holiday. The price of this useful little companion is only a penny, and it is a marvel of comprehensiveness, which should be in the hands of every visitor to—aye, and resident—in the metropolis.

The Little One's Own Coloured Picture Paper. London: Dean and Son, 160A Fleet Street, E.C.

This month's issue of this admirable work confirms us in the favourable opinion we have already given as to its merits. At one penny weekly it is a marvel of cheapness, and the youngsters look eagerly for each week's issue. These each contain four pages of chromo-lithographed pictures, with explanatory reading, nursery rhymes, and well written stories; while the aggregate of contents for the month amounts to about seventy coloured illustrations and sixty stories and verses. The pictures are ably designed, and there is an originality about them which is sure to delight children. The publishers are to be commended for the enterprise they have displayed, and a large sale will certainly be secured.

British Ballads. London: Cassell and Co., La Belle Sauvage Yard, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

We presume there are few among our readers who are unfamiliar with the name of this great and enterprising firm of publishers, who have done more than any others to disseminate works of a standard educational character amongst all classes of society. The reputation of the establishment, which still bears the name of its founder, is, indeed and in fact, a "household word" in every family circle, for it would be difficult to visit any well-regulated home without finding on the table or on the bookshelf some or other of the truly valuable works which have been issued in serial form by Messrs Cassell and Co. We have only to refer to the *Popular Educator*, one of the grandest and most comprehensive works ever published, and the value of which has been testified to by its re-issue, in we can hardly remember how many editions; the *Family Magazine*, which is unsurpassed by very few if any of its rivals in the regions of fiction; the volumes on history, science, farming, poultry, technical education, travel, adventure, and a thousand and one other subjects of interest and edification—to point out that, any one who has persevered through the series of these standard works needs no other encyclopædia to all that is worth knowing from a social, moral, or intellectual point of view. How many a linguist, shorthand writer, or mechanic owes his success in life to the lasting lessons given in the various branches of technical education which have run through the pages of Cassell's publications. And not only are these plain, matter-of-fact subjects dealt with by master hands, in a way such as must lead the student by easy and pleasant stages through the various strata of educational progress, but occasionally we are presented with gems of literature which go far to relieve the monotony of hard dry study, and to render light and pleasant the hours of relaxation. Such a tendency has the latest

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effort, which has been presented to us in *British Ballads*, in which the cream of English poesy is collated and spread before us in the most refreshing and charming style. In the two latest numbers of this work, which are now before us, we have nearly a score of the most beautiful of English ballads, many of which will be familiar to the student, but will also prove a source of inestimable pleasure to the uninitiated. Obviously it is difficult for the ordinary reader to secure the combined effusions of such writers as Tom Hood, Macaulay, Sir Walter Scott, Oliver Goldsmith, David Mallet, and their contemporaries, which would involve the purchase of divers and numerous expensive volumes; but in this serial, which has this month reached its seventh part, we have the very pick and cream of the works of those eminent and favourite poets presented in a form that must commend itself to all who read and admire the subjects treated of. For instance, in these numbers we have the "Dream of Eugene Aram," the "The Battle of Bramliemoor" (Robert Buchanan); the "Duke of Athol;" "Fair Rosamond;" the "Eve of St. John;" and numerous poems of historical interest, ever replete with pleasure to those who have read them once, or committed portions of them to memory; and whilst the letterpress is in the best style of the typographic art, for which the firm of Cassell and Co. is so proverbial, it is embellished profusely with superb illustrations by the most eminent and popular engravers of the day. When bound in complete form *British Ballads* will prove a fitting companion to the long list of similar productions which have emanated from La Belle Sauvage Yard, and which are so highly and deservedly regarded as books of reference, not only in this country but wherever the English language is spoken. The volumes are not only to be valued at their intrinsic worth—and they are undeniably not to be approached by any other literary productions of an educational character—but as an antidote to the pernicious rubbish which is poured forth in such volumes for the cheap Press of the present day. Messrs. Cassell and Co. have accomplished success, for which they have received, and we venture to believe will continue to receive, the thankful recognition of all right-thinking sections of the English-speaking public.

THE THEATRES.

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The Standard.—A new and original drama, "The Broad Arrow," by G. Holcroft, was produced at the "Standard" last Monday, to a theatre crowded in every part, from the stalls, brilliant with West-end managers and critics, to the gallery, bubbling over with the enthusiasm of youthful first-nighters. As to the originality of Mr. Holcroft's work, we will say that, like Terence, Shakespeare, Molière, and other eminent authors, he has a masterly faculty for annexation. We have Mr. Medwin, a weak-minded landed proprietor, with the inevitable two sons—Saul the wicked, Oswald the virtuous. Oswald has been volatile, and, renounced by his father, has gone to seek his fortune in the diamond mines, whence he returns with a bag full of diamonds. To learn if his father's heart has softened, he conceals the fact of his riches, and is contemptuously bade "begone." He goes, without seeing his father's ward, his beloved Beatrice, though consoled by the affectionate sympathy of a Punch and Judy artist family, his father's connections by marriage. Oswald having been driven away, Saul informs Mr. Medwin he may follow him, and we learn that our landed proprietor, during his late illness has executed a deed of gift, in favour of the wrongful heir, directing him to burn a will leaving the two brothers co-heirs. Saul produces the document from his pocket, and, flourishing it in his father's face, that weak-minded old gentleman, without even a change of linen, at once takes his departure. Beatrice indignantly refuses Saul's abrupt offer of marriage, and the two go to London under the protection of Bob Bartram. In the next scene Oswald takes his diamonds to the merchant's office where his brother is manager. Saul gives him twenty thousand pounds, in as many bank notes, and when he shortly after returns, charges him with stealing them, and gives him into custody. Of course, Harold Armitage Oswald is condemned, and we next find him labouring at Dartmoor, with a number of other convicts. This is a grandly realistic scene. The wild, wide moorland, the grim and desolate prison building, and the sunless sky, all make a singularly fine picture; wonderful is the effect of the falling mist—secured by grey gauze curtains—which gradually veil in weird obscurity the figures of the convict labourers and their black-coated overseers. Their lanterns are lighted, and flit dimly through the fog. Order to depart is given, but No. 23, Oswald, is too weak to drag his load; the overseer brutally compels him to attempt it; he resists, and is assisted by No. 24, Jim, elder son of Bob Bartram. The overseer is knocked down, Oswald is persuaded by Jim to put on his uniform coat and hat, and endeavour to escape. The warder, on coming to, charges Jim with an attempt to murder, and Jim in the struggle that ensues, kills him. A search party arrives, and Jim declares it is No. 23 who killed the warder. We next find Harold-Armitage-Oswald turned into Wilfrid Denver. He has been in a railway accident, the only occupant in his compartment has been killed and mutilated beyond recognition. He has changed clothes with this unfortunate wight, and now returns to his father as Beatrice's long-lost brother. He tries now virtuously to support the family, and as his hair has grown grey he is not recognised. Then we have a scene outside the Pegasus Music Hall, for no particular reason but to please our lively friends the lovers of the "comique," by representing Jim Bartram, who is now supposed to be a successful member of the fraternity, and filling the intervals between his "six turns a night" by a little "confidence trick." Mr. Richard Douglass gives us one of his finest scenic effects; the Thames Embankment, with masses of dark clouds behind Cleopatra's Needle and the Sphinxes. Here poor Beatrice jumps into the water, for no very clear reason, except that it allows Oswald to jump after and rescue her. But what would be the use of your chivalrous young knight if there were no damsel to succour? Oswald then confesses his identity, and his tale of love is, of course, overheard by Saul, who, likewise as a matter of course, charges him with the murder at Dartmoor. Our young friend's fate seems most desperate when Jim Bartram, the new Robin Hood, with some merry freebooters, appear on the scene. They espouse the cause of virtue, and Oswald makes good his escape. Saul, mad with rage, proceeds home once more to concoct his brother's destruction. It seems he always carries the famous deed of gift in his overcoat pocket. Maud Preston, whom, despite his promises, he declines to marry, secures this deed, and as he threatens to kill her on overtaking her in the street, she confides the precious document to a shoeblack, formerly "No. 24." These two now determine to take it to Mr. Medwin. In the last act all the chief characters, by happy coincidence, meet at the Magpie and Stump, a little road-side inn. Here Saul finds No. 23, whom he stabs, in order to get possession of the paper, but is shot in the act. Oswald, Beatrice, Mr. Medwin and "No. 23," rush in, to learn from the dying man that Oswald is innocent of murder, whilst Jim relates how he got the diamonds from Saul, for sale at Amsterdam. All the clouds clear up, and Valour and Beauty—Oswald and Beatrice—have only to marry and be happy ever after. Miss Steinberg played sympathetically and bright as the heroine, but Mr. Francis Yorke was overweighted, as Armitage-Denver-Oswald. He, however, is earnest, and will doubtless improve. Mr. Shirley Lea was brilliant as Jim, the "Star Comique." His method is admirable in its freshness and freedom from exaggeration; in fact, it is as good a bit of low comedy as can be seen in London. Mr. Wilmore, No. 23, afterwards a shoeblack, was also deserving of praise; he secured, what is still better, the hearty laughter of his audience. The play is well mounted; among its many scenic effects there is one that would do honour to the Lyceum or Princess's, where the thick grey mist that has gradually veiled the scene at Dartmoor as gradually clears away, to show the sunny sky, the foliage, and the flowers around the picturesque mansion at Birdhurst.

The Surrey.—Mr. George Conquest, who may be said to have fairly entered on his autumn season at this popular house, is always ready to consult the wishes of his patrons, and for the past two weeks his efforts in this regard have met with considerable approval. An intimation in the playbill, "that owing to the length of the drama there will be no farce," is scarcely necessary when we state that the drama now under notice is Mr. George R. Sims's popular "Romany Rye." Mr. T. F. Nye, as Jack Hearne, plays with a judgment that is much to be commended, while Mr. E. Gurney's Philip Royston fully sustains that gentleman's reputation for care and attention to study. Joe Heckett, as conceived by Mr. Cruikshanks, is a capital portrait of the rough but true-hearted man, whose misfortunes have made him what he is rather than any natural tendency he may display for a vicious life. Mr. G. Conquest jun., as Bos Knivett, gives the true comic humour to his impersonation, and Mrs. Bennett's Gertie is everything that can be desired. The unthankful part of Mother Shipton was ably rendered by Miss Jennie Lee, whose efforts were highly appreciated. Other characters in the piece are well represented, and the mounting and scenery is everything that can be desired.

Mohawk Minstrels.—Mr. William Francis announces that his thirteenth annual benefit will take place on Wednesday, the 16th instant. An entirely new programme will be put forth to tempt the frequenters of this popular place of amusement.

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"THE YORKSHIRE LODGES."*

BROTHER Thomas C. Jack is to be congratulated on being the publisher of this handsomely got-up volume on the "Yorkshire Lodges," for its typographical excellence is equal to any Masonic work ever issued, either in this country or America, and vastly superior to most of the books circulated amongst the Craft, even when the price is much in excess of this quarto volume. The illustrations are beautiful works of art, and comprise (a) the frontispiece, arms of the Operative Masons (but strictly speaking those adopted by the regular Grand Lodge of 1717, because *Beavers* are given as supporters), and the arms of the "Atholl" Masons, both being taken, as also the titles, from Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon" of 1764. (b) Plate II. Grand Lodge *Seals*, viz., "Atholl" Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter; "Moderns," (or regular) Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, United Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, Grand Lodge of Ireland (1809), and what is called "the Second Degree Seal, Grand Lodge *Ancients*, 1764." The latter, however, is of exactly the same design as one used by the "Ancients" on a Warrant of 1764, and so evidently answered for all purposes until the more elaborate one was designed. (c) Plate III. Grand Lodge and Chapter Seals of the "York" Masons 1761-80. (d) Plate IV. Eleven Seals of Yorkshire Lodges. (e) Plate V. Lodge and Chapter Seals (many very curious); and (f) a facsimile of Proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge held at York August 26th 1789. These plates are well worth the subscription asked for the volume, and must be seen to be appreciated; they are curious and valuable, as well as fine specimens.

Our concern mainly, however, is with the text, which as it is written by Brother J. Ramsden Riley, the able Historian of the "Airedale" Lodge, No. 387, Shipley, and P. Prov. G.D.C. of West Yorkshire, is sure to prove interesting, instructive, and as far as possible accurate and complete.

* "The Yorkshire Lodges: a Century of Yorkshire Freemasonry." By J. Ramsden Riley, Bradford (Historian of 387), P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire. Leeds: Thomas C. Jack, 48 Park Lane. London: 45 Ludgate Hill. 1885.

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A pleasing feature of the work which first meets the eye is its dedication to Bro. Thomas Riley, P.M. 600, Bradford (father of the gifted author), in appreciation "of his acknowledged skill and ability in all that pertains to the Rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry."

Bro. J. R. Riley is a Masonic enthusiast, especially when the history and welfare of York Masonry are concerned. The list of Provincial Grand Masters he furnishes is as follows:—*Yorkshire*—(1) William Horton 1738, (2) Edward Rooke 1740, (3) Sir Thomas Tancred, Bart., 1771; (4) Sir Walter Vavasour, Bart., 1780; (5) Richard Slater Milnes 1787, (6) Richard Rich 1803, (7) Robert P. Milnes, 1805. *West Yorkshire*—R. P. Milnes, 1817, Lord Pollington, afterwards Earl of Mexborough, 1821; Earl de Grey and Ripon, afterwards Marquis of Ripon, 1861; Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., 1875; Thomas W. Tew 1885. *North and East Yorkshire*—Lord Dundas, afterwards [1st] Earl of Zetland, 1817; Hon. Thomas Dundas, afterwards [2nd] Earl of Zetland, K.G., 1835; [3rd] Earl of Zetland 1874. On referring to the official Calendar of the Grand Lodge for 1885, we notice that no mention is made of R.W. Bro. Richard Rich, appointed in 1803, according to Bro. Riley; neither does his name occur in the Calendars of early this century. Doubtless the author has good reasons for the sixth Provincial Grand Master on his list, but we should like much to be favoured in these columns with the evidence. The volume is divided into two parts, the first being a century of Yorkshire Freemasonry, 1729-1828. The narrative begins with 1729, "Three Tuns, Scarborough," No. 59, which Lodge was erased as No. 52 in 1754. It was the first Lodge constituted in the county by the regular Grand Lodge of England, though at the time the *York* "Grand Lodge of *all* England" was in existence, and when a single old Lodge appears, according to Bro. Hughan, to have held a Lodge in Scarborough in 1705, which afterwards fell through. The next Lodge is happily still on the Roll, as the "Probity," No. 61, Halifax. We let Bro. Riley say a few words for himself on this point, especially as our extract will serve to indicate what a pleasant, genial style the work *is written in.*

Its several changes of number have been as follows, viz.:—

1740 to No. 162.	1770 to No. 81.	1792 to No. 61.	1832 to No. 73.
1756 to No. 97.	1781 to No. 65.	1814 to No. 84.	1863 to No. 61.

As will be seen, the precedence given by ballot at the Union to the Ancients deprived this Lodge of its proper place amongst Lodges in the county as the oldest then existing. The Probity is now the oldest of Yorkshire Lodges, and inspires a Yorkshire historian with an amount of reverence due to no other in the county, and indeed to very few under the Grand Lodge of England.

All the vicissitudes of Masonry during a most trying period (the four Grand Lodges were all at work in its time) failed to shake its loyalty.

Firm as a rock, it upheld its most appropriate name of Probity, and whilst other Lodges at various times were distracted with discussions on the merits of seceders and so-called "Ancient Masonry" and "Old Institutions," this set an example, by which its history will be perpetuated throughout all time, of unswerving fidelity to its warrant of constitution and the Grand Lodge of England. Calm and unmoved, it continued its useful career, conscious of its internal strength; the tumultuous seas of schism surging around it, too often representing the ambitious aims of an active few, only served as a warning and added still more to its solidity, ensuring that later prosperity and sphere of after usefulness, the fruits of a confidence which such principles of loyalty always inspire.

Then follow a number of other Lodges, extinct or still existing, the number being so considerable that to treat of each would exceed the space allotted to this review. No. 57, Hull, it appears met originally at Liverpool, and was once named the "Ancient Knight Templars Lodge," the only one so termed, we believe, in England, but there was one with a similar title at Dublin, chartered by "Mother Lodge Kilwinning;" the latter, however, as Bro. Lyon tells us, worked a number of the "high degrees" from 1780, supposing its Warrant permitted such, which was a grave error. Bro. Smith, in a small history of the present 57, Hull, declares it was chartered by the "*York*" Grand Lodge, but in error, as the Warrant was granted by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, London. The several Lodges which assembled at York under both the *regular* and *schismatic* Grand Lodges, are carefully noted, and the "York Lodge," No. 236, is warmly praised (but not too much) for the [illegible] taken of the valuable archives of the case any alterations in the numerical position of the Lodges through the two renumberings of 1780 and 1781 (in the Calendars for 1781-2) for that has never been done before. Of these St. George's Lodge, Doncaster, offers an illustration, for its warrant in 1780 was numbered 432, but it was changed to 433 in the following year. The history of this Lodge was well written, by Bro. W. Delanoy, for its centenary celebration in 1880. Of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield, our author observes: "This is another Lodge with a very interesting history. It looked down with supreme contempt on its Atholl contemporaries in the same town, and is now the strongest Lodge in West Yorkshire." The Lodge of Unanimity, No. 154, Wakefield, it is declared, "possesses a quiet elegance of its own, characteristic of respectability, order, and prosperous circumstances, which, I trust, may long continue." (So mote it be!) Several of the Lodges we have mentioned, with others, making thirteen in all, formed the Lodge of Promulgation for the Province in 1815.

As to the origin of No. 208, Dewsbury, we cannot follow Bro. Riley, as we believe it originated in 1772, not in 1766.

The career of the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, Heckmondwike, is an apt illustration of the "roving" life some of the old Lodges led, for it was chartered as 498 at the Marine Barracks, Stonehouse, Plymouth, then to High Town, Little Gomersal, and Mill Bridge (Yorkshire) and finally has found its resting place in Heckmondwike, where it migrated in 1850. An unfortunate (typographical?) error occurs in reference to No. 286, Bacup, stated to have been at Accrington 1829-30, whereas it should be 1814-30. It is now at Bacup, Lancashire, and has been so located for some years. Bro. Riley, we see, styles "warrants of confirmation" "*new* warrants," which of course they are, but the former designation more correctly describes their character.

Part II. must have been a most laborious compilation, for in it will be found a complete list of Yorkshire Lodges, arranged according to seniority (by date), with remarks and explanations thereon, likewise "a list showing the changes of number effected by the eight closings up of Grand Lodge." As 141 Lodges are enumerated, some idea may be obtained of the great labour bestowed on this division of Bro. Riley's work, and we are much impressed with the fact, that what he has done for Yorkshire should be done for England. We have, it is true, Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" and his "Atholl Lodges," but we much want, for critical study and comparison, a list of the whole of the Lodges which have been warranted by English Grand Lodges from the earliest time to now, with *all* their numbers and places of meeting at home and abroad, not arranged under the different numerations, but placed so as to show at a glance all the particulars relative to each individual Lodge, such as its location, numeration, &c. A little bird has whispered to us, that Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1402, Torquay, is engaged on such a work, and we hope the rumour is correct, for he has peculiar facilities for the enterprise, and is, moreover, noted for his accuracy and patience in conducting historical researches. Had such a book been before Bro. Riley at the time of his compiling his "Yorkshire Lodges," it would have materially lessened his labours, and afforded him information as to extinct Lodges of special value.

We again express our indebtedness to Bro. Riley for his excellent volume, which is as valuable as it is interesting, and congratulate him on having secured such a first-class publisher as Bro. Jack, who never spares expense to produce works worthy of the Craft. We should like to have referred to the Introduction, kindly written by Bro. Hughan for his friend Bro. Riley, but prefer to give it *in extenso*, as soon as an opportunity occurs, as it is an important addition to the literature of Yorkshire Freemasonry, and, withal, warmly praises Brother Riley's labours.

Holloway's Pills. — Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming accounts of the cholera and the prevailing diarrhœa should be a warning to every one to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills should now be in every household, to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more effi-

SO VERY HUMAN.

THERE are some transforming processes in nature and art which are wonderfully rapid and radical. By the skilful employment of certain chemical agents the dyer gives to his fabrics the richest and most varied colours, and after these colours have been fixed he can as readily change red to black, or yellow to green. True, he has been styled the "devil's agent," and some of his dyes "food for the devil," for in Queen Elizabeth's reign an act of Parliment prohibited the use of indigo, as "a pernicious, deceitful, eating and corrosive dye." His art, indeed, shows how white may be made black, if not black white. So, in the Church of God it is claimed that conversion and participation in certain ordinances work a material change in the spiritual character of a man. Now, Freemasonry is neither a dyer of men's characters, nor has it any theological power to cleanse from sin. Masters of Lodges are no necromancers, nor masters of the "black art," nor divinely commissioned agents. They are only men, and although educated, more or less, as Masons and Masters, after all they are—so very human. Besides, every rough ashlar placed in their hands for shaping is at least as human as themselves. Freemasonry is a human institution. It claims no origin higher than that of King Solomon—which is high enough. But some appear to fancy that it is not only a mystic, but a magic society; that every one who is made a Mason is at once transformed by it into—we will not say an angel of light, but a pure hearted, right-minded and self-sacrificing Brother. They forget the material whereof we are made. In the language of Coleridge:—"As there is much beast, and some devil in man, so is there some angel and some God in him. The beast and the devil may be conquered, but in this life never wholly destroyed." Certainly Masonry cannot destroy them. It is not a reformatory institution. It is merely an aggregation of men who claim to have a moral likeness, and kindred aspirations. If a mistake is made in the admission of improper material, no power that Masonry possesses can radically change its character. Masonry's power consists primarily in *rejecting*, subsequently in expelling, but never in renovating. The black ball is the only omnipotent weapon possessed by every individual Craftsman, and even its use has been so modified by modern Masonic legislation, by increasing, in some jurisdictions, the number of black balls necessary for rejection, or by multiplying, in others, the opportunities for the rejected to present a new petition, that even its power is sometimes materially abridged.

No one in the Craft needs to be told that Freemasons are not perfect men; but then they are not, or should not be, very imperfect. Although they are human, like other men, it is fair to presume that the large majority of them were actuated by proper motives in seeking affiliation with the Fraternity, and that the lessons of initiation have not been taught them in vain. Certainly no *true* Freemason will ever be guilty of the heartless calumny of, or defamatory accusations against, a Brother. He who has only the wet blanket of uncharitable words to throw around a Brother Mason; he who traduces and maligns him, not only does a gross injustice to himself, and places a stain on the escutcheon of Freemasonry, but he restrains the zeal, chills the affections, and it may be effectually banishes from the Craft one who, it may be, is in every way his superior in moral worth, in mental ability, and in general Masonic usefulness. The Brother who is honest, earnest and ambitious, although his zeal may at times outrun discretion, and his enthusiasm lead him to exceed propriety, should never be treated as a serious transgressor. There are not so many who at once have Masonry at *heart*, and habitually uphold it with their *voice* and *hands*, that their number can be presumptuously and carelessly lessened. The baseless is always graceless. No Brother should be driven out, or kept out, of the Temple of Masonry by the lash of a misjudged evil report. Masonry is nothing if not charitable, and the place for charity is *first* in *words*, and afterwards in deeds. We wish none to come to us, as Wolsey did to his friends, saying,

> "An old man, broken with the storms of state,
> Is come to lay his weary bones among ye;
> Give him a little earth for charity!"

O! that is the most empty, painful charity of all! One kind word in life is worth a volume of mortuary eulogy. One gentle act to a Brother when he is misrepresented, is worth a whole graveyard of earth when he is food for worms.

Dickens introduces his "uncommercial traveller" by saying, he "travels for the great house of Human Interest Brothers." Freemasons should represent not only this house, but also that other and greater house, "Masonic Interest Brothers." Every Brother encircled by the Mystic Tie is a member of this firm, and entitled to the kindliest consideration. But then, we all are—so very human. Too true. Yet we may remember, and remembering practise, the admonition in those touching lines of Bro. Robert Burns—who, himself, no doubt, was deeply conscious of the need of the charity he invoked for others:

> "Then gently scan your Brother man,
> Still gentler, sister woman;
> Though they may go a kennin' wrang,
> To step aside is human.

—*Keystone.*

THE PROPER TITLE.

THE words Mason and Freemason are used synonymously, expressing the same meaning. The words Masonry and Freemasonry are used in the same manner. There seems to be no definite rule followed by Masonic writers in this regard. Sometimes it is one and sometimes the other, and sometimes both in the same paragraph. The use of either is sanctioned by the best authorities; and the choice between them, among the best writers, appears to be as often accidental as showing a preference. Consulting Webster's dictionary we find that a Mason is, "A member of the fraternity of Freemasons," and Masonry is, "The craft or mysteries of Freemasons." Oliver, Preston, Webb, Mackey, and other learned Masonic writers, seem to have made no distinction in the use of these words, except in the titles of books, all then using the word "Freemasonry."

In notices that we receive of meetings of Scottish Rite bodies, we find them addressed, "To all Regular Free Masons," &c., the word Freemasons being divided into two words, and we believe the same form of address is used in official documents over the signature of the Sov. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council. With due deference to this high authority to sanction such a division of the word, we are of the opinion that it is not warranted, as the true meaning of it is thereby changed. When thus separated the word Free becomes an adjective, defining the noun Mason. The words Mason and Freemason being synonymous, it would be just as proper to say, "To all Regular Free Freemasons," &c.

The Grand Lodge of Florida uses the title "Free-Mason," making it a compound word. This is preferable to "Free Mason," but still we do not regard it as correct If separated at all the word Free should be followed by the words "and Accepted," thus making the title "Free and Accepted Masons," which is so generally used, and from whence comes the initials, "F. & A. M."

This subject may not be regarded as an important one, but it is certainly an interesting one, and we would like to see it discussed by some of our eminent Masonic writers. Let us know whether we are Free Masons, Free-Masons, or Freemasons.—*Masonic Advocate.*

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall will hold its annual meeting at the Elementary Schools, Lostwithiel, on the 21st inst., at 11 a.m. At 12·30 p.m. the brethren will attend Divine Service, when a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. E. P. Kendall On the Provincial Grand Lodge being resumed, the Prov. Grand Officers for the year will be appointed and invested. The customary banquet will be held at the Royal Talbot Hotel, the price of tickets, which may be obtained of the Stewards, being 4s each, exclusive of wine. The Railway Company has very kindly undertaken to issue return first and second class tickets at the price of a single fare and a quarter to all brethren proposing to attend Prov. Grand Lodge on production of their Masonic summons.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 278.

ON Wednesday, the 2nd inst., this Lodge met for the first time after the summer recess, at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack Lane, Gibraltar, at 8.30 p.m. Bro. John Henry Bryant W.M. presided, supported by Past Masters Bros. W. F. Cottrell, W. F. Roberts, W. Glassford, and Peter Lyons; Bros. H. T. Creswell acting S.W., W. Stevens J.W., W. Thornton S.D., J. Button acting J.D., J. Dagnino Secretary, J. King, Organist, Joseph Harrison Acting I.G.; Bro. Cottrell P.M. performing the duties of D.C. The following members were also present: Bros. Henry, Baumgartner, Dodero, Cortes, and W. H. Cottrell jun. Visitors Bros. Discombe, Girrell, J. Russell, Tyler, Hall 153 E.C., W. G. Whitehead, Parrall, Houghton, and Molloy 670 S.C. The business of the evening was to pass Bro. C. Baumgartner and to raise Bro. W. H. Cottrell jun. (eldest son of our worthy Past Master W. F. Cottrell), who, in 1883, received the first and second degrees in this Lodge, prior to his departure for Zanzibar, and now on his return came to claim his right to be raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Both ceremonies were performed in a most able and impressive manner by the W.M. The Lodge was lowered to the first degree, and propositions were taken for joining and initiations. Hearty good wishes having been given by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when the usual toasts were given and responded to, and so ended, in every sense, a most enjoyable evening.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 10th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. J Bedford Williams W.M., Prior S.W., Mansfield J.W., Banks P.M. Treas., Speight P.M. Sec., Stringer S.D., Thomas J.D., Penrose I.G.; also Bros. West P.M., Pitt, Freeman, Millington, Dodd, Mansfield, Greener, Emblin. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dodd candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming the usual questions were answered by Bro. Greener in a very satisfactory manner. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Prior S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, and appointed Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed in due form. A ballot in connection with the Justice Charity Association was then taken, and the result was in favour of Bro. Prior, who announced his intention of placing the amount (5 guineas) on the list of Bro. R. T. Stringer, the W.M. of the Royal Oak Lodge, *No. 871*, who will act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Festival.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Cooper W.M., Fluck S.W., Snook J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Dixie S.D., Turner J.D., Keogh, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge acting as candidate. The first section of the first lecture was worked by the brethren. Bro. Fluck was elected W.M. for next Monday.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—At the meeting held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present—Bros. G. Gardner (Treas.) W.M., Craggs S.W., Williams J.W., Johnson Secretary, Brown S.D., Mulvey J.D., Coward I.G., Weeks Tyler, Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Wing, Battley, Burton. After preliminaries, the first and second ceremonies were rehearsed most satisfactorily. Lodge was closed to first degeee. Brother C. Battley, Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, was elected a member. The Secretary announced the formation of the Chiswick Masonic Benevolent Association, Bros. Valentine Wing President, D. Stroud Vice President, G. Gardner Treasurer, W. Johnson Hon. Sec., and a Committee of twelve members. Subscribers were enrolled, and others are invited.

At the Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement, held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 10th September, at eight sharp, Comps. Gregory M.E Z., Debane H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.E., Bird S.N., George P.S. The ceremony was ably rendered. A ballot for the sum of £5 5s was drawn for one of the Masonic Charities.

Taken as a whole, the list of candidates eligible to take part in the next election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to which we refer fully elsewhere, presents but few matters of exceptional importance. The number of instances in which both parents are living are large and, as is well known to our readers, the lack of particulars in such cases is a sore point with us. We are strongly of opinion that the candidates themselves would benefit from an amendment in this respect. We also notice that the fathers of no less than twelve of the candidates were Past Masters of their respective Lodges.

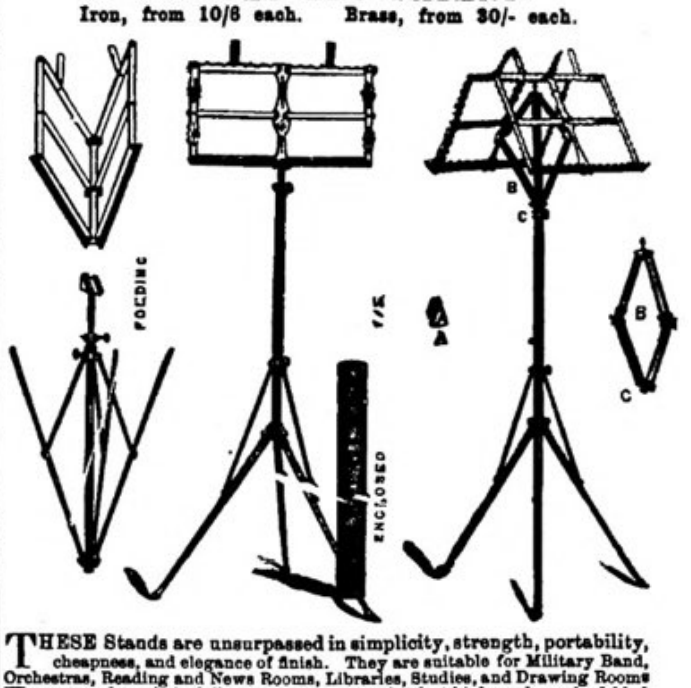
The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. Frederick Davison P.G.D. presiding. Among those present were Bros. H. Cox, F. Adlard, W. Clarke P.G.P., G. Bolton, J. Brett P.G.P., W. J. Murlis, T. B. Daniell, C. H. Webb, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., T. Griffiths, J. L. Mather, Charles F. Hogard, L. Stean, C. H. Driver, J. Newton, C. Dairy, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Captain Durrant, C. F. Matier, Jno. Bulmer, T. Hastings Miller, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the death of three annuitants—two male and one female—was reported. Of four petitions submitted and considered, three were accepted, and the names directed to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May 1886, while the fourth was deferred. The Secretary reported that he had received a cheque for £70, being the amount voted by United Grand Lodge towards providing the inmates at Croydon with coals during the approaching winter. An application was made by a widow for the moiety of her late husband's annuity. This was granted. Bro. C. H. Webb's motion for the removal of two names from the list of candidates for the next election was, after considerable discussion, withdrawn. A resolution congratulating the Secretary on his recovery from his prolonged illness was proposed, unanimously passed, and most warmly acknowledged by Bro. Terry. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 12th 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—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 14th 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

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.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1923—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham

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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
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
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, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea

R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
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, 15th SEPTEMBER.

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)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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.
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.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.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
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. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W C, at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pooppin'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, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 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)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

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1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
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1363—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
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1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
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1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
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THURSDAY, 17th 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)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

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1156—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1186—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
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)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
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)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1746—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1960—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. 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.)

43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
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
346—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
606—Combermere, Queeen'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)
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1333—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1433—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1560—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. 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, 18th SEPTEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
607—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)
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)
1296—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)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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

153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
2006—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
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. 53—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 621—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th 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
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
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THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

VERY much of what we said last week in connection with the supply of candidates for the Girls' School, applies with equal force to that of the Boys', the next election of which is fixed for Monday, the 12th proximo. Here we find a long list of fifty-six approved candidates, of whom thirty-nine are new since the last election, seventeen only having competed on previous occasions. In April last there were forty-four candidates for twenty-six vacancies, and among the unsuccessful was James Murray Green, a lad whose age precluded him from taking a part in any further contests. Referring back, we find this lad took part in six elections, starting on the last occasion with 23 votes to his credit, and increasing that number by 169 polled on his last application. We will not inquire why he was not supported by the Province of which his father was a member, but we should like to know how he came to have 169 votes wasted on him when it must have been clear to his friends he stood not the shadow of a chance of being elected. With this one exception all the lads unsuccessful in April last make another appeal, two of them now coming forward for the sixth time, one for the fifth, two for the fourth, seven for the third, and five for the second.

As already stated, there are fifty-six lads on the list of approved candidates for the coming election, but of this number two (No. 21, Harold William Adames, and No. 23, Harry Randle Brown) have been withdrawn, so that there will be fifty-four to go to the poll, of whom thirty-seven are to be elected. There are, therefore, vacancies for more than two-thirds of the candidates, a state of affairs that must be gratifying alike to those who are seeking the benefits of the Institution, and to those by whose exertions the funds are raised, which renders such a large number of vacancies available.

Six of the lads remaining on the list now make the last appeal which their age will allow of, and of these, No. 1, Frederick Teilo Davis, comes forward for the sixth time, with seven votes to his credit, five of which were polled on his behalf at the last election, in April. He is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother, the father having been a member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Eastern Division of South Wales, until the time of his death, in 1881. We hope, for the sake of the widow, that the Province may be able to support his case next month. No. 3, Arthur Warner, one of six fatherless children, has a total of 238 votes to his credit, as the result of four previous attempts. His father was a member of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London, and rose to the dignity of Worshipful Master therein. Is this another instance of the evil effects of no organization of voting power in the great metropolis? No. 12, Harry Edwards Henshaw, one of the children of a late member of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, London, now comes forward, for the third time, with 719 votes standing to his credit. He and two other children are still dependent on their mother, who, however, has a daughter in the Girls' School. No. 13, Alfred Ernest Astington, polled 275 votes in April last, when he appeared on the list for the first time. He is one of five children left to the care of their mother, whose husband, a former member of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, London, died in June of last year. No. 25, Josiah Murfin, is a new case. He is one of four dependent children whose father died last December, the latter having been a member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, London, for upwards of eleven years. This case should stand out at the close of the poll as an example of what Londoners can do, for if the brethren of the Westbourne Lodge take the matter in hand they ought to be sure of securing the lad's election. No. 34, William Henry Grant Smithers, is also a first application case. His father was initiated in the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, Sussex, and is accredited with seven years' Masonic membership. He has deserted this lad and four other children, who are now dependent on their mother. Under all the circumstances of the case we hope that the brethren who have put the lad forward will be able to secure sufficient support to ensure his election. No better illustration of the true principles of Masonry could perhaps be found than that of caring for the family of an erring brother, and the election of this boy would abundantly prove that even this comes within the scope of Freemasonry. We thus see that of the six last applications four are London cases and two Provincial. We hope that all of them, if they are really worthy, may be provided for in the Masonic School ere it be too late.

London has twenty-two other cases on the present list, making a total of twenty-six from the Metropolis, as compared with twenty-eight from the Provinces and Foreign Stations, so that on this occasion London is not far behind in the way of applications. Three of these remaining London cases are lads who have each lost both parents, and each of whom now appeal for the first time. No. 35, George Bryce Worthington, is one of three dependent parentless children. The father was initiated in the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, and afterwards joined the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, so that the lad should have some good friends to interest themselves on his behalf. No. 22, Claude Ernest Arrowsmith, is one of two children similarly circumstanced. His father was also a member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, and had there attained to the office of Senior Warden. He was a liberal supporter of the three Institutions, and now, in the time of his children's distress, we hope one of those Institutions may prove a liberal benefactor to his family. No. 51, Edward Dyer, is the only dependent child of a late member of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, but having lost both of his parents, he is dependent in the fullest sense of the term. The lad has a number of worthy brethren working on his behalf, who are most anxious to secure his election next month, but they fully recognise the magnitude of the task they have to perform, and rely, in a great measure, on the support of their friends and any who were acquainted with the lad's father. We trust they may not be disappointed in their desire, but that their efforts to do good may be warmly supported by all who are able to tender even a little help. In such a case we feel sure relief will be afforded in one of the most deserving quarters. No. 5, Samuel William Knight, is a candidate for the fourth time, and brings forward a total of 311 votes. His father was a member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, and rose to the office of Senior Warden therein. He died in October 1883, and there are now three of his children dependent on their mother. No. 6, Percy White Musgrave, one of five fatherless dependent children, has a sister in the Girls' School. His friends have

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secured 840 votes on his behalf as a candidate for the Boys' School, at two elections at which he has gone to the poll. His father was an initiate of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, and a joining member of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. We hope that from these two Lodges sufficient support will be forthcoming in October to secure this lad's election. No. 7, John Nicol McMillan, is the son of a brother who joined the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, and who is now insane. The lad has a sister in the Girls' School and he now comes forward as a candidate for the Boys', for the third time, with 744 votes to his credit. There are four children entirely, and two others partially, dependent on their mother, who we trust will be relieved of the responsibility of this lad's education at an early date. No. 9, Francis Buckland Brocksopp Kent, has also made two previous applications, and as a result thereof brings forward 780 votes on the present occasion. He is one of five dependent on their mother, the widow of a late member of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297. No. 10, Algernon Sackville West, another third application case, has a sister in the Girls' School. He and one other child are now dependent on their mother, who is a widow of an old Past Master of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287. Bro. West was a liberal supporter of the Institutions during his lifetime, and we hope that the 188 votes already polled on behalf of his son may, ere long, be increased to such an extent as to secure for the lad a place in the Institution. No. 20, Laurence Charles Edward Ambrose, and the remainder of the London cases, are first applications. Young Ambrose is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother; his father was initiated in the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, and remained a member thereof until the time of his death, which took place in April of last year. No. 26, John Edward Tufnell Hobbs, is the lad to whom we referred in our recent report of the meeting of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, of which Lodge his father was an initiate. He and one other child are now dependent on their mother, but from the way in which the High Cross members are working on her behalf we think she will soon be relieved of anxiety so far as one of them is concerned. We shall expect to see the lad here referred to among the successful at the close of the poll, in which case the High Cross members will be entitled to great praise. If they fail—but their Past Masters will not allow such a possibility, so we will not further discuss the case, except to wish the lad every prosperity. No. 27, Joseph Thomas Andrews, is a candidate emanating from the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, of which his father was a Past Master. He and three other children are now dependent on their mother. No. 30, Frederick Tom Webb, is one of two dependent children of the late member of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, who was also one of the founders of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624. Here are two strong Lodges from whom to look for aid, and we trust they may find it in their power to afford it. No. 32, George Stafford Huggett, is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother. The father was a zealous worker on behalf of the Charities during his lifetime, and the two Lodges with which he was associated—the Prosperity, No. 65, and the Tredegar, No. 1625—may look upon him as one of their most worthy members. The assistance for his family which is now asked from the Institutions will, we have no doubt, be most willingly given, and that too at an early date. No. 33, Edward Wollaston Hobson, is a son of an initiate of the Zetland Lodge, No. 608, who was also a joining member of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; he and seven other children are dependent on the mother, but two of the eight are partially provided for. No. 37, William George Figgess, one of six fatherless children, is accredited to Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, of which his father was Inner Guard, while No. 38, Joseph Wood, also one of six dependent on a widowed mother, comes from the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861. No. 40, Bertram Hartley Robey, has a sister in the Girls' School. He is one of a family of five, dependent on their mother, of whom two only are partially provided for. The father was initiated in the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and became a joining member of the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805. No. 42, Herbert Benjamin Plows, is the second candidate on the list from the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87. This lad is one of three children dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in March of the present year. No. 49, Ernest Dobby, is another case in which a sister is already cared for in the Girls' School. There are still three children dependent on the mother, who is the widow of a late member of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287. No. 50, Walter Berry Freeman, is one of nine children, of whom only one is partially provided for. Both parents are living. The father is a Past Master of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, and figures as a Life Governor of the Institution for which his son is now a candidate. No. 53, George Leonard Reay Mackey, one of three fatherless children, is a son of an initiate of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 349, who also became a member of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593; he died in April 1883. No. 56, Sidney Robert Bolton, has both parents living, and is one of three dependent children. The father was initiated in the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, in October 1874, but we know nothing as to why his son is deemed eligible for admission to the Boys' School.

Having now concluded our summary of the London cases, and having reviewed about one-half of the candidates on the list, we propose to leave our consideration of the Provincials until next week, but may here state that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight sends up four cases; Durham, Lancashire (East), Northumberland, Sussex, Yorkshire (North and East), and Yorkshire (West) two each; and Cambridgeshire, Devonshire, Hertfordshire, Lancashire (West), Lincolnshire, Malta, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, South Wales (West), and Staffordshire, one each; a total of twenty-six, as referred to above.

FREEMASONRY.

A brief address delivered by Wm. J. Parker, M.D., of National, Arkansas, at the Masonic Celebration, near Caulksville, on St. John the Baptist's day, A.D. 1885.

THE people of earth divide and reorganise into thousands of parties—the various church and political creeds, sects, societies, trade-unions, &c., &c. Association, if you please, is wisely proclaimed by the eternal, triune God, and characterises the magnificent cosmic law; nay, more: Satan would be struck with awe were such celestial law denounced. But, whenever, and just so long as an organisation is destitute of that heaven-born principle, Fraternity, there will be friction and antagonism; and, sooner or later, the house will divide against itself. Why, "discord tore asunder the empanelled hosts of heaven, and blasted for ever the diadems of rejoicing angels."

Fraternity is not a filial or gospel movement, but a plurality love; hence it is that brotherly love is so beautiful and divine. The kind words and "good counsel" of a brother beloved develops toward the model man, and expands the human heart. It expands the human heart to comprehend all that is good, and pure, and beautiful. And it is justice, the essential principle of fraternity, that renders, in equity, all dues to whatever individuality they belong.

Harmony, the all-important stimulus of this social state, is that which so strikingly characterises Freemasonry, and, in fact, all well regulated institutions to a certain degree. It is one of the crowning beauties of nature. Masonry does not regard the external, centripetal love of self, to the degree of egotistic selfhood, but the internal, social, centrifugal, *love of others*, and, if you please, self-poised reverence for Deity, hence, friendship, morality and brotherly love. Masonry *is* a *moral* institution—its radii diverging from Truth—its centre, pointing out to the fraternal brotherhood the moral law, and nature's God as the Divine Architect.

Freemasonry, though speculative, is a science. It is a progressive science, attainable only by degrees. As the poet has it, it is a

> ——"mysterious, glorious science,
> Which to discord bids defiance."

It has something to do in every branch of polite learning. Scientific endeavour, however grand its strides here in the nineteenth century, dear friends, dares not claim any priority over the principles of Ancient York Masonry; for they are as old as geometry, and, therefore, as old as creation. Why, the beautiful problem of symmetry would account for the antiquity of Masonry, and, therefore, suffice for argument.

I tell you, brethren and friends, Freemasonry is, to me next to the Christian religion. It *is not a divine* institu-

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tion, but busies itself in augmenting true happiness of the social state here on earth; hence the indispensability of virtue, temperance, charity, &c. We are indeed sorry to say, however, that some of the vilest wretches that God, in His infinite compassion, ever suffered to breathe the breath of life, have whipped round and gained admission to our sacred rites, but *they* are *not* Masons. Not being Masons at heart, they are not Masons in the true sense of the letter. Free and Accepted Masonry extends from East to West, and between North and South, in every country and clime. And, notwithstanding such a high degree of universality, the Masonic world, bound together by the mystic ties of fraternal love, is so hermetically sealed that woe and adversity, though isolated and twelve thousand five hundred miles from the remotest brother, cause to tremble throughout the earth (by medium of intelligence, of course) the chords of sympathy and affection. I mean to say that isolated woe and adversity, by medium of intelligence, excite universal sympathy and affection just as

——"every earthly sound
Goes trembling through the voiceless spheres."

The distinctive peculiarity of Freemasonry is the "rites and ceremonies," which have been transmitted to us through by-gone ages by tradition, and which, we are happy to say, are worthy of prayerful consideration.

And now, brethren, I would say, in conclusion, that it is our high prerogative to press forward the colours of the sacred brotherhood. And you who are non-affiliates, I would have enlist as *co-workers* in our immortal cause. To say the least, it is your duty. *Wake up!* It is *absolutely* your duty to rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. To share alike both joy and woe with the brethren is indeed a blessed precept of Masonry, and its ancient purity must be maintained. Standing in the active ranks of Masonry, we admonish you all to hold out faithful to your sacred trust. So, justice being so characteristic of fraternity, and besides, united harmony—one of the crowning beauties of nature—being so strikingly characteristic of Freemasonry, we therefore, O God! await the death-knell of clandestine Masonry, and in fact, *all anti-Masonry.*

A POPULAR CRAFTSMAN.

WE have pleasure in reproducing, from *The World*, its pen and ink portrait of one of the best known dramatic authors of the day—Bro. Henry Pettitt, who is at the same time recognised as a true Mason, and one of the most distinguished members of the St. Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.

A clump of ancient elms, with hollow and moss-covered trunks, serves to screen the modest abode of modern melodrama, on the slope of Haverstock Hill, from the irreverent gaze of the ordinary passer-by. The gnarled and time-worn branches still put forth leaves abundantly each succeeding spring, and are scarcely a whit less hale and green than they were when "Tom" Moore and Francis Jeffery met in mortal combat in the fields below, just eighty years ago, or when Charles Dickens, half a century later, described "the bowers for reading and smoking, scattered about the tea gardens at Chalk Farm," before the unattractive architecture and ever-increasing requirements of rival railway companies buried them out of sight for ever. It is here that Henry Pettitt lives and writes, when he is not engaged in the pursuit of the picturesque at Lynton, or hidden away for a time on the Surrey hills, in his snug quarters amongst the poachers at the Huts' Inn, Haslemere, close to the edge of the Devil's Punch Bowl. The comfortable house of drab bricks, with neat white stone facings, to the rear of the elms and evergreens, is just such an abode as honest John Gilpin might well have revelled in; and some dead and forgotten tenant has carefully decorated it after the manner of our forefathers. Every available nook at the back is occupied by small conservatories, where dazzling blue, red and orange coloured panes throw kaleidoscopic reflections in the sunshine over the palms and ferns, and lend a peculiar charm to the "Chamber of Horrors" at the end of the dining-room, where Lawler's busts of Henry Pettitt, Paul Meritt, and Edward Lloyd, and Lanteri's characteristic statuette of Augustus Harris, gaze vacuously at each other from bright yellow pedestals amidst the flower-stands, and where the master of the house has hung up a file of the playbills of such of his dramas as have been produced piratically in every part of the world, which he calls the "Newgate Calendar."

Henry Pettitt has chosen for his study a long low room on the ground floor, terminating in a broad bay window, two sides of which are filled with light stained glass, while the central compartment opens upon some steps which lead down amongst the creepers to a grass-plot, where a shady pear-tree and a giant umbrella invite you to read and write at your ease in the hot and uninspiring days of July and August. Over the mahogany writing table hang one or two of Walter Foster's bright landscapes, with a pair of charming portraits by Frank Miles. The pictures of his uncle, J. P. Pettitt (an artist of no common merit), occupy a prominent place on the walls, and you will also notice a drawing by Jefferson the actor, and a sketch by Frederick Yokes. For Henry Pettitt the world in which we live is only one vast storehouse of dramatic action and scenic effect, and everything about him reminds you exclusively of plays and play making. The various bookcases which line the room are crowded with the works which are so essential to the mysteries of construction, dialogue, and situation. Here, for instance, is a complete series of the "Illustrated London News," the fruitful source of so many successful "sets," which Henry Pettitt flies to now and then as a means of recreation when he is too jaded to look at anything else; next to it dwells the "National Encyclopædia," and close at hand are to be found two powerful aids to dramatic sensation in the shape of "Russell on Crime" and "Roscoe's Digest of the Law of Evidence." Shakespeare, Scott, Dickens, and Macaulay have each their appropriate place in the collection; but they are perhaps hardly as serviceable as La Fontaine's Fables, a family Bible rich in scriptural engravings, or the much-used volumes of "Picturesque America" and "Picturesque Europe." On one side of the table is a cabinet containing the neatly-written and carefully-bound scrip of over forty dramas; on the other, a nest of drawers duly labelled "The World," "In the Ranks," "Drury Lane," "Returns," American Interviews," "Messrs. Gatti," and "Pantomimes."

There are a few more amusing *raconteurs* than Henry Pettitt, and the inspection of his household gods can hardly fail to elicit one or two good stories well worth remembering. When you are looking over the "American Interviews" he may, perhaps, graphically describe the visit of the special correspondent who found Pettitt's *vieux cognac* so excellent that he was compelled at length to leave the subject of the interview to write the article on himself; and "Pantomimes" may possibly draw forth the tale of a notable managerial exploit at Gloucester, when he found his stock-piece had been played the previous year, and he was compelled to sit up the whole of one cold Christmas night to convert Dick Whittington into Robinson Crusoe, only to have the sublime effect of the rising sun of his transformation scene (a bargain from the Grecian) seriously compromised by too evident traces of the hobnailed boots of the stage carpenters, which the pit insisted on audibly attributing to the traditional footprints of faithful Friday. Every receptacle in the table itself is crammed with songs, poems, draft-plots, stray notes, "constructions," and unacted plays. Henry Pettitt, early in his career, learned from his friend Charles Reade the inestimable value of a commonplace-book, and a corner of the study is dedicated to newspaper cuttings, a pastepot, and a sizeable pair of scissors, which share a particular table with an album of prints and photographs—the source of many an excellent theatrical scene. Here, on the first page, is the "Devil's Hole, Jersey," which did good service in "The Black Flag;" then comes the pretty village of Ponshurst, which looked so well on the Adelphi stage in "In the Ranks," and Potter's Training Stables at Epsom, reproduced with singular fidelity in "Taken from Life;" there are the photographs of the sad Soudan and Trafalgar-square, which helped so materially in the creation of the realistic effects which fairly astonished all those who crowded Drury Lane last Saturday to see, in the first performance of "Human Nature," the greatest scenic success of modern times; and the picture of the old stone pier at Lynton, which next Boxing Night, will be transferred, along with "Harbour Lights," from Devonshire to the Strand. Near the door is an ingeniously-contrived coloured map, which shows you at a glance the theatrical capabilities of every town in the United Kingdom; a pile of cut foolscap lies in convenient proximity to the blotting-pad on the table; while a small bundle of cheques for author's fees, just to hand, and thrust carelessly into one of the pigeon-holes, tells you that, in addition to five plays running contemporaneously in America and Australia, "The World" occupied last week the boards at the Pavilion, while "Love and Money" was still delighting transportine audiences at the Surrey, and "The Black Flag" and "Her Majesty's Pleasure" were being played at the Britannia and the Marylebone.

In the midst of this typical playwright's workshop sits a tall spare man in the prime of life, with a heavy tawny moustache, such as a subaltern might envy, and fair hair falling persistently over his forehead. He is clad in a Paisley dressing gown (which bears the usual traces of much writing), and is turning listlessly over the best known standard books on America, in search of incidents for "Columbus," which is one day to take the hearts of our friends across the Atlantic by storm. He has just lighted on a wonderful effect of forest scenery, which he thinks will look well with a dark cloth in the foreground; but he closes the volume as you enter, and does not seem sorry to forget the anxieties of "Human Nature" and "Harbour Lights" for a time, while he chats to you of play-making, dramatic collaboration, and himself. Henry Pettitt's ancestors were Huguenots, who settled in Essex during the troubles of 1685. His father was a civil engineer, whose inventive genius made everybody's fortune except his own, and who finally lost nearly all he possessed over a cotton machine patent in which he saw a veritable El Dorado. So Henry Pettitt had to shift for himself, and at fifteen was playing a small Irish part in a pantomime called "The Rose of Blarney," at Sadler's Wells. He soon became a zealous contributor to the "Boy's Miscellany" and other kindred journals; but his only remuneration was a prize microscope, which realised ten shillings, to be subsequently spent in a high tea and a visit to the Strand Theatre. He next managed to obtain a junior clerkship at Pickford's; but poetry-writing, plot-making, and burlesque lectures were not thought to be necessary qualifications for the Down Carriage Department, and he was politely requested to resign. His superior knowledge of geography then gained him an usher's desk at the North London Collegiate School, and he remained there as one of Dr. Williams's assistants for nearly six years. The pupils were at first inclined to rebel against their youthful master, but he soon became a general favourite, and managed to make the dryest lessons interesting and attractive, teaching history by the light of romance, and taking the boys of North London in imagination all over Europe with the aid of Brad-

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shaw, Cook's Circulars, and Murray's Guides. While keeping order in school, the writing of stories, sketches, and songs continued, and the "Scamp" had made the fortune of a well-known vocalist, when Mr. Morris Abrahams rewarded his first piece, "Golden Fruit," with the munificent sum of five guineas. He had already met Paul Meritt, and the two young men wrote "British Born" together, for Mr. George Conquest at the Grecian. The play proved to be a signal success, and Henry Pettitt bade farewell to his pupils in Camden Town, to associate himself with travelling, dramatic, operatic, and equestrian companies, and thus acquire a practical knowledge of the stage. On his return to London, two years later, he became treasurer at the Grecian Theatre, and, in collaboration with Mr. George Conquest, wrote "Queen's Evidence," which has since been played in every part of the world, and is now the property of Augustus Harris, who will reproduce it some day at Drury Lane. He afterwards composed "The Black Flag" for Mr. Conquest's successor. In 1880 he wrote "The World," in conjunction with Augustus Harris and his old friend Paul Meritt; and while in America, arranging for the sale of his copyrights, he received one afternoon a brief telegram, which, by reason of the difference of time, informed him that he had that evening scored another victory. There is no part of his career about which Henry Pettitt has more to tell than his stay in the States, and it was mainly his evidence and a clever detection of fraud he effected in a case relating to the "memorising" question which brought about the change of law which now permits English dramatic authors to sell their plays, under the protection of the Property Act, to American managers. Once again at home, he produced his pantomime of "King Frolic" at the Grecian, and wrote "The Nabob's Fortune" for the Hanlon-Lees. His success in "Taken from Life" at the Adelphi secured him a permanent engagement from the Brothers Gatti, and in the following autumn "Pluck," the joint work of Pettitt and Augustus Harris, was brought out at Drury Lane. He next wrote "Love and Money" with Charles Reade, and then "In the Ranks" in collaboration with George R. Sims. The run of the last named play is unprecedented in the history of melodrama. For nearly two years Henry Pettitt has been busy with the elaboration of "Human Nature," having once again Mr. Harris as his collaborator, and he is now engaged in the outlines of "Columbus," and in filling in the details of "Harbour Lights," in conjunction with Mr. Sims.

The copyright of his plays secures him a handsome income, and he thinks the British drama was never more flourishing or more profitable than it is at present. He believes rather in writing for the necessities of the hour than for the praises of posterity. He holds collaboration to be necessary nowadays, by reason of the demand for an amount of movement and incident, which can only be furnished by a combination of talent, industry, and idea. He considers it an advantage for one writer to watch jealously the work of another, and solve any difficulties which may arise by mutual discussion. The manner in which Henry Pettitt speaks of his different collaborators is characteristic of his kindly and generous nature. He confesses frankly that George Conquest taught him the rudiments of the art of construction; that Charles Reade's masterly grasp of an idea or situation has never, perhaps, been surpassed; that George R. Sims has no rival in the composition of strong character and emotional sketches; that Paul Meritt always gives proof of inventive genius and industry in his work; and that Augustus Harris possesses a surprising fertility of ideas, a marvellous rapidity of thought, and a natural gift for dramatic effect and situation. Henry Pettitt ascribes his success to his going through the world with his eyes open; but as he turns once more to his American studies, he cannot help admitting that, in this epoch of candid criticism, the making of plays is wholly fatal to one's peace of mind. "If you write poetic lines," he says, "you are guilty of high falutin, but if you stick to simple dialogue your style is bald and deficient in that unknown quantity called literary merit; if you put in smart things you are flippant and rude, whereas if your characters talk naturally you are prosy and commonplace; if your situations are strong you are transpontine, but if you are quiet they are ineffective and uninteresting; if your audience weeps it should have been amused, and if it laughs it ought to have been treated to instruction and moral elevation. The modern playwright's art is one continued illustration of the ancient fable of the old man and his ass. It may be profitable, but you must be prepared to sacrifice present rest in the hope of future fame." With these reflections, Henry Pettitt goes to work again once more on the rough draft of "Columbus," to which you reluctantly leave him.

BE COURTEOUS.

IT is related of Zechariah Fox, the great merchant of Liverpool, that he was an illustrious example of true courtesy. Being once asked by what means he had secured so large a fortune, his reply was: "Friend, by dealing always in one article, which thou mayest deal in also, if thou pleasest—civility." Doubtless an observance of the common courtesies is conducive to business successes; it pays even in a material point of view to be civil and obliging as one goes along in the ways of related life. A courteous behaviour ensures respect, and is most likely to win manifold favours—starting often the currents of a true and abiding friendship.

The claims of courtesy may be urged on stronger grounds. There is a moral quality in this virtue which gives it a special recommendation. To be affable and pleasant to our associates is a matter of duty, and the injunction placed at the head of this article sets forth an obligation binding upon men everywhere. It is an apostolic exhortation, and so comes to us with the voice of authority. It is a call which will not be deemed trifling or unimportant by men of noble minds and generous, loving hearts. "The small courtesies," 'tis said, "sweeten life; the greater ennoble it."

The spirit and the letter of Freemasonry require a courteous behaviour on the part of Brethren, not only to each other, but to the world at large. Craftsmen should be examples of good manners, thoughtful of the comfort of others, and prompt to express a kindly feeling whenever the opportunity offers. When their behaviour is of this sort it will be seen that the lessons of Freemasonry have been impressed upon their hearts, disposing them to show friendliness in their daily walk and conversation. But all are not thus endowed with this Masonic virtue. Members of the Masonic organisation will sometimes refrain from showing ordinary civilities to each other—their manners are not pleasing; and as they stand apart from their fellows, cold as icebergs, they seem altogether out of place in a Fraternity such as ours. Sometimes a whole Lodge seems saturated with this atmosphere of frigidity. Its leading members are eminently respectable, but they represent a hard type of manhood very much like Dickens' portraiture in the character of Mr. Dombey. Alas for the stranger who seeks to visit such a Lodge. He may expect to receive a chilling reception, from the time he enters until he leaves. The Tyler will not be over gracious; the committee of examination will question him as though he was an impostor; and if at last he is admitted to the Lodge and gains an official welcome, there will not be much cordiality in the greeting. The stranger will not be made to feel at home in such a Lodge; if any attentions are shown him they will be proffered in a perfunctory sort of way that detracts from their value; but most likely the visitor will be left to himself and suffered to depart at the evening's close, feeling that he has been repulsed by his Brethren—wounded in his affections in the house of his friends.

Good manners would not allow a stranger guest to be thus coldly received. The exercise of that true *courtesy* which Freemasonry so much inculcates would not permit the chance visitor to depart without being cheered on his way by friendly words and the grasp of Brothers' hands. And in the community and the world at large the expression of this same grace would send light into many dark places, would refresh many of the weary pilgrims of earth, and give an added zest to life. Brethren, be courteous!—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE TOWNSEND, P.M. 820.

IT is with deep feelings of regret that we undertake the mournful duty of announcing the death of Bro. George Townsend, P.M. 820. This event occurred on the 13th instant. The late Bro. Townsend was initiated in the Lily Lodge of Richmond in 1862, and in this Lodge he was made an honorary member, for services rendered. He was also a Past Master of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754. In the High Cross Chapter, where he was exalted, he was elected to the first chair. He was a Life Governor of two of the Institutions; he was ever a conscientious and unselfish Freemason, ready to commiserate with, and assist others who might be less fortunate. This may be evidenced, more particularly, in the following instances:—A brother Freemason of his acquaintance died, leaving four children. Bro. Townsend brought up these children, until they were able to obtain their own living. On another occasion his niece died, leaving three children unprovided for; these he was educating and maintaining at the time of his death. Our late brother was never married. The Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1045, was consecrated at Sandringham-road, Hackney, at the time he occupied the Lord Stanley Tavern. His remains were interred at Bow Cemetery, on Thursday, the 17th instant, when a large number of Masonic and other friends attended to pay their last tribute of respect.

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MAKE LODGES ATTRACTIVE.

THE Master of a Lodge should be a studious and thoughtful man, and above all a man fruitful in resources. Should the energy and zeal of the members of his Lodge begin to slacken, and their attendance become more and more reluctant and infrequent, he should be able to devise some scheme, to put into operation some plan by which he may win them back to their allegiance. The Lodge room should be made, next to home, the most delightful and attractive place on earth; a pleasant retreat from the cares and dividing influences of every-day, active business life. Every Mason should regard his Lodge as a perennial fountain to which he may come at all times, and have his own moral courage, and his confidence in his fellow-men increased and strengthened. Does business annoy him or financial disaster threaten, he here learns that no man should be regarded for his worldly wealth or honour. Is he discouraged and disheartened by the repeated instances of dishonesty and peculation in high places, in the world around him, he is here encouraged and strengthened by the fact that Masonry not only teaches but demands of her thousands of votaries everywhere, and by a constant symbol, to walk uprightly in their several stations before God and man, and act upon the square in all their dealings. From under such teachings a reflective mind comes out, strong and self-reliant, ready to fight life's battles and gain honour in the conflict. As one means to so desirable an end I would suggest, that as often as time will permit, when the Masters make the usual inquiry, if any Brother has anything to say for the good of Masonry? that it be something more than formally done. Insist upon something being said upon the subject of Masonry. If found necessary, go to some Brother before Lodge night, and tell him that you shall call upon him, and he must be prepared, if only for a five minutes talk. Invite others to express either their assent or dissent to what has been said, and you would soon be surprised at the readiness with which your call would be answered, as well as at the general increase of knowledge upon Masonic subjects. In this connection I have one further suggestion to make. Occasionally, at least, at your regular communications, after the routine business is done, and when there are no degrees to be conferred, let the Master go through with the questions and answers constituting the lectures of the three degrees, requesting the first Brother on the right, or left, to answer the first question, the next the second, and so on around the Lodge room. Invite discussion as to the correctness or otherwise of the answers, the Master, however, being, for the time being, the final arbiter upon the question. If no work offers, exemplification of the degrees and other modes of schooling the members may be substituted, and thus social intercourse stimulated, and attendance upon Lodge meetings made interesting and agreeable. Such a course persisted in, although it may be against difficulties and opposition at first, cannot fail to bring work, and will inaugurate a season of great prosperity, while the simple opening, hurrying through with whatever is to be done, closing and hurrying to extinguish the light of the Lodge room, dispersing in the quickest possible time, as is often the case, will leave your minds and hearts as dark as the room you leave behind, so far as any good the meeting together has done you, and will result in depleted attendance and loss of interest among the membership, and will serve to still further increase the already large army of non-affiliates.—*Grand Master Emerson, of Utah.*

Old Warrants (J).

The "Inhabitants Lodge" ("Atholl" Grand Lodge, Charter), No. 202 from 1777; No. 251 from 1814; No. 178 from 1832, and No. 153 from 1863. (Vide Hughan's "Masonic Register," p 75).

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOS. CARTER, S.G.W. LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M. 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 twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful and most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, heritable keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, &c. &c. &c. Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott Esqr Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Carter Esq. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy Esq. 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 impower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz The Worshipful John Strachan, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful David Young his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Charles Hutchinson his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at, in His Maj-sty's Ordnance, at present residing in the Garrison of Gibraltar, upon the Second and Fourth Friday in each Kalendar Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful occasions; And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren John Strachan, David Young and Charles Hutchinson (with the Consent of the members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors &c &c &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the Continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge in London this Eighteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred and Seventy Seven.

JAS JONES Grand Secretary.

Note.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

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This, the *original* warrant of the "Inhabitants Lodge," Gibraltar (the only original warrant in existence for Gibraltar), has been missing for many years, the Grand Lodge having granted a Warrant of Confirmation on 10th July 1877. (Copy, see FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 9th September 1885). Singular to state the valuable document was recognised by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. whilst on a visit to his friend Major Francis George Irwin (P. Dist. G. Warden, &c.), of Bristol, who had it framed in his "Masonic room" as one of his numerous and precious curios of the Craft. Major Irwin purchased it, with other Masonic souvenirs, many years ago, and feeling assured that the present members of No. 153, Gibraltar, would highly appreciate it, has handsomely forwarded it to Brother Hughan for presentation to that Lodge. He has sent it to the *District Grand Master*, the Hon. Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, through whose good offices we are indebted for the transcript of the Warrant of Confirmation, per Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. It is also a singular fact, and worth noting, that Bros. Gould, Irwin and Captain Schrieber were the Master and Wardens respectively on the revival of the Lodge in 1858, Major Irwin also serving in the chair of that well-known Lodge. These particulars we have obtained from Brother W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, who recognised the Charter, and who has carefully copied it for our series of "Old Warrants," some lines requiring the services of such an able Masonic expert to decipher. Some portions are written on the parchment, the other parts being engraved. The seals are wanting. There are three numbers on it now, but originally there was only the No. 202.—[ED. F.C.]

SERIES OF OLD WARRANTS.

WE have now succeeded in tracing and publishing copies of all the "Atholl" warrants of existing Lodges, save the following. Transcripts of these we shall be glad to have as soon as possible, to complete the set. We fraternally invite the co-operation of the Craft for that purpose.—[ED. F.C.]

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, on Wednesday, 16th September, at half-past two o'clock. Present: Bros. John Innes W.M., C. Dairy P.M. 141 as S.W., E. W. Atten J.W., W. Holcombe S.D., C. Dearing as J.D., E. J. Withers I.G., C. Shepherd Tyler; also Bros. T. B. Linscott I.P.M., H. H. Hodges P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Sec., C. S. Bailey, J. Cutbill, W. Fenton, A. J. G. Waterhouse, and W. Deacon. Visitors: Bros. C. Dairy P.M. 141, G. Coop J.W. 141, Sec. 2021, 1612, G. G. Butcher 569, and W. F. Harling 975. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Owing to an omission in forwarding a change of Bye-Laws to Grand Lodge, the brethren proceeded to again elect a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, and their choice was once more unanimously recorded in favour of Bro. John Greenfield P.M. 1602 for W.M., Bro. John Finch P.M. 173 and 795 Treasurer, and C. Shepherd Tyler. A telegram was despatched to the W.M. elect, acquainting him with the result. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. C S. Bailey was duly raised in ancient form by the I.P.M. The Lodge was resumed. Bro. Withers having given notice to reduce the number of meetings from six to four, the Lodge was adjourned until Wednesday, 21st October. A capital repast followed, under the personal superintendence of Bro. W. Deacon, the host, who again gave general satisfaction.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

AT the last regular meeting of this Lodge, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Jackson P.G. Steward, presented Past Master Johns, Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, with a handsome jewel appertaining to that office, subscribed for by members of the Lodge, as a memento of his services as Installing Master, this being the third occasion Bro. Johns has had the honour of carrying out that interesting ceremony, with his usual ability. Bro. Johns, in returning thanks, remarked that whenever he pinned that jewel on his breast it would remind him, and he hoped others who were present, that the subscribers were not unmindful of the great difficulties he laboured under on that occasion, through circumstances over which he had no control, and it would also remind him that his former services as Installing Master were appreciated by them.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THIS Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 14th inst. Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., Prov. S.G.W. W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Simpson P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., A. T. B. Turner S.W., James Kay Sec., G. Chapman S.D., S. J. Dalton J.D., W. Lackenby I.G., and about 20 brethren and Visitors. The business consisted of the initiation of Mr. William Sharpe and the raising of Bro. Routledge, these ceremonies being performed by Bro. Whytehead, the J.W. giving the charge in the first degree. A resolution was passed to form a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Lodge; and another resolution making an addition to the bye-laws was passed. Presentations of books were made by Bros. C. L. Mason, of Leeds, and T. B. Whytehead. It was announced that Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, had expressed his willingness to perform the dedication ceremony of the hall at some date to be fixed about the end of October, when the new furniture is expected to be ready. After the close of the Lodge the brethren met in the smoke room, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent, enlivened with songs from the W.M., the J.D., the Organist (Bro. Child) and others. The health of the W.M. was drank with enthusiasm, and in reply he thanked the brethren most cordially, and stated his intention to do the utmost in his power for the interest of the Lodge.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

WITH the Installation Meeting of this popular Lodge the "Masonic Season" at Freemasons' Hall, and the consequent festivities at the adjoining Tavern, may be said to be fairly inaugurated, and we may look forward to light and brilliancy, where for the past few months all has been gloom and depression, about the headquarters of our Order in Great Queen-street. The interesting meeting we are now about to furnish particulars of took place on Saturday last, the 12th instant, when the Lodge was opened by the popular W.M. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, who was supported by his Officers and Past Masters, with the following Visitors:—H. Hastelow P.M. 101, F. Dunn P.M. 72, J. G. Bresley 1056, W. J. Towers J.D. 15 J. Burdett 1261, E. Stoor W.M. 167, E. J. Jones J.D. 131, T. Bullard P.M. 556, Past District G.J.W., Past District Grand Treasurer New South Wales, E. Stimson P.M 15, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, G. Reepe 228, J. F. Mayfield J.D. 1298, T. Brown 1579 J. J. Malster 1703, W. Smith 1706, J. W. Seex P.M. 186, W. A. S. Staley J.D. 1597, W. W. Walton S.D. 385, G. H. Reynolds 1614 C. W. Nochmer P.M. 186, J. Clubb 186, W. Waring 196, A. P. Keeling I.G. 1671, S. Flint 1613, T. J. Smith P.M. 194, C Beckett 1319, R. D. Lacey 1706, J. Hodges P.M. 1706, G. T. Carter P.M. 1706. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain (an Honorary member of the Lodge) was also present. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes—Regular Meeting of the 11th April and Emergency of the 13th June—were read and confirmed. Bro. James Morris was a candidate for the sublime degree, and after the Lodge had been advanced a step, Bro. Morris passed a satisfactory examination as to the proficiency he had made, and was duly entrusted with the test of merit. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the candidate was readmitted, and the ceremony most carefully worked by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. G. F. Smith, the Senior Warden of the past year, was presented to receive the benefit of installation. After the obligation had been duly administered, Lodge was again placed in the third degree. In course the Board of Installed Masters was opened and the candidate placed in the Master's chair. On the readmission of those brethren who were necessarily compelled to retire temporarily, the new Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, Bro. Dewsnap conducting the ceremony in a manner eminently satisfactory. To Bro. J. W. Brooke, who we believe was the first Master of this Lodge, was entrusted the duty of delivering the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren respectively. These were most carefully rendered—but, our esteemed brother will pardon us if we point out what we think a fault, they should have been taken in a little faster time; the deliberation displayed made their delivery somewhat monotonous. However, this can easily be amended on the next occasion that Brother Brooks may have the opportunity of displaying his elocutionary powers, which are decidedly of a high character. The following are the names of the brethren who were appointed to assist Bro. Smith in the government of the Lodge:—J. W. Dewsnap I.P.M., A. Williams S.W., H. Cattermole J.W., T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Rossiter Secretary, W. B. Marcus S.D., J. Da Silva J.D., C. H. Cox I.G., H. Auerbach D.C., H. S. Trego Organist, G. F. Smith P.M. P.G.O. Essex and H. Cruse Stewards, T. Bowler Tyler. In the course of the routine work which followed, a notice of motion was given to increase the fee chargeable to those who in future may desire to associate themselves with the Lodge as Joining Members. A proposition was also made for a brother who desired to join. Both of these matters will receive due consideration at the next meeting. Reference was next made to the recent marriage of Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips (an honorary member), and it was agreed that a letter of congratulation should be forwarded to him on the auspicious event. The charity box was passed round, and the members of the Lodge made liberal contributions to it. The elegant Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to the retiring Master. This duty was undertaken by Bro. Smith, with infinite pleasure; Bro. Dewsnap had well earned the decoration. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
BROTHER J. W. DEWSNAP
by the Brethren of the DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839,
as a mark of appreciation of his services as
W.M. 1884-1885.
Freemasons' Hall, London.
12th Sept. 1885.

Bro. Dewsnap, in acknowledging the presentation, remarked that that evening had been one of the proudest of his life. He should ever remember, with pleasure, his association with the Lodge, and especially during the term of his Mastership. Shortly afterwards the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, seventy-one in number, repaired to banquet, in the Crown room, which, during the recess, has been renovated and refurnished in a manner that reflects the highest credit on the enterprise of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the lessees of the Freemasons' Tavern. An excellent menu was provided, and full justice having been done to the repast, the Worshipful Master proceeded with the toasts of the evening. After that of the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been honoured, the Grand Officers were complimented, Bro. Bullard being called upon to respond on their behalf. After thanking the Worshipful Master for the hospitality which he had accorded to him, a stranger, who had been absent from England for the last thirty-three years, Bro. Bullard remarked how gratifying it was to see the progress Freemasonry was making all over the world. He hailed from Sydney, and belonged to the District of New South Wales, which could boast of a membership of some two thousand Masons. This, it would be conceded, was a goodly number, and might be considered fairly representative. Bro. Bullard next referred to the recognition which had been lately given to the recently established Grand Lodge of the neighbouring colony of South Australia, and predicted that the time would shortly arrive when the efforts made to establish an independent Grand Lodge for New South Wales must receive similar recognition. Bro. Dewsnap proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It needed little from him to recommend the toast. The brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge appreciated the sterling qualities of their Worshipful Master, and he (Bro. Dewsnap) felt they would give their ruler every assistance during his year's control. In reply Bro. Smith hardly knew how to thank the brethren for all the kindnesses he had received. Of this he could assure them, that as hitherto he had striven to promote peace and harmony amongst the members, it would be his aim so to continue in the future. He hardly felt himself capable of fulfilling the duties as he could wish, but he was surrounded by a kind-hearted body of Past Masters, on whom he felt he could rely in any emergency that might arise. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Smith felt that all he could say was that Bro. Dewsnap had done his duty thoroughly, and had gained the respect and esteem of all associated with the Lodge. After thanking the brethren for the reception just accorded to this toast, Bro. Dewsnap referred to the satisfactory position in which the Lodge stood, inasmuch as it had a funded capital of £100, in addition to a balance in the hands of the Treasurer. For the Visitors Bros. Hastelow, Dunn, and Nochmer responded, while the Past Masters severally replied to the toast given in their honour. The Treasurer and Secretary having been complimented, and response made by Bros. Corpe and Rossiter, the toast of the Masonic Press was given, and for this Bro. W. W. Morgan was called upon to respond. In acknowledging the kind

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remarks of the Worshipful Master as to the usefulness of the Masonic Press, and the services it rendered to the Craft at large, he referred to the utterances of Bro. Bullard, which he characterised as being contrary to the spirit of the decision arrived at by Grand Lodge in regard to the suggested Grand Lodge of New South Wales. He called attention to the universal desire on the part of the brethren of South Australia—under the three Constitutions, of England, Scotland, and Ireland—that they should amalgamate and form an independent Grand Lodge of their own. The unanimity displayed by the South Australians rendered their recognition a matter worthy of consideration; this the Grand Lodge of England had fully given to the question, in all its bearings; with the result, that though not hastily arriving at a decision to dissociate itself with any Lodges that had hitherto recognised its paternity, it would never stand in the way where the desire for independence was universally proclaimed. He then pointed out how different was the case in regard to the petition of the New South Wales brethren, where those in favour of a change were in the minority. The toast of the Officers came next on the list, and then a special toast was given on behalf of the musical brethren. To this latter Bros. Hodges and Carter responded. A capital musical entertainment was provided, of which the following is the programme:—Grace, "Deum Laudate," Dr. J. Smith; National Anthem, Dr. J. Bull; Glee, "Come, see what pleasure," Elliott; Song, "Only once more," F. Moir, Bro. G. T. Carter; Glee, "Haste, ye soft gales," Martin; Song, "The Chorister," Sullivan, Master Fred Wallenn; Solo Pianoforte, "Caprice," Raff, Bro. G. F. Smith jun.; Humorous Glee, "A Franklynn's Dogge," Mackenzie; Song, "The Skipper," Jude, Bro. R. De Lacy; Glee, "The Woods," Mendelssohn; Song, "Loving Evermore," Walter Allen, Bro. Charles Beckett; Glee "Fill the Shining Goblet," Parry. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, S.E., on Wednesday, 9th September. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Maunder Williams, the Officers and brethren present being Bros. H. Stokes S.W., H. Hooper S.D. as J.W., C. H. Phillips as I.P.M., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, John Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, and A. Darch P.M. J.D. as S.D., J. Fuller as J.D., G. Mordey I.G., W. Bartlett W.S., G. R. Langley Assistant Secretary, A. Pitman Assistant Organist; also Bros. Lawson, Cloake, Andrews, E. Bye Secretary, B. Forster, W. H. O'Reilly, &c. Bro. J. W. Hiscox P.M. was subsequently elected a member. There were also present as Visitors Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, C. J. Axford S.W. 2048, and J. Barrington Woolford, Mount Olive Lodge, No. 385, Demerara. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. expressed his regret and disappointment that the candidate for passing was prevented from attending by important engagements at a considerable distance, and there being no other business on the agenda, the cases of two applicants for relief were taken into consideration, and assistance rendered to them, as prayed. Lodge was then closed, and refreshment followed. In the course of the evening a hearty and cordial welcome was accorded to Bro. Woolford, visiting from a distant country; that brother, in response, expressed his sense of the true Masonic spirit in which it was offered. A pleasant couple of hours were spent in a most enjoyable manner, the several complimentary toasts being excellently responded to, whilst recitations and songs were interspersed throughout the proceedings.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 17th September, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Prior W.M., Thomas S.W., Mansfield J.W., Banks P.M. Treas., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., H. C. Freeman S.D., Fisher J.D., Penrose I.G., P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor, Geo. Andrews; also Bros. Stringer, J. Bedford Williams, W. B. Mansfield, Dale, Strickland, Hunt, J. J. Pitt, Joyce, Greener, and Emblin. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second, and the usual questions leading from the second to the third degree were answered by Bro. W. B. Mansfield. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was closed to the first degree. Bro. Thomas S.W. was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in October. The Secretary announced that he had a melancholy duty to perform, and that was to propose a vote of condolence with Bro. George Bolton P.M., whose wife had died suddenly on the 10th inst. The vote was seconded, with some appropriate remarks, by Bro. Hutchings Preceptor, and carried unanimously. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 13th September, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Dixie W.M., Turner S.W., Fluck J.W., Collingridge (Secretary) S.D., Alford J.D., Saunders I.G., Weeden Acting Preceptor, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hutcheson answered the questions leading to the second degree. The ceremony of passing to the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Lowry acting as candidate. Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first, and closed in due form. Bros. Lowry 1839 and Saunders 1219, were elected members, and Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for Monday next.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—On Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, there were present Bros. Oldis W.M., Gush Preceptor, Beck S.W., Hildreth J.W., Berry Secretary, Cross S.D., Kearney J.D., Barnett I.G.; also Bros. Fenner, Tremere, Russell, Goode, Lovell, Salmon, Sharpe, Partington, Sycklemore, Frampton, Jenkins, Snelling, and Follett. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Partington having offered himself as candidate for raising, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree and the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and the second and third sections of the lecture worked by Bros. Fenner and Jenkins respectively. Bro. Beck was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was adjourned to Tuesday next, at 8 p.m.

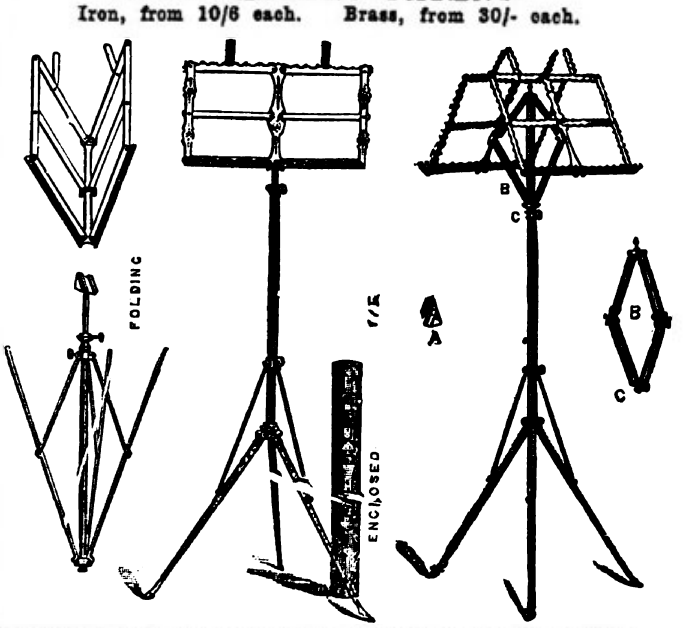
Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 12th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, there were present Brothers F. Craggs W.M., A. Williams S.W., J. Brown J.W., G. Gardner Treasurer, W. Johnson P.M. Secretary, C. Conrad S.D, W. W. Williams J.D., J. Myers I.G., T. Wicks Tyler; Bros. T. Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Albert Martin P.M. 1539, W. Wilson, H. Furze, H. D. Smither, Purdue, H. Fruen, Sims, V. Wing, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Furze candidate. Bro. Purdue worked the first section, and the S.W. was elected to fill the chair for the ensuing week. It was then announced that the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed on Saturday, the 26th inst. Nothing more offering, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire was held at the Town Hall, Warminster, on Friday, the 11th instant, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, the Right Hon. Lord H. F. Thynne, M.P., supported by Companions R. Stokes as Prov. G.H., W. Nott as Prov. G.J., and other Officers and Companions of the Province, and by Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Grand Superintendent of Middlesex. The meeting was held immediately after the installation meeting of the receiving Chapter, Thynne, 1478. After Provincial Grand Chapter had been opened, the roll called, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the Report of the Charity Committee, which had met that morning, was read. From this it appeared that Companion J. Campbell Maclean, P.Z. 365, had offered, and was recommended by the Committee for adoption, as Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School, and the Committee further recommended, should such Stewardship be adopted by the Provincial Grand Chapter, a grant of £21, to be placed on his list, should be made. These recommendations were unanimously approved. Companion John Chandler, one of the Auditors, presented his Report on the Treasurer's accounts. Comp. J. V. Toone, Provincial Grand Registrar, read his Annual Report, which gave as usual an account of the position of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, and of the five Chapters therein. Comp. W. Nott, Provincial Grand Treasurer, as Secretary to the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, stated in response to an inquiry from the M.E. Superintendent that the Benevolent Fund was steadily increasing, as the whole of the funds were being invested, no claim upon it for assistance having as yet been made, whilst as regards the Charity Organisation this Province was still in active co-operation with several others, to the mutual advantage of all of them. The M.E. Superintendent, in addressing the Companions, stated that it gave him great satisfaction to hold his Provincial Grand Chapter at Warminster, for the first time since the consecration of the Chapter there in 1881. He was glad to see the numbers in the Province virtually maintained, and although he would like to see some increase, yet he most cordially concurred in the expression which appeared in the P.G. Registrar's report, that great care should be taken in admission to the degree. He expressed his regret that he had not been able to attend the meeting of the Thynne Chapter earlier in the day, and instal the three Principals, and he took that opportunity of thanking Companions Maclean and Chandler for having done so in his place. He was glad to hear from Comp. Nott's account, as to the finances, that the Province was in a sound position, and he expressed his pleasure that Comp. Maclean had undertaken the Stewardship for the Girls' School, and hoped that he would receive liberal support. He also expressed his great regret at the absence of Comp. H. C. Toubs P.G.S.E., who was pre-

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vented from attending by the death of a very near relative. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp.	W. Nott 632	H.
	H. P. Blackmore 586	J.
	Henry C. Tombe 355 (re-appointed) ...	S.E.
	J. C. Maclean 355	S.N.
	G. Pike 1478	Principal Soj.
	A. J. Beaven 632	1st Asst. Soj.
	Theobald Ringer 1533	2nd Asst. Soj.
	H. Bevir 355	Registrar
	John Chandler 355 (re-appointed) ...	Dir. of Ceres.
	John Savory (re-elected)	Janitor

After the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, the Companions dined together at the Bath Arms Hotel.

We have pleasure in notifying to the members and friends of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement that the session will commence on Tuesday, the 6th October. The meetings will again be held at the White Hart, Aldhurch-lane, corner of Cannon-street, where business will commence at half-past six o'clock and conclude about eight. This arrangement will enable all who are desirous to reach home at an early hour. Comp. Fred Brown will again perform the functions of Preceptor.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. H. Purdue, I.P.M. 834, on Saturday, 26th inst., at 7.30, at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith.

The weekly meetings of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, were resumed at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 18th instant, at 8 o'clock p.m. They will be continued on every following Friday, with the exception of the 25th inst. (the meeting night of the Mother Lodge), until further notice.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

ON Tuesday, the 8th inst., a meeting of this body took place at the Masonic Hall, York, when, in the absence of the E.P., Fratre T. B. Whytehead (Preceptor) presided. There were also present Preceptors W. Lawton, G. Simpson, and M. Millington; and Fratres W. Brown, J. T. Seller, Major McGachen, and others. Comp. W. Watson having been balloted for, was installed as a member of the Order. The remainder of the business was of a formal nature, and the members subsequently supped together.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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MASONIC HISTORY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your review of Bro. Riley's valuable work on "The Yorkshire Lodges" has somewhat prematurely brought before the notice of the Craft a work which has engaged my attention for a considerable time, and in confessing that the "soft impeachment" is substantially correct, I need only say in reference thereto that the work is progressing favourably, and that I hope to get it published at no very distant period.

My special object in writing to you now, however, is to ask any brethren who may be in possession of Old Lists or Old Warrants, more especially relating to the *Athol* or *Ancient Lodges* that are now extinct (and which have not appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), to kindly favour me with such information respecting them as may be useful for my work; viz., names and numbers of Lodges, dates of Constitution, places of meeting (with dates) of the *Athol* Lodges prior to the Union of 1813; also dates of removal, transfer, or erasure.

I shall be glad if brethren will communicate with me before sending any valuable documents for inspection.

By inserting this you will much oblige,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN LANE, P.M. 1409

"THE YORKSHIRE LODGES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank you for the exhaustive review of my "Yorkshire Lodges" in your issue of 12th inst., and especially for the opportunity, appreciated as unusual, of a reply at your invitation.

I intend to send you for publication next week, copy of an original circular in my possession, issued by Richard Rich, Esq., which will be my *evidence* re the 6th Prov. G. Master, as requested.

If your readers will correct their copies of my work as follows, I shall be much obliged.

Page 27 substitute 1781 for "1871" 11th line.
" 59 " 1779 for "1752" last line.
" 62 " 1811-30 for "1829-30" 18th line.

I propose merely to refer to another statement in your very flattering review; but before doing this, take the opportunity of stating that I have taken the liberty of treating the Phœnix Lodge (p 76) as a new *Lodge*, but the text is so clear that it is not possible for any one to be misled by it, and most brethren will readily express a preference for the course adopted. The Phœnix was by its Warrant virtually the Apollo Lodge continued; but having been careful to show this, it appeared to me that such an exceptional revival by *total strangers* might advantageously be treated *separately*.

On the remaining point (No. 208) I shall give my opinions, only regretting the absence of this Lodge History to settle the very narrow difference between us. If you do not accept my deductions, you admit my numeration commencing 1792, because it is that of your 1772 Lodge.

The Unanimity 436, of 21st November 1772, I say was certainly *by no means unanimous* as to what number it *ought* to be, or had a right to be, between 1770 and 1792.

No. 373 (3 Grand Principles, Islington) of Sept. 10th 1776 was neither erased nor dead except by the acts of its own members. As they *probably forgot the three Grand Principles*, some, perhaps all, wished for and ultimately (at least in name) obtained a Lodge of *Unanimity*, and of course with it a second warrant and a higher number in 1772, neither of which were needed had the brethren but practised the *first* of the grand principles. The two warrants remained; the Lodge in *name* 1772, but in *heart* 1766. We know not now what difficulties would have presented themselves if the new warrant had been allowed to lapse; but we do know that in 1793 the Lodge not only went back to its old place at the King's Head, Islington, but likewise its old (as I think original) name of Three Grand Principles. It is historically correct, I think, to say (p 32) "the original warrant was dated Sep. 10th 1766," but I do not claim more than is due—the numeration since 1791 has been that of 1772—before then it had two, and naturally claimed the oldest warrant, though perhaps unwilling or unable to pay the additional cost of maintaining both. I am well aware that it has long since surrendered its legal right to 1766 so far as numeration is concerned: and as a Yorkshire Lodge it dates only from 1803. I have taken up more of your space than I intended, but really found it impossible to imitate you in brevity on this subject. Permit me also to join with you, Sir, in sincerely wishing Bro. Lane unqualified success as the result of his labours.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, 16th September 1885.

CONFIRMATION OF BENEVOLENT GRANTS IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think the regular attendants at Grand Lodge assume it to be the custom to confirm the grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence without comment, unless some very special reason exists for re-opening the inquiry, which is usually pretty severe when the case is before the members of the Board of Benevolence. It may perhaps be hard for brethren who are outvoted in the minor assembly to keep quiet when the opportunity presents itself in Grand Lodge to again air their views, but I think it would be very much better for them to keep quiet if they have only got the old facts to repeat. I consider it is very bad taste to put out a feeler, as it were, by some such enquiry as, "Is not the grant a large one, considering what the brother concerned did for Freemasonry?" This is usually done only with the view of ascertaining if sufficient sympathisers are present to allow of the subject being rediscussed, and I think the inquiry in the Board of Benevolence should be considered final unless some very exceptional evidence is forthcoming to amend it.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ROUTINE.

CANDIDATES AT THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The opening remarks in your last issue, when speaking of the supply of candidates for the Masonic Educational Institutions, are very true—the supply of candidates is greater than the demand—and I fear it will always be so. What we, as Freemasons, should be proud of is,—the fact that we are able to

them. Altogether there are ninety approved candidates, but as I understand there are two who have been withdrawn from the Boys' list, thus leaving eighty-eight, to go to the poll. Of this number fifty-three are to be elected, sixteen girls and thirty-seven boys, a very good proportion, I think, considering the heavy calls which are continually being made on the benevolence of Freemasons.

The particulars given on the balloting papers, brief as they are, give evidence of an amount of grief and distress which it should be our constant endeavour to relieve to the best of our ability. I will not attempt to go over the same ground as you have traversed in your editorial remarks, but there are a few features which will bear being placed before your readers in a manner distinct from that in which you set them forth, and if anything I say induces even one brother to take a greater interest in the Masonic Charities than he does already, I shall be amply repaid.

In the first place, there are no less than ten of the candidates who have lost both of their parents. I sincerely hope that not one of these ten children will be sent away next month unentitled to the benefits which the Masonic Schools are able to afford. Can nothing be done to relieve them without the anxiety entailed by a severely-contested election? I suppose not, and unreasonable as my desires may be, I even hope that a time may arrive when such a blessing may be possible. It would indeed be a grand and noble work for Freemasonry to fulfil, if it could ever be arranged that such cases as these ten I have just referred to could be provided for by the Fraternity, simply on the plea that they were worthy of relief.

I may next refer to the last application cases. I admit you have said all that is needed of each of them, but if I place them in conjunction with the ten cases referred to above, I may be able to present a picture which shall touch the heart of any of your readers not already supporters of our Schools. There are two girls and six boys on this, I may say, fatal list. Each of these children—or their friends on their behalf—have been led to expect something from Freemasonry. If this was not so they would never have been put forward as candidates; and what is the prospect which they have to look forward to now? One of the girls (Maude Emily Fitt) stands a fair chance of success, having 1403 votes already polled on her behalf, while the other (Emily Hannah G. Campbell) is a new applicant. Of the boys, No. 1 (F. T. Davis) looks like a forlorn hope; No. 3 (Arthur Warner) will need very strong support, No. 12 (Harry E. Henshaw) stands well, No. 13 (Alfred E. Astington) is backward, while No. 25 (Josiah Martin) and No. 34 (William H. G. Smithers) are new candidates.

A consideration of these eighteen cases is, I think, sufficient to open the hearts—and if need be the purses—of all who give the matter a moment's thought. Distress prevails in connection with each of them, but I sincerely hope only for a time.

I am, &c., yours fraternally,

A Life Governor.

THE THEATRES.

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Drury Lane.—Mr. Harris has announced that Drury Lane shall appeal to the public from its own stage, and no longer jostle tipsy Hottentots or soap-devoted nymphs upon the boardings. The complete and well-deserved triumph of the first night of "Human Nature," with its overflowing house and genuine enthusiasm, may lead us to hope that ere long our tragedians need not agonise, nor our beloved comedians advertise sticking plaister in effigies that sadden their discreet friends. "Human Nature" is an excellent title, if only we have live men and women in the play, and Messrs. Pettitt and Harris have provided a really good story, with people in whom we can feel an honest interest. We have for hero a Captain Temple, a fine, manly fellow, devoted to his wife, but who at some earlier period has had questionable relations with a certain Cora Grey. This person, during the Captain's temporary absence, has secured a footing in his house as his wife's companion. On discovering the state of affairs he commands Cora to leave. She tells him he shall bitterly rue this treatment. With the unconscious aid of a certain Paul de Vigne, the trusted friend of Temple, she fixes the seeming guilt of an intrigue on the Captain's devoted wife. He returns home, to find his false friend in his wife's room at night, whilst she, in wild terror, seeks safety in her husband's arms; he, however, thrusts her aside in horror, whilst he turns to de Vigne, exclaiming, "My reckoning is with you." It was in this scene that Mr. Neville's splendid sincerity of emotion held the house breathless, till the silence was broken by a great storm of applause. In the second act the authors indulge in a daring legal *tour de force*. Captain Temple has applied to his lawyer, Matthew Hawker, to procure a separation, *mensâ et thoro*, before leaving for Egypt, and Hawker, to serve his own ends, applies for and obtains a divorce. He next, as trustee, secures possession of Temple's little boy, and entrusts him to the Lambtons, a pair of gnoulish baby-rearers, living at Stonefield Farm. Here we had portrayed a needlessly harrowing scene of childish misery, which doubtless Mr. Harris has had toned down since the first night. Mr. Fred. Thorne, as Joe Lambton, and Miss Lizzie Claremont, as his wife, have never acted better; but the unrelieved brutality of the parts is certainly to be regretted. Little Katie Barry gives a most touching picture of poor little Dick, the waif, drudging and starving at the farm; while little Maud Fisher was charming as Frank Temple; his childish bewilderment and terrified indignation at the rough treatment he meets with was ably rendered. There is here displayed a delightful bit of human nature, where the two children sit down on a log, and the fine little gentleman in velvet shares a crust with his ragged brother in adversity. Miss Isabel Bateman, as the distracted mother seeking her child, has a fine opportunity. She played with no less force than tenderness, and was recalled when the curtain fell again and again. In the third act we have a delicious bit of comedy by Mr. Harry Nichols, as Spoffins, the poetical and genial clerk of our rascally lawyer Hawker. How this gentleman makes impromptu rhymes, and how he makes love to pretty, saucy Lucy (Marie Illington), Mrs. Temple's faithful maid, all London will laugh at seeing and long to see again. In Act IV. Mr. Harris has achieved greater scenic wonders than even he has yet given us. We are in Egypt—in the desert—with its cruel sands, its pitiless sky, its herbage a mockery. Captain Temple is here seeking death, in vain. The scene of the desert city, with De Vigne—now a confederate of the Mahdi—inciting the people to renewed efforts against the English, is magnificent in its reality and reproduction of the picturesque character of Eastern life. But the succeeding picture—at the Wells—within a rift in the rocks, is perhaps a still greater marvel of scenic effect. It is here that De Vigne—now flying from his native foes—suddenly finds himself in the presence of the man whose life he has wrecked. Mr. Grahame rises well to the demands of the occasion, and his presentation of the misery and terror of the famished caitiff is very powerful. The authors have been well inspired in dealing justice to his crimes by the hands of his Egyptian pursuers. He falls at Temple's feet, confesses his crime, asserts the innocence of Temple's wife, and craves forgiveness. The soldier hesitates a moment, and then exclaims, "Forgive you! Ah, may God forgive me!" The curtain has scarcely fallen when it rises to show the scenic marvel of the night—Trafalgar Square, with Nelson's column, the lions, and the whole background of hotels and tall buildings, with what seems an unnumbered multitude thronging every inch of roadway, and striving for every coign of vantage, while pressing through them in the passage forced by the police we have our heroes back from Egypt—Guards, Camel Corps, military band—all as real as reality can make it, whilst the central point of interest is our well-beloved hero, Captain Temple, on his gallant war horse. The scene rouses the house to wild enthusiasm; stalls and boxes vibrating with infectious emotion. Of course, after this act V. has only to bring the scattered and sore-tried Temple family to reconciliation and happiness. To circumvent the remaining villain, Hawker, and his confederate Cora, we have, however, to encounter some very painful incidents, in the "Waif's Last Home," where Dick the waif expires at last under his tyrant's ill treatment. We saw tender-hearted women—aye, and men too—turn their eyes away from the ghastly scene of suffering. But we at length escape, to the lovely parsonage garden, where the reconciliation takes place. The sore-tried wife has secured a home there, with the kindly vicar (Mr. Lyons) and his young wife, the latter finding a delightful exponent in Miss Amy M'Neill. Among the cast we rejoice to welcome back Mr. Leathes, but his wicked lawyer is surely too much wanting in plausibility to have secured the confidence of any client, unless for an Old Bailey case. We trust to see this rendering gain in smoothness. Mr. Clynds was too much in the Eccles vein, but then his *is* a part not fitted to his powers. Miss Ormsby, as the traitorous Cora, looked handsome, and wears some delicious gowns. Miss Illington is a perfect soubrette, delightfully pert, but always well within a self-respecting "superior" nurse's limits. Miss Isabel Bateman has fine opportunity for her emotional gifts, and cleverly holds the house through each of her scenes. In conclusion, we heartily congratulate Mr. Harris on this great success, and on his talented company; they make each part, with scarcely an exception, a factor in the triumph. The changes of scene take place before the eyes of the audience, but it is as though a magician's rod were waved; the pictures fade and loom out again under a spell; not from the combination and movement of vulgar frames and canvas; all is conducted smoothly, silently, and with such perfection of ease, it is impossible to realise the mechanical power and marvellous ingenuity which must be exercised to work these miracles.

Vaudeville.—This theatre reopened its doors, after the summer vacation, last Saturday, with a programme furnishing abundance of amusement. Originally produced at a morning performance at this theatre, in January last, "Loose Tiles" has since become very popular, and the reproduction of this merry piece will be again welcomed by playgoers as a means of providing laughter for a couple of hours. Mr. Thomas Thorne once more caused the droll misapprehensions of the nervous Bob Twitters to provoke laughter, and, well backed by the members of his company, he depicted his numerous embarrassments in the most humorous way. The cast is considerably strengthened by the appearance of Miss Kate Rorke as Laura Myrtle, and with Miss Kate Phillips as the mysterious ward in Chancery; Miss Sophie Larkin as the spirited spinster Maria Snatters, Mr. E. W. Gardiner as Charlie, and the efficient aid rendered by Misses M. A. Giffard and Louisa Peach, with Messrs. F. Grove, E. M. Robson, and W. Lestocq, a thoroughly enjoyable evening is secured. "Loose Tiles" is preceded by an effective little one Act drama by Mr. J. P. Hurst, entitled "Nearly Severed." This sketch shows how a worthy countryman's wife becomes jealous of her husband on his befriending a governess, who is dismissed through attentions being openly shown her. The countryman is an oddity in himself, and his quarrels with his wife have a touch of homely nature in them. After three quarters of an hour the piece ends, the governess agreeing to marry the rich young man, whose admiration for her brought about her dismissal, while the married couple vow never to call each other names again. The weakest part of this piece is making the governess a worldly little person, in order that she may say smart things when courted. Miss Rorke played the part with all gracefulness, while Mr. Lestocq was very amusing as the countryman. Mr. Gardiner was the lover, and Miss Giffard the wife.

MARRIAGE.

GILBERT-SIMS.—On the 25th ult., at St. John's Church, Upper Holloway, Bro. Thos as Gilbert, Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1567, of Pentonville Road, to Lizzie, daughter of William Sims, Esq., Cedras House, Crouch Hill.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE brethren of this Province held their annual meeting on Thursday, the 10th instant, under the auspices of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, at the Mechanics' Institute, Scarborough. The Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland Right Worshipful Grand Master presided, and was supported by a large number of brethren. The business was of the usual formal character, while the finances were reported as being in a flourishing condition. In the course of his address to the brethren the Provincial Grand Master expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so large an assembly. Five years ago the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in Scarborough, and since that time Freemasonry had increased in popularity and strength in the District. As evidence of this he referred to the consecration of the new Masonic Hall at Scarborough, in December last, and spoke of some other events which had been of interest to the Craft at large, and which had occurred in the interim. The installation of Bro. T. W. Tew as Provincial Grand Master of the neighbouring Province of West Yorkshire, and the election of one of their own members—Bro. J. W. Woodall—to the office of Grand Treasurer of England were among the matters of local interest, while the issue of a new Book of Constitutions had a wider significance. In conclusion Lord Zetland thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Leopold Lodge for their reception and entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge that day.

The following were appointed as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Sir Frederick Milner 160 ...	Senior Warden
Reginald Bell 1416	Junior Warden
M. C. Peck 1040	Secretary
Rev. R. Kennedy, M.A., 630 } Rev. F. H. Holt, B.A., 1760 }	Chaplains
John Marshall	Registrar
Robert Hodgson 57	Senior Deacon
Henry Forder 1010	Junior Deacon
David Fletcher 200	Supt. of Works
John H. Hackett 1760 ...	Dir. of Ceremonies
Henry C. Proctor 123 ...	Assist. D. of Cere.
George H. Anderson 630 ...	Sword Bearer
George Milner 1511	Standard Bearer
Frederick W. Booty 1248 ...	Assist. Standard Bearer
Charles Goulding P.M. 294 ...	Organist
James Wheldon 1337 ...	Pursuivant
Walter Budd 643	Assistant Pursuivant
Frederic J. Lambert 1010 ...	Tyler

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at the Music Hall, Claughton-road, Birkenhead, on the 23rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton D.P.G.M., for the purpose of transacting the usual business of the division. The agenda contains a notice of the following motion by Bro. John Wood P.P.S.G.W., "That a grant of 50 guineas be made from the funds of the Province to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." The brethren will, after business, attend Divine Service at St. Anne's Church, Beckwith-street, where a collection will be made in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Wirral Children's Hospital.

The installation meeting of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, will take place on Friday next, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when Bro. Blasby, who has already served the office of Master of this Lodge, will be installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The first meeting, since the consecration, of the Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357, will be held this day (Saturday) at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at three o'clock. The report of the Bye-Laws Committee will be considered, and there are several candidates who will be present for advancement.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With the darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by an alterative like these Pills. They go directly to the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, reduce distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective and contaminated secretions. Such easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be in the possession of all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood-tempering medicine, whereby its influence, reaching the remotest fibres of the frame, effects a universal good.

IMPROVEMENTS IN STREET CONVEYANCES.

IN these go-ahead days when all is bustle and activity in our large cities, and when the hours of work are being gradually cut down—in the morning, in consequence of the arrival of trains from country residences; and in the afternoon, because of these said trains having to make early departure—an amount of travelling through noisy thoroughfares has to be endured day after day which has an evil effect on the strongest nerved amongst us, and produces most distressing consequences on those who are at all subject to affections of the sensitive organs.

Asphalte and wood pavement have done much to relieve what, ere this, would have become almost unbearable if the old-fashioned granite blocks had been continued, but great improvements are yet possible, both in regard to comfort and luxury. Indiarubber tyres are a step in the right direction, and their adoption on the lighter class of vehicles may be considered as the thin end of the wedge which will eventually drive all noise-creating agents from our streets. The omnibuses are particularly guilty in this respect, and we look forward with an anxious feeling to the advent of the opposition which shall induce the great omnibus companies of the metropolis to try the effect of indiarubber on the tyres of the lumbering machines they provide for the convenience, or otherwise, of their patrons, for it seems that opposition is the only method by which these caterers can be induced to advance. The tramway companies would have pressed them hard in this respect, but for the enforced necessity to keep their coaches within restricted limits, and all we can hope for is that some public body will ere long have courage enough to enforce an improvement. Such a body will at least merit the approval of its fellow citizens, even if it should ultimately have to succumb to the pressure of vested rights. We wonder the present "fashionable coaches" of London have not brought their own condemnation, in the form of compensation for unintentional "transfer" of passengers from their roofs to the stones below. The "sea legs" needed in the height of an Atlantic gale are insignificant as compared with the balancing power required to take a "garden seat" on a London 'bus. But then Atlantic liners are constructed with a view to comfort, while metropolitan coaches are made for the purpose of affording convenience to those who must travel,—at the cost of inconvenience to all who come within their range. Coming down to smaller vehicles, or perhaps we should say going up to higher things, we arrive at the English cab. Truly our race must be an easily pleased one to have been content so long with the very limited accommodation afforded in this respect. Londoners accept for their use dingy conveyances which are repugnant to the eye, and Provincials are little better, for while in many cases the latter class of providers endeavour to relieve the monotony by a display of colour, they appear to compensate for this liberality by lessening the comfort they afford to customers. How different much of this would be if public caterers could realise that the public can and will willingly pay for comfort.

These remarks have been drawn from us after an inspection of a new cab, on the "Hansom" principle, which has been brought under our notice by an esteemed brother, who has been at some pains to point out a few of the advantages it offers. These, briefly summarised are, an arrangement for a sliding seat for the driver, whereby he can balance the weight on the horse's back in a manner hitherto unattainable. All the modern improvements in the arrangements of seats, &c., are here developed; the vehicle is fitted with C springs, and indiarubber tyres. The old-fashioned arrangement to shelter the passenger from the effects of rain beating in his face, and which hitherto frequently came down on him with disastrous result, in the form of a smashed hat or a disfigured face, are also improved upon, and last, but not least, there is an indicator by which the passenger may give instructions as to the direction in which he wishes to travel, or when he desires to stop, with ease and certainty of being attended to. This last-mentioned arrangement is the patent of Bros. M. J. Rowley and Wheeler, and trivial as it may at first sight appear, it will eventually prove of great advantage to those who are compelled to avail themselves of our public carriages whenever they have to make a series of business calls. This invention might profitably be applied to omnibuses and cars also, as it is often extremely difficult to attract the attention of a conductor just at the moment one wishes to alight, and although a hundred yards or so may be a matter of small moment to the conveyance which is speeding on its journey, it is very different with the passenger, who has to trudge back to his destination. As we have said above, there is room for very many improvements, and it affords us gratification to refer to anything which is a step on the road to perfection. In conclusion, we may state that the improved conveyance we have referred to has been designed and constructed by Mr. M. Smith, of Great York Mews, Baker-street, W., and we look forward to seeing the many improvements he has introduced being universally adopted at no very distant interval.

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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 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
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristo

MONDAY, 21st 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. 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
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.

R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

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

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1446—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, L
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East E

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street,
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notti

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainge
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruc
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntin
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, (
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-o
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-l
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmi
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd SEI

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., a
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C.,
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portlan
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Ins
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-ros
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fle
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road

1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old K
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-st
1804—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walth
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Stree
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, R
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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashir
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrews
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe,
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, B
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancas
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beckmon
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-stre
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-st
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pon
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley,
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymou
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Str
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwait
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hal
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Br

R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's St
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnar
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Gle
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

THURSDAY, 24th SE

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' I
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-s
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, La
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptfo
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Rege
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, Lo
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 Hi
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Ed
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, C
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Ci

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, West
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, a
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Gr
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End
1381—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Av
1521—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fl
1685—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Forest
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masoni
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav
Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instructi

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R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

78—Imperial George, Asbeton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
296—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
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—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, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1578—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 67—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
M.M. 32—Union, 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, 25th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
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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.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, 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)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
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
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 342—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. 1068—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 26th 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)
1384—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.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Ponistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1985—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

RESUMING our review of the candidates seeking admittance to the Boys' School who will compete at the election on the 12th of next month, we now come to the Provincial cases. Of these, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is answerable for four of those remaining on the list, two of them being fresh candidates and the others now making a second application. No. 24, Tom Edgar Gooch, is one of the new cases; he has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of four children dependent on the mother. His father was a member of the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, for upwards of fifteen years, and had passed the chair in that Lodge. No. 17, Percy Gibbs, was a candidate in April last, and then had one vote recorded on his behalf. He is one of three children left to the care of a widowed mother by a former member of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130. No. 29, Edwin Henry Groves, is another fresh case, and is an only child, dependent on a widowed mother. The father was an initiate of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, was a Past Master thereof, and a Past Provincial Grand Officer. During his lifetime he took an active interest in the Charities; he served the office of Steward, and qualified as Life Governor of both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. We hope his efforts to relieve the distress of others may be repaid by the Craft taking charge of his son for the next few years in the School at Wood Green. No. 14, Charles Ernest Haxthausen, has 415 votes to his credit from the April election of the present year. He and one other child are dependent, on their father, who is living. He was a joining member of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, having been initiated in a Norwegian Lodge. He holds the rank of Past Master, but as to his need for assistance from his brother Masons we have no particulars.

Durham has two cases. No. 4, Alfred Thompson Mushens, who now comes forward, for the fourth time, with 17 votes to his credit, is one of three children dependent on their mother, the widow of an initiate of Williamson Lodge, No. 949. Unless there is some good reason to prevent it, we hope to see the Province to which this lad is accredited giving his candidature their warmest sympathy next month. In such an event his election would be assured, or virtually so. No. 47, William Ernest Brockbank, is a new candidate. He has a sister in the Girls' School, but notwithstanding this his mother, who was left a widow in March 1881, has eight children to maintain, of whom five are partially provided for. The father was initiated in the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, and afterwards joined the Barnard, No. 1230.

East Lancashire sends forward No. 11, Alfred Taylor, for the third time, with seventeen votes already polled on his behalf. He is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother. The father was initiated in the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 274, and served the office of Master therein; he was a subscriber to the Benevolent Institution, and died in March 1879. No. 44, Levi Shorrock, one of six fatherless children left by a former member of the Antiquity Lodge, No. 146, is a case new to the present list, but both he and the other East Lancashire case should be pretty safe if the brethren of the Province to which their respective fathers belonged devote themselves to the work of securing their election. There is little doubt but that they will do so, as it seldom happens that an East Lancashire case is put forward that does not receive the attention of the Provincial organization, in its turn.

Northumberland's two cases are Nos. 8 and 48 respectively. No. 8, George Cannon, is an only child dependent on a widowed mother, and now appeals, for the third time, with a total of 16 votes brought forward from the two contests in which he has already taken a part. His father was an initiate of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, subscribing thereto for thirteen years, close up to the time of his decease, in November 1881. We hope it may be possible for his fellow members to do something for this child; after so long an association with a Lodge he should be well remembered in the district. No. 48, Charles Wren Limpricht, is one of five dependent fatherless children left by another member of St. Peter's Lodge. In this case the father was not so long a member of the Lodge, but that will not, we imagine, be taken into account if the case in other respects is deserving. We hope it may be proved that the members of the Lodge sending these two cases, backed by their friends in the Province of Northumberland, have power enough to secure their election.

Sussex has three cases in all, to one of which (No. 34) we have already referred, when speaking of the last applications; the two remaining are both new cases—indeed all three of the candidates from this province are new, and are numbered 34, 43 and 45 on the ballot sheet respectively. No. 43, Otto René John Fox, is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother. Her husband was an initiate of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, and died in June of last year, after a subscribing membership of 15½ years. No. 45, Walter Douglas Pronger, and one other child are dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in December 1883 by the death of an old member of the Mid-Sussex Lodge, No. 1141, of which he was a member for thirteen years. We thus see that Sussex has three cases which, so far as we are able to judge from the scanty details at our disposal, are most deserving, and were it not that one of the three is a last application it is possible the district might have divided their strength on behalf of two or all of them, as it is we suppose they will concentrate their efforts first of all to secure the election of No. 34 (W. H. G. Smithers), and then do what they can for the other cases. It should not be long before all three of the lads are elected, if this Province works unitedly to secure their success.

The North and East Yorkshire cases are also fresh since the last election. No. 18, Ethelbert Richard Emes, is one of five children left fatherless by the death of a Past Master of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, who had also risen to the dignity of Grand Deacon of his province. We trust the lad's mother may soon be relieved of responsibility in regard to the education and maintenance of one of her children. No. 54, Robert Langley Churchill, and two other children are dependent on their mother, the widow of an initiate of the York Lodge, No. 236, who subscribed thereto for upwards of thirteen years. He died in April of the present year, and we trust left among the members of his Lodge such a number of friends as will secure his son's early admission to the Institution for the benefits of which he is a candidate.

The neighbouring Province of West Yorkshire contributes two new cases for the approaching election. No. 39, Arthur Harrison, has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of two dependent children,

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who have lost both of their parents. Their father was a member of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1018, for sixteen years, and served the office of Worshipful Master therein. No doubt his son will soon be cared for under the roof of the Masonic Boys' School. No 41, Norman McCaskie, is one of five children left to the care of their widowed mother. The father had risen to the rank of Junior Warden of his Lodge—the Huddersfield, No. 290, and was a subscriber to the Institution from which his son is now seeking assistance.

Cambridgeshire is represented on the list by No. 52, Percy Neville, who is one of four children dependent on their widowed mother. His father was initiated in the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441; afterwards joined the Scientific, No. 88, rose to the office of Senior Warden and attained to Provincial honours as Provincial Grand Registrar.

Devonshire sends up No. 36, William Ballard Stevens, one of two dependent children left to the care of their mother by a brother who was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, afterwards becoming a joining member of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250. We shall be very much surprised if the ably organised Province of Devon does not carry this case at the next election.

The same may be said in regard to the Hertfordshire case, No. 55, William Archer Stocken, who is an only child dependent on his mother, who was left a widow in July 1881, by the death of a member of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449. If the Province takes his case in hand, as we have no doubt they will do, he may be looked for among the foremost at the close of the poll.

No. 46, Percy Haslem Matthews, the lad from the Western Division of Lancashire, has a sister in the Girls' School, and so may be said to possess proof of this Province's goodwill towards his deceased father's family. He and three other children are now dependent on their mother, whose husband was an initiate of the Furness Lodge, No. 995, and a founder of the Arthur John Brogden Lodge, No. 1715. This is indeed a case where speedy assistance may be safely predicted.

Lincolnshire's lad, No. 2, Benjamin Meeds Hildred, now appears for the sixth time, and brings forward a total of 772 votes, which have already been polled on his behalf. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of eight children yet dependent on their mother. His father was initiated in the Harmony Lodge, No. 272, and rose to the honour of Past Master and Provincial Grand Deacon. We hope friends will come forward at the next election in such numbers as to secure this lad's return at that contest.

Monmouthshire contributes No. 31, Colin Randolph Campbell, who is one of three fatherless children dependent on their mother. The father was initiated in the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, and served the office of Worshipful Master therein. He was likewise a P.Z. and a Past Grand Officer of his Province. We hope what he did in his lifetime may prove of service to his family in their hour of need.

No. 19, Frank Fowler, comes from Oxfordshire, the father having been a member of the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, for close on twenty-three years, during which time he secured the honours of Provincial office. Five of his children are how dependent on their mother, but we hope the efforts being made to relieve her of responsibility in regard to one of them may prove successful at an early date.

The Western Division of South Wales is represented by No. 28, Robert Henry Rees, one of three children dependent on their father, who is yet living. The father was initiated in the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 671, in 1876.

Staffordshire brings our review to an end, so far as the home cases are concerned. This Province is accredited with No. 16, Francis Walford Higgison, who was a candidate in April last, and then polled 426 votes. The father was an initiate of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419, and served the office of Worshipful Master therein. He died in October 1884, and at the present time there are three of his children dependent on his widow.

The Foreign Stations, represented by Malta, have one case on the list,—No. 15, George James Senior, who is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother. His father was an initiate of the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407, and died in June 1883. The lad has a total of 188 votes to his credit, polled in April last, when he was a candidate for the first time.

The only feature in the list for general notice is, perhaps, the presence of so many lads as candidates who have sisters in the Girls' School. This undoubtedly speaks well for the popularity of the Institutions—the families like the one so much that they want to try the other—but we question whether it is politic to allow two members of one family to enjoy the benefits of the Schools to the exclusion of other families equally deserving. We do not begrudge those who are successful with two of their children. We only pity those who cannot secure the election of one because of plurality in other cases. We think a rule might be adopted to make only one child of a family eligible for the Masonic Educational Institutions, at least until such time as the number of vacancies was in excess of the number of candidates.

FREEMASONRY'S STAND TO-DAY.

An extract from an address by Alexander George Sutherland, Grand Orator, at the Tenth Anniversary of Weber Lodge, No. 6, Utah, and the Dedication of its New Hall in Ogden.

THINKING of Masonry, we cannot help inquiring to some extent as to its origin, and while we may not be satisfied as to whether the science originated in the time of that good old sea-captain Noah, at the building of the Tower of Babel or the Temple of Solomon, in ages after or before those stupendous and splendid structures reared their heads and glittering pinnacles heavenward, or in the stirring times of the Crusaders; whether 'mid the stately cedars of Lebanon, or in the orange groves of Palestine, 'mid the cool shades of the Black Forests, or in the sun-scorched, arid plains of the dark continent; whether when the sun of peace was brightly shining, or the desolating hand of war was stretched out over the land, scattering blood, slavery, despotism, wrong and oppression from every finger, it matters not. Of one thing we are assured: That Freemasonry, shrouded though its origin may be in the mists of obscurity or darkness of mystery, glimmering star-like in the dark ages, or shining bright as the sun, a beacon in the advance of civilisation, originated in eternal truth and the unchangable requirements of human nature. Established by wisdom, its principles and tenets formed the unwavering pillars of its strength, evolved by and springing from the most just, generous and virtuous impulses of the heart and brain; without aid from Church or State; bitterly opposed by tyranny; antagonised by bigotry and superstition; scoffed at by ignorance; traduced by envy, and but seldom fostered, cared for, or nourished by governments or rulers, temporal or spiritual. Inculcating reverence for Deity; love and duty to country, and charity to all mankind, it has, from the commencement, steadily marched on, preserving its landmarks; fulfilling its grand and peaceful mission; inclining its votaries to love and charity, to moral courage and fortitude, and to the conscientious discharge of known duties. Comforting the afflicted; drying the tears of widows and orphans; bringing back the erring ones to paths of rectitude, and making all better, wiser and happier by its teachings, till it has become, as its principle tenet, "charity," should be, coextensive with the universe.

Tracing its origin to the first builders of rude shelters of rock or tree; following them through the long arduous struggle of ages; rearing in the far east magnificent towers and palaces, whose domes touched the skies, arresting the wondering and admiring gaze of the old world's heroes and sages; or in Europe and the north, building the strong fortresses, cathedrals and massive structures, many of which, standing to-day, are glorious monuments of the skill, wisdom and strength of our operative Brethren—the Masons of the past. Its aim and purpose were, then and now, always one and the same.

Since the Fraternity has ceased to work as Operative Masons, and has worked as we do now, in Speculative Masonry, the Craft has not ceased to build up strong and beautiful monuments of their work, and the monuments reared by Speculative Masonry are, and should be, more beautiful and enduring than any of the work of Operative Masonry. The tools of the operative have been put by the worker in Speculative Masonry to the noble and glorious purpose to which alone the spark of Deity in man could have applied them, and the "square," instead of being used upon rough and unhewn stones, has been, and is now, used in Speculative Masonry to square our actions by a

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virtuous life; the "level" has taught, and is teaching, the equality of man: the "plumb" admonishes us to walk uprightly before God and man; the "gavel," or hammer of justice, is divesting our minds and consciences of the vices and superfluities of life; and the "trowel," in the hands of a brother, guided by charity and love, is spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, uniting and binding each to the other, in one sacred band, labouring alike—heart, hand and brain—for the good of each other and the elevation of humanity.

Why, then, should not the monuments of such labour, such work, be more lasting, more beautiful, than the piles of rock reared by the operative, and which so grandly and convincingly attest the skill and wisdom of our ancient brethren, whose lives went out in their glorious work?

As a Mason must be a man, so should a man be a Mason, and the title, "an upright man and a Mason," is the proudest one ever bestowed on a human being, and only because that title has been honoured by a vast majority of its recipients, has Freemasonry been enabled to weather the storms of the past, till, unharmed by the breakers, rocks and barriers which envy, malice, superstition and ignorance have heaped in the path, Freemasonry stands to-day proudly erect, in the full, perfect and glorious stature of mature manhood, its hands filled with the offerings of peace and goodwill to all. Bigotry, superstition, ignorance, hate and oppression cowering before its presence, withering away before the glances of eyes that have pierced the dark shadows of the past, and now gaze calmly and undoubtingly in the rising clouds of the future, and with calm but earnest voice clearing from human minds the dogmas of folly and vice, steadily marching on, for ever on, in the van of civilisation, dispensing light from east to west, linking the chains of universal brotherhood, in every clime in all the earth, from centre to circumference. This is the picture painted for every Mason, and he who is true to his country, and to his country's cause, in guarding her rights and maintaining her laws; true to his country, to his God and all humanity, by walking uprightly before God and man; true to his brethren, "that he goes out of his way to help a worthy brother;" true to himself, "in remembering a brother's welfare as his own in his adorations of Deity;" true to all "in keeping a brother's secret as his own;" true to Masonry, "when he stretches forth his hand and assists and saves a fallen brother, and vindicates a brother's character as well behind his back as to his face;" true as man can be "when he cautions and whispers good counsel in the ears of a fallen brother and aids in his reformation and guards him from approaching danger." It seems to me that he who has thus been true, has not forgotten his Masonic duty in the least, and has builded to himself such a monument of strength and beauty as no earthquake can throw down, no inundation can cover and hide, no lightning can shatter; storms, though they beat upon it in all their fury and bitterness for myriads of ages, cannot deface. A monument which, when the strong fortress has been dismantled, and the gorgeous palace and all the works of the operative have crumbled and passed away, and their place is no more known, will stand out in bold relief, in its strong and beautiful proportions, with the bright sun emanating from the source of light, bathing it in golden rays of light, and the finger of Divinity pointing to the inscription, "The monument of an upright man and a Mason." Who says the monument is too high, or too much the labour of erecting it? A Mason, in the state, is always a good citizen; in the church, zealous, but never a hypocrite, bigot, or fanatic; in the home, a just man, a true and loving husband and father.

In the universality of Masonry, how uniform and just its system, for no matter where—on earth or sea; on arid plains; in the tropics or frozen regions; in the remotest quarter or corner of the earth, or in the broad expanse and waste of waters—Mason meets Mason, and be he prince or peasant, rich or poor—be he but a Mason, true and tried—hand clasps hand, breast to breast, hearts beat in unison, and words of cheer and comfort are spoken, and while deference is paid to men and stations, Masonry brings all to the level of brotherhood. Titles, place and power are levelled and forgotten in the broad, pure and perfect democracy of Masonry.

The lesson of charity has been taught to all alike, the duties and observance demanded from each, whether clothed in the purple and ermine of riches and loyalty benefits are for all alike—the reward of each commensurate with the toil.

Here, my brethren, let me for a moment call back your minds to one of the first lessons taught, and one of the first assurances given to candidates for the high honours of Masonry, that "it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that recommend him to be a Mason." To lose sight of this tenet of our Society would be to sap the very foundations of the grand Masonic edifice, whose corner stone was laid under such circumstances as to cause the bravest at times to falter, and the most hopeful to despond. It would, to forget this, be to tear from our hearts and minds the recollection of perhaps the most solemn moment in each of our lives—the utter helplessness of our condition. When first commencing the Masonic journey we found ourselves so utterly poor and destitute as to unable to give even the value of a pin. As Masons, should the recollection of that moment be lost? Should the grand lesson then taught be thrown aside as one of the mythical traditions which neither appeal to the head or the heart? No; certainly no; for with that lesson forgotten, the Tyler's place would be in the hands of a sleeping guard. The door of the Lodge would be open, and the beauties and glories thereof would be open to all eyes, and the beneficent privileges and benefits of Masonry would be obtainable only by those having wealth to purchase them, and the poor in purse, however rich in heart or mind, in generous, manly impulses or strength and beauty of intellect, would be turned aside to suffer, forgotten and unknown, never to feel the true warm grasp of a brother's hand; to falter and fall, with no brother to whisper good counsel, none to save from the downward path; and strong and beautiful pillars would be thrown mid the refuse and rubbish, and lost to the builders' use.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

MASONIC CHARITY.

CHARITY in its broadest and Masonic sense is a personal obligation or responsibility, and means that whatever is bestowed for relief is a *gratuitous* offering—never contemplating a benevolence that demands a *quid pro quo* for its kind offices. The fundamental and unchangeable law is found in the unwritten statute, and in every grade of the Institution. If the reader will recur to his obligations we shall be readily understood in saying that there is nothing in the law that conveys the thought that members of a Lodge, or other Masons, have legal pecuniary investments therein, and that are at their disposal upon application for relief. On the contrary, the enactment provides that a Mason shall make his contributions to the needy in obedience to the dictates of his judgment of the "worthy" character of the applicant, and his "ability" to comply with the necessities of the needy. It is quite true that a Mason has a moral right to *expect*, in the event of indigency, that his needs will be regarded with favour; nevertheless not in any instance is it contemplated that he can properly approach a brother member, or his Lodge, with a demand originating in any legal claim upon either. That which is true of personal responsibility in this direction is also true of the Lodge as the almoner of the member. If, therefore, we are correct in our premises—if it is undeniable that a Mason is not vested with *rights* to charitable consideration—if it is a fact that an applicant for charity must rest his claims to attention upon his good name and the ability of the brethren to respond to his wants, why the necessity or apology for legislation that not only casts a reflection upon our charitable professions, but that is sapping the foundations of the Fraternity by drifting us from our landmarks and associating the organisation with mutual insurance? *The fundamental law is ample under all possible contingencies—Exchange.*

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THE LONDON MUTUAL MASONIC VOTING ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It may interest some of your readers to be reminded of the advantage of combination over the system that has been so long in vogue in London in respect to the elections to our Masonic Institutions. I find, from the official books, that down to June 1884, and we cannot come nearer at present, owing to all the works not being yet published, we had in the Aged Masonic Institution, and the Boys' and Girls' Schools, a total of 803 annuitants and scholars, of which number the Provincial brethren had secured, by combination and unity, a majority of 307—thus putting the individual effort and independency of the London brethren thoroughly in the rear. The Masons in the Provinces are wise in their generation, and I, for one, am willing to give them every praise. Surely so good an example is worth following.

An examination of the figures annexed may give some idea of the great necessity of London more generously supporting its own Masonic cases.

The votes issued for the April election for the Boys' School were 49,890, and votes brought forward from October 1884—7043; about 4400 of these belonged to London, the remainder to the Provinces. At the conclusion of the polling the country succeeded in placing 18 candidates, with 31,910 votes, and 1859 votes to the credit of nine cases to be carried forward. London placed—after a tremendous effort—eight successful cases, with 13,919 votes, and 4095 to the credit of eight cases standing over to the election in October next. This shows a tremendous difference. If we look through the lists of votes, &c., published by the Institution, we shall find very little difference between the voting strength of London and the Provinces. Now, I would like to ask, why so great a difference exists between the efforts made by Londoners and the efforts of our country brethren. Kent, with 2192 recorded as her strength, polled for two successful candidates 3692 votes. Warwickshire, with 1238 votes recorded, was successful with 3644 votes for two cases; while Hertfordshire, with only 208 recorded, was also successful in securing the return of two candidates, polling 2738 votes. Some of our London brethren have expressed a desire not to part with the control they posses over their votes, although they see the disastrous result of individual effort. Now, in this Association, the final result, and the case or cases to be supported, is entirely within the control of the subscribing members, and it is not controlled by any clique. Will they not emulate their Provincial brethren? I am afraid I have trespassed at too great a length on your valuable space, and therefore conclude with asking the Londoners how long will they rest satisfied—having about equal voting strength with the Provinces—to plod, plod on, being always behind; yet having a voting strength of upwards of 22,600 votes?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. COOP.

THE YORKSHIRE LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly allow me a little space to reply to Bro. J. Ramsden Riley's letter, of the 16th instant, in your last issue, in reference to the origin of the present Lodge No. 208, at Dewsbury. I regret to differ from Bro. Riley, but the records are certainly against his numeration. I will trace them as briefly as I can.

First: Bro. Riley claims the present No. 208 to have originally been No. 373. To this I demur; and here is the record. No. 373 was warranted on 10th September 1766, and met at the King's Head Tavern and Coffee House, Islington. It became No. 308 in 1770, and does not appear in any List after 1772. In fact it ceased to exist, and is amongst the number of Lodges stated to have been "erased for not conforming to the Laws."

Bro. Riley, in his letter, calls this Lodge "3 Grand Principles, Islington." I can find no evidence that No. 373 of 10th September 1766 ever had such a name. The engraved lists do not at all favour such a supposition, or even that the Lodge ever had any distinctive name beyond the sign of the house in which it met.

Second: The next link in Bro. Riley's chain is that No. 373 of 1766 became No. 249 in 1780, 250 in 1781, and 283 in 1792. Here again the records state something entirely different, namely, No. 249 of 1780 was constituted on 4th December 1766 as No. 380, and met at the Crown and Thistle, near Tower-hill. It became No. 315 in 1770, 249 in 1780, 250 in 1781, 210 in 1792, 264 in 1814, 186 in 1832, and 160 in 1863, which number it still retains, as the Lodge of True Friendship, Rochford, Essex. This Lodge, which obtained its Centenary Warrant in June 1873, has certainly never been located in Yorkshire, or connected directly or indirectly with any Yorkshire Lodge.

Third: Notwithstanding Bro. Riley's observations, the evidences compel me to conclude that the present No. 208 is not of earlier date than 1772, and this is its record. It was constituted by the name of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 436, on 21st November 1772, and met at the Queen's Head, Gray's Inn Gate, Holborn. It became No. 343 in 1780, 344 in 1781, 283 in 1792, 358 in 1814, 251 in 1832, and 208 (its present number) in 1863. It was called the Master Mariners' Lodge in 1790, and took its present name—Lodge of the three Grand Principles—in 1793. The only point of similarity between No. 373 and No. 436 is that they both met at the King's Head Tavern, Islington, but as there was a lapse of 22 years between such events that surely is no evidence of identity or continuity. No. 436 removed in 1803 to Dewsbury, as stated by Bro. Riley, where it still remains.

I do not quite understand, and should like Bro. Riley to furnish some *evidence* in proof of, his statement that "Unanimity, 436, of 21st November 1772 was by no means unanimous as to what its number ought to be, or had a right to be, between 1770 [i.e., two years before its Constitution] and 1792." Surely the Warrant of 21st November 1772 with its number 436 ought to be conclusive on that point.

The importance of having this disputed matter satisfactorily cleared up must be my apology for occupying so much of your valuable space. The information given above (which I have extracted from the MSS. of my forthcoming work) will, I trust, be useful at any rate towards the settlement of a question about which there has been evidently some confusion.

I should like to take this opportunity of again expressing my appreciation of Bro. Riley's book as a whole, and with the exception of the few disputed points I heartily concur in your reviewer's estimate of "The Yorkshire Lodges."

Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE, P.M. 1402.

Torquay, 19th September 1885.

YORKSHIRE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Herewith I enclose "Richard Rich" Circular, calling Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at York, of 18th January 1804.

Had the original been loose, I would not have hesitated to send it, but for eighteen years I have made it a practice to preserve all such documentary evidence, by pasting all I meet with in guard-books.

In explanation of the first footnote, it is as well to state that from 1750 to the Union, and even later, it was a common practice in Yorkshire to hold *regular* meetings at other hostelries than that named in the Warrant. The latter was held to possess extraordinary powers, and legalise all proceedings under the sanction of its presence. It was frequently carried home by the Master after the Lodge meeting, and he sometimes lent it in order to give a much-coveted authority to Masonic meetings of a somewhat mixed character.

In 1803 these erratic habits had become a perfect nuisance to Grand Secretary, and I have read William White's letters complaining bitterly of the impossibility of keeping a proper Register unless the Provincial Grand Lodge could control these movements of Lodges. I do not think, however, these customs were confined to Yorkshire, but belonged to the period.

Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, 22nd September 1885.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE FOR THE COUNTY OF YORK.

RICHARD RICH, ESQ., P.G.M.

Right Worshipful,

You are hereby acquainted, that the Provincial Grand Master will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication for the said County, in the Provincial Grand Lodge-Room, Blake Street, York, on Wednesday, the 18th day of January next, precisely at Twelve o'clock at Noon; when and where the attendance of yourself and the Wardens of your Lodge is required. At the same time and place you must produce to the Provincial Grand Master a List of the Members of your Lodge, and pay into the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, or his Assistants, the sum of two guineas from the fund of your Lodge, towards the defrayment of present contingencies, and likewise such monies as shall be due therefrom to the Charity, Hall, and Liquidation Funds, in order that they may be transmitted and paid into each respective fund of the Grand Lodge previous to the next Quarterly Communication, which will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday the 8th day of February following.

By order of the P.G.M.

JOHN WATSON,

York, 18th Dec. 1803. Provincial Grand Secretary.

An answer is expected (post-paid) on or before the 1st of January, and say what number of Brethren from your Lodge is likely to attend, and inform me at the same time at what house, and on what evenings, your Lodge is usually held.

☞ Dinner Tickets, 10s 6d each, exclusive of the two guineas to be paid from your Lodge.

*** Any brother, being a Member of a regular Lodge under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, may appear in the Provincial Grand Lodge, but is not entitled to vote.

Copied by me, from the Original in my possession, 19th September 1885. J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

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CONFIRMATION OF BENEVOLENT GRANTS IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "ROUTINE" has evidently adopted the course he disapproves of in others, in a letter of his, published in your last issue. That letter is certainly a "feeler," and I should think was written by him "with the view of ascertaining if sufficient sympathisers," to use his own words, are to be found to allow of the subject being discussed. I will not, however, question the policy of his procedure. I sympathise with his views, and think that an amendment might advantageously be carried into effect. If the Board of Benevolence recommend a grant which, in the opinion of any brother is too liberal, I think the proper course would be for the objector to put himself in communication with the President of the Board, detailing such special facts as he may know of in connection with the case, and leaving it for the President to decide whether the new information — if anything new be supplied — be of sufficient importance to affect the decision already arrived at. His verdict, except under the most extreme conditions, should be accepted as final, as the President of the Board might be relied upon to give an equitable decision on the case. This course would prevent even a hint in Grand Lodge of any lack of unanimity in voting the money, which must always be more cheerfully received if cheerfully given, and I maintain that whatever we are able to do in the way of lessening distress should be done in such a manner as to give the fullest amount of relief—both to mind and body. With this object alone in view, and not with any desire to diminish the rights of brethren in Grand Lodge, I think the proposal of "ROUTINE" worthy of consideration.

Yours, &c.

P. G. B.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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TRANQUILITY LODGE, No. 185.

AN emergency meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on Monday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a numerous attendance, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. S. Boas. There were also present Brothers H. Tipper J.W., J. M. Levy S.D., W. D. Bayley P.M. Treasurer, A. I. Myers Secretary, W. Thompson Steward; P.M.'s S. Barnett, John Constable, N. Glückstein, A. E. Staley, J. D. Barnett, E. Gottheil, and R. Bloomfield, B. F. Potter Tyler, and many other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. C. Rivers 452 P.S.W. (Himalayan Brotherhood), B. Groner P.M. 1613, D. Hills D.C. 754, A. Eskell 71, G. P. Hawkes 101, E. Hamilton 53, and W. Merton 1693. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites to the second degree Bro. H. Mayer was passed. Resuming in the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. Saul Nathan, who had been proposed by Bro. A. Rosenfeld, and seconded by Bro. M. Frischer; and the voting being unanimous in favour, Mr. Nathan was duly initiated. The working was excellent throughout, and reflected the utmost credit upon the Worshipful Master and his Officers. Some other business was transacted, and at its close the brethren and visitors adjourned for supper, which was served in admirable manner under the superintendence of Bro. Marchant, who also officiated as toastmaster. The usual prefatory toasts having been disposed of, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Initiate, who had come to them recommended by brethren who had done a great deal of good for the Tranquillity Lodge, to which they had brought several initiates. He trusted there might be many more opportunities for him to submit this toast, as without initiates the Lodge could not flourish. Bro. S. Nathan, in responding, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the cordiality with which he had been received, and expressed the hope that he might always experience the same happiness in assembling with them as he had done on that occasion. The W.M. then gave the Visitors, remarking that it was always a great pleasure to the members of the Tranquillity Lodge to extend to visiting brethren the hand of fellowship and to greet them with a cordial welcome. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. W. Morton and Groner P.M. 1613, who in the course of his reply said this was his mother Lodge, and coming back to it, and seeing around him so many familiar faces, was like going back to happy days. He could not say anything as to the working that evening, as he was unable to be present, but he had a vivid recollection of his initiation, and remembered it as one of the happiest days of his life. However, the reputation of the Tranquillity Lodge had spread far and wide, and brethren who had visited it were always delighted with the bounteous hospitality which was shown them. The W.M. rose and said, after three years' absence they had a brother amongst them who was deserving of all honour at the hands of the members of the Tranquillity Lodge. He referred to Bro. John Constable P.M., who had returned to England on a short visit from the Cape. It was quite unnecessary for him to dilate upon the many excellent qualities displayed by Bro. Constable in the various offices he had filled in this Lodge, and especially as its Treasurer, and Trustee for the Lodge and Benevolent Funds. These services so well rendered were fully known to, and appreciated by, the brethren; and had won for him the esteem and regard of all. As a man, a Mason, and a friend, he was held in the highest estimation. They wished him a safe journey when he returned to his present sphere and duties abroad, but hoped at no very distant date again to receive him into their midst. This was the signal for a perfect ovation to Bro. Constable, who in acknowledgment expressed the gratification it afforded him to meet once more with the brethren of the good old Tranquillity Lodge. Were it not for the sincerity which always characterised the remarks of the Worshipful Master he should be disposed to regard them as mere platitudes. It was a source of peculiar pleasure to greet the members after so long an absence from this country. He regretted the non-attendance of many old friends who had been prevented through unforeseen circumstances. He trusted at their next meeting the Worshipful Master would convey to them his regret at their absence, and his hope that he might have the pleasure of meeting them on the occasion of his next visit to England. It had been to his interest to travel 6,000 miles from his native land, and he was pleased to say he had been more successful there than during his residence in this country. He hoped he might be even more successful in the future than he had been in the past. The laws of the Craft prohibited him from entering upon any dissertation on South African policy, and he would simply close by again thanking them for the warmth of their reception, coupled with the hope that at no distant date he might have the pleasure of again responding to the toast that had been so kindly proposed to them that evening. One or two other complimentary toasts were proposed, and a very pleasant réunion was enlivened with some excellent singing.

CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

THE brethren of this sound and substantial Lodge re-assembled, after the summer recess, on Thursday, last week, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City when there was a goodly attendance, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Nevins, who was supported by Bros. W. Harris S.W., W. Watkins J.W., J. Dorton P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Pitt Secretary, W. Temple J.D., S. Still I.G., A. B. Tuberville D.C., J. H. Sherwin Organist; P.M.'s J. Mitchell, F. B. Brien, T. Vincent, P. McCarthy, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. V. Orchard 79, and Palmer 25. Lodge having been opened in form and the customary formalities observed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Sully, whalebone manufacturer, of 22 St. Jude-street, Bethnal-green-road, who had been proposed by Bro. P. Aarons and seconded by Bro. Mears S.D. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Sully was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who discharged the duties most satisfactorily. Brother Ward was then raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being carried out in a perfect way, affording the utmost pleasure to all present. At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Marchant, and the repast was followed by the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts. The health of the W.M. was received with special enthusiasm, and abundant testimony was borne to the valuable services Bro Nevins has rendered to the Lodge during his term of office. The W.M., in responding for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received, assured the brethren of the deep interest he felt in the welfare of the Capper Lodge, and his wishes for its continued prosperity. Bro. Brien, in responding for the Past Masters, congratulated the brethren upon their meeting for the first time this session, and upon the good fellowship which he trusted would be maintained in the future as it had been in the past. Bros. McCarthy, Mitchell, Vincent, and Dorton also responded in suitable terms. The health of the Initiate was well received, and Bro. Sully replied in a few happily chosen remarks. He thanked his proposer and seconder for their kindness in nominating him as a member of the Craft, and hoped he should prove a credit to it. The Visitors were next cordially welcomed by the W.M., who said the brethren of the Capper Lodge were always glad and proud of the presence of visitors from other Lodges. The health of the Officers of the Lodge followed, the W.M. expressing his pleasure and satisfaction at being surrounded by such an efficient body of co-workers. Their Senior Deacon, Bro. Mears, was laid on a bed of sickness and unable to attend this evening, but they all hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would speedily restore him to health and enable him to resume his Masonic and other duties. The toast was suitably replied to by the Officers present, all of whom spoke in terms of the highest praise of the brethren who had passed the chair, and whose example they should endeavour to emulate. The proceedings were agreeably enlivened by some excellent singing.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held on Saturday, 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The Officers present were Bros. J. J. Rinton W.M., G. W. Marsden S.W., R. J. Voisey J.W., J. C. Reynolds sen. Treasurer, Chas. Wilson Secretary, D. B. Mercer I.G., F. W. M. Smith Organist, and C. Acres Gooding Steward; P.M.'s R. R. Bryant and A. Middlemass; Bros. J. C. Bradley, R. Elgar, C. F. Cockle, J. Arlidge, E. J. Jones, R. Irvine, and T. E. Heller, and the following Visitors: Bros. James Glanville W.M. 217, M. Whyatt S.W. 5, and F. Williams 101. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, when it was announced that the unanimous choice of the Lodge had fallen on their esteemed S.W. Bro. Marsden, who was congratulated by the W.M. Bro. J. C. Reynolds was for the sixteenth time re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison was re-elected Tyler. After an Audit Committee had been appointed the next business was to consider a notice of motion having reference to Bye Law 18. For some time past this has been more or less a "burning question," inasmuch as it somewhat created a distinction between the Past Masters *of* the Lodge and the Past Masters *in* the Lodge. For instance, the former were to be summoned to attend the Audit Committee, while the latter were not. This question was fully threshed out on this occasion; the result being that the bye Law remains in force, whereby the Past

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Masters of the Lodge and the Past Masters in the Lodge remain on the same level as heretofore. After some other important business had been considered, discussed and settled, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner. An adjournment was then made to the banqueting-room, in which Bro. Venables had provided a frugal repast. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. That of the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Middlemas I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Brinton, who was about to retire from the chair, owing to effluxion of time. Bro. Brinton had discharged the onerous duties of his office with much ability and judgment. After expatiating on the qualities which had been exhibited by him on all occasions during the period he had presided over them, Bro. Middlemas said, doubtless their W.M. would be pleased to relinquish office; most Masters were at the end of the year, inasmuch as the office was not associated with sinecure ease. The toast was then pledged. The W.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the forbearance and kindness they had manifested towards him during his term of office. As regarded the Officers, they had assisted him on all occasions most willingly and heartily; for their services he thanked them most sincerely. He was aware he had not discharged the duties so efficiently as his predecessors, most of whom had been endowed with brilliant abilities; his successor, however, who was young, and well versed in the ritual, would doubtless make up for his (Bro. Brinton's) deficiencies. He thanked the brethren for having voted him a jewel and collar; he hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would bestow the rich dew of His blessing on the Lodge. The cloud which had hung over the Lodge was now dispersed, and he predicted a bright future before them. The toast of the W.M. elect, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge, were severally proposed, and responded to. Bros. Voisey, Smith, Middlemass, Gooding, and Williams contributed some capital songs during the intervals. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THIS young Lodge had the misfortune, in February last, to lose its W.M. (Bro. Richardson P.G.A.D.C.) by death, and since then the work has been carried on jointly by the I.P.M. (Bro. T. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Swd. Br.), the S.W. (Bro. R. Smith 1 P.M. 697), and the Secretary (Bro. Geo. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Std. Br.) Tuesday, the 22nd inst., was the third annual festival, and though the proceedings could not but be saddened by the remembrance of the loss the Lodge had sustained, yet all passed off most successfully. The day will be memorable in the annals of the Lodge on account of the presence of two most distinguished members of the Craft—viz., the D.P.G.M. of the Province, Bro F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Both these brethren took part in the ceremonies, the former installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel H. Ellis; and the latter giving the address to the newly-appointed Officers. It need hardly be said that the work was performed in a most impressive manner. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. T. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Sw. B. I.P.M., R. Smith I.P.M. 697 S.W., S. Shawyer J.W., Rev. W. M. Jones P.P.G.C. Chaplain, W. Strutt Treasurer, G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Std. B. Secretary, M. W. Meade Senior Deacon, W. Rudrum Junior Deacon, W. Jackson D.C., G. F. Smith P.M. 1839 P.P.G.O. Organist, S. J. Bruce I.G., J. Turner, J. Grout, and W. R. Hance Stewards, J. Pearman Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the D.P.G.M. and Grand Secretary for their kindness in honouring the Lodge by their presence, and the latter was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Philbrick was elected an honorary member when the Lodge was consecrated. The I.P.M. (Bro. Thos. Eustace) was re-elected as representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. After the Lodge proceedings were concluded, 30 brethren sat down to dinner at the Blue Boar Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the hostess, Mrs. Hickford. The usual Masonic toasts followed. The D.P.G.M., in responding to the toast of his health, expressed the pleasure he felt at being once more at Maldon, and finding that not only was Freemasonry flourishing, but that there was such a cordial feeling existing between the two Lodges. He alluded in feeling terms to the death of their late W.M., and remarked that this sad event had shown the wisdom of those who had framed their laws, for though the individual fell out, the Lodge went on. So would it continue to be—when each of them in turn received the summons hence, others would be found to occupy their place and carry on the Grand work of Freemasonry. The Grand Secretary also addressed the brethren, congratulating them upon the flourishing condition of Freemasonry in the Province of Essex. The speeches were interspersed with some excellent vocal music, Bro. G. F. Smith jun. P.M. 1839, the Organist of the Lodge, acting as accompanyist; the same brother also contributed a brilliant pianoforte solo, which was much applauded. Amongst the brethren present, beside those already mentioned, were Bros. F. R. Hales W.M. 650 P.G.J.W., Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., F. P. Sothery W.M. 276 P.G.S.D., Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.G.S.W., F. George Green P.M. and Sec. 1024 P.P.G.S.W., H. Harper P.M. and Sec. 160 P.P.G. Sw. B., J. T. Bailey W.M. 697, R. M. Beeson 160, and the following members of No. 1977: Bros. D. J. Wright P.M. 1024 P.P.G.P., Edmund Gowers W.M. 1024 P.P.G.O., C. Potter, A. W. Bell, G. Best, John Turner, C. B. Copsey, H. F. Christie, E. Pearman and T. J. Tyler.

ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY LODGE, No. 2063.

THE first annual festival of this Lodge was held at the Public Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, on Friday, the 18th inst., when Bro. Walter J. Nunn S.W. P.P.S.G.D. Suffolk P.G.J. Suffolk, was installed in the chair. Through the inability of the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C.) to reach England in time, the ceremony was performed by Bro. R. Hayward Ives I.P.M. 51 Prov. G. Asst. Sec., and he did it in a most impressive manner. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow: Bros. Sir J. H. Johnson I.P.M., W. M. Foxcroft S.W., J. P. Allen J.W., John Mann P.P.G. Sec. Essex Treasurer, W. T. Hook S.D., T. H. Baker J.D., F. W. Lewellen Organist, J. W. Aberdein I.G., C. H. Grosvenor and W. F. Reid Stewards. After the usual addresses by the Installing Master, the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Ives for his kindness in undertaking the duties of Installing Master at so short a notice. The motion was carried by acclamation. The Acting I.P.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. W. W. Towse, whose death was so deeply deplored, remarking that this was the third loss by death the Lodge had sustained in the last three months. The W.M. having been unanimously elected representative of the Lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province, and other business transacted, the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Royal Hotel, an excellent dinner being as usual provided by the host, Bro. Wallis. The following brethren signed the Presence Book:—W. J. Nunn S.W., J. Mann Treasurer, F. J. Nunn Secretary, W. M. Foxcroft S.D., W. T. Hook J.D., W. Cattermole I.G., H. Hart Tyler, T. H. Baker and H. Finner Stewards; also Bros. W. R. Bloom P.M. 1799, John Lawson P.M. 1491, John M. Wheeler 1491, G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., R. Hayward Ives I.P.M. 51 P.G. Assist. Sec., S. Greenhill 51, John Howe 697, Henry Mason P.M. 913, E. F. Canler 1799, Chas. Hempson P.M. 1799 P.P.G.A.D.C., G. Canler 1799, Robert Legerton 697, W. Partridge 1799, F. R. Hales W.M. 690 P.G.J.W., F. King P.M. 1056, W. Armstrong P.M. 1592 P.P.G.J.D. Suffolk, Joseph Grimes W.M. 51, R. H. Scott W.M. 1799, E. Walker, A. G. Rickarby I.P.M. 1799, J. Boulton P.M. 1056 P.G.P., W. T. Reed, John Starling, R. Womack, G. F. West, J. S. Joice, P. B. Harris, J. W. Aberdein, Norman Demald, S. J. Sparling, James C. Allen, A. Penfold, G. Walker, William Iron, G. H. Riches, George Graham, James P. Allen, E. J. Gilders, Chas. Allen, M. H. Page, M. Matson, and C. H. Grosvenor.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, the 24th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. J. J. Pitt W.M., Penrose S.W., Mansfield J.W., Banks P.M. Treasurer, S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Fisher S.D., Emblin J.D., Hollis I.G. P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor, E. Good, J. Millington, and several others. The Lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millington acting as candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was advanced to the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Hollis, Treasurer of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, was elected a member.

East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.—The weekly meetings of this Lodge of Instruction have now been resumed, on Tuesday evenings, at Bro. Bruce Johnston's, the King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7·45. The first meeting took place on the 1st September, when eighteen brethren were present. Bro. J. S. Streeter P.P.G. Registrar Surrey was re-elected Treasurer, Henry Hiscox Secretary, and Hugh M. Hobbs Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. H. Ranson W.M., and the charge was afterwards given. Several members were proposed, and the Lodge adjourned to the following Tuesday, when Bro. W. Nicholls, W.M. of the mother Lodge, was in the chair.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 22nd September. Bros. Edwards W.M., West S.W., Dunstan J.W., Watkinson S.D., Baker J.D., East I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Christian, Clark, Caperoe, Rose, Marsh, Smyth, Guenegalt, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rose candidate. Bro. Caperoe offered himself as candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The ceremony was then rehearsed. Bro. Watkinson assisted Bro. Christian to work the second section of the lecture. Bro. West was elected W.M. for the first Tuesday in October. The next meeting being on a Tuesday, the Secretary will occupy the chair. Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of this Lodge on the fourth Tuesday in October, Bro. Christian W.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge presiding, Bro. Watkinson S.W., T. Clark J.W., and Brasted I.P.M.

Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.—The meetings of this popular Lodge of Instruction, held at the East Dulwich Hotel, continue to be well attended, and some excellent work is to be witnessed on Monday evenings, under the able preceptorship of Bro. J. G. Bellis P.M. On the occasion of our visit Bro. Eedle very efficiently discharged the duties of W.M., supported by Bros. Bailey S.W., Wills J.W., Cattermole S.D., Wimble J.D., Shorter I.G., Eagle Sec., Macnaughton, Smith, Lampen, Anderson, Keyse, Bolander, Burnett, Cracknell, and many other brethren. After the usual preliminary business, Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in a most satisfactory manner, Bro. Anderson personating the candidate. The first section of the lecture was then worked by Bro. Anderson, assisted by the brethren, after which the Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Wimble worked the first section. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when Bro. T. J. Cracknell, of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and the

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appointment of officers for the ensuing week followed. The Secretary having announced that the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Monday, the 28th instant, to be followed by a supper, Lodge was closed in form, amidst the hearty good wishes of the brethren to the W.M., who was congratulated upon his excellent working, under the guidance of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Bellis. At the close of the meeting, the thirty-first ballot of the Charitable Association attached to this Lodge of Instruction fell to Bro. Wimble, who has elected to take a life vote in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is anticipated that the meeting on Monday evening next, at the East Dulwich Hotel, will be largely attended by brethren resident in the southern suburbs of the metropolis, and a treat may be expected from Bro. Bellis, who is well known as an ardent Mason and an able exponent of the ritual of the Craft.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012. — At the meeting held at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 19th instant. Bros. Williams W.M., W. W. Williams J.W., W. Johnson P.M. Secretary, Harry Price P.M. S.D., F. G. Craggs J.D., H. Purdue P.M. I.G., T. E. Weeks Tyler, Ayling Preceptor; Bros. Wing, Kench, Meyer, Smithers. Visitors—Bros. Price and Robinson. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Price candidate. Bro. Harry Price, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the third lecture. Lodge closed in the three degrees, in perfect harmony. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed this (Saturday) evening. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

THE THEATRES.

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The Standard.—Melodrama, that of old used to put its Court cards into tall boots and plumed hats, and loved to trump the sweet Queen of Hearts with some diabolic Knave, all over pistols and poignards, has now quite changed the pattern of its pack. Villainy no longer scowls and strides as a wicked Baron, whilst the tender Angelina shrieks and faints whenever Edwin happens to be at hand. Angelina has grown up now, and has usually married her Edwin; whilst the Baron, suffering from the levelling influences of the age, has shrunk into a mere burglar or amateur forger. Edwin himself, instead of heroic deeds of "derring do," which he always achieved in becoming costume, now too often painfully poses himself as qualifying for a Scotland Yard detective. We are much obliged to Mr. Willing that, in his new play, "Judgment," produced at the Standard on Saturday night, we have once more an Edwin—young, handsome, and chivalrously trustful—like the Edwins of our youth. An Angelina full of womanly tenderness and a "fine spirit." A chief villain, rising through such a crescendo of evil doings that the "judgment" awaiting him in Act VI. (unacted) is in every way satisfactory. The play opens with a prologue. Here we encounter Richard Garnon, a runaway convict. He has sought refuge in the house of old Captain Seymour, who in trying to secure him gets accidentally killed by his own pistol. The cottage is entered by Webber, an ill-conditioned warder; Garnon meantime has changed clothes with the dead man, and he and Webber agree he shall personate the victim, and that they share his fortune between them. When the curtain next rises, at the commencement of the play proper, we find Garnon has returned from a long residence abroad, where he has graduated in the requisite double-dyed villany. It follows as a natural sequence—as the late captain's lawyer might prove an inconvenient personage to deal with—that his house and his documents have been quietly burnt. Here the ex-warder, Walter Webber, turns up a flamboyant masher. The confederates recognise each other, and after some lively skirmishing, in which the cool self-possession of Webber corners the convict, they come to terms. Webber is to marry Garnon's pretended daughter, Milly Seymour, and then the two may secure the fortune between them. Milly has been brought up by her trustee, whose nephew, Edward, she loves. The scene of the play—and it is one of the most impressive that melodrama has given us for a long time—is when Milly, flying from her pretended father and the husband he would force upon her, seeks concealment with a poor needlewoman, actually Lexon's wife. Milly communicates with her lover, but is tracked to her hiding-place by Webber and his confederate. Now they quarrel over the future division of her fortune; a struggle ensues, Lexon, when half-strangled, affects to consent to his confederate's demands, but eventually stabs him. Here the murderer's sudden horror was given with great intensity and force by Mr. Melford;—horror not of the crime, but of its possible consequences. The house was thrilled by the terrible tension of the scene; then a door opens, and a white-robed figure with the fixed eyes and pale-drawn countenance of a sleep-walker enters. It is Milly. Lexon shrinks in affright; then, inspired by a sudden idea, he approaches the gliding form, withdraws the light she carries, puts the blood-stained knife in its place, leads her to the murdered man, and gently forces her on to her knees. Then, half mad with the excitement of the horrible plot, shouts for help, and denounces the sleep-walker as a murderess. Miss Amy Steinberg throughout this trying scene acted with an intensity and pathos we have rarely seen equalled. If there were nothing good in the play but this scene it would well repay an audience. Miss Steinberg holds the house with an almost painful power, while Mr. Melford rises to the requirements of the crisis without a weak moment. Indeed, his acting throughout is excellent; here, however, it is supremely good. The great scenic feature is the Court of Justice, where Milly is tried for murder. It is a triumph of realism, and elicited a storm of applause. The speech of the counsel for the defence, a part doubled by Mr. bills could have recognised the volatile, flippant ex-warder in this dignified Q.C. Of course, Milly is declared not guilty, but we trust the management has greatly toned down the humours of the jury. The joke of throwing "heads or tails" to determine a verdict is surely outside the bounds of comedy. The card-playing, dram-drinking fools would disgrace the probabilities of a burlesque. Indeed, with so much deserving of praise in Mr. Willing's work, we must protest against the whole scheme of comic relief. Mr. Barney, an excellent low comedian, can make nothing of the business imposed on him. Miss Stella Leigh plays with feeling and sincerity as Lexon's wife. Mr. Percy Lyndal, as the lover, is thoroughly manly and earnest, and escapes the self-consciousness which so often oppresses the jeune première. Mr. Shepherd plays throughout with admirable restraint. His jaunty air of superiority, never exaggerated; indeed his entire portrait of Webber is a grand creation, and belongs to high comedy. The scenery is strikingly good, especially the lovely Scotch landscape in Teviotdale. The artist, Mr. R. Douglass, was twice called to receive the acknowledgments of the house. When the curtain finally fell, Miss Steinberg, Mr. Melford, Mr. Shepherd, and other leading members of the cast had to acknowledge the cheers of the audience. There were loud cries for the author, but Mr. Willing had been content with assured success, and was no longer in the house.

The Avenue.—To judge from the crowded condition of his auditorium Mr. Henderson may congratulate himself on the revival of "Falka," on Saturday last. The scenery is pretty and bright, the cast no less excellent than the original one; while the dresses or undresses are as brilliant or as sparse as the soul of the master could desire. The songs and choruses are nightly encored; as to the quality of the music "let it not too much concern you;" rather take it as a medium for stocking studies. All the house beams with smiles of exquisite delight when pretty Violet Cameron sings and capers, and all the house is convulsed with delicious enjoyment when Mr. Sam Wilkinson, as lay brother Pelican, with spongeous nose and pimply cheeks, leers like a Pall Mall minotaur, or chuckles and rolls and tumbles about in drunken imbecility. This gentleman makes his study of the monk, evidently from the pages of Rabelais, as loathsome as in a Calvinistic nightmare. The picture is essentially clever, but there are certain studies an artist should prefer to keep within a closed portfolio. Mr. Hayden Coffin sings splendidly, and looks a splendid Don Cæsar vagabond in the first Act. In the second and last, his costumes are fatally ill-designed, and ugly in kaleidoscopic treatment. The favourite, "I am the Captain Boleslas," was given with irresistible dash and dramatic go. There will be a treat for lovers of music when Mr. Hayden Coffin secures a part worthy of his powers. Mr. Dallas has some excellent business, and Mr. Lonnen is really diverting as the timid, shrinking, susceptible Tancred. Miss Wadman, the original Edwige, has all the fire and spirit proper to the sister of Boleslas; she, with Mr. Hayden Coffin, make these personages citizens of some other country than Cockaigne, and are fairly successful, despite the librettist. To Mr. Lytton Grey great praise should be accorded for the admirable discretion with which he acts in pettiticats when masquerading as "Falka." He resists any temptation to secure cheap laughter, and never lets his method sink into buffoonery. We had hoped to see Miss Eva Sothern in a part nearer the traditions of her name, but she sustains with much refinement and grace the small rôle of Alexina, though we fancy she scarcely feels at home in this to her new form of art. The comfortable little theatre in Northumberland Avenue has had its seating accommodation much improved by the present lessee, who boldly inaugurates the latest ready money system—by a discount of 10 per cent. for booked seats.

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Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, who is now in this country for a few weeks, desires us to make known his regret that he finds it impossible, in view of his many engagements, in England and elsewhere, to pay all his friends here a visit before his return to South Africa. He leaves on the 8th October, before which time he hopes to have the pleasure of meeting some few, at least, of those with whom he was associated in this country till within the last few years. Bro. Constable intends to be present at the Committee meeting of the Boys' School on Saturday next, and as many brethren know him in connection with that Institution in particular, it will afford a good opportunity for renewing old friendships. We wish him a pleasant voyage out, and a safe return to his native land when he may desire it.

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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. I.

WITHOUT wishing to individualise too freely, it may be interesting to contrast the traits of character which are made evident in the various Masonic Lodges it is our duty and pleasure to visit; and, avoiding personalities on the one hand, or invidious distinctions on the other, to sketch in outline some of the prominent proclivities of "Masons whom we have met." In Masonry, as in other of our Institutions, composed as they are of all sorts and conditions of men, there are lights and shades—"smiles and tears," we were almost about to say—which may well engage the attention of a thoughtful observer, and call forth a kindly and well-intentioned comment. It is impossible to overlook the fact that in an assemblage such as one ever meets "across the walnuts and the wine," there are divergencies of deportment and manner strikingly in contrast, and the same features are developed, only in a more strongly marked degree, in private and public life. The

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we carry in our "mind's eye" the busy, ubiquitous little brother, who is ever busy in the cause of Charity, and who never is so happy as when he is patronisingly patted on the back as the "sturdy beggar." To prove himself worthy of the soubriquet applied to him is the *summum bonum* of his ambition. It is pleasant to contemplate this worthy scion of the Craft, as in the course of the fourth degree festivities he is called upon to acknowledge the recognition of services so thoroughly executed. We see him now, with modest trepidation, listening to the accents of genuine praise pronounced upon him by the Worshipful Master, shaking his long, sleek locks in solemn protestation against a eulogium which in his inmost heart he thinks a piece of adulation. But the brethren who know his merit deem otherwise, and endorse by spontaneous applause the epithets so well and appositely applied to the "sturdy" one, who does good by stealth, and blushes to find it fame. We have known the brother whom we indicate silently meandering amongst the brethren, pleading eloquently on behalf of this or that Institution, or for a candidate for its benefits eminently in need and deserving of them, yet all the while concealing his identity in the matter, pocketing all the expressions and looks of gratitude which are pointed at him as he goes about his mission of mercy. Yet this is the type of a man who spends his energies in a truly disinterested vocation, the results of which are more apparent to those who are benefited thereby than to him who is the voluntary instrument of attaining them. Here we see the force and intrinsic value of the tenet we all learn in the earliest stages of our Masonic career, that Charity—like mercy, is twice blessed; to him who gives as well as to him who receives. Watch him at a Charity Election. See how he glides about amongst the brethren who have votes to give or to exchange. The look of earnest solicitude at one and each he meets, for aid, not for his own aggrandisement, but for the welfare of some poor suffering one,—may be a distressed brother or widow, or an orphan. Nor is his work accomplished until the ballot reveals that his strength has not been spent for nought, or his labour in vain. With a glow of satisfaction we have seen him congratulate the object of his solicitude upon his or her success, and, disdaining all thanks, retiring from the hall in happy consciousness of having done his duty. Yet withal there are moments when the "pepper" so proverbial to his temperament has risen above other considerations, and when as Past Master of his Lodge he has insisted upon the verification of the old motto of Tacitus, "*Hi ritus quoque modo inducti, antiquitate defendatum*," which being interpreted meaneth, that "these rites and ceremonies were made, established, and kept for antiquity's sake." The brother whom we try to picture is not one of the numerous and unwholesome class of Masons who, having elbowed their way through the ranks and achieved the highest ambition of their lives, retire upon the laurels they have won, and are content to subside into the serried and lethargic ranks of "veterans"—or drones—of whom there are too many on the roll of Past Masters. Having done so much to merit the applause of his brethren in the Lodge he loves so well, like an "ancient mariner" he still holds on to the ship's crew, and aids each helmsman to guide the barque through all weathers, be they stormy or rough. Whether in the solemn conclave, the open working, or the amenities which naturally follow as the reward of labour, he is equally at home, always mindful, never selfish, and ever solicitous for the welfare of the rest. But best of all, when the Charity box goes round, and the merry music of the freewill offerings of the brethren is resounding in his ears, then our brother's heart rejoices, for he knows that some poor orphan boy or girl is being lifted out of helpless want, or some aged brother, or a widow, is being helped on a stage towards comparative competency and comfort. Then it is that he sees the outcome of the true principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,—when a child is rescued from the pinchings of poverty and placed in a position to fight the battle of life, or some deserving one who has seen better days, is tenderly borne into that haven of rest, where

"Age and want sit smiling at the gate."

When all these energies are strained to carry rays of happiness into the houses of the sad, and relief across the thresholds of the afflicted, there must be greater inward satisfaction in the mind of the brother so heroically engaged than can be afforded by the most prolific and lustrous jewels that any body of appreciative brethren can bestow. The "sturdy beggar" stands upon a pedestal, not of his own construction, but founded upon the tearful gratitude and inexpressible thankfulness of those in whose behoof he has spent a great portion of his life. His present reward is in the spontaneous acknowledgment of those who have learnt the value of his tenacity in the cause of real Charity, and in the recognition of the fervency and zeal which he has gained in the hearts of the brethren with whom he is most intimately associated, and who know him best. His ultimate gain will be the approval of the Great Architect of the Universe, who will pronounce the fiat of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," upon all who have worked with fidelity, and earnestly in His service, in whatever sphere they might have been called to occupy in this sublunary abode.

We are loth to spoil the above picture by any reference to another form of Masonic delineation, which unfortunately too often thrusts its unwelcome presence into the chamber of our thoughts. But we cannot avoid the contrast which is demonstrated to us between such a man as he whom we have faintly endeavoured to portray, and the man who—by bounce and "high falutin'," as they term it across the Herring-pond—forges his way, over the heads of the more deserving and less boastful, into a position for which he is eminently unfit. We have a vivid recollection of such a person, who, having the gift of plausibility and assurance, has raised himself on the shoulders of the credulous and weak-kneed, and who even now poses before his fellows as a veritable type of valour and indomitable pluck. Saturated with egotism and self-complacency, this bird of borrowed plumage flaunts his idiosyncrasies like fireworks before the eyes of bewildered followers, and like Sir Oracle bids all men listen while he speaks. It is said that when Homer nodded all the world went to sleep, and so such a self-constituted Saul rises to the occasion, and expects and finds that many others follow, sheep-like, through the gap that he has made. Such a man as we have before us, in boastful vein for a brief space deludes the brethren into the idea that everything he does is in the cause of Charity, though all the while he has not an atom of that divine attribute in his composition. He struts his brief hour upon the stage in a blaze of self esteem, but ultimately, like Lucifer, he falls, never to rise again in the respect of those whom he has cozened and betrayed. Having struggled fiercely for the distinction which it is in the power of his brethren to confer, he fails to attain the zenith of his hopes, and finding that his vaulting ambition has overleaped itself, he crawls from the charmed circle and peevishly vows that he sees "nothing in Masonry." How many there are who though they may make good running at first break down lamentably when the time for effort arrives, and whose eager enthusiasm or vanity has outran discretion and brought its own condemnation! A bejewelled Past Master whose wiles have thus outrun his wisdom is a mistake to himself and an impoverishment to the Craft, and the Institution is better without him. How great the contrast between the jaded and spent egotist and the "sturdy beggar" is well known to men who care to study the traits of character in Masonic as well as other walks of life, for whereas on the one there waits but faint and fleeting popularity—the other is held in lasting regard amongst brethren with whom he has borne the heat and burthen of the day. We have many other such contrasts yet in view, which may form the subject of comment in these columns, as "time and circumstances shall permit."

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has consented to give his lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges," at the next meeting of the Shakespere Lodge, No. 1009, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 2nd October. The Lecture has been delivered with great success at several of the London and Provincial Lodges, and is of a most interesting character.

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Obituary.

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BRO. HYAM M. LEVY.

It is with an especially mournful heart we enter upon this feature of our duties. During the past few months, on several occasions, it has befallen our lot to chronicle the decease of friends with whom we have been most directly associated since we undertook the conduct of the Freemason's Chronicle, and to-day we have to announce the death of one who has worked shoulder to shoulder with us since this Journal was established. Bro. Hyam Moses Levy was well known to a large majority of London Freemasons, many of whom will agree with us

"We could have better spar'd a better man."

Bro. Levy was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and filled the office of Worshipful Master thereof many years since. He was exalted in the Joppa Chapter, and rose also to the highest dignities therein. He was a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and had taken an active part on many occasions in work connected with their management.

Bro. Levy was a frequent visitor at Lodge meetings, where he was always a welcome guest, and at many of which his presence will be missed as much, or nearly so, as that of a regular member. At the festive board Bro. Levy was essentially in his element, and never hesitated to do his best to afford a few minutes' amusement when called upon by the presiding officer so to do. In fact, with Shakespeare, we may say that he was indeed

"A fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy."

but, alas! again quoting the Immortal Bard, we ask

"Where be your gibes now? your gambols? your songs? your flashes of merriment that were wont to set the table in a roar?

The funeral of our old friend took place at the Jewish Cemetery at Willesden, on Wednesday, when among the Masonic and other friends of the deceased who attended were the Revs. S. Lyons and — Spiro; Messrs. S. Lyons, N. Salmon, L. Lazarus, Delehitte, S. B. Alexander, F. Marks, Obed Roberts, M. Spiegel, J. S. Lyon, S. Salmon, Edward F. Storr, B. Kauffmann, G. Bolton, L. Solomons, H. Phillips, W. W. Morgan, &c. Telegrams and letters of sympathy were received from many others, and we have been requested especially to thank Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Capt. Geo. Lambert, W. Radcliffe, B. E. Blasby, G. Coop, and J. Lichtenfeld, for the kindness they have exhibited to the relatives of our deceased brother.

Reference was made to the sad event of Bro. Levy's death at the weekly meeting of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, held on Tuesday evening at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Bro. A. G. Dodson, the President, after the ordinary business had been transacted, said although this Lodge of Instruction was not a new one, yet it was a resuscitation of the old one, of which he had no doubt their lamented brother was a member, and there was every probability that the brethren in those days long ago had benefited from his working and teachings. Although their late Bro. Levy did not join the resuscitated Lodge of Instruction, and consequently had not been much amongst them, yet he (Bro. Dodson) thought it would not be inopportune on their part if they, of whom a majority present were members of the old Joppa Lodge, in which their deceased brother held a distinguished position, were to send a letter of condolence to his friends, expressive of their regretful sympathy, and as a memento of their appreciation of the long and valuable services he had rendered to the Craft. They would do this in the recollection that Bro. Levy had proved himself a thorough Mason, both in charity and work. Bro. Dewsnap, who was acting as S.W. for the evening, seconded the proposal, endorsing all that had been said by the President as to the private and Masonic worth of their departed brother. It is almost unnecessary to add that the proposal was unanimously adopted, amid general expressions of regret at the loss which the Craft had sustained by the death of one who had exerted himself so long and constantly in behalf of the true interests of Freemasonry.

The weekly meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday evening was presided over by Comp. Wm. Side, with G. Gregory H., G. H Hunter J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., J. Russell P.S., Wm. Radcliffe S.N., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. The holidays being nearly over, the Companions are assembling in goodly numbers. On this occasion the ritual was very creditably rendered.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. in the chair. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson P.G.D., G. Hammerton Grand Sword Bearer, J. H. Matthews Past Grand Standard Bearer, James Peters Past Grand Sword Bearer, E. H. Finney, H. Massey, Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., Arthur E. Gladwell, F. Adlard, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After reading and confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, and of the House Commitee for information, an additional vacancy was declared for the October election, in consequence of the withdrawal of Beatrice Elizabeth Wright from the School. On the motion of Bro. J. H. Matthews it was resolved that a sum not exceeding £2) be allowed to enable S. L. Bellamy and H. L. Ward to take lessons at the Crystal Palace in the theory of music. These girls had shown great taste for music, and were being retained in the School on this account. He thought it would advantage the School if these girls should be encouraged in their pursuit of the knowle lge of music. The next business was the consideration of the recommendation of the House Committee as to the purchase of certain land adjoining the School grounds at Battersea-rise. The object of the proposed purchase was to prevent a depreciation of the Institution's property by the erection of small houses on its north and east sides. The Chairman, in proposing that a special meeting of the general Committee be called for Tuesday, 6th October, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering a motion of which he gave notice:

"That the provisional contract, dated 23rd September 1885, for the purchase of £5,700 of the land on the north and east sides of the Institution at St. John's-hill, Battersea Rise, as shown upon the plan annexed to such contract be approved, and that the trustees be authorised to carry the same into effect,"

said that some time ago the Institution had the whole of this property offered to them for the sum of £36,000. That subject was brought before the general body of subscribers, and the offer was refused. Since then plans had been laid before the Committee of the proposed laying out of the estate for building purposes, and it was found that by that scheme the School would only have a frontage of something like 30 feet in the Wandsworth Road, but by purchasiug the strip of land now proposed to be purchased they would have a frontage of 754 feet in addition to that which they already possessed. It would most heavily depreciate the Institution's property if it only had its present frontage, and allowed the north and east sides to be built upon with small houses, the ground-rents of which would be only £7 to £10. The back gardens of these houses would come directly up to the walls of the School grounds, which would consequently be overlooked. If at any time the Institution wished to sell its property at Battersea Rise the value of it would be very much more having the frontage which the proposed purchase would give than without it. There had been an offer made by the proprietor, Mr. Heaver, to let the Institution have the land for £5,700. In 1877 an additional peice was bought for £2,500, which was at the price of £5,000 an acre. The present offer was not cheap. The peice offered for £5,700 was really more to the advantage of the Institution than the whole property which was offered for £36,000. Considering these circumstances the Committee authorised the Secretary to draw up a provisional contract for the purchase, and when this was done it was signed, subject to the approval of the General Court. He should give notice for the next Quarterly Court in the terms above quoted, but as it was necessary that the subject should be discussed at the General Committee, and recommended by the Committee to the General Court, he would move

"That a special meeting of the General Committee be called for Tuesday, the 6th of October, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to discuss this notice of motion."

The motion having been seconded, was agreed to, and the Committee adjourned.

MARRIAGE.

NEWTON-SANDEMAN.—On 23rd instant, at St. Michael's and All Angels', Sanninghill, Berks, Lewis Boswell, only son of J. Newton, F.R.A.S., of the Sailors' Home, London, to Louisa Jean, eldest daughter of the late Alfred Park Sandeman, of Calcutta.

DEATH.

LEVY.—On the 21st instant, at his residence, 7 Torrington Square, W.C., Bro. Hyam Moses Levy, P.M. P.Z. 188, &c., after a trying and painful illness of six weeks' duration.

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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 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.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 26th 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)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
146—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Fraternity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—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—Ball-cocie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
1357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
1448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)
1510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.

1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W C, at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)

898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place,
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon R
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury,
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mar
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palm
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, W.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John St
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberw

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street,
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-st
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, D
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchu
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Para
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great Ge
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbur
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, N

1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Picc
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King St
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, O
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Ravleigh
1963—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, C

R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Litt
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Coughs Hotel, Ye
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birm
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street

THURSDAY, 1st (

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Stre
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Mas
87—Vitruvian, White Hart College-street L
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street Den
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, C
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Stre
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Re
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenh
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Stre
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower T
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warnd
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House,

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Wa
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, So
1195—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal
1309—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile E
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-ro
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic
1558—D Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosv
1602—Sir Hugh Meddelton, White Horse Ta
Theberton Street) N., at 8 (Instruc
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, M
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Str
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restau
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London S
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millba
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thorn
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southg

R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's H
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tav
at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Al

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall,
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Ca
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinck
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond,
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Hasling
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place,
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, L
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beve
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-und
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-st
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampto
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolve
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somer
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Du
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall,
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Som

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, L
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-plac
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Staly
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liv
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lin
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonsh
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel,
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Dari
1384—Beauty, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Pootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsle
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn Hou
1569—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield,
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney St

1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Grey Friar's Road, Reading

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Beeitive, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
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)
1298—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.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
909—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (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
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 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)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1569—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
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
2013—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.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1466—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF MASONRY?

HER wonderful preservation amid the vicissitudes of ages is a striking proof that she was destined for some great and useful end. Institutions which claim kindred with her have sprung up in clusters around her, but like the insect of the hour they have sunk into oblivion. She has overcome the opposition of the powerful, she has foiled the arts of the crafty; and unscathed though purified, by the fire of her persecution, she exhibits in her age the vigour of her youth. The surges of popular fanaticism have swayed against her temple,—not a stone in her foundation is loosened. The green foliage, which time has planted, winds around her columns; it has but given strength to the slender shaft, and the column stands firm and unshaken. What, then, is the mission of Masonry? Are we, as some would willingly believe, merely a social band of brothers, with free hearts, but light heads,—fond of the glass and the jest,—desirous only to forget the troubles and cares of life in the passing cup and the revelry of the hour,—productive of more harm to ourselves than to the wiser multitude who stand without? Why, the lesson that runs like a golden thread through all our ceremonies and ritual, impressed on the candidate when he enters our portals, and still lingering on his ears as he departs, is an unanswerable refutation of so foul a charge. Some, it is true, have fallen by the wayside. We do not excuse the erring, for they sinned in the full light of moral suasion and teaching. But we would say to the censorious cavalier, in the words of one who knew no sin, but could feel sympathy for those less perfect, "first cast the beam out of thine own eye and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote of thy brother's eye."

To the great and good members of our Fraternity, and their name is legion, men whom the world has delighted to honour, whose many virtues and noble deeds have won for them a crown of immortality, we turn with pride and pleasure. They are the true exponents of what Masonry has done and will do. But there is a day coming, the time and the hour knoweth no man, when "every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low," when every lofty aspiration shall be satisfied, every sordid desire for ever cease. For the advent of this glorious day, Masonry is working; "making straight in the desert a highway for our God," preparing the ground for the sowing of the seed, which shall bring forth golden and immortal fruit. Her voice is heard clear as the voice of a trumpet, giving no uncertain sound: "Lift up your eyes on high and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number, and calleth them by their names, by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power, not one faileth." "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Should not the thought that we are co-workers in this great and glorious cause awaken to full life and activity every power which the Almighty has bestowed? Our field is the world; wherever the white sails of commerce are spread to the winds,—wherever the indomitable energy of man has discovered a new pathway to wealth and fame, there Masonry is found, and will continue to stand forth, the gentle minister of good.

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We are informed that some influential members of the Order have given their support to the proposal, by accepting the office of Patron, but until we can officially announce the names of these Patrons, which we trust to be able to do at an early date, we confine ourselves to referring our readers to the prospectus of the Club, which appears in another part of this issue, or to the Honorary Secretary, Bro. Joseph D. Langton, who will give any information that may be desired.

The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, held at Bro. W. H. Myers's Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel-road, near the London Hospital, and the Whitechapel and Mile End Stations of the Metropolitan, District, and East London Railways, will commence its Session on Monday evening, 28th inst., at seven o'clock, and continue its meetings every Monday evening until the end of the Session in June 1886. Wm. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445, P.Z. 820 and Z. 1598, Preceptor, Wm. McDonald P.M. 1445, Z. elect 1598, Deputy Preceptor, James A. Robson P.M. 1445, J. elect 1598, Hon. Sec. Craftsmen are cordially invited to attend.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, was presided over by Bro. James Brett P.G.P. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President took the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. Henry Garrod G.P. occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary, and several other well-known Craftsmen were in attendance. Recommendations for grants made at the August meeting to the amount of £140 were confirmed. There were 29 cases on the list, of which seven belonged to London—twelve were widows. The total sum granted or recommended was £675, which was composed of two sums of £50, five of £40, five of £30, one of £25, six of £20, two of £15, four of £10, and two of £5. Two cases were deferred.

The Masonic exhibitions held at York and Worcester have had one good effect at least, having led to the establishment of a Worcestershire Masonic Library and Museum, for which we understand collection is going on apace. Bro. George Taylor P.P.S.G.W. and Secretary of the Province, has already secured something like four hundred volumes of valuable and rare books; over two hundred old medals of all countries, and a large number of prints, certificates, aprons, pottery specimens, &c., &c., which will form the basis of the collection, and which, we believe, will ere long be permanently installed in its future home. We are all the more pleased to announce the result of Bro. Taylor's efforts as we have heard it said that we were inclined to throw cold water on this proposal—a statement very far from correct, as our desire is, and always has been, to encourage and assist, in every way within our power, the establishment of Masonic exhibitions. With such a start as Bro. Taylor will be able to give the Worcestershire Museum, we hope it will attract curiosities from brethren who now possess them and who may be willing to present them wherever they would be appreciated.

At the regular meeting of the Industry Lodge, No. 186, held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. John G. Horsey P.M. 1619 and 1832, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, was installed as Worshipful Master for the second year. The Officers appointed were Bros. G. W. Hook S.W., W. S. Page J.W., W. Mann P.M. Treasurer, John Seex P.M. Secretary, W. W. Westley S.D., J. D. Sherring J.D., N. Cornock I.G., R. C. Powell and — Cooke Stewards. We congratulate Bro. Horsey, and trust that the skill and experience he will bring to bear in the fulfilment of his duties, may tend to restore this Lodge to its former position, and relieve it of the troubles it has unfortunately experienced of late.

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EDWARD DYER,

(AGED 8 YEARS,)

The applicant is the son of the late Bro. EDWARD DYER, M.D., who was initiated in the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, on the 12th November 1869, and who died in December 1884, after an illness contracted in South Africa. The mother of the lad only survived her husband three weeks.

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(AGED 9 YEARS,)

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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL PROPERTY.

WE can well imagine that when the School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was removed to its present quarters at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, the brethren who arranged the transfer thought they were going far away from the bustle and activity of London, out into the country where fresh air and green fields would be of benefit to the children who were to spend the earlier part of their lives in the School. No doubt they went far enough—according to the prospects in those days—to keep free from the evil of being hemmed in by other buildings; but London has made marvellous advances during the past thirty years, such as to completely upset all calculations made by our ancestors of a quarter of a century since; it is, therefore, not to be wondered at that the expectations of those who advocated the removal of the Girls' School to Battersea Rise should have proved erroneous, or that we to-day find our Institution there surrounded by houses on every side, while the green fields to which it was transplanted appear to have receded, until they are probably as far away from the pupils now as they were previous to the abandonment of the old building in favour of the new one. The extension of the great Metropolis, and the consequent lengthening of the distance between the present headquarters of the Girls' Institution and the open country has not yet ceased, nor is there any probability that it will cease. On the contrary, we may expect that the next thirty years will see even greater alterations than have happened during the past thirty; it therefore behoves us to make calculations accordingly, and to consider, before making any changes, not only possibilities, but also probabilities, and those of apparently the wildest character. It is no use looking to the present time alone, or even to what may be expected within the next ten years. We must calculate rather on a radical change, something similar to what has taken place during the past thirty years, and if we do that we may possibly form a tolerably fair estimate of the state in which matters will be found even at the close of the present century.

We have said that the Girls' Institution at Battersea is at the present time surrounded on every side by houses, and that the tendency is to increase the number of habitations within a short radius of it. A reference to the Report of the regular meeting of the General Committee of the Institution on the 24th ult., which appeared in our last issue, will give ample evidence of this, even if those who are interested in the matter are not personally acquainted with the facts of the case. It appears that the property adjoining the grounds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the north and east sides, is to be cut up into small plots, and let for building purposes. When we say that the plots are to be of such a size as to be let at a ground rent of some £7 or £10 per annum, and at the same time bear in mind the relative position of Battersea Rise as compared with the Metropolis of the present day, we can imagine that the residences to be erected will not be of a very high order, or that they will in any way add to the charms of a neighbourhood which, but a few years since, was justly entitled to the designation of suburban. Their erection may even afford additional reasons for considering the advisability of making another move, but of that we shall not at present speak, except so far as it affects the proposal under consideration. The houses proposed to be erected will, under present conditions, back on to the property of the Girls' Institution, and at one point at least will come within about twenty feet of the main building, while all along the north and east sides of the property they will overlook the grounds. This close proximity to the habitation of the children cared for by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is undesirable, from many points of view, even were there no other reasons to urge in favour of the purchase. Having the backs of some thirty or forty small habitations immediately adjoining the grounds will be a serious matter from a sanitary point of view, the danger to which the children in the School would be exposed in the event of the outbreak of an epidemic being sufficient to awaken grave anxiety in the breasts of those who are responsible for their charge.

Keeping these facts in view, the House Committee of the Institution have been in communication with the owner of the adjacent land, with the view of making such arrangements as should prevent a depreciation of the Institution's property, and at the same time, if found necessary to extend it, to do so on the best possible terms. These negotiations have met with success so far. The adjacent owner has slightly diverted one of his intended roads, and offers ground which it is thought desirable for the Institution to secure,—for the sum of £5,700. This offer has been embodied in a Provisional Contract, dated the 23rd ult., and a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution is summoned for Tuesday next, to decide whether the Trustees shall carry the same into effect. We venture to think that the verdict will be one of unanimous approval in the course proposed by the House Committee, and that the additional land will be secured for the benefit of the Institution.

The price asked for this additional land is not a low one—considered apart from the advantages it will bring to the property already possessed by the Institution; but if looked at, as it should be, as an outlay which will not only extend, but at the same time improve, the ground at present held, its advantages are apparent. If the land is retained by its present owner, and built upon in accordance with his proposal, the Institution will lose the advantage of a frontage of about 750 feet, which its purchase would secure, and in view of the eventuality—which must come sooner or later—of being compelled to leave Battersea Rise, the variation in the value of the ground then, with or without this frontage, would make a very serious difference in the amount it would realise. We must therefore deal with the purchase to be considered next Tuesday, firstly, as necessary, in order to maintain the value of the property at present held by the Institution; and, secondly, as an investment in land which will always be worth—if not the full price paid for it, at least very nearly so. Under such conditions the purchase will no doubt meet the approval of the General Court of Governors and Subscribers, who must be aware that it is to the advantage of the School to improve its surroundings as far as possible when that can be done without too extravagant an outlay.

The Special General Court to consider this question is called for Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London, at four o'clock, but in the meantime any subscriber can inspect the Provisional Contract on application at the Office, while a Sketch Plan of the property belonging to the Institution, showing also the ground included in the proposed purchase, may be had from the Secretary of

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the Institution, who we are sure will immediately answer any queries addressed to him in reference to the subject. The time at disposal is necessarily short—as we presume the owner cannot settle anything as to any part of his property until he knows the decision of the Institution in regard to the portion the House Committee has been in treaty for—but it is sufficient to allow of any inquiries which may be considered necessary by supporters of the Institution, for whose benefit and on whose behalf the negotiations so far entered into have been conducted.

THE "TOUT ENSEMBLE" OF MASONRY.

EVERY initiate into the mystery of Freemasonry is entitled to know, and to legitimately profit by, all that there is in it; and how *much* there is in it every Brother who has diligently sought the Light knows. Naturally, the newly-made Brother sees only the "*tout ensemble*" of Masonry, the whole taken together. This composite unit is very striking, very suggestive, very instructive. It presents the appearance of a beautiful moral edifice, a Temple not made with hands, a rare and noble product of the finest human minds. No *one* man devised Freemasonry. Our traditions teach us that never less than *three* Brethren have perfected anything for the institution. What perfect thing could Wisdom create, without the aid of Strength and Beauty? Freemasonry has ever employed all three, actually and typically, and the result is a "*tout ensemble*" that has challenged, the admiration of Masons, and even of the profane world, through all the past existence of the Craft. But this one, rounded, superficial view of Freemasonry, while the only one that the newly-made Brother can take, is far from the only one that the zealous initiate takes, who all through his career diligently seeks "more Light." Such a Brother is not satisfied with the whole of Masonry taken together, but he scrutinises its component parts, its various characteristics. The *tout ensemble* of some structures, material and moral, is beautiful to the eye, but when their parts are critically examined, they fail to justify the preliminary view, and instead of yielding pleasure, they disappoint and annoy. Not so Freemasonry. The façade of its moral Temple is stately, noble and beautiful, and its interior is no less, but rather more so, and all that is enacted within tends to improve the mind, purify the heart and ennoble the life. Taken together, or taken separately in its parts, Freemasonry is a science worthy of its originators, worthy of its initiates in all ages of the world, worthy of the devotion of a Washington, a Franklin, a La Fayette, a Marshall, and a Dallas, and worthy of its unexampled career, surviving as it has the downfall of dynasties and nations.

Even after a Brother ceases to regard merely the *tout ensemble* of Masonry, and comes to look closer at the peculiar features which distinguish it, he may be enchanted with some one feature, and practically disregard the rest. Some of these do not require that emphasis be laid upon them in order to win for them admiration. Who need call attention to the banquet? It is superficial, it speaks for itself. So of kindred features. Nearly all young Brethren are diligent attendants at their Lodge, but unless they are *students* of Freemasonry, delvers in the quarries, seekers after Light, in the course of a few years they lose their primary enthusiasm become irregular in their attendance, and possibly drift into the throng of the indifferent, the suspended-for-non-payment-of-dues and the non-affiliates. Unless a Brother sees more than the *tout ensemble*, five years in the Craft may measure the length of his active Masonic life.

What an example did Brother Benjamin Franklin, and the Freemasons of Philadelphia in the year 1732, who were members of the St. John's Lodge of that day, set us in this regard! In the report of the Committee, dated 5th June 1732, which we printed for the first time in the *Keystone* of last week, these Brethren manifested a laudable desire to become acquainted, not merely with Freemasonry as a whole, but also with it in some of its most important parts. Those Masons of one hundred and fifty-three years ago, in the "city of Brotherly Love," in this, as in other respects, were models for us, and for Freemasons through all time. They wished not only to admire the shell, but to profit by the kernel of Masonry. In substance they said this: Freemasonry is founded upon Geometry and Architecture, and therefore ignorance of these "is very unbecoming a man who bears the worthy name and character of Mason." How exceedingly true! But these ancient Brethren did not stop with the enunciation of this truth. Ben Franklin was nothing if not practical. This Committee recommended that the *whole cash then in the treasury of the Lodge* "be laid out in the best books of Architecture, suitable Mathematical instruments, &c." They wished the members of St. John's Lodge to be, not merely superficial Masons, but that every one should enjoy and profit by *all there was in Masonry*. What was true then in this regard is true now, and will continue true to the end of time. We shall mention but two parts of Masonry which will abundantly repay the study of any Brother, and these are, this very science of Architecture, upon which Bro. Ben Franklin and his associate Brethren laid so much stress; and the eternal moral truths of Masonry, which are so forcibly and continuously taught in the course of its work, and in which every initiate should feel the deepest interest. The physical man dies and is buried, but the spiritual man shall live for ever. Immortality is ours. Momentous truth! The Freemason who is not conscious of this, who is unimpressed by it, who does not act as though he were the custodian of a Divine spark which may hereafter glow with the splendour of a sun, fails to apprehend one of the greatest and most glorious truths of Masonry.—*Keystone*.

DISCORD *versus* HARMONY.

THE season of Masonic work may now be said to have fairly set in, most of the Lodges having resumed their wonted activity after the summer recess. Those who have had the means and leisure at their disposal to spend a few weeks at the seaside or elsewhere have had no reason to complain on the score of weather, which is so essential an element to the enjoyment of a holiday trip, and let us hope they have returned with health invigorated and mental vigour recruited by their brief respite from the worries and monotony of every day business life. May we couple with that wish the desire that much of the friction which unhappily marked the closing days of last session in connection with some Lodges may have subsided, under the genial and refreshing influences of a "run out of town?" We are led to this remark by a knowledge that in certain hitherto prosperous and industrious Lodges unfortunate discords have arisen to mar the harmony and comfort of the brethren, and in one or two cases conduced almost to anarchy amongst men who had erstwhile worked together in peace and unanimity. Now that they are entering upon a new season, however, it is devoutly to be wished that any bad feeling which might have inadvertently crept into Lodges may be smoothed over by the wise and judicious action of Worshipful Masters and their predecessors in the chair, for a Masonic Lodge is a place in which no shadows should be found. Our trust is that all brethren should go to work shoulder to shoulder, keeping in view the common aim and interest of all Masonic enterprise. The old motto holds good now as ever it did, that "a house divided against itself cannot stand," and the worst enemy that can exist to the stability of any Lodge is where dissension is allowed to creep in, with all its attendant miseries of jealousy and discontent. Consolidation is the goal which all the Officers and brethren of a Lodge should strive to reach, and instead of an inordinate desire to create new Lodges for the sake of personal advancement, or the airing of any particular crotchets, every effort should be put forth to strengthen the old ones, and to establish them on a firmer basis even than before. Let those who have been reigning with arrogant supremacy bend to the wishes and the varying temperaments of those in subordinate positions, which if done judiciously and wisely cannot but be productive of the most happy results. Equally salutary will it prove if the members of Lodges, instead of resenting too fiercely any real or fancied grievances, will yield a little to the exigencies of the moment, so as to heal any sores that may have been caused in the transaction of business in the past. Mutual concession is conducive of, and essential to, order and obedience, and gentle rule on the one hand, with discipline and cordial co-operation on the other, must ultimately result in general and mutual satisfaction. It displays a weakness almost unpardonable when brethren who imagine themselves slighted, not only alienate them-

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selves from their Lodges, but agitate for the creation of new offshoots with a view to their own promotion to office. Yet we have reason to know that in some of our Lodges this evil has become painfully apparent. Our advice to such brethren is, not to snatch at the shadow and thus lose the substance, and where trifling disagreements have arisen no time should be wasted in idle recriminations, when a little calm consideration and reflection may restore the wonted amenities of a Lodge. Harmony is destroyed, and prosperity must vanish under such circumstances, and it not unfrequently happens that brethren who are at variance might easily adjust their differences and return to work with that love and harmony which are so characteristic of Freemasonry.

OLD TIMES.

The following was published in the New York *Mercury* on 31st December 1753, now more than one hundred and thirty years ago. It may be accepted as a specimen of the journalism of that day :—

On Thursday last at a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Worshipful Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, a Commission from the Honourable John Proby, Baron of Carysfort, in the Kingdom of Ireland, Grand Master of England, appointed George Harrison, Esq., to be Provincial Grand Master, was solemnly published, we hear, to the universal satisfaction of all the brethren present, after which, it being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, service at Trinity Church. The order in which they proceeded was as follows :—First walked the Sword Bearer carrying a drawn sword; then four Stewards, with white maces, followed by the Treasurer and Secretary, who bore each a crimson damask cushion, on which lay a gilt Bible and the Book of Constitution; after these came the Grand Warden and Wardens; then came the Grand Master himself, bearing a truncheon and other badges of his office, followed by the rest of the Brotherhood, according to their respective ranks—Master, Fellow Crafts and Prentices, to about the number of fifty, all clothed with their jewels, aprons, white gloves and stockings. The whole ceremony was concluded with the utmost decorum, under a discharge of guns from some vessels in the harbour, and made a genteel appearance. We hear they afterwards conferred a generous donation of fifteen pounds from the public stock of the society, to be expended in clothing the poor children belonging to our charity schools, and made a handsome private contribution for the relief of indigent prisoners. In the evening, by the particular request of the brethren, a comedy, called "The Conscious Lovers," was presented at the Theatre in Nassau-street to a very crowded audience. Several pieces of vocal music in praise of the Fraternity were performed between the Acts. An epilogue suitable to the occasion was pronounced by Mrs. Hallam, with all the graces of gesture, and propriety of elocution, and met with universal and loud applause.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th September, at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Clements W.M., Dyson S.W., Haller J.W., Walker Secretary, Oxley S.D., Sainte J.D., H. Haynes I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Rich, B. Haynes, Corry, Sadd, Valentine, Brown, Lashbrook, Buggins, McKenzie, Webb, King, Stewart. Lodge was opened in due form. Brother Sadd having answered the usual questions for passing to second degree, the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. B. Haynes answered questions leading to third degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned. Brethren having business in the City will find this Lodge of Instruction convenient. The business commences each Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 1st October, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Thomas W.M., Mansfield S.W., W. E. Dilley J.W., Banks P.M. Treas., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Stringer S.D., Dale J.D., O'Donnell I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor, Vohmann, Geo. Andrews and J. Penney; also Bros. J. J. Pitt, H. C. Freeman, Greener, Joyce, Millington, J. Bedford Williams, Prior, Dixon, Emblin, and Darth. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Millington personating the candidate. The usual questions leading to the degree of F.C. were satisfactorily answered by Bro. Joyce. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was closed to the first degree. Bro. Mansfield was elected W.M. for the third Thursday in the month, and appointed Officers in rotation. All business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Bros. Saint W.M., A. Valentine S.W., King J.W., Horley Secretary, Oxley S.D., Clark J.D., Pringle I.G., A. W. Kins, Toy and Grey. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Clements answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Clements acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree; Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by Bro. A. Valentine, and the second assisted by the brethren. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. On motion duly proposed and seconded, the sum of five guineas was placed on Bro. Mosa's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Oxley was requested to give his reading, "The Idylls of the Meadows," on the fourth Thursday in October. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road. Present—Bros. Payne W.M., McMillan S.W., Crawley J.W., Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, Dearing S.D., Weeden Preceptor, Ware I.G., Greenfield P.M.; Bros. Baker, Keogh, Southwell, Allsworth, Garner, Williams, Von Holtorp. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baker, as candidate to be passed, answered the usual questions and retired. The ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. Garner being candidate. All F.C.'s having retired, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Garner again being candidate. Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. McMillan was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned until Thursday, 1st October.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. Bros. Cross W.M., Fenner as Preceptor, Kearney S.W., Hill J.W., Partington S.D., Beck J.D., Berry Secretary, Hildreth I.G., and Bros. Young, Sharpe, Jenkins, Rogers, Goode, Aynsley, Knight, Sycklemore, Brown, Diprose, Oldis, Lone, Russell, Defries, Giddings, Bertolle, Frampton, Smethurst, and Pearce. After preliminaries the first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Diprose candidate. Bro. Giddings having offered himself as a candidate for passing, was entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the second section of the lecture worked by Bro. Jenkins. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, and the third section of the lecture worked by Bro. Jenkins. Bros. Giddings and Bertolle having been elected members, and Bro. Kearney W.M. for the ensuing week, Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday evening next.

Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.—On Monday, evening last, there was a special meeting of this Lodge at the East Dulwich Hotel, when about sixty of the Brethren with Visitors were present. The Lodge was opened soon after seven o'clock, by Bro. A. J. Bellis P.M. of the Selwyn Lodge and Preceptor as W.M., supported by Bros. Powles S.W., Barnett J.W., Taffs S.D., Dixon J.D., Wimble I.G., Duffin D.C., and E. Eagle Secretary. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Powles was presented to the W.M. for installation, and the usual declaration having been made, the first portion of the installation ceremony was concluded by the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell." The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Powles was installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren afterwards saluted the W.M. in the three degrees, and the appointment and investiture of Officers followed, and the anthem "Behold, how good and joyful," was most beautifully rendered by Bros. Simons, Pitman, Pritchett, and Wallis, assisted by a chorus. Bro. Bellis then, in a perfect and impressive manner addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and a hymn, "Abide with me," brought this ceremony to a close. The usual business included the election of seven members. Lodge was closed in due form. In the banqueting-room adjoining, an excellent supper was in readiness, after which the usual Loyal and Patriotic toasts were given and responded to. The W.M. took the opportunity of expressing to the host, Bro. Richards, the great pleasure and thanks of the brethren for his having newly decorated the hall, the rich embellishments of which are of a very expensive character. The Visitors were unanimous in their praise of the working of the Lodge generally, and of the Preceptor particularly. The Secretary in his response informed the brethren there were now 240 members on the list, and he was happy to say that through the medium of the Charitable Association attached to the Lodge they had sent up to the Charities, within the last two years, 160 guineas. Among the Visitors were P.M.'s Littell 1827, G. Reynolds 1326, Cutbush 777, Blanch 1329, Sidney Hill 1216, Turner 1449, Prior, and others. Excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Creaton Lodge of Instruction, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., on Thursday, the 29th inst., Bros. Davies Preceptor as W.M., W. G. Reynolds P.M. as S.W., W. H. Chalfont P.M. Hon. Sec. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

The following Festivities took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 3rd October :—

Thursday—University College Dinner; Friday—Royal Kensington

INTRODUCTION OF ANCIENT FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

AN Oration, delivered by Most Worshipful Grand Master S. Roger Watts, M.D., at the Masonic Centennial Celebration at Van Ness Garden, Monday evening, 29th September 1884.

FRIENDS AND BRETHREN,—We have assembled in the capacity of Free and Accepted Masons for the purpose of celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of our Masonic mother, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In so doing, we do but represent a part of the ancient Masonic Brotherhood, whose primary organisation dates back to a period where the mind of man runneth not to the contrary—of an organisation the tenets of which are the indestructible bulwarks of religion, morality, brotherly love, and charity. These principles, in their virgin purity, have been handed down through the ages from frater to frater, and by zealous devotees of the royal art disseminated for the benefit of all mankind. King and subject, philosopher and student, rich and poor, European, Asiatic, African and American, meet as one, imbued with the sublime truth of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

These principles, veiled in allegories, illustrated by symbols, and preserved pure and unsullied in secret, constitute the life and strength of our Craft.

Great and good men in all parts of the world, from time immemorial to time present, have been and are zealous patrons of the royal art, vying one with the other in proclaiming its principles and practising its precepts.

With this brief reference I will leave to others who will address you the task of explaining in a more comprehensive manner the tenets of Masonry.

To the introduction of ancient Freemasonry among our brethren in the United States I now ask your attention. Boston, the first in liberty and education, is also the first in Masonry; and, in truth, she may be styled the Mother of Masonry, from the fact that the first warrant received was on 30th April 1733, signed by Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Masons in England, under which authority, 30th July same year, at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, the St. John's Grand Lodge was organised. In the year of 1752, St. Andrew's Lodge at Boston was organised under dispensation from Lord Alberdour, and warranted 27th December 1769 by the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Scotland.

On the 6th day of March 1775, Prince Hall, Cyrus Jonbus, Bensten Slinger, Thomas Sanderson, Prince Tayden, Cato Spean, Boston Smith, Peter Best, Fortin Howard, Prince Rees, John Canteen, Peter Freeman, Benjamin Tiber, Duff Buform, and Richard Tilley were made Free and Accepted Masons by R.W. Bro. Brett, acting Master of a Military Lodge under Genl. Gage, on Copp's Hill, Boston, Massachusetts.

In the year A.D. 1732, Prince Hall and compeers applied by petition to the Grand Lodge of Boston, Massachusetts, for Masonic privileges, which, on account of the un-Masonic spirit of caste, were denied. Said petitioners being in limited possession of the work, and knowing its benefits to humanity, were desirous of transmitting the same to their posterity in a due and lawful manner; in consequence of which they made application for a Warrant of Constitution to the Grand Lodge of England, which was fraternally granted 29th September 1784, by authority of His Royal Highness Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master of England. Said warrant was intrusted to the care of Captain James Scott, brother-in-law of John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, and was by him duly delivered to Prince Hall, who subsequently and under his authority organised the African Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To these three warrants, granted respectively in the years 1733, 1752, and 1784, the majority of Masons in this country owe their origin.

In verification of the legality and recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the warrant granted 29th September 1784, I desire to call your attention to the following, copied from the original, which has been fraternally loaned for use on this occasion by our right trusty and well-beloved brother P.G. Master Richard H. Gleaves. The said document bears date of 19th April 1792, eight years after the warrant of 1784 was issued, and reads as follows:—

"At a quarterly communication of the most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of England, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 18th April 1792, His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick Prince of Wales, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master, there were present Sir Peter Parker, Bart., D.G.M. as G.M., William Atkinson, Esq., P.J.G.W. as D.G.M., John Allen, Esq., P.J.G.W. as S.G.W., Charles Marsh, Esq., P.J.G.W. as J.G.W., James Heseltine, Esq., P.S.G.W. as G.T., Right Hon. Lord Macdonald P.S.G.W., James Neild, Esq., P.J.G.W., Mr. William White G.S., Chev. Bartholomew Ruspini G.S.B., the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Stewards' Lodge, and the Masters and Wardens of sundry Lodges, when the following contributions were received for the Charity and Hall Funds:—

"No. 2, Somerset House Lodge, Freemasons' T.; No. 3, Lodge of Friendship, Thatched House, St. James; No. 12, Lodge of Emulation, Paul's Head Tavern; No. 14, Fraternal Lodge, Church-street, Greenwich; No. 19, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Hon. Doctors' Com.; No. 24, The Globe, Fleet-street; No 29, Britannic Lodge, Star and Garter, Pall Mall; No. 35, King's Arms, Marybow-street, Piccadilly; No. 41, St. Paul's Lodge, Birmingham; No. 46, Coal Hole, Fountain court, Strand; No. 47, The Stewards' Lodge; No, 104, Old Cumberland Lodge, Cavendish-street; No. 122, Ancient French Lodge, Leicester-fields; No. 155, Beaufort Lodge, Prince-street, Bristol; No. 169, Lodge of Fortitude, Half Moon, St. George; No. 201, Royal Lodge, Thatched House, St. James-street; No. 321, Tontine, Sheffield, Yorkshire; No. 226, Royal Edwin Lodge, Bury Saint Edmunds; No. 238, Lodge of Unanimity, Wakefield, Yorkshire; No. 249, Sion Lodge, North Shields; No. 253, Union Lodge, Castle-Ditch, Bristol; No. 256, Lodge of Morality, Old Compton-street; No. 277, Caveac Lodge, Angel, Hammersmith; No. 285, Queen Charlotte Lodge, Hosier Lane, Smithfield; No. 292, Beaufort Lodge, Swansea; No. 294, Lodge of Virtue, Market Place, Bath; No. 596, Lodge of Hospitality, Castle-street, Bristol; No. 18, Lodge of Industry, B. Johnson's, Horse Shoe-lane; No. 325, Lodge of Friendship, Fore-street, Plymouth Dock; No. 359, Lodge of Jehoshaphat, Rummer Tavern, Bristol; No. 405, St. Peter's Lodge, Bell, Upper Mount-street; No. 432, St. Michael's Lodge, Alnwick, Northumberland; No. 453, Loyal Lodge, Globe Inn, Barnstable; No. 459, African Lodge, Boston, New England; No. 469, L'Egalite Lodge, Frith-street, Soho; No. 476, Thanet Lodge, Parade Hotel, Margate; No. 477, Lodge of Good Intent, Ship, Leadenhall-street; No. 531, Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough; No. 543, Royal Clarence Lodge, Brithelmston; No. 545, Royal York Lodge, Bristol; No. 533, Lodge of Good Fellowship, Chelmsford, Essex; No. 576, Silurian Lodge, Kingston, Herefordshire; No. 586, Balam, Coast of Africa.

At this Communication the following order was made to wit:—

"The following Lodges be erased out of the list, having ceased to meet or neglected to conform to the laws of the Society: No. 108, Cavendish-square Coffee House; No. 133, Boot, East Gate-street, Chester; No. 156, Barbadoes; No. 181, On board of the Canceaux, at Quebec; No. 194, Lodge of True Friendship, Dover; No. 424, Lodge of Love and Unity, Dover; No. 496, Mackworch, Cowbridge."

It was further ordered that the numbers of all the Lodges on record be brought forward in regular succession by filling up the dormant numbers caused by the Lodges being erased at sundry times. In consequence of this order the number of African Lodge on said date was changed from 459 to 370.

African Lodge, Boston, continued to pay charity dues up to A.D. 1813, when, by mutual consent between the Grand Lodge of England and African Lodge of New England, the payment of dues were discontinued.

It is a noticeable fact that at this Communication of the Grand Lodge of England (April A.D. 1792), African Lodge, No. 459, was the only Lodge in the United States recorded upon this roll.

It would be inopportune at this time to give further details concerning the warrant 459, as sufficient is hereby presented (corroborated by documentary evidence) to establish beyond doubt the authority and legality of the Masonic work of Prince Hall and his associates.

Brethren of the Mystic Tie, we are here assembled, not for the purpose of condemning our traducers, but rather with feelings of Masonic charity, commending them to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for that Masonic light whose brilliant rays ever dispel the dark clouds of prejudice or ignorance, to renew our zeal in defending and disseminating the principles established by this Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, and to review the work of our Masonic fathers, in a manner becoming and in keeping with the ancient established usages and customs of our Order.

Prince Hall and fratres by Royal authority proceeded to inculcate the tenets of the Royal Art among those who were found worthy and well qualified, and as early as the year 1797, he, as Grand Master, granted, on the petition of the following brethren, March 22, 1797, a dispensation to establish a Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, Penn., to wit.

Peter Mantore, of True Blue Lodge; Peter Richmond, Jonathan Harding, John Davis, Richmond Venable, Q. Butler, C. Brown, J. Peterson, J. Tucker, J. Ducking, and J. Kenley, of Gordon Lodge, England. By this authority the said brethren, in legal form, organized the African Lodge, No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa. On the 27th of December, A.D. 1815, African Lodge, No. 1, of Philadelphia, by due authority organized under the title of the First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America.

From this Grand Lodge and in line of descent from African Grand Lodge of Boston, the following Lodges were constituted in the District of Columbia:

Social Lodge, No. 7, Universal Lodge, No. 10, and Felix Lodge, No. 17; these Lodges continued subordinate until the 27th day of March A.D. 1848, when a general assembly of the Craft in this jurisdiction was called for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge.

On the above date the several Lodges met in convention and unanimously elected R.W. Bro. David P. Jones, D.D.G. Master, presiding Officer, and R.W. Bro. John T. Costin Secretary. The permanent organization of a Grand Lodge was consummated by unanimously electing the following R.W. brethren: Charles Datcher, of Social Lodge, No. 7, Washington, D.C., M.W. Grand Master; Daniel H. Smith, of Universal Lodge, No. 10, Alexandria, Va., R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Richard Phisk, of Felix Lodge, No. 17, Washington, D.C., R.W. Grand Senior Warden; Francis Datcher jun., of Social Lodge, No. 7, R.W. Grand Junior Warden; Joseph Frazier, of Universal Lodge, No. 10, R.W. Grand Treasurer; and John T. Costin, of Felix Lodge, No. 17, R.W. Grand Secretary.

In the year A.D. 1828, Union Lodge, No. 4, and Harmony Lodge, No. 5, working under the authority of the First Independent African Grand Lodge of Pa., were expelled by said Grand Lodge for contumacy.

In 1833, James Miller and others of Harmony Lodge (expelled), made application to a Masonic Lodge (white) at Norristown, Pa., for a warrant, the said Lodge, or a member or members of said Lodge, in consideration of one hundred and twenty-five dollars received, delivered to James Miller a warrant, alleged to have been granted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio (white), and under the supposed authority of this fraudulent warrant the said James Miller, as W.M., John H. Matthews S.W., and George W. Hilton J.W. of the so-called Independent Harmony Lodge, proceeded to work and establish Lodges. On the 17th day of July 1837, Independent Harmony Lodge, with several other Lodges, met in convention and organized Hiram Grand Lodge of Penna., under the authority of the alleged Ohio warrant. R.W. Bro. John T. Hilton, Grand Master of African Grand

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Lodge of Mass., A.D. 1847, prompted by Masonic zeal, proceeded to check and purify this unmasonic stream, by presenting to the mother Grand Lodge a plan for the organization of a National Grand Lodge, which she adopted and forthwith issued a proclamation for a general assembly of the Craft, to convene on St. John's Day, June 24th 1847, in the city of Boston, Mass., for the purpose of healing differences and perfecting a permanent union. In obedience to the above proclamation, twenty delegates assembled, representing the following Lodges, to wit: African Grand Lodge, of Mass., by Bros. John T. Hilton, Henry Harris, George Gaul, Wm. E. Ambush, Walker Lewis, George C. Willis, and Wm. H. Bruce. First African Grand Lodge of North America, by Bros. James Bird, Dr. James J. G. Bias and James Richmond, Hiram Grand Lodge, Penna., by Bros. Samuel Van Brakle, Emery Cronikin, James Newman, Philip Buchanan, Jonathan Lopeman, James Powell, and John Anderson. Boyer Lodge, N.Y., by Alexander Elston, W. H. Clark, and L. Hyden.

The above representations perfected a temporary organization by electing M.W. Bro. John T. Hilton presiding officer, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted to organize a Grand Lodge under the title of the National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, for the United States of North America. Said organization was perfected by the election of Bro. John T. Hilton M.W.G. Master, Bro. James Bird R.W.D.G. Master, Bro. Saml. Van Brakle D.D.G. Master for the Middle States, Bro. George C. Willis D.D.G. Master for the Eastern States, Bro. Martin R. Delaney D.D.G. Master for the Western States, Bro. Enos. Hall R.W.S.G. Warden, Bro. Emery Cronikin R.W.J.G. Warden, Bro. James Newman G. Treasurer, Bro. Wm. E. Ambush G. Secretary.

On the formation of this G and Lodge the desire of M.W.G. Master John T. Hilton was accomplished, by uniting in bonds of brotherly love all Masons of colour in the United States.

Many changes have taken place since 1847, the dry details of which would prove at this time tedious and uninteresting. Suffice it to say, that the States' rights theory of supreme jurisdiction within their borders universally prevails, so that to-day no Grand Lodge, National or otherwise, assumes authority in a jurisdiction where a legally-constituted Grand Lodge exists, and with whom they are in fraternal correspondence.

A brief statement as to the number of Lodges and members in the United States will close this review.

From the grand old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Prince Hall and successors transmitted from sire to son the sublime truths of Ancient Freemasonry, so that to-day we have, in thirty-one States, 767 Lodges, with a membership of 21,613.

This completes a brief review of the Order from A.D. 1784 to A.D. 1884.

In conclusion, I will say that Freemasonry is not a proselyting institution. Applicants for membership must come unsolicited. Nor is it a beneficial organization to the extent of dispensing stipulated dues in consideration of specified fees. Masonic charity is more comprehensive in its aim. It relieves those found worthy to a degree commensurate with their needs. In its benevolent grasp it embraces all mankind, without regard for future reward, save that of a well-spent life.

Masonry knows no bounds; from east to west, from north to south, from the highest heavens to the lowest depths, it sheds its light. The first lesson taught the novitiate is a belief in God and love for his fellow-man. Step by step sublime truths are revealed, comprehending the entire scope of human action; and it is here we find in allegories and symbols the mystic laws of God and Nature.

Faith, Hope, Charity, Justice, Prudence, Fortitude, and Temperance are dogmas of the Order, with brotherly love and relief the reward of their observance. These principles, when duly observed, dispel from the benighted mind the fear and superstitions of ignorance by guiding it through the darkness of vice into the temple of light and truth.

As Masons we will ever hold in fraternal remembrance the name of Prince Hall, for establishing among us an Order so sublime in conception and benevolent in aim; and if at any future time our love for the Royal Art should fail in its zeal, let us turn to Copp's Hill, the Mecca of our Masonic faith, for more light and inspiration.

"ARCADIA" IN THE CITY.

THE widening of Queen-street, Cheapside, has brought into prominence many establishments which have hitherto been hemmed in by buildings crowded together in that busy thoroughfare leading from the Guildhall to the Mansion House railway station of the Metropolitan Railway and the southern districts of London. Notable amongst these is the vegetarian restaurant, well known as "The Arcadian," which has been thoroughly renovated and is now likely to attract a large addition to the number of its *habitués*. The novelty, however, which the proprietors, Messrs. Hayes and Foster, have just appended to their generally excellent arrangement is the "sixpenny dinner." The idea of a repast of three or four courses for the modest sum of sixpence may raise a smile on the lips of some "diners out," but it is a reality for all that. Excellent lentils, with pease pudding to follow, and we hardly know how many luxuries besides, are here served up in Continental fashion, and at a rate of economy which is not to be equalled in London. The whole establishment is the picture of cleanliness, elegance, and order, with every conceivable appliance for personal comfort and convenience. Many of our friends who have a scrupulous objection to vegeterianism pure and simple declare that they will gladly visit "The Arcadian" again, for, with the comforts and excellent arrangements there, luxury and economy are most effectually combined. To the "poor City clerk" whom we so often hear about as snatching his mid-day meal wherever he can find shelter from public gaze, this system of "sixpenny

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated, under most favourable auspices, on Friday, the 25th ultimo. For some time past this Lodge has not run its course with such even tenour as its well-wishers could have desired, but with the inauguration of a new year of its existence we hope sincerely a better state of affairs may result, and that the Royal Alfred will again take its old position as one of the most popular Lodges within the Metropolitan District. The brethren assembled at their headquarters, the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half-past four o'clock, when Lodge was opened by Bro. William D. Becket, who was supported by a goodly number of the Past Masters and members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—J. Plowman S.W. 1381, Chas. Giddins J.D. 933, C. Osman I.G. 1327, J. Terry P.M. 228 P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hants, T. Fisher P.M. 834, W. H. Harris I.P.M. 172, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, L. Lichtwitz S.D. 1891, J. H. Ford 2032, J. Forester 1993, G. Gardner S.W. 2012. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, several matters of interest were considered, and the auditors' report presented. Bro. B. E. Blasby, a most popular Past Master of the Lodge, who during the last year has fulfilled the duties of Treasurer, at the last meeting of the Lodge was elected to fill the chair, and he was now formally presented to receive at the hands of the W.M. the benefits of installation. The obligation having been administered, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Blasby again placed in the chair as Master of the Lodge. On the readmission of the brethren who had not yet donned the levels, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed and invested the following as Officers for the year ensuing: C. Maton S.W., Sperring J.W., Eydmann Treas., Hilton P.M. Sec, Coombes S.D., Rowe J.D., W. Gomm I.G., Cox D.C., Tarling Steward, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Mildx. Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Becket, who was complimented for the way he had carried out the duties of the day. Bro. Blasby announced that he had undertaken to act as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in connection with its Festival in February next, and reminded the brethren that the Royal Alfred Lodge had not for some considerable time past voted any sums towards the support of the Institutions. Bro. Becket thereupon proposed that a sum of ten guineas be granted from the funds, to be placed on the list of their Worshipful Master. This proposition was seconded by Brother P.M. Frenckel, and carried unanimously. It was also agreed that new collars should be provided for the Officers at the expense of the Lodge, and that the jewels should be renovated and those missing replaced. A candidate for initiation was proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Maton, the ballot to be taken at the next meeting. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master in open Lodge. Bro. Blasby took the opportunity of congratulating the recipient, and referred back to the days of that brother's admittance into the Lodge. At that time, as at the present, Bro. Blasby was Master, and he well remembered having initiated Bro. Becket. It was, therefore, an especial pleasure to him to invest Bro. Becket with the jewel. Bro. Becket suitably acknowledged the gift. He felt the high honour paid him by the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge. He little thought that on the Master who initiated him would also devolve the duty of investing him with a Past Master's jewel. After the transaction of other business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to banquet. This was followed by the customary toasts. The health of the Master was proposed by Bro. Becket, who said that Bro. Blasby had in years gone by shown his qualification for the Master's chair, and had since gained further experience as ruler of a neighbouring Lodge. The coming year in the Royal Alfred would undoubtedly be a success under his auspices. Bro. Blasby tendered his thanks. The toast had been proposed in a friendly spirit, which he fully appreciated. He entered on the duties of his office with the firm conviction that he should have the support and sympathy of every member of the Lodge. The Visitors' toast was gracefully proposed, and acknowledged by several of the guests. The other toasts each in turn met cordial consideration, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in a truly harmonious and agreeable manner. The arrangements made by Bro. Brill, the host of the Star and Garter, for the entertainment of his patrons were most complete. This establishment is growing in popularity on every side.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE first meeting of the session of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ultimo, at the Regent Masonic Temple (Café Royal), Regent Street, W. Present—Bros. G. J. Jones W.M., H. S. Lee S.W., J. A. Hammond as J.W. (in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. W. C. Smith), J. E. Shand P.M. Sec., G. W. Harrington as S.D., E. B. Cox J.D., C. M. Brander as I.G., E. H. Howe W.M. 1765 Org., W. J. Higgins Steward; J. Waugh P.M., T. W. Eastgate I.P.M.; also Bros. Edell W.M. 108, W. H. Bolt, Joel Emanuel, T. Pratt, Arensburg, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Brock W.M. 145, R. W. Forge P.M. 1793, W. H. Baker S.W. 1620, Christmas Piper Steward 2030, G. F. Hammond J.W. 1765, R. A. Kirkaldy S.W. 1321, C. Parsons S.D. 1637, &c. The minutes of the April meeting, and emergency of 4th June were read and confirmed. Bros. Mason, Barber, Miller, Amelot and Baret were passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur Neat, it proved unanimous in his favour, and he was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. H. S. Lee, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing year, Bro. Hammond re-elected Treasurer, and Potter P.M. re-elected

On due application two members were placed on the country list, and two resignations were tendered. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Jones for his valuable services during the year, and shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. The brethren (48 in number) then dined at the Café Royal (which we may state is now fitted up with the electric light); the repast was served under the superintendence of Bro. Eugene Delacoste P.M. 1627. Bros. H. Tinney S.D. 1319, Eastgate, Hammond and others contributed some excellent music, and Bro. Bolt a recitation. Altogether the time was spent most pleasantly. The brethren separated until the installation meeting, 4th Thursday in November.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Saturday, the 12th ult. Bro. Eade, the W.M. of the past year, opened the Lodge, and after the transaction of routine business vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Leins P.M. and Treasurer, who in due course installed Bro. W. Mollindinia, the late Senior Warden. Bro. J. L. Mather acted as Director of Ceremonies during the proceedings. The Worshipful Master having been saluted, appointed the following as his Officers: Bros. Reed S.W., Mitchell J.W., Leins P.M. Treas., Ferry P.M. Sec., Smith S.D., Fox J.D., Salter I.G., Lovell D.C., Swire Asst. D.C., Chamberlayn St., Clements Asst. St., and Goddard P.M. Tyler. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was creditably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Begbie, the Manager of the Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast the usual toast list was done justice to. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Eade, submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master. Most of those present were aware that Bro. Mollindinia had taken an active part in the formation of the Lodge, and during its early days had zealously fulfil'ed the duties of Secretary. It was true he had not been through every office in the Lodge, but was nevertheless an excellent Mason, thoroughly qualified to discharge the duties of Worshipful Master. Bro. Eade concluded by expressing a hope that his successor would enjoy a prosperous year. The Worshipful Master returned his best thanks. He fully appreciated the responsibility of the office he had undertaken, and having a desire that the Lodge should progress was anxious to impart a little more motion to it. Theirs was a young Lodge; it had done very well so far. He hoped he might have a busy term of office, as he felt competent to perform any amount of work that might be required of him. The toast of the Visitors was next proposed by the W.M. He did not know what the Lodge of Perseverance would do without guests—it was the aim of the members to make visitors happy and comfortable during their stay in the Lodge. The toast was responded to by Bro. Keeble I.P.M. 1426, and others. Bro. Keeble referred to his presence at the last five or six installations of this Lodge, and expressed a hope that it might continue to prosper in the future. The health of Bro. Eade, the Immediate Past Master, followed. The W.M., in proposing this toast, said Bro. Eade had carried out the duties of his year of office with a great amount of skill. The work imposed on Bro. Eade had been heavy, and he had carried it out successfully. In the name of the brethren the Worshipful Master then presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel, expressing the hope that Brother Eade might have the best of health to wear it for many years to come. Brother Eade, in acknowledging the presentation, said it was with feelings of deep gratification he tendered his thanks. He feared he had not done enough work during his year of office to entitle him to such a memento as he had just received. The health of the Installing Master—Bro. Leins—was proposed by the W.M. The mere mention of this brother's name was, he said, sufficient to ensure a cordial response in the Lodge of Perseverance. Bro. Leins was entitled to their esteem as the Father of the Lodge, and a true friend to Masonry. Bro. Leins was the Masonic father of a large family, and as their Installing Master had earned additional honour. Bro. Leins had much pleasure in returning thanks. He did not think he deserved all the kind things that had been said of him. He was proud of having had the opportunity of installing Bro. Mollindinia, as but a few years since he had initiated him into the Order. Since that time they had worked harmoniously and conscientiously together. He had always found Bro. Mollindinia a true and faithful brother. Brother Leins urged on the brethren to strive to work harmoniously together at all times, and in conclusion expressed a hope that God might spare his Masonic children for many years, and make them work in harmony with each other. The toast of the Past Masters was acknowledged by Bros. Kearney, Marley, and others, and that of the Treasurer and Secretary by those two brethren. The Officers were toasted and the two Wardens having acknowledged the compliment, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

"'TIS not in mortals to command success." How often we find the words of the poet exemplified in our Lodges. The quotation with which we have headed our present remarks applies perhaps more than any other to the condition of Masonic Lodges and the means by which that condition has been arrived at. Our Lodges cannot command success, but they may be so conducted as to deserve it, as many of the most successful organisations on the roll of Grand Lodge testify. The brethren of the Henry Levander Lodge appear to recognise the truth of our text, and are striving their utmost to secure that success which can only result from taking steps to deserve it. Consecrated but twelve months before, there was of course much that the Lodge wanted when its present Master, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, assumed its government. Furniture had not been provided, as it was thought better for the members to avail themselves of the kind offer of the Citadel Lodge, to lend theirs at a small rental, rather than encumber the Lodge with a debt by the purchase of its own. To remedy this omission appears to have been one of the first thoughts of the new Master, and he has the gratification of knowing that within two months of his installation, on the occasion of his first presidency at a regular meeting, the furniture used was the property of the Lodge; obtained, not by creating a debt for the Lodge to struggle under for years to come, but by the free-will offerings of its members. This is a step on the road to the deserving of success, and if it does not have the effect of securing it we shall be much disappointed. At an emergency meeting of the Lodge, held in August, Bro. Scurrah suggested that the presentation of a set of furniture to the Lodge would be a graceful act on the part of its members. He made a start by offering to contribute the pedestals, and was so warmly supported by those around him that on Saturday last, when the regular meeting was held, the following presentations were formally made to the Treasurer, on behalf of the Lodge:—

	Presented by
Three pedestals	Bro. W. A. Scurrah W.M.
Tripod and Perfect Ashlar	C. J. Axford S.W.
Two Columns for the Wardens	Phillip Cheek J.W.
Three cushions	C. P. McKay Sec. Worrall D.C.
Three Tracing Boards	B. M. Surridge S.D. E. R. Clunn A. W. Wace
Three Candlesticks	W. H. Burgess J.D. H. Webb I.G.
Three gavels and sounding boards	Arthur Scurrah
Volume of the Sacred Law	Frederick Levander

In formally handing these gifts over to the custody of the Treasurer, Bro. Scurrah expressed the pleasure he felt in having made a proposal which had resulted so successfully for the Lodge. Speaking for himself, and on behalf of the other donors, he said the gifts were cheerfully made, with the hope that they would prove of service to the Lodge. Bro. Lovegrove thanked the brethren. It was, of course, a great advantage for a Lodge to have its own furniture, but not when the obtaining it threw the Lodge into debt, from which it had to struggle for years and years to free itself. The presents he was sure were offered with the heartiest good wishes of the donors, and were therefore all the more valuable, for, as Shakspeare hath said,

"Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind."

The Worshipful Master said he had not recounted all their good fortune yet. He had another presentation to announce, but had purposely kept all mention of it distinct from the others. Brother W. M. Stiles had been kind enough to contribute the Square and Compasses towards their furniture, a further proof of his interest in the Lodge. Bro. Stiles had materially assisted them in the past, and was always willing to do anything in his power to advance their interests, even though his so doing might upset other arrangements; this was evidenced when he postponed his holiday in order to be present at their emergency meeting the previous month. As a small recognition of all that Bro. Stiles had done for the Lodge Bro. Scurrah proposed that he be elected an honorary member, an honour which was conferred with acclamation. Bro. Stiles briefly acknowledged the compliment. He should do his best to merit in the future a continuance of the kind feeling which had been evinced towards him in the past. A vote of thanks to Bro. Frederick Levander, brother of the distinguished Mason after whom the Lodge was named, was next proposed, for his presentation of the Volume of the Sacred Law, and was unanimously carried. The W.M. then enumerated the other articles which were required to complete the furnishing of the Lodge and expressed his willingness to receive presentations. In answer to his invitation, Bro. Alfred W. Gerrard, who had that day been passed, promised to provide the wands, and we have no doubt that ere the Lodge is much older the other necessaries will be forthcoming.

So far we have digressed. We have recorded the concluding business of the Lodge, and omitted all mention of what preceded it. This consisted of the working of the three degrees and the acceptance of a joining member. The Lodge was opened at the Railway Station Hotel, Harrow, by the W.M., who was supported by Henry Lovegrove I.P.M. and Treasurer, C. J. Axford S.W., Phillip Cheek J.W., C. P. McKay Secretary, B. M. Surridge S.D., W. Heath Burgess J.D., H. Webb I.G., T. E. Worrall D.C., S. Recce Steward, John Read P.M. 720 Organist, and the following, among other Visitors: J. Hearsum 167, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. R. Palmer 143, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, H. Dickey Sec. 1744, J. Terry P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, R Ross D.C. 1744, Chas. Pannock 1658, and Lane 167. The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Arthur Henry Scurrah, Frank Charles Joseph, H. W. Parker, and William Dent Dickenson were raised; Bro. B. W. Gerrard was passed, and Messrs. James Hunt, Edwin James Sadgrove, and George Powell were initiated. Bro. J. Barry was unanimously elected a joining member. Previous to closing the Lodge the Worshipful Master announced his intention to serve as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and Bro. Lovegrove announced that the monument to the late Bro. Henry Levander would shortly be completed, and placed in position over that brother's grave. An enjoyable banquet followed the closing of the Lodge, and at its conclusion the customary toasts were honoured. In due course the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was honoured. The W.M. referred to the interest the Provincial Grand Master took in his district and the kindness he always evinced to members of his Province whenever he met them. Brother Axford responded on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master and other Provincial Officers, and then Brother Lovegrove proposed the health of the W.M. Brother Scurrah replied, thanking the brethren, and assuring them he felt very proud, very pleased, and very happy to be at the

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head of the Lodge. Nothing he could do to assist in the working of Freemasonry or of the Henry Levander Lodge should be neglected. He next proposed the health of the Initiates, and the toast having been honoured, the newly-admitted brethren responded. Bro. Sadgrove was very proud to become a member of the Craft, and hoped to be a credit to the Lodge which had admitted him. Bro. Powell thanked the brethren for electing him, and for their very kind reception that day. Bro. Hunt said he had long had a desire to become a Freemason, and when a friend of his mentioned that he was a member of the Henry Levander Lodge he at once thought he should like to join that Lodge, for the reason that he had known the late Brother Henry Levander for many years, and appreciated his many good qualities. He felt that by joining the Lodge named after him he should have another reason to never forget the name of that worthy man. He hoped he might prove himself deserving of the high honour which intimate association with the name of Levander was to him. The Master next gave the toast of the I.P.M., coupling with it that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Lovegrove and McKay responded, and then the Visitors were toasted. With this was coupled the Charities. Bro. Stiles replied as a visitor, it being explained to him that until the confirmation of the minutes he was merely an outsider—not a full honorary member—and Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment to the Charities. The latter, in a forcible speech, urged the brethren to support the efforts of their W.M., who would act as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution in February next, and pointed out the claims that Charity had on members of the Order for support to the fullest extent in their power. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was given from the chair and was followed by that of the Lay Brethren. Bro. Surridge responded to the former, and Bros. Clunn and Wace on behalf of the latter. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday, 23rd September. Present: Bros. J. D. Langton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. L. Levéy J.D., George Price P.G. Treas. Surrey, W. D. Merritt P.P.G.D.C. Essex, F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, E. C. Holdsworth, F. W. Leaver, C. Holden, A. B. Crundall, and W. Lane Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Frederick West P.G. Steward, P.P.G. Registrar Surrey, C. Daniel P.M. 65. C. Tarry J.W. 1790, E. Gillemand 463, J. Hirschman 957. The W.M., in the absence of the S.D. and I.G., appointed Bros. W. G. Oates and E. C. Holdsworth to those offices respectively. Bros. Oxenham and Leaver were raised to the degree of M.M., and Bro. Crundall was passed to the second degree, Bro. Cambridge presiding at the harmonium. The W.M. proposed a sincere vote of condolence with Bros. E. Samuel and W. G. Goode, the S.D. and I.G. of the Lodge, in the sad bereavement they had sustained in the loss of their wives, which was adopted with many expressions of sympathy. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

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SOUTH SAXON CHAPTER, No. 311.

THIS Chapter held its annual convocation at the Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Lewes, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. Comp. Hodgkin was appointed M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and the other Officers were elected, as follows: Stedman H., A. Holman J., W. D. Stone N., G. E. Chapman S.E., R. Crosskey Treas., and Hall Janitor. The retiring Z., Comp. Briscoe, was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties. Subsequently the Companions dined together at the Bear Hotel, several Visitors being amongst the company.

A NEW SERENADE.—Bro. Emra Holmes' popular poem, "The Maiden's Bower," has been set to music by a rising young composer, Mr. J. H. Lewis, Mus. Doc., the author of "Love's Message." The London Musical Publishing Company have brought it out as a four-part song, and no doubt it will soon be a recognised favourite at our winter concerts. "The Maiden's Bower" was recently sung at Tunbridge Wells, and was a great success, the serenade being described in the leading local organ—the *Tunbridge Advertiser*—as a pleasing and scholarly composition.

MARRIAGE.

DAVIDSON-MAGOVNEY.—On 1st January 1885, at Saint John's Church, Darlinghurst, Sydney, New South Wales, by the Reverend Edward Glanville Cranswick, Worshipful Brother FRANCIS BERNARD DAVIDSON, Past Master 556, 937, 1653, and other Lodges; P.Z. 817, P.E. 390, P.J. 326, Chapters; P.D. Grand Director of Ceremonies New South Wales; Past Grand Mark Master Overseer of England; Substitute District Grand Master of Scottish Freemasons in N.S. Wales, &c., &c., to Miss MARGARET SOPHIA MAGOVNEY, third daughter of the late Brother Thomas Magovney, Esquire, of Upper Brougham Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, N.S.W.

I certify the above to be true.

FRANCIS B. DAVIDSON,

Commissioner for Affidavits, Her Majesty's Supreme Court of New South Wales.

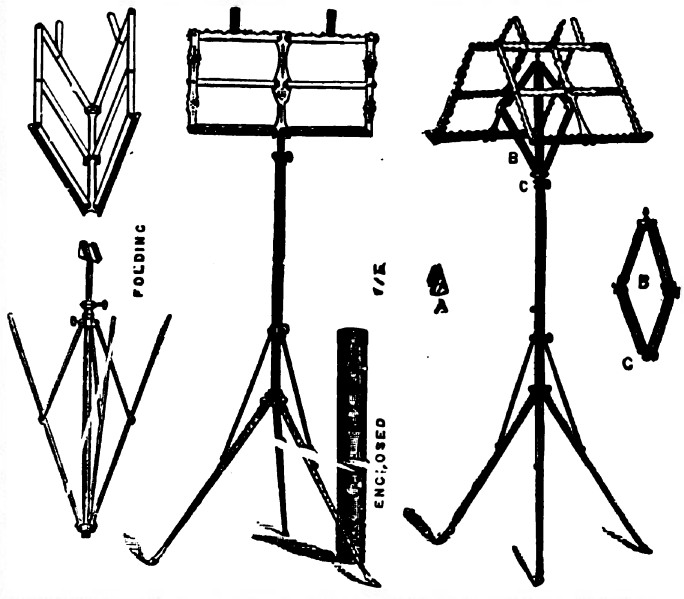
In recording the marriage of Bro. Davidson, which we did in our issue of the 27th June last, we inadvertently gave the lady's name as Magooney. We now insert the notice in its correct form, and regret the error into which we fell.

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IN accordance with a resolution of the General Committee, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Tuesday, 6th October 1885, at Four o'Clock precisely, to consider, and if approved adopt, the following resolution by Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee, viz.:—

"That the Provisional Contract, dated 23rd September 1885, for the purchase, for £5,700, of the land on the north and east sides of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, as shown upon the plan annexed to such contract be approved, and that the Trustees be authorized to carry the same into effect."

The Provisional Contract may be seen upon application at the Office.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, will be held in the Hall of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Saturday, the 10th day of October 1885, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider recommendation of General Committee,

"That one more vacancy be declared for the October Election in consequence of the withdrawal from the Institution of Beatrice Elizabeth Wright."

Also to consider Notice of Motion, as under, and to Elect Sixteen, or in the event of the Recommendation being adopted, Seventeen girls into the School from a list of Thirty-four approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL:—

"That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the Laws be altered accordingly."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICES—5 FREEMASONS' HALL,
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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

ELECTION, 12TH OCTOBER 1885.

CANDIDATES withdrawn since issue of Voting Papers:—

No. 21. Adames, Harold William.
" 23. Brown, Harry Randle.

Votes polled for the above will be thrown away.

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

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
29th September 1885.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION FOR MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE beg to announce that the GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION will, by the kind permission of the General Board, resume its Fortnightly Meetings for the Instruction and Improvement of Mark Master Masons on the FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS in the months of October, November, December 1885, January, February, and March 1886, at the MASONIC HALL, 8A RED LION SQUARE, at 7 o'clock precisely.

The CEREMONY OF ADVANCEMENT will be rehearsed on WEDNESDAY, 7th October, by Bro THOMAS E. TAYLOR, P.M. Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144.

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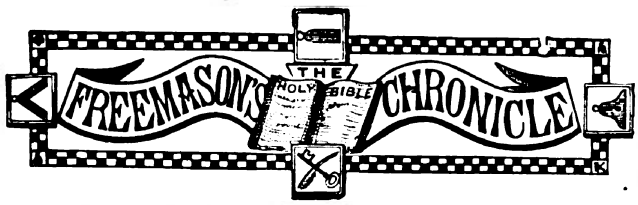
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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. II.

MRS. MALAPROP, who figures so prominently in the famous play of "The Rivals," is never tired of reminding us that "comparisons are odorous;" and, acting upon the hint, it will be our endeavour, in the series of sketches now in hand, to avoid anything that may be construed into invidious contrast or personal prejudice. Yet, there cannot fail to be marked distinctions of character and demeanour which force themselves most strongly upon the attention of those who make a study of human nature, and which may be descanted upon without giving offence or causing any irritation, even to the most fastidious sense. Thus, in drawing contrasts between various characters which constantly come across our path in the Masonic sphere, we may probably be enabled to deduce some lessons for serious and beneficial contemplation, and inspire some reflections which may lead up to a higher idea of the teachings and responsibilities of the Craft to which so many good men and true esteem it an honour to be attached. We are urged nothing to extenuate, nor aught set down in malice, and this is the silver thread we desire should permeate through all our musings upon the subject embodied in the title of this series. If we would err on any side, it would be on that of the truest charity, which tells us—

"Be to our faults a little blind,
And to our virtues ever kind."

It will not be difficult for any of our readers who are acquainted with the more prominent members of the Craft to discern, without too near a delineation of ours, the men who give us food for the descriptions contained in these fugitive notes. And first and foremost at the moment there rises before us the face and figure of one who stands like a Saul, head and shoulders above his fellows, on the Masonic platform, whom years of toil and well spent energy have but added to the strength of his robust vigour in the cause he has upheld so valiantly ever since he joined its ranks many years ago. Our earliest recollection of this "tower of strength" to Freemasonry was when, as an invited guest, we saw his manly form and listened to his eloquent pleadings in behalf of one of our Charitable Institutions, in a provincial centre. We recollect how intently the brethren who crowded to that banquet hung upon the impassioned accents of *the* Visitor of the evening, as he dilated with warmth and genuine enthusiasm upon the beneficent aims of the Craft and the splendid results it had achieved in the cause of Charity. In our then young Masonic days, when the pulse beat high with ambitious desire to learn more of the depth and sublimity of Masonic life, we stared with all the rest of that festive throng the admiration which his fervid utterances and manly sympathy evoked. To us, as to others, our "Metropolitan friend and brother" was unquestionably the lion of the hour, and as such was lifted, unconsciously to himself, to a pinnacle almost of adoration. Why was it? Because in every word and gesture was made apparent the depth of honest conviction in the objects which he espoused, of sympathy with the friendless and the orphan, and help for the indigent, the aged, and the afflicted. If these lines should meet the eye of the brother to whom we thus refer, they may convey to him some satisfaction, if indeed it is needed, that the words of counsel, of encouragement, and of emulation which fell so glibly from his tongue so many years ago, have not been spoken in vain, for, like the 'bread upon the waters," that is "seen after many days," they proved the source from which has sprung a well of Masonic activity in the particular county where first we met this great Apostle of the Craft. Years have rolled on apace, and although old Time has silvered the locks and furrowed the brow of one who has stood so gallantly by the colours under which so large a span of his life has been employed, yet the patriotic fire has not dimmed, nor has the fervency and zeal one whit abated. In the personage whose image is now conjured up before us we see a youth and spontaneity of enthusiasm which, though softened by experience, is still as healthy and as hale as it was in earlier days. Herein we see the sterling ring of the man who, for no mere sake of self-aggrandisement, but for the common weal, has spent himself, and is willing to be spent, upon the lofty object which he has espoused, and who, though heedless of the adulation which such a course of action must necessarily evoke, still pursues the even tenour of his way, shedding light and comfort all around him, like a fixed star in the firmament of the Craft. The picture engraven so indelibly upon our memory, when he stood, the "observed of all observers," at that Provincial banquet, and proclaimed so boldly and so eloquently the priceless beauties of Freemasonry, is by no means an isolated one. With our experience has grown a closer observation of, and a more intimate acquaintance with, the sturdy efforts of this doughty champion of our Order, and the more we see the more our admiration deepens. Be there a cause for his presence, or a necessity for his special pleading, in any nook or corner of the realm, there he is to be found, with ready voice and firm hand, doing good suit and service to the grand and glorious object of his career. Distance is no object, or privation no hardship, so that he can lend a hand to brethren who require his stimulating aid. "Once more into the breach, dear friends," is the motto which seems to be inscribed on his escutcheon, and wherever he raises the banner of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, there rally round him true and trusty followers who only need the inspiration of a leader to incite them to deeds that must

"Leave their footprints on the sands of Time."

Let there be a Charitable Festival, a prize distribution, or the raising of a more lasting and potential adjunct to the Institutions of the Craft, there we discern the guiding intellect and the master hand that lifts the scheme to a glorious accomplishment. Not disdaining the petty details of his Craftsmanship, but turning every stone which can in any possible shape or form lead to the advancement of the structure, his giant-mind grapples with the more ponderous constructive work, and directs the energies of his "expert workmen." The good which he has wrought, and the solidity which his efforts have given to the permanent Institutions of our Order are matters which we need not here directly indicate, but will live in memory long after their author has been "gathered to his kindred dust." May that day be yet far distant, so that he who has conceived so many grand designs for the welfare of mankind may see the keystone placed upon the superstructure amidst the "well done" of all who know the origin and maturing of a work so disinterested and so cosmopolitan. Then of him may be written—

"Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust."

Better than any jewel or decoration given by appreciative friends will be the memory of such an one who, though coveting no adulation, or assuming no self-glorious attitude, has reaped the harvest of a well-spent life, and left a name behind of a true man and Mason, and a benefactor of his race. Time enough, however, we trust, for such reflections, for in the mind of him who has accomplished so much there is still in course of development schemes of potent interest to Freemasonry, and to the completion of which the Craft are looking with complacent solicitude. Bland, affable, and courteous towards all with whom he is brought into contact, no matter on whatever rung of the Masonic ladder they may stand, his ear is ever open to the voice of supplication, and his hand ever outstretched for the alleviation of pain and sorrow. At the festivities to which he is so frequently invited, and which it is in his province to attend, his cheery visage and radiant versatility lend a charm to the assembly, whilst his ready wit will often "set the table in a roar." And when in response to wishes kindly expressed towards the Charities, his sonorous tones are uplifted, there beams a geniality upon his benign features which adds a zest to the emanations of his mind. Here we have a type of a Mason whom many may emulate, but whose eminence few can hope to reach, and in bidding adieu to our illustrious brother, we are sure our readers will agree that in thus speaking of him we are only exemplifying the axiom, "Palmam qui meruit ferat."

Turn we now to a different and less agreeable theme,

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and gaze at the reverse side of the picture. We see in our "mind's eye" another type of Masonic character, upon which we can look with feelings only of regret,—we had almost said contempt. It is painful enough to note the man who, probably through no mercenary or other unworthy motives has joined the Masonic ranks, but who, either from want of calibre, or disappointed in the attainment of too ambitious hopes, has lost heart, "can see nothing in Masonry," and falls into the crowd—if we may use the expression—of "camp followers of the Craft." Far better that, forsooth, than the man who flauntingly trades upon Masonry, and who, bedizened with Masonic emblems, prostitutes the Order for his own social interest and pecuniary gain. We know of men who have gained an introduction to our circle by a subtly concealed desire to "make something out of Freemasonry." Inside the Lodge they display but scant regard for authority and rule, whilst in their private and business life they never miss an opportunity of parading their connection with the Craft. Their personal adornments are Masonic emblems, on breast-pin, ring, and watch appendages; they parade on trade circular and card the symbols of a calling which should be sacred. Boisterous in behaviour and blatant in boast, these parasites do more harm to Freemasonry than they could ever be expected to do good. Such men have forged their way, perhaps by assumed *bonhommie*, into the graces of the less discerning, and pose as vigorous and healthy Masons. But they never rise in the respect and regard of true and genuine members of the Order. To our sorrow be it said we know of men who, with "an eye to business," have induced some brother possessed of more zeal than discernment to propose them, and once within the pale they immediately proceed to utilise the position they have gained for their own personal ends. Either they seek admission to society to which they would otherwise have remained strangers, or they push their specialities—either in trade or profession—persistently before the notice of the brethren whose acquaintanceship they form. We know of men who boast, in undisguised glee, of having built up their position upon the fact of their having "joined the Masons," but who were never yet known to do a kindly, much less a brotherly action. In the commercial room, at the dinner-table, and on every available opportunity, they are loud and not over choice in speech, and their whole lives are opposed to that of men of "sound judgment and strict morals." Instead of imbibing the true principles and tenets of Freemasonry, which should make them a pattern to those who know them, they are reckless in demeanour, and contact with them sullies rather than elevates the mind. We are fain to believe such examples are comparatively rare, but that there are "black sheep in Freemasonry," as well as in every other human institution, is a fact painfully apparent at times. It is often difficult to avoid association with these unscrupulous ones, who unfortunately cannot be weeded out of our ranks, but when such examples are found they should exert a deterring influence upon those who are over zealous in gathering in candidates for admission to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. This trading on Freemasonry is a theme capable of painful enlargement, when space permits; but for the present we must be content to leave the comparison where it stands, without making it too odious.

We understand that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master (Lord Henniker) has fixed the annual Mark Grand Lodge for the Province of East Anglia to be held at Norwich, on Wednesday, the 21st October.

At the last Regular Meeting of the Electric Lodge, No. 2087, held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, 26th ult., the S.W., Bro. W. H. Preece, F.R.S., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months.

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THE SCHOOL ELECTIO

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CH

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the eve of the the year for girls and boys to our noble Institu analysis of the candidates, with such comments as to my mind. First of all, 13 of them are under 8 6 years and 4 months to 7 years and eleven m since the completion of the new building the ag been altered from 8 years, and should these infa them be successful, then "doz in the mans was spoken about in April last will be at work extent, unless an equivalent number of the high admitted in their place, and thus the vacancies be at the next and following elections. For example of six years and four months is successful, is vacant for over two years? Or if the admissio for one year? Decidedly not; if this be allowed t them entered as soon as they are born.

To resume the analysis. The average age of th small fraction over 9. There are 26 from Lond vinces, and 1 foreign. The fathers have subsc of 9 years 4 months and a fraction, only 16, assisting the Institution, 6 have no parents li only, 2 the father only, and 3 both parents; the family is within 2 of 4 each, ranging from 1 to 10. the girls 9 years and nearly 2 months; only 5 ar 10 from London, and the remaining 24 from th only average 31 of the fathers' subscriptions, as incapacitated, whenever that may have been; b 31 is 9 years and nearly 1 month, and only 8, r fourth, are recorded as in any way helping the Ins parents living, 19 the mother only, 2 the step have both parents living, and the average 4 and 4rds, ranging from 1 to 10. The two last girls—No. 5, with 1403, may be looked upon as though a first as well as last application, under Captain Homfray, may be looked upon as a cert

Amongst the boys there are seven last applic from South Wales Eastern Division, has now either he ought never to have been presented, allowing his name to appear, have left him to sh this ought not to be—either a case is deservin former, it should receive the support of the mockery of his name appearing on the lists, and the child and parent should not be permitted. vince to punish the sins of the parents upon th having accepted the child as a fit and proper be helped to the uttermost.

No. 3, Warner, fifth application, with a credit friends are in earnest, have no difficulty in No. 12, Henshaw, third application, and 719 good chance, especially as more than half th admitted. No. 13, Astington, second applicati 275; here is a case where the London Associati the rescue, and land a winner. The remaining cations. No. 3, Brown, Cheshire; No. 25, M No. 34, Smithers, Sussex. Of these three, have good Provinces at their back, but Murfi Metropolis is not, nor can ever be, in unity promising. Here again the London Association and usefulness. Happy will the day be when turned away.

Yours frat

THE LATE BRO. H. M.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a Mason of and one who for a long period had the pleasure Levy's association and Masonic kindness, I thor deserved eulogiums in which you conveyed to u of his decease in the last issue of the FREEMASO

Bro. Levy was one of those kindly and k geniality was always on the surface, but wh was required to forward the cause of charity th of his heart were always found "true to the with many hundreds of Masons who knew his thize with his friends in particular at the los and from the well known kindly spirit of th assured that his memory will ever be held in g

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fr

H. THOMPSON,

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THE THEATRES.

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Haymarket.—The Haymarket has passed through a course of varied artistic experiences since its foundation, in 1702. A French company was once hooted from its boards by the fervour of British patriotism; it was once almost wrecked by an overwhelming audience who paid their money to see a man, according to his advertisement, jump into a quart bottle; this audience revenged their outraged credulity by pulling up the benches. Thenceforth it became devoted—with brief intervals—to higher comedy, and its history is illustrated by the greatest histrionic names beloved by that sprightly muse. During the long and brilliant period of the Webster management what a list of delightful old comedies can we not recall. The heroes, not sad and care-oppressed as in these melancholy days; the heroines, as blyth as singing birds; the specially virtuous people rather given to preaching, but this more than counterbalanced by the big D.'s of the Indian uncles. Well, well; all these handsome scapegraces and their sweet lady loves have vanished, like the powder from their periwigs. To them succeeded pleasant Tom Robinson, wholesome and sympathetic; with honest men and kindly women he made the old playhouse a mirror of our own home life, and Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, who so short a time ago ruled supreme within these dear old walls, seemed in themselves to typify the new dramatic departure. But Tom Robinson's tender water colour drawings are no longer to occupy the scene, and the Bancrofts—to the regret of every play-goer—have abdicated the cares and honours of management. These responsibilities, however, devolve on Messrs. Bashford and Russell, who have long been associated with the fortunes of the house. It was a bold step of the new managers to commence their reign under the flag of melodrama, and join hands in friendly rivalry with the Princess's and Drury Lane. It was doubtful though—from the peculiar character of a Haymarket audience—whether or not melodrama there must not forego the picturesque force it gains

"Where wild in [slums], the noble savage runs."

It must give us the "Sturm und drang" of passion held back by the gag-bit of society. Still it was a happy inspiration that suggested so popular a story as "Dark Days" for a first venture. This was a title known to every one who reads, or who runs without reading; it was a no less happy thought to confide its adaptation to the hands of Mr. Comyns Carr, who, out of very crude materials, has constructed a very clever neatly-fitting piece of work. His task was no easy one, and to make such mechanical puppets hold our attention; to make them seem real men and women, required the touch of a thorough artist. Some of the figures have proved too unmanageable. His hero, Dr. North, remains impossible—from the beginning till almost the close. Too late we recognise a living man, when he emerges from the preposterous conditions in which his author has entangled him, and rises to the heroic in denouncing himself as the murderer, to save Pauline, whom he believes to be the unconscious criminal. Mr. Barrymore, earnest and sympathetic actor as he is, evidently does not differentiate this unaccountable doctor, who all the time loving Philippa, the discarded wife of Sir Mervyn Ferrand, instead of rejoicing when he supposes she is not his wife, would at once insist on that bigamous aristocrat ensuring a deeper depth of misery for her by marrying her over again. It is not Mr. Barrymore's fault if he cannot make such conduct seem possible in a former lover, and wholly devoted friend, but he might at least make Dr. North look more like the country practitioner he is supposed to be. An earnest man of science, whose heart is in his work, and whose work necessitates his taking long country rides or drives, in all weathers, would surely not wear a costume chiefly fitted for Belgravian drawing-rooms, and suggestive of a secretary of legation at the very least. How much a good stage quarrel loses now when the dramatist cannot, as of old, provide pistols for two when the crisis comes. In the great quarel scene, between the miscreant Baronet and the Doctor, the effect is endangered by the peculiar position assumed by the disputants, suggesting to the profane a pair of game cocks awaiting the signal to engage. The adversaries stand with their faces a few inches apart, whilst they respectively indulge in defiance and derision. It is not dignified, and what is worse, the villain, by his cool courage, gets our sympathies, in spite of the decalogue. Mr. Beerbohm-Tree seems to revel in this presentment of an unmitigated scoundrel—a scoundrel with no redeeming point but courage; and with only this trump card Mr. Tree continues to keep the game in his hands, and engrosses the attention and interest of the audience. At the same time we should say this attention and interest is shared with Mr. Pateman, whose William Evans, a scampish horse trainer, who trades on his knowledge of the Baronet's secrets, is one of the most finished portraits the stage now offers. How he cringes, how he mocks, how he defies his dupe, and yet all within the limits of his horsey individuality, is something to be seen, and will not easily be forgotten. Robert Pateman is lost entirely; we have the scheming, unscrupulous, humorous Yorkshireman, whose straight tip to his employer is "Bigamy." How triumphantly he leers and scratches his chin as he demands his price for the said tip. The murder is done in the presence of the audience, and here Mr. Pateman acts splendidly. His terror—not horror—at the crime he did not intend is marked in every line of his face. Then, again, in the last act, when he stands in the dock, scarce breathing in the dread tension of the moment, you see the utter collapse of the man's powers, so that when Philippa suddenly appears to denounce herself, his awful shriek of terror, as he thinks she is a disembodied avenging spirit seems but pent-up agony grow impatient at the delay. As it is the final crisis is handicapped by this needless delay, whilst all the excitement we have been called on to experience for the hapless Philippa seems needless, since she is never actually in any danger for her supposed crime. Miss Lingard plays with tender refinement and grace. She is essentially womanly, nor does she even for a moment let us see the mechanism by which stage effects are produced. Her Philippa is natural; indifferent to make-up and studied grace. It is in every way delightful, though it is the actress not the author who chiefly makes it so. Miss Lydia Foote realises a charming young mother; would she were less conscious of her charms. Mr. Sugden is excellent as a good-natured, but used-up masher; he and pretty Miss Forsyth, with their little flirtations, are a pleasant relief amid the moral or intellectual heaviness of the principals. The play is admirably mounted; new effects are tried by arranging some of the set scenes behind a painted curtain which becomes transparent and appears to melt away. Very appropriate music has been arranged by that clever director, M. Bucalossi. The arrangements in front are most liberal; for visitors to stalls and dress circle there are opera glasses without charge; the price to the upper circle has been reduced from two-and-sixpence to two shillings; and if crowded houses and enthusiastic recalls imply success, it will be long before "Dark Days" need be withdrawn from the bills.

The Surrey.—In our brief notice of the new play, by Miss Lily Tinsley and Mr. Conquest, we had but space last week to record its undoubted success and the opportunity it affords Mr. Conquest for his weird power in pathos and passion. "Devil's Luck," both in its merits and shortcomings, certainly never indicates its feminine origin. "Devil's Luck, or the Man she loves," has the one crowning excellence demanded by works of its class; the story moves so rapidly, and the strain of interest so mounts in intensity that the audience is kept in unflagging attention, so that incidents and personages which might seem impossible from a critical point of view, are accepted at the moment without question. The opening scene in the cottage of the old farrier (Mr. Conquest) is very interesting; crushed by age and poverty, David Dodswell is wholly absorbed in thought for his daughter. A railway accident serves to bring the chief dramatis personæ together under his roof. A very clever scene shows us the four rooms of the cottage; in one the injured young naval officer, secretly married to the farrier's daughter, lies insensible; in another an escaped convict lurks, to finally climb through a trap door to change clothes and his identity with a dead passenger, Lord Fairfield. The farrier, at the instigation of Ralph Dovel (Mr. Cruickshank), abstracts a thousand pounds from the Lieutenant's pocket book, but refuses to complete the crime by murdering his guest. This robbery, we think, is a mistake on the part of the authors; it is not necessary to the development of the story, and it places a most sympathetic personage in the play in a more than dubious light. The Lieutenant—"the man she loves"—is the most unsatisfactory hero we have met with for a long time. He clandestinely marries a poor man's daughter; allows her name to be tarnished by village gossip, then, when she is likely to become a mother, he compels her to keep the secret, even from her father; and when his own mother arrives he permits her to carry him off to marry a certain Sylvia; the said mother's commands being enforced by the sham Lord Fairfield, who has possessed himself of some forged signatures for which the Lieutenant was responsible, and therefore, in the character of Devil's Luck, the late convict commands the situation. There is a needlessly painful scene—where a brutal tramp strikes down his starving wife, who clasps a dying child. This child, when dead, is produced, at the instigation of Devil's Luck, as that of the heroine, whose baby has been stolen. She is charged with its murder by the accomplished villain. Our Lieutenant, having been told his young wife is dead, incontinently agrees to marry Sylvia, and it is only at the very church door that he is saved from bigamy by the sudden appearance of the blacksmith's daughter. Here Mrs. Bennett, as the ill-used wife, acted with admirable force and sincerity. A certain too conscious method, which had marred the effect of her earlier scenes, completely disappeared, and the house thrilled to her passionate cry, "He is my husband!" Mr. Nye, as Devil's Luck, has a part that admirably fits his gifts, and finely he gives the cynical arrogance of the successful swindler, reckless to the last, even when his schemes are defeated, and virtue escapes from the toils of villainy. Mr. Gurney, a young actor of great promise, has with really consummate tact contrived to make the hero almost sympathetic, despite the meanness and cowardice of which he is guilty. Miss Maude Stafford, as a light-hearted country lass, is simply charming; there are few West End theatres who can boast so delightful a soubrette. George Conquest jun., as a country doctor, would rather suggest a country "vet," but his appearance is always the signal for roars of laughter, and so we trust a learned profession will not resent their very exuberant representative. Mr. Cruikshank, always careful in his portraits, in the present piece has a fine bit of character; his facial play is wonderfully good. The scenery is excellent. The play goes much better than on its first production, and we are pleased to see Mr. Conquest has arranged for a "dramatic matinée. Assuredly there will be an immigration from Western regions to do him honour.

London Theatrical Managers are to be congratulated on the removal of a vexatious restriction hitherto inserted in their licenses. The present Lord Chamberlain in all licenses granted from the 29th September permits the opening of theatres on Ash Wednesday. Thus the anomaly of closing theatres and opening music halls on Ash Wednesday at last is removed.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

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)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
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.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

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, 5th 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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, 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, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
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
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
462—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
938—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, 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
1573—Carsdoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalato
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wand
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street,
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern,
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30
1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Roa
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road,
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (I
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street,
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner,
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Fin
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Live
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brix

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, C
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gr
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting

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 Elve
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instructio
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixha
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Cro
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-r
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Glouce
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Qua
794—Wadden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havan
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighto
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, B
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockerm
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexhar
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruct
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings,
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Live
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street,
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, C
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Bromto
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirk

WEDNESDAY, 7th OCT

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Squ
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.3
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bri
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, R
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland S
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instru
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road,
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Ponnin's-court, Fleet-s
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-stree
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St.,
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthan
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, M
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's I
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell Ne

R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 173—Domatic, Thatched Tavern, Air-street, Rege
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (In
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1569—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (In
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden Square, W.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingh
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Roch
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Manches
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchest
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newp
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (In
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Co spe
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnw
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston

1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Karl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 30[illegible]—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1242—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

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.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—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.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—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. 763—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)
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.
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1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
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1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
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1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
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, 9th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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.
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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.)
1385—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
862—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
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

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

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
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 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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(AGED 8 YEARS,)

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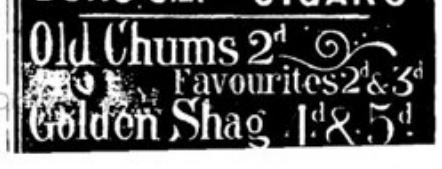


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MASONIC RELIEF AND IMPOSTORS.

AS to the opinion recently expressed by an ably conducted contemporary,—"there is no charity that has been so often imposed upon as that belonging to the Masonic Institutions; and the probable reason for this is, that Masons do not parade their charity, but prefer to exercise it in secret." We will not go to the extent of endorsing our brother's views, as we have no sufficient data on which to form an opinion, but of one thing we are certain—the belief that Masonic Charity is abused is a general one, and its effects disastrous in many quarters where absolute necessity exists. No matter how ready the members of the Fraternity may be to afford relief when appealed to by those in distress, the feeling that the applicant may be unworthy of assistance always presents itself, and when an appeal is made to a Lodge it usually happens that some of those present take the opportunity of enlarging on the prevalence of imposture, and the uncertainty of being able to get at the true facts of any case, while they warn their fellow members of the risk they run of encouraging dishonesty if they accede to the prayer of the petitioner. Undoubtedly appeals are made by unworthy members of the Craft for assistance, as the exposure of frauds in the past have abundantly proved; but whether these frauds are sufficiently numerous to warrant the general distrust with which the matter is surrounded is a subject for consideration. It cannot but be denied that the discovery of one case of imposture suffices to shake the confidence of brethren for a very long time, and the evil effects are spread over a very wide area. Now, this would perhaps justify the belief that things are not quite so bad as they are painted, and certainly not so bad as to warrant wholesale denouncement of Masonic appeals. The best of Masons are liable to be overtaken by misfortune, and although such a possibility may never have entered their mind when desiring initiation—much less actuated them to seek admission to the mysteries of the Order—they may at last find themselves brought to such a condition as to be forced to appeal to some one. In such cases the ties of Freemasonry should prove as strong, even if not stronger, than any other human associations; but what are the facts? In nineteen cases out of twenty the motives of the petitioner would be publicly questioned—publicly so far as the members of the Lodge were concerned—and a slur might be cast on him which would be more hurtful even than hunger. Is this necessary? We cannot say it is not, but we can and do ask brethren to have a little consideration for the feelings of others, and not make unkind remarks, or recount the extent to which imposition may be practised, without reasonable cause. If they do not know anything of the facts they should be as silent one way as they are clamorous on the other. If they cannot support the appeal from personal knowledge of the petitioner, they should be equally silent as to his probable faults. All men have demerits as well as merits, but to recount the possible demerits, without allowing for the other side of the case is, to say the least, ungracious.

The whole question of Masonic relief is one to which some method can be devised of removing the general feeling of distrust which is associated with every appeal, Masonry can never afford that assistance which it should do. Proposals have been made from time to time to organise centres for dispensing relief, but there are many objections to such a course. The opening of an office would be as good as asking for applicants, and a difficulty would present itself when it had to be decided who was to repay any sums expended by the central authority. Lodges would never make themselves liable for unknown amounts or entrust their charity to—so to speak—unknown hands; nor could the funds of Grand Lodge be made responsible, for in that case London, and perhaps a few other large cities, would be placed on a much better footing than small Provincial towns, where Charity would still have to be dispensed by the local almoner. Yet the fact remains that the most deserving Mason ever initiated might find himself penniless even in London and have no one from whom to ask for Masonic assistance. He might discover that Lodges were being held in various parts of the Metropolis, but the success of appeals to them would be very doubtful, and all because some scamp in days gone by had attempted to impose on the members of another Lodge, perhaps a hundred miles off. This feeling of distrust can only be removed by the counteracting influence of another feeling—that imposture is easily discovered, and that the authorities are doing all that lay in their power to expose and check fraud. How best to acquire this feeling is, then, the question to which brethren should address themselves, and we are of opinion that something might be done towards a satisfactory solution, if they would give the subject their consideration. A very general feeling exists that the certificate of the petitioner should be endorsed, but the adoption of such a method would be manifestly unjust. It would be hard indeed for a brother, brought down through misfortune, to be ever after branded as a Masonic beggar, no matter to what position he might rise in after life, or what steps he might take to remove the obligation which necessity had forced upon him. But something might be done to prevent certificates being used time after time as the principal means of committing fraud. We would suggest that the certificate upon which the appeal had been based should be forwarded to the authorities with brief—very brief—particulars of the relief accorded by the Lodge appealed to. A memorandum of these facts should be kept in registers provided for the purpose, and the certificate returned to its owner. If this certificate was a frequent visitor to the recording office, inquiries should be instituted, or such other action taken as might be deemed necessary. This would not prevent first, second, or even third impositions, but it would prevent men living on imposture—as some are supposed to do—and would eventually go far to check dishonest appeals, at the same time rendering it easier for good and true Masons to secure that benefit from the Craft which its teachings have led them to expect, should they ever be reduced to the necessity of asking for it.

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WHAT NEXT?

AN article appears in the *Voice of Masonry* for August, entitled "Of Great Importance," from which it appears that some of the Craft are not without desire for Masonic light. From its statements we learn that a Worshipful Master, solicitous for the perfection of the work, had arrayed himself in a robe and crown during certain ceremonies, with a view to that "dignity which doth hedge a king," and also introduced "a camera (magic lantern) and views," but for what purpose the latter was required is not disclosed; that thereafter he wrote to the Grand Master to ascertain if these things were truly Masonic, and thereupon the Grand Master, in an answer covering two pages of the *Voice*, informed the Worshipful Master that the robe and crown were proper, assigning several reasons therefor, by which he further informed the *public* of several things done by King Solomon, which are not found in *books*.

Whether or not the crown and robe are necessary "properties" on such occasions as are mentioned by him, the Grand Master ought to know, and he says they should be worn in order that every part of the work may be made *perfect*, and all proprieties duly observed, but the magic lantern business he leaves in the dark. Perhaps he is right in his decision, as he doubtless is in his intention to contribute to the *order* and *perfection* of the work, which is a laudable purpose. But this article is not intended for the purpose of maintaining either side of the question, but to offer a few reflections which may, possibly, be of some service to those who may be disposed to explore the subject for the benefit of the Craft.

So far as the crown is concerned, it may be said with confidence that throughout the work of *all* the degrees, the Worshipful Master in his lowest symbolical character, that is, as to the lowest or external degree, represents the *sun*, —the master and dispenser of natural (physical) light—not only in respect to that, but also as to the bands or bonds of solar attraction by which he holds and directs the planetary bodies in their variable but orderly revolutions around him, through the amazing spaces of the zodiacal belt.

The rays of the sun always have been represented by the rays of a crown, which are pointed and project outward from the royal head of the King, who also represents the sun, as is well known.

The crown has always to this day been represented in every Lodge, as all skilful Masters know, and even the unskilful know where the Worshipful Master "hangs his hat," even if they know not what is meant by his so doing.

But many Masters do not know that the collar of the Worshipful Master represents the circle of the zodiac; that belt of sixteen degrees in width around the heavens, within the breadth of which the planets revolve about the sun. This is represented by the blue collar, and the planets by the figures of the five-pointed stars which adorn it, and this collar is, therefore, a far more significant piece of Masonic apparel than any robe, whether the purple of Tyre or the scarlet of Jerusalem. It is because this collar represents the zodiac that it is closed in front and not open at the bottom, as those worn by the members of other societies.

Hence, so far as the crown is concerned, Bro. Brown of the *Voice* properly remarks that the question is debatable, and, we might add, with the chances in favour of the Grand Master of Michigan and the Worshipful Master mentioned by him.

But as to the robe there is not so much to be shown in favour of its having been worn at any time in the Lodge. If it ever was used it could not have been derived from the same source as the crown, for the sun is never properly, if at all, represented with a robe. He is the very embodiment and manifestation of power in action, and represented by such characters as Hercules, Apollo, Mithra, and the others. He needs no robe (except during winter in Michigan, perhaps). If any robe is to be found in the Lodge it must be an imitation, not a symbol, and Masonry does not occupy itself with imitations. But if the theatricals of the Lodge require a robe, there is also a throne and sceptre, and diamonds and other jewels, to say nothing of lords in waiting, messengers, men at arms, courtiers, and particularly that indispensable personage, the king's fool. All these go together, with much more, to make up the properties and proprieties, so that the Worshipful Master mentioned can see that he has only made a mere start in the enterprise of putting King Solomon on the stage, with his cottonage velvet and cat-fur habiliment.

According to the allocution of the Grand Master, he appears to take it for granted that everybody would agree that the magic lantern was a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, or at least ought to have been, for he advances no objection, but passes it without argument. This being so, I do not wish to enter into any argument *pro* or *con* which might disturb settled work in an important jurisdiction, but it may be permitted to remark, that if any Worshipful Master in Michigan has a hand-organ and monkey which he wishes to introduce, there may be some reason to fear the disapprobation of the Grand Master, on account of the difficulty of introducing too many reforms at once, so that such a matter might be better deferred until the other improvement is well established. Besides, such a project would not be so clearly Masonic as the magic lantern, for it may be that King Solomon had one, or some similar machine, to illustrate his work on botany; for I have myself seen used in a "higher degree" than the Master's Lodge a pair of ancient sunflower spectacles, which the principal mystagogue vouched for as having been manufactured for King Solomon in his old age, by a glass carpenter of some seaport town on the Dead Sea.

But, leaving the crown, and robe, and other appliances, to take care of themselves, it might not be amiss to inquire if the Worshipful Master mentioned ever thought it worth while, in trying to perfect the work, to ascertain and teach the "neophyte" his *place* in the Lodge, after he had enjoyed the advantages of crown and robe?

One might suppose that it must be fully as important in such a work as Symbolic Masonry, which is designed to be nothing less that the very exemplification of order, that the work itself should be finished by the *last*, most signal and most sublime symbolic lesson which the treasure-house of Masonic symbology affords; yet have we any right to believe that there is in the whole State mentioned one Worshipful Master who has ever made a persistent effort to solve the problem, that as an Apprentice he has his proper *place*, and knows some of the meanings which belong to it, while as a Fellow Craft or Master Mason he has no *place* at all? Is there any ground to believe that any one of them could answer the Grand Master if asked by him, where, or what is still more important, how and why do you stand? What is the geometry of this, by which you prove it correct? Can you inform any "neophyte," or is there any means accessible in your Lodge by which he can learn what the forty-seventh problem of Euclid has to do with these matters?

The matter of the crown and robe are brought up, and this is termed "of great importance." Let it be granted, but what knowledge did those who enjoyed what benefit there may be in robe and crown receive concerning the signification of the salutations and signs? They could see the dress and take notice of its meaning at a glance, but are they yet able even to guess what the symbolic expressions, by which they prove themselves, signify?

There is something more than head-gear and fine garments lost among the rubbish, much more than is above hinted at, but what little is there said is enough to show that the *order* of the work is broken and the Masonic floor despoiled of half its mosaic work of wisdom and beauty. This is not meant as the least reproach to any of those mentioned, or reflecting on them in any way more than upon all others. The dilapidation which has been suffered to go on throughout the entire Masonic structure is the fault of the Craft at large, continued during a long time. In consequence of this, Masters, and Grand Masters, and other teachers, habitually speak to the Craft about "the Order," and "Our Order," using terms, which mislead, and which belong to other societies, and to the various side or high degrees.

If this one cause of ignorance and negligence could be overthrown, and the Fraternity at large made to understand that Masonry is *not* an Order, but a *Craft*—even if the Grand Officers cannot be reformed—it would alone do more good than any amount of exhortation towards inducing Masons who desire to learn anything to go at it, and discover what they certainly will never know if they wait for Grand Lodge instruction; that Masonry has a science and a philosophy, and a perfect *order* in its entire design, and is not a miscellaneous accumulation of cere-

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monies, as in the case of other societies and the different orders which have grown up among Masons.

Whether the Worshipful Master and Grand Master alluded to be right or wrong in their decision, I thank them for having done something which may tend to put the Craft on inquiry, it matters not about what, and hope that they and those Worshipful Masters of Chicago, whom the *Voice* mentions, will get out their magic lanterns or some sort of lamps, and begin to look for something better than they have found yet, and I think I may be allowed to add, better than they have been looking for. Indeed, such is the low state of expectation among the Craft as to finding anything in Craft Masonry, that any discovery must be a surprise.

It is to be hoped that as soon as the parties interested in the matter of improving the clothing get through with that matter, they will turn their attention to the geometry and other like subjects pertaining to the Craft as Masons, and so develop a knowledge of those things that the degrees can be conferred at the same time that the stage properties are made most of.—*Voice of Masonry.*

RELIABLE MASONS.

RELIABILITY is an essential element of a noble character. The man who is true and steadfast, and who can be depended upon at all times, is best entitled to the world's honour. Men who are reliable are needed in every department of life. They are the inspiration and support of their weaker brethren, who are so largely in the majority—those upon whom instability is stamped as the distinguishing badge of character. How many people there are having good intentions, who will work well for a time, but on whom no dependence can be placed! They are not reliable. Perhaps they are identified with a cause or interest in behalf of which they show an excess of zeal for a time; but their ardour soon cools, and ere long they are found opposing that which before they advocated with so much of earnestness. It is the same in their relations with individuals. Their friendships may be very ardent, but they are not enduring. They are changeable and inconstant, sure to disappoint the expectations of those who depend upon them. Persons of this stamp may do some good in the world, because at times, when in the right mood, their impulses and activities are in the right direction; but they are sure to do much harm. At the best they are but fair weather helpers, who cannot be counted upon to stand by a cause, a principle, or a friend in a time of need.

The reliable man is of different mould. He has a fixedness of interest—a strength of character that holds him steadfast to the work in which he engages and the alliances which he forms. He will bravely stand by an enterprise or a friend when clouds come over the way and difficulties have to be encountered in the rendering of such support, always ready to make sacrifices if these are called for in the expression of his loyal devotion. Constancy of this sort is indeed most commendable.

This element of reliability holds high rank among the Masonic virtues. Brethren are urged to be resolute of purpose and steadfast in all their undertakings, many of the most impressive lessons in the unfolding of the system of Freemasonry being those that enforce such duties. Masonic teachings, and indeed the whole spirit of the Institution, favour the building up of a strong, symmetrical character, and the holding of the life to well determined lines of usefulness. The best instructed Craftsman is he who has learned to stand steadfast to the right, to show tenacity of will and purpose, and who is swayed not so much by his impulses as by his judgment. Such an one makes proof of that reliability which counts for much both on the side of grace and of utility.

All members of the Masonic organization are not thus reliable. Some are double-minded and wavering, often bringing reproach upon the Institution by their want of constancy. They are heedless and inconsiderate, acting upon the feeling of the moment and subject to every chance influence, having no abiding moral purpose—no strength of will or of affection. Masonic interests suffer in the hands of brethren thus unreliable and inconstant. Their vacillation of character always stands in the way of their accomplishing the best work, and by their whims and caprices they often discourage those associated with them in the Lodge or other institution, so proving themselves to be sad stumbling blocks in the way of progress. What shall be done with brethren of this class? Bear with them patiently, until patience ceases to be a virtue, and then, if altogether unreliable, doing more harm than good in the organisation, they may well be made the subjects of a rigorous discipline. Many who are heedless and inconsiderate may be trained to a better course; may rise above early habits to the development of that steadfastness of strength which covers the life with glory and excellence. Blessed is Freemasonry for the lessons and helps it provides toward this result.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

HOW TO MAKE A LODGE INTERESTING.

THE subject has been brought up in the different Lodges since the resumption of labour, relative to the best means which can be adopted to make the communications interesting, to both members and visitors, when there is no work.

It is a very dull place for a visitor, who may be an entire stranger in the Lodge, to sit through a communication when there is no work. As a general thing the members, when "called off," assemble in groups by themselves, and leave the visitor, if unacquainted, to amuse himself as best he can. Of course this is neither Masonic, nor right; yet we are sorry to say it is usually the case.

But, leaving the visitors out of the question, there are members who are so retiring that they do not form a part of these groups, and sit alone or "clear out" as soon as they find there is no work to do. When labour is resumed at the stroke of the Master's gavel, it is found that very few are present to close the Lodge.

The question to be considered is: "How can a Lodge be made interesting enough to keep the brethren together?"

We often hear brethren say: "It is no use going to the Lodge; there is no work and nothing to interest us. We can find better employment elsewhere."

In opposition to this, however, we occasionally hear it said: "Let us go to such and such a Lodge. There is always something to be found there, even if there be no work." But these instances are few and far between.

We would advise officers of Lodges to study the character of the brethren, and see if something cannot be devised to furnish amusement during idle hours. Literary or musical exercises, of a voluntary character, might be tried as an experiment. Discussions on Masonic subjects could be introduced, if the Lodge has a taste for debate. Exercising the brethren in the lecture of examination would be profitable, and keep them from getting rusty. Readings and lectures by competent brethren might prove both attractive and instructive. In fact, there are many things which might be devised for keeping the brethren together; so that, when the Lodge is "called off" it will not be nearly emptied, as is now too often the case.

We advise officers of Lodges to take this matter into consideration, and see if something cannot be done to make the regular communications both interesting and instructive, and therefore attractive, to members and visitors alike. Then may we hope to see full Lodge rooms and prosperous Lodges.—*New York Sunday Times.*

The Province of North Wales and Shropshire having been divided since the death of the late Sir W. W. Wynn, who held the office of Provincial Grand Master, the new Shropshire Province, of which Sir Offley Wakeman is the Grand Master designate, will be consecrated on the 22nd inst., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, being the installing officer. As at present arranged, the North Wales Provincial Lodge will be constituted at Wrexham the following day. Lord Harlech is to be the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Henry Platt, P.M. Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, Bangor, is to be the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. T. E. Harris, of St. Eleth, Royal Leek, and St. David's Lodges, the Provincial Grand Secretary.

We have been requested to announce that the future meetings of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, will be held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, W. The brethren assemble on Monday evenings, at eight o'clock.

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DISCORD *versus* HARMONY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks upon this question, contained in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, were brief and to the point, and I trust they will be taken seriously to heart by all whom they may concern. There are some Lodges which I know where the hints and suggestions you make most strikingly apply, although they are too far away from London to admit of any personal reference on your part. I remember one in particular, in which a Brother who could not fly with sufficient rapidity into office left no stone unturned in order that he might split the Lodge into contending sections, with the sole object of forming the malcontents whom he had made into a separate body, so that he might the more easily reach a position to which he had aspired (and failed to attain) in his mother Lodge. The natural outcome of his success in this respect proved his utter failure in another, for in the chair he reigned with an "iron hand," and so disjointed the whole of the interior economy of the Lodge that the first two or three years of its existence it displayed a far greater amount of the leaven of discord than the harmony which had been promised and hoped for. The consequence was that many who had deserted the object of their first love and "followed their leader" into a new sphere discovered it were better to have borne the ills—real or imaginary—they had than to fly to others which they knew not of. I know of another, in which favouritism having supplied the place of deserving merit, a most unfair preference was given to incompetent brethren in the appointment of Officers, and here again the proverbial "apple cart" was most effectually overturned. This corroborates your own assertion, that "in certain hitherto prosperous and industrious Lodges unfortunate discords have arisen to mar the harmony and comfort of the brethren, and in one or two cases conduced almost to anarchy amongst men who had erstwhile worked together in peace and harmony." Let us hope that the advice you give may prove "a word in season" to many sections of the Craft into which friction and dissensions have crept, inadvertently it may be, but more often through the arrogance or injudicious rule of Worshipful Masters, and that they may learn a lesson from the timely admonition contained in the able article which I perused with a considerable amount of satisfaction, from the experience I have had of Lodges where members have actually abstained from attendance rather than suffer the unpleasant consequences of a "house divided against itself."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL.

THE SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the annexed Table, it may not be generally known by the brethren that the children elected in October do not enter the School until the beginning of the following February, and those elected in April until the beginning of the following September, so that the calculations of cost are made up to February, and contributions to January 1885. Now, a few remarks as to London and the Provinces will not, I think, be out of place. London, as might naturally be supposed, stands pre-eminently forward in the list of contributors, with an annual average for seven years of £11,648 6s; though only reaping the benefit of less than half that sum, viz., £5,071, and this is very fortunate for some of the Provinces, who reap out of all proportion to what they sow; most notably Lincolnshire, who takes out £406 against an average of £38 18s,—not the cost of one boy, and but little over that of a girl. This Province has given nothing to the Girls' since 1880, and only 50 guineas to the Boys' in the same period; while nothing at all to the Benevolent since 1879. Whatever may be the cause of this dilatoriness, it cannot be for want of means, for one of its members hinted that it had it in contemplation to raise 3000 guineas for the Boys' Institution, and work that one against the others for their candidates. I am sure the appearance of Brother Binckes's face, if such a result happened, would do one's heart good; it would indeed be a Godsend. Whatever the cause may hitherto have been, I trust the brethren will find some way of giving something nearer an equivalent for what they receive. Bedfordshire has given nothing to the Boys since 1879, or to the Girls since 1880, and then but a small amount in each case. On the other hand, she takes nothing out, so that her mite is all to the good. Berks and Bucks contributes handsomely to each Institution every year, and beat London in the proportion of what it gives, for she averages £412 6s against a cost of £79. Bristol has a slight balance in her favour, £48 *v* £45. Cambridgeshire, like Bedfordshire, takes nothing out, but her annual average is £13 4s. She has a candidate forward this time, and I hope he will be successful. Cheshire is a constant subscriber, averaging £329 8s *v* £418 cost. Cornwall is a liberal contributor for what she receives, £94 15s *v* £34 cost; Cumberland and Westmoreland a little more than balance the debtor and creditor, with £267 16s *v* £248 cost. Derbyshire is very liberal, with £295 6s against £113. Devonshire, which is a strong and rich county, should show better than she does, costing £474 at an expenditure of £301 2s. Dorsetshire shows a balance in her favour of £68 5s. Durham has about £20 against her. Essex is munificent—£570 *v* £248 cost. Gloucestershire likewise £635 4s *v* £316 cost. Hants is rather lop-sided, costing £678 against £618 2s. Herefordshire receives nothing; her average contribution for the seven years is £9 3s. Hertfordshire is liberal, with £245 14s against £158 cost. Kent is bountiful, giving £1065 for £757. Lancashire East nearly balances, giving £649 for £688. Lancashire West has £130 balance in her favour. Leicestershire and Rutland are also on the right side, with more than £100. Middlesex has a surplus of £146, Monmouthshire £142, Norfolk minus £20, Northumberland minus £32, Norths and Hunts £139 deficit. Nottingham stands £11 to the good. Oxford's annual average contribution, £202 18s is all to the good, as she has no pupils in either Institution. Somersetshire wants £112 to bring her level. Staffordshire is well to the fore, with £134. Suffolk has £26 in her favour, and Surrey within £5 of £100. But Sussex stands out well to the good, with £218, and Warwickshire with £185. Wilts lacks her average by £87. Worcestershire has a comfortable balance of £120. Yorkshire (N. and E.), and Yorkshire (West), show very even balances, in each instance a little over £32 against them. North Wales and Salop have £44, South Wales (Eastern Division) £90, and South Wales (Western Division) £6 in their favour. The Channel Islands are very much behind, with £93; and lastly the Colonies, from whom, for a variety of circumstances, we cannot expect much, yet certainly might do better than take so large a balance as £471, which has to be made good for them.

By the foregoing context to the Table you will see that most of the Provinces contribute liberally, but some—such as Lincolnshire, Colonies, Somersetshire, Wilts, Channel Islands, Norths and Hunts, and Devonshire—are very remiss in taking their proportionate share of the burden; and were I to include the Benevolent Institution some of them would show even worse still.

In conclusion, I have endeavoured to submit an impartial summary, and as the cry is that more pupils cannot be admitted for lack of funds, should I be the medium of stimulating any of the backward Provinces to put their shoulders to the wheel, and help to supply the deficiency, I shall not have written this letter in vain.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully and fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

P.S.—I do not vouch for the absolute correctness of the figures below, but they are sufficiently accurate for the purpose I have in view.

Provinces.	Boys. Present Strength.	Boys. Leaving.	Girls. Present Strength.	Girls. Leaving.	Applicants. Boys.	Applicants. Girls.	£ Annual Cost.	£ Annual Average contributed for seven years ending 1884. £	s	d
London	53	5	79	2	26	10	5071	11648	6	0
Bedfordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	9	0
Berks and Bucks ...	1	—	1	1	—	1	79	412	16	0
Bristol	1	—	—	—	—	—	45	48	0	0
Cambridgeshire ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	43	4	0
Cheshire	4	1	7	—	—	—	418	329	8	0
Cornwall	—	—	1	—	—	—	34	94	15	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland ...	4	—	2	—	—	—	248	267	16	0
Derbyshire	1	—	2	—	—	—	113	295	6	0
Devonshire	6	1	6	1	1	1	474	301	2	0
Dorsetshire ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	225	294	15	0
Durham	4	—	3	—	2	—	282	263	5	0
Essex	4	—	2	—	—	2	248	570	0	0
Gloucestershire ...	4	1	4	—	1	—	316	635	4	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	6	2	12	2	4	4	678	618	2	0
Herefordshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	3	0
Herts	2	—	2	—	1	—	158	245	14	0
Kent	7	1	13	—	—	3	757	1065	0	0
Lancashire (East) ...	10	3	7	3	2	—	688	649	5	0
Lancashire (West) ...	8	—	8	—	1	—	632	769	15	0
Leicestershire and Rutland	1	—	1	—	—	—	79	180	18	0
Linco'nshire ...	6	1	4	1	1	2	406	38	18	0
Middlesex	6	—	5	—	—	—	440	586	16	0
Monmouthshire ...	—	—	1	—	1	1	34	176	5	0
Norfolk	3	—	1	—	—	1	169	149	8	0
Northumberland ...	5	—	3	—	2	1	327	295	17	0
Norths and Hunts ...	3	—	1	—	1	—	169	30	15	0
Nottinghamshire ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	68	79	7	0
Oxford	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	202	18	0
Somersetshire ...	5	2	5	—	—	—	395	283	14	0
Staffordshire ...	4	—	4	—	1	—	316	450	18	0
Suffolk	1	—	5	1	—	2	215	241	7	0
Surrey	3	—	—	—	—	—	135	230	16	0
Sussex	4	—	3	—	4	2	282	500	8	0
Warwickshire ...	3	1	5	1	—	—	305	490	7	0
Wiltshire	2	1	6	1	—	—	294	207	8	0
Worcestershire ...	3	—	2	—	—	—	203	323	15	0
Yorkshire (N. & E.)	4	—	6	1	2	1	384	349	3	0
Yorkshire (W.) ...	15	1	21	2	2	3	1347	1319	7	0
Wales, North and Shropshire ...	3	—	2	—	—	—	203	247	11	0
Wales, South Eastern Division	1	—	5	—	1	—	215	305	5	0
Wales, Western Division	3	—	2	1	1	—	203	209	12	0
Channel Islands ...	3	1	—	—	—	—	135	42	17	0
Colonial	9	1	8	—	1	—	677	206	8	0

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C. Bro. John Smith I.P.M. took the chair, the W.M. Bro. H. T. Nell being away on urgent business. There were also present Bros. L. S. Fountaine S.W., F. W. Driver P.M. J.W., H. Follett P.M. and Treasurer, W. S. Humphries P.M., John N. Heale Sec., T. Bolt J.D., T. C. Cubbon I.G., H. J. Dean Organist, J. H. Smethurst, R. Kelsey, C. Carter, W. H. Liddall, E. A. King, A. Mace, H. Dove, C. H. Dowsett, E. Mallett Tyler. Visitors—R. W. Bilby 19, U. G. Brood 364. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rose, and stated that a very hearty and almost unanimous response had been given by the brethren towards the Treasurer's testimonial. He had, with others, given some little time to the matter, but the readiness of reply was such that it made it quite a work of pleasure. Bro. Follett, as all knew, was ever ready to assist them in any way he could. As a Past Master of the Lodge, ever willing to do any office that would be of service, and as a Treasurer and a member he had done his best, sometimes as Steward at one of the noble and charitable institutions, or in striving to further and sustain the interest and welfare of the Strong Man Lodge, to the best of his ability, and as far as his pocket would allow. He now had the pleasure, and in the name of the Lodge, to present Bro. Follett with a handsome epergne, as a token of esteem from the brethren, and for his kindness to the Lodge during the ten years he had acted as Treasurer. Bro. Follett, in reply, hardly knew what to say, except to thank the brethren, one and all, for such a token of esteem and goodwill. He certainly had the interest of the Lodge at heart; he had done his best to further the welfare of the Lodge, and as long as he lived he hoped he should be a member of the same, and still continue to uphold the Lodge and the Craft in general. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the supper-room. The various toasts, which were duly honored, were interspersed with songs and music. The Tyler's brought a very pleasant and comfortable evening to a close.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE last regular meeting of the above Lodge for the season was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Amherst Arms, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks. There were present Bros. C. J. Craig W.M., E. S. Strange S.W., J. J. Birch J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. P.P.G. Sup. W. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, W. Sparrowhawk S.D., J. Hamlin D.C., A. H. Lee I.G., H. Ross Organist, F. P. Lee Steward, T. J. Baker P.M., A. W. Duret P.M., C. J. Dodd P.M.; also Bros. Pascoe, Hooker, T. Baker, A. Wallace Lloyd, R. Stevenson, Townend, Knight, Ryder, G. Dixon, Broad, Kent, Pilliner, Gething, Newberry, and the following Visitors: Bros. A. E. Staley P.M. 185, 1728. W. Oakley 874, C. J. Fletcher 1744, F. Keene 378, of Newtown, Kilwinning, Sydney; C. J. Thomas P.M. 1632, T. J. Woods 1475. Bro. George Dixon having been passed to the second degree, Lodge was resumed, and the following five gentlemen having been balloted for and unanimously elected were initiated—Mr. William Burfoot, Mr. John Fyfe, Mr. James Barker, Mr. P. C. Delport, and Mr. H. M. Hutchins. The W.M., Bro. C. J. Craig, performed both ceremonies in his usual able and impressive manner. A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

ONCE more the day of installation in this Lodge has passed, and a new year has been started upon. The Lodge presents every appearance of continuing the success which has marked it hitherto, and under the rule of its new Master promises to make further advancement. The installation took place on Tuesday, at the Station Hotel, Highbury, when Bro. N. L. Western, the W.M. of the past year, was supported by the following brethren:—R. P. Forge P.M. S.W., James Cooper J.W., James Crosbie P.M., James Hawkins P.M., C. K. Killick jun. P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Fenner P.M., Hall P.M., G. F. Snook S.D., J. A. Collings Organist, W. T. H. Mayer I.G., H. C. Turner Steward, J. L. Mather (honorary member), and the following among other Visitors: C. Greenwood P. G. Sword Bearer, Usher Back P.M. 211, C. A. Wadsworth 1790, C. Gieseke P.M. 1227, J. R. Barns 1793, A. T. Cherfield P.M. 127, W. Wright 1897, E. Woodman W.M. 1950, G. J. Spelding 225, W. D. Bayley P.M. 185, R. Earl 1475, R. W. Fraser 1507, &c. The minutes of the last regular Lodge and a Lodge of Emergency having been confirmed, the Auditors' report was submitted. Bro. Fenner P.M. was elected as Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. J. P. Hutchinson was passed to the second degree. The installation ceremony followed, Bro. Cooper J.W. being placed in the chair by his predecessor in office in a most exemplary manner. The brethren having saluted the Master in the three degrees, the following were appointed as the other Officers for the year: Bros. R. P. Forge P.M. S.W., G. F. Snook J.W., C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Sec., T. Casely S.D., W. T. H. Mayer J.D., H. C. Turner I.G., J. A. Collings Org., J. S. Anthony D.C., R. W. Pearcy P.M. and T. W. S. Holden Stewards, nomination of a candidate for initiation, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where mine host had provided a really good menu. This was done ample justice to, and grace having been said, the toasts were given in due order. The health of the Queen and the Grand Master having been drunk, the W.M. gave the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The brethren comprised in this toast, he said, were a noble set of men, as was evidenced by many of them holding high offices in the State and in private life. The brethren of the Kingsland Lodge were particularly gratified in seeing among them that day a Past Grand Officer of England, in the person of Bro. Greenwood. That brother's name was associated with the toast, and in due course he responded. He thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had honoured the toast of the Grand Officers. Freemasons were to be congratulated in having at their head three such men as the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Lathom. Bro. Greenwood paid a just compliment to the working of the first degree by the new Master. When he was installed—some 30 or 40 years ago—the ceremony of initiation was only undertaken, even by experienced Past Masters, with feelings of trepidation. Now they saw a newly-installed Master conferring the degree on the day of his installation, in a most satisfactory manner. The working of this ceremony in a Lodge was very different to going through it in a Lodge of Instruction. In the one, all those around the Master were acquaintances, and it did not so much matter if a slip was made, but in the other there were usually a number of visitors who were anxious to criticise, besides which there was the novelty of the situation, and the nervousness inseparable from a first presidency. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master who, he said, had worked hard ever since his initiation in the Lodge. Bro. Western then said, Bro. Cooper had deputed him to ask the brethren's acceptance of a silver gavel for the use of the W.M. for the time being. It was presented with the good wishes of Bro. Cooper, and in the hope that it would be of service to the Lodge. The gavel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to the Kingsland Lodge,
No. 1693,
By Bro. J. Cooper, W.M.
October 1885.

Bro. Western was also deputed by Bro. Forge S.W. to present a similar gavel for the Senior Warden's use. The brethren had already had evidences of Bro. Forge's good feeling towards the Lodge; he had given way—with his usual kindness—so as to allow Bro. Cooper to take the chair of the Lodge a year earlier than he would otherwise have done, and in many other ways had striven to help them. The Senior Warden's gavel was inscribed as follows:—

Presented to the Kingsland Lodge,
No. 1693,
By Bro. R. P. Forge, S.W.
October 1885.

The toast was heartily received, and was acknowledged by the W.M. He thanked the brethren most heartily for all they had done for him in the Lodge. It was not five years since Bro. P.M. Hawkins had introduced him there. He well remembered on the way home from his initiation Brother Hawkins had said he should never be satisfied with him until he had attained the office of Master. By their kindness he had now risen to that dignity, and he hoped he had satisfied his introducer and that he would give satisfaction to the members of the Lodge. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, referring specially to the pleasure it had afforded him to initiate his own brother that day. Brother H. G. Cooper tendered his hearty thanks for the way in which he had been received in the Lodge, and hoped he might never give the brethren cause to regret admitting him. Brother Wilmore also thanked the brethren, and then the W.M. proposed the health of his predecessor in office—Bro. Western. He had proved himself to be one of the best Masters it was possible to have. He had performed his work in a most creditable way and had finished up in the most gratifying manner by installing his successor. Bro. Cooper had much pleasure in presenting to Brother Western a Past Master's jewel and he did so with the hearty wish of the members of the Lodge that their Immediate Past Master would be spared to be among them for many years to come to give the Lodge the benefit of his advice, and, he doubted not, his assistance on many occasions. The Past Master's jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
Bro. N. L. Western,
by the members of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, as a mark of esteem for services rendered, as W.M.
1884-5.

Brother Western tendered his thanks. He assured the brethren he had done his best to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to their satisfaction. If he had really secured that satisfaction he was indeed proud. He considered it a great honour to have been a Master of the Kingsland Lodge, which he felt sure was rising in public estimation. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors. He was lately present at a Lodge, sitting next to the Master, and remarked to him, "You have no Visitors?" "We do not want any," said he. How different to their feelings in the Kingsland Lodge, where they not only wanted Visitors, but did all they could to make them happy when they did attend. Bro. Back replied. It had afforded him a great amount of pleasure to be present. He felt that day might well be recorded as a red letter day for the Kingsland Lodge, the members of which had installed a worthy brother as their W.M., while he had had the plea-

he (Bro. Woodman) was at the present time ruler. Other Visitors having responded, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the P.M.'s, to which Bros. Western, Hawkins, Fenner, and Hall responded. The Officers of the Lodge were toasted, and each of those present having replied, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. An excellent programme of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. J. A. Collings, the harmony being fully appreciated. Great praise is due to W. G. Akehurst for his contributions, especially "Toreador," from "Carmen." We wish the Lodge and its new ruler a prosperous future.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

IF it is true that "they that thrive well take counsel of their friends," the founders and members of the Strand Lodge must have had many friends, and must have availed themselves of the counsel they gave, for at the present time it stands out prominently as one of the greatest successes of modern Freemasonry. Numbers, we know, are not always a criterion of success, and for a Lodge after an existence of a little over two years to muster some ninety members, may not be considered as unqualified evidence of prosperity, but in the case of the Strand Lodge it may be so regarded; while the fact of its having introduced so many new members into the Order will be recognised as an advantage by any who take the trouble to make themselves acquainted with the character of the brethren concerned. The installation meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on which occasion Bro. James Willing (the first Master of the Lodge) vacated the chair in favour of his former J.W.—he also a veteran in the cause, and an able exponent of Masonry—in the person of Bro. Jonathan Richard Stacey P.M. of both the St. James's Union and the Alexandra Palace Lodges. Bro. Willing opened his Lodge, and was supported by a number of members and visitors, among them being Bros. J. R. Stacey Junior Warden, W. M. Stiles P.M. Secretary, W. Harris Junior Deacon, W. T. Madge I.G., J. T. Boston and J. Hare Stewards; and the following guests:—G. A. Payne P.M. 933. H. Sillis A.D.C. 957, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2048, C. Veal P.S.G.D. Surrey, E. W. R. Durv 1834. T. L. Jenkins P.M. 34, J. H. Batty P.M., F. W. Dimsdale J.D. 1507, G. W. Brunell, J. Enerby P.M. 1385, J. C. Mason P.M. 1532, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, Stunt W.M. 1320, Smith 73, J. H. Bennett 1744, C. J. Axford S.W. 2048, J. W. Chapman I.P.M. 1922, L. Sonnenfeld I.G. 1735, R. Sontar 1319, S. Spooner 1470, J. W. Smith W.M. 1744, B. Kauffmann J.W. 1732, G. Everett P.M. 177, W. H. M. Smith S.W. 463, W. G. Temple P.M. 194, H. J. Smith 1475. Mr. W. H. Laurence was initiated during the evening, and the following brethren appointed by Bro. Stacey as his Officers for the year:—John Douglass S.W., W. Harris P.M. J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles P.M. Secretary, W. T. Madge S.D., Leon J.D., Boston I.G., J. C. Harrison (first initiate of the Lodge) D.C., J. G. Shand A.D.C. and Assistant Secretary, Hare Steward, Dale Assistant Steward, R. Whiting P.M. Tyler. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Willing bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. James Willing P.M., by the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his able and valued services as first and second W.M., 1883-84-85."

A candidate for initiation having been proposed, and some general business disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. This was served in the large room of the Criterion, and reflected great credit on the caterers, Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen, followed by that of the Prince of Wales Grand Master, and by the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Grand Officers, said Bro. Stacey, were good workers in the Craft, doing all they could to advance its interests and facilitate its progress. Bro. Willing then assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. He knew of no more genial brother or genuine Mason than the one elected to preside over the Strand Lodge during the coming year. He had already acquired experience as Master of two other Lodges, and had earned the respect and esteem of brethren in all directions. He was an efficient tutor of the Masonic art, and as Preceptor of several Lodges of Instruction had done much to extend the knowledge of the ritual. The brethren must be pleased to see him in his present position, and could but hope that he would long occupy the same high place in the affections of his fellows he at present enjoyed. His geniality, kindness of heart, and ability in the work would make it very difficult for a less experienced brother to follow him successfully in the ruling of the Lodge, but of one thing his successors might be assured—they would have in him a valuable help and an able adviser. Bro. Stacey was one who was ever anxious to please all with whom he came in contact, and was most deserving of the hearty support of the members of the Lodge. Bro. Stacey tendered his thanks for the very kind reception which had been accorded him. He was very proud of being one of those who had brought the Strand Lodge into existence. The Immediate Past Master and himself had worked together and had started the Strand Lodge as he felt a Lodge should be started. Bro. Willing, Bro. Stiles and himself had had no light task to perform, but their efforts had been crowned with success, and his hope was that he might be able to leave the Lodge at the end of his term of office as good a Lodge as it was when handed over to him by its first Master. He was, indeed, proud of the high position attained by the Lodge, and hoped it might continue to occupy the rank it did then. He next proposed the toast of the Installing Master—The Immediate P.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Willing. He thought it was scarcely possible to find a better Master than Bro. Willing had been to the Strand Lodge, or that any brother could have better performed the ceremony of installation than he had done. The founder of the Lodge, Bro. Willing, had carried out the work of it so far in the most gratifying manner. He felt that any words he could utter were poor on behalf of a Master who had done so much on behalf of the Lodge. He wished him long life and prosperity. Brother Willing replied, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the toast. They had started the Lodge some two years ago with seven members, they now numbered about ninety. Then, as now, they were a local Lodge in name, and so they must continue to be considered as long as the authorities so regarded an important Lodge like the Strand; but they were really a general Lodge, and would so continue in the future. Brother Stacey had told the brethren how they had worked in the formation of the Lodge. He was very pleased he had done so, and was gratified at the success they had met with. If their work had been hard it had also been happily and contentedly carried on, and had resulted most satisfactorily. As Freemasons they did not ask anything from the outside world, their main desire was to do what they could for one another, and when any one came to know the work done by Freemasons—more especially in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Order—they could but appreciate the principles of the Craft. Freemasonry really meant working for those who it was a pleasure to work for, and who we should hope would work for us if we should ever be so unfortunate as to need it, and so long as Masons were actuated towards each other by such feelings the Order would be worthy of support. The Worshipful Master had done him a great honour in giving him credit for much of the success which had attended the Lodge. He should certainly continue his exertions on its behalf, and hoped the Lodge might always be as successful as it had been in its early days. They were indebted to many brethren for aid and advice, and the very handsome jewel which had that day been presented to him reminded him of one or two in particular. Brother Jenkins had assisted them with the arms of the Strand Board of Works, which was depicted on the jewel, and Brother Kauffman had carried out the wishes of the Lodge in regard to the construction of the jewel in such a manner as to be worthy of especial mention. He was indebted to the Officers of the past for the aid they had rendered him in the conduct of the Lodge, and to his successor for the general endorsement he had given to his selections by reappointing the several Officers in rotation. Bro. Stacey next proposed the health of the Initiate. He spoke of the days of his childhood, and of the many happy hours spent with his mother. The newly-admitted member had that day found a new parent—a Masonic mother—with whom he hoped he would spend many happy and profitable hours. He might say that few men paid more attention to the ceremony of initiation than had their candidate that day, and he felt that he would not only pass through the several degrees with credit, but that he would eventually make for himself a name in Freemasonry. The initiate having replied, the toast of the Visitors was submitted. The W.M. said he had been an observer of Masonic rights and ceremonies during the whole of his Masonic career, which was not a short one, and strove to obtain perfection. The Visitors had no doubt come among them for a similar purpose, to study the ways and means of the Strand Lodge. Not ways and means from a financial point of view, but the ways and means they used in carrying on the Lodge. He felt the Strand Lodge was bound to make a name for itself in the future, and he hoped that the Visitors then present night, in years to come, attend again and find the Lodge in even a better condition than what it was now in. Several brethren responded. Bro. Scurrah felt the brethren would agree with him that when they visited a Lodge they were not only gratified by sitting down to a good banquet, but they also liked to witness good work. The Immediate Past Master of the Lodge had done wonders during his presidency, and had displayed great forethought in arranging that Bro. Stacy should be one of his earliest successors. The Master having proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge—including the Treasurer and Secretary—those brethren severally returned thanks, after which the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close in the usual manner.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, Bros Dyson W.M., Sainte S.W., Sadd J.W., Walker Secretary, Brown S.D., Rich I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Buggins, B. Haynes, Roberts, Webb. Lodge having been opened in due form, the first and second ceremonies were rehearsed, Bros. Rich and Walker candidates. Bro. Sainte was elected W.M. for Tuesday next, at 7 o'clock, when Brother C. H. Webb will rehearse the installation ceremony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 3rd inst. Bros. Cross W.M., Kirk S.W., Barnett J.W., Ashton S.D., Harrower J.D., Nicholls I.G., Cohen Preceptor, and Gale Secretary; also Bros. Looker, Griffiths, Caulfield, Fenner, Davidson, Jenkins, Lowry, Turner, Peirce, Dixie, and Weeden. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Griffiths candidate. Bro. Cohen worked the first, second, third and fifth sections of the lecture, and Bro. Jenkins the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Griffiths, of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, was elected a member. Bro. Kirk was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned. The winter Session having commenced with some very favourable attendances, the Officers trust, with the assistance of Craftsmen, to make this the "Percy" Lodge of Instruction second to none in usefulness. Bro. I. P. Cohen still continues his services as Preceptor

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Wednesday, 7th inst., Bros. W. A. Cubitt W.M., John Egan S.W., John Gildersleeve J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., W. Saint S.D., John Little J.D., John Lash-

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brook I.G., J. D. Simmonds, F. S. Israel, C. F. Hewlett, E. J. Westwood, Walter G. Fernley. P.M.'s Bros. S. H. Webb, Joseph Shackell, W. C. Hollands. After preliminaries, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simmonds candidate. The Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lashbrook candidate. Bro. Israel was instructed in the questions leading to the third degree, and in due course the third ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Israel, Lodge Kilwinning, Greenock, was elected a member. Bro. Gildersleeve was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. All labour ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 3rd instant, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Tottenham-court-road. Bros. Harvey W.M., Thom S.W., Greenway J.W., Treadwell Acting Secretary, Nickolls S.D., Mulvey J.D., R. J. Harnell I.G., Koester Preceptor, J. R. Harnell, Hemming, Brinkman, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. R. Harnell acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. In conformity with the bye-laws the W.M. was invited to rehearse the ceremony of raising. Bro. Treadwell offering himself as candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was next ably rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. J. R. Harnell, of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, was elected a member. Bro. Thom was unanimously chosen to occupy the chair for the ensuing week. The Preceptor will work the Fifteen Sections on the first Saturday in November. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. V. Wing W.M., Sperring S.W., Thomas J.W., Andrews (Preceptor) Treas., C. E. Botley Sec., Bailey S.D., J. H. Hughes J.D., Toy I.G.; Bros. Botley, Turner, &c. After the minutes of meeting held on 18th September were read, confirmed and signed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. A. Turner answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree, and then in the second. Bro. Monson was elected W.M. for 9th October. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—At the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, W., on Monday, the 5th instant. There were present—Bros. F. Chandler Worshipful Master, R. Carsons Senior Warden, J. C. Conway J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Treasurer, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Secretary, W. Middleweek S.D., M. J. Green J.D., A. Cornwall Steward, E. F. Ferris I.G.; P.M.'s W. H. Chalfont 1425, H. Purdue 733, D. Gellion 1425, W. Craig 1425, A. E. Gladwell 172, Capt. A. Nicols 1794; also Bros. C. S. Mote, J. Cruttenden, W. A. Death, A. G. Boswell, E. C. Mulvey, J. H. Wood, J. C. Altman, Capt. H. Andrews, G. Dickenson, O. W. Battley, D. Stroud, A. Hardy. Visitor—R. Fendick S.W. 1426. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Altman candidate. Bro. Carsons was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Fendick was elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dobbin for the use of his room; to be entered on the minutes. It was then agreed that the Lodge meet for the future at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-gardens, Porchester-road, W. The Lodge was closed until the 12th inst.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 28th ult., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Richardson S.W., Snook J.W., Boulton acting Secretary, Flack S.D., Western acting Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees. Brother Garner as a candidate for raising answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the third, resumed to the first degree, and closed in due form.

On Monday, 5th inst., Bros. Kirk W.M., Lynn S.W., Flack J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Stockhall S.D., Frayer J.D., Garner I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Snook candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Brother Weeden acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and after electing a member, of the Citadel Lodge, and appointing Bro. Lynn W.M. for Monday next, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 3rd inst., at the Hampshire Hog Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, Bros. Price W.M., Williams S.W., Brown J.W., Johnson Sec., Purdue S.D., Williams J.D., Woods I.G., Weeks Tyler; also Bros. Westly (Preceptor), Wing, Meyers, Stroud, Tipper, Sims, Furze. After the formal opening, Bro. Preceptor Westley, assisted by the brethren, worked the second and third sections of the first lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and then, assisted by the brethren, worked the fourth section of the first lecture. Lodge closed in perfect harmony. The meeting was adjourned to this day (Saturday) at 7·30 p.m.

Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068.—On 2nd inst., Captain Ward, R.A., W.M., was entertained by the Officers and brethren at a farewell banquet, at the Officers' House, Grand Parade, he having received an appointment at Gibraltar. Captain Ward's services to the Lodge were warmly eulogised by the S.W. (Bro. Palmer) and others, who expressed hearty good wishes for his future health and happiness.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. Christian W.M. 860 W.M., Watkinson 1728 S.W., Clark W.M. 1178 J.W., Brasted P.M. 1524 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Caperoe, Rose, Marsh, Edwards, Clark, Lorkin, and Forss. Second Lecture—Bros. Dunston, Webb, Wardell, Watkinson, and Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. Carr, Smyth, and Brasted. Bro. F. Carr P.M. 1607 Secretary.

A Lodge for the instruction and improvement of Mark Master Masons will be established on Friday next, at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., under the sanction of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 355. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. of the Old Kent Lodge, will be the Preceptor, and will preside at the first meeting, the proceedings of which will commence at 7 o'clock. Bro. Mather will be supported on the occasion by the Wor. Master and Officers of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge. We wish the Lodge and its promoters every success.

The installation of the Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043, was held at Reading, on Thursday, the 1st inst. A full report is in type, and shall appear in our next issue.

The following Festivities took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 10th October:—

Monday—Robert Burns Lodge, Old Kings Arm Chapter, Regularity Chapter, Caxton Lodge, Lodge of Joppa, Premier Conclave. Tuesday—Royal York Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, Albion Lodge. Thursday—Pilgrim Lodge, Rosicrucians. Friday—Britannic Chapter, Eclectic Lodge, Mr. Quaritch's Trade Sale Dinner. Friday—Banquet on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Municipal Corporations' Act 1835. Saturday—Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

CHESS AND FREEMASONRY.

The solution of the problem, "The Lodge," published in our last issue is, B takes Q Kt P and White makes next move.

The New York *Sunday Times*, from which is extracted the problem of which the above is a solution, says:—

"It is seldom we see a set figure like this where all the pieces are brought into play by possible variations in the moves of Black. The only exception is Black Pawn at K Kt 3, as the Black Pawn at Kt 6 offers a feint for the Queen. The Black King can only move to his Q 4 and no farther, as all the rest of the squares are guarded. Black Kt at its 6th square prevents double solution of B to K 4. Queen plays to Q B 5 or 6, or K 5, according to Black's choice of moves.

Bro. Thos. Frances, of Havant, who is a recognised Master of the game of Chess, has sent us the correct solution of the Problem; he remarks it is "peculiar for the rectangular form of the Pawns and pieces. The solution is an easy task." We agree with our esteemed brother, and may remind him that in "figure" Problems difficulty has often to be sacrificed to "form." We shall be pleased to hear from him or other Chess players in regard to any novelties they may evolve which may bear relation, however distant, to Freemasonry.

LEISURE HOURS IN THE LODGE.—Grand Master Bankhead, of Alabama, thinks, when there is no work, Masters should employ the time in reading aloud from the Constitutions and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and inviting debate thereupon. Grand Master Davidson, of Georgia, thinks "the social element of Freemasonry is too often disregarded. The routine work, of course, should not, and need not, be neglected. But when that has been performed, there is always ample opportunity for the display of those friendly and social characteristics from which innocent pleasures flow, and which redound to the well-being of the membership."—*New York Sunday Times.*

A CAUTIOUS MAN.—He was a mathematical fellow, and always engaged in making intricate calculations on paper. The marriage was to take place on Friday, but he suggested to his prospective mother-in-law that it had better take place on Thursday. "Why do you wish it changed?" she asked, suspiciously. "Well," said he, "I have been making a calculation, and I find that my silver wedding will come on a Saturday evening, and that would never do, as that is the evening I have to go to my Lodge."—*Tit Bits.*

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Great Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of October 1885, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To Elect Thirty-seven Boys from an approved List of Fifty-six Candidates, reduced to Fifty-three by the withdrawal of—

No. 20. Ambrose, Lawrence Charles Edward.
„ 21. Adames, Harold William.
„ 23. Brown, Harry Randle.

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The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock noon precisely.

The result of the poll will be declared at Five o'clock, and will be found in the London daily papers on Tuesday, 13th October.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire held its first meeting since the installation of the new Provincial Grand Master, in the Town Hall, Skipton, under the banner of the Craven Lodge, No. 810, when about 200 brethren assembled. The Lodge was presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew, of Pontefract), assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Henry Smith, of Wakefield), and a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers. Apologies for absence were read from Bro. W. L. Jackson P.G.S.W., and Bro. the Right Hon. H. C. Childers P.G.S.D., who were unavoidably prevented from attending. The roll of Lodges being called, it was ascertained that about sixty Lodges in the Province were represented. Among the visitors present were Bro. Sir Alexander Wolf, Vice-chairman of the Great Western Railway; Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, &c., and a party of military brethren. The salutations accorded to the Provincial Grand Master and to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master were most cordial and enthusiastic, and when the applause had subsided, the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew) addressed the brethren as follows:—

Worshipful Past Masters and Acting Wardens, Master Masons, Officers and Brethren,—The thought uppermost in my mind this afternoon and at this moment is how I can adequately acknowledge the salutations you have just now so cordially accorded to your new Provincial Grand Master and also to his Deputy—how I shall thank this assembly of West Yorkshire Freemasons for their reception of me on this occasion—how I shall find words to express the thoughts of which my heart is full with deep gratitude for kindnesses and forbearance towards me in the discharge of my new duties as the responsible occupant of this chair, in succession to Colonel Sir Henry Edwards. It is my first effort since my installation at Leeds on the 24th April to undertake from this chair the duties of a Provincial Grand Master, as your Provincial Grand Master of this large and important province. I can only bid you imagine the feelings of gratitude which it is hardly possible to put into words, for the consideration shown me, and for the salutation of regard and friendship with which you have favoured me. I esteem it a privilege to be permitted to guide the deliberations of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and to be associated with you in the discharge of obligations the most lofty and the most benevolent that any Order can aspire to promulgate. I trust it may be my happy fortune in the long connection which I am proud to say has existed between us, to secure to this office in which you have placed me the confidence and esteem of my brethren in the Craft of West Yorkshire. Provincial Grand Masters who have gone before me will be my leaders and my teachers, and I shall try and continue their labours and speak their thoughts, and disseminate throughout this fraternal community those lofty senti-

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ments of theirs—of generosity, charity, and goodwill, which adorned their lives and claim from us our acclamations of gratitude and respect. To keep the Lodges as one perfect Lodge in harmony and friendship is no ignoble sentiment. To try to have a new earth upon earth, if we could not have a new heaven upon earth; to make the West Riding one vast Lodge and every man a brother, is no vain appreciation of the capabilities of our principles and the measure of our faith. May this be so. May I have your co-operation in this aspiration. May I believe in a better time for human comfort and human happiness, and for Christian charity everywhere, and leave to my successor in this chair a satisfied Province and the administration of its affairs marked only by unbroken, conscientious consistency, are the sincere desires of myself and my Deputy for the future well government of this Province. The Provincial Grand Master referred to an alteration in the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge which he had adopted, dispensing with the opening of a preliminary Lodge, as had previously been the case, thus giving Provincial Grand Lodge the premier place in the day's proceedings. The invitation to meet here is from the Craven Lodge, No. 810—a Lodge whose warrant dates from 14th February 1860, and where the Provincial Grand Lodge has only been held once before, when it was consecrated, on 3rd July 1867, by Bro. Bentley Shaw, the late esteemed Deputy. But Freemasonry here is older than this, because there was a Lodge here in 1789, called the Albion Lodge, No. 551, and which, I think, was altered to the Philanthropic, No. 460, in the year 1792. The Craven Lodge is a small Lodge in numbers, but one animated with zeal for the prosperity of the Order in this most lovely part of Yorkshire. It gave a grant to the Sir Henry Edwards' Presentation Fund, and paid its annual subscription to the Freemasons' Widows' Annuity Fund Festival, which was held on the 25th February 1885. Our acknowledgments are due to the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Craven Lodge to meet here this afternoon in the vale formed by the Kildwick and Cross Hills, to visit the ancient memorial of the past, the Castle of the Cliffords, which now as then bids us to stand by our Royal Grand Master, and protect the Throne and his rights to it against innovations foreign to the principles of Freemasonry, and in accepting the privilege of the Rector to march to the church of "Robert de Remille," there to pray to the Great Architect of the Universe that "all things may be so ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be preserved among us for many generations." Situated as this Lodge is here, forming a connecting link between the two populous counties of York and Lancaster, it ought to flourish, and we wish it prosperity and perpetuity. The permission to participate in the reception accorded to Prince Albert Victor in the Corn Exchange at Sheffield on the 1st July last was most gratifying, and also the presentation of an address of welcome on the 15th July to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Leeds, on the inauguration of the Victoria College there, are instances of our sympathetic acclivity in the prosperity and welfare of institutions and principles for the progress and benefit of our fellow-creatures, and in which Freemasonry takes an especial pleasure and delight. In the 97th report of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is an acknowledgment of the Sir Henry Edwards presentation of £1050, handed over to that noble Institution by this Province for the purpose of ensuring to West Yorkshire the right of perpetually presenting a properly qualified child to receive the benefits conferred by the Institution, and to place on record for ever our deep respect for our retired Provincial Grand Master, and thanking us also for an additional sum of £546 to the Annual Festival on the 13th May last, when many West Yorkshire brethren attended in Freemasons' Hall. Your contributions this year to the three Institutions have amounted to the sum of £2273 2s. You have further granted a sum of £60 from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge towards constituting this Provincial Grand Lodge Patron of the Girls' Institution. For your munificence and generosity I and my Officers thank you heartily. A few words in concluding this address. Since we last assembled together many friendly faces are missed, among them being Brothers Wrigley and Anderson, and their absence is mourned in several homes. The sable curtain of sorrowful remembrance must be drawn over the losses this Province has sustained by the death of several brethren since April. We know that where life is on earth, there death must surely follow. Life and death are inseparably associated here below, and to which our ritual symbolically refers. In the Grand Lodge above let us hope we shall meet our brethren who have gone before us, renewing each tender tie and fond association which has been so rudely broken by the inflexible hand of life's destroyer. Let me indulge in one brief reflection. The influence of a Masonic gathering of this kind upon the future of our common country is too important to be overlooked. We shall be shortly called upon according to our consciences to take a part in forthcoming electoral contests. God grant that they may not be bitter ones. Differences of opinion may separate friendships, leaving between them yawning chasms and leading to discords and uncharitable strifes. Let the principles and roots of your Masonic obligations exercise a wise influence over your decisions. "Be ye angry and sin not." When this fierce conflict is over come to your Lodges, again, and let your solemn vows bring unification and harmony to one and all of you. Leave sectional feelings outside the doors of your Lodges. Merge differences in politics and religious contentions upon that higher plane of brotherhood that finds in patriotism and in a love of union one of its brightest and most emphatic expressions. Rejoin your brotherhood; renew those Masonic friendships that know no county or borough divisions, but whose mystic chords of memory will vibrate in tuneful unison in every Lodge from one end of this Province to the other. These are stronger ties than Franchise Acts or such like Babel laws, or even the hempen thews of commerce. No steel sword, no cable tow can stab or strangle them. The issue is in your hands. Show by your courage and devotion the benign influence of Masonry, and by precept and example that it is a humanising force, and which, while it has filled the ages that have passed with its aroma of love, can yet accomplish its greatest work—good-will towards all men.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master also briefly returned thanks, in the course of which he offered some excellent advice as to carrying out the regulations of the Craft, and urged Worshipful Masters to assist in keeping up the reputation of the Province for the promptness with which its returns are made.

The Vice Chairman of the Charity Committee tendered the report of that Committee, and urged the brethren to increase as far as possible their individual subscriptions to the various Charities.

After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the brethren assembled in order of procession, and marched to the Parish Church, where a choral service was rendered and a sermon preached by Brother the Rev. J. J. Needham, of Pontefract, the offertory being for the Royal Masonic Boys' Junior School.

A banquet was afterwards served at the Devonshire Arms Hotel.—*Yorkshire Post.*

The monthly meeting of the general committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. J. L. Mather, and amongst those present were Bros. Hogard, Soppet, Willams, Gillard, Roebuck, Scurrah, Constable, Webb, Cumberland, Gladwell, Adlard, Dr. Morris, Cubitt, Saunders, Dicketts, Moon, Baron, Bowyer, Knightley, Belton, Controller Bake, Morgan, F. Binckes (Sec.), &c. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and then the minutes of the meetings of the House Committee, both for 21st August and 18th September, were read for information. A sum of £5 per quarter was granted towards the education of a pupil whose state of health rendered it desirable he should reside nearer to his friends, and then the Secretary reported that he had that morning received notice of the withdrawal of another candidate—No. 20, L. C. E. Ambrose. This, with the two withdrawals officially reported last week, will reduce the list of approved candidates who will go to the poll on Monday next to 53, of whom 37 are to be elected. Three petitions were considered, and the candidates approved. There were eight applications for grants for outfits, &c. on leaving the School; seven of these were approved—and £5 voted for each. With respect to the eighth case, there were special circumstances connected with it; the mother applied for a sum of money, to be expended by way of a premium towards apprenticing her son. This case was deferred, as it was the general impression further particulars should be supplied. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the procedings.

It is not often we report the post prandial proceedings of the Boys' School Dinner Club, but on Saturday last these were of so especially interesting a character that we feel we should scarcely be doing justice to an esteemed and worthy brother were we entirely to pass them over on this occasion. Briefly then, it is doubtless well known to the majority of our readers that the "Committee Dinner Club" is an old and well-recognized institution, and invariably is represented by its Steward at the Annual Festival of the Institution with which it is more immediately associated. On Saturday last the merry gathering was presided over by Bro. George Alex. Vennell, who conducted the proceedings in a happy and congenial spirit. The dinner was served in the Duke's Salon, at the Holborn Restaurant, and a most récherché repast was supplied under the personal supervision of Bro. Thomas Hamp. On the removal of the cloth the customary loyal toast was honoured, and shortly afterwards Bro. Frederick Binckes rose. He made reference to some remarks that had emanated from Bro. James Terry, as to how the Royal Masonic Institutions had profited by the exertions of Bro. John Constable, who was present on this occasion as a Visitor. It was now generally known to most of the brethren assembled around that table that it was in contemplation to present Bro. Constable—who was again about to leave England—with a souvenir of the regard and esteem in which the brethren with whom he had laboured so zealously still held him. He (Bro. Binckes) was gratified in being able to state that their funds were in an eminently satisfactory state; he would therefore at once make a proposition that five pounds be voted by the Boys' School Committee Dinner Club towards defraying the cost of the testimonial that was about to be presented to Bro. Constable, who he felt he might describe as the guest of the evening. This having been seconded by Bro. Belton, was put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Constable, who had left the room during the remarks of Bro. Binckes, having again taken his seat, Bro. Binckes once more rose. He thought they were approaching what might be considered the supreme moment of the evening. The graceful act just committed had somewhat cleared his path, so far as regarded any opening statement he might deem it necessary to make. Their worthy brother was only present that evening in the capacity of a Visitor, but during the period of his membership of the Boys' School

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Dinner Club he had rendered signal services to each of the Masonic Institutions. As had been explained by Bro. James Terry, Bro. John Constable had served three consecutive Stewardships, the results of which undoubtedly were unprecedented in the history of any Charitable Institution. Bro. Binckes then went on to explain how it was that Bro. Constable had come to the conclusion that he might find a more congenial sphere wherein to exercise his talents. It was scarcely necessary, nor would it be agreeable, to recount what had induced their guest to arrive at this conclusion, but while all must regret that Bro. Constable was not in attendance as one of themselves, all, he was convinced, would extend to him as a Visitor a most cordial welcome. Bro. Binckes then explained that after an absence of about four years, Bro. Constable had returned to his native land for a few months' sojourn, but very shortly he would again depart, to resume the active duties of life in his adopted home. Theirs was not a large gathering, but it was a representative one, and he was minded of the quotation—

"Fit audience let me find—though few."

The many friends who still appreciated Bro. Constable's efforts—and there were few who had once known him who might not be accounted his friends—desired to give some slight expression to their good wishes, and the duty had devolved on him (Bro. Binckes) to be the medium for making the presentation,—a handsome double-barrelled fowling-piece, with all necessary accessories, the whole enclosed in a solid leather case. This he would now formally do, with every wish for the recipient's continued health and increased prosperity. Bro. Binckes then concluded a most eloquent speech by reading the following inscription:—

Presented to the W. Bro. JOHN CONSTABLE,
P.M., P.Z., &c.
On his Return (after a brief Visit to England) to South Africa,
By a few Masonic Friends, as an assurance of regard, and in grateful remembrance of valuable services rendered to
THE ENGLISH MASONIC CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS,
(Of all of which he is Vice-Patron and Past Steward),
During the years 1874-1882.
With sincere wishes for his long continued Health, Happiness and Prosperity.
3rd October 1885.

The presentation, and the kind references made by Bros. Terry and Binckes to his services were briefly but gracefully acknowledged by Bro. John Constable; he felt acutely the difficulty he was experiencing in having to find words wherewith adequately to express his thanks. He was proud in being able to state that the four years he had spent in South Africa had been, from a financial point of view, the most successful of his life. His heart had yearned to return to his native land; but in a few days he should again take his departure, with the full intention to spend the next four away; that is, if he were spared so to do. He was gratified to be surrounded that evening by so many old friends, and knew he still stood paramount in their regard. His association with the Masonic Charitable Institution would ever live in his recollection as amongst the most pleasant events of his life.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ON Tuesday last a Special General Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, to consider a motion by Bro. R. Grey P.G.D., upon a recommendation of the House Committee, "That the Provisional Contract, dated 23rd September 1885, for the purchase, for £5,700, of the land on the north and east sides of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, as shown upon the plan annexed to such contract be approved, and that the Trustees be authorized to carry the same into effect." Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer presided, and there was a very large attendance of subscribers. After the transaction of some preliminary business Bro. Grey explained the object of the resolution, and said the House Committee had brought the matter before the brethren after much deliberation, because it was a grave subject to suggest the expenditure of so large a sum of money for the acquirement of apparently so small a piece of ground. The point to be considered was, not so much what the Institution would actually gain by the transaction, as how much it would lose by allowing their property to be surrounded by houses on the small plots that had been laid out, and which would immediately overlook the grounds of the Institution. The School's actual frontage to the roadway was that given by Lyncombe House, a frontage to the Wandsworth Road. That in front of the Institution was only some 30 feet of footway, whereas if the proposed purchase were effected about 750 feet of additional frontage would be gained. That must materially increase the value of the Institution's property, and what was of far greater importance, it would give free air to the children in the School, which would be seriously impeded if the small houses were erected on the ground in question. In addition to the depth of 63 feet which would be acquired, there would also be a roadway of 40 feet wide, and, therefore, assuming that small gardens would be in front of the houses to be built on the other side of the road, there would be about 110 feet between the present boundary wall and the fronts of the houses on the other side of the new roadway. The large sum of £5,700 was asked for the ground, but the meeting would recollect that some time ago, when the whole of the land was offered for £36,000 they refused it. Since this it had been bought, and could not have gone for a much less sum. He did not think, considering the whole of the circumstances, that £5,700 was an enormous amount, compared with the price of the whole of the land. In 1877, the Institution by those who were then in power, gave £2,500 for half an acre, which then seemed to have no possible prospect of any frontage. That was at the rate of £5000 an acre; and, therefore, the plot the Committee now asked to purchase for the good of the Institution for £5,700, although a very large sum; was not so expensive as appeared at first sight without some explanation. In recommending the purchase he said the House Committee were constantly down at the Institution, and saw the vital importance of possessing this belt of land around the Schools, for the benefit of the children and the welfare of all. The motion was seconded by Bro. C. F. Matier, who said he had been deeply impressed with the advantage which the proposed purchase would secure to the Institution. Brother Hedges said he had received two letters from Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the purport of which was that he was entirely in favour of the purchase. Brother W. Bailey, as a member of the Audit Committee; was quite sure that although £5,700 for under an acre of ground seemed an unprecedently large sum, yet the money would be well expended. It was only after the most urgent negociations that the Committee had agreed to give the sum, after failing to obtain it at a cheaper price. Controller Bake showed that if the different plots now to be purchased had been built upon, at a ground rent of £5 a year, the purchase would have amounted to £5,000, and therefore after all it was only a question of the odd £700 which stood in the way. He approved of the action of the Committee. Brother Brackstone Baker also supported the resolution; and Brother C. H. Webb, whilst agreeing that the purchase would be an excellent thing, remarked that he had not yet heard anything about the expense of the maintenance of the greater portion of the road; also what would be the expense of erecting the wall or fencing. They knew, practically speaking, that the first step in this direction led to a large further amount of expenditure. In reply, Bro. F. Richardson said the contract contained a clause providing that the vendor should make and maintain until taken by the parish, all the roads surrounding the north and east sides of the school. The purchase-money included the use of the road made opposite. With regard to the brick wall, the length would be some 750 feet, and probably some brother was present who would be able to say what it would cost. Brother Pilditch considered the expense of such a wall would be about £1000. Bro. Gray said if the Institution did not acquire this property and it were built upon, they would have to build a much higher wall than would otherwise be necessary. Bro. Robert Berridge believed it would be a very suicidal policy not to purchase this land. Ultimately the resolution was carried unanimously.

MASONIC CURIOSITIES—THEIR COLLECTION.

THE following letter, which has been addressed to the various Lodges in the State of New York, gives evidence of a growing desire on the part of our American brethren to collect and preserve relics of the past. We hope the efforts of the Committee will meet with success.

Library and Reading Room,
Masonic Hall,
New York, 1st Sept. 1885.

BRETHREN,—It is proposed, under the direction of the Reading Room Committee, which consists of the Grand Lodge Officers residing in New York City and Brooklyn, and many Masters of Lodges, to establish and permanently exhibit in this Hall a Collection of Antiquities and Curiosities, embracing Masonic objects of every description which may be interesting or instructive to Masons.

Many such articles, consisting of ancient medals and jewels, rare coins, old diplomas, certificates, and other documents; scarce books and antique Lodge furniture, valuable through age, association, history, or rarity, are known to exist in the possession of the Lodges or individual brethren; thus scattered they are of little utility, while, if united, they would become of great interest and value.

The entire Fraternity must feel pride in the adornment of this Hall. The space here available affords unequalled facilities for the proper display of all suitable articles which may be received by the Sub-Committee, either as a gift or a loan, and which will be carefully arranged and exhibited under competent direction, accompanied in each instance with an appropriate description and the name of the Lodge or Brother by whom contributed.

It is earnestly requested that your Lodge and any Brother possessed of any article suited to the purpose in view will place the same at the disposal of this Committee, by whom the safety of such objects will be carefully guarded.

This Sub-Committee is assured of the cordial co-operation of M.W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, by whom the subject was originally suggested to the Reading Room Committee, and with whose sanction this address is issued.

Correspondence in aid of this endeavour is fraternally invited, and should be addressed to any member of this Committee, Care Library and Reading Room, Masonic Hall, New York City.

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THE THEATRES.

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The Savoy.—Gallery, pit, dress circle, stalls, all crowded, and all pecunious; such is the happy history of the "Mikado's" reign, with Mr. D'Oyly Carte Minister President at the Savoy. In the dog days of summer and the river fogs of autumn crowds throng the narrow way, and successfully dodge the hansoms and broughams in their clever evolutions through this new Temple Bar. He or she who delights in music, refined, but not made sad by science; in humour, that seeks no meritricious aid from coarseness; in the charm of pretty feminine forms and faces as honest and wholesome as in the womenkind of home; let such rejoice that Gilbert and Sullivan are of our time, and that when the fogies tell us how the glories of the stage fifty years ago will never be restored under modern conditions, we can triumphantly ask what was there for a "Pinafore," a "Patience," a "Mikado" in those days? Since the curtain rose for the first time on Gilbert and Sullivan's latest work—on the 14th of March last—scarce any alteration has been found necessary. The high lights have been touched a little, and now the general effect of local colour has a much finer finish and reality; especially is this to be noted in the delightful "Flowers of Spring" quartette. Mr. Grossmith in this reaches a very ideal of Japanery—we feel we have seen him a hundred times before on our pet tatsuma cups and vases. Mr. Barrington is, perhaps, scarcely less excellent, but he is not so sublimely conscious that the whole thing is a jest. Miss Braham is simply fascinating; so pretty, so winsome, so brimful of girlish glee and merry mischief. Miss Jessie Bond and Miss Sybil Grey make up the charming trio—that flirt and flutter like a flight of butterflies in the sunshine. We note, however, with regret, that Miss Bond lets her high spirits somewhat mar the grace of discretion, and there is a threatening of this pretty idyll, in her case, being lost in a romp. Mr. Frederick Bovill has greatly improved in bearing with practice, and now sings admirably. Mr. R. Temple is a true artist, and his "Mikado" has a fine sincerity. In this quality we would wish Mr. D. Lely would condescend to shine, but his tenorship is as languid and characterless as the musical jeune première usually contents himself with being. Still, we are grateful to him for his graceful and artistic rendering of the music. Miss Rosina Brandram, as Katisha, sings splendidly, but we wish Mr. Gilbert had been inspired to excise some of the crude humour put into her month. Each time we hear her cite the beauties of her left shoulder blade, we the more resent the unpleasant flavour of the supposed joke. In conclusion, it would seem that the present work bids fair to rival "Pinafore," and long months, perhaps years, may pass before a successor need take its place.

The Gaiety.—"If I were not Irving," might Goldy's Vicar sing; "if I were not simple minded and saintly, I'd like to try a bit of wickedness and be Arthur Roberts." Alas! how closely the sublime impinges the ludicrous, and when the sublime is signed by Mr. Willis, the point of demarcation is apt to be very obscure. We have all of us seen "The Vicar," in Wellington-street, and forgotten criticism in the exquisite old-world portrait the actor's tender and sympathetic touch brings into life for us. Superior people say the play is weak; the action feeble or exasperating; we do not mind; we have Mr. Terry and Miss Irving at their best. We cross the road, and Miss Terry seems to have come with us—"Olivia" sprightly—is she too sprightly? caressing, perhaps gushing; in any case a delightful damsel, with a fine sense of humour; but the play bill calls her Miss Laura Linden. Here comes Mr. Irving Primrose—but, no; there is a sly look in the vicar's eye that might rather suggest his reverence came from the precincts of the Fleet, or is it our popular Arthur Roberts; truly at his best is this pretty bit of caricature—so like Mr. Irving in certain of his methods—and yet making a new reading, in the Bab ballad manner. Mr. Squire is delicious as Burchell, hitting off Mr. Wenman's ponderous dignity with fine irony. Burchell, for the first time in his career, ceases to be a bore. Miss Emily Spiller makes a very "mashing" Squire Thornhill, and sings very prettily, but she reverently spares Mr. Terris's dignity; she does not attempt a travestie. Miss H. Coveney is an excellent Mrs. Primrose, with only here and there a touch of requisite accentuation of the gooseberry wine "motif." The more serious incidents of the original are of course omitted, but now the company have got well into the "dissembling" vein, the merry trifle may flourish for many weeks in the shadow of the successful original. The Gaiety orchestra has been much improved of late, and especially noteworthy is a charming concertina solo by Mr. Roe. Lord Drundreary's Brother Sam is still the curtain lifter, and while sitting it out we marvel that of yore we thought it so amusing.

The Novelty.—This theatre, of which it has been said "Dame Fortune has ceased to care," has lately been re-opened, under the joint management of Messrs. Lionel Brough and Willie Edouin, with a new burlesque drama, entitled "The Japs." The plot, although not a very deep one, gives plenty of scope for laughter. A daimio, named Jappa, having abused his trust, is condemned by the Tycoon to commit suicide within three days. The wretch, however, escapes the extreme penalty by the aid of an English domestic—who has been imported by Jappa (Mr. Lionel Brough)—named Lyza (Miss Alice Atherton). Although perhaps the action of "The Japs" is still at some times slow, Messrs. Brough and Edouin, with the effective aid of Miss Atherton and a goodly company, manage to get plenty of fun out of the piece. Among the notable features in the burlesque are Mr. Willie Edouin's Boobee Jappa; this gentleman gives some capital illustrations of the miseries of a lad who has just smoked his first cigar; a jig, danced by Mr. Edouin, Miss Atherton, and four other characters; the singing of a ditty, with "National Imitations," by Miss Atherton; and Mr Lionel Brough's "In other respects I'm doing quite well." Miss Harriet Vernon was good as Campi, but if she was to abandon her too-pronounced music hall style, it would be better. The outside members of the caste were Mr. Fred Kaye as Toko, Miss Kate James as Wyar, Miss Kate Bellingham as the Tycoon, Miss Sophia Lingwood as Meemo, Miss Beatrice May as O'Kum, and Miss Kate Neville as Karaway. The piece has been curtailed and improved since the first night, and we may add that through the indomitable perseverance of Miss Alice Atherton, Mr. Brough, and Mr. Edouin, the verdict awarded "The Japs" on its production has been completely reversed. On our visiting the theatre this week the house was full, and we may now venture to predict for "The Japs" a long and continuous run.

Toole's.—"On 'Change," to which we awarded high praise in our notice of the 29th August, continues its successful course, and on Wednesday, 14th inst., will reach its 50th performance. In consequence of the favourable reception the play has met with at the Crystal Palace, it will be repeated there, for the third time, on Saturday, 22nd inst. A Matinée has also been arranged to take place at Brighton, on Thursday, 5th November. We heartily recommend those who desire to spend a pleasant hour to pay this company a visit, either at the little Theatre in King William-street, or at the places and on the occasions we have mentioned above.

MASONIC HOMES IN AMERICA.

WE find the following in the *Masonic Home Journal*, of Louisville Kentucky, and give it to show that there are yet some who feel that "it is not all to live" for themselves, but that a portion of their lives and means should be devoted toward the welfare of others:

"Bro. J. A. Pozzini, of St. Louis, whose unfortunate death occurred recently, had visited the Kentucky Home at Louisville, and became earnest in his endeavours to interest his brethren in the establishment of a similar institution for Missouri. His untimely demise prevented the completion of his plans, but his widow, Mrs. Pozzini, while she mourns his death, seems to be roused by the loving memory of her good husband to carrying out the great design of his liberal soul. In company with her business manager, Bro. Samuel Moffit, who is in full sympathy with this undertaking, she visited Louisville, Ky., last month for the purpose of inspecting its Home, in order to profit by the experience of Kentucky Masons in the erection and maintenance of that great practical Masonic charity. We esteem it a privilege to have met so estimable a lady, in whom abides generous impulses and excellent qualities that eminently fit her for the great work she has undertaken. She proposes to purchase a tract of land containing twenty-five or more acres, suburban to St. Louis, and donate it to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home at Missouri; then to proceed without delay in the building of a 60,000 dollar house upon it, and to contribute largely towards its endowment, entering into the practical work of charity by taking personal and active interest in its management."

The Philadelphia *Keystone* in alluding to the North Carolina Masonic Orphan Asylum says:

"Grand Master Bingham speaks well of the women of his State who have done so much for the Orphan Asylum. One woman, Mrs. Letitia Morehead Walker, authorized the Grand Master to put 1,000 dollars at disposal of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of building a bath-house for the orphans, as a memorial to her son, John M. Walker, who died recently, leaving funds in his mother's hands to be devoted to some benevolent purpose. It was done as directed, and is known as the 'Walker Memorial Bath-house.'"—*New York Sunday Times.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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 Eldare 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
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
22—Loughborough, Camberia 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)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
2033—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.

R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
298—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
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
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
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea

R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379—Tyntе, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
854—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.
849—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269—Starhope, 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)
1369—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)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1685—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, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)

33—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)
461—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Helvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheshington
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 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, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 264—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. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
16—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (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
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin'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
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
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
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 901—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
696—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1041—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1090—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1065—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

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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, Baker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 673—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, 15th OCTOBER.

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.
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
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
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)
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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
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)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead

1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—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. 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 Raigan 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, 16th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
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 Clpton, 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)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
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, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
841—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
893—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
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
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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, Camberwel
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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

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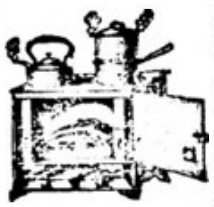
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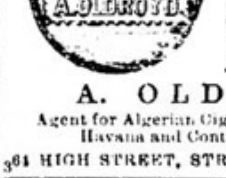
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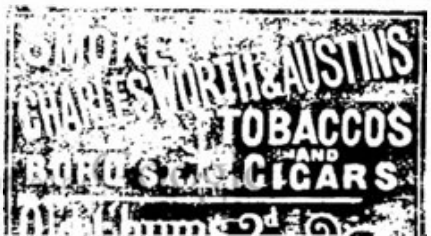


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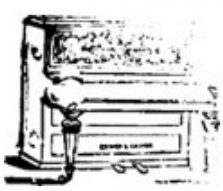
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VOTES IN PERPETUITY.

THE canvass for votes, and the working of an election for one or other of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, has come to be looked upon more as a matter of business than one of benevolence, and as year by year organization among voters becomes more complete, the value of odd votes will be increased, and the ability of any one not associated with an "organization" to carry a candidate will be still further weakened. It is the boast of many of the Provincial Charity Committees that their business is conducted on the strictest commercial principles, and that their every action in the collection and disposal of votes is governed by the most stringent rules of accountancy. It is not then to be wondered at that the loss of votes consequent on the death of subscribers has attracted attention, or that the subject is looked upon as one calling for most anxious thought. When the relative value of every vote is taken into consideration by the members of the various Charity Committees of the Provinces, and calculations made on the basis that all will be available when the day of election comes round, it not infrequently happens that death has created a great *falling off* in the returns and a consequent upsetting of calculations.

In view of the system of combination which now exists, the death of a brother who has been selected by the members of his Lodge to represent them at one or other of the Festivals means the loss of votes which all have striven to accumulate; votes secured not as consideration for personal donations, but on account of Stewardships, and in recognition of large totals sent up by a Lodge or Lodges. If these losses are worthy of consideration where only a few votes is concerned, how much more so is it when a brother is entitled to a large number in his own right. Many of the Provinces have in their midst one or more brethren whose votes form a considerable feature in their annual calculations, and in a short time these votes accumulate to such an extent as to be all but sufficient to carry a case at an election. It is in such cases as these that the forfeiture of votes by death presses heavily, and where some effective system of assurance may be looked forward to. The brethren of one of our Provinces have already gone so far as to formulate a scheme which shall save them from the loss of some three hundred votes per annum in the event of the death of a worthy member of their district. This eventuality of the prospective outcome—although it is fervently hoped it may not occur for many, many years—must be faced some day, and with this in view the members of the Province now propose, with the sanction of the brother in question, to insure his life for such a sum as shall place them in a position to purchase at his decease a similar number of votes to that he now holds. When once their project becomes known, others doubtless will be found to adopt a somewhat similar course, and we shall then have to consider what effect these perpetual votes will have on the general support accorded to the Charities.

Another scheme which has also received consideration is, that all the money subscribed by brethren should be paid into the Institutions in the name of one of the officials of the Province—or rather in the name of one of the Offices—irrespective of its occupant for the time being. If this plan be adopted, of course particulars of individual donations would not appear in the published lists of subscribers to the Institutions, but a local list could be issued which would supply such information. The donors themselves would also lose their right of making what use they chose of their own votes, unless some system was inaugurated to allow them to act independently whenever they chose so to do. This, however, we assume would be a very easy matter for arrangement.

This projected action on the part of Provincial brethren is another proof of what can be accomplished by united action, and we think if it be carried out to any extent it will have a tendency to increase the disparity which already exists in the subdivision of benefits amongst London and Provincial cases, which at the present time is seriously exercising the minds of so many Craftsmen. The subject is one on which discussion may be of service, and in placing the matter before our readers as soon as it has been made known to us, we invite any of them who may be so inclined to express their opinions through the means of our correspondence columns.

THE NEW PROVINCE OF BEDFORDSHIRE.

BEDFORDSHIRE, the last of the English counties to be honoured with a local Grand Lodge, has at last been constituted a Masonic Province, and a Provincial Grand Master has just been installed at its head. Thus every Lodge in the Kingdom, outside the London limit, is now amenable to a local power, as well as to the Grand Lodge from which it holds its warrant; and here another link in the Masonic chain may be said to have been completed. It has long been a matter of surprise that the brethren of this district have not taken the necessary steps to induce His Royal Highness the Grand Master to give them a local Grand Lodge, but we suppose they have had good reason for delaying what was most successfully accomplished on Thursday, at Bedford, when the Grand Secretary of England, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, formally constituted the five Lodges of the county into a Province, and installed Colonel William Stuart as its first chief.

By a strange anomaly Col. Stuart, although the first ruler of Masonic Lodges in Bedfordshire, is not the first Grand Master of the Province, as explained by Col. Clerke, when he proposed the health of the new Provincial Grand Master. At the banquet which followed the installation, Col. Clerke said that in 1799 the name of Brother William Gill appeared in the books of Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire; it remained on the list for a period of seven years, and then disappeared. In 1812 another brother appears to have been similarly honoured, Brother Andrew Denis O'Kelly then figuring as Grand Master of the Province, and holding the appointment until the time of his death in 1820; but for all this period there were no Lodges in the Province for the Provincial Grand Master to rule over, and thus it is that Brother Col. W. Stuart is absolutely the first local ruler of the Bedfordshire Freemasons.

The ceremony of Thursday took place at the Assembly Rooms, Bedford, in the presence of some 120 brethren; Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke being assisted by Bros. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope Past Grand Chaplain, Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon, J. S. Cumber-

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land Past Provincial Grand Warden North and East Yorks, and others. Among the Visitors was Brother Butler Wilkins, Grand Standard Bearer. A Provincial Grand Lodge having been regularly opened, the Installing Officer explained the object of the meeting, and tendered his congratulations to the Masons of Bedfordshire on having been formed into a Province, whereby they would acquire many advantages they had not previously enjoyed. He also congratulated them on having had Colonel W. Stuart appointed as their first Provincial Grand Master, as he was an old and tried Mason, competent to settle any questions of difference which might arise in his district without entailing the unpleasantness of taking them to Grand Lodge. Brother Colonel Stuart was then formally installed as Provincial Grand Master, and the other Officers for the year invested. Brother Lieut.-Colonel Henry Lindsell was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Brother E. C. Prior Provincial Grand Secretary, while Brother James Fisher (Treasurer of the Stuart Lodge, Bedford) was elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer. After the closing of the Lodge a banquet followed at the Swan Hotel, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided, the usual toasts being proposed in due course.

The toast of the Queen having been honoured, Col. Stuart proposed that of the Grand Master. Freemasons drank with peculiar pleasure to the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England. The toast was one always appreciated in Freemasonry. At the present time they had a person of the highest rank in the land—next to Her Majesty the Queen—ruling them in Freemasonry, while most of his family were associated with the Order. The grandfather of the Prince of Wales was a Freemason, as also was each of his uncles. William the Third had been regularly admitted into the Order, and the gavel used at the time of his initiation was still in use. He (Colonel Stuart) had himself used it, at the time of the admission of the late Duke of Albany. They had much to thank the Prince of Wales for, as ruler of Freemasonry. If he was not so often among them as some desired, it was because his many other engagements prevented it. At the time of his installation His Royal Highness had said the brethren must recollect he had many other duties to perform, and he might not always be able to be present when they desired it. He did his best, however, to meet their wishes. The next toast was one which would come a little nearer home, as it included some of those then present. It was the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers of England. Those who had known the Craft for a few years must know that the post of a Grand Officer was not a sinecure. The present Grand Officers were as zealous as any body of officials could be. Their life was one of end less motion, their presence being required first in the north, then in the south, and then in the east or west. It was by this means that Grand Lodge was kept informed of the way in which Freemasonry was being conducted throughout the country. It would be a bad time for Freemasonry if ever there was a lack of concord between the blue and the purple sections of the Craft. At present the brethren of the purple were always ready to help as far as they were able, while the brethren of the blue were pleased to look up to their regularly constituted rulers. Bro. Rev. Spencer Stanhope replied, tendering his heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers. That was the fourth time during the past few days he had had to return thanks for the Grand Officers of England at similar meetings. On each occasion the toast had been heartily received, but nowhere more heartily than in the good old town of Bedford. He congratulated the brethren of Bedfordshire in being formed into a Province, and felt that Masons generally must be gratified at the way in which the affairs of Grand Lodge were conducted. Masonry was ruled over by two great noblemen,—one of them, the Pro Grand Master being the greatest statesman of the country; his presence in Grand Lodge was always a signal that brethren would hear some good words of advice. His remarks anent the Grand Orient of France, and the denuncination of the Pope would always be remembered by those who heard them. Colonel Clerke then assumed the gavel to propose the health of the Provincial Grand Master. He felt the brethren of the district were to be congratulated on the honour conferred on them by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in the appointment of so esteemed a brother to rule over them, and also on being drawn together by that great Masonic bond—a Provincial Grand Lodge. In future the brethren of the county would be able to associate together and work for the welfare of the Craft, and themselves, in a manner which was not possible before. They would be able to combine for purposes of benevolence, and in many other ways would they find the benefit of their present condition. They should be especially thankful in having so distinguished a brother appointed to preside over them. Colonel Clerke had the honour of knowing Colonel Stuart's father when he was Masonic ruler of the neighbouring Province of Hertfordshire, and felt that the son inherited all the good qualities which were then displayed by the father, and that his rule would be a kind and fraternal one. Bro. Clerke then spoke of the previous Provincial Grand Masters of Bedfordshire, to whom we have referred above, and concluded by expressing his conviction that the present Master, though he had not quite so quiet a time before him as his predecessors must have enjoyed, would prove himself capable of attending to whatever duties he was called upon to perform. Colonel Stuart, in reply, said it was very easy to say what one could of another, or to talk to the best of one's ability on behalf of any particular cause, but to speak on behalf of one's self was very difficult. For any one to show he was really grateful for the honour conferred on him by the proposition of his health, and at the same time to show that the kindness of the proposer of the toast had carried him too far was indeed a task. He had been connected with Freemasonry for many years; indeed, it was as a schoolboy he first became associated with it, while he had taken office as soon as he was eligible. Since his initiation he had never missed attending to Masonry, except for about two years, when he was travelling abroad. He regretted he was not one of the original members of the Stuart Lodge, at Bedford, but he had joined it on his return home six months after its foundation. He was pleased to be honoured with the appointment as Provincial Grand Master; would endeavour from time to time to visit the different Lodges, and hold his Provincial Grand Lodge each year in different parts of the county. At the foundation of a Province there was of necessity a large number of Masons worthy of being honoured, but as there was only a limited number of offices to distribute among them, it must take two or three years before all were supplied with the honours they were entitled to. He must ask for the consideration of the brethren in this respect. When the gavel of the Province had been placed in his hands, it was not only a mark of honour, but also one of responsibility. He was responsible to them and to the Grand Master of England for what was done in the district under his care. He assured them that whatever he did he should do to the best of his ability, honestly and conscientiously. He should endeavour to promote, as far as possible, the Masonic attribute of Charity—not only the support of the one or two Institutions they were specially asked to maintain, but Charity in its fullest sense. If Masonic Charity was a little more prominent in the every-day life of brethren as they strove to make it in their more public acts, it would prove of great benefit to mankind. He had passed a good many years in Freemasonry, and hoped that so long as he was spared he might have health and strength to continue doing so. The chairman next proposed the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire. The present was the first occasion on which the toast had ever been given, and he hoped it would now be well received. He also hoped that next time it was proposed the brethren would be able to say it was deserving of a hearty reception. The honour of being appointed to Provincial office was something, but it carried an amount of responsibility with it. Col. Stuart regretted that his Deputy had been too unwell to stay to the banquet with them, but hoped he would be present on many future occasions; he had done much towards the establishment of the St. Andrew's Lodge at Biggleswade, and in other ways had worked for the welfare of Freemasonry in the county. He thought that all of the Lodges of the Province were well represented among the Officers appointed that day, and hoped the Provincial Grand Lodge, to which they were about to drink success, would prove of great advantage to them in bringing the Masons of the Province into closer association with each other. The Province was a very difficult one to get about, the railways having evidently been arranged by men who were not Masons, or at least men who did not study the convenience of brethren who might

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desire to attend future Masonic meetings. Bro. Cumberland Prov. G.S.W. replied. He had great pleasure, and at the same time felt an amount of diffidence in responding. He was very sorry that the ill health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had taken away the right brother to respond to this toast. He was delighted to be present that day, and begged to congratulate the brethren of the county on having at last been formed into a Province, and that, too, under the most favourable auspices. They were also pleased in having so distinguished a head as Colonel Stuart. Personally he was very grateful for the office conferred on him that day. Next to the Provincial Grand Master he was one of the oldest Masons in the Province. He hoped the working together of the brethren of the district would be attended with the greatest success, and that they would soon prove themselves to be equal to other Provincial Grand Lodges in true Masonic work. The Provincial Grand Master then submitted the next toast—one he was sure the brethren would honour and respect. They had drunk to the health of the rulers of the Craft, and also to the rulers of the Province, all of which toasts had been received with the greatest respect, and cheerfully and heartily responded to. He now asked them to drink the health of one who had come down to Bedford to help them out of their difficulties, and as the mouthpiece of the Grand Master had regularly started them as a Provincial Grand Lodge. It was the duty of the Grand Secretary of England to keep up an acquaintance with every part of the country, he might say of the Empire, for in all of the Colonies there were Lodges looking up to the Grand Lodge of England, even if not actually affiliated to it. The Grand Secretary was in daily communication with Masons in all parts of the world, and no member of Grand Lodge was better acquainted with the amount of Masonic work to be transacted than he was. He it was who had to set all matters right before they were submitted to the Grand Master or other heads of the Craft; while the Grand Master relied on him to dissect and arrange everything and to superintend the working of English Masonry. In all these duties Bro. Clerke displayed great tact and judgment, winning confidence and respect wherever he was known, and there was not a Lodge under the English Constitution where his name was not familiar. He had been most ably assisted that day by Brother Frank Richardson, Brother Rev. Spencer Stanhope, and others, to all of whom their best thanks were due. He hoped the Installing Officer that day might go back fully impressed that he had done a good work in Bedfordshire. Brother Clerke tendered his thanks for the truly flattering way in which the toast had been received. It was quite true he had the honour of holding a very important and onerous office. His whole heart and soul was thrown into the work, and if he could only secure the approval of the brethren he was satisfied. Theirs was the third Provincial Grand Master he had installed within the past week; he having installed Sir Offley Wakeman as ruler of Shropshire on the previous Thursday, and Lord Harlech as Master of North Wales the following day. It was a great honour to be the representative of the Grand Master on three such occasions. In his official capacity he had to watch over and study the interests of some two thousand Craft Lodges and about one thousand Chapters. This entailed a heavy correspondence—some 150 or 200 letters reached him each day—and other duties which rendered the office no sinecure. It had been a great pleasure to him to do what he could that day towards starting their Provincial Grand Lodge, which he hoped would progress year by year, and ere long occupy a prominent place among the Provincial Grand Lodges of England. The Chairman felt it but right they should pay some respect to those who came to see them. Masons liked visitors in their private Lodges and were equally well pleased when some of their neighbours attended such meetings as that day's had been. The visitors around him had no doubt come to see what an infantile Provincial Grand Lodge was like, and he hoped they had approved of what they had seen. Perhaps if they would come again on some future occasion they might see something which would be of service to them elsewhere. Freemasons were agreed upon certain points, but some of them felt that one district took a more prominent part, or was more efficient than others, and for this reason visiting was most useful, as it gave them opportunities of making actual comparisons. Bro. Butler Wilkins Grand Standard Bearer England and Deputy Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts replied. It afforded him great pleasure to be among them that day. It had been a matter of surprise to him that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire had not been established years ago; he was now pleased to see it fairly started. Representations were made some few years back to the Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, with a view to his taking the Lodges of Bedfordshire and combining them with the others under his rule. He (Bro. Wilkins) had opposed this, because he felt it would spread the Province over too wide an area; that it would occasion jealousy among the older Lodges of the Province; and also because he felt that sooner or later Bedfordshire would secure a Provincial Grand Lodge for itself. His surmise had proved correct. He urged on the brethren to work together in the cause of Charity, and assured them that much might be done if they would only combine for their mutual advantage. Brother Taylor and others having also replied to the toast, the Tyler gave the usual concluding charge, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

SIR Offley Wakeman, Bart., M.P. was regularly installed as first Provincial Grand Master of this new district on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at Shrewsbury, Bro Colonel Shadwell H Clerke acting as Installing Officer.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

THE constitution of North Wales as a separate Province took place on Friday, the 23rd inst., when Brother Lord Harlech was regularly installed as Provincial Grand Master by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England. The following is a list of the Officers who were appointed on the occasion:—

Bro. Colonel Henry Platt	Deputy Grand Master
Samuel Pope, Q.C.	Senior Warden
J. F. Edisbury	Junior Warden
Rev. R. H. Williams	Chaplains
Rev. W. L. Protheroe	Chaplains
J. Salmon	Treasurer
T. G. Tuxford	Registrar
T. E. Harris	Secretary
John Hughes	Assistant Secretary
T. M. Taylor	Senior Deacon
J. F. Jesse	Junior Deacon
R. J. Davids	Superintendent of Works
D. Wynn Williams	Director of Ceremonies
C. W. Richards	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
J. Danilly, C.C.	Sword Bearer
Hugh Jones	Standard Bearers
H. A. Steer	Standard Bearers
Major Casson	Organist
G. F. Felton	Pursuivant
W. Evans	Assistant Pursuivant
Henry Owen	Stewards
T. L. Evans	Stewards
John Owen	Stewards
H. P. Stubington	Tyler

VENTILATION OF MASONIC HALLS.

THE absolute need of pure air for human beings is so obvious, and its absence in our Lodge rooms is so conspicuous, that a few words on the subject may not be deemed out of place, now that the Lodges are beginning to meet again after their summer vacation.

In all my visits to Lodges, and in my conversation with Brethren from different sections of the country, I have never seen or heard of a Lodge room constructed with any regard to the fact that Freemasons, in common with their fellow-men of the profane world, must have fresh air to breathe. Even our Temple at Boston, so spacious and magnificent, and constructed by so many celebrated artists, has escaped not the unsparing ravages of barbarous impure air. That Freemasonry still survives in the Old Bay State is a proof of the inherent vitality of the Institution, as well as of the physical endurance of its devotees. I have frequently heard brethren at meetings of the Grand Lodge, and at other meetings in the Temple, comment very unfavourably on the want of the means of anything like adequate ventilation in that building for which we have paid so much. There are times when the air in it is so foul as to make every one present actually stupid.

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ORATION.

Delivered on the occasion of the Consecration of the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, No. 2081, *at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.*

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS AND BRETHREN,—Being called upon, at a somewhat short notice, to deliver the Oration, I must throw myself upon your kind consideration and fraternal good will, for I feel a certainty of failure in doing justice to my subject I will (however feebly) endeavour to touch upon a few heads in connection with the Masonic Order, but I cannot help feeling a sensitiveness with regard to my position, knowing, as I do, that I am addressing many members of this new Lodge of the Golden Fleece, as well as visiting brethren, who are so much better qualified to teach me than I am to tell them anything new with regard to our Craft.

As a minister of God it seems appropriate that I should remind you that the first principle in Masonry is a belief in the Almighty and calls for a recognition of God in every step.

Under the names of the Great Architect of the Universe, the Grand Geometrician, and the Most High, His blessing is invoked in each degree and every ceremony. In the centre of the Lodge is situate the sacred symbol. Before the Worshipful Master lie the open pages of the volume of the Sacred Law which is the standard of Masonic truth, the guide of our actions, and the rule of our faith. Every obligation is sealed upon its holy pages, and each Mason is taught to square his actions according to the dictates of that inspired book. And the working tools of a Master Mason teach us to bear in mind and act according to the laws of our Divine Creator, that when we shall be summoned from this sublunary abode we may descend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's great architect lives and reigns for evermore.

We have been taught that Masonry is a Universal Temple of which true and faithful brethren are the lively stones contributing to its beauty. If the outside world is to be convinced that our Order is of Divine origin we must in our daily intercourse with others cling to those principles which are taught in the Lodge. Here religion and Masonry must go hand in hand, not be put on and taken off as a garment to suit certain places or people. Our demeanour should be modest and correct, maintaining (in their fullest splendour) benevolence and charity. This latter grace ought not to confine itself to liberally subscribing to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions, or other charities connected with such a noble Order, but it should make men better, and assist them to become brighter members of society, for, really and truly, the purposes of the Institution are the elevation of mankind, founded on the principles in the Divine Law which knit man to man in one common Brotherhood.

If Masonry be merely regarded as Social, it calls for serious thought and calm reflection, but we must take a wider range, and understand its legitimate foundation "Truth." The knowing and doing of which is the great end designed. Truth, Brother Love, and Charity is its three-fold cord, for—

> "He is a Mason who can grasp the whole world
> Of reason, life, and sense,
> In one close system of benevolence;
> Happier as feeling in whate'er degree,
> The height of bliss in height of charity."

You are about to launch your Masonic barque upon an Ocean where you will find darkness, dreariness, and quicksands in the way, but it will be yours to steer that vessel safely, and see that it bears aloft those great principles of our Order which have for so many years afforded comfort to the brethren, that all may see in it an ark of refuge. When God made this beautiful world, He said, "Let there be light," but it had no fixed resting place until "Solomon built him a house," and then the light of God, even the Divine Shechinah entered and took its place between the Cherubim. Then arose the light of Freemasonry which has been handed down to us in all its purity, and that light, brethren of this new Lodge, it is your duty to hand down unsullied to future generations.

In reference to men who have proved themselves Patrons and Protectors of the Craft in England, I may mention Julius Cæsar and his Generals as bearing these titles. Canranaius held its tenets in high veneration. S. Alban, the canonized martyr, presided over British Masons as their Grand Master. These investigations may be very interesting, but we must remember that their example should spur us on to attain those grand sentiments which have given Masonry such a position in the civilised world.

Indeed it is an inspiring reflection that our God-honouring institution advocates and upholds a morality of the highest kind, and a never-failing charity in a cold unsympathising world. The Great Architect of the Universe has not placed us here to live for ourselves alone, we may make these sublime ideas ours—

> "Heaven doth with us as we with torches do,
> Not light them for ourselves;
> For if our virtues do not go forth of us
> 'Twere all alike as if we had them not;
> Spirits are not finely touched
> But to fine issues."

May I be permitted to say a few words to the Officers about to take part in this newly-consecrated Lodge of the Golden Fleece.

Let them work well and harmoniously with the Worshipful Master; for if they do not it is impossible for matters to progress satisfactorily. Punctuality in attendance is most necessary, as late comers prevent and hinder the Master from performing his duties.

There is one other point to which I must draw your attention. We are not simply banded together to do nothing. We cannot allow the world to think that we only hold Lodges. We can point to the effects of our union, namely, to our glorious Masonic Charities. Not only are we doing our duty to ourselves, but we are providing for those who (in the course of nature) are unable to provide for themselves. We are not united simply in standing still, but are united in marching onward in the grand path of benevolence. Of Freemasonry we say it is the handmaid of religion, inasmuch as it teaches the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God; yea, it rests its teaching on the Divine Law, and without that sacred basis all our beautiful language would be but as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

What is there in such a Society or Order to merit the denunciation of him who occupies the Vatican that he should sneer at such a useful Brotherhood, whose only object is the promotion of "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men," but, in face of all the Pope's anathemas, Masonry, like its twin sister Christianity, is lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes, and the fact that we are now consecrating another Lodge bears witness to the reality of our progress.

May the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon this new Lodge; and may you go to your respective duties as Founders, as Officers, and as Members of the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, with energy and zeal, and may

> The voice of love, who can ignore its accents mild and pure?
> It is a balm for every wound, for every grief a cure;
> And our Grand Master who presides in majesty above
> Ne'er gave a richer boon to man than sweet fraternal love.
> To wipe the tear from sorrow's eye, the broken heart to bind,
> Will yield to us the purest bliss that we on earth can find.
> Go to the desolated home, assuage the mourner's grief,
> And pour into his listening ear the voice of kind relief.
> More potent than the strongest spell which eloquence can cast,
> Is that soft voice of magic power, not least, though mentioned last.
> It gives a sacred charm to age, a matchless grace to youth,
> And stands pre-eminent of all, the voice of spotless truth.
> Dear brethren of the mystic tie, into your ready ears
> May all these voices find access, dispelling all your fears.
> And when you pass within the vail, life's conflict nobly won,
> May our Grand Master say to each, Faithful and True, well done.

A TYLER'S "GOLDEN WEDDING."

ON Monday evening, 19th October, upwards of 50 members of the Angel and United Lodges of Freemasons met at the Red Lion Hotel, for the purpose of presenting to the venerable Tyler of the two Lodges—Bro. Simon Munson—a mark of their esteem, on the occasion of the celebration of his "golden wedding." The proceedings were inaugurated by a supper, admirably served by the host, Bro. Hart, and at which Bro. Joseph Grimes, W.M. of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, presided, Bro. J. T. Bailey W.M. of the United Lodge, No. 697, occupying the vice-chair. After supper a few toasts were given, the principal one being, of course, the health of *Bro. Munson.* This was proposed in felicitous terms by the senior P.M. present—Bro. A. E. Church P.M. 51, who recounted the various positions in private service and in a more public capacity which had been filled by Bro. Munson, and in all of which he had gained the esteem and respect of his employers and those with whom he had been brought into contact. Bro. Church further mentioned that the brother they were met to honour was born in April 1808, and was consequently in his 78th year, that he had attained his majority as a Freemason, having been admitted 21 years ago in Lodge Star in the East, No. 650, Harwich; that he was at the present time Tyler of the two Craft Lodges in the town, Janitor of the Chapter, and Tyler of the Mark Lodge. Bro. Church said he felt that no higher tribute could be paid to Bro Munson's character as a man and Mason than that he had passed through all the trials and temptations of this mortal life without a stain upon his character. He was glad to find that both Bro. Munson and his wife were still in the enjoyment of excellent health, and while he thought he might safely say that it was not given to any couple to have a golden wedding more than once in their lifetime—very few even attained to it, and the occasion was certainly, as far as he could gather, unique in the experience of a Tyler—still he hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Munson might have many happy years more of life together, and even attain to a "diamond wedding." In conclusion, Bro. Church, amidst much applause, handed to Bro. Munson a purse containing £20, the result of a subscription limited to a small sum, and to which 106 brethren had cheerfully given, as a small testimony of the respect in which he was held. Bro. Clowes, P.M. and Sec. 650, having sung the beautiful and appropriate song "Sweethearts," Bro. Munson, in a few words, thanked the brethren for their most kind and liberal present. He had always been treated by them all, whether in or out of Lodge, with the greatest courtesy and consideration, and as long as he was able he should feel it a privilege and pleasure to continue to serve the Lodges as he had done in the past.

The annual dinner of the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday next, the 6th November. Tickets (4s each), not to include wine, can be had of Brother John Brill, at the above address.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead, on Wednesday, the 21st instant. J. C. Innes W.M., John Greenfield P.M. 1602 S.W., E. W. Allen P.M. 173 J.W., J. Finch Treasurer P.M. 173 795, H. H. Hodges Secretary P.M. P.P.G.S.W., F. Foxley S.D. P.M. 173, E. W. Withers I.G., C. Dearing D.C., T. B. Linscott P.M. 55 795, T. R. Foulger P.M. 177 795 1613, J. Soper P.M. 1769, W. Holcombe, J. Cutbill, W. Fenton, C. W. Bailey, and C. Shepperd Tyler. Visitors—The D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, E. Payne W.M. 1602, J. Osborn P.M. 1602, R. Garner 1602, C. Weeden S.W. 813, &c. The minutes having been read and confirmed, whereby the bye-laws have been altered, thus dispensing with the August and September meetings, Bro. Allen proceeded to instal Bro. John Greenfield, the W.M. elect, who was presented by Bro. Finch. The ceremony was performed in a most eloquent and impressive manner. The W.M. then addressed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Allen S.W., Foxley J.W., Finch Treasurer, C. Dearing Secretary, Holcombe S.D., Withers J.D., Cutbill I.G., Fenton D.C., Bailey W.S. Bro. Innes proposed, and Bro. Linscott seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes to the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg D.P.G.M. for his kindness in attending the Lodge. This was duly passed and acknowledged. A proposition for Bro. Harling, as a joining member, was then received. The W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. Innes, with a valuable Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge; he also tendered Bro. Innes the best thanks of the members for the faithful and able way in which he had discharged his duties. Brother Innes thanked the brethren for the kind feeling they had displayed in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, also for the support he had received during his year of office. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served by Host Deacon in a very creditable manner. In due order the usual toasts were honoured, and hearty good wishes to the W.M. were received by telegram from Hartington Lodge, No. 1085. The D.P.G.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and in so doing remarked that he had to visit a great number of Lodges in discharge of his official duties, but had never seen the work done with greater dignity or ability than on that occasion. The W.M., in responding, said that he had but one desire, viz, to discharge his duty as a ruler in the Craft and Master of the Lodge. The Master proposed the health of the Officers, with which he coupled the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE regular Lodge meeting was held on the 14th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading Bros. J. H. Hawkes W.M., W. G. Flanagan P.M. Prov. G.J.W. Berks and Bucks acting I.P.M., R. C. Prickett S.W., W. Ravenscroft J.W., H. Creed S.D., T. R. Vowles J.D., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, W. Hickie Organist, T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., W. Collins I.G., Charles Slaughter Assistant Steward; P.M.'s E. J. Blackwell, J. E. Danks, E. Margrett, W. Ferguson; Bros. F. Brown, Parkes, Kemp, and O. Egginton; Visitor—Bro. M. J. Withers W.M. 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dowsett P.M., in pursuance of a notice of motion standing in his name, as acting I.P.M., "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be applied to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. who represented the Lodge," proposed its adoption. This was seconded by Bro. Prickett and carried. Mr. Henry Daniel Jones, approved at the last regular Lodge, was initiated into the mysteries of antient Freemasonry. The ceremony was correctly performed by the Worshipful Master. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Brother Thomas Perkins Stewart, a candidate for raising, having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Stewart was readmitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., heightened by vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Bro. Hickie Organist. The Lodge was resumed, and a ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Prickett S.W. was unanimously elected to the chair of King Solomon. The ballot was taken for Treasurer, and Bro. Stransom was unanimously re-elected. Proposed by Bro. Margrett P.M. and seconded by the Worshipful Master, that Bro. W. Hemmings be elected Tyler for the ensuing year. Carried. Proposed by Bro. Flanagan P.M., and seconded by Bro. Margrett P.M., that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M. in recognition of his services. This was carried by acclamation, and the W.M. returned thanks. The Secretary read a letter received from the widow of our late Bro. Moxhay P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, honorary member of Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, conveying her most sincere thanks to the brethren of the Grey Friars Lodge for their deep and kind sympathy towards her and her family in their severe time of trial and unexpected bereavement, and she felt sure that they would ever cherish the memory of her dear lost husband. This was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Secretary read a letter from W. P. Ivey P.M. P.P.S.G.B. Berks and Bucks, presenting to the Lodge his library of Masonic books, containing about 40 volumes, including the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE from its commencement, and other works, as a small acknowledgment of the many kindnesses received from the W.M., I.P.M., and members of the Lodge. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, said that they were pleased to accept this useful present, and trusted they would be found beneficial to the members generally. This was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the Secretary was requested to write to P.M. Ivey and acknowledge the receipt of his letter and books, with thanks. Bro. H. Creed proposed, and Bro. Vowles seconded a gentleman as a candidate for initiation. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to antient form and adjourned.

CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

THE installation meeting was held at the Town Hall, Bridgnorth, on Friday, 23rd inst. The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell P.G.J.D., was well supported by the Officers and Brethren. The installation ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., after which the newly installed W.M., Bro. James Hughes Cooksey, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. E. Roberts S.W., T. F. Noch J.W., T. Pratt P.M. Secretary, W. Westcott S.D., H. J. Shelding J.D., Rev. R. Lucas, M.A., LL.D., Chaplain, J. Sewell P.G.O. Organist, J. Whitefoot jun. P.M. P.G. Steward D.C., A. S. Trevor I.G., J. Whitefoot sen., J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick P.M. 377 P.G.A.P. Worcestershire, and T. Bromwich Stewards. Bro. Hubert Smith having been re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. H. Goodall as Tyler, both were duly invested with the collars and jewels of their office. The other brethren present were Bros. E. J. Chittey P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., H. B. Southwell P.M., W. Simms P.M. P.P.G.P., E. M. Southwell P.M., G. Westcott, and A. Bethell. Among the Visitors were Bros. G. Taylor P.M. 377, 560 and 1874 P.P.G.S.W. and Prov. Grand Secretary Worcestershire, E. M. Money W.M. 28, C. Mytton W.M. 560, G. Lees S.W. 560, E. Lay J.W. 560, W. J. Threlfall J.W. 1874, W. Dorsett Secretary 560, S. Boddington P.M. 1016, H. K. Southwell 357, G. Fletcher 1575, J. Bradnor J.D. 419, Bigwood 419, D. Dawes 1874, &c. The retiring Worshipful Master was presented with a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. The newly installed W.M. proposed as a candidate for initiation Mr. W. T. Smith, of Bridgnorth. This was seconded by the retiring W.M., and the Secretary was instructed to place the name on the agenda for ballot at the next regular meeting. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The I.P.M. was warmly congratulated on his ability as Installing Master, and the new Worshipful Master was also complimented by the Visitors and others on the perfect manner in which he closed the Lodge in the three degrees. The toast of the newly created Province of Shropshire and its first Provincial Grand Master, Brother Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., was particularly well received, and many of the brethren expressed their gratification at having witnessed the installation of the new Provincial Grand Master by the Grand Secretary, Brother Shadwell H. Clerke, at Shrewsbury, on the previous day.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing local Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 21st inst., at the Criterion Restaurant, a very large assemblage of brethren being present. In addition to the Past Masters and principal Officers, whose names appear later, the members present included Bros. W. Chilcott, Geo. Lake W. E. Lane, E. Ince, A. Francis, R. Callingford, T. Salter, J. C. Forder, W. B. Pugh, Henry G. Holland, W. Hunt, George Breckles, Frederick Arnold, W. A. Sands, W. Smith, H. J. Johnson, George Messenger, G. Watkins, H. Bond, C. V. Boizot, Thomas Cocks, John Tapp, J. Wilton, H. Wright, W. Hamilton, J. R. Jones, G. P. Smith, C. J. Bennett, W. E. Moorman, J. H. Bowen, J. Pride, J. W. Ray, &c. There was also a large and representative gathering of visitors, including Bros. P.M.'s Brindley, Hunt, Whitaker, Cross; Dickson S.D., George E. Sanders J.D. Grosvenor Lodge, R. Stamp, Gillespie, Pellat, Snook, Larner, H. Folson, Chas. Jones, J. Johnson, John Wade, J. Engelhardt, J. Hampton, J. Morley, &c. The ceremony of passing Bro. E. Ince was ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Robt. Bottle, who presented his successor, Bro. Thomas Coulthard, for the benefit of installation. The newly-installed Master having been saluted according to ancient custom, invested and appointed his Officers, viz., Bros. Alfred A. Johnstone S.W., W. E. Moorman J.W., J. W. Ray S.D., E. J. Hooper J.D., Alfred W. Beckham Secretary, Isaac Isaacs Treasurer. Past Master Vincent again accepted the appointment of Director of Ceremonies, and Bros. W. Weston, C. Lee, A. J. Bigwood, and J. Grist were appointed to minor offices. After the initiation of Messrs. Thomas Evans and William Hellyar, by the new Master, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a récherché dinner was served. At the conclusion of the repast, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, much enthusiasm being manifested when Bro. Bottle the Immediate Past Master was presented with the customary jewel for his services in the chair. In response, Bro. Bottle said he entered the Lodge nine years ago, and during that period he had filled most of the offices. He trusted that the brethren would accord to his successor the same sympathy and cordiality which he had received; the assistance and hearty co-operation of the Past Masters and Officers rendered the duties of the Master comparatively easy. He thanked them from his heart for the handsome jewel which had been awarded him, and he trusted that he might be spared many years to wear it among the brethren of the Lodge. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, which was received with great cordiality, said he should carry out the duties of his high office to the best of his ability, and he hoped that he should give as much satisfaction as his predecessor. The toast of the Past Masters, all of whom with one exception were present, was associated with the names of Bros. McLeod, Flattely (Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction), Vincent, S. Jones, Fisher, Powell, and Charles Tayler. Bro. McLeod said, it had been with a great amount of satisfaction that he had seen his old

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friend Bro. Coulthard installed, for he was initiated in the Lodge, and was "a right good fellow." Bro. Flattely also responded, calling attention to the fact that he was about to stand as Steward for one of the Masonic Charities (the Old People's). He appealed to the brethren to help him with generous support, so that if possible he might even beat the subscription list of Bro. Tayler, who took up £325 when Steward for the Boy's School. Bro. Brindley P.M. Wanderers' Lodge and others responded on behalf of the Visitors. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was received with marked cordiality, Bro. Alfred Beckham, the popular and much esteemed Secretary, sharing with Bro. Isaacs, the Treasurer, an ovation of applause, testifying the great appreciation in which he was deservedly held. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by a selection of good music, Bros. A. F. Roberts, H. G. Holland, C. Lee, H. J. Brown, and C. Tayler being the vocalists. Bros. G. R. Egerton was an accompanyist of exceptional ability.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE brethren of this popular Lodge re-assembled after the recess, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., under the presidency of Brother Captain Thomas Francis Harvey, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., who was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters :—Bros. Charles Lacey (Treasurer), John Newton (Secretary), E. H. Brown, Wells, Barlow, C. H. Webb, Jones, Moore, &c. Among the visitors were Bros. C. A. Doggett W.M. 1704, J. Ballwinkle P.M. 1421, W. E. Oates 2096, S. Oxenham 2096, G. Ward Verry W.M. 1421, John Brooks 51, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211. In the course of the evening Brother Stainer was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Walter Phillips, of Lodge No. 359, was elected a joining member. Mr. F. Harvey, a candidate for initiation, was proposed by Brother Charles Lacey and seconded by Brother Webb P.M. The result was unanimous in favour of Mr. Harvey, who was introduced, and regularly inducted into the mysteries of the first degree. A letter of condolence was directed to be sent to Bro. Harvey, who has just lost a daughter, and amongst other matters that received attention was an application from the widow of a brother who some 30 years since had subscribed to this Lodge, but in the absence of any particulars being forthcoming as to when and where the brother's decease took place, the Lodge felt constrained to dismiss the appeal. A notice of motion was made that a sufficient sum should be voted at the next meeting to complete the qualification of the Lodge for a Vice-Presidency of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the proposition will doubtless be well received by the members of this proverbially charitable Lodge. After Lodge had been closed the brethren partook of a banquet, but the accommodation provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford was quite unequal to the requirements of the large party who signified their desire to partake. The after proceedings were of an agreeable character.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1705.

ON Thursday, the 22nd inst., forty brethren of this Lodge, together with visitors from other Lodges, met at the India Arms, Gosport, when Brother G. Darby was installed W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge. The ceremony was impressively performed by Brother T. Batchelor, and the Company afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet served by Brother G. K. Smith, of the India Arms Hotel. A very pleasant evening was passed by the brethren who attended the gathering.

ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

THE celebration of this annual festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on 20th October. A large number of members and visitors attended, among those present being the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, B. Wilkins Grand Standard Bearer of England, Past Provincial Grand Warden, H. Brown P.M. 1764, Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.M. 1764, 1911, and W.M. 360, and Rev. S. W. Wigg P.M. 1911, W.M. 1764, Past Provincial Grand Chaplains, G. Ellard P.M. 360 Prov. Grand D. of C., H. Spoor P.M. 1764 Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, T. Oldham W.M. 445 and T. Emery S.W. 1764 Prov. Grand Deacons, J. J. Hart P.M. 360 P.P.G. Pursuivant, G. Butcher Prov. G. Organist, R. Croft P.P.G. Organist, H. Manfield Prov. G. Steward, T. P. Dorman P.P.G. Steward, A. Cockerill 360 Prov. G. Std. B. ; also Bros. G. H. Percival P.M. 1911, J. Newitt W.M. elect 445, J. Currall, J. A. Jowett, J. Gold, A. Jones, R. Taylor, H. T. West, H. Roberts, T. Cockerill, H. Hodges, A. Norman 1767, R. Tucker 1331, H. Bowles 276, S. Gough 293, T. Franks 360, G. T. Edmunds 671, J. Hewitt, P. Farrell, and T. D. Hensman 360. The Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Rev. S. W. Wigg, and after the transaction of routine business, including the election of a gentleman as a member of the Lodge, and his initiation into the mysteries of the Order by Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.M., the chair was taken by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who proceeded to instal the Master elect for the ensuing year, Bro. George Ellard P.M. 360, who received the usual salutations and then appointed and invested the following Officers: Bros. Rev. S. Wathen Wigg I.P.M., T. Emery S.W., R. Croft J.W., Rev. C. T. Beasley Chaplain, George Butcher Secretary, T. Phipps Dorman Treasurer, Alfred Jones S.D., J. Currall J.D., W. Goldney D.C., H. Manfield I.G., J. A. Jowett S.S., J. Gold J.S., H. Hodges Std. B., C. Dean and G. Robinson Tylers. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to the Rev. S. W. Wigg a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in testimony of the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of his important office during the past year. The presentation being suitably acknowledged and other business transacted, the Lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the lower hall, where at the banquet, which was provided by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel, and served in an admirable manner, the usual Masonic toast list was presented. The W.M. proposed the Queen and Craft, also the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was enthusiastically honoured ; his Excellency the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge. The last toast was duly acknowledged by the Grand Standard Bearer, Bro. Butler Wilkins, who spoke of the careful manner in which the affairs of private Lodges were considered and adjudicated upon in that assembly. Bro. Currall J.D. proposed the Duke of Manchester, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, which was acknowledged by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Ellard replied in a genuine Masonic speech. Bro. Jowett proposed the Past Masters, for whom the Rev. S. W. Wigg and Rev. S. J. W. Sanders spoke. Other toasts were the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Brown P.M. and acknowledged by Bro. Dorman Treasurer ; the Initiate, proposed by Bro. Spoor P.M. and responded to by the newly-admitted brother ; the Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. A. Jones S.D. and responded to by Bro. Oldham W.M. 445, and other visitors. The Sister Lodges was proposed by Bro. Croft J.W. and acknowledged by Bros. Kellett P.M. 360, Hart P.M. 360, and Wigg P.M. 1911. The proceedings were brought to a close with the Wardens and Officers of the Eleanor Cross Lodge and the Tyler's toast.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1695.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Baker's celebrated hostelry, the Highbury Station Hotel, on Tuesday, the 20th instant. Bro. Edmunds I.P.M., in the enforced absence of the W.M., occupied the chair, and was ably supported by the Officers. After the Lodge had been opened and the usual routine business transacted, Brother H. G. Gush, P.M. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, by particular request, took the chair and opened the Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. R. C. Frampton, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Hollis P.M. P.P.G. Std. B. Herts, for installation, and after obligation a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Frampton was regularly installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, and in the presence of a goodly array of P.M.'s. The brethren were then admitted, and saluted the W.M., who appointed and invested his Officers, as follow : J. Bastable I.P.M., A. J. Berry S.W., F. Lang J.W., H. Hollis P.M. (for Bro. Eldridge P.M.) as Treasurer, T. Press Secretary, B. J. W. Lone S.D., J. A. Little J.D., S. G. Van Os I.G., G. Edmunds Steward, H. Hollis D.C., J. Very Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Gush for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, after which Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The Visitors were Bros. A. W. Fenner P.M. 1227 1693, H. G. Gush P.M. 1541, J. Rowe and E. Storr P.M.'s 167, T. Tremere P.M. 1929, J. G. Goode P.M. 1964, J. H. Watts P.M. 63, W. Lewin late of 1695, J. Bayne 1897, J. A. Manger 1260, and Lees 1608. Want of space prevents our giving details of the toasts, speeches, &c., but the W.M. presided in a genial manner, augoring well for the happiness of the Lodge during his year of office. We need hardly say the toasts were heartily received, particularly that of the Visitors, which was ably responded to by Bros. Tremere, Storr, Rowe, and Fenner. The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by some excellent singing by Bro. Tremere and others, while Bros. Bayne and Wright in turns presided at the piano.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. Bro. Smith the W.M. of the Lodge presided, and he was supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles I.P.M., Smith J.W., Willing P.M. Treasurer, Dickey Secretary, Barling J.D., Ross D.C., Holland I.G., Mordey Organist, Perry and Verdin Stewards, Scurrah Assistant Secretary, and a large number of members and visitors. The work comprised the passing of four brethren—Bros. Hunt, Powell and Sadgrove, members of the Henry Levander Lodge, and one brother of the Royal Savoy ; and the initiation of two gentlemen into Freemasonry. Other matters of business were disposed of previous to the closing of the Lodge, which was followed by a banquet in the Crown-room of Freemasons' Tavern. In due course the toast list was honoured. The Worshipful Master having proposed Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft, and the toast having met a hearty reception, Bro. W. M. Stiles proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. As it was somewhat late he hoped the brethren would forgive him if he did not give the toast of the ruler of the Royal Savoy Lodge with as much impressiveness as it was worthy of. There was no difficulty in singing the praises of so worthy a Mason as Bro J. W. Smith, who, as one of the Founders of the Lodge, and as a subsequent Officer, had done much on its behalf. He had exceeded all the expectations of those who had been associated with him in the formation of the Lodge, and might be relied upon to always extend the same amount of enthusiasm to the Lodge as he then displayed. One and all of the members had appreciated his exertions as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and would unite in wishing him happiness during the remainder of his year of office and long life afterwards. Bro. Smith tendered his thanks for the very handsome manner in which the toast had been received. He should endeavour to carry out the work of his office to the best of his ability during the remainder of his term in the chair. He then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They had but one—Bro. Stiles—then present, but in him they had a good representative. If there were twenty Past Masters of the Lodge no one

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could be more deserving or worthy of respect than was their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Stiles. In reply, that brother assured the members that anything he could do to promote the interests of the Royal Savoy Lodge he was only too happy to undertake. The Past Masters had very little to do during the Mastership of so able a ruler as Bro. Smith, but would be found ready should they ever be called upon. The Master next proposed the health of the Initiates, who he trusted would become bright ornaments in the Royal Savoy Lodge, and a credit to the Craft at large. Each of the newly-admitted brethren having replied, the toast of the Visitors was given from the chair, and to this Bros. Hurst, Batty, Scales, Baker, Surredge and others responded. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was drunk, and the toast replied to by Bro. Dickey. The Officers were next toasted, and each of these brethren having replied, the health of the brethren of the Henry Levander Lodge passed in the Royal Savoy that night was drunk, and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hurst, Lee, Day, Cray, Joseph, Plowman, Thompson, Salgrove, Powell, Scurrah, Allard, Bromley, Surredge, Scales, Batty, Paul, Wadham, Hare, Baker, D'Ardenne.

MASONIC RADICALISM.

THE radicalism of Freemasonry is apparent in those fundamental features which constitute the individuality of the institution. Radicalism means root-work, and taken in this sense may well signify those distinctive principles and tendencies which give character to the Masonic system and organization. In some respects a likeness can be traced between the Masonic organization and many of the benevolent and social fraternities that have their respective places of usefulness in the world; but while there are these lines of contact, there are others of divergence, for none of the associations referred to can claim any real identification with the life and genius of Freemasonry. Any comparison that is made will surely reveal not only some marked differences in organic life, but also in the expression of that life all along the way of its productiveness.

The radicalism of Freemasonry may be discerned both in the system and in the organization that has been formed thereon. If we look at the basis on which the structure is placed we can but notice the breadth and strength of the foundation. The plan is broadly comprehensive. A purpose is manifest to minister to life in all its needs—to supply stimulus and instruction to the social, intellectual, and moral being of man. How rich is the ritual of the Craft in teaching and suggestions that point to the culture of mind, heart, and soul! A philosophy is unfolded calculated to quicken thought into exercise and to satisfy the higher nature. The natural sciences are presented as objects specially worthy of human investigation, while the wisdom of books and schools is recommended as conducive to that fulness of life which stands ever as the ideal of Masonic attainment. In its moral quality the Masonic ritual and ceremony extend to even higher ranges. The conditions and duties of related life are pointed out in ways most impressive. Men are shown how they should dwell together as brethren, and what should be the measure of their sympathy and helpfulness to each other. The lessons of Freemasonry involve other and more far-reaching obligations than those which relate to mutual help and protection; they inculcate universal benevolence and the recognition of fraternal ties that bind together the race as one great family. And then, revealing its power and applying its genius along an ascending scale, the Masonic system inculcates a devout and reverential thought toward God. It calls upon man to believe in and trust a higher power than anything which is shown in material force; it appeals to him by earnest words and in ceremonies most impressive, seeking to draw his soul in adoration to the Infinite One, the Lord of light and life; and in nothing does its counselling appear more urgent than in the call to man that he should obey the moral law to which Jehovah justly holds the human world responsible.

In the points noted the radicalism of the Masonic system is evident. It has root principles and purposes that distinguish it from all other systems. It proposes to educate and ennoble the whole man. For the doing of such a work it is a treasure-house of wisdom, having ample resources that may be used in the way of profitable instruction. Masonic forms and ceremonies, significant references to heroic persons and events; parables and symbolism—these, not less than the plain teachings which are repeated line upon line and precept upon precept, are all designed to do an educating work, leading human souls to what is best, and making the best that is possible out of them. Just here we get at the most radical quality of the system, and here likewise we discern what is the chief glory of Freemasonry. It would be nothing with all its practical beneficence were it not this educating force. Because it provides so rich and varied a culture for the affections and the spiritual faculties as well as the intellectual powers, it is crowned with honour and usefulness.

The radicalism of the Masonic institution appears not the less in its organization. It does not require any great amount of scrutiny to discover the fact that the method of work and government among the Craft is peculiar. The order of procedure in a Masonic Lodge is unlike that of any other association. Passing through the ceremonies of initiation, membership is acquired in a society that is based upon two opposing principles, viz., democracy and despotism. The idea of the equality of men and of Masons is first recognised. The candidate is told that he is entering a communion where no man holds pre-eminence on account of his material wealth or his worldly honours. Brother is the one title by which members accost each other, as in the Lodge-room they lay aside many of the factitious distinctions which the world imposes. The equal rights of all are recognized, while in manifold ways brethren are taught to yield a distinct or divided interest in view of what the general good demands. Every member has his rights and prerogatives, being one of a body which, in many of its features, is a pure democracy. It is not a mere figure of speech to say that in a Masonic Lodge brethren meet upon a level; they hold one and the same rank as brethren and members.

But from another point of view the Masonic organization shows quite opposite features. The government is not democratical in all respects, but takes on some of the characteristics of a rigid despotism. The Master of a Lodge wields the powers of an autocrat. For a time he is supreme in his Lodge. He is a great deal more than a presiding officer having certain defined and restricted powers. It is his province to rule and govern his Lodge, the brethren who have elected him to the chief place cannot by any majority vote, or even by their unanimous desire, depose him or set aside his decisions. They cannot enact rules of order by which he will be absolutely bound. He rules autocratically for the time being, but in due time he must relinquish his office, and take his place by the side of his brethren in the Lodge, having then no more authority than the youngest member of the body.

In all these ways, as in many others not noticed, the radicalism of the Masonic Institution is disclosed. Its original, peculiar character is evident to the superficial observer, while all the more does its individuality become evident as careful inquiry is directed to its philosophy and its government, and to the methods by which it accomplishes its benign mission.—*Freemason's Repository*

The Right Worshipful the Earl of Jersey Past Grand Senior Warden of England, was installed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, in succession to his late Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, on Wednesday. The ceremony took place in the Convocation House, Oxford, the Installing Master being Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. Subsequently Companion the Rev. H. A. Pickard was installed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons, this office, like that of Provincial Grand Master, having been held by his late Royal Highness.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

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

BUSINESS.

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th July to the 20th October 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	74	9	5	Disbursements during the quarter -	204	18	0
„ Unappropriated Account -	191	8	4	Balance - -	102	1	11
Subsequent Receipts-	229	11	0	„ Unappropriated Account -	188	8	10
	£495	8	9		£495	8	9

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 John Read Dore as Z., Rawson Kelley as H., William Henry Clough as J., and seventeen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Friendship, No. 750, Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton, to be called the Friendship Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton, in the County of York (W.D.)

2nd. From Companions Donald Grant Macleod as Z., James Copley Moyle as H., Colonel Malcolm Furlong as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 542, Maulmain, British Burmah, to be called the Tenasserim Chapter, and to meet at Maulmain, British Burmah.

3rd. From Companions John Booth as Z., Samuel Holdsworth Stocks as H., William Thomas Flather as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 603, Cleckheaton, to be called the Zetland Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton, in the county of York (W.D.)

4th. From Companions the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., as Z., Samuel Stead as H., Thomas Tyers as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, Leeds, to be called the Excelsior Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, in the county of York (W.D.)

5th. From Companions Thomas Blossom Dodson as Z., Robert Burleton as H., Michael Christian as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, London, to be called the Dalhousie Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

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6th. From Companions Charles Frederick Hogard as Z., Alfred Julius Henochsberg as H., Joseph Da Silva as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London, to be called the Israel Chapter, and to meet at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

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

The Committee have also to report that in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of South Australia, there is no longer an English Craft Lodge in that colony to which the South Australian Chapter, No. 583, meeting at Adelaide, can be attached as required by Article 43, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Charter of the said Chapter be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the Chapter be erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter of England.

The Committee have further to report that the Special Committee appointed to revise the Royal Arch Regulations having concluded their labours, a copy of the proposed revision will be laid before Grand Chapter on the 4th proximo.

The Committee would suggest that copies of the proposed revision be sent out to all Grand Superintendents and Chapters, and that it be considered, and, if approved, passed at the Convocation of Grand Chapter on the 2nd February 1886.

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

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
21st October 1885.

N.B.—The Committee may remind the Members of the Grand Chapter that, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Quarterly Convocation, the next meeting of Grand Chapter will be held in the Great Hall, for which appropriate fittings have been prepared.

The annual convocation of the Industry Chapter, No. 186, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th instant. Companion James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, performed the ceremony of installation in favour of Comp. George Allen as M.E.Z., John Jas. Taffs H., and Charles H. Phillips J. At the banquet which followed the work of the Chapter the outgoing First Principal was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, was presided over by Comps. Holness M.E.Z., Hunter H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Radcliffe P.S. The Chapter of Improvement was well attended, and the ritual ably rendered by the Officers. Comp. Edmonds is the Preceptor here.

DEDICATION OF THE EBORACUM MASONIC HALL.

ON Thursday, the 22nd inst., the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, summoned a special Convocation of the members of his Provincial Grand Lodge at York, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic purposes the new Masonic Hall lately purchased and fitted up for their own use by the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. We have already given a description of this building, which until lately was the abiding place of the York Institute of Literature, Science, and Art; but when that Institution acquired its new and splendid premises in Clifford-street, the corner stone of which was laid with Masonic honours by the Prince of Wales two years ago, the old fabric was purchased by the Eboracum Lodge, and has since been in process of fitting up for Masonic purposes. Very little alteration in the general design has been required; but a great deal of internal detailed work has been carried out, and probably the dedication ceremony would have been arranged earlier had it not been for the delay in the construction of the furniture, which is even yet not completed, and which is of a most elaborate character. Provincial Grand Lodge was summoned for two o'clock p.m.; but before that hour the brethren and visitors assembled in goodly numbers, and found preparations made for their comfort and refreshment, the banquet-room having been fitted up as a buffet and the smoke room as a retiring place for the Provincial Officers, whilst the Committee room was reserved for the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy. At two p.m. Sir F. Milner W.M. proceeded to open his Lodge. He was supported by Bros. Turner S.W., Brown J.W., Rev. R. Blakeney Chaplain, Chapman S.D., Dalton J.D., Kay Secretary, Lackenby I.G., and the following members and visitors:—Bros. Terry, Stephenson, Pearson, Storey, Brown, Cooper, Dyson, Smith, Hebblethwaite, Higham 1760, White 1991, Archey 236, Smith 236, Harding 1991, Houlden 236, Purnell 236, Watkinson 236, Pattinson 602, John 250, Martin 1991, Forbes 236, Horsley, Routledge, Wreglesworth, Tuff, Nance, Penty, and others. Meanwhile a procession was being formed in the lobby the Provincial Grand Lodge, marshalled by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who acted as Prov. Director of Ceremonies, the volume of the Sacred Law, the working tools, the consecrating elements and columns being borne by Past Masters of the Eboracum Lodge and others. Upon entering the Lodge room, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master assumed the chair, the W.M., Sir F. Milner, taking his place as Senior Provincial Grand Warden, the Junior Warden's chair being taken by Bro. W. Lawton P.M. P.P. Grand Registrar, and the ceremony at once commenced, under the immediate guidance of Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The anthems and responses were very effectively given by a choir under the leadership of Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, late of the Cathedral choir, the accompaniments being given by Bro. Padel P.P.G. Organist and Bro. Child Organist of the Lodge, whilst Bro. A. Sample Org. of York Lodge 236, most kindly aided in the vocal work. The closing ode, composed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, brought a most pleasing ceremony to its close, and then the Earl of Zetland proceeded to address the brethren, thanking them for their presence, and congratulating the members of the Eboracum Lodge upon the wonderful energy and perseverance which had contributed to place them at the end of only nine years in possession of such premises, equal to almost any in the Provinces. He spoke of the importance of Lodges meeting on private premises as opposed to licensed houses, and expressed a hope that this Lodge would long maintain its reputation, and continue to do good work for the Order. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then read an interesting paper, in which he reviewed the history of the dedication ceremony from the earliest times, quoting from biblical and ancient authors in proof of his statements, and at its conclusion the brethren expressed their sense of gratification by hearty applause. Sir F. Milner, Bart., then rose, and on behalf of his Lodge thanked the Provincial Grand Master for his attendance. He said that the brethren were very sensible of his kindness in all matters, and not the least in Masonic affairs. It was well known that his fraternal sympathies were always approachable, and that he was always ready to help with his counsel; his presence, or his purse when occasion required; and he asked the brethren to join with him in signifying their gratification at seeing him amongst them. This elicited the most hearty applause, which was acknowledged by the Provincial Grand Master, who then left the chair and retired in procession with his Officers. The chair was now taken by Sir Fred. Milner, who proceeded to close in the third and second degrees, and then Bro. Whytehead rose, and with a few words of explanation, presented to the Lodge the mallet used by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, when laying the corner stone in York two years previously, and which had been again used that day by the Earl of Zetland in dedicating the Eboracum Masonic Hall. He also presented a Director of Ceremonies' emblematic wand, which had been used on the before-mentioned occasions, and also when the British Association Masonic levée was held in York. Bro. J. Blenkin P.M. presented a most interesting snuff-box, with Masonic emblems. These gifts were acknowledged by the members with repeated applause. The Lodge was then closed amid hearty good wishes from the visitors. In consequence of the annual banquet of the Sheriff of York taking place the same evening there was no Lodge banquet, the W.M. and several of the brethren being among the Sheriff's guests; but at seven o'clock p.m. many of the members and visitors met, under the presidency of Bro. J. T. Seller P.M., in the smoke-room, and enjoyed a few convivial hours with songs, toasts, and recitations. The furniture of the Lodge is expected to be nearly completed before the installation meeting, which takes place during the second week in November. It is of a most elaborate description, and has been designed under the best authority. The three principal chairs are of oak, the backs supported by columns of the proper orders and surmounted by dragons, the arms and front legs being massive lions' heads and claws. On the panel of each back are carved in relief the arms of the Lodge, with the name, number and motto, and the arms and cushions are upholstered in crimson plush. The pedestals are really masterpieces in their way—finish in carving, and architectural beauty. They are also of oak polished, the emblems on each of them and the chairs being of silver, with plates inlaid recording the names of the donors. The Secretery's table matches the other furniture, and is most massive and well-finished, in the Tuscan style. This latter is the gift of Bro. Wm. Brown J.W. The chairs have been given respectively by Bro. J. Blenkin I.P.M., Wm. Story, and the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar, and the pedestals have been presented respectively by Bros. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., W.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., and W. B. Dyson. Bro. W. Stephenson, of Micklegate, York, was entrusted with the making of the chairs and pedestals, and Bro. Alfred Chapman, of Petergate, undertook the work of the Secretary's table. We hear that other articles of furniture have been promised by members of the Lodge, including Deacons' and Inner Guard's chairs, Treasurer's table, &c., and already an Organ Fund has been opened, so that it seems probable that in a few months the Eboracum Lodge will be in possession of one of the most complete and perfect Masonic abodes to be found anywhere. Many members of the Lodge have been most liberal with gifts, and scarcely a meeting occurs without presentations being made.

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THE THEATRES.

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Gaiety.—Very great interest was both excited and justified by the first performance of the "Dramatic Students," in June, when they gave their graceful and picturesque interpretation of the "Two Gentlemen of Verona," and now, or rather on Tuesday last, they made their second appearance in Douglas Jerrold's pleasant little play, "The Housekeeper," which was followed by Charles Lamb's farce "Mr. H—." Mr. Hollingshead had kindly lent the theatre for the occasion, and a fair audience gathered to do "The Students" honour. Mr. G. R. Foss, whom we last saw outside the Chequers Inn, discussing the murder in the "Silver King," played Sidney Maynard, a sprightly youth about seventeen, who imagines he is tired of the world, and would seek consolation in astronomy and the society of a venerable Jesuit, who, unknown to Master Sidney, is plotting for the Jacobite cause. The Housekeeper should appear in the person of an elderly country dame, but she, for some good cause, being unable to fulfil her promise, sends her pretty niece Sophie (Miss Belmore), who calls at the house of the heiress Felicia, Sidney's cousin, to tell her of her good fortune, and she is persuaded by that young lady to change dresses. Felicia presents herself as the housekeeper, and a mighty pretty bit of comedy—prettily written and prettily played—it is where our Dr. Faust awakes, despite himself, to the charms of this merry witted Gretchen. Mr. Foss, after the natural nervousness of the first few moments, played with delightful ease and humour. We shall look forward with no little interest to his next achievement in light comedy. Miss Roche, who lately took Miss Marion Terry's part at the Court, was very bright and ingenuous as Felicia dissembling; perhaps the only error we might suggest is, that she dissembled too well, and was a little too much at ease in the assumed character, but there was such wholesome girlish fun and frolic in the rendering that only as a matter of abstract art could we have wished for any alteration. The story sets forth how Felicia saves Sidney from deadly peril, at the hands of the priest and his fellow conspirators, and Mr. Foss and Miss Roche showed they could be earnest, with force and sincerity. That "dear boy" from Nita's first, and more lately known as Master Posket (Mr. Eversfield), looked very dashing and played with plenty of go, as Tom Purple, a sort of Sir Harry Careless. Mr. Lugg, also from the Court theatre, made a careful study of the priest. Mr. Caffrey was effective in Bucktone's old part, Simon Box, and especially charming was Miss Lillie Belmore as the little country girl Sophie. The play was received with very genuine applause, and the curtain fell after numerous recalls. We doubt if our students do not regret the time and trouble they gave to the revival of "Mr. H—." Great pains had evidently been taken to ensure its success, but the original verdict of condemnation pronounced on its appearance long ago at Drury Lane will scarcely seem unjust to those who saw it on the occasion we are now recording. It is wanting in life and bustle; the mystery as to the actual name of Mr. H. leaves the audience indifferent, and the explanation leaves it scarcely less so. Mr. Tresahar, as the gentleman of the initial, was admirably made up as a buck of the Regency; action and attitude were capital studies from Gilroy or Cruickshank. Mr. Gilbert Trent, as Landlord Pry, cousin to the renowned Paul of that ilk, made the best of a second-hand part. Mr. Ben Greet and Mr. Mark Ambient were capital in the two thumb-nail sketches of first and second waiters. Miss Norreys, as the little chambermaid, delighted the house by her pretty solemnity. Miss Alice Belmore looked very much of the period, and did her best as Melesinda. Perhaps the smartest bit of "Mr. H—" was the prologue, capitally spoken by Mr. R. de Cordova, as a broken-down gentleman. Nor must we omit to mention the graceful prologue to the "Housekeeper," writtten by Mr. Clement Scott, and spoken with much feeling by that clever young student Mr. Baring Gould. The next performance of the Society will be Dryden's comedy, "Secret Love," for which we wish our spirited young friends the fullest meed of success.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—The annual banquet took place on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at the Bedford Hotel, 4 Southampton Buildings, Holborn, when Brother T. B. Dodson P.M. 860 presided; he was supported by J. Hodges 2021, J. L. Cornu 860, M. Barnard 749, A. Rideal 860, H. Jenkins 860, M. Blank 704, H. C. Soper P.M. 704, R. Perry I.G. 1382, G. H. Wyatt 946, J. Hayward P.M. 946, Ernest Dury (Vice President) 1824, W. H. Lewis 1157, E. Jones 157, T. Walton 157, T. B. Linscott P.M. 55, J. C. Main Secretary 1531, Harry Barnett 1929, E. J. Goodale W.M. 1531, W. Hollis Treasurer 1531, W. T. Brailey S.W. 1531, T. C. Nunn P.M. 1531, John Soper P.M. 1769, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, C. J. Fox P.M. 201, J. Dale 1613, W. Lincoln 534, J. G. Tongue J.W. 534, F. W. Tacon J.W. 1196, Snelling S.D. 1541, H. Bliss, Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth. A capital menu had been provided by Brother Bond, the proprietor of the Bedford Hotel, and the dinner was admirably served under his personal superintendence. After full justice had been done to the good things supplied, Brother Dodson rose; he expressed his intention not to occupy the time of the brethren by lengthy speeches, as he thought the short interval at their disposal might be more agreeably spent in the enjoyment of harmony. He would therefore at once ask the brethren present to drink to their rulers in the comprehensive toast of devotion to the Throne, and fidelity to the best interests of the Craft. Prosperity to the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction was the next toast, and with it was associated the name of Brother Fox, the Preceptor, who acknowledged the compliment paid him. The health of the President of the evening was gracefully proposed by Brother T. B. Linscott P.M., and Brother Dodson in reply expressed the satisfaction he felt in presiding over such a representative body of Craftsmen. The Constitutional was one of the oldest of our Lodges of Instruction, and had done good service in the past. He trusted in its present quarters, which were centrally situated and easy of excess, it would continue a career of prosperity. During the evening reference was made to the zeal and activity displayed by Brother J. C. Main, who had successfully taken steps to establish a Masonic Association in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, which we doubt not will realize substantial sums in support of the Charitable Institutions of the Craft.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 22nd inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Pitt W.M., Prior S.W., Penrose J.W., B. R. Banks Treas., Speight P.M. Sec., Bedford Williams S.D., Jackson J.D., Dixon I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, H. Bartlett P.M., and Bros. Dodd and Emblin. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dodd personating the candidate. Lodge was called *off*. *On resuming*, the usual questions leading from the first to the second degree were well answered by Bro. Dodd. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, after which the Lodge was closed to the first degree. All business being ended Lodge was closed in due form.

On Thursday, 29th instant, Bros. Pitt W.M., Thomas S.W., Mansfield J.W., Banks P.M. Treasurer, Speight P.M. Secretary, Brior S.D., Jackson J.D., Penrose I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. George Bolton, Hutchings Preceptor, and several others. On this evening the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was called off; on resuming, it was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and closed to the first, when after some formal business, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No 188.—There was a numerous gathering of the members of this popular City Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday evening, 22nd instant, at Bro. Chillingworth's Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, when Bro. Wall occupied the chair as Worshipful Master, supported by Bros. J. Janes as S.W., G. Nightingale J.W., Isaac Botibol S.D., Agutter I.G., J. Hicks Secretary, R. J. Chillingworth P.M. Treasurer, and many other brethren. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M. for the evening, assisted by Bro. Shermer, acting as Preceptor, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dodson. Bro. Phillips was the candidate for raising. Business was followed by the usual harmony, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Wednesday, 21st October. Bros. Egan W.M., Saint S.W., Gildersleeve J.W., Shackell P.M., Cubitt Preceptor, Simmonds I.G.; Bros. King, Lashbrook, Israel, and Pitt Secretary. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. King candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree and then closed. Bro. King, Lodge of Confidence, No. 193, was elected a member. Bro. Saint was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. All labour ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

On Wednesday, the 28th inst. Bros. Saint W.M., Webb P.M. S.W., Lashbrook J.W., Pitt Secretary, Campbell Preceptor, Cubitt, King, Gardner, Settle, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro Gardner candidate. Bro. Campbell answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in the second and, the ceremony of the degree was rehearsed. Bro. Campbell 795 was elected a member and Bro. Webb appointed W.M. for next week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 10th instant. Bros. Kirk W.M., Barnett S.W., Birch J.W., Lewis S.D., Harrowen J.D., Cauldfield I.G., Cohen Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Fenner,

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Lorkin, Weeden, Harding, Keogh, Moss, Van Gelder, Lone, Sheffield, Harding, Aynsley, Brett, Garner, and Aslett. After preliminaries, Bro. Van Gelder offered himself as candidate, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Cohen worked the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and Bro. Garner of the Sir Hugh Myddelton was elected a member.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 16th inst. Bros. Thomas W.M., J. H. Hughes S.W., Bailey J.W., Turner S.D., Monson J.D., Crowther I.G., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley and F. Botley Secretaries; also Bros. S. Flint, W. Gomm, Geflowski. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Mason Granite Lodge 1328, C. J. Morse D.C. Grosvenor Lodge 1257. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered by Bro. Flint. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor asked, and the brethren answered the questions. Lodge was opened and closed in the third and resumed to the first degree. Bros. W. J. Mason and C. J. Morse were elected members. Bro. Bailey was elected W.M. for 20th October. The annual dinner was fixed for the 6th November. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until 23rd October, at eight o'clock p.m.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—On 19th inst., at Canterbury, Bros. Carter P.M. W.M., Cockersell S.W., Develin J.W., Blamiers Treas., Simms Sec., Hammond S.D., Bellenger J.D., Beckett M.C., Cooper Steward, Pepper I.G., Blake Tyler, E. Beer P.M. P.P.G.J.D. After the usual recess the above Lodge of Instruction resumed its duties as above. Lodge being opened in the first degree, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. W. Carter was elected Preceptor for the current year and Bro. Simms Secretary. This Lodge of Instruction will in future meet weekly, at 7·30 p.m., on Mondays.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd instant, at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, when there were present Bros. Hughes Worshipful Master, Ramsay Senior Warden, Patient sen. J.W., Ware acting Secretary, Crawley S.D., McMillen J.D., Weeden Preceptor, Baker I.G.; also Bros. Hirst P.M., Williams Patient jun., Allsworth and James. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed Bro. Patient jun. candidate. Bro. Williams answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Ramsay was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693. — On Monday, the 19th instant, at Brother Baker's, the Cock Tavern Highbury, N. Bros. Kirk Worshipful Master, Garner S.W., Snook J.W., Hutchinson S.D., Collingridge (Sec.) J.D., Baker I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several others. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Fluck candidate. Bro. Western answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony, of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Western candidate. Lodge was resumed and closed in perfect harmony. Bro. Pinaud was elected a member.

On Monday, 26th inst. Bros. Collingridge W.M., Garner S.W. Snook J.W., Collingridge Sec., Weeden acting Preceptor, Western J.D., Baker I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wittal candidate. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Keogh acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and closed in due form. Bro. Cooper W.M. 1693 will occupy the chair on Monday, 2nd November.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No 2012. — On Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Tabard Hotel, Bedford Park, W. Bros. John Brown W.M., Purdue S.W., Wood J.W., Johnson Sec. Williams S.D., Gardner (Treas.) J.D., Furze I.G., Weeks Tyler; P.M.'s Sims, Botley, Sugg P.P.G.O. Surrey; Bros. Wesley Preceptor, Steers, Cragge, Wing, Stroud, Wilson, Meyers, F. Botley. After preliminaries the first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Meyers candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered by Bro. Steers, who was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge closed to first degree Bro. Purdue P.M. was voted to the chair for next meeting. Lodge closed. The first ballot of the Chiswick Masonic Benevolent Association resulted in favour of Bro. Gardner Treasurer.

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GOSPORT LODGE, No. 305.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, High-street, for the purpose of installing Bro. the Rev. B. Ring, LL.D., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. Bro. F. Powell P.P.G.A.D.C. in a most able manner. The Worshipful Master having invested his Officers for the ensuing year, presented, in a few well-chosen words, a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., as a mark of the cordial respect and esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the Lodge. Amongst the distinguished brethren present was the D.P.G.M. for Hants and Isle of Wight (Bro. Loveland Loveland), who expressed his entire satisfaction with the able manner in which the working of this Lodge had been carried out since its formation three years ago.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 7th November, at seven o'clock. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., D. Moss P.M. 1275 S.W., C. Weeden S.W. 813 J.W., C. Lorkin P.M. 1524 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Brett, Kirk, Harding, Jenkins, Fenner, Powell, Gush. Second Lecture—Bros. Aynsley, Moss, Weeden, Lorkin, Giddings. Third Lecture—Bros. Lone, Dixie, Cross. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 Preceptor. R. W. Galer S.W. 1366 Secretary.

By the Brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, by invitation of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Friday, the 13th November, at seven p.m. precisely. Bro. James Hemming J.D. 1287 W.M., J. C. Smith J.W. 1744 S.W., L. Solomon P.M. 1732 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Kershaw, Mulvey, Nickolls, Guyer, Barling, Paul, Davies. Second Lecture—Bros. Duncan, Burgess, Proctor, Smith, Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Parsons, Greenway, Solomon. Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446 Preceptor. Bro. G. H. Hunter P.M. 1298 Hon. Sec.

A new issue of "The Child's Life of Christ" is to be published in "The Magazine of Art." It consists of the story of Our Lord's Life, written in easy language, and illustrated by original engravings, representing actual scenes in the East.

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The Rev. R. Maguire, Lady Laura Hampton, the Rev. W. M. Statham, the Hon. Katharine Scott, the Rev. H. R. Lovell, the Rev. W. Burnet, and the Rev. Gordon Calthrop are among the contributors to the first part of the new volume of the *Quiver*, just published. Two new serial stories will be commenced, and the part will contain several short complete stories by popular authors.

The Annual of "The Little One's-Own Coloured Picture Paper" will this year be published as "The Little One's-Own Keepsake," and will contain 300 original tales in prose and verse by the editor and 40 other writers, and 400 pictures in chromo colours by R. André, C. S. Flint, Miss E. F. Manning, and 30 other eminent artists.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 2nd 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)
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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1708—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
1825—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1869—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1893—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1901—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton

R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

TUESDAY, 3rd 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
35—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
511—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
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
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, 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
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Strond, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Free masons' Hall, Redcar.
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
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
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. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lewisham-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
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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.
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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
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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.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1285—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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)
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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
1724—Kaisir-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
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 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. 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 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farcham
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
448—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

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—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1584—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farrington
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 425—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Islington-square, Salford

FRIDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 153 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W. (In)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
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)
1164—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1208—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Pongo, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1469—Ezra, 99 Ball's Pond-road, N
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 369—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Alfred Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Star, Five Bells, 135 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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)
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Stud. Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1496—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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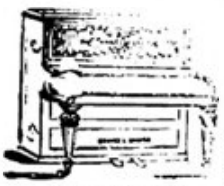
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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

THE loyalty of English Freemasons towards their Grand Master, and the respect they show for his every action, are fully exemplified by the way in which they endorse the selections he makes year by year of brethren on whom to confer the dignities of Grand Lodge office, and by the unanimity of the recognition they accord those brethren whenever an opportunity presents itself. Freemasonry knows nothing of those distinctions which in other organizations entitle leaders to respect from one section, half-hearted agreement from another, and open opposition from a third; its members are actuated by no party spirit, or class opinion, but unite in according to the heads of the Brotherhood one continuous round of approval throughout the length and breadth of the land. Few brethren are aware of the rule—even if there be one—which guides the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in his annual selection of Officers, while there is no one, we are convinced, who questions the justice of the choice made by *His Royal Highness*. It matters not who the officers are, or what they have done for Freemasonry; all the brethren need to know is, that their Grand Master has considered them worthy of the highest distinction, and that is sufficient to call forth the approval of the entire Craft. Brethren are selected who are unknown, perhaps even by name, to the large majority of English Freemasons, yet their reception is no less hearty, or the honour shown towards them no less sincere than if they were well known and highly respected outside the limits of Freemasonry. Undoubtedly the Grand Officers of England individually are more enthusiastically received in their own particular district than elsewhere, and this is not to be wondered at, as it is but natural a man's personal friends should be louder in congratulation than others who only know him as the holder of a position of honour; but, as a body, the Grand Officers are sure of as hearty a welcome in one quarter of the kingdom as they are in any other, and this proves the existence of that unanimity which forms so important a feature in the working of Freemasonry. The Antient Charges and Regulations of the Craft enjoin on every candidate for the Master's chair the necessity of holding in veneration the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order, and their regular Successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations. Right nobly do the brethren, as a body, recognise the principle of this Charge, and zealously do they support its teachings. No matter to what office a brother may be appointed by the Grand Master, he will be looked upon as a regular successor to the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order, and honoured accordingly. A question presents itself at the present time in connection with one of the offices of Grand Lodge which, although easily answered, is yet worthy of passing consideration. Will the brethren always show the same amount of respect towards their own selections for grand honours as they have hitherto evinced towards the appointments of the Grand Master? In other words will they always honour the Grand Treasurer of the year and his predecessors—who are the only Grand Officers selected by the brethren themselves—with the same spirit they have hitherto evinced? We think we may undoubtedly say yes, as we feel there is little fear of the dignity of the office of Grand Treasurer ever being lessened by the appointment of a brother unworthy of the honour. There may, perhaps, be some who feel that the return may be secured of a brother hardly worthy of the distinction, but their fears are unfounded, as results will prove. It is not on this ground that discredit will be brought upon the amendment recently made to annually transfer the collar of Grand Treasurer—those who are selected will be worthy of the distinction, but there may perhaps be a question as to the ultimate result of an annual contest, for contest we must call it, if the election is to be surrounded with the same characteristics which have marked it in the past. We can only hope that the brotherly spirit which actuates Freemasons in their other actions may make itself felt here also, and that the success or failure of one or other of the candidates will not give rise to jealousy or envy among their respective supporters. As we have already said, we have little or no fear of disaster, at the same time, however, we must recognize the possibility of jealousy arising; accordingly it is wise to look at the matter from such a point of view, and to shape our conduct accordingly. In our official capacity as chroniclers of the doings of Freemasons, and of the working of Freemasonry, it would ill become us to recommend one or other of the candidates and make a point of espousing his cause; but though at the same time we feel it our duty to show no favour nor make any distinctions, yet as the medium of our columns is one of the few methods by which the merits of the respective candidates can be placed before the Craft, we feel justified in devoting some of our space to each of them as his wish to aspire to the honours of the office is made known to us.

The first of whom we have any definite information as regards the next election is Bro. Richard Biddulph Martin, and the announcement that he would be put in nomination for the office was publicly made at the installation meeting of The Great City Lodge on the 10th instant, as reported in our last issue. Bro. Martin was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry some twenty-five years ago, in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and at the present time he is Treasurer of that Lodge. He is a Past Master of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708 (formerly No. 1010), and one of the founders, and present Treasurer of the White Horse of Kent Lodge, No. 1506. As a Royal Arch Freemason he is a member of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, while in the Mark Degree he owes allegiance to the Carnarvon Lodge of Mark Master Masons; and in the Rose Croix to the Oxford and Cambridge Chapter. He is a Life Governor of the Three Institutions, and never having been honoured with the purple of either Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge, may be looked upon as a veritable representative of Blue Masonry. Outside Freemasonry Bro. Martin holds the distinction of J.P. for the County of Kent, and he is also M.P. for Tewkesbury, the representation of which is, under the new act, merged in the county. He will contest Chelmsford at the next election. In the City of London he holds a position which has won for him the respect and esteem of his fellow Citizens, and we doubt not that should he be selected for the dignity of Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons, he will not only maintain the reputation of the office, but even add additional lustre to it. We wish him, in company with the other candidates for the post, every success, and trust that the best man may be the one selected. The choice rests with the Craftsmen of England, and we can confidently leave the decision to them.

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ADVANCEMENT AND EXTENSION OF OUR SCHOOLS.

THE extension of the Masonic Educational Institutions, a subject at all times of interest to the hearts of English Freemasons, is one which can be approached only with a considerable amount of anxiety; it is not merely the actual enlargement for the time being that has to be considered, but the effect any extension will have on the future, and the additional annual outlay it must entail for all time. The enlargement of one of the Schools, and the increase in the number of pupils who can be accommodated therein means a permanent addition to the expenditure of the Institution which there is no fund to provide for; indeed the permanent income of the Schools—arising from interest on invested funds, &c.—is so trivial, as compared with the permanent calls upon them, as to render them all but dependent on voluntary contributions for their maintenance year by year. Under these circumstances, then, it becomes necessary to make special appeals to the Craft as often as any extension is contemplated or arranged for, and to follow this up with special appeals for continued or extended help from those who sanctioned the original extension. We have often said that our Institutions are supported by a comparatively few; that the same names appear year after year among the list of Stewards and Subscribers, and that the Charities are supported by a moiety only of the English Craft. Of course it would be better if each brother on the roll of Lodges in the kingdom could be induced to undertake a part of the work which comes under the head of Masonic assistance, but failing this it follows that the same men must labour year after year rather than a radical change should take place. Brethren subscribe to one or other of the Institutions because they deem them worthy of support; they urge their claims because they consider they are deserving of encouragement, and later on they propose and approve their enlargement, because claims on them are both urgent and pressing. They commit the Craft to a certain annual expenditure, and when it comes to the question who shall find the money, they prove the sincerity of their previous actions by taking a large share of the work upon themselves. Thus it is we find the same men working again and again in the cause of Masonic Charity; they have lent their approval to extended operations, and they have the honesty to take a share in the extended labour they have created. But these old and tried workers should not be expected to do all the work. The Craft in its corporate capacity does not wish this, and nobly provides numbers of new supporters, who in turn become permanent workers in the good cause. That this will long be the case is not only the wish, but the hope of English Craftsmen.

At the present time two matters of extension of the Masonic Educational Institutions are before the Craft, and each of them call for warm support from the Brotherhood. The Boys' School has been enlarged by the addition of a Preparatory School and other buildings, and the Girls' School by the purchase of a piece of land which borders two sides of the previously acquired property of the Institution.

The Preparatory School of the Boys' Institution has been so often referred to, and its claims are so generally recognized, that little need be said now, except to point out the special privileges which accrue to subscribers who, before the close of the present year, contribute funds especially for it. These "special privileges" consist of double votes for duly qualified Life Governors of the General Fund, Individual Donors, Lodges, Chapters, &c., for contributions of not less than Five Guineas to the "Special Building Fund," up to the 31st December 1885, and should be sufficient to yet secure a very large amount of money in aid of the special cause referred to.

The addition to the property of the Girls' School, which has recently been sanctioned by the General Court, is the acquisition of a belt of land bounding two sides of the property of the Institution, at a cost of £5,700. This large, but absolutely necessary expenditure, which has been decided upon in defence and protection of the most vital interests of the School will entail a very heavy strain upon the finances of the Charity. It is hoped that the correspondingly urgent appeal for the continuance of the liberal support hitherto so generously accorded by the Craft may not be made in vain, but that at no very distant date the Craft will have subscribed the amount just spent, in addition to its usual contributions. There are several matters in connection with the Girls' School which may also be referred to when urging special support for it at the present time, and these may, perhaps, be best enumerated by a brief survey of the history of the Institution. The School was founded on the 25th March 1788, at the suggestion of the Chevalier Bartholomeo Ruspini, Surgeon Dentist to His Majesty King George the Fourth, then Prince of Wales. Since its foundation 1413 girls have been provided with education, clothing, and maintenance in the School, which has now 242 pupils, as compared with 100 in December 1872, or an increase of 142 in thirteen years.

A swimming bath has recently been completed, and it is confidently anticipated that, besides gaining the invaluable knowledge of the art of natation, the health also of the girls will be greatly promoted by that most healthful and invigorating exercise, while it may justly be said that the heavy outlay recently incurred by the re-organising of the drainage system and other sanitary arrangements of the Institution Buildings has been fully justified by results.

The girls on election are first admitted into the Junior School, where they receive all the special care and attention which are so necessary for children of tender years, and are afterwards drafted into the Senior School, where they remain until they attain the age of sixteen; they receive a sound English Education, and are employed by turns in all the Domestic Duties of the house, great pains are also being taken to render them skilful in Plain Needlework. At the Cambridge Local Examination, in December last, the names of fourteen Girls were entered, every one of whom, it is most gratifying to note, passed, four being in the Honours List, besides several other distinctions. At the Science Examinations connected with the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, of the 57 girls presented in Physiography, 49 passed (9 of these being presented in the advanced stage, all of whom passed); in Geology, 32 were presented, of whom 30 passed. It may be well to note that these Science Classes, which have proved of so much use and interest to the pupils, are conducted without cost to the Institution. The girls are also educated in Practical Cookery by an ex-pupil, who holds a first-class certificate from South Kensington.

These are among the features to which we may to-day refer in advocating special consideration of the merits of the Masonic Educational Institutions. At the present time funds are much needed for both of them, and the members of the Craft are urgently appealed to to provide the sums required.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

FIRST—In my paper printed 22nd August I ventured to differ with Bro. Schultz as to whom Stapleton, in his letter of 1827, applied the title of "distinguished chief." Now a Bro. Eckel gave Jeremy L. Cross a warrant in 1817 to confer the select degree on a certain number of Royal Arch Masons in a Royal Arch Chapter, and when the number was full Cross was empowered to "grant them a warrant to open a Council of Select, and confer the degree," &c. This seemed to me to mean that the Council should then be independent of the R.A. Chapter. Stapleton, however, censured somebody for abuse of authority in establishing Councils independent of R.A. Chapters. And as Bro. Schultz brought to light a document signed by Eckel and Niles, which described a Bro. Wilmans of 1792 as possessing about a score of "magnificent high degree Masonic titles," from whom they received the power of conferring the select degree, I concluded that the "distinguished chief" was designed for the great Wilmans, while the censure against the violator of the "chief's" injunction referred to Eckel, and not to Cross, as Bro. Schultz supposed. I then wrote my views to Bro. Schultz, who frankly conceded that I was right. Subsequently, however, I sent another letter of Stapleton to Bro. Schultz, written about 1850, which seemed to indicate that Eckel was Stapleton's "chief," and not Wilmans. Bro. Schultz, however, still thought that the "chief" was intended for Wilmans. But later on Bro. Schultz wrote to me that he had discovered still another of Stapleton's letters, which satisfied him that his first opinion was right. So far we

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agree, but I could not entirely free myself from blaming Stapleton for his insinuation against Cross's abusing his power in establishing a Select Council independent of a R.A. Chapter. This seems to puzzle Bro. Schultz yet; but he accounts for it thus. He says that when the R.A. degree used to be conferred in a Masonic Lodge, the said Lodge, for the time being, was dignified by the title of "Grand Lodge," and when they conferred the Select degree in a R.A. Chapter the Chapter was metamorphosed into a "Grand Council of Select Masters." Hence, he thinks that Eckel did not mean to allow Cross to establish a Council of Selects to be independent of a R.A. Chapter. I confess that it is not quite satisfactory to my understanding, more especially so as the records of the Royal and Select Council of New York claim that Eckel chartered an independent Council for New York in 1820; but as a copy of the alleged New York warrant is not in existence, it is impossible to know anything about it.

2nd. In my article printed in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE 18th December 1884, about "The Charleston Mother Supreme Grand Council of the World," for so Bro. Pike styles his Council, I stated: that in a magazine published by the well-known Bro. Folger, at New York, who is Grand Secretary of one of the Cerneau concerns, I found that Albert Pike frankly confessed that he did not know when he was made a thirty-third, nor when he was made Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction. Well, I could scarcely realize that Bro. Pike's memory was so defective as not to remember even the year when he was exalted above all other mortals; and hence I concluded that Bro. Pike must have got his A. and A. degrees from a degree pedlar. But it seems I was mistaken here too, for the Detroit, Michigan, *Freemason*, of 3rd October, contains the following news:—

"Gen. Pike asserts that Cerneau never had the thirty-third degree; General Lafayette received that degree from Cerneau personally, by direction of Gov. Clinton, and was received and acknowledged as a thirty-third by the Supreme Grand Council of France years before the Pike or any other Council in America outside of the Cerneau Council was recognised by any Masonic power in the world. In June 1813 Joseph Cerneau established a Grand Consistory in New Orleans. In 1836 that body developed into a Supreme Council of the thirty-third, and in 1855 was known as the Foulhouze Council by a 'concordat,' and Claud Samory, who was the Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Fulhouze Council, and as such signed the 'concordat,' conferred the thirty-third degree on Albert Pike on the 25th day of April 1857. Thus Pike himself received his own thirty-third degree through the successor of Cerneau in Louisiana."

Now, if the above statement should turn out to be true, I must beg Brother Pike's pardon for presuming to suppose even for a moment that he had received any kind of Masonry from a degree pedlar. But with regard to the Cerneau concern at New York. Oh! how much ink and paper has been wasted to prove that it was a fraud, a sham, a counterfeit, an illegitimate, a spurious, and a what not. It is only within a few weeks that the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire devoted about thirty five pages of its Proceedings mainly to Cerneau's *spuriousness*, and the Grand Secretary of Ohio also wrote a pamphlet against Cerneau's legality. Now, if the New York concern of 1807, and all along since, was illegal, the Foulhouze concern at New Orleans must also be illegal. Bro. Pike, the child of the Foulhouze concern, must also be illegal, and if the Grand Commander of the "Supreme Mother Council of the World" is illegal, then the said Council, as well as all the Grand Councils in the world, must also be illegal. Such being the case, what then will become of the A. and A. Riters if all the Grand Councils in the world are alike bogus, spurious, illegitimate, illegal, &c.?

BOSTON, U.S., 7th October 1885.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming increase of death from cholera and diarrhœa should be a warning to every one to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease.

Obituary.

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THE LATE BRO. G. P. ARNOLD.

THE remains of the late Bro. George P. Arnold, P.M. and Secretary of the St. Clair Lodge, were interred on Monday afternoon last, at the Mile End Cemetery. A retired schoolmaster of the Royal Navy, the deceased was one of the oldest Masons in the town, and he was respected throughout the Craft, not only for his personal qualities, but for his proficiency in the ritual and the deep interest which he took in all matters connected with the Order, with the members of which he was a universal favourite. He was a great authority on all doubtful points, and his opinion was always highly valued, as it invariably proved sound. In his earlier years he was a great supporter of the old Athenæum, or Mechanics' Institute, and he was one of the members who attended the classes in connection with that institution. He was one of the founders of the United Service Lodge, of which he afterwards became the Worshipful Master. His remains were followed to the grave by members of the principal Lodges in the town, but chiefly by members of the United Service, Landport, and Royal Sussex Lodges. The youngest Lodge in the town—the St. Clair—was also strongly represented, among the members being Captain St. Clair Worshipful Master; Alderman Cudlipp Past Master, and other members represented the Portsmouth Lodge. Messrs. W. Gunnell and H. Croucher took an active part in arranging the funeral procession, which consisted of a line of nineteen carriages, and excited a great deal of attention. Starting from the Freemasons' Club in Commercial-road the cortège proceeded to Edinburgh-road, and through Unicorn-road, to the deceased's residence in Nile-street, and thence to the cemetery, where a large number of Masons, who had walked, were in waiting. The deceased leaves a father, over ninety years of age, to lament the loss of a dutiful, faithful, and generous son. As a mark of the esteem in which he was held by his neighbours, they were represented by a body of little girls carrying baskets of flowers, which they threw on the lid of the coffin, which was already covered with some beautiful white wreaths. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. Harris, of Portsea, the service was read by the Rev. T. Moorby, and at its conclusion each member of the Masonic body dropped a sprig of acacia on the coffin.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the late Elections for the Schools, I herewith enclose you tables showing what the results will be for London and the Provinces (when the successful candidates are admitted next February), and what are the average annual contributions for the seven years ending the financial year of 1884 from each, with the respective cost on the general funds. When the financial year for 1885 is completed, and the several Secretaries have kindly supplied the result, I will prepare a fresh septennial table, with the result, I hope, of sums more equal to the demand. At the Election in April next, there will be twenty-two vacancies in the Girls' School, fifteen of which will be London cases; the boys will then only have fifteen vacancies, of which a fourth will be from Londoners. The statistics of the Election are as follow:—Out of a total issue of 37,290 votes, 33,292 were used, leaving within two of 4000 not accounted for (to this number has to be added 5701 brought forward from April last, making a total of 38,993 recorded, including 7909 to be carried forward to next April). The average number polled for the successful candidates was high—1,969. One very gratifying fact is, that neither of the last chances were left out; this, however, is not the case with the Boys, for out of seven last chances four only succeeded. One, No. 23, was withdrawn; and it would have been more creditable to all concerned if No. 1, with only 97 votes after the sixth application, for which he polled ninety on this occasion; and No. 25, with two votes, on his first and last application, had been withdrawn also. The total number of votes recorded on Monday for the Boys was 53,849, of which 5,954 were brought forward from April, and 45,955 out of 54,105 issued. The first number includes 4,272 to be carried forward to the next election. The average number for the thirty-seven successful candidates was low, in comparison with the other School, viz., nearly 1,378. The next election will require great energy to be exerted if a candidate is to be in the swim at all, and the polling will be proportionately high; but as the list stands at present there will be only two last chances, viz., No. 48, Limpricht, of Northumberland; and No. 56, Bolton, Kennington Lodge, 1381, London. Surely these can be successfully landed. Of

GIRLS.

Provinces.	Present Strength.	Leaving.	Total.	Elected.	Total.	Cost.	Yearly Contribution.		
						£	£	s	d
London	79	2	77	4	81	2754	5900	19	0
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	18	0
Berks and Bucks ...	1	1	0	1	1	34	201	1	0
Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	6	0
Cambridgeshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	1	0
Cheshire	4	1	3	—	3	102	168	8	0
Cornwall ... ... —	1	—	1	—	1	34	70	17	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland ...	2	—	2	—	2	68	57	7	0
Derbyshire	2	—	2	—	2	68	147	13	0
Devonshire	6	1	5	—	5	170	174	12	0
Dorsetshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	2	0
Durham	3	—	3	—	3	102	113	17	0
Essex	2	—	2	1	3	102	245	16	0
Gloucestershire	4	—	4	—	4	136	366	0	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	12	2	10	1	11	374	348	19	0
Herefordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	
Hertfordshire	2	—	2	—	—	68	137	16	0
Kent	13	—	13	2	15	510	360	16	0
Lancashire (East) ...	7	3	4	—	—	136	150	1	0
Lancashire (West) ...	8	—	8	—	8	272	235	15	0
Leicester and Rutland ...	1	—	1	—	1	34	76	10	0
Lincolnshire	4	1	3	2	5	170	12	1	0
Middlesex	5	—	5	—	5	170	375	1	0
Monmouthshire	1	—	1	1	2	68	70	10	0
Norfolk	1	—	1	—	1	34	47	9	0
Norths and Hunts ...	1	—	4	—	1	34	—		
Northumberland ...	3	—	3	—	3	102	29	5	0
Nottinghamshire ...	2	—	2	—	2	68	62	4	0
Oxfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	123	1	0
Somersetshire	5	—	5	—	5	170	157	1	0
Staffordshire	4	—	4	—	4	136	258	14	0
Suffolk	5	1	4	1	5	170	111	7	0
Surrey	—	—	—	—	—	—	104	11	0
Sussex	3	—	3	1	4	136	240	15	0
Warwickshire	5	1	4	—	4	136	249	5	0
Wiltshire...	6	1	5	—	5	170	162	17	0
Worcestershire	2	—	2	—	2	68	119	16	0
Yorkshire (N. & E.) ...	6	1	5	1	6	204	157	10	0
Yorkshire (West) ...	21	2	19	1	20	680	652	17	0
Wales (North) and Shropshire	2	—	2	—	2	68	113	19	0
Wales (South and East)	5	—	5	—	5	170	145	14	0
Wales (West)	2	1	1	—	1	34	114	2	0
Channel Isles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Colonies	8	—	8	—	8	272	86	7	0

BOYS.

London	53	5	48	17	65	2925	5747	7	0
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	11	0
Berks and Bucks ...	1	—	1	—	1	45	211	5	0
Bristol ... — ...	1	—	1	—	1	45	11	11	0
Cambridgeshire	—	—	—	1	1	45	27	3	0
Cheshire	4	1	3	—	3	135	161	9	0
Cornwall	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	17	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland ...	4	—	4	—	4	180	210	8	0
Derbyshire	1	—	1	—	1	45	147	12	0
Devonshire	6	1	5	1	6	270	126	9	0
Dorsetshire	5	—	5	—	5	225	180	1	0
Durham	4	—	4	2	6	270	251	16	0
Essex	4	—	4	—	4	180	149	6	0
Gloucestershire	4	1	3	—	3	135	324	1	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	6	2	4	3	7	315	269	3	0
Herefordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	13	0
Hertfordshire	2	—	2	—	2	90	107	18	0
Kent	7	1	6	—	6	270	704	3	0
Lancashire (East) ...	10	3	7	1	8	360	499	3	0
Lancashire (West) ...	8	—	8	—	8	360	534	0	0
Leicester and Rutland ...	1	—	1	—	1	45	104	7	0
Lincolnshire	6	1	5	1	6	270	25	8	0
Middlesex	6	—	6	—	6	270	313	2	0
Monmouthshire	—	—	—	1	1	45	99	9	0
Norfolk	3	—	3	—	3	135	93	14	0
Norths and Hunts ...	3	—	3	—	3	135	30	15	0
Northumberland ...	5	—	5	—	5	225	265	18	0
Nottinghamshire ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	7	0
Oxfordshire	1	—	1	1	2	90	59	6	0
Somersetshire	5	2	3	—	3	135	121	12	0
Staffordshire	4	—	4	1	5	225	201	8	0
Suffolk	1	—	1	—	—	45	146	1	0
Surrey	3	—	3	—	3	135	126	7	0
Sussex	4	—	4	2	6	270	243	9	0
Warwickshire	3	1	2	—	2	90	181	9	0
Wiltshire...	2	1	1	—	—	45	43	19	0
Worcestershire	3	—	3	—	3	135	189	11	0
Yorkshire (N. & E.) ...	4	—	4	2	6	270	191	9	0
Yorkshire (West) ...	15	1	14	2	16	720	609	10	0
Wales (North) and Shropshire	3	—	3	—	3	135	140	16	0
Wales (South and East)	1	—	1	—	1	45	159	18	0
Wales (West)	3	—	3	1	4	180	95	17	0
Channel Isles	3	1	2	—	2	90	42	17	3
Colonies	9	1	8	1	9	405	31	16	7

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

FOR unanimity and concord commend us to this old and successful Lodge. Under the genial rule of its present Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred J. Potter, and a long array of veterans by whom his efforts are seconded, the Lodge has succeeded amply in maintaining the proud position it has for many years continued to enjoy. It is well within our recollection how, when at a closing meeting before the summer recess, when a magnificent and deserved testimonial was presented to Bro. Harper, the hard-working and zealous Secretary, reference was made to the vicissitudes which had marked the annals of the New Concord Lodge. Happily, by united effort, all difficulties have now been surmounted, and as the title of the Lodge implies, a period—let us hope it will be long maintained—of "new concord" has now set in. The brethren assembled in goodly force on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred J. Potter, presided, supported by Bros. C. Weeden S.W., A. Perl J.W., Rev. C. Stevens Chaplain, J. Boulton P.M. Treasurer, R. B. Harper P.M. Secretary, F. Perl S.D., C. J. E. Chubb J.D., C. H. Ockleford D. of C., F. M. Wenborn Organist, J. J. Pilley I.G.; P.M.'s J. Stilwell, T. J. Cusworth, L. C. Haslip, Sampson George, and H. J. Gabb; Bros. G. Westfield, H. L. Allardyce, A. Rose, E. C. Conrad, G. Mustoe, G. W. Vaughan, G. Warner, R. Tedman, J. R. Cordell, J. Wright, C. Brüstlin, A. Fanquez, S. Woods, and C. T. Speight Prov. G. Tyler Surrey, P.M. 27 Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Cobbam P.M. 141, S. Jacobs P.M. 1327, P.P.G. Purs. Herts., R. W. Hunter P.M. 1685, E. Jacobs 1437, H. J. Amphlett 1511, and others. Lodge was opened in form, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Arthur Rose, who had been proposed by his father, Bro. A. Rose, seconded by the Secretary, and for Mr. T. B. Richards, proposed by Bro. Pilley and seconded by Bro. A. Perl J.W. In each instance the voting was unanimous, and the candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, the working being such as to reflect the utmost credit upon the Worshipful Master and his Officers. In consequence of the death of Bro. Stead P.M., many of the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Kindly reference was also made to the loss sustained by the respected Tyler of the Lodge, who had officiated in that capacity ever since its consecration, by the death of his wife, and on the minutes was the record of a letter of condolence to Bro. Speight, which had been duly acknowledged. After the transaction of some routine business the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Throne Room, where an excellent repast was provided, and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were *duly* honoured. Bro. Cusworth, as acting I.P.M., then *assumed the gavel* and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, in doing which he said all the brethren who had witnessed the manner in which the ceremonies of the day had been performed would feel convinced that Bro. Potter took great pains to carry out the duties as befitted the W.M. of the New Concord Lodge. The toast was well received, and Bro. Potter W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren very heartily for the kind manner in which they had greeted the mention of his name. Allow him, now that they had reassembled after the summer vacation, to offer them his hearty good wishes after the long interval. He only hoped they had had a pleasant time and an enjoyable holiday, and that they had returned to their work with renewed zest and vigour. Since they last met it had been their misfortune to lose two brethren who were highly and deservedly respected in the Lodge. Bro. Stead P.M. died some weeks ago, and another equally beloved (Brother Anderson) had also been called away. He concluded by expressing the hope that they would all do their utmost to promote the continued welfare and prosperity of the New Concord Lodge. He next proposed, in suitable terms, the Initiates, observing that they had that evening admitted two brethren of whom they had every reason to be proud. The initiates were received with the utmost cordiality, and in responding to the toast Bro. Rose returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which it had been received by the company. He assured them it afforded him great pleasure to have been initiated amongst them that evening as a Mason. He should use his utmost efforts to become an ornament to the Craft and to society; and he again tendered his best thanks for the kind reception which had been given to him. Bro. Richards, after returning thanks, hoped the brethren would recognise his earnestness rather than his want of eloquence in doing so. He had for a considerable time thought of Freemasonry, although, of course, it had been to him, up to that evening, a dead letter. However, having seen many noble actions achieved by Masons, he was imbued with a desire to emulate their example. He knew such actions were only the outcome of grand teachings, and consequently he sought to join this Lodge with a view to being taught. With the instruction he should secure here he felt he stood as fair a chance as any man of becoming a good Mason, and he thanked the brethren most heartily for having admitted him into their Lodge. The Worshipful Master next gave the Visitors, who were accorded a hearty welcome, and Bro. Cobbam P.M. 141, in reply, said it was not the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting at this hospitable board, but on this occasion his pleasure was tinged with pain, because of the death of Past Master Bro. Stead, who was an old and particular friend of his. A better man in private life he never met with, and as a Mason he exhibited the most excellent qualities. He only hoped the G.A.O.T.U. had taken him to better quarters. Bro. S. Jacobs P.M. P. Prov. G. Pursuivant Herts also responded. He was glad to be present this evening to witness the initiation of his old schoolfellow, and he congratulated the Worshipful Master upon the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony. He thought so much of Freemasonry that he initiated two of his own sons on one evening.

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He had nine sons, and he hoped the Almighty would give him health and strength to make them all members of the Craft. Bros. Hunter and E. Jacobs also briefly acknowledged the hospitality which had been extended to the Visitors. The Worshipful Master proposed the Past Masters, of whom they had a goodly array that evening. No one knew until he got into the chair what assistance the Past Masters were, and he could assure the brethren he had found them most useful, as well as ornamental. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Past Masters Gabb, Cosworth, Harper, Haslip, and Stilwell, all of whom expressed unabated interest in the Lodge and their earnest wish to make it a thorough success. The Officers next came in for a well-merited compliment at the hands of the W.M., and they severally responded to the toast, the list being fittingly closed by the Tyler. Some excellent songs were rendered, and the evening was marked with the utmost urbanity and enjoyment.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. George Edwards. The meeting was a most successful one, and fully up to the standard of the Lodge. The minutes having been confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received, Bro. Charles Everett was raised, the Worshipful Master performing the ceremony in a most gratifying manner, as he also did that of the installation which followed. He was supported by the following Officers:—Henry Lovegrove S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., Fred. J. Perks P.M. Secretary, C. J. Scales P.M., W. M. Stiles P.M., Henry Stiles P.M., T. C. Edmonds S.D., F. W. Dimsdale J.D., W. F. Bates D.C., J. G. McEwan A.D.C, G. F. Bruce Organist, W. Davey I.G., R. W. Fraser Steward, and S. Smith Tyler. Bro. Henry Lovegrove P.M. P.Z. was the Worshipful Master elect, and he having been installed and saluted, invested the following as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros Knight S.W., Edmonds J.W., Perks P.M. Secretary, Dimsdale S D., Davey J.D., Bates I.G., McEwan D.C., Fraser A.D.C., Bruton and Brice Stewards, Bruce Organist, Smith Tyler. The W.M. said he had received a letter from Bro. J. Willing, their Treasurer, wherein he said he was afraid he should not be present at the meeting, as business detained him in another part of London. The W.M. said he should have much pleasure in investing Bro. Willing with his collar of office on the first occasion on which he was able to be present. Brother Edwards then proceeded to complete the ceremony of installation, rendering the addresses in an able manner. Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. proposed that the best thanks of the Lodge be voted to the Installing Master, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that day. Bro. Scales P.M. seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation. The W.M., in formally conveying to Bro. Edwards the thanks of the Lodge, said he had additional pleasure in supplementing the vote by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel, which had been previously voted by the members. Bro. Lovegrove felt that the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge had never been given to a more worthy brother than to Bro. Edwards, or one who had striven harder to earn it. Bro. Edwards thanked the brethren for the very kind feelings they had evinced towards him in presenting the Past Master's jewel he had just received, and also for the hearty support they had rendered him during his term of office. A vote of condolence with one of the members of the Lodge, who had just lost his wife, and one of congratulation with Bro. Carter, on his restoration to health after a most severe accident, having been passed, the Worshipful Master proposed that, in consideration of the great services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. J. J. Michael, one of the earliest Masters, he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The proposition was seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In due course the usual toasts were honoured. That of the Queen and Craft was followed by the health of the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince of Wales had done a great amount of work for the good of Freemasonry, and appeared ever ready to advance its welfare. The Worshipful Master felt that when the day came for the Grand Master to exchange the gavel for the sceptre, the destinies of England would be safe under his rule. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers were next honoured. Brethren who had the privilege of taking a part in the proceedings at Grand Lodge were well acquainted with the ability displayed by the rulers of the Craft in the conduct of its affairs. There was no more distinguished Chairman in England than the Pro Grand Master, and if the Deputy Grand Master was not quite equal it was perhaps because he had had less experience, but the noble presence of Lord Lathom amply compensated for any shortcoming he might possess in this respect. The Immediate Past Master next assumed the gavel. He felt it was quite unnecessary for him to say anything to recommend the toast he had to propose—the health of the Worshipful Master of the Metropolitan Lodge. There were however, a few points to which he desired to refer. Bro. Lovegrove was initiated in the Lodge, and had worked his way through the different offices until now he was Worshipful Master. The brethren would all, he was sure, do what they could to make their Master's term of office one of success for the Lodge. The Worshipful Master had seen a great amount of service in Freemasonry, but in presiding over his mother Lodge his past honours would be forgotten in the gratification of the moment. Doubtless his experience, acquired elsewhere, would be of service to him in ruling his mother Lodge. Brother Lovegrove replied, tendering his thanks, and hoping he might be able to manage the Lodge as the brethren desired it should be governed. Bro. Edwards had told them he (Bro. Lovegrove) had had some experience in the chair of Freemasonry. True, the present was the tenth occasion on which he had presided over a body of Freemasons; but he might tell them, experience did not beget confidence, and so he felt the responsibility of his position. He should work to the best of his ability for the welfare of the Lodge and its members, and not only in the Lodge, but outside, he should devote himself to the advancement of its interests. He hoped that when he retired from office the brethren would be able to say he had succeeded in his desires. Bro. Lovegrove then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. G. Edwards I.P.M. It had always been a source of gratification to him that the brethren had elected Bro. Edwards to preside over the Lodge, as he considered him—as he had proved to be—well fitted for the office. He had carried out his duties most ably, had attended regularly, had worked most efficiently, and in finishing up his year had added the keystone to his Masonic labours by installing his successor. Brother Edwards tendered his thanks. When he assumed the government of the Lodge he felt great diffidence in undertaking the work. He had dreaded what was in store for him, lest he should prove unable to carry out his duties. Now he was able to look back upon his Mastership with gratification; thanks to the support he had received from the members of the Lodge his year of office had been a pleasure to him—he had such a united and kind-hearted body of brethren to preside over that the work had been light and the enjoyment frequent. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the other Past Masters, briefly referring to the services each had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Scales had always felt a great pleasure in attending the Lodge, and hoped to do so for many years to come. He felt that the Past Masters were actuated by but one desire—to promote brotherly love. Bro. W. M. Stiles followed. The Past Masters of the Metropolitan Lodge were very proud of the position they occupied. He felt the Past Masters would have very little to do during the coming year, for with Bro. Lovegrove in the chair there was no need for outside assistance. Should, however, the services of the Past Masters be required, they were all ready and willing to respond. Among the Past Masters were Masons who were able to do the work of Freemasonry. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement had lately invited some of them to attend and learn how Masonry should be worked. The Past Masters of the Metropolitan Lodge felt they were quite capable of showing that themselves, and, moreover, strove to teach a ritual consistent with the English language. He was very proud to see Bro. Lovegrove in the chair, and assured the brethren they might count on the Past Masters doing all they could to assist and support their present Master in his conduct of the Lodge. Bro. Henry Stiles also replied, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Baldwin replied. It afforded him great pleasure to again attend the Lodge, and to witness its continued prosperity. He felt that under the rule of Bro. Lovegrove it would lose none of its former lustre. Bro. Scurrah was also pleased to be among them. It always afforded him gratification to attend the meetings of this popular Lodge. It was popular for two reasons, first, because it had always been second to none in its working—every brother who had occupied the chair having been able to do the work in a thorough masterly manner—and, secondly, because it was a thoroughly hospitable Lodge. Bro. Scurrah assured the brethren he looked upon the Metropolitan Lodge as an exemplification of true hospitality. He knew many of its members, and looked upon them as being thorough good Masons. Their Worshipful Master was his Immediate Past Master in the Henry Levander Lodge, and had there proved himself a worthy brother and a true gentleman. The more the brethren knew of him the more they would appreciate him. Bros. Stimson, Wells and others having also responded, the Master proposed the toast of the Officers, with which he coupled the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Knight, Edmonds, Perks, and others acknowledged the toast, and then the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close. Among the Visitors were Bros. S. S. Fountaine S.W. 45, W. Hollis 1777, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2018, E. G. Cherry 861, B. Fullwood P.M. 328, A. H. Scurrah 2048, J. A. Wilson 1326, G. S. Smyth 1972, A. Symes J.W. 554, A. B. Hudson J D. 1657. John Murch P.M. 27, C. Mansfield 1421, H. Dickey Sec. 1744, J. F. Simms, W. Hunt 172, E. A. Tilbury 975. D. Stroud J.W. 2090. H. A. K. Davis 177, G. Dickinson S.D. 1681, T. Richardson W.M. 862, R. Ross D.C. 1744, John Jones I.G. 1278, A. Mullord P.M. 1288, W. Side W.M. 2045, H. Baldwin W.M. 1949, J. G. W. Gwyer W.M. 1288, W. Burroughs W.M. 1437, J. Irvine J D. 862, W. Groves P M 749, J. Kirby Sec. 336, T. C. Phillips 1963 W. R. Palmer 143, R. M. Sturridge S.D. 1648, J. Glenn S.W. 19, E. A. Wells P M. 15. Arthur Gilbey 554, C. Leach 861, W. Hollis Treasurer 1531, F. W. Farmer 25, J. Wilson W.M. 1328, E. Stimson P.M. 15.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting for the election of Master took place at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there was a large assemblage of brethren. Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P., was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Blenkin P M., C. G. Padel P M., G. Balmford P.M., Major McGachen P.M., J. Polkinghorne W.M. 1991, A. T. B. Turner S.W., W. Brown J.W., and a full attendance of brethren and several Visitors. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. Sharpe was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Treasurer announced that the audit of the Lodge accounts showed a handsome balance in favour of the Lodge. Bro. Whytehead presented, on behalf of Bro. Langley Mills, M.D., a framed copy of the engraving of the laying of the foundation-stone of the University of Edinburgh by Lord Napier, Grand Master in 1789. Bro. Padel P.M. presented the fourth volume of Gould's History of Freemasonry to the Library. The brethren then proceeded to the election of Master, when Bro. A. T. B. Turner S.W. was unanimously re-elected. Brother G. Balmford P.M. was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Hall Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the members adjourned to supper, which was presided over by the W.M. Arrangements are being made for the dedication of the Hall by the Earl of Zetland.

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

ON Monday evening the brethren of this old and prosperous Lodge assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. S. Boas Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. H. Tipper J.W., J. M. Levy J.D., Bloomfeld I.G., W. D. Bayley P.M. Treasurer, Asher Myers Secretary, S. Rosenfeld D.C., Thompson Steward; Past Masters J. D. Barnett, Nathan Moss, S. Barnett, A. E. Staley, and N. Glückstein. Amongst the Visitors were Brothers R. Sandell, Rev. S. Jacobs (Newcastle-on-Tyne) 406, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, and J. T. Crawford 766. Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Saul Nathan was passed, and subsequently Bro. H. Mayer was raised to the sublime degree. Having resumed in the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. Max Weinschenk, who had been proposed by Bro. Birn and seconded by Bro. Mayer; Mr. Sidmund Sulzbacher, nominated by Bro. J. Davis, seconded by Bro. E. Lazarus; and, as a joining member, Bro. David Hills, proposed by Bro. J. E. Eisenman, seconded by Bro. A. E. Staley. The voting in each case was unanimous, and Mr. Weinschenk and Mr. Sulzbacher were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the Worshipful Master, who acquitted himself in a most creditable manner. After the business, the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, superintended by Brother Marchant, whose arrangements were all that could be desired. The customary Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and amidst an abundance of harmony a very agreeable evening was passed.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

THIS old Lodge resumed business for the winter session on Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly muster of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. A. H. Trewinnard W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. Edis S.W., J. Quarterly J.W., J. Terry P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, J. Crump P.M. Treasurer, E. Davies P.M. acting Secretary, W. Smith S.D., C. Taylor J.D., H. Langley D.C., J. Curtis Org., F. Sandy I.G.; P.M.'s A. Hickman, Alford, R. Griggs, R. H. Halford, J. Hillhouse, J. H. Miller, C. Thomas Prov. Grand Tyler Herts Tyler, and about twenty other brethren. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. C. T. Thornes P.M. 1632, J. A. Collingridge 1677, J. Benney 75, J. A. Collings 1693, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Charles Clark, of Highbury, who had been nominated by the W.M., seconded by Bro. E. Davies. The voting was unanimous, and the candidate was duly initiated by the W.M., who fulfilled his duties in perfect manner. Several joining members were balloted for and accepted, and after some other business had been disposed of, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, at which the customary toasts were duly honoured.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE first regular Lodge of the season was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. M. J. Withers W.M., S. Wheeler jun. I.P.M., D. H. Witherington S.W., F. Blackwell J.W., R. C. Mount P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, J. W. Martin S.D., C. G. Hawkes J.D., J. R. Hayward Organist, William Sherwood I.G., J. C. B. Tirbutt acting D.C., C. T. Rayner Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler, Robert Bradley P.M. Prov. Grand Secretary; also Bros. W. J. Maurice, F. J. Wellman, B. Ruddock, H. P. Knill, C. E. Loveday, Walter Blackwell, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular Lodge, and Lodges of Emergency in May and September, were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Charles Edward Loveday having passed the usual examination as to proficiency was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. Loveday was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M., the traditional history being given by the I.P.M. Bro. Wheeler. The Lodge was resumed in the second and first degrees. The Worshipful Master referred to the death of the senior Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. W. W. Moxhay, which melancholy event had occurred since the last regular meeting; he mentioned the steps he had taken with the desire to show respect to his memory, viz., asking the brethren to appear in Masonic mourning and the introduction of mourning emblems into the Lodge. The Chaplain (Canon Garry) at his request had written, in the name of the Lodge, a letter of sympathy and condolence to the widow and family of their deceased brother, which the W.M. read, and also the reply received from Mrs. Moxhay. He proposed that these letters be entered on the minutes, and that the brethren also express their sense of the loss they had sustained, by the following minute:—

"The brethren of the Lodge of Union, No. 414, at this, the first regular Lodge held since the death of their much lamented and respected Brother W. W. Moxhay P.M. P.P.S.G.W., desire to place on record their deep sense of the loss Freemasonry in Reading, in the Province of Berks and Bucks, and particularly the Lodge of Union, has sustained by the decease of their Senior Past Master, who had for so many years acted as Installing Master of the Lodge, and by his genial and fraternal bearing had endeared himself to the brethren."

Bro. Wheeler I.P.M. cordially seconded this proposal, and it was adopted unanimously. The "Dead March in Saul" was then performed by the Organist. Business ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer. The mourning adopted in the Lodge was draping the pedestals and Secretary's table with cloth, and the Wardens' columns and Deacons' wands with crape.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THERE was a large attendance of brethren and visitors at a regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Guildhall Tavern, City, on Monday evening last, under the presidency of Brother McClelland W.M., who was supported by Bros. David Hughes I.P.M., H. Harbord S.W., Daniel Hughes J.W., John Hughes P.M. Treasurer, C. Beanmont P.M. Secretary, R. P. Stevens S.D., J. P. Hoddinott I.G., R. Clinch D.C., E. C. T. Hand Organist, A. Prince and W. R. Haylock Stewards; P.M.'s J. Hughes, G. A. Cundy, A. Ginger, and A. Griffiths; also Bros. G. E. Fimister, J. B. Jackson, G. Lawson, H. Barwell, W. G. Judge, J. Parsons, H. Burnell, R. Gillard, F. W. Venner, E. Venner, C. Bates, H. Derry, P. Rogers, Whitnell, Woodstock Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. J. Godwin 1348, W. Drinkler 765, J. Spencer 765, G. Gillard 1382, and others. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The bye-laws were then considered, and Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. J. B. Jackson and T. W. Venner were passed, the ceremony being ably conducted by the Worshipful Master and his Officers. Having opened in the third, Bro. Parsons was raised to the sublime degree, the working being all that could be desired. After the transaction of some routine business, the brethren adjourned for supper, which was served in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's best style, under the superintendence of Brother Newton, when the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. gave the Queen and the Craft, which toast was enthusiastically received, after which he said there was another toast the City of London Lodge never failed to honour, and that was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He could say very little to enhance the feelings of admiration they all, in common with other Masons, entertained towards his Royal Highness for his exertions to extend the blessings of Freemasonry over the world. He had recently been visiting the country where he was first initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and had taken the opportunity of renewing his fraternal regards with the people among whom he first saw the light. Bro. Joseph Spencer was called away on important political business at this juncture, to the great regret of his many friends. The I.P.M., Bro. David Hughes, said he had now the pleasure of proposing the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master. He had so often before expressed the estimation of the brethren for Bro. McClelland and his ability displayed in the working of the ceremonies that he need only say that they had had a further illustration of it on this occasion. Bro. McClelland always afforded them a great amount of pleasure and satisfaction by his working in every respect. They all appreciated his abilities so much that it was only necessary to mention his name in connection with the toast. Bro. McClelland, on rising to respond, met with a very cordial reception. He thanked the proposer of the toast for the kindly way in which he had brought his name before the brethren, and the company for the way in which they had received it. They all knew his feelings respecting the interests and welfare of the City of London Lodge, and he assured them that during his occupation of the chair, and ever afterwards, he should study those interests as he had done in the past. He looked back upon the pleasant evenings he had spent in connection with this Lodge. He trusted that by his future conduct in support of the Lodge to meet with the same kindly feeling as he had experienced in the past, and that the affairs of the Lodge would always be conducted with the same harmony and concord as they had hitherto enjoyed. Several other toasts followed, that of the Visitors being warmly received, and responded to severally by the visiting brethren present, and the proceedings were varied by an excellent selection of vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Hand, the Organist of the Lodge, and Bro. Fimister rendering efficient assistance on the pianoforte.

THE ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

THIS flourishing Lodge held its first meeting for the coming year at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday, 12th inst., under the presidency of W. H. Baker Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. Burdett-Coutts I.P.M., H. Bowman Spink P.M., J. W. Rogers Treasurer, J. E. Shand Secretary, T. Bull as S.W., R. E. U. Goffin as J.W., H. R. Baker J.D., J. Gibson I.G., H. Mainwaring Dunston D.C., H. Schartau Organist, Rev. R. J. Simpson Chap., C. C. Piper, and G. W. Wheeler, together with about eighty brethren and visitors. The ceremonies in the Lodge consisted of raising Bros. Cookson, Richards, Flury, and Todman, passing Messrs. Joshua Hawkins and Jo. E. Salway, while Messrs. Gammon, Hankin, and Shrives were admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. It is needless to say that the work throughout gave satisfaction to the brethren, especially when it is considered that this was the first regular meeting of the year. At the conclusion of the working the brethren and visitors dined together, to the number of ninety-two, Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, the eminent caterers, supplying it in their very best possible manner. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, said that Freemasons had from time immemorial been loyal subjects to Her Majesty, and always would continue so. In connection with the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, the Chairman said he had received a communication from Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, regretting his inability to attend; he was, though, pleased to see their old friend Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain and Chaplain of the Lodge present. In his usual eloquent manner the Chaplain responded, his earnest remarks being listened to with great attention. The P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master, and said that much credit was due for the energy displayed by him in the formation of the Lodge, and which he had always exhibited since he had been in office. The W.M. in suitable terms replied, and proposed the health of their first Master Bro. Burdett-Coutts. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and with full Masonic

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honours. The I.P.M., in reply, said it was great gratification to see the Lodge so prosperous, he hoped it would continue to flourish. He could assure them that it always would be a pleasure and delight to him to attend their meetings. In a little more than twelve months their Lodge had taken rank as one of the first in the metropolis, and the brethren would, he was sure, do their best to maintain that prestige. Other toasts followed, and were duly responded to, while an excellent selection of music was rendered by Bros. Schartau, Dalzell, Nettleship, Lloyd, Montague, Cantle, and H. R. Baker, under the direction of Bro. Schartau, the Organist of the Lodge.. The next meeting takes place on Monday, 14th December.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

ON Thursday, the 15th inst., there was a meeting of emergency of this Lodge, at York, for the purpose of formally opening a new organ which has been purchased by subscription amongst the members. The Lodge was opened in the first degree by Bro. W. Draper W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. Garbutt I.P.M., H. Foster S.W., T. G. Hodgson J.W., J. Todd P.M. Treasurer, W. Smith Secretary, S. Border S.D., C. M. Forbes I.G., A. Sample Organist, H. S. Hopton and S. G. Crummack Stewards, R. W. Hollon, G. Balmford, T. B. Whytehead, M. Rooke, G. Kirby, W. H. Gainforth, J. E. McKay, G. C. Lee, and Major McGachen P.M.'s; A. T. B. Turner W.M. elect 1611; and others. Bro. T. G. Hodgson, on behalf of the subscribers, a list of whom he proceeded to read, presented to the Worshipful Master the organ for the use of the Lodge, and the Worshipful Master suitably acknowledged the splendid gift, at the same time proposing a vote of thanks to Bros. Hodgson and Border, to whose efforts the raising of the requisite funds was due. A programme of music for the occasion was then gone through, to the great delight of the brethren present. Bro. A. Sample officiated as Organist with consummate ability, and succeeded in well displaying the many good points of the instrument. The following was the programme: "Hail, Masonry Divine," solo by Bro. G. Kirby, and chorus by the brethren; organ solo, concerto in B flat (No. 2), Handel; anthem "Behold! how good and pleasant," Shield, Bros. Todd, Kerby and Sanderson; organ solo, "Vesper Hymn," with variations, Turpin; aria, "If with all your heart," Mendelssohn, Bro. J. Todd; organ solos, "Cujus Animam,' Rossini; and Hallelujah Chorus, Handel; Masonic Anthem, "God save the Queen;" solos by Bros. J. Todd P.M., G. Kirby P.M., and H. Foster P.M.; concluding voluntary, War March from "Athalie," Mendelssohn. The organ, which has been constructed to order by the firm of Conacher and Co., of Huddersfield, is an exquisite instrument, thoroughly adapted for the purpose, being voiced specially for the room, and made up almost entirely of solo stops. It is made up as follows: Great organ—Open diapason, 8 feet; stopped diapason, 4 feet stopped; harmonic flute 4 feet; viol de gamba 4 feet. Swell organ—Salcional 4 feet; voix celeste, 4 feet; dulciana, 4 feet; grinshorn, 4 feet; hautbois, 4 feet. Pedal organ—Bourdon, 8 feet stopped; full compass throughout, and 2½ octaves of pedals. The front pipes are diapered and adorned with Masonic emblems, the bulk of the metal is spotted, and the cost has been (including the old instrument) about £150. At the conclusion of the performance the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where they enjoyed a harmonious evening.

BEACONTREE LODGE, No. 1228.

IT is an event in the history of this old and steady-going Lodge, which has done so much in years gone by, and is still doing in the cause of Masonic Charity, that, from a variety of circumstances, the brethren recently decided to change their venue from Leytonstone to London. Undoubtedly the decision was a wise and judicious one, considering all the circumstances of the case. In the first place, by the lamented death of Bro. T. Barford, a P.M. of No. 55, and one of the founders of this Lodge, who for some years was proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel at Leytonstone, the Lodge lost a good and trusty friend, and other matters arose which in the opinion of the brethren justified them in selecting a metropolitan trysting-place. Then the unlooked for demise of the Worshipful Master of last year (Bro. Turner), who during his term of office and useful services to the Lodge was removed, at the comparatively early age of 56 years, proved an additional incentive to the brethren to seek out a fresh line; and much as we may question the advisability of suburban Lodges concentrating their chief réunions in the City, yet, under all the auspices named, we do not think the Beacontree Lodge could have shown more discretion than in the step they have just taken. The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when there was a representative attendance of members and Visitors, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Reed P.M. and Secretary, acting as W.M., Chas. Vile S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, R. J. Chillingworth P.M. acting as J.W., A. Bacon S.D., W. Dawson J.D. G. H. Bealey D. of C., J. W. Neave I.G., C. Thomas Tyler; P.M.'s W. J. Dobbs, J. Gallagher, Joseph Pigg, Thos. Alcock; Bros. S. Hughes, R. Vincent, M. Bacon, J. J. Griffiths and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Edwin Barr P.M. 1683, and Arthur Mead P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. Essex. Lodge was opened in form, and after the usual preliminaries, Bro. Vile was presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony ably carried out by Bro. T. Alcock P.M. The newly-installed Master having been greeted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Alfred Bacon S.W., W. Dawson J.W., J. W. Neave S.D., Ralph Vincent J.D., G. H. [illegible] I.G., R. J. Chillingworth P.M. Treasurer, J. Gallagher P.M proved a matter of sincere regret to the whole of the members. At the close of the business a sumptuous banquet was provided, under the superintendence of Bro. Marchant, whose arrangements gave every satisfaction. In consequence, however, of the loss sustained by the Lodge since its last meeting, under circumstances above described, it was agreed to dispense with speeches, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to with the utmost brevity.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, in the chair. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod G.P. that of Junior Vice-President. There was a very full attendance of brethren. The recommendations made at the former meeting, to the amount of £395, were confirmed. There were forty new cases on the list. In the course of a long sitting three of these were dismissed, and two deferred. The remaining thirty-five were relieved, with a total of £1,185, consisting of two grants of £100, two of £75, one of £60, four of £50, four of £40, seven of £30, one of £25, six of £20, four of £10, and four of £5.

We are compelled to hold over several reports of meetings and other matters until our next issue, as the demands on our space are exceptionally heavy at this season of the year.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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A Schoolmaster's Retrospect of Eighteen and a Half Years in an Irish School. By Maurice C. Hime, M.A., LL.D., Barrister-at-Law, Head Master of Foyle College, Londonderry. London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co., Stationers' Hall Court. Dublin: Sullivan Brothers, 27 Marlborough Street.

We have had frequent occasion to refer to the emanations from the prolific pen of Bro. Hime, who has evidently made the welfare of our rising youth a life-long study. It must be obvious that an association of nearly twenty years with a grammar-school and college as head-master, has thrown the author into intimate contact with boys and young men of various classes and ages; and it is from a close personal—we were going to say parental—observation of the characters of those who have passed through his hands that he has gathered reminiscences and thoughts which are now transmitted to the public We can imagine no better source from which to gather hints and suggestions, such as parents would do well to ponder whilst considering the training and education of their sons, or to which young men who have passed their *curriculum* at school may look for sound advice and kindly admonition. The mentorship exercised by Brother Hime is obviously of no mere superficial character; the inner life and the formation of character are his especial solicitude; and thus he has devoted a large portion of his useful career to diverting the thoughts and actions of those of whom he has the educational charge, into the paths of morality and social rectitude. As the title of the little work before us implies, the author gives us some "recollections" of his scholastic experience, which are told in easy conversational style, replete with interesting incidents. He commences with a grateful, though no doubt well-earned, acknowledgment of the amiability of many parents and guardians, whose sons he has had under his charge "for years and years together," and speaks in terms betokening modesty (yet consciousness of duty done) of letters received, "full of affectionate kindness, and cordiality and friendship." It was hardly necessary for our worthy brother to point out how difficult a matter it is to satisfy *all* parents and guardians, for who does not know all about it that has had any experience of teachers and pupils? We cordially concur in his sensible remarks upon the inefficacy of corporal punishment in making boys good and industrious, and also on the mischief caused by too frequent changing of schools. Very seasonable also are his ideas of the importance of ancient classics as a foundation in education and the teaching of natural and experimental science in schools; but at the same time he thoroughly believes in the old maxim:

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,"

for in a chapter he points out that Satan proverbially finds mischief for idle hands to do, and that plenty of vigorous exercise in the fresh air is of the greatest possible benefit to a boy's mind and body, "provided always that the exercise be not monotonous, excessive, or dangerous." He then descants upon the boon conferred on Ireland by the Intermediate Examinations, and going into more technical matter speaks of the growth of teaching power, and the more frequent admission of laymen to the head-masterships of our Schools, which he regards as a change for the better. Finally he gives expression to an opinion that will find a response in the breast of every sensible parent, namely, that too great attention cannot be paid to the religious education as distinct from Biblical instruction. This is debatable ground, but in our view the subject is well and judiciously handled by the author, whose addition to the series of

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AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

BY command of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master designate, the Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province will assemble at the ASSEMBLY ROOMS, BEDFORD, on THURSDAY, the 29th day of OCTOBER 1885, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of the INSTALLATION of COLONEL WILLIAM STUART as PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF BEDFORDSHIRE.

The ceremony will be performed by the V.W. Bro. COLONEL SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary of England.

The Banquet will be at the SWAN HOTEL, BEDFORD, at six o'clock. Tickets, 6s 6d each.

Brethren who intend to be present are requested to advise the P.G. Secretary designate, not later than 26th October, in order to secure places.

By order of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. designate,
CHARLES E. PRIOR,
Prov. G. Secretary designate.

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MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at Halifax, on Wednesday, 14th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place. The Fearnley Mark Lodge, No. 58, was opened, and at 4.30 the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was opened by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. C. L. Mason Past Grand Steward. There were also present Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis D.P.G.M.M., J. W. Monckman P.P.G.S.W., Charles Crabtree Prov. G.J.W., John Barker P.P.G.W., Thomas Whittaker P.P.G.W., Austin Roberts P.P.G.W., C. T. Rhodes P.P.G.W., Richard Nelson Prov. G.M.O., H. R. Waghorn P.P.G.O., J. L. Pugh P. Prov. G.J.O., R. Worsick Past Provincial Grand Overseer, Rev. W. Dunn, Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. T. C. Smythe, D.D., P.P.P. Chap., Geo. Normanton Past G.I. of Wks. Prov. G. Treasurer, G. H. Radcliffe Prov. G. Reg., H. S. Holdsworth P.P.G. Reg., Wm. Cooke Past G.S.O. Prov. G. Secretary, J. W. Bailey Prov. G.S.D., Hy. France P.P.G.S.B., Geo. Marshall P.P.G.O., W. F. Tomlinson Prov. G.D. of C., Thos. Clarke Prov. Assist. G.D. of C., J. A. Thornton P.P.G.D. of C., John Turner Prov. G. Standard Bearer, J. N. Pickering Prov. G. Org., Geo. Hill Prov. G. Steward, J. G. Lee Prov. G. Steward, W. R. Massie Prov. G. Stwd., Thos. Hodgson as Prov. G. Tyler, Wm. Watson, and brethren from every Lodge in the Province. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master having been saluted in ancient form, said—

In thanking you for your kind salutation, let me express the great pleasure it affords me in again meeting my brethren of West Yorks in Provincial Grand Lodge. The last time we met at Halifax I remember was a very melancholy occasion, for on that day we had committed to its last resting place the body of our late Prov. Grand Master, Bro. John Wordsworth, one who we must always remember with feelings of pleasure, for we, as a Province, owe much to his labours during the time he was Deputy, and also during the six years he was our Prov. Grand Master. It was also a day ever memorable to myself, for on that day you decided unanimously to recommend my name to the Most Wor. Grand Mark Master as your future Head, a recommendation I trust you will never regret. I wish personally to thank the brethren of the Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, for their kind arrangements for our comfort to-day, and also for consenting to hold our meeting in May last at Wakefield, after I had accepted their invitation to hold it in Halifax. Since we last met we have to rejoice that the eldest son of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has joined our Order, viz., in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, at Cambridge, on the 18th June 1885, an event which no doubt will be very beneficial to our Order.

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At the same time, we regret the loss of brethren who have been active workers amongst us in West Yorks. Bro. Henry William Wrigley, P.M. Truth Lodge, 137, and Bro. William Beanland Spencer, S.W. Fearnley Lodge, 58, have been summoned by the Great Overseer. Bro. Wrigley worked hard for Mark Masonry in Huddersfield, and to his arduous and continuous labours I believe the Truth Lodge owes much to-day. Bro. Spencer I invested as one of my Provincial Officers in October of last year, and he was one whom the brethren of Fearnley Lodge anticipated would ere long have ruled over them as their Worshipful Master. Let me offer to the brethren of Truth Lodge, 137, and Fearnley Lodge, 58, my deep sympathy with them in their respective loss, and may we hope that when our brethren presented their several "Life work," they received that approving mark of the Great Overseer of the Universe as fitted to dwell in that house not made with hands "eternal in the Heavens." In distributing the various collars for the ensuing year, I have endeavoured to divide them, as far as possible, equally amongst the nine Lodges in the Province. It gives me very great pleasure to offer a collar to one who has been upwards of thirty-two years a Mark Mason, one who has worked and laboured hard for the welfare of Masonry, both in England and also in India, and one to whom we, as a Province, owe a debt of gratitude for that admirable address delivered at the Consecration of Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352, at Ripon—I mean our Brother the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smythe, D.D. I trust this Provincial Grand Lodge will long have the benefit of his services, and I desire to assure Bro. Dr. Smythe of the sincere sympathy of every member of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge in his recent severe and irreparable loss. I am happy to report a gradual increase in the Order; during 1883 there were eighteen new Lodges added to the roll, and, rather singular, a like number in 1884; and up to the commencement of August in this year a further thirteen. In our own Province, during the past year, we have added one and resuscitated two, and the whole of the Lodges are now in working order, with gradually increasing lists of members, but a more detailed statement shall be published with the balance-sheet. At the same time I cannot but regret that the Order is not so popular as in the adjoining county of Lancashire, not that I am urging any rapid increase I much prefer solidity to rapidity, and I have no doubt that when the principles on which our Order is founded are more generally known, it will be held in higher esteem. As Mark Masters our Order points out to us and teaches us practical lessons. We are taught not to be discouraged by want of success. We as men and Masons may toil and labour, yet all seems of no avail. Our work does not meet with the approbation of our fellow citizens and brethren, and in the hour of sadness, when our motives are misconstrued, we are apt to exclaim, "Alas, alas, my labour is lost!" But is it really so? Remember those words of old, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." Even our own Order has had to undergo great difficulties: it has been rejected and still is rejected by many worthy Masons. The merits it possesses are to them unknown, yet still we have signs that prejudice is melting away. Those who ordered it to "be cast away amongst the rubbish as useless" are now holding out the hand of friendship. Then again our Order teaches us encouragement; your labours at present are of no avail, yet still the time will come when they will be acknowledged. How many of our Craft Lodges in tracing back their records find that to one or two brethren they owe their present Lodge, and its position on the roll of Grand Lodge of England. A Craft Lodge with which I am connected owes its existence to two worthy brethren who for a few years kept the Lodge entirely together, and when the Lodge celebrates its centenary, now near at hand, the labours of those two worthy brethren will be duly appreciated and their names will be honoured and perpetuated. They laboured under great difficulties; we now reap the benefit of their labours. As Mark Masons let it be our duty to make our conduct such as shall stand the test of the Great Overseer's square, and fit ourselves for the place for which we are destined. Let us learn not to judge by appearances, let us remember our own ignorance, and be more ready to approve than condemn. Animated by these principles we shall not seek to obtain that to which we have no right, but if our work be real let us not give way to despair, even though all seem to be misunderstood and we ourselves left unnoticed. Through the sunshine of prosperity prepare for the storms of adversity, for sooner or later they will come; and when again the clouds pass away, when our work is acknowledged and approved, when what we have striven for, through good report and ill report, is able to stand the test of the criticism of our fellow citizens and brethren, then we can one and each take up the words of a Fellow Craftsman of old, "Thanks be to God, I have my reward."

The roll of Lodges was then called, and representatives from all were present. The minutes of the Provincial Mark Lodge, held at Wakefield, on the 13th May last, were confirmed; Bro. G. Normanton, Past Grand Inspector of Works, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Mark Master then appointed and invested the following Officers:—

Bros.	Rev. W. Collings Lukis, M.A.	Deputy Mark Master
	Henry France, 110	Senior Warden
	John Lister P. Pugh, 137	Junior Warden
	Rev. Dr. Smythe	Master Overseer
	George Henry Radcliffe, 58	Senior Overseer
	John William Bailey, 111	Junior Overseer
	Rev. Edwin Castle, 111	Chaplain
	George Normanton P.G.I of W., 55	Treasurer
	William Frederick Tomlinson, 111	Registrar
	William Cooke P.G.S.O., 58	Secretary
	Thomas Clarke, 53	Senior Deacon
	George Hill, 111	Assist. D. of Cere.
	James Gooding Lee, 58	Sword Bearer
	Henry A. Styring, 53	Standard Bearer
	John N. Pickering, 53	Organist
	E. J. Massie, 127	Inner Guard
	Charles Greenwood, 58	Stewards
	George Althorp, Old York (T.I.)	Stewards
	F. Smith	Stewards

The Wardens and Overseers were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year, after which Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual toasts were duly proposed, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening spent. Bros. Holdsworth, Wood, Rhodes, Midgley, Greenwood, Whitaker, and Hodgson adding much to the enjoyment by their songs, recitations and music.

PERCY LODGE, No. 114.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Wednesday, 14th inst. Amongst those present being Bros. Binckes G.S., Piggott P.P.G.R., Drewitt, Wells, Collier, Day, White, Thomson, &c. The Lodge having been opened according to ancient custom by the W.M., Bro. Charles Belton P.P.G. Supt. Wks., and the revised copy of the Bye-laws having been duly confirmed, Bro. Binckes G.S. proceeded to instal Bro. D. P. Cama Grand Steward (the well-known and much-esteemed Parsee merchant) in the chair. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary in his usual masterly manner, and although suffering from indisposition, he came expressly from London to instal Bro. Cama, who has done so much for our Masonic Charities. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers and gave the addresses in the most effective and impressive manner. Several candidates for advancement, and as joining members, having been proposed, the next meeting of the Lodge was announced for the third Thursday in November. The musical arrangements, both during the ceremony, and at the subsequent banquet, were most efficiently carried out by Bro. G. S. Graham P.P.G.O.

AUSTRALIAN FREEMASONRY.

THE *Victorian Freemason*, of Australia, thus speaks of England's recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and the complications it is likely to lead to:—

"The intelligence that the Grand Lodge of South Australia has been recognised as a Sister Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of England must be pleasing to all who have watched the progress of Masonic events recently in the Colonies, and although it may be urged that as every Lodge in South Australia had joined the new organisation, England had not a leg to stand upon in refusing recognition, yet we think that the majority of Masons will be ready to forget that fact in the pleasure of finding one, at any rate, of the Colonial Grand Lodges recognised by the parent.

"To those who objected to the plan of the formation of our Colonial Grand Lodge on the plea that the authority to do so should come from the mother Grand Lodges in the first instance, the acknowledgment of South Australia must be convincing proof that the steps taken in declaring independence were the proper ones. And it must not be forgotten that South Australia followed exactly in the steps of New South Wales and Victoria in the formation of her Grand Lodge, there being only this difference—that in South Australia no despotic order was issued to restrain the Lodges from fully and freely dealing with the subject, neither was there a mendacious print issued teeming with misstatements concerning the proposal to found the Grand Lodge.

"It is not our desire, however, to rake up past things that had better be forgotten. Still we would be untrue to our calling did we not, in passing, mention the difference between the circumstances attending South Australia's Grand Lodge formation and those of New South Wales and Victoria, if only as a justification of the latter's action. We feel sure that the brethren, generally, will congratulate the South Australian brethren upon the early settlement of friendly relations with the mother country, and we think it takes not a very prophetic intelligence to foresee the beginning of the end as regards the full development of Grand Lodges for each of the colonies.

"The recognition of South Australia by England will add another peculiarity to the present position of Masonic affairs. At the present time, and until official intimation reaches the colonies, the Lodges under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions are not allowed to commingle with the South Australian Masons, nor interchange visits in their Lodges. The members of the Grand Lodges of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia are in friendly relationship. We will shortly, therefore, have the peculiar state of things that the English Lodges in the colonies must admit members of the South Australian Constitution, while shutting out the New South Wales and Victorian Constitution Masons; and Irish and Scotch Lodges will, until they receive instructions, still have to exclude South Australians. Again, South Australian Masons may visit Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Victoria one evening and English Lodges the next, although English Masons are still forbidden to enter Victorian Lodges."

ROYAL ARCH.

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CENTENNIAL OF THE CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 37.

THIS ancient Chapter (working from 1768, chartered 1785) celebrated its Centenary (from the date of its Charter) on Monday, 19th October, at the Masonic Hall, Swan Hotel, Bolton. The history of the Chapter has just been written by its M.E.Z., Comp. James Newton, with an introduction by Comp. W. J. Hughan, and contains a photographic portrait of Comp. G. P. Brockbank, of Bolton, Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; the publisher of the work being Bro. George Kenning. The members of the Chapter had been hoping to obtain a Centenary Charter, having petitioned Grand Chapter for that purpose, but in consequence of an unfortunate period of ten years, from 1791 to 1801, during which no meetings of the Chapter are recorded, the Committee of Grand Chapter could not grant the Centenary Charter. The members of the Chapter, may, however, feel proud of the fact that they may justly claim to be the senior on the roll of all Chapters in England now existing as respects its origin and work by "Modern" brethren, though of course its warrant is later than several, because it for many years worked under the wing of the Lodge, without any other authority, and its legitimacy, at all events, even when independent, was directly admitted by the "regular" Grand Chapter of England in 1769, when three brethren exalted in the Chapter were granted a charter for a Chapter at Bury. The proceedings on Monday commenced at 5 o'clock, at which hour the Chapter was opened, there being present Comps. James Newton P. Prov. G.S.N. Z., Johnson Mills H., E. M. Garstang J., G. P. Brockbank Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies Scribe E., John Booth P.S., Jas. Naylor 2nd A.S., Jas. Walker Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, Samuel Isherwood P.Z., Jas. Brown P.Z., J. W. Roiley Janitor, Thos. Higson Assistant Janitor, and Wm. Forrest; also as Visitors Comps. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Prov. G.H., J. H. Sillitoe Prov. G.J., John Chadwick Prov. G. Scribe E., G. A. Mort Z. 221, J. Boothroyd H. 221, E. G. Harwood J. 221. Nathl. Nicholson P.Z. 221, Wm. Cooper H. 348, J. F. Skelton J. 348, Thomas Grime P.Z. 345, Josh. Rawlinson 345, John Vickers 758, R. R. Lissenden 317. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the Scribe E. read a letter from the Grand Superintendent (Colonel Le G. N. Starkie) explaining that his engagements in Scotland prevented his being present, and congratulating the Chapter on the auspicious event. Scribe E. also read a letter from Comp. W. J. Hughan, expressing his regret at not being able to be present, and giving a few interesting facts relating to the Chapter. He pointed out that the Chapter was at work prior to the issue of any Warrants by the Grand Chapter of the "regular" Freemasons, London, and that as far as he could discover the Chapter has the earliest records of any Chapter supported by the regular Masons or "Moderns" of any outside the metropolis. Also that the present members had reason to be proud that their predecessors conferred the Royal Arch on three brethren from Bury, who subsequently obtained a Charter from the London Grand Chapter to hold a Chapter at Bury, and which Chapter has recently obtained a Centenary Warrant as from 1769. He also remarked that Bolton is noted in Royal Arch History for its connection with the "Atholl" Masons or "Ancients," the Lodge of "Antiquity," No. 146, being one of the only two known in this country, which had a Chapter of that degree under its wing, which kept separate records, the other being present No. 130, Southampton, whose History he had written in the *Freemason* of 12th September 1885. The M.E.Z. addressed a few words of welcome to all the Companions who had honoured the Chapter with their presence on the occasion. The Scribe E. read an epitome of the Chapter history since 1768, narrating many interesting circumstances in connection therewith. Hearty congratulations were tendered by the Prov. Grand Principals and also by the Principals of the sister Chapters in Bolton and the other visiting Companions, which were suitably acknowledged by the M.E.Z. on behalf of the Chapter. The following Companions were elected as Principals and Officers for the ensuing year, viz.—Comps. Johnson Mills Z., E. M. Garstang H., John Booth J., James Newton Scribe E., John Morris Scribe N., John Hardcastle P.S., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, James Brown Director of Ceremonies. The hearty congratulations of the Chapter were given to Comp. G. P. Brockbank (an old and worthy member of the Chapter), on his recent appointment as Assistant Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Chapter. All business being ended, the Chapter was closed at 6·30, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 414.

THE October meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Friday, the 16th instant. Comps. J. Early Danks M.E.Z., W. T. Toms H., R. C. Mount J., presiding. The installation of the Principals, viz., Comps. W. T. Toms M.E.Z., R. C. Mount H., W. H. Belcher J., having taken place, the investiture of the other Officers followed, the installing Z. being Comp. E. G. Bruton P.Z. Oxford, who performed the ceremony in his usual able manner, and to which a vote of thanks was accorded. Comp. Danks P.Z. then rose and stated that since the last meeting he had had the pleasure of representing the Chapter as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and taking up the sum of £67 4s, which statement was received with acclamation. After the close of the Chapter the charge was very impressively rendered by the I.P.Z., and the Companions adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where the M.E.Z. presided; after the usual Masonic toasts the health of the M.E.Z. was proposed by the I.P.Z., and enthusiastically drank by the Companions. The health of the I.P.Z. was given by the M.E.Z. who said he had been asked to present him with a handsome P.Z. jewel, which had been subscribed for by his Masonic friends, and which bore this inscription:—

"Presented to Companion John Early Danks, upon his retirement as M.E.Z. in the Union Chapter, No. 414, by a few sincere Masonic Companions, to mark his valuable services to the Craft. October 1885."

The toast was most cordially received, and the I.P.Z. responded in a feeling speech, thanking the M.E.Z. and the Companions. After several other toasts, including the Janitor's, the Companions separated.

St. George's Hall.—The fogs and the north winds of coming winter are in possession of the streets; if we are not nipped by the cold we are water logged by the rain. Still a London autumn has its consolations, and, mangée the bad weather, there are few Londoners who in their hearts would care to leave it for any other place. It has its consolations. There are the Inventories, where more colds and coughs are engendered for the doctors than the thickest fogs of November could produce them. There are the winter picture galleries, where one grows reconciled to the dulness of reality by finding art is even more prosaic. There is St. George's Hall, where if one be never so pessimistic, huffed and morose,—be sure he'll come out convinced that life's worth living while Corney Grain is high priest in that bright little temple, and ever ready to discourse on the follies, fashions, and foibles of the day. This gentleman's delightful Dicky Doyle sketch, done to music, with all the figures alive and talking, if they are not singing, is one of the merriest, brightest, most laughter-provoking themes now to be found on Mr. Willing's lists. Of course, we have all heard it before, but the fun, good humour, and pretty touches of kindly satire gain with each successive representation. "Eton and Harrow" is the signature of a review of the London season, with its dear, good, fussy mamas; the girls all gushing, the chappies superior, and exhausted, meek paterfamilias, the City Cinderella keeping the domestic pot boiling whilst the family does duty to society. Mr. Corney Grain is especially happy in his outline studies of the "schoolboy" at home; his ingenuous cheekiness, and inarticulate superiority. Of course, the whole entertainment is not Mr. Corney Grain, though it might be, and yet we would willingly pay our five shillings for a stall ticket. There is a merry little comedietta, locally known as an "Illustration," called "A pretty bequest." This was played successfully during the latter months of last season, and still goes with no less favour. Mr. Alfred Reed has an excellent part in it, as a shy old bachelor, and he has a capital pendant in Mr. C. Allen, a selfish and morose one, each being bent on the other's marrying a pretty and inconvenient cousin, the actual pretty bequest. Very nice and girlish is Miss Clara Merivale in the part, and when she has acquired a little more self-possession we may find a promising comedy actress in her. Mr. North Home, as the young gentleman whose sudden admiration for the young lady relieves her cousins from their difficulty, plays with pleasant ease and sincerity. We know there are thousands of excellent people who would not enter a theatre, yet are constant visitors to St. George's Hall; most heartily we congratulate them on their investing their money in these consolation stakes.

Crystal Palace.—ILLUMINATED EVENING INDOOR FETES.—A few facts with reference to these fetes, which will for the present take place tri-weekly, on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, may be interesting. The normal lighting of the building, by about 5,000 ordinary gas burners, and 75 large electric arc lamps, each of a nominal 2,000 candle-power, will be supplemented by 10,000 gas jets in lamps of various beautiful hues, and 4,000 "bucket" oil lamps. The tinted glass lamps, arranged in festoons and other graceful devices along the girders and at other points of vantage in the building, have been specially manufactured at Stourbridge for the Crystal Palace Company, many of the tints being quite novel. Amongst the most effective of these may be mentioned ruby, sapphire, emerald, canary, opal, opalescent, amber, "oriental," "aurora," &c., &c. The bucket lamps are for the most part arranged in the vases of flowers and amongst the flowering plants, which form an important part of the decorations, for which the Company's rich resources in the direction both of nature and art have been largely drawn upon. Statuary, both in groups and in single figures, forms an important element of the decorations. The music will be mainly furnished by military bands, and these will play on an elegant newly-constructed decagonal orchestra in the Centre Transept. This orchestra alone will be lighted by about 2,000 coloured lamps. The electric arc lamps in the centre will be masked, so to speak, by Chinese lamps encircling them, the object being to add picturesqueness to the general scene, and to prevent the milder lights from being overpowered by the electric light. The great stage which forms the background to the scene has been decorated by Mr. F. Fenton, and represents a semi-oriental interior. This also will be brilliantly lighted. It may be added that the whole has been designed and executed by the Company's staff.

HUGHAN'S MASONIC WORKS.—In evidence of how Bro. Hughan's Masonic works are sought after, a second hand bookseller issued a catalogue lately, which contained Hughan's "Masonic Memorials" (1874). To his surprise, he had orders by telegraph, private buyers, and half-a-dozen from the trade for the single copy. Bro. Hughan's last work, "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," issued in October 1884, from the press of Bro. George Kenning, is now out of print, and already is quoted at nearly double the published price.

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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WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

WE allude, with great caution, to the so-called infidel or agnostic question that at the present time is so thoroughly arousing the attention of the Craft throughout our jurisdiction. It is a pity that terms "infidel or agnostic" were introduced into the subject, as neither, in this case, are applicable. The brother, who has appealed against what we must consider a most unjust and partizan decision of his Lodge, is neither the one nor the other, and has as good a right to his own religious opinions, so long as they do not conflict with the constitutional requirements of our Order, as our Hebrew or Mahommedan brother has.

The question is, *not* in what "Book of the Law" a brother places his belief, and, with all due respect to the M.W. the Grand Master, we fail entirely to understand upon what grounds or by what authority he rules that the applicant to our mysteries must profess a belief in "the God of the Bible"—the Bible meaning the Old and New Testaments. If this be the case, we proclaim ourselves a *sectarian society*, and drive from our ranks the thousands of Hebrews, who, according to our traditions, were the founders of our Fraternity, because they do not and cannot believe in "the God of the Bible" as revealed to and understood by the followers of the Christ in the New Testament.

The special pleading of M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and the eloquent sophistry of the Grand Secretary were excellent, but not Masonic. What right have we to put *special* questions in *special* cases? Could the centenarian, our late brother Sir Moses Montefiore, whose noble deeds and character have excited the admiration of thousands, have answered the questions upon which these distinguished brethren laid such stress in a manner satisfactory to them? No! certainly not—because he, like all his Hebrew brethren, denounces a belief in "the God of the Bible" as worshipped by the Christian.

Well may we ask then, "Whither are we drifting?" when so conservative a Grand Lodge as the Premier Colonial Grand Lodge of the world allows religion to be discussed within her portals. Once we permit the creed of any brother to be attacked or denounced *within the Lodge*, we throw open wide our doors to sectarianism, bigotry and intolerance. Every Mason has the right to believe in the Book of the Law he likes, so long as that book teaches him that there is a Supreme Ruler, who has revealed His will to man and will reward or punish us as we have obeyed or disobeyed His divine commands. Beyond that no Mason, Grand Master or otherwise, has the right to inquire. This brother, however, who was tried (?) was catechised and badgered by a series of questions that he should *have declined to answer at all.* Questions merely asked for the purpose of extorting an unfavourable expression, and which, when declined, *as he very properly did*, to answer, were twisted into an *expression of his belief.* In our opinion a most unfair and unjust advantage was thus taken of his very proper answer to a very improper question, when he said, "I decline to answer."

"I decline to answer" would not be the reply of our Hindoo, our Parsee, our Mahommedan and our Hebrew brethren, and, thank God, we have tens of thousands of them who range themselves under our banners. To think that we, the children of the Grand Lodge of England, whose liberty without bigotry, whose advocacy of a broad freedom of thought without the least tendency to infidelity, should at this late day and in this enlightened age lend ourselves to a principle, which, if adopted by Grand Lodges, would land us on the quicksands of bigotry and intolerance, or smash our bark upon the sunken rocks o' narrow-minded sectarianism or canting Phariseeism.

This question, then, at the present time is one that must be discussed from a calm and dispassionate standpoint. The brethren must weigh well the great importance of the matter before them. No eloquence or sophistry, or special pleading must be permitted to carry them away from *common sense and justice. Every Mason's religious views must be protected!* The glory and boast of our Institution is that around our altars men of every colour, country and creed can kneel, and there offer up their adoration to the Most High God—T.G.A O.T.U. Are we by one fell swoop to throw aside this heritage, handed down to us by our forefathers, and for which death? Surely not. We have within the last quarter of a century been obliged to burn our diplomas and charters to save ourselves from the cruelty of the myrmidons of a Russian fanatic, who sees in our Institution the germ of liberty, and in priest-ridden Cuba our brethren have been cast into prison and irons by the Church because of our freedom of expression and avowed liberality of thought.

And now we are actually asked to throw aside this glorious heritage, bequeathed to us by the founders of Masonry, and accept in its place the doctrines of a sect or the dogmas of a church. It is time, indeed, to ask "Whither are we drifting?" That noble and Christian Mason, the Rev. and Rt. W. Bro. Oliver, when alluding to his Hebrew brother—and the remarks apply with equal force to the Hindoo, Mahommedan or Parsee brother—said:—

"I cannot throw odium or even doubt on the cross of Christ, nor can I allow any contempt to be cast on that sacred atonement by which I trust to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, either by my silence or connivance. I will admit my Hebrew brother into a Mason's Lodge—I will exchange with him freely all the courtesies of civil and social life; but as he will not abandon his faith at my command, neither will I; we each pursue our own path, under the consequences of our own free choice, like Thalaba and his companion in the caverns of Haruth and Maruth. It is a false species of liberality which influences the feelings of many good and estimable men at the present day, and induces them to concede, out of respect to the prejudices of others, what they ought to hold most sacred. Ask your Hebrew brother to lay aside his prejudices and eat with you, and he will reject your proposal with abhorrence. And he acts on a correct and laudable principle—for it is in accordance with the injunctions of his religion."

In conclusion then we can only express the hope that the day may be far distant before the Grand Lodge of Canada will ever stultify herself by drifting into sectarianism or narrow-minded intolerant cliquism. It is a matter of the greatest importance, and must be judged upon a fair and open basis. Once open our portals to arguments upon theological points and it will be next to impossible to close them. Our Constitution and traditions and unwritten law lay down certain requirements for the neophyte before he can be received into our mysteries and become a member of the Craft. Beyond that we have neither the right nor power to go. Let us then guard well the outer door, and we need fear neither the encroachment of the infidel, the intolerance of the churchman, or the bigotry of the sectarian. But let us be very careful, for we are now stepping on dangerous ground.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at —
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

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
171—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.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1435—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 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)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—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.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
552—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1318—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air street, W.
1048—Peters, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1366—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)
1451—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1685—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park at 8 (Inst)
1707—Fleetor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1209—Stanhope, Ticket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Bell Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 5—Keystone, Sword and Tuttle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk

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. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 108—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
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, at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
861—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, Gun Hall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
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 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., W. (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.—Tuscle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Sulopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Gossop
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Halifax-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
126—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1284—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 7—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 69—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, Mark-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
M.M. 175—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Coin-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)
879—Stanhope, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Strangle, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1256—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1506—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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)

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1677—C. saders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
174[illegible]—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1585—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 286—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
799—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
831—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)
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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 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
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire

SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1382—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, Ye Old Packhorse Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
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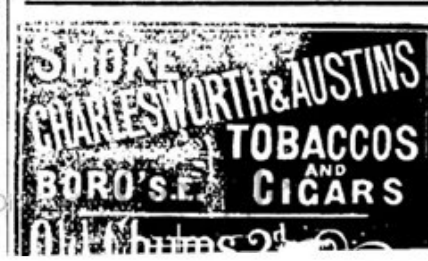


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QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE usual October meeting of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer. The minutes of previous meetings, including those of the Special Court on the 6th inst., were first confirmed. In putting the latter, the Chairman said, before he asked the brethren to confirm these minutes, he thought he ought to state that at a very crowded meeting of the Governors of the Institution, on the 6th inst., the recommendation was ably set forth by Bro. Robert Grey, and it was unanimously carried. This recommendation was not adopted by the House Committee without much negociation with the vendor, and exhaustive discussions. It was quite true they were going to pay a large price for this piece of land, and it was equally true that the value of the property of the vendor would be enhanced by the acquisition of the property by the Institution; but it was also true that it was of great importance to the Institution that this belt of land should be secured, and, while congratulating the Court of Governors on the unanimity with which they accepted the recommendation so ably set forth by Bro. Grey, he asked the present Quarterly Court to confirm as cordially the resolution of the Special Court. The confirmation was unanimously agreed to, Bro. R. Grey P.G.D. said the Chairman had told the brethren very truly that the House Committee had had very anxious meetings with regard to the purchase of this land; but he did not think he should be doing justice to two brethren—Bros. Arthur Garrard and J. T. Pilditch—if he allowed the occasion to pass without offering them the thanks of the Court for the kindness and assistance they had given the House Committee in carrying the negotiations to a successful issue. These brethren had stepped in, when the negotiations required the best skill and diplomacy, and he therefore moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given by the Court to Bros. Garrard and Pilditch. Bro. Frank Richardson seconded the motion, feeling sure it would meet with hearty support. These two brethren had given great assistance to the Committee. The motion was carried, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the resolution to Bros. Garrard and Pilditch. The Court then proceeded to declare an extra vacancy for the Election that day, in consequence of the withdrawal from the Institution of Beatrice Elizabeth Wright, and it was resolved to elect seventeen girls into the School out of a list of thirty-three candidates. Brother Johnson, on behalf of Bro. A. H. Tattershall, moved, "That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the laws be altered accordingly." The motion having been seconded, was supported by Bro. J. J. Berry, opposed by Bros. Frank Richardson, H. Maudslay, and J. E. Le Feuvre, and lost by a large majority. The election was then proceeded with. The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns, while the following is a list of the unsuccessful:—

No. on List.		Forward.	Polled.	Total.
34	Chapman, Ettie Louise		1072	1072
21	Walmsley, Edith May		783	783
17	Barnard, Grace Ellen M.		712	712
33	Richardson, Flora		413	413
16	Kirkman, Ethel		263	263
8	Pratt, Mathilde		211	211
14	Knight, Isabel Davies		177	177
30	Lillywhite, Eva Marian		107	107
20	Wardroper, Gertrude Emma		103	103
32	Fulford, Emily Mary		75	75
31	Woods, Lilian		36	36
26	Pinder, Isabelle May		3	3
10	Phillips, Eleanor			

QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE October Election of this Institution took place on Monday, in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. occupied the chair, and in due course put the minutes for confirmation. These were confirmed, and then the election was proceeded with. Particulars of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns, and we here append the list of unsuccessful.

30	Webb, Frederick Tom		1009	1009
43	Fox, Otto René John		912	912
50	Freeman, Walter Berry		806	806
42	Plows, Herbert Benjamin		517	517
55	Stocken, William Archer		349	349
5	Knight, Samuel William	311	7	318
48	Limpricht, Charles Wren		156	156
27	Andrews, Joseph Thomas		122	122
38	Wood, Joseph		107	107
1	Davis, Frederick Teilo	7	90	97
11	Taylor, Albert	17	19	36
8	Cannon, George	16	3	19
17	Gibbs, Percy	1	10	11
46	Matthews, Percy Haslem		10	10
25	Murfin, Josiah		2	2

MORE LIGHT ON FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA IN A.D. 1732.

WE have the pleasure of spreading before our readers, in this issue of *The Keystone*, an exact copy of an original, important, and deeply interesting Masonic document, connected with the early history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. It is entirely authentic, being now in the possession of George T. Ingham, Esq., a member of the New Jersey Bar, who, our readers may remember, was the fortunate possessor of the Ledger (Liber B.) of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, of date 1731-1738, which he presented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and to which we first called attention a year and a half ago. Mr. Ingham inherited a number of the old papers and documents of David Hall, for many years Benjamin Franklin's partner in the printing business, among which was the Lodge Ledger referred to, together with the document we are about to describe. The latter he has had framed between glass, so as to show both sides of the paper and writing,

permitted to critically inspect and transcribe it. Mr. Ingham has, besides, a number of letters to and from Franklin, while he was both at home and abroad, written by Alex. Strahan and others.

This, *the oldest original Masonic Lodge report in America*, is dated "June 5, 1732," and written on three pages of letter paper. It is the report of a Committee of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, upon the "state of the Lodge" at that date, and unanimously recommending the adoption of certain resolutions, or as we should now term them, By-Laws, for the government of the Lodge. All of these regulations are distinguished by peculiar Masonic wisdom, exhibiting Freemasonry in Philadelphia in the year 1732 in the best possible light, and its members as actuated by a spirit and understanding which would be creditable to the Brethren of any Masonic Lodge at the present day. The report is signed by *eleven* members, being a majority of the Committee, including the names of William Pringle, Thomas Boude, and Benjamin Franklin; and, judging from the chirography, the entire body of the report is in the handwriting of Bro. Benjamin Franklin. We give below an exact copy, which we made, *verbatim et literatim*, of this deeply interesting document—remarking upon some of its features thereafter:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE LODGE:

The Committee you have been pleased to appoint to consider of the present State of the Lodge, and of the properest Methods to improve it, in obedience to your commands have met, and, after much and mature Deliberation, have come to the following Resolutions.

1. That since the excellent Science of Geometry and Architecture is so much recommended in our ancient Constitutions, Masonry being first instituted with this Design, among others, to distinguish the true and skilful Architect from unskilful Pretenders; total ignorance of this art is very unbecoming a Man who bears the worthy Name and Character of Mason:

We therefore conclude, that it is the Duty of every Member to make himself, in some Measure, acquainted therewith, as he would honour the Society he belongs to, and conform to the Constitutions.

2. That every Member may have an Opportunity of so doing, the present Cash be laid out in the best Books of Architecture, suitable Mathematical Instruments, &c.

3. That since the present whole Stock is not too large for that purpose, every member indebted to the Lodge pay what is from him respectively due on Monday Night, the nineteenth Instant, that so the whole being ready by the 24th of June, may be sent away by the first Opportunity. And that every one not paying that Night, be suspended till he do pay: For without Care be taken that Rules are punctually observed, no Society can be long upheld in good Order and Regularity.

Crossed out. { 4. That since Love and Good Will are the best Cement of any Society, we endeavour to encrease it among ourselves by a kind and friendly conversation, so as to make us of ourselves desire to meet, but that all Compulsion, by fining any Person for not Meeting, be utterly taken away and abolished, except only Persons in Office, and others when a Meeting is call'd upon extraordinary Occasions.

5. That the use of the balls be established in its full Force and Vigour; and that no new member be admitted against the will of any present Member; because certainly more Regard ought to be had in this way to a Brother who is already a Mason, than to any Person who is not one, and we should never in such cases disoblige a Brother, to oblige a Stranger.

6. That any Member of this Lodge having a complaint against any other member, shall first apply himself to the Wardens, who shall bring the Cause before the Lodge, where it shall be consider'd and made up, if possible, before the Complainant be allow'd to make that Complaint publick to the World; the Offender against this Rule to be expell'd.

June 5, 1732.

The members whose Names are underwritten, being a Majority, agree unanimously to the within Proposals of the Committee (except the fourth, which is cross'd out) and accordingly have hereunto set their hands

WILL: PRINGLE.	JOHN EMERSON.
THOMAS BOUDE.	LAW'CE. REYNOLDS.
B. FRANKLIN.	JNO. HOBART.
XTOPHER THOMPSON.	HENRY PRATT.
THOS. HARTT.	SAML. NICHOLAS."
DAVID PARRY.	

First, as to the Masonic record of the members of the committee who signed this document, so far as we can gather it from Liber B. of St. John's Lodge, and the pages of Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*:

Bro. William Pringle, on 24th June 1732, just after this Report was made, was elected Deputy Grand Master of the provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. Thomas Boude on the same date was elected Senior Grand Warden, and on 24th June 1741, Deputy Grand Master. He was one of the most regular attendants of St. John's Lodge, but one absence being recorded against him. Bro. Benjamin Franklin was elected Junior Grand Warden on 24th June 1732; Grand Master on 24th June 1734; was again Grand Master in 1749; and Deputy Grand Master in 1750, and a number of years thereafter. Bro. Henry Pratt was Junior Grand Warden in 1737. Bros. Christopher Thompson, Thos. Hartt, David Parry, Lawrence Reynolds, John Hobart and Henry Pratt, remained active members of St. John's Lodge until 1738, at least, and Bros. John Emerson and Samuel Nicholas until 1734. Bro. John Hobart appears *never* to have been absent from the Lodge meetings. *All of the names of the members of this committee are in Liber B. of St. John's Lodge*, where their Masonic records appear in full, and at the time when they submitted their report—5th June 1732—the same official record shows that St. John's Lodge had *nineteen members*. Of these, eleven signed this report.

Next, as to some interesting details. The report is marked throughout by the wisdom always characteristic of Benjamin Franklin, in whose handwriting it appears to be, and whose composition in every probability it was. He was apt to be the working member of every committee on which he served. It recommends (1) that "every member" of St. John's Lodge make a special study of the science of Geometry and Architecture, "so much recommended in our ancient Constitutions," and in order to further this purpose it resolves that all the cash then in the funds of the Lodge be expended in purchasing the "best books of architecture, suitable mathematical instruments, &c." It recommends (2) that "every one not paying" his dues "be suspended till he do pay." (3) That there shall be unanimity before initiation—"that no new member be admitted against the will of any present member." (4) That all differences between members be amicably adjusted by the Lodge, and that if any Brother neglect, in such case, to "first apply himself to the Wardens," "the offender against this rule to be expelled." The drafter of the Report also suggested, further, that no member be fined for absence from the Lodge—"that all compulsion by fining be utterly taken away and abolished, except only persons in office, and others when a meeting is called upon extraordinary occasions." It will be noted that this provides that fining be "utterly taken away and abolished"—which implies that prior to 5th June 1732, the date of this document, it had been customary in St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, to fine every absent member. The Ledger of the Lodge, Liber B., above referred to, proves that this had been the custom from 24th June 1731. This proposed resolution was *not* approved by the majority of the committee, and hence was crossed out of the Report, by having lines drawn through it, and being noted at the end. These two old records—Liber B. and the Report—thus entirely corroborate each other. It appears, however, from Liber B. that *after* June 1733 no fines were charged members for absence from Lodge meetings—prior to that time sixpence being regularly paid by each member for "monthly quota," and one shilling regularly charged to, and paid by, each absentee, so that this feature of the report, at first disapproved by the majority of the committee, was afterwards enacted by the Lodge as one of its regulations. The further light shed by this document, upon the early history of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, is considerable, and of much interest. In conclusion, we would say, that while Liber B. is of inestimable value, giving the Masonic records of St. John's Lodge from February 1731, to 24th 1738, including the names of fifty members, thus ante-dating every other Masonic record on this continent, this document, of date 5th June 1732, ante-dates more than one year the petition of the eighteen Brethren (of date 30th July 1733) to Henry Price, asking for the constitution of a Lodge at Boston, *at which latter date St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, had thirty-one members*, as appears from Liber B. Thus a year before application even was made for the Boston Lodge, the Philadelphia Lodge was actively, wisely, and prosperously at work, and we have extant the original Report, signed by a committee of eleven members, proposing for adoption certain bye-laws. Thus, year by year we are discovering new and authentic evidence of the early activity of bodies of our Craft in Philadelphia, corrobating and substantiating previously ascertained facts, and extending our knowledge of important details of Lodge life one hundred and fifty-three years ago in the City of Brotherly Love.—*Keystone*.

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PROTECTION AGAINST IMPOSTORS.

THIS is a matter of great importance to the Masonic Fraternity. It is a fact that there are a large number of persons subsisting on Masonic charity. They are travelling over the country, generally in the guise of Masons who have met with some misfortune in journeying to some distant point, and need a small amount of money to enable them to complete their journey. They tell a plausible story in explanation of their misfortune, and of the importance of their reaching their destination without delay. A Mason's heart always responds in sympathy to a tale of distress, and the impulse is strong to help a needy brother and send him on his way rejoicing. This is as it should be. It is the true spirit of Masonry. To know that he has relieved a worthy brother in distress is a great pleasure to a true Mason. But, as Hamlet says:—"Ay, there's the rub." In our younger days as a Mason we enjoyed this happiness at the expense of several 5 dollar bills in as many instances. Finding the tax on our resources a little onerous, we began to investigate the value of our stock in Masonic charity. Having taken a memorandum of the name of each applicant and the Lodge of which he was a member, letters were written to each of these Lodges, and we soon learned that we had been imposed upon in every instance. Every one we had assisted was proved to be an impostor or unworthy. Since that time we have been a little more wary, but must acknowledge that we have been caught in the same way upon several occasions. The experience of others is probably the same. Nine-tenths of those who have received assistance as Masons were impostors and swindlers of the vilest kind. It was a casting of bread upon the waters that returned not after many days.

We have learned some wisdom by experience while others have been attending the same school. Hundreds and thousands of the worthless vagabonds have been plying their vocation in the name of Masonry, obtaining money under false pretences from brethren, who had rather give than assume the responsibility of possibly refusing a worthy needy brother. The ease with which they could thus obtain money, and the little danger of punishment under the law has enabled these impostors to follow their nefarious business without fear, and presumably with a large income.

To protect the Craft against this class of impostors is no easy matter. It has been done to a great extent in large cities by the organisation of Masonic Relief Boards, to whom all applicants for aid are referred. By adopting a thorough system of investigation, and a free use of the telegraph, the chances of imposition have been greatly lessened. Impostors are often detected but seldom punished. Well knowing that investigation will result in exposure, they are sharp enough to get away before their true character has been established. But while the Relief Board thus saved its own funds, it put no check on the depredations of the marauder in other localities. He takes the first train to some other point where less vigilance is used and soon finds a victim.

There ought to be some way to break up this business, or to put a check upon it at least. Relief Boards have been considering the subject, and under the lead of Bro. D. F. Pennington, President of the Lodge of Relief, of Baltimore, Md., a call for a convention of delegates from all the Boards of Relief in this country has been issued, the same to be held in the city of Baltimore on the 31st day of August. This call is signed by officers of the Boards of Relief at Baltimore, New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Buffalo and Wilmington, and the object is stated to be for the purpose of devising a suitable plan and providing ways and means for maintaining an organisation, so that, by concentrated action, these travelling frauds may be arrested and punished. We trust that this convention may be well attended, and that it may be productive of good results. What can be done in the direction indicated remains to be seen.—*Masonic Advocate.*

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MASONIC RELIEF AND IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A variety of reflections are awakened by your article on this subject which appeared in a recent issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. In the first place, I am inclined to believe that the "impositions" practised by unworthy members of the Craft exist more in the imagination of querulous and stingy brethren than in real fact. Those who bray the loudest about the unbounded charity of Freemasonry are seldom to be found amongst those who practise the "distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart," unless they can secure some mention, either in Lodge or in the public prints, which shall redound to their own personal advantage. Such charity is not worthy of the name—more particularly in connection with the Craft. As you observe, the true spirit of Freemasonry is not to parade its benevolent actions, but to exercise them in secret; and the ostentatious dispenser of alms anywhere, or in any class of society, is to be avoided. We are all perfectly well aware there are some people who do not hesitate to give large sums of money towards certain "fancy" charities, so long as their names appear in the list of donors published in the public newspapers, but who have been known to ignore the plaint of a needy and deserving family who have been impelled by dire and urgent poverty to appeal even for a little temporary assistance. Let it never be said that such a blot should ever rest upon the body to which we are proud and happy to belong. If a case of imposture is discovered it is easy to prevent its repetition; but I am sceptical altogether upon the point so often urged by the "clamorous" ones that a system of wholesale black-mail is constantly being carried on by unworthy members of the Craft. Under the circumstances I am decidedly of your opinion that "things are not quite so bad as they are painted, and certainly not so bad as to warrant wholesale denouncement of Masonic appeals." The best amongst us is liable to come to grief, and to shut the door of Masonic benevolence by transforming it into an inquisitorial organisation would be to deprive Masonry of one of its chief and most attractive attributes. There are many, I know, who object to relieve the poor at the gate for fear of being imposed upon, but that is a begrudging spirit, and a ready excuse for tightly buttoning up the pocket. Better to be "imposed" upon a dozen times than allow one poor struggling one to turn away sick at heart after buffetting with troubles that have stranded him at last on the threshold of Masonic sympathy and aid. There are other matters suggested by your article upon which I might touch but for fear of trespassing too much upon your valuable space, but probably the subject will be discussed by other of your correspondents.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WARDER.

TRADING ON MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just had placed in my hands a copy of the *Keystone*, an excellent Masonic journal published in Philadelphia, which a friend of mine has posted to me for perusal as to matters of mutual interest on the other side of the Atlantic. Amongst other items contained in its pages I notice that the editor has reprinted *in extenso* the sketch furnished by a correspondent to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE some weeks ago, and which was, no doubt, received by your readers with no small amount of amusement. If the article is the real portrayal of a character "whom you have met," I may congratulate your correspondent upon having woven such a "gay and grave" and touching and humorous story out of the lives of the successful undertaker and his "missus," and trust the former, who survives to deliver the "round unvarnished tale," may be equally pleased at having been so kindly immortalised.* I am well aware that you occasionally quote select "tit-bits" from your American contemporary, and the interchange of readable matter is a feature of Masonic journalism which might be productive of much good on both sides of the Atlantic, and indeed everywhere, where the English language is spoken. I frequently come across "tit-bits" copied from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE into colonial papers, which is a proof that your excellent journal is read not only within the confines of the "tight little island" in which it is published, but in distant lands as well, where English Masonry flourishes. If it is pleasant to exchange visits amongst our Masonic Lodges at home, so is it gratifying to find a responsive *esprit de corps* existing between the recognised organs of Freemasonry in various quarters of the globe.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

P.Z.

* The article in question was submitted to the individual whom it was intended to delineate, and with characteristic dryness, when asked if he could recognise the character, he replied, "Why, Mister, some of it fits."—ED. F.C.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE No. 193.

FROM the interest manifested at the first meeting for the winter session in connection with this old and prosperous Lodge, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday evening, there need be little apprehension that the prestige the Lodge has for so many years enjoyed will in any way abate under the presidency of its present popular Worshipful Master, Bro. W. A. Cubitt. Indeed it has been our pleasure to witness its rapid growth and increasing stability, especially of recent years, which speaks volumes for the zeal and judicious rule of its Masters, and a united effort on the part of the Officers and Brethren generally. On resuming work on Monday evening the Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. W. Saint S.W., M. Silvester J.W., G. P. Nightingale S.D., S. Smither I.G., J. E. Fells P.M., B. W. Basham P.M., F. Bonny B.M., J. Smith P.M., J. Shackell P.M. Secretary, H. T. Reed P.M., D. B. Kershaw P.M., Bedford Lemere P.M., J. Egan, H. Meyer, W. Hall, T. Bordman, J. Passingham, G. D. Stevenson, J. Foster, A. Basham, W. Fernley, H. King, J. Lashbrook, T. J. White, J. H. Clare, A. Jay, G. Talbot, W. Beckett, F. H. Clemow, G. S. Pitt, J. Parker, E. Fithian, J. Gildersleeve, G. Masters, E. J. Davey, H. S. Sackwall, C. Webber, E. Kiddell, J. Grundy, F. J. Heale, H. D. Alston, J. H. Bayley, G. Butcher, W. Seaman, J. Garwood, J. Roberts, E. H. Walden, and others. The Visitors included Bros. W. C. Hollands P.M. 1321, A. H. Strong 1585, H. Forss 917, E. Perry 1744, H. Barwell 901, C. Campbell 1364, G. Rolls 1269, W. Dickins 860 S. Jacobs 205, M. Bromet 205, &c. Bro. L. G. Reinhardt officiated as Tyler. In consequence of the lamented decease of Bro. H. Webb P.M. and W.S., the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in token of respect. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The agenda was a formidable one, and Lodge was opened in the three degrees; but in consequence of the amount of work to be done, the raising of Bros. J. Lashbrook and W. J. Parker was deferred. Resuming in the second, Bro. H. King was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which the ballot was opened for Mr. A. W. South, of 119 Newgate-street, proposed by the Senior Warden, and seconded by the Worshipful Master; Mr. J. Dongray, 40 Felix-street, Hackney-road, whose sponsors were the same; Mr. F. Westoby, Wimbledon, nominated by Bro. Collins and seconded by Bro. Lemere P.M., and Mr. J. Hart, East Dulwich, with the same proposer and seconder. In each case voting was unanimously in favour, and the four candidates named were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The whole of the working was such as to reflect the highest credit upon the Worshipful Master and his Officers, all of whom acquitted themselves most meritoriously. Feeling allusion was made by the W.M. and other brethren to the recent death of Bro. Webb, who had rendered such service to the Lodge, and on the motion of the Senior Past Master, duly seconded, it was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the widow on her sad bereavement. Some routine business having been transacted, the brethren and Visitors adjourned for the banquet, which was served in a style for which the Bros. Clemow have long been proverbial. The arrangements were such as we are led from experience to anticipate at this first-class hotel, and nothing was left unstudied that could in any way conduce to the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. The Worshipful Master briefly proposed the Queen and the Craft, following with the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, observing that all the brethren knew what an efficient Mason the Prince of Wales was, and how ready he was at all times to come forward and assist in the working of Freemasonry when called upon. They had a most excellent example of that when His Royal Highness made his son a Freemason. He then proposed the Grand Officers Present and Past, in doing this he said they all knew their good qualities and excellent working. He hoped the time might come when they should see the Earl of Carnarvon in his old place in the chair at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Kershaw P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said Bro. Cubitt had had arduous labours to go through that evening, and would have had more but for the relentless clock. As it was, for the comfort of the brethren at that late hour he had been obliged to eliminate the third degree. He had certainly not got rusty during the recess, but was well up in his work, though he had got through it early on this occasion in order that the brethren might enjoy the amenities that were to follow. The toast was enthusiastically received, and in response the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had greeted the mention of his name. It was a matter of great gratification to him that his poor services had met with so much appreciation at their hands. He was sorry that certain circumstances during the evening had delayed the working of the Lodge. He hoped to have been able to carry out the full duties, but time and circumstances did not permit, and two brethren were kind enough to postpone their raising until a future occasion, for which he thanked them. It had been his aim since he had been in the chair to perform the duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. They had many able Past Masters who during their years of office had acquitted themselves in a most satisfactory manner, and in such a way as many other Lodges might envy. Such being the case, he made it his pleasure to try and emulate them as far as possible. He could not say he had fully succeeded, but he had endeavoured to do his utmost in that direction. He trusted they would overlook his little shortcomings to-night, but he had been somewhat worried, as things had not gone quite so smoothly as he could have wished. In proposing the Initiates, the W.M. observed that they had an unusual number, for it was not a frequent occurrence in any Lodge to have four on one evening. They had some worthy initiates on that occasion, of whose character they had heard in Lodge, and from what they had since seen they were all stamped as likely to become excellent members of the Confidence Lodge. The initiates, who were met with a warm reception, and the rendering of the Entered Apprentice's Song, severally replied. Bro. South thanked the brethren most cordially and heartily for the kind and generous manner in which they had received him and his brother inititiates. He had not the least doubt that kindness would be continued, and he trusted that he might prove deserving of it. Bro. Dongray also returned his sincere thanks for the kindly manner in which he had been received. When he had had some experience of the working of the Lodge he hoped he might not be so timid in the expression of his appreciation. Bro. Westoby thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the way in which they had treated him that evening. He hoped that feeling would continue, and that he might grow in favour with the members of the Lodge. He saw many around him who had gathered honours, and he hoped that some day he might likewise come to the front. Bro. Hart, in the course of his reply, said he, like the other initiates, felt somewhat timid and bashful at saying anything that evening. He begged to offer his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the generous way in which they had received him. He always had a great idea that the brotherhood and Craft of Freemasonry would and should be one of the great ambitions of a man to lead up to. What he had seen, and the generous feeling displayed had confirmed him in that opinion, he hoped he should prove a worthy member of this most ancient and honourable Craft. With all the power that in him lay he should endeavour to maintain its integrity and name with what little ability he possessed. What he had seen to-night would leave an impression on his mind of their generous kindness towards him. The W.M. then extended a hearty welcome to the Visitors, with which toast he coupled the names of Bros. S. Jacobs and W. Dickins, who replied; and in answer to calls Bros. Hollands P.M. 1321, and H. Forss 917, also responded, the former alluding to the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at which he should like to see more of the brethren of the mother Lodge attending. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters, and in doing so said they were so situated in this Lodge that they had a number of veterans who constantly attended the working. He was glad to see so large a muster present that evening, as it gave him great encouragement in going through his duties. He need not comment upon the excellencies of the Past Masters, which were known to all the brethren, but would couple with the toast the name of Bro. S. Webb. In reply Bro. Webb P.M. said there was generally a good muster of Past Masters at the meetings of this Lodge, which showed they did not run away after they had passed through the dignity of the chair. They had one present who had been a P.M. for 21 years. He had been 17 or 18 years, and there was another that had been nearly a quarter of a century, who, although he could not be present, had written a letter to the W.M., which was very gratifying to his (the speaker's) feelings. His brother (the late Bro. H. Webb) had been amongst them a great many years, being initiated at the same time that he was, although he had not been a P.M. quite so long. Still, he held a position in the Lodge which had been not at all discreditable to him, and on the whole he was a most useful and charitable member of the Craft. His name had been mentioned in kindly and sympathetic manner in the Lodge room, and for that he was exceedingly grateful. He hoped they might meet this time next year, and that there might be no gap in the ranks. He felt certain there was no member of this Lodge who had any feeling save of respect for his late brother. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the toast being replied to in suitable terms by Bro. J. Shackell P.M. and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge having replied to compliments paid them, the Tyler closed the programme. During the evening there was some excellent music and singing, Bro. Silvester lending efficient aid as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES, No. 765.

A NUMEROUS gathering of members of, and visitors to, this excellent Lodge, assembled at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., for the installation of Bro. W. H. Tilling, one of its most popular members, into the chair of K.S. Bro. H. W. Mitten W.M. opened his Lodge punctually at the hour appointed, and there were present during the proceedings of the evening the following brethren, viz., Bros. W. H Tilling P.M., George Tilling J.W., F. Child P.M. Treasurer, R. Tilling P.M. Secretary (father of the W.M. elect), E. J. Rawle S.D., R. W. Foster J.D., E. J. Jones W.S., J. E. Costello I.G., Geo. Rowe Tyler; P.M.'s James Abbott, James Cox, Thomas Nevill; also Bros. C. Slow, J. Spencer, T. Price, A. Careys, W. Roberts, G. Perkins, H. Barnett, Alf. Tilling, W. Brindler, R. A. Thompson, C. A. Colville, L. C. Morlet, W. J. Stahlshmidt, D. Blandford, T. Kent, D. Samuels, C. E. R. Rudd, R. Bowes, T. H. Sparling, T. Williams, and other members. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, E. Bridges P.M. 311, T. Nunn P.M. 1531, G. Sewell P.M. 1457, G. Treves W.M. 720, J. Loader W.M. 1622, E. Johnson W.M. 134, Henry Taylor P.M. 586, D. Jones 1586, H. J. Almond 1427, J. Reed 1391, A. C. Wood 720, J. C. Larner S.W. 1586, J. Mills 1714, H. Strickland 169, W. Montgomery S.W. 1475, T. R. Williams S.D. 147, C. H. Cooke 34, W. Fountain 879, G. Saling 205, W. J. Brooker 1329, 1426, J. E. Jones 2011, J. Smith 1586, F. W. Farmer 25, Chaplin Henry, Walter Bolton 179, and H. M. Smith 1586. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and there being no business beyond that of the installation set down for the proceedings of the evening, Bro. W. H. Tilling was presented as W.M. elect, and the W.M., Bro. Mitten, in most admirable style, and in strict accordance with every detail of the ceremonial, installed his successor, who received from all the brethren most hearty congratulations on attaining the honourable position of W.M. At the request of the Installing Master, Brother James Stevens P.M. undertook the duties of D.C. as well in the Board of Installed Masters as in the subsequent business of the lower degree, and the investment of Officers—duties which that

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brother is so frequently charged with when opportunities offer. The Officers appointed by the W.M., and those elected by the Lodge, were invested and most ably addressed in the following order, viz., Bros. George Tilling S.W., C. J. Rawle J.W., H. W. Mitten I.P.M., F. Child P.M. Treasurer, R. Tilling P.M. Secretary, R. W. Foster S.D., J. E. Costello J.D., E. J. Jones I.G., Geo. Hyde P.M. D.C., C. H. Dent W.S., George Rowe Tyler. Propositions for initiation and joining having been received, communications read, hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors respectively, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the large Crown Room of the Hotel and gave general satisfaction, both in regard to provision and sufficiency of attendance. The musical portion of the entertainment was under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, with Bro. F. R. Kinkel at the pianoforte, and Mdlles. Madeline Hardy and Helen Heath, and Bros. Henry Taylor and Walter Bolton as vocalists. It is almost needless to say that under such direction, and with such excellent talent, the enjoyment of the company was considerably enhanced, and the W.M. very commendably advocating brief addresses in proposing and responding to the several toasts, left ample time for the several encores which the merits of the singers so well deserved. After grace had been sung, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, the health of the W.M. was drank with enthusiasm. In his reply the W.M. expressed his devotion to the best interests of the Lodge and the welfare and happiness of its members, and that devotion he assured them should not be lessened during his year of office. He had to thank Bro. Mitten, the now I.P.M., for much assistance in the past, and more especially now, for the benefit of installation he had received at his hands. It gave him great pleasure to decorate him with the handsome jewel which the Lodge had voted to Bro. Mitten in recognition of his past services, and in doing so he called upon his hearers to drink his health and wish him long life and prosperity. Bro. Mitten was most cordially received on rising, and in very forcible terms expressed his thanks. Amongst the remaining toasts was that of the Visitors, who were severally introduced to the members of the Lodge, and were heartily welcomed. On their behalf, responses were made by Bros. James Stevens P.M., J. Loader W.M. 1622, E. Johnson W.M. 124, W. Montgomery S.W. 1475, A. C. Wood I.G. 720, and J. W. Farmer 25, who respectively expressed their thanks and appreciation of both the "labour and refreshment" which had been set before them. The Tyler's toast, at a somewhat late hour, concluded one of the most enjoyable Masonic réunions in which we have at any time taken part, and the Lodge of St. James, No. 765, may fairly record on their minutes of proceedings as a "red letter day" that on which took place the installation of their present Worshipful Master.

ABERYSTWYTH LODGE, No. 1072.

THERE was a gratifying attendance of members and Visitors at the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion Hotel, Aberystwyth. The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. J. Watkins, being detained, the chair was filled by Bro. C. Rice Williams, M.D., P. Prov. G.S.W., Prov. Grand Secretary, who was supported by Bros. H. Hughes P. Prov. G. Purs. S.W., A. Riddell J.W., Rev. J. Lewis P. Prov. G. Chaplain, W. H. Jones S.D., R. W. Genese J.D., E. P. Wynne I.G., G. Davis D. of C., J. R. Rees and J. Morgan Stewards, and many others. Among the Visitors was Bro. C. Lacey P.M. P. Prov. G.J.D. Herts. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual preliminaries had been observed, the ceremony of raising was performed in a most impressive manner, the candidates being Bros. Richard Mathias and James Jones. The acting W.M. completed the work with the traditional history and lecture on the tracing-board, delivering himself with great elocutionary effect. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Watkins, had by this time arrived, and the chair was vacated by Bro. Williams in his favour. Lodge having been resumed in the second degree, Bros. Viscount Vaughan and William Henry Jones were passed, the working being excellent, and eliciting the entire approbation of the brethren. A sumptuous banquet followed labour, and the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Lacey responded for the Visitors, and met with a very cordial reception from the Worshipful Master, Bro. Rice Williams the Secretary, Bro. Roberts the host, and the brethren generally. The toasts were interspersed with singing, &c., and a very happy and enjoyable evening was passed.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Bro. W. P. Baber the W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers: — Robert Fendick S.W., F. W. Potter J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson Past G. Chaplain Chaplain, P.M.'s N. B. Headon Treasurer, George Blackie Secretary, F. T. C. Keeble, J. Stevens, R. Stanway J. Seex, W. F. Kibble; H. Bertram J.D., G. Jenkins Organist, J. A. W. Stephens and A. Cumner Stewards, and R. Potter P.M. Tyler. Lodge having been opened, and the usual formalities observed, it was advanced, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with, Bro. Fendick being placed in the chair of the Lodge by the outgoing Master. He was saluted in the three degrees, and then appointed the following as the Officers for the ensuing year:— F. W. Potter S.W., Bertram J.W., Headon P.M. Treasurer, Keeble P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, Stephens S.D., Cumner J.D., J. R. Greening I.G., Jenkins Organist, W. Cook P.M. D.C., Smith and H. F. Frost Stewards, R. Potter P.M. Tyler. Bro. James Stevens P.M. acted as Director of Ceremonies during the installation, and performed the work in a creditable manner. Before closing the Lodge, the Worshipful Master desired to refer to the services rendered to the Lodge by Brother Blackie, during the time he had fulfilled the duties of Secretary, and to propose that a cordial vote of thanks be presented to him for those services. Brother Blackie had performed his work in such a manner as to merit the warmest and sincerest thanks of the members of the Lodge. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Baber I.P.M., and carried unanimously. Thereupon, Bro. Potter S.W. suggested that a Past Secretary's jewel be presented by the Lodge to Bro. Blackie. He felt that of all the jewels which had been given by the Lodge none was more deserved than this, and none would be given with greater pleasure. He therefore gave notice of motion for the necessary expenditure to be sanctioned by the Lodge at the next meeting. Bro. Greening seconded, fully endorsing all that had been said in praise of Bro. Blackie, and feeling assured the Lodge would be united in wishing to present some memento of their appreciation of the services of their ex-Secretary. An appeal was made to the Lodge on behalf of a distressed brother, and a sum of £3 was voted on his behalf. Bro. James Stevens gave some particulars of the case, and later in the evening had the pleasure of receiving an offer of employment for the brother whose case he had espoused. The practical response of the Lodge to this appeal, and the even more gratifying promise of one of its members to give the applicant employment, was most satisfactory, and exhibited that true Masonic spirit which should do much to alleviate distress among members of the Craft if it was displayed more frequently. Another appeal was introduced and a collection made among the members on behalf of the applicant—the widow of an old member of the Lodge. The Auditors' Report was submitted and adopted, some formal business transacted, and the Lodge closed. The brethren afterwards assembled in the Pillar room of the Hotel, where the usual banquet was served. The Worshipful Master presided, and in due course proposed the toasts customary on such occasions. The health of the Queen having been drunk, the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was submitted. This, the W.M. said, was a truly Masonic toast. The position taken by the Prince of Wales, as head of the Craft, had been the means of adding greatly to its numbers, and had tended largely to the prosperity of the Order. Wherever the name of the Prince of Wales was mentioned it was always sure of that hearty enthusiasm which Freemasons, one and all, loved to accord to it. The health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was the next toast. The heads of the Order were really worthy men, doing each day all that lay in their power to advance the interest and welfare of Freemasonry. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson responded. He was not surprised that the health of the Pro G.M. and the Deputy Grand Master came next in the affections of Freemasons to that of their beloved Grand Master. Much of our peace, prosperity, and domestic happiness—to say nothing of the prosperity of the Order to which we belong—depended on the leaders of the nation and of the Craft. Much also depended on the moral courage of those leaders. In Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom we have men who would do their duty in whatever position in life God might place them. At the present time they could not prevent their minds going somewhat out of Freemasonry when they wished health and prosperity to the Pro Grand Master. Bro. Simpson had lately been in Ireland, and was present at the Grand Lodge of that island the previous week, when an address was proposed to the Pro Grand Master of England in his official capacity of Lord Lieutenant in Ireland. Bro. Simpson had taken advantage of his visit to the sister isle to visit the Masonic Schools there, and he must certainly pronounce them entirely equal to those maintained by the English Freemasons,—except so far as the number of inmates was concerned. He fully appreciated the high honour conferred on him by The Great City Lodge in appointing him as Chaplain, for the eleventh time. He was delighted to see so many of the Past Masters of the Lodge present, and would enjoin four things on all around him—Honour all men, love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the Queen. Bro. Baber now proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He had been known to most of them for eleven or twelve years, and they had seen enough of him to know he was worthy of being the Master of The Great City Lodge. He was easy in address, courteous in manner, steady and firm in principle, and at the end of his term of office he was convinced the brethren would be able to say he was well skilled in the noble science, and able and willing to conduct the affairs of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks. He considered his position a very proud one, although it was not from some points of view a very enviable one. He had worked through every office in the Lodge and at last had attained the summit of his ambition. He hoped the brethren would look with a lenient eye on his shortcomings, and would support him to the best of their ability during his term of office. He should not be worthy of his position if he did not endeavour to do his very best for the welfare of The Great City Lodge, which he hoped would progress under his Mastership. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors. The Great City Lodge was and always had been honoured by the extent and quality of its Visitors. That night was no exception to the rule. To one and all of the guests he offered, on behalf of the Lodge, the right hand of fellowship, and hoped they would be present on many future occasions. Bro. Fletcher replied. He thanked the Lodge for the kind welcome given the Visitors. He felt he was but re-echoing the sentiments of all when he congratulated the outgoing Master on the spirit with which he had carried out his duties that day, and the Lodge generally on the dignity and sangfroid with which their new ruler had at once undertaken his work in the Lodge. Bro. Poore followed. It was no novelty with him to be a visitor at The Great City Lodge, his association with which was to be traced to the Lodge of Instruction working under its sanction. The ambition of every young Mason should be to follow the example set by the heads of the Order, who in their turn should be patterns worthy of imitation. Bros. Melvain and Tatlock also responded. The former congratulated the Lodge on its prospects under its new Master. The latter felt no one could have been in the Lodge without feeling that the true principles of Freemasonry were thoroughly engrafted in the heart of the retiring

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Master. He could not have performed his task as he had done had he been half-hearted in the work. It was also a pleasure to witness the way in which the members tried to relieve the wants of their fellows, the mere mention of distress appeared to stir up the best feelings of their hearts. The Master next proposed the health of their I.P.M—the Installing Master of the day—Bro. Baber. He felt justified in saying that Bro. Baber had given satisfaction to every member of the Lodge, and only hoped that when the end of his year of office came he should be able to instal his successor as well as Bro. Baber had done. He had pleasure in presenting to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel voted by the members of the Lodge, and in doing so trusted the recipient might be spared for many years to come among them—in the enjoyment of health and happiness. The jewel bore the following inscription :—

On the front

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

On the reverse :

Presented to
Bro. WILLIAM BABER,
with the thanks of the Brethren,
On the termination of his year of office,
as 12th Worshipful Master
10th October 1885.

The I.P.M. tendered his thanks, both for the reception which had been accorded to the toast and for the very flattering references which had been made to the way in which he had performed the work of his term of office. He had done his duty to the best of his ability, and was very pleased to think he had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren. He thanked them for the very handsome jewel they had awarded him. He thought he might say that if he was spared it would seldom be absent from the meetings of The Great City Lodge. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Past Masters. He was pleased to see so many present that night. The Past Masters had done good suit and service to the Lodge, and had proved themselves of advantage to Freemasonry in general. Bro. Stevens was the first to reply. He expressed his gratitude for the way in which the brethren had listened to his appeal in the Lodge, and for the way in which they had always received their Past Masters. Bro. Headon desired to once more thank the brethren for associating his name with the toast of the Past Masters. He fully recognised the kind way in which they were always received in The Great City Lodge. Bros. Seex, Stanway, and Blackie followed. Bro. Blackie was proud of being a Past Master of The Great City Lodge, and also proud of being able to respond without having to look forward to association with a toast later on—that of the Secretary. He had fulfilled the duties of that office as long as he had been able to do so, and as well as he could. If his successor desired any help which it was in his power to afford he should be most happy to give it. The other claims on his time prevented his giving that attention to the duties of Secretary which the office demanded. Bros. Kibble and Keeble came next. The latter said he had felt very proud when he was placed at the head of the Lodge, and now felt equally proud in taking his position on the lowest round among the Past Masters. The next duty of the W.M. was a very pleasing one—the proposition of the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. In their Treasurer they had a very old and tried servant, one who was always ready to give his services for the good of the Lodge, and always ready to do his utmost to advance its welfare. In their Secretary they had a new hand—not new to the Lodge, but new to the office. The W.M. felt that their new Secretary would follow in the steps of his predecessors, but warned him he had no light task to perform when trying to emulate them. Bro. Headon tendered his thanks. There had not been a meeting of The Great City Lodge at which its Treasurer had not been present, and he hoped it might always be so, so long as he filled the office. He had always taken a great interest in the Lodge, and trusted his interest in it might never be less than it then was. He desired to refer to an important matter which would occupy the attention of the Craft ere long—the election of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. They were all aware The Great City Lodge had taken a great interest in the movement which had brought about an annual transfer of the collar of Grand Treasurer. First, the brethren of the City had secured the election of Bro. Allcroft—a City man, widely known and well entitled to the honour conferred on him. Some little distrust had been felt lest by some slip the election of a brother hardly worthy of the honour might bring discredit on the amendment which had been carried into effect. This was not likely during the current year, if they were successful in securing the election of Bro. Martin—also a well-known City man—who had consented to allow himself to be put in nomination for the office. He was a brother well fitted for the appointment and worthy the support of the whole Craft. He trusted the London brethren would rally round and support him to the best of their ability. The position Bro. Martin held in the City of London was such as to warrant them in recommending him for the office, which, with the help of London Masons, they hoped to secure for him. Brother Keeble thanked the brethren for receiving him so heartily as their Secretary. He felt he could but feebly carry on the work so ably conducted by Bro. Blackie during the past five years, but at the same time he felt that as Bro. Blackie had proved himself efficient in the work he had an extra good example to imitate. The W.M. proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge. This was a very comprehensive toast, especially so on the present occasion when there had been so many new brethren appointed to office. The ability of the older Officers was well-known; while as regarded the new ones, the brethren knew sufficient of them to give their confidence in the selection which had been made. Bro. Potter returned thanks; he felt that all who had that day been appointed to office would endeavour to do their duty to the satisfaction of the members: the bright example set by the Officers who had preceded them would be an incentive for extra endeavours, and he hoped in due course they would merit the reward of promotion. Each of the Officers having responded, the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Hubbard 9, T. Fletcher 33, J. Tatlock W.M. 142, James Hill I.P.M. 483, J. G. Newton 569, T. Poore P.M. 720, F. H. Cozens Organist 907, T. Harper P.M. 1216, G. Collins 1260, E. Dalzell S.W. 1549, W. Medwin P.M. 1613, J. Gibbs W.M. elect 1613, R. V. Harman W.M. 1692, and M. Brown 1997. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. H. F. Frost, who was supported by Bros. H. W. Schartau, Edward Dalzell, F. H. Cozens and F. Bevan.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, on Saturday last, the 10th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Seward, who was supported by his Past Masters, Officers, and the following brethren: Bros. J. A. Flack 172, C. T. Flack D.C. 172, J. Bastard 1566 P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks, E. A. Tilbury 975, L. Steil 55, H. S. Hill P.M. 223, T. Drewbear W.M. 1584, E. Horne P.M. 1887, J. M. Longhurst P.M. 133, 1273, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, W. J. London S.D. 2077, P. A. Latham W.M. 2022, Jas Chapman P.M. 194, G. F. Nixon P.M. 76, James Fisher P.M. 2022, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. R. Wise 452, J. Salmon S.W. 2077, W. Roebuck P.G.S., G. Wright W.M. 1996, W. G. Vassie 1767, W. H. Chappell 1245, W. C. K. John 33; Past Masters Henry Kasner Treasurer, Adam J. Burr Secretary, S. Dyer, A. Beasley. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, and after full consideration it was adopted. Several important communications were brought under the notice of the brethren, and these received full attention. Brother E. J. Acworth, the Master elect, was then formally presented for the benefit of installation, and was obligated by Bro. Seward. After the brethren under the degree of Installed Master had retired, the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Kasner P.M., who, before proceeding with the ceremony, read a telegram announcing the success, that day, of a daughter of their late Bro. Tucker P.M., as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Brother Acworth was then installed, and having received the congratulations of the brethren assembled, appointed the following as the Officers:—Bros. J. W. Fisher S.W., W. Nye J.W., H. Kasner P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Burr P.M. Secretary, G. S. Wright S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., J. L. Hamilton I.G., F. Delevanto Organist, W. Meadows Assistant Organist, J. Wells and A. Pooley Stewards, G. Coop D.C., and G. Harrison Tyler. The routine work having already been disposed of, the W.M. made the usual inquiries, and then proceeded to close the Lodge. The brethren afterwards assembled in the beautiful hall of the establishment. The banquet was served in a most complete and ample form, with every regard to comfort, and reflected the highest credit on Brother Stephens, the proprietor. The usual toasts were honoured. Her Majesty the Queen recognised Freemasons as a truly loyal body. In proposing the health of the Grand Master the W.M. remarked upon the hold Freemasonry had taken on the Royal Family, and that, as it was descending from father to son, he thought Freemasons might congratulate themselves upon the prospect of having royalty at the head of the Craft for many years to come. With the health of the Grand Officers Present and Past the W.M. associated the name of Brother Roebuck, and on behalf of the West Middlesex Lodge tendered him the hearty thanks of the members for the valuable help he had given them in securing the election of the candidate Tucker, already referred to. Brother William Roebuck, Past Grand Steward, in the course of his reply said, that he had had the privilege of being in Grand Lodge when Lord Carnarvon was presiding, and he did not know his lordship's equal for such a duty. As regarded the Deputy G. Master, Lord Lathom was always ready to come forward when required; and as regarded the Grand Officers Present and Past, he believed they desired to render the brethren all the assistance they could. At the consecration of new Lodges some of them were invariably present. He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and on behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren for the compliment paid them. Bro. Seward proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Acworth was one not altogether unknown to them; he was initiated in the West Middlesex, but had served as the W.M. of another Lodge. He was one whom they all knew and greatly respected; he would ask them to drink to the health of the W.M. and wish him a prosperous and a happy year of office. Bro. Acworth did not feel the same difficulty in asking the brethren to drink the health of others as he did to return thanks himself. He did not know how sufficiently to thank those present for conferring upon him the Mastership. The West Middlesex Lodge had been known for years past, first for its good working, secondly for its benevolence, and thirdly for the good, kind-hearted feeling that prevailed amongst its members. He now found himself in the position of head of the Lodge, and he could only say that he hoped to be able at the end of his year of office to give a good account of his Stewardship. The Past Masters was the next toast proposed. The W.M. said that in drinking this toast the brethren must carry their minds back to the commencement of the Lodge, and consider all the difficulties a young Lodge had to contend with. They had had the good fortune to have able Masters, and as these had borne the burden and heat of the day, it was becoming that they should be looked up to on account of the services they had rendered. By the time he became one himself he hoped to merit the good opinion of the Senior Past Masters, and of every member of the Lodge; but he could not conceal from himself that his year of office would not be an easy one. Before he sat down he had a duty to perform; this was, on behalf of the Lodge, to present to the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel. It had been most worthily deserved, and he believed he might say that the brethren

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never subscribed for a jewel more freely than they did for this. The compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bros. Seward, Beasley, and Dyer, Bro. Beasley remarking he had travelled some hundreds of miles in order to be present. The next toast proposed from the chair was that of the Visitors, and most of those present acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Salmon, who stated that he was associated with Bro. Acworth in another Lodge, announced that he had mentioned to some of his friends that Bro. Acworth had been elected Master of this Lodge; those brethren had desired him to convey to him their feelings of satisfaction in a practical form, and they therefore had had prepared an illuminated address, which he would now venture to read.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It affords us great pleasure to communicate to you a resolution unanimously passed at a meeting in London of your numerous friends in Masonry, who desire to testify their appreciation of your excellent qualities as a member of the Craft, as well as your sterling worth as a citizen. Resolved—"Having heard of the further advance in Masonry of Bro. E. J. Acworth, and of his induction into the Mastership of his Parent Lodge, this meeting, composed of his personal friends, desires to congratulate him on his attainment of the honour he so justly merits, and trusts that a happy year of office awaits him." The occasion of your installation as Master of the West Middlesex Lodge, is considered a fitting opportunity for conveying to you this token of regard.

Signed on behalf of the thirty-seven brethren present.

W. J. LONDON.,
T. J. WOODROW.
JAMES SALMON.

That address (said Bro. Salmon) Bro. London, Bro. Woodrow, and himself had signed, on behalf of 37 brethren who were present when the matter was resolved upon, and in the names of those brethren he now had the pleasure to present it. Bro. Acworth, in acknowledgment, said that he felt himself quite undeserving of such an expression of esteem, but begged that Bro. Salmon would convey his sincere thanks for it to the brethren with whom it originated. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was acknowledged by Bros. Kasner and Burr, and the Officers having been toasted, the proceedings were brought to a close in the usual manner. An excellent musical programme was provided, under the direction of Miss Madeline Hardy, who was supported by Miss Florence Venning, Mr. Alfred Denby, and Mr. Alfred Moore. Mr. Albert H. Fox presided at the piano, and proved himself an accompanyist of no mean order. The songs were admirably rendered, and the encores during the evening were numerous and persistent.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE first meeting of the winter session was held at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday last. Bros. T. H. Peirce W.M., Henry Martin S.W., E. Thring J.W., Charles Greenwood P.M. P.G. Sword Bearer Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, W. W. Morgan I.P.M., Usher Back, Dr. Waters, Alfred Green, and F. Hentsch P.M.'s, and several visitors. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which some matters of interest to the members were discussed. Brother Morgan announced that the candidate—Dyer—in whom several members of the Lodge were interested, had been successful at the election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the previous day, and congratulated the brethren on this result being attained on the first application made on behalf of the lad. He also urged the brethren to support the candidature of Bro. Harper, an old member of the St. Michael's Lodge, who was seeking the benefits of the Benevolent Institution. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of banquet, and the evening was spent in a most harmonious manner.

UNITY LODGE, No. 1637.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge, which is one of the most prosperous in the Province of Middlesex, took place on Saturday last, at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, where there was a goodly assemblage of brethren and visitors, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The proceedings were throughout of a most harmonious and agreeable description, and it is very evident that through the judicious management of its Officers, the Lodge is in a most satisfactory condition from every point of view. At two o'clock Lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, the chair being filled by Bro. T. W. Cooper P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G.J.D., who was supported by Bros. J. Woodmason S.W. and W.M. elect, C. Webster J.W., S. A. Cooper P.M. and Sec., C. Parsons S.D., J. M. Jefferson J.D., I. N. Gordon I.G., W. Coombes P.M. P.P.S.D. (honorary), D. Stroud, Dr. N. Goodchild P.M., H. Slyman P.M., J. S. Adkins P.M., S. Sondheim, J. Crook, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. I. Cantle P.M. 1111, J. Salmon 2015, C. Rogers 1328, A. Giddings 1146, Harry Tipper S.W. 2050, H. Jackson 1937, J. W. Howson 1146, T. Edmonds 1507, W. Heath 1613, M. Higgin 1363, W. F. Parker 1517, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bros. J. Crook and G. Dickins having answered the interrogatories in a satisfactory manner, were entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third, and Bros. Crook and Dickins were raised to the sublime degree, the work being admirably carried out. Subsequently, Bro. Sondheim was also raised, the whole of the solemn rites being sustained in masterly manner. Bro. Henry Slyman P.M. having taken the chair, Bro. J. Woodmason S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted for that purpose. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was greeted with the customary salutations, and the charges were delivered in eloquent manner by Bro. Slyman, who acquitted himself most creditably as Installing Master. Bro. Woodmason W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the year, as follow, suitably addressing each as to the nature of his duties:—Bros. H. Slyman I.P.M., C. Webster S.W., C. Parsons J.W., T. Walker Cooper P.M. P.Prov.G.J.D. Treas., S. A. Cooper P.M. Secretary, J. M. Jefferson S.D., I. N. Gordon J.D., H. N. Larkin I.G., J. Clarkson D. of C., D. Strong S., Dr. Goodchild P.M. Assist. W.S., Middleton Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was most satisfactory, and was unanimously received; and after the transaction of some routine business the brethren adjourned to the banqnetting-room, where an excellent repast was served by the worthy host of the Railway Hotel, whose arrangements were all that could be desired. After dinner, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and received with due enthusiasm, reference being made by the Worshipful Master to Her Majesty the Queen as Patroness of the Craft, and to the rapid strides made in Freemasonry since the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the office of Grand Master. He then gave the health of the Grand Officers Present and Past, alluding to the zeal and ability with which the affairs of Grand Lodge were carried on by the rulers of the Craft; this toast having met with its accustomed reception, was followed by that of the Prov. Grand Master Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Raymond Thrupp, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. In doing so he spoke in felicitous terms of the excellent manner in which each and all of the Prov. Grand Officers exerted themselves to advance the interests of the Province, and of the happy results which had attended their wise and discreet arrangements. He concluded by expressing the hope that the harmony and unanimity which pervaded the Province, might long continue. The toast was heartily received, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Coombes Prov. G.S.D. who, in the course of his observations, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be once more with the brethren of the Unity Lodge, after a lengthened absence. He paid a fitting tribute to the zeal and admirable qualities of the Prov. Grand Master, who had earned the affection and esteem of all the brethren of the Province, and of none more than the members of the excellent Lodge under whose auspices they were now assembled. The Immediate Past Master next proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, whom he sincerely congratulated upon having attained the proud position he now occupied. He had passed through the minor offices with great credit, and there was every reason to anticipate that in carrying out the more important functions of the chair he would acquit himself with equal skill and to the entire satisfaction of the members of the Lodge. He considered the brethren had made a wise and judicious selection in Bro. Woodmason, who would study the best interests of the Unity Lodge in every possible way. The toast was received enthusiastically, and the Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and expressed the deep interest he felt in the welfare and prosperity of the Unity Lodge. It should be his constant study to promote that harmony and good feeling which, he was happy to say, now animated the whole of the brethren, and to sustain the prestige which the Unity Lodge enjoyed. He subsequently gave the Visitors a cordial welcome, observing that brethren from other Lodges were always received with pleasure by members of the Unity Lodge. The toast, which was heartily drunk, was responded to by Bros. J. I. Cantle P.M., T. C. Edmonds, and C. Rogers, each of whom complimented the Lodge upon the excellence of its working, and the generous hospitality which had been evinced towards them at the banquet table. The Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer, Brother H. Slyman, alluding to the active zeal he had for years displayed in promoting the welfare of the Unity Lodge. Brother Slyman had won the esteem and regard of the brethren generally, who all appreciated the fervency and zeal with which he carried out his duties; and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge they had unanimously voted him a handsome Past Master's jewel, which he had now the pleasure of placing on Bro. Slyman's breast. He trusted that their excellent Immediate Past Master might live long to wear it, and to enjoy the affection and regard of the brethren among whom he had laboured so zealously and well. He thanked Bro. Slyman for the kind and able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day, and spoke of the growing tendency in Masonic Lodges of retiring Masters installing their successors. That was a principle they should all endeavour to emulate, and he sincerely congratulated Bro. Slyman upon having set so excellent an example on this occasion. The Immediate Past Master, who was cordially received on rising to respond, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to perform the installation ceremony, and in placing in the chair a Master so eminently worthy of the confidence and respect of the brethren as his old friend Bro. Woodmason. He thanked the brethren for their handsome recognition of his small services to the Lodge, and said he should prize the jewel which had been presented to him far more for the generous motives which had prompted the gift than for its intrinsic value. His interest in the Unity Lodge was unabated, and it would be his study to exert himself in its behalf in the future equally as he had endeavoured to do in the past. The Worshipful Master then spoke of the admirable and zealous manner in which the Treasurer and Secretary had discharged their arduous duties, for which they were entitled to the best thanks of the brethren, inasmuch as the services they rendered conduced so much to the success and well being of the Lodge. These sentiments were cordially endorsed by the brethren, and the compliment was suitably acknowledged by the Secretary, Bro. S. A. Cooper P.M., who congratulated the brethren upon the sound and satisfactory condition of the Unity Lodge in every particular. The health of the Past Masters was next given from the

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 10th October 1885,

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, C.C., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election, by ballot, of 17 Girls into the Institution from a list of 34 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
27	Menpes, E. J.	2220	1
5	Fitt, M. E.	2123	2
18	Grammer, M. E.	2022	3
9	Burkill, F.	2014	4
29	Conti, E. M.	1953	5
28	Holleyman, B. C.	1895	6
11	Coxwell, E.	1885	7
24	Campbell, E. H. G.	1851	8
3	Smith, M. A. G.	1814	9
13	Broughton, K.	1802	10
2	Smithers, L. A.	1732	11
23	Tucker, I. C.	1725	12
6	Read, M. F.	1689	13
1	Mansell, M. M.	1628	14
15	Strathern, I. E.	1626	15
7	Adams, K. J.	1571	16
22	Gardner, B.	1534	17

The number 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.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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10th October 1885.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, return their thanks for the assistance they received from the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on behalf of IDA CAMPBELL TUCKER, by which they were enabled to secure for her a place in the School.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

BRO. L. SOLOMON and the brethren who assisted him in the canvass on behalf of WILLIAM GEORGE FIGGESS, a candidate at the Election on Monday last, for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, desire to return their sincere thanks for the support they received, which enabled them to secure the election of the lad, who was returned No. 26 on the list.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

BRO. CHARLES LACEY P.M. and the brethren of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625, return their sincere thanks to those brethren and subscribers of the Institution who supported the candidature of GEORGE STAFFORD HUGGETT, son of one of their Past Masters, at the election on the 12th instant, which resulted in his being returned No. 8 among the successful candidates.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

BRO. DR. REGINALD TAYLOR, and the brethren who worked with him on behalf of EDWARD DYER, a candidate at the last Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, beg to tender their thanks to those Governors and Subscribers of the Institution who polled their votes on behalf of the case, thereby securing the election of the lad to the benefits of the School.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of October 1885,

W. Bro. RAYNHAM WILLIAM STEWART, P.G.D., V.P., in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of THIRTY-SEVEN BOYS from an approved List of Fifty-three Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	44	Sherrock, Levi	1781
2	12	Henshaw, H. E.	1717
3	33	Hobson, E. W.	1618
4	53	Mackey, G. L. R.	1597
5	7	McMillan, J. N.	1573
6	16	Higgison, F. W.	1539
7	35	Worthington, G. B.	1537
8	32	Huggett, G. S.	1494
9	13	Astington, A. E.	1467
10	34	Smithers, W. H. G.	1466
11	40	Dobby, E.	1451
12	4	Mushens, A. T.	1441
13	10	West, A. S.	1426
14	2	Hildred, H. M.	1415
15	36	Stevens, W. B.	1411
16	3	Warner, A.	1395
17	6	Musgrave, P. W.	1385
18	15	Senior, G. J.	1377
19	40	Robey, b. H.	1362
20	18	Emes, E. R.	1356
21	9	Kent, F. B. B.	1353
22	41	McCaskie, N.	1343
23	54	Churchill, R. L.	1336
24	22	Arrowsmith, C. E.	1305
25	52	Neville, P.	1304
26	37	Figgess, W. G.	1274
27	39	Harrison, A.	1263
28	26	Hobbs, J. E. T.	1246
29	19	Fowler, F.	1231
30	31	Campbell, C. R.	1212
31	47	Brockbank, W. E.	1194
32	29	Groves, E. H.	1143
33	24	Gooch, T. E.	1119
34	45	Pronger, W. D.	1107
35	14	Haxthausen, C. E.	1056
36	51	Dyer, E.	1019
37	28	Rees, R. H.	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.

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

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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. III.

INTRINSICALLY to study the characters of men with whom one might become intimate, in the Lodge room, the banquetting hall, or in public and private life, is a matter that requires a double safeguard—on the one hand against unconscious over-estimation, and on the other a censorship dictated by natural dislike. We can only gauge, after many years of practical observation, the peculiar merits or the reverse of those who may come within the scope of our review; and then it must be with a hand guided, and mind balanced, by true charity and caution. Probably inside a Lodge there is greater inducement and opportunity to carry on this study than anywhere else, because it is well known that here men exert their utmost powers to appear to the best advantage. Very amusing it is to watch the varying deportment of those who, having struggled after office, and reached the apex of their ambition, confess to the brethren who have conferred upon them so distinguished an honour that "this is the happiest moment of my life." We have before us a sample of that self-complacent Mason, who while in the humbler walks of his career upon the chequered floor carried himself with due humility and obedience, but who when he had reached the blissful moment referred to stuck on such fantastical airs that made the brethren giggle all round. True it is that on one previous and memorable occasion the brethren tittered, though over a much more serious matter, when an initiate in the north-east produced his purse, and offered to bestow to the utmost his charity when solicited by the Junior Deacon. Our illustrious brother was at that time Director of Ceremonies, and the effect of the very unusual contretemps may be better imagined than described. But the ignominy of that retreat is forgotten now that the "summit of a Mason's ambition" has been attained, and the frisky little Worshipful Master has shaken hands with the brethren all round—if not physically, in a manner equally significant and well known—at the banquet table. He has grown confident whilst working up in his degrees, and has even gone so far as to "back his intelligence" against that of any brother who has preceded him in the chair. To smile and shrug the shoulder at this perhaps unintentioned outburst of egotism was pardonable on the part of the company assembled at that réunion; yet elevate the eyebrows and nudge the elbow they did, as they anticipated the style in which the new Master would prove his own assertion to the satisfactorily reiterating their excellencies, which practically as yet he knows very little about. As the post-prandial heat intensifies, so does his burning eloquence increase in volume, and the "intelligence" illumines, if not the interest of the evening, at any rate the countenances of the amused guests. But it is in the crowning moment of admitted "happiness" that our hero rises, Icarus-like, to the occasion; he soars into the regions of oratory until the waxen wings become molten, and he flounders about in a perfect slough of grotesque despond. The programme is got through at last, with evident satisfaction to the chief actor on the scene, who promises all sorts of possible and impossible things which he intends to carry out in the interests of the Lodge during his term of office, at the expiration of which he hopes to "hand down the insignia to his successor with its dignity untarnished and its lustre undimmed." Whereat there are loud outbursts of ironical approbation, and he who has "strutted his brief hour upon the stage" finds himself in a condition of superlative ecstasy and self-importance. All this is pretty enough while it lasts, but subsequent events do not quite convince the brethren of the superior "intelligence" assumed at the outset. The year glides by with wonderful monotony, and although more by sympathetic courtesy than admiration engendered by the "Master of all the Talents," he goes up armed with a decent list as a Steward at one of the Festivals, the shining light never again burns so brilliantly as on the night when it was first kindled, and finally goes out when he descends from the pinnacle of power and takes his place among the veterans whose "intelligence" he promised to eclipse. The financial condition of the Lodge has not improved under his rule, nor has the spirit of harmony and accord become more vigorous than before. Instead of blending his own exertions with those of men of less pretensions but greater experience and discernment, he has tried to rule the roost with an iron hand, and the brethren, instead of being struck with his "superior intelligence" are inclined to exclaim with Celia, in *As you like it*, "We must have your doublet and hose plucked over your head, and show the world what the bird hath done to her own nest." This is but a specimen of the men who aspire to a point they are unable to retain, after they have been assisted to it, and who kick away the ladder by which they have climbed to transient eminence. The moral which adorns the tale is that modesty and plodding industry tell with greater weight in the long run than all the fireworks of overweening complacency and confidence, and in the result are of far more solid and lasting benefit to any Lodge. Who has not seen in his experience many a man thus flying at too high game and finishing in disappointment, which would never have overtaken him had zeal been tempered with discretion? Such individuals are not to be wholly blamed, for probably the intentions at the outset were genuine, though the aim might have been Utopian. The harm done, however, is often found to vibrate through the whole ranks of the Lodge, creating discontent where harmony would otherwise have been supreme, and the amenities of the brethren been most thoroughly cemented.

As a contrast to this we have before us the image of one who, with but little show or ostentation, has passed with sterling merit to a high position in Grand Lodge, equally as he has risen in Parliamentary and municipal esteem, and the affection of all who know his name—especially the poor. Not a soul begrudges the honours which have fallen upon this worthy brother thick and fast; not one who regards him other than the friend of every class with which he is brought into contact, if we may except those of the criminal orders who are brought before him in his magisterial capacity. Even then there is a leaning sympathy towards the guilty ones, a profound solicitude for those who "have erred and been deceived," and thus stern justice is ever tempered with mercy. The Brother of whom we are now thinking is never loth to step down from his lofty social position to take part in any labour of charity and benevolence, whether inside or without the pale of the Craft of which he is so brilliant an ornament. Whether it be a public meeting, having for its object the amelioration of distress in this or any other country, whether by the depression of trade, a colliery explosion, or any other acci-

Worshipful Master whose frivolous eccentricities only excite the laughter and ridicule of the more staid and sensible of the brethren. Conscious of his position and the power he is able to wield in behalf of the Craft or any of its valuable Institutions, he takes his part in any of the duties he is called upon to share with a strength of modesty which is akin to majestic. Mild, genial, and urbane in all his dealings with the brethren; brief, pithy, and sensible withal in his expatiation upon the mysteries and privileges of the Order, with an undertone of quiet, kindly mirth when joining in the festivities that succeed labour, his very presence lends a charm to the amenities of the Fourth Degree, while at the same time it effectually checks that boisterous exuberance which occasionally breaks out under less firm, though kindly, ruling. The fact is, that when such a solid rock in Masonry is at the presidential head, the Past Masters feel it their bounden duty to render that respect which is due to honour, and this vein pervades the company throughout, not with a restraining or depressing effect, but rather with a refining influence which elevates the enjoyment of the occasion. Then, again, when the voice of Charity is heard, and there is a deserving case in which benevolence, either Masonic or otherwise, may be exercised, there is no proclaiming it from the housetops, but in going about doing good the golden rule is observed, "Let not the right hand know what the left hand doeth." Thus in a spirit of stately dignity the functions of Masonic life are carried on, and honour attends the footsteps of the man who thus lays himself out for the advancement of the welfare of his fellow-creatures. It would be well if those who strut about in borrowed plumes, who think more highly of the gee-gaws and tinsel of Masonry were to take a lesson from the safe and steady-going pace of him whose characteristics it is impossible in this brief space fully to delineate, for then would Masonry not only be benefited in its own body politic, but would gain greater respect from the popular world in general.

The monthly meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. A. H. Tattershall. Amongst others present were Bros. Raynham Stewart, C. F. Hogard, Charles Lacey, Thomas Cubitt, C. A. Cottebrune, W. J. Murlis, James Brett, C. H. Webb, T. Humphries, Alex. Forsyth, Charles Dairy, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry Secretary. After the minutes had been confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of one male and one female annuitant. The Warden's Report was read, as was also the Report of the Finance Committee. From the latter it appeared that the Male Fund was overdrawn £561 11s 1d. There was a credit to the Widows' Fund of £2,458 3s 9d, and to the Sustentation Fund £112 17s 7d. There was a total balance at the bankers and in the Secretary's hands of £2,010 10s 3d. The report was adopted, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques. The petitions of four aged and infirm brethren and five widows were accepted. One case from Halifax was deferred for further information. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Bros. Dick Radclyffe and John Unite have undertaken the floral and other decorations for the Grand Festival of Ye Rahere Almoners at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday next.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, will in future be held at Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham-green Station, from whence there are trains to all parts of London every few minutes. The meetings will commence as usual at half-past seven p.m., from this day (Saturday), 17th October.

Bro. Seymour Smith's Annual Concert will take place on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the South Place Institute, South Place, Moorgate Street. Our versatile and talented brother has a host of friends, and at these annual gatherings they invariably assemble in force. Doubtless Saturday next will prove no exception to the rule. A capital programme has been provided, and we trust a successful result will ensue.

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chair, and the toast was replied to in a few eminently practical observations by Bro. J. S. Adkins. The Officers of the Lodge were complimented upon their zeal and efficiency; they severally responded, the list of toasts being fittingly concluded by the Tyler. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent music, under the direction of Bro. Packer, who presided at the pianoforte, and some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Cantle, Parsons, Jackson, and others. A most enjoyable and harmonious meeting was brought to a close at an early hour, when the brethren separated amidst the heartiest expressions of mutual satisfaction.

KENDRICK LODGE, No. 2043.

THE first anniversary of this vigorous and healthy Lodge was celebrated on the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading, when a numerous company of brethren and visitors attended to witness the installation of Bro. G. W. Webb as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. It is well within our recollection that when this addition to the roll of the Berkshire Lodges was consecrated by the popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., the hope was expressed that there would be no "dummy work" in the Kendrick Lodge, and it is hardly necessary to point out to those who know what has transpired under the ruling of the first W.M., Bro. W. G. Flanagan, that the wish has been more than realised. The appreciation in which the efforts of Bro. Flanagan have been held is exemplified in a peculiarly happy manner by his having been appointed Provincial Grand Junior Warden at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held in Reading a few months ago, a circumstance which afforded great satisfaction to the founders and members generally of the Kendrick Lodge. There are now twenty members, and the finances of the young Lodge are in an eminently satisfactory condition. In all respects the anticipations that were formed at the consecration have been fully realised, and the Officers and brethren who have so admirably conducted the first year's business may be sincerely congratulated all round upon the results of their united efforts. On the occasion of the meeting to which it is now our duty and pleasure to refer the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall at four o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., who was supported by nearly all the Officers and brethren of the Lodge. Amongst the Visitors we observed Bros. John A. Martin S.D. 414, A. H. Apted W.M. 209, W. Ferguson P.M. 1101, J. H. Hawkes W.M. 1101, E Whitfield 1101, R. Bradley P.G. Sec., C. Slaughter S.D. 1101, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, S. Dyer St. Hilda, P.M. 1612, P.G. St. B., Wheeler I.P.M. 414, J. Greenaway Sec. 1101, R. Prickett S.W. 1101, J. C. B. Tirbutt 414, J. H. Hounslow P.M. 414 R. C. Monnet P.M. 414 P.P.S.G.W., F. H. Cozens Org. 907, W. Clowes I.P.M. 1866 P.P.G.J.W., M. J. Withers W.M. 414 P.P.G.J.D. The minutes of the last regular Lodge and of the Lodges of Emergency in April and May last having been confirmed, and the agenda containing no other work, Bro. George William Webb, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the Junior Warden's chair during the past year was presented as W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and the solemn rite was ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Flanagan, in the presence of several P.M.'s of the other Reading and district Lodges. On the readmission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary honours, after which he invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed: Bros. W. G. Flanagan P.J.G.W. I.P.M., C. H Tench S.W., J. E. Sydenham J.W., T Cooke jun. Treas., G. H. Stubington Sec., C. B. Tubbs S.D., B. W. Bennett J.D., C. E Hewett named for I.G., F. J. Ferguson P.M. D.C., T. E. Hill Steward, J. T. Brown and J. H. Millard Assistant Stewards, J. Stevens Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were then delivered with great elocutionary effect by the Installing Officer, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, which was most ably conducted throughout, the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Great Western Railway Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served in a manner which amply sustained the reputation of that well known establishment. After dessert the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were given from the chair, the W.M. alluding in graceful terms to Her Majesty the Queen as the Patroness of the Craft, and observing that since the accession of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, in 1875, upwards of 600 Lodges had been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. He then proposed the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and the Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and Bro. Bradley, Provincial Grand Secretary, in acknowledging it, made a highly interesting speech, in the course of which he regretted the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master and his esteemed Deputy. Both were well known to Masons in Reading, inasmuch as that town was selected last June for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. It would be interesting to many of the brethren present to learn that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury. Referring to their lamented Past Master, Bro. Mosbay, whose recent removal from them was a source of such deep and genuine regret, he said their departed brother might be regarded in the light of a connecting link between the present and the past. For years he had been recognised as the Installing Officer for the Reading Lodges, and well he was qualified for that post. But whilst they all lamented the loss of so able an Officer, they must all unite with him in congratulating Bro. Flanagan upon having performed the ceremony of that day in such excellent manner, and upon his having been appointed Prov. Grand Junior Warden at the last Provincial

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Grand Lodge. He tendered his felicitations to the new Worshipful Master of the Kendrick Lodge upon having attained to the honourable position which he now filled, and to the brethren upon the success which the Lodge had already achieved. He urged on the Officers and members generally to manifest a continuous and sustained interest in the work of their Lodge, and to exercise due caution and careful supervision as to the introduction of those who sought admission to the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. Allusion was also made to the approaching Masonic Elections, and to the organisation that prevailed in the Province as to the proper utilisation of voting power, the Provincial Grand Secretary exhorting the brethren to fall in with the general wish that pervaded the Province that all votes should be forwarded to one common centre. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master, observed that he had known Bro. Webb for only a short time, but after the experience of the past twelve months he had confidence that he would sustain the duties of the chair with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren generally. He had proved himself very efficient thus far, and would, he was sure, sustain the prestige which the young Lodge had already gained. He felt he must apologise to the brethren for the slight physical disadvantage under which he (the speaker) had laboured to-day, suffering as he did from hoarseness, but he had endeavoured to render the installation ceremony as perfectly as he was able. The toast having been cordially received, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by placing him in the chair of K.S., and spoke of the happy friendships which had been engendered between himself and many members of the Craft since his initiation into Freemasonry. These pleasing gatherings served to rub off the rough angles which might otherwise exist amongst them, and he concluded by wishing for the Kendrick Lodge, which could now boast of twenty members, a long course of future prosperity. Bro. Margrett next proposed the Masonic Charities, in doing which he gave some interesting illustrations of practical charity, and dilated upon the great usefulness of the various Institutions, which were the pride and boast of the Order. It was very gratifying to have his name associated with so important a toast, and he hoped the interest exhibited in these Institutions might be well sustained in the coming year. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Mount P.M., who responded in suitable terms. After thanking the proposer of the toast for the opportunity of doing so, he sketched the career of the various Masonic Charities, and detailed the extent and influence of their respective operations. He urged upon the brethren the advantage of laying up in store for them, by increasing the permanent income of the Institutions, so that they might not be dependent upon annual subscriptions. The broken column was then passed round, and produced £2 10s, which was very satisfactory, considering the as yet comparatively limited membership. Bro. F. J. Ferguson P.M., in proposing the Immediate Past and Installing Master, referred to the loss they had sustained by the death of Past Master Moxhay, who had hitherto been regarded as the permanent Installing Officer of the Reading Lodges, and said that they had now inaugurated a new era, namely that retiring Masters should instal their successors. Bro. Flanagan had made an admirable start in that direction, and they must all appreciate the zeal and ability he had displayed on this occasion. He paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Moxhay, who had been rightly described as a link between the present and the past. In response to a general request, Bro. W. W. Morgan favoured the company with an appropriate recitation, Tennyson's "In Memoriam," which was much appreciated. Bro. Flanagan, in acknowledging the toast, spoke of the desirability of retiring Masters installing their successors, and expressed his pleasure in having done so to-day in spite of the physical weakness to which he had already alluded. The Junior Warden proposed the Visitors, who severally responded. Bro. Cook gave the health of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge of Union 414, and of the Grey Friars Lodge 1101, the compliment being responded to by the Worshipful Masters of the respective Lodges named—Bros. Withers and Hawkes. The health of the Wardens, Treasurer, and Officers of the Kendrick Lodge came next, the toast being ably responded to, and the programme was fittingly closed with the Tyler's toast. The interesting proceedings were varied by a capital selection of vocal and instrumental music, the arrangements being under the able direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, the 8th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. H. C. Freeman presided; he was supported by Bros. J. J. Pitt S.W., Fisher J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Jackson J.D., Dixon I.G.; Past Masters Hutchings Preceptor, G. Andrews and Banks; there were also present Brothers Stringer, Mansfield, Keylock, Dale, H. Penney, Bellchambers, and Dandridge. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the questions leading to the third degree were satisfactorily answered by Bro. Mansfield. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and was resumed in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Bellchambers candidate. Lodge was again resumed. Bro. Bellchambers, of the Southern Star Lodge, and Bro. Jackson J.D. of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, were elected members, after which the Lodge was closed.

On the 15th October, Bros. Mansfield W.M., Pitt S.W., Stringer J.W., Speight P.M. Sec., Belford Williams S.D., Penrose J.D., Warenp I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Emblin, &c. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation. Lodge was advanced to the third, and called off. On resuming, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Afterwards Bro. J. J. Pitt S.W. was elected as W.M. for the second Thursday in November. A vote of thanks was then accorded to Bro. Mansfield for the able manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. Lodge was closed.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 8th instant, at the White Horse, Liverpool-road. Bros. C. Weeden W.M., Ramsay S.W., Patient sen. J.W., Hughes Secretary, Saunders S.D., Dearing J.D., Patient jun. I.G., Greenfield P.M.; also Bros. Ware, McMillan, Baker, Brown, Trewinnard, and Garner. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. Bro. Garner answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Baker answered the questions leading to the third degree, but was not entrusted, being only a Fellow Craft. The first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ramsay was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Greenfield proposed, and Bro. Ramsay seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Weeden be entered on the minutes for taking the chair, and his able working of the ceremonies during the evening. Nothing else offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until Thursday, 22nd October next.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—Held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Bros. Kearney W.M., Gush Preceptor, Hill S.W., Partington J.W., Berry Secretary, Hildreth S.D., Burke J.D., Barnett I.G.; also Bros. A. Goode, Tremere, Aynsley, Rogers, Oldis, Jenkins, Farrow, Sycklemore, Cross, Frampton and Beck. After preliminaries, the second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Oldis candidate. The fourth section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins. Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday evening next.

On Tuesday, 13th inst., Bros. Hill W.M., Fenner as Preceptor, Hildreth S.W., Oldis J.W., Sharpe S.D., Barnett J.D., Berry Secretary, Cross I.G.; also Bros. Hargrave, Kearney, Brede, Sycklemore, Birch, Bolt, Van Os, Frampton, Partington, Giddings. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Sycklemore candidate. The first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Salmon candidate. The third section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins. Bro. Hildreth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. Christian W.M. 860 W.M., Watkinson 1728 S.W., Clark W.M. 1178 J.W., Brasted P.M. 1524 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Caperoe, Rose, Marsh, Edwards, Clark, Lorkin, and Forss. Second Lecture—Bros. Dunston, Webb, Wardell, Watkinson, and Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. Carr, Smyth, and Brasted. Bro. F. Carr P.M. 1607 Secretary.

EBORACUM CHAPTER No. 1611.

THE October meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. G. Simpson Z., M. Millington H., J. T. Seller P.Z. as J., Wm. Brown P.S., and about fifteen other members and visitors. Letters of apology for absence were read from Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z., and others. The business consisted of the exaltation of Bro. Wm. Storey 1611, which was done by the M.E.Z., the mystical lecture being given by E. Comp. Seller. After the close of the Chapter, the Companions met at supper, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., and a very pleasing evening was passed, interspersed by toasts and songs.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on 15th October, at 8 o'clock. Comps. Sparrow M.E.Z., Hunter H., Strugnell J., Sheffield S.E., Radcliffe S.N., Russell P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The Companions assembled in force, and the ceremony was ably rendered by the above Officers, and a pleasant and profitable evening spent.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be holden under the auspices of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, at the Assembly Room, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, on Friday next, the 23rd instant. The Officers of the St. Peter's Lodge will open their Lodge at 2.30. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be received at 3.15 p.m. A banquet will be served at the Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, at six o'clock. Tickets for dinner and dessert, 6s each.

The following Festivities took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 17th October:—

Monday—Old Panlines Club. Tuesday—Butchers' Charitable Institution, Jerusalem Chapter, Urban Lodge, St. James's Union Lodge: Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Karl 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, Camberwel
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

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)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.

1080—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1087—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, 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. 286—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
859—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Ins
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth R
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbu
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings,
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, Eas
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square,

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White H
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Stre
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, No
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fle

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-stree
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Inst
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, H
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Hunt
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Notting
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-d
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashi
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Car
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1003—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scor
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hal, Maldon
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, M
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledon
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Ches
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron W
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newca
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Ins
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmin
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liver
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-st
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the N
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel,

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Bright
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Tr
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street,
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe,
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-

WEDNESDAY, 21st O

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury,
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham,
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwar
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-stre
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-s
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Stre
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portla
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (I
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-r
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fl
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Roa

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' H
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, a
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, C
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, Peckha
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-stre
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Wal
1877—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Via I
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Stre
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwel

R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel,
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, P
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30
M.M.—Grand Masters, 33 Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8.
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street,
M.M. 109—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shor

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chat
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashir
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe,
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street,
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street,
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
201—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, S
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall S
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenha
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmo
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-stre
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-s
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Comm
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537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, 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
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1346—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1361—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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
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R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 136—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 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.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
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)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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 Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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

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. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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

348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Bingdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1335—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)

1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1589—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

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. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray

FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clpton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ranelagh, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 97—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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Shaldburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
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. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
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, 24th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
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—Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sunai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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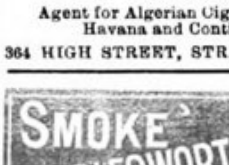
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DEATH OF THE GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND.

WITH extreme regret we have to record the death of the Grand Master of Ireland, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, which occurred on Saturday, the 31st ultimo. The late Duke held the office of Grand Master of Ireland for a period of upwards of ten years, having been installed in January 1875, in succession to the Duke of Leinster, who died in 1874, after occupying the throne of Irish Masonry for a period of sixty-one years. The late Grand Master was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1839, but does not appear to have taken any active part in Masonry until 1874, when the vacancy in the Grand Mastership of Ireland, referred to above, had to be filled up. Then he was invited to become Grand Master, and having accepted the invitation he was passed through the chair of the Grand Master's Lodge, Dublin, and regularly installed as ruler of the Craft in Ireland. Since then he has attended several meetings of the Grand Lodge, and other important gatherings in connection with the Order, and in other ways has shown his interest in the honourable position to which he was unanimously elected.

THE POWER OF FREEMASONRY.

THE enemies of Freemasonry, in common, we imagine, with the opponents of all other organizations, are not particular as to the grounds on which they oppose the Order, or how inconsistent their attacks may be, as compared with those of the past. At one time they ridicule Freemasonry, declaring "there is nothing in it," that its secrets are a sham, its teachings all humbug, and its regular meetings merely an excuse for members to assemble and enjoy themselves in feasting and revelry. At other times the opponents of Freemasonry will invest it with the most absurd powers, placing its members over all earthly sovereigns, and even raising them above the level of humanity; they will declare that Freemasons are bound together by unholy bonds to conspire against order, peace, and regularity; that its teachings are based on the vilest of principles, and that its meetings are but assemblies of conspirators, gathered together with the worst of motives. These wide divergencies of opinion are not always separated by hundreds of miles, but sometimes occur, within a few years, in the same locality. We who are admitted to a knowledge of what Freemasonry really is can laugh at these absurd attacks, but at the same time we feel surprise that men who are supposed to know better can be led away by such nonsense.

One of the London daily papers a few days since reported that a petition had been presented to the Privy Council praying that the sentence of death passed on Riel might be commuted to imprisonment, and urging, among other matters, that the "Freemason Press, throughout the Empire, has manifested a most bitter spirit . . . . . against Riel and the Catholic French Canadians. This bitter feeling, it points out, is highly dangerous to the unity of the North American Dominion, and is calculated to bring back the days of Papineau and the rebellion of 1837. The outcry of the Press for Riel's death is seditious and dangerous. Should civil dissensions ever arise, the twofold clamour for Riel's death is a most dangerous precedent for the liberties of Her Majesty's subjects." We do not claim to have seen all the Masonic papers issued "throughout the Empire," but those which have come under our notice, so far as we have observed, have kept themselves aloof from all mention of Riel and the Canadian rebellion, and justly so. No Masonic paper—in the correct sense of the term—would devote any portion of its space to political discussions, much less urge the execution of a fellow creature, and we do not believe there is the slightest foundation for the assertion made in the petition that the Freemason press has manifested any spirit against the condemned man.

It is such attacks as these, left uncontradicted as unworthy of notice, which in years to come are brought forward as established facts by the traducers of Freemasonry, and which serve as the basis on which the strongest denunciations of the Order are formulated, but is there any truth in such charges, or anything in the teachings of Freemasonry which warrant accusations so unjust? We answer decidedly not, and until we are clearly convinced to the contrary, we have no hesitation in giving the lie direct to all who say there is.

ORIGIN OF CRYPTICISM IN MASSACHUSETTS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

IN former papers I have shown that South Carolina first introduced into America twenty-two French degrees, and then added to the stock twenty-seven degrees of its own manufacture, among which was the Select Masters' degree; and that New York contributed a number of other new Masonic degrees, among which was that of Royal Master. As a resident of Boston it is my patriotic duty to show wherein Boston excelled also in pushing the Masonic ball ahead. I strongly suspect that some Masonic degrees were invented in Boston too, but I cannot point them out distinctly. But one thing is certain, viz., Thomas Smith Webb, the most celebrated ritual tinker that America ever had, was a Bostonian. It was Bro. Webb who turned everything in Blue Masonry, Chapter Masonry, Commandery, &c., topsy turvy. In short, he made a peculiar American Masonry. Among Webb's earliest disciples was Bro. Benjamin Gleason, who acquired Webb's work so thoroughly as to have been appointed Grand Lecturer of the G.L. of Massachusetts when he was only twenty-five years old. Now, part of the duty of a Grand Lecturer here is to travel from Lodge to Lodge over the State or Jurisdiction, in order to instruct the brethren in the ritual. Bro. Gleason seems to have

Masonic missionary for planting everywhere Webb's rituals of all the then known degrees. Now it is very evident that to a professional Masonic travelling instructor the more degrees he can teach the better it is for his business. Well, Bro. Gleason was naturally on the look out for acquiring new degrees, and he somehow got hold of the Royal Master's degree. So, on 20th July 1817 he organized in Boston a Council of Royal Masters, and after making more Royal Masters without authority, he then thought that it would be better to apply for authority, so on the 27th November 1817 he sent the following petition to New York.

"To the Officers and Decemvirs of the Council of Royal Masters in the City of New York.

"This petition respectfully showeth that a Council of Royal Masters has been established in the town of Boston within the present year; is duly organised, and in successful operation, having their regular meetings quarterly—the last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. They acknowledge with much respect the senior establishment in New York, and with their associates do honour the same. It is their wish to obtain a written sanction from your respected Council, that they may be confirmed in their Masonic labours, and be in fraternal correspondence with each other.

"In behalf of the Boston Council, I am, Brethren and Companions,

Respectfully and Fraternally yours,

BENJ. GLEASON, Th. Ill. R.M."

The New York Royals seem to have regarded the above application as a great compliment, and the request was of course granted. Now, on the 20th of July 1817, the Boston Council of Royals, was organised by nine Companions. On the 20th of September following, the Council opened with seventeen members, and at that meeting, four new *men* were Royalled.

"Special Council, May 15th, Anno Regis, 2818.—Most Illustrious B. Gleason was authorised to confer this degree on a number of Companions at Salem.—Report of the Council, that it is expedient to confer and cultivate in this Council the degree of R. [Royal] Master, S.E. [Super Excellent] Master, S. [Select] Master of 27, and K. of R.T." [Knights of the Round Table].

Now, here is another "feather" for a Boston Mason's cap. Thus, while Charleston and New York may pride themselves on having respectively added to our Masonic stock the *Select* and *Royal*, to Boston belongs the distinction of first uniting the "Royal" and "Select" under one Council. For, according to Bro. Schultz, Jeremy L. Cross did not attach the Royal to the Select before 1819, and according to the record of the New York Royals they did not unite with the Council of Selects before 1821, and Boston was clearly *the first in creation* to have formed a union of those degrees as early as 18th May 1818, while all other American Masonic jurisdictions merely followed in the footsteps of our Massachusetts Royal and Selects.

"27th January 1819 lectures on the degrees of Select Master of 27, Excellent Master, and Knights of the Round Table were given to the members present by Companion B. Gleason, who received a vote of thanks from the Council."

In 1822, besides a Council of Royals, established by the Boston Council in 1818, in Salem, there was a Council also in Newburyport in Massachusetts. How the Cryptic degrees found their way to Newburyport no one knows. In June 1822 the Boston Council received a communication "from the new established Council at Newburyport." So we see that up to the above date Massachusetts had three Councils. But Jeremy L. Cross warranted a Council for Selects only in May 1818 at Springfield, Massachusetts, and in January 1821 Springfield added to the Select the Royal degree. So here, then, we had four Councils of Cryptics in Massachusetts. But these are not all, for Councils of Cryptics somehow found their way into Brimfield, Princetown, and Greenwich. Some warrants were granted in 1824 and 1825; the New York Council also granted some warrants for some towns in Massachusetts. In short, for a number of years the Masonic appetite for high degrees went on swimmingly; and to show how the then high degreers of the various grades sympathized with each other, the Boston records of 25th February 1823 inform me that at this meeting, being a public installation of Officers, the "Boston Encampment of Knights Templar, in full costume [cocked hats, feathers, &c.] were introduced with martial music and other ceremonies peculiar to the Order of Knighthood." And now for a brief insight into the Royal Masters' ritual in 1823, as published in the Proceedings.

"The Lodge is called a Council of Royal Masters, and its meetings are called convocations.

OFFICERS.

"1. The first Officer represents Solomon, King of Israel. He is styled The Most Illustrious Master, and is seated on a throne in the East.

"2. The second Officer represents Hiram, King of Tyre. He is styled Illustrious Master, and is seated on the right hand of Solomon.

"3. The *Senior Grand Warden* stands in the West, and represents the noble Adoniram.

"4. The *Recorder* at the foot of the throne on the left.

"5. The *Master of the Exchequer* at the foot of the throne on the right.

"6. The *Master of the Guards* is stationed in the West, on the right.

"7. The *Sentinel* in the West on the left.

"The Brethren are termed *Associate Guards*, and the Council Room the Sanctuary.

"The Council is opened and closed by two, and twice three.

"This degree can be conferred only upon worthy Companions who have received the seven preceding degrees in due and regular form. . . . .

After the Sanctuary is duly prepared, King Solomon solemnly recites a chapter from the Book of Revelation, which Book, therefore, must have existed in the days of King Solomon, and if so, St. John could not have been the author thereof. But I think the ritual maker of the Royals was mistaken, and Solomon never saw that Book.

February 8th 5826, pursuant to a circular issued by the Springfield Council, a convention of the Cryptics was held in Brimfield, and representatives were present from Medford, Boston, Springfield, Brimfield, Greenwich, and Sutton, when they agreed to form a Grand Council of Cryptics for Massachusetts, and a Committee was appointed to draw up a Constitution for the new Grand Council. This grand Council continued its meetings till December 1827, after which it seems that the anti-Masonic excitement put a stop to the whole thing. Anyhow, they have no records from the above date until March 1847, when it was "Voted—that the Grand Council now resume its labours, and hereafter hold its regular meetings as provided for by the Grand Constitutions." And "Voted—that the Grand Council proceed to a reorganization by an election of Officers." At this meeting they granted a warrant to Companions living in a town in Rhode Island, and then it seems that no other meeting was held before December 1853. From that time the meetings were regularly held. I must here add an amusing little blunder. Bro. William Knapp was for many years Clerk in one of the Boston Law Courts; he was also Grand Recorder of our said Council after 1853. In 1855 he seems to have forgotten his location, and he thus finished the Proceedings of the Council, viz.,—

"A communication of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was held June 12th 1855.

"There was no business before the Court.

"Attest WM. KNAPP, *Grand Recorder*."

At a convocation held 13th December 1859, instead of styling the Grand Master Most Illustrious, they changed the title to M.P., and in December 1860 the Grand Master for the first time opened the meeting with a long address, in which he said:

"A slight diversity exists in several of the States as to the manner of the work, and also as to the order of conferring the degrees, but the differences do not appear material. In Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire the Select degree is conferred first in order, and we believe correctly so. In nearly all the other States the Royal Master's degree is first conferred, and those who thus confer it doubtless think that they are doing right. We claim that the Select Master's degree should be first conferred, because it is the first in order of time, having been instituted by the trio, and that of the Royal Master's degree should follow, having been instituted by the twain, in honour and commemoration of their deceased associate,

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and as a substitute 'for that which was lost.' Massachusetts, New York, Maine, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire are the only States in which the Super Excellent Master's degree is known to be conferred."

I have in a former paper called attention to a complaint made by a New York Cryptic luminary against our Massachusetts luminaries for conferring the Select before the Royal, which he, the New Yorker, styled "putting the cart before the horse." But our cultured Bostonians have reasons for their doing so, for the Most Puissant Massachusetts Cryptic Grand Master was perfectly satisfied that the Select Master's degree was established by King Solomon and his two illustrious associates, while the Royal Master's degree was not established by Solomon until after the demise of the architect. Now here is still another feather for the cap of a Boston Mason: for who in creation but a Bostonian could have chopped such logic?

I shall only add that if any one here is ambitious for Masonic honours he must take all the popular Masonic degrees. There was a time when the supporters as well as the lower twenties alike regarded everything that glittered as gold. The former, however, discovered their mistake, and would, if they could, send all the high degrees to Sheol; the G.L. here has tried to put a stop to the increase of degrees, but it failed in its efforts. Now, with regard to the Cryptic degrees, I have asked quite a number of Cryptic degreers, among whom was the G.M. of Massachusetts, and some P.G. Masters, as to why they add the figures 27 to the Select Master's degree? But one and all answer, "I have taken the R. and S. degrees, but never cared for them, and I know nothing about them." One Past Grand Master said, "All that I remember about them is that they are noisy." As far as I could learn some of our States have thus far been without Cryptic degrees. In other States the said degrees are conferred in R.A. Chapters. And in other States again the Councils are too poor to publish their Proceedings. In short, the Royal and Select degrees are not favourites here, and I believe the concern is in a declining state.

Boston, U.S., 19th October 1885.

FACTORS OF MASONIC POWER.

FROM its remote origin Masonry had its practical or material and its moral or spiritual side. When the age of constitutional governments and of rapid advances in civilisation occurred, and men could submit their rights to the protection of the law with safety, the *moral* aspect of Masonry began to shine out more conspicuously; the primitive restriction of membership to the Craft was relaxed; the worthy of whatever occupation, or even of none, were received into the Fraternity, and Masonry, as an institution, passed, at first slowly, but soon with great rapidity, from an operative to a speculative character, having for its object the inculcation of moral ideas and the teaching of industry, honour and probity by means of solemn charges and of emblems drawn from the working tools and instrumentalities of the Craft. It also determined, with the true spirit of ancient chivalry, to champion the cause of the poor and unfortunate, to see that none of its members whom adversity might overtake should suffer, to defend each other's reputation when wrongfully assailed, to mutually aid in the building up of character, and to have all her altars and banners, pillars and spires inscribed with the one heaven-descended word, Charity, which word stood for the presumed unselfishness of every true Mason and the essential and inalienable characteristic of the Fraternity.

In the earlier periods of the history of the institution of Speculative Masonry the inculcation of certain fundamental principles of morals taught by a peculiar symbolism, borrowed from the traditions, working-tools and implements of Operative Masonry, was a most honourable and useful characteristic of the Fraternity. This feature of Masonry made it, to those who were admitted to its privileges and benefits, a light shining in the midst of darkness.

The period of which we speak ante-dated the time when principles, through the agency of the printing-press and domestic instruction and training, had become generally diffused. If this feature of the Fraternity presents at the present day the appearance of the inculcation of elementary principles already well understood, the fact must be attributed to the great advance which the world has made in general intelligence and along all the lines of a higher civilisation. The candid mind will revert to the time when Masonry, by inculcating in its adherents, and insisting upon, certain principles of morals as the basis of the Masonic character, was kindling a light in the midst of comparative gloom; a time when each man, to a greater or less degree, framed his own code of morals—when might was a stronger law than right, and individuality, with its accessories of selfishness, rapine and plunder was the rule, rather than the fraternity and interdependence of man. It is to the lasting honour and credit of Masonry that at such a time she presented to the world an Institution wherein the fraternity and equality of men upon a basis of moral character was asserted and successfully maintained.

She undertook to demonstrate that man could and should be just and true to his brother; that he should help him in adversity and comfort him in sorrow and trial; that the family of a brother should be as sacred to him as his own domestic hearth; that he would respect his personal rights as he demanded that his own should be respected, and that his rights of property should not be infringed upon to the smallest appreciable amount. Such principles as these do not become superannuated, nor depreciate in value so long as a lawless individuality is pressing for a place, and selfishness is struggling for the control of the human heart. Although these principles may seem self-evident to the enlightened people of this age and country, yet even the technical moralist must admit that the practical application of them to the varied relations in which men stand in modern society has not yet reached that degree of perfection that the continued inculcation of them, by any, and by all means, has ceased to be necessary. The day has not yet arrived when Masonry can forbear to lay the greatest stress upon those elementary principles of morality on which the peace, security and happiness of society mainly depend.

But it remains that at this day the working factor in the practical results of Masonry, as an institution, is Charity. From its origin in the distant past down to the present time Charity has stood, in the enlightened apprehension of the Fraternity, as its tutelar divinity. With eyes beaming with compassionate sympathy, she watches the frequent mutations of fortune so inseparable from the human lot. With one outstretched hand she *receives* from the healthy and the strong, and from those whom a kind Providence has blessed with a competency, and with the other she *dispenses* to the needy and suffering, and to those overtaken by any of the thousand adversities that lie in wait even for the most worthy Brother. By impressive rites and by counsels from the East this principle of charity is inculcated upon every one who seeks admission to the Fraternity.

Although a distressed worthy brother, his widows and orphans, are the only ones who have a legal claim upon the funds of the Fraternity, yet it must not be supposed that the true Mason's charity extends no further. He carries the lessons he has learned into the world, and human want and suffering never appeals to him in vain when it is in his power to relieve or mitigate them.

Charity is so essentially a working principle of the Fraternity that a Lodge which should practically eliminate it would find it difficult to give a satisfactory reason for its existence. It would work a *moral* forfeiture of its charter, though the written document might be still retained in the archives of the Lodge.

In this brief view of the principal objects which the Institution of Masonry proposes to itself and to the world, and of the bond of union which unites all its worthy members in one compact brotherhood, I have perhaps said enough to show that this venerable Fraternity is not an *anachronism* which continues in existence rather by its merits in the past than by reason of its usefulness in the present. The true Mason who has adopted its code of morals and whose heart is imbued with the divine principles of Charity will find a large place for himself and for his Fraternity in the world; the occupation of which, duly and truly and faithfully, will cause the generations of the

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THERE was a fair attendance of the members of this Lodge at the meeting on Monday, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. A. J. Martin, and after observance of preliminaries, he proceeded to raise Bros. Israel, Isaacson, Rocco, Isaacs, and Jonas. The ceremonies were most impressively carried out. It was officially intimated to the brethren that since the meeting of the Lodge on the 5th October, when the announcement was made of the death of Bro. H. M. Levy P.M., the hand of death had again been felt in their midst. Bro. Bean, a much respected Past Master of the Joppa Lodge, departed this life on the 28th, and was buried at Nunhead Cemetery on the 31st ult. This intelligence was received with every manifestation of regret, and heartfelt sympathy was expressed with the relatives and family of the deceased. After some routine work the Lodge was closed, whereupon the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual toast list was gone through. Among the Visitors were Bros. M. J. Emanuel 205, A. Lester 1320, E. Lester 1320, W. F. Franklin 127, C. A. Woods P.M. 145, James Gifford 105, A. Benabo 212, D. Samuels 765, F. W. Joel Peace and Harmony, H. W. Tallaster 1320, Vickers 1632, A. M. Hart 1552, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, E. Swanborough, Dr. Macintosh P.G.S.

LODGE OF ASAPH, No. 1319.

IN consequence of severe illness, Bro. Charles E. Tinney, the popular Master of this flourishing Lodge, was unable to be present on Monday last, the day for the installation meeting. In his much to be regretted absence, however, the proceedings were admirably conducted by the Immediate Past Master, Brother F. Delevante, an exponent of the Ritual of whom even the Lodge of Asaph—membership of which is restricted to brethren who are directly associated with the Dramatic or Musical professions—may well be proud. The meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, and in order to enable the brethren who comprise the Lodge to fulfil their professional engagements in the evening, the call was made for the early hour of half-past one. A few minutes past this time Lodge was formally opened by Bro. Delevante, who was supported by several of the Past Masters, the Officers, and the following among other Visitors:—Bros. A. E. Taylor 1201 Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works Surrey, W. Cross 1609, S. Ballard 2101, W. J. Pilcher P.M. 442 P.P.G.J.W., P. S. Levi W.M. 1670, J. M. Smith 718, J. P. Fitzgerald I.P.M. 1304, A. J. Burr P.M. 1612, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, W. R. Davis W.M. 87, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, H. Mackintosh P.M. 6 Past Grand Steward, R. P. Stevens S.D. 901, A. Borsdorfe 571, S. A. Macklin, James Kift 1791, W. D. Schwarz 1348, W. Jones 133, W. J. Heath J.D. 766, H. Jones P.M. 1460, C. Hobbs 1351, G. R. Ousey W.M. 59, E. M. Hartt 1987, R. Gray 571 S.C., J. Addison 1987, C. F. May P.M. 780, H. G. Mantens 5, J. H. Bath P.M. 22, J. J. Hyam 1409, W. W. Hemmings 311, A. J. Lewis 140, Egbert Roberts Steward 1623. After the minutes of the Lodge of 6th July had been read for confirmation, the reports of the Audit Committee and of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence were received and adopted. Bro. William J. Kent, the W.M. elect, was then presented and obligated. After the brethren below the degree had retired, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Kent was installed in the chair of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren were readmitted, and the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees. The following were then invested with the collars and badges of their several offices:—Bros. Henry Tinney S.W., L. B. Wooldridge J.W., Charles Coote Treasurer, J. M. Chamberlain P.M. Secretary, Walter Smith S.D., Hitchings J.D., G. Fairchild P.M. I.G., Beveridge D.C., Mortin Organist, Hentzell and Holmes Stewards, Gilbert Tyler. Brother Delevante then concluded his work by giving, in excellent style, the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren. Routine work having been transacted, hearty good wishes were tendered and Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the superintendence of Bro. Madell. Full justice was done to the good things provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and on the removal of the cloth Bro. Kent briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. The Queen and the Craft was followed by the National Anthem. After the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master had been proposed and most cordially greeted by those assembled, the customary compliment was paid to the zeal and energy of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master; the attention given to the business of the Craft by the Grand Officers at all times and in all seasons was fully recognized, and then Bro. Delevante was again placed in possession of the gavel. Our worthy brother alluded in sympathetic terms to the enforced absence of Bro. Tinney, whose illness all present so deeply regretted. He (Bro. Delevante) little thought the duty of proposing the health of their Worshipful Master would devolve upon him; however, the duty undoubtedly would be to him a most pleasurable one. Bro. Kent and he were very old acquaintances, and he had always looked upon him as an ardent and devoted student, seeking to gain all the Masonic knowledge he possibly could. In the various offices he had filled in the Asaph Lodge he had brought a goodly amount of zeal to bear; had acquitted himself well, and had secured the respect and esteem of all associated with the Lodge. Bro. Delevante felt assured Bro. Kent would receive every assistance from the Past Masters, Officers and members, and that a happy future was before the Lodge of Asaph under the rule of their new Master, whom he would now call upon all present to pledge in a bumper. In reply, Brother Kent expressed his gratification for the cordiality with which the brethren had received his name, and had honoured the toast. The assistance he hoped and felt assured he should receive from the members would not resolve itself into a system of bolstering up; he was prepared to carry out his duties in a manner that he trusted would dignify the Asaph Lodge, in which he felt such pride. Their worthy brother Henry Tinney had provided so excellent a programme that he would not further occupy their time; he would therefore conclude by again thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him. In speaking to the next toast, the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Kent referred to the telegram that had been received in an earlier stage of their proceedings from Bro. Charles E. Tinney, who had been compelled to undergo an operation. The brethren were aware that part of his (Bro. Kent's) duty that day was to have presented Bro. Tinney with the Past Master's jewel that had been voted by the Lodge. This, however, must now be deferred, but he sincerely trusted that at their next meeting Bro. Tinney would have so far recovered as to be able to attend, when the formal presentation would be made. He would now ask them to drink to Bro. Tinney's better health, and to his speedy reappearance amongst them. The next toast was the Past Masters, and as a matter of course allusion was made to the admirable manner in which Bro. Delevante had exercised the functions of Installing Officer. The qualities of Bro. Chamberlain as Secretary were eloquently descanted on, while the interest taken in the Lodge by Bros. Maclean, Jekyll, Frewin, and Edward Swanborough—the latter of whom had acted as Senior Warden during the evening—was spoken of in highly complimentary terms. After fitting replies had been made, the Visitors were complimented, and the honour of a reply to this toast was entrusted to Bro. Dr. F. R. Mackintosh, who commenced his remarks by a well-expressed eulogy on the ability shewn by the Installing Officer. The hospitality displayed by the Lodge was next commented on, and then Dr. Macintosh concluded by a quotation from the song that had just been so admirably rendered by Bro. Roberts, the recollections of this pleasant meeting would remain with him till "the sun grows cold, and the stars are old." Bros. A. J. Burr and Llewellyn Jones also replied; the latter testifying to the ability and care with which Bro. Tinney had prepared himself to carry out the ceremony of the day, and expressing the regret of all his friends that illness had prevented him attending. After the Wardens and other Officers had been accorded the recognized compliment, the Tyler was summoned and the proceedings were brought to a close. A capital programme of vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with recitations, was arranged for the meeting. The artistes were Bros. H. Schartau, G. R. Egerton, Arthur Thompson, J. Kift, Egbert Roberts, H. Prenton, Ormond Yearsley, John Maclean P.M., C. H. Stephenson, J. Egerton, J. C. Hambleton, Henry Tinney, and Arthur Thomas. Beale's quaint old madrigal "What ho!" was capitally rendered. Bro. Hambleton's violoncello solo on "Irish Airs" evidenced that this gentleman possesses masterly command over his instrument. Hatton's "The Clown's Song" was not much to our taste, but we frankly confess it was most enthusiastically received by the audience. Next came Bro. J. Maclean's recitation; the ability of this popular member of the Asaph Lodge is always recognized by his fellow members, and on this occasion he maintained his reputation. Bro. Egbert Roberts was in excellent voice, and both in the "Bedouin love song" and the old German air, "In cellar deep," won hearty applause. Among the humorous selections were Corney Grain's "He did, and he didn't know why," given by Bro. Kift, and "Bill Grant" by Bro. Schartau. In this category we must not omit Bro. C. H. Stephenson's recitation "Only a pin," which was given in this artist's best style. Bro. Tinney's pianoforte solo and Bro. Egerton's clarionet solo were highly appreciated, and added much to the enjoyment of the company. Bro. Arthur Thomas kindly volunteered to take the turn of Bro. Henry Prenton, who was to have sung "I fear no foe," but was prevented through hoarseness. Bro. Thomas's efforts were rewarded by an enthusiastic encore.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

ONE of the most successful gatherings ever held under the auspices of this sound and prosperous Lodge took place on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, City, when a numerous and distinguished company of the Brethren and Visitors assembled to witness the installation of Brother Lieutenant Henry Wright, of the Tower Hamlets Rifles, in succession to Bro. E. Garnet-Man P.M. P.D.S.G.W. of British Burmah. Soon after half-past four o'clock Lodge was opened with the usual solemnities, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Smith P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the retiring Master, who was prevented by an important political engagement from occupying his accustomed place in the chair. The acting Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. Lieutenant Henry Wright S.W. and Worshipful Master elect; James Perkins, C.C., J.W., Rev. G. J. Scott Chaplain, R. J. Pawley Treasurer, Joseph E. Turner P.M. Secretary, H. Squire, C.C., S.D., H. Clarke, C.C., J.D.; J. Perry Godfrey P.M. D. of C., F. A. Jewson Organist, Major T. Davies Sewell P.M., Sir John Monckton P.G.W., L. F. Littell P.G. Pursuivant, Frank Green, C.C., P.G.D., J. W. Hughes, E. T. R. Wilde, E. Pugh, C. W. Bowley, W. T. Roberts, J. C. Whiddington, Vickers Dunfee, Frank S. Jackson, B. Emanuel, Beaumont Morice, N. G. Philips P.G.D., H. C. Richards, H. F. Finnie, W. Bruce Clarke, F. Hill, A. Westcott, Lovell Tyler, and many others. Amongst the Visitors were Major General Bland Hunt (Royal Marine Light Infantry) P.M. 1174, Colonel J. Peters Past Grand Standard Bearer, T. Vincent P.M. 1076 Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer Surrey, M. Bagge P.M. 7, H. P. Squire P.M. 1356 P.J.W., T. J. Weston P.M. 194, J. A. Wild jun. P.M. 96, Geo. Taylor P.M. 1539, G. H. Bramley P.M. 759, F. G. Brown P.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, E. Gilardoni, John Little 193, W. Woodward 1706, &c. After the ordinary preliminaries had been observed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. W. T. Roberts was passed, the ceremony being performed in excellent manner by the acting Worshipful Master. In due course Bro. Wright was presented for the benefit of installation, and Bro. Sir John Monckton having assumed the chair

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a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Wright was installed with all the impressive rites of the Order. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-elected W.M. was saluted with the customary honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. Garnet-Man I.P.M., Jas. Perkins, C.C., P.M. S.W., H. Squire, C.C., J.W., Rev. G. J. Scott Chaplain, R. J. Pawley Treasurer, Joseph E. Turner Secretary, H. Clarke, C.C., S.D., J. Perry-Godfrey P.M. J.D., Frank S. Jackson I.G., J. C. Whiddington D. of C., F. A. Jewson Organist, B. Emanuel and B. Morice Stewards, and Lovell Tyler (in the room of Bro. Church, deceased). In investing his Officers, the Worshipful Master addressed each in suitable terms on the nature of his respective duties, and the manner in which this portion of the ceremony was sustained elicited the heartiest applause. The ancient charges to the Master, Wardens and Officers were given in eloquent manner by Brother Sir J. B. Monckton, whose working was much admired. The Auditors' report, which showed that the position of the Lodge was in every respect satisfactory, was received and adopted, and after the transaction of some further business the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Throne Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements were all that could be desired. At dessert the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M., in giving the Queen and the Craft, observing that her Majesty had evinced a great interest in Freemasonry, and three of her sons had been members of the Order, though one of them (the late Duke of Albany) had unfortunately been taken from them. It was almost unnecessary to remind the brethren of the great interest the Most Worshipful Grand Master took in everything concerning the Craft; but he might tell the younger members of the Lodge that his Royal Highness had been visiting Sweden, where he was initiated into Masonry in the year 1874. Since he became Grand Master, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, in 1875, Freemasonry had grown and flourished to an enormous extent, far beyond what any of them had anticipated; and when the time came that the Prince of Wales should resign the appointment—if he should do so on attaining to the Throne of this realm—they all knew that his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, had been initiated into the Order, and no doubt he would follow in the footsteps of his illustrious father, and take the same interest that he had done in Masonry. The Prince of Wales did not appear so frequently in the Masonic world as some other Grand Masters had done, yet he promoted the welfare of the Craft in every possible way. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Grand Officers, speaking of the ability with which they presided over the affairs of Grand Lodge, and the toast was suitably acknowledged by Captain Philips P.G.D., who paid a high tribute to the manner in which the business of Grand Lodge was controlled and carried on by the Officers whose names had been enumerated by the Worshipful Master. Bro. F. Green, C.C., in giving the toast of the evening, regretted that it should have been entrusted to him, in the enforced absence of the I.P.M. Circumstances had, however, prevented Bro. Gardner-Man being present on this occasion, and it devolved upon him (the speaker) to submit to them the health of the Worshipful Master, which he was assured would be received with the utmost warmth and cordiality. It was a matter of pride to the Alliance Lodge to look back upon its line of Masters, and by experience they were prompted to regard them as men who had always striven to the uttermost of their power to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge. He could assure them that Bro. Wright, whom they had seen installed in the chair to-day, and who would for the next twelve months preside over the working of the Alliance Lodge, would not fall short of their expectations, but would certainly contribute to the wellbeing of the Lodge, by presiding over its work in a masterly and efficient way He was pleased to see the manner in which he had invested his Officers, and believed that the work Bro. Wright had discharged in the Lodge must have impressed them favourably, and assured them of his eagerness to advance the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Green concluded by wishing the new Master a year of happiness and prosperity. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he was very glad Brother Green had proposed it, because he was one of the members of the Lodge of whom he knew least. He hoped he should be able to realise half the kind things that had been said of him, and that at the end of his year of office he might hand over the warrant of the Lodge to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it. He could scarcely hope to add to the prestige of the Lodge, because he felt a difficulty in succeeding to the long line of Past Masters who had gone before him. But as the Lord Mayor elect said, when chosen on Michaelmas Day, "although he felt a difficulty in succeeding so eminent a chief magistrate as Lord Mayor Fowler he was not disposed to fear it." So, in a humbler sphere, he (the speaker) was not disposed to fear as to the duties which had been entrusted to him. There were three peculiarities about the position he now held. He was the first Past Master who had risen to the chair in this Lodge; he was the youngest in age, and he was the only bachelor Past Master. These were three things which in the course of time he hoped to remedy. In conclusion he proposed the health of the Installing Master, and in doing so regretted that Bro. Sir John Monckton had been unable to remain with them. Bro. Sir John not only held an important and responsible position in connection with the Corporation of the City of London, but in his Masonic life had installed every Master of this Lodge since he filled the chair as its first President. He (the speaker) should be very sorry to break that continuity; and much as he should like to instal his successor when the time came, he would loyally give way to Bro. Sir John Monckton should he desire to retain the functions he had so long and so ably discharged. He felt highly honoured at having been installed by so distinguished a member of the Craft; moreover, it was Brother Sir John Monckton who first introduced him into Freemasonry. In responding for the Visitors, who were accorded a hearty welcome, Colonel Peters P.G.S.B. thanked the W.M. for having so kindly associated his name with the toast. It had afforded him great pleasure to be present that evening, and when the Worshipful Master mentioned about having met him (the speaker) at the Girls' School, whether it was at a dance or doing his duty in an official capacity, it certainly gave him an opportunity of being invited to this hospitable board,—which he much appreciated. Major General Hunt also responded, and in the course of his remarks observed that that was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending a Lodge in London, and it had afforded him great satisfaction to see the work done as it had been carried out that day. He had visited several Provincial Lodges, but there was nothing to equal the wonderfully beautiful manner in which Sir John Monckton performed the ceremony of installation that day. He sincerely trusted he might have another opportunity of seeing the ceremony repeated. As to their hospitality he had never seen anything more lavish and generous. He had received the hospitality of London on two or three occasions, and he assured them that he had of late appreciated the kindness of the citizens of London more than ever he had done before in his life. He returned his heartiest thanks for the courtesy and kindness he had experienced on every hand. Several other Visitors having replied, the W.M. proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, and the Past Masters of the Lodge; in doing so he expressed regret at the absence of Bro. Man, who was engaged in work which was never alluded to in Masonry. He was more sorry that their I.P.M. was not present, because it would have been his privilege to ask him to stand up while he (the speaker) pinned to his breast the handsome Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted him by the Lodge. However, that pleasure was to come, and he hoped at the next meeting Bro. Man would be present, so that he might be able to adorn his breast. He should try to emulate the example of the Past Masters, and so to advance the success and usefulness of the Alliance Lodge. Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, who was received with applause, took credit to himself for his desire to serve the interests of the Lodge under all circumstances. Probably many of the brethren present would consider he had done something in having had the honour of proposing their present W.M. as a member of their Lodge, although perhaps that was not speaking to order. He had had a lot of order lately, acting as Common Crier in the Court of Common Council. He asked permission to say that after the able way in which their W.M. had performed his duties that evening, he might claim credit for a certain amount of perspicuity in having proposed Bro. Wright for admission into this Lodge. He thanked them for the kindness with which his name was invariably received in the Alliance Lodge, and concluded by saying he should continue to do all in his power to advance its prosperity. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was then given, and responded to by Bros. Pawley and Turner, after which the Officers were complimented, and the Tyler brought the list to a befitting close. The proceedings were enlivened by a capital selection of music, rendered by a quartette party, under the able direction of Bro. Harry Tipper, and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

QUEEN'S (WESTMINSTER) LODGE, No. 2021.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, Holborn, on the 20th ult., under the presidency of Brother Clifford Probyn W.M. The other Officers present were Bros. R. Payne S.W., H. C. Lambert J.W., George Coop Sec., C. P. Bellerby Treas., A. W. Jones S.D., Watkin Brown D.C.. F. Delevante Organist, P. J. Canning and W. R. Hunt Stewards; while among the Visitors were Bros. J. R. Harnell 511, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, F. Smith J.W. 1305, C. Lambert 198, and G. Deaton I.G. 25. The Worshipful Master having been compelled to leave, the chair was taken by Brother Captain G. Payne S.W., and that brother proceeded to confer the third degree on Brother Dray. Later on he initiated Mr. W. E. Pitt into the mysteries of the Order, and in due course closed the Lodge. The brethren afterwards assembled at the Holborn Restaurant at banquet, and at its conclusion the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Worshipful Master again occupying his position at the head of the Lodge. Bro. George Lambert replied on behalf of the Grand Officers, and afterwards proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He spoke of the other duties their W.M. had been called upon to perform that night. He had been assisting in a work which was really of importance to every member of the Queen's Lodge, and therefore they could excuse his absence. The Worshipful Master acknowledged the toast, and then called upon the brethren to drink to the health of the Initiate. Bro. Pitt replied, and then the Visitors were accorded a hearty welcome. Brother Morgan and others replied, after which the health of the Past Masters was drunk. This was followed by the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. In the course of his reply, Brother Coop, the Secretary, referred to remarks which had been made in the earlier part of the evening as to the desirability of attending Lodges of Instruction. He was Preceptor of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, and felt brethren would do well in attending the meetings of that Lodge as often as they were able. The Officers were duly honoured, and then the Tyler's toast was given and the proceedings brought to a conclusion.

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CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF UNIONS, No. 256.

THE brethren of this Lodge have reason to be proud of the way in which their centenary banquet passed off on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Greene P.M. and W.M. of the year. All the offices of the Lodge are now filled by Past Masters, the younger brethren, as the Master said, having stood by, and enabled the Past Masters to fulfil the duties of Officers. The first business was the initiation of Mr. J. C. Wilbee, after which Bro. Reuben R. Davis read the following:—

"A few facts connected with the history of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, extracted from the minutes by Bro. R. R. Davis P.M. 256 P.Z. No. 7.

"W. Master, Bro. Visitors, and Brethren of the Lodge of Unions—As it is intended shortly to place in the hands of all of you a printed sketch of the history of the Lodge, I do not propose, on the present occasion, to trespass upon you more than for a very few minutes in briefly stating some of the more prominent facts in connection with the past century.

"I may, perhaps, say that we are fortunate enough to possess our minute books perfectly complete, and in a good state of preservation, from the day of consecration to the present time.

"The only record we have of the consecration is very concise. It is simply—

"'That on Monday, 31st October 1785 the R.W.M. Lowe, of the Crown and Cushion Lodge, Parker's Lane, by virtue of a dispensation of the Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland, summoned the brethren to the "Fox," Castle Street, Southwark, and opened a Lodge in due form, and constituted Bro. Morton R.W.M., who appointed Bro. Stevens S.W., Bro. Wright J.W., Bro. Crump Treasurer, and Bro. Tatham Secretary.'

"For five years the Lodge was held at the 'Fox,' and I may mention that I have visited that house, and have been shown a club-room, in which the consecration probably took place; and also a high-backed Windsor chair, which was most likely used on the occasion.

"For two years the meetings were held at the 'Red Lion,' Borough; and in 1792 the Lodge was removed to the 'Spread Eagle,' Pratt Street, Lambeth, where it continued to assemble for exactly a quarter of a century.

"During these 32 years very little of importance occurred, excepting that, in the early life of the Lodge, it had a hard struggle for existence—it was in a chronic state of financial difficulty—and the Grand Secretary had occasion to reprimand the brethren for non-payment of dues—and that the W.M. appeared before Grand Lodge to make his apologies in this respect.

"From 1817 to 1851 the Lodge continually migrated from one tavern to another. I need not detain you by recapitulating them.

"From 1851 to 1865 it met at Freemasons' Tavern, and from 1865 to the present date at Freemasons' Hall.

"Among the chief events of importance, I may mention the following:

"In 1822 Bro. Peter Gilkes was elected a member. He did not, however, remain one till his death, which took place in December 1833; and, as most of you are aware, there is a tablet to his memory in the parish church of St. James's, Piccadilly.

"In August 1825 the late Bro. William Farnfield P.A.G.S. (father of the present Secretary of the Lodge) was initiated; and, later in the same year appointed Secretary of the Lodge—an office he continued to hold until his death, upwards of half a century afterwards.

"From 1831 to the present time the 'Emulation Lodge of Improvement' has worked under the sanction of this Lodge.

"In 1834 Bro. Zachariah Watkins (a P.M. of the Bank of England Lodge) was admitted a joining member. He served as W.M. in 1836, and although, unhappily, his state of health has long prevented his being among us, yet he is still on our roll as an honorary member.

"On 19th March 1836 our present W.M., Bro. Henry Greene, was initiated. He served as Master in 1856, a position to which he would have attained long before but for his absence in one of our Colonies. For the last 15 years he has discharged the important duties of Treasurer, and we have thought it an appropriate compliment to him, as well as an advantage to the Lodge, to ask him, as the 'Father,' again to preside over us in this our centenary year.

"In 1815 the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, who had been initiated the previous year in the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, became a joining member, and was three times elected to the chair. On the last occasion the installation took place on the 1st January 1866, when he said he should like to make the Lodge a New Year's gift, and presented the set of ebony and ivory gavels which are now in use.

"In 1852 Bro. Figg (who has twice passed through the chair) was initiated, and as the second member in point of seniority he this year holds the office of S.W.

"In 1853 Bro. J. Newton Tomkins resigned, and on doing so presented £5 5s, which was used to form the nucleus of a Charity Fund.

"Upon the death of Bro. John Hervey, this Lodge, in conjunction with the Royal York, set on foot the 'John Hervey Memorial Fund,' and were fortunate enough to secure the hearty co-operation of Bro. Sir John Monckton as chairman.

"As to the work which has been done in the Lodge, 456 candidates have been initiated, passed, and raised; 167 brethren have been admitted as joining members. The sum of £319 1s 6d has been voted from Lodge funds for charitable purposes, of which £280 has been given during the last 30 years, while the contributions of individual members to the three Masonic Charities may be taken as having been for many years £100 per annum."

This was followed by an oration by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson Past Grand Chaplain, and then, on the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Davis and Simpson for their addresses. These brethren having briefly acknowledged the compliment, Bro. Farnfield announced that he had received letters of regret for absence from several brethren, after which Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar replying for the Grand Officers, said he discharged the duty of returning thanks with great pleasure. Whenever the Pro Grand Master's name was mentioned among Masons it invariably commanded esteem and respect. Now that he was in the neighbouring isle discharging the duties of Viceroy, Masons, who recognised no politics but their common profession, no religion but that great tie of religion which had been so eloquently alluded to in the Lodge, wished him Masonically and thoroughly hearty success in the discharge of his difficult task. The Deputy Grand Master, who was well known almost throughout the length and breadth of the land, commanded the affection, regard and esteem of every Mason. Lord Lathom was one of those distinguished characters who, while they received dignity from Masonry, shed a lustre upon the Order. For the rest of the Grand Officers the distinguished array of brethren now rising in response to the toast made his task in responding for them somewhat difficult, there were so many who could answer for themselves better than he, and who had a better right. The centenary of a Lodge so distinguished as the Lodge of Unions was an occasion of no ordinary interest. That it was so the presence of so many distinguished brethren testified. Long might the Lodge, which had lasted so long, continue. Long might it go on diffusing the principles it had spread so wide. Long might the brethren carry into practice the principles taught in the Lodge and which they had so much at heart. Might it be distinguished in the future as in the past. Might it be prosperous in its concerns, happy in its choice of those it received into the Lodge, and might it go on without any of those incidents which would affect its prosperity or diminish its harmony; and this was the sincere and hearty wish of the Grand Officers for whom he returned thanks. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. proposed the toast of the W.M., and, he might say, one and indivisibly with it, of course, the Lodge itself. It was a long time to look back to, 100 years; and it was a long time to look back to the period when the W.M. was initiated in the Lodge, when he took the interesting step which had been taken by the initiate that evening. Bro. Greene had been spared by the G.A.O.T.U. to take the chair on this occasion. There were many interesting facts connected with the Lodge, but not the least of the interesting Masonic associations connected with it was that Bro. Henry Greene, who was initiated in it in 1836, was once again Master of the Lodge. He hoped, therefore, that the toast would be drunk with all Masonic fervour. The Worshipful Master felt he need scarcely tell the brethren this was a peculiarly proud moment for him. It was one that he could scarcely ever have expected to be present at. If he carried his mind back to the year 1838, when, as a comparative youngster, he entered the Lodge. After some years of travelling about, he rejoined it in 1850. He did feel proud at being in that position—the father of the Lodge and the Master, and to find himself associated for the year with so many good old friends and Past Masters who had accepted office. This was indeed a remarkable day in the history of their old Lodge. They could not, as the Provincial Grand Chaplain had said, expect to see another centenary, but they could wish to look forward and believe and hope that there would be successors who would fill their place 100 years hence, and read the books they had prepared for them, keep the minute books, receive the charter, and be able to see the warrant for a centenary signed, as it was, by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. He saw no reason why they should not anticipate the 200—the bi-centenary of the Lodge. At all events, he hoped that Masonry would flourish and continue till time should be no more. He next proposed the Initiate, and Bro. Wilbee replied. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, replied. The institution of brethren visiting Lodges was more valuable than perhaps brethren sometimes thought of, because, were it not for the practice of visiting, Lodges would be isolated bodies, would work without any common bond of union, and would not know whether they were right or wrong in their procedure. But by the hospitality which was shown in Masonic Lodges in England, brethren met together, and brethren saw how the work was done. He had felt very strongly on this matter, because it had been his lot in former years, as a soldier, to be a Mason in every quarter of the globe, and it had been his privilege to be permitted to visit Lodges wherever he had been. He supposed no brother had witnessed more hospitality than he, and therefore he appreciated thoroughly the feeling of hospitality that was shown in several Lodges all over the world. The visitors congratulated the W.M. and the other brethren very sincerely, feeling that they had done a good work. They all desired in the future, this Lodge of Unions might continue to meet, work, and flourish. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the very child of the Lodge of Unions. To this Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D. responded, supplementing the allusions which had been made to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement by

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some few remarks in reference to its origin. The Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement were sustained and encouraged in the discharge of their duties by a sincere love of Masonry and a firm belief in the beneficial influence of an impressive delivery of the ritual. He was sure it must be in the experience of most present that a brother initiated into Masonry in a slovenly and irreverent manner had frequently left the Lodge in disgust, never again to enter within its walls; while, on the contrary, an earnest and impressive rendering of the rites and ceremonies had had a deep and lasting effect on the mind of an initiated brother, creating in him a desire to investigate their meaning, and becoming acquainted with their object and design, making him, in fact, a zealous Mason, useful to the Craft, and an ornament to the Society of which he had become a member. It had, he knew, been a custom of many after-dinner speakers to impress on the minds of young Masons that their first and highest duty was, not to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, but to subscribe to the Institutions, and from the very moment almost the initiated brother sat down for the first time at the table he was pressed for a subscription. An ambitious Mason, desirous of advancement, was impressed with the idea that a liberal subscription to the Charities was the surest step to Masonic honour, and munificent contributors were held up as having the highest claim to Grand and Provincial Grand Office, although they had no other qualification. It was undoubtedly the duty of every Mason to support the Institutions to the utmost of his ability, and the Emulation Lodge of Improvement set a brilliant example in devoting the whole of its surplus funds to that purpose, amounting generally to £30 or £40 a year. But to figure on the lists of subscriptions to those Institutions was surely not the sole end and aim of Masonry: nor was it, indeed, Masonic Charity in its true and fullest sense. Masonic Charity as they were taught in the ritual and lectures in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was to envy not our neighbour, to believe not a tale reported to his prejudice, to forgive the injuries of men, and to endeavour to blot them from our recollection, ever to be ready to listen to him who craves our assistance, and from him that is in want not to withhold a liberal hand, not only to relieve the distressed, which is a duty incumbent on all men, but to soothe the unhappy, sympathise with their misfortunes, compassionate their miseries, and restore peace to the troubled mind; to drop a tear of sympathy over the failings of a brother, and to pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted. The privilege of wearing the charity jewel might be considered a distinction; but, believe him, he appreciated far more highly the distinction conferred upon him by the W.M. in selecting him to represent the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which not only liberally supported the Masonic Institutions, but taught, under the auspices of this distinguished Lodge of Unions—impressively taught, the practice of those cardinal Masonic virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice — taught that a Mason could only attain the summit of his profession through faith, hope, and charity; taught that the characteristics of every good Mason were virtue, honour, and mercy; taught, above all, the true and comprehensive definition of those grand principles on which Masonry was founded—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Bro. Figg P.M. and S.W. replied to the toast of the Past Masters, saying they were at all times ready to assist the Lodge. It afforded them great gratification on that occasion to perform their duties. He had been a member of the Lodge for one third of a century, and during the whole of that time the unity in the Lodge had been so great that it had thoroughly earned the title of the Lodge of Unions. He hoped the brethren of 100 years hence would be as happy as the brethren of the Lodge were now. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—At the meeting held on Thursday, 5th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. Stringer W.M., J. J. Pitt S.W., Thomas J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, J. Bedford Williams S.D., Jackson J.D., Mansfield I.G., P.M. Hutchings Preceptor; also Bros. Strickland, Prior, Greenland, Milbourn, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Strickland personating the candidate. The usual questions leading from the first to the second degree were very effectively answered by Bro. Milbourn. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Prior candidate. Lodge was then resumed in the first, and after routine business, was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193. — On Wednesday, at 7 o'clock, at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., Bros. Egan W.M., Campbell S.W., McMillan J.W., Webb P.M. Preceptor, Simmonds S.D., Lashbrook I.G.; P.M.'s Hollands, Shackell, Webb; Bros. King, Harris, Pitt Secretary. Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Harris candidate. The second section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Farroll, McMillan, Keith, and Harris were elected members. Bro. Campbell was elected to the chair for the ensuing week. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 30th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at 8 p.m. Bros. J. H. Hughes W.M., Crowther S.W., Thomas J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, F. Botley S.D., Norton J.D., Cammell I.G.; also Brothers Turner, Strong, Flint. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Turner candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree and Brother Strong took the collar of S.D. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Andrews Preceptor, who proceeded to ask Bro. Hughes the questions leading to the degree of M.M.; the candidate was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. Hughes resumed the chair. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hughes on his occupying the chair for the first time. Bro. Crowther was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the annual banquet will take place. Lodge was closed in due form till Friday, 6th inst.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—On the 26th ult., at 38 St. George's Street, Canterbury, Bros. Develin as W.M., Pepper S.W., Cooper J.W., Simms Secretary, Beckett S.D., Cockersell J.D., McClintock Steward, Abbs I.G., Blake Tyler; P.M. Carter Preceptor. Visitor—Bro. Powell 1582 and 1074. Lodge being opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last Lodge of Instruction read and confirmed, Bro. Carter P.M. Preceptor worked the first section of first lecture. Bros. Develin and Pepper explained the working tools of an Entered Apprentice. Lodge was opened and closed in the second degree. After other formal business, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—On Thursday, 29th ult., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road. Bros. Crawley W.M., Cross S.W., H. Patient J.W., Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, Ware S.D., Homan J.D., Weeden Preceptor, S. G. Patient I.G.; and others. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. McMillan candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Weeden, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cross S.D. of Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, was elected a member. Bro. Cross was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. H. and S. G. Patient and Bro. Crawley were appointed to audit the accounts of the past year. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held on Monday, the 2nd instant, at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bros. Turner W.M., Parkes S.W., Snook J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Hutchison S.D., Fluck J.D., Stretch I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened, and after observance of all formalities the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. Bros. Baker and Hutchison answered the questions leading to the third degree. The third section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Fenner then rehearsed the first section of the first lecture. Bro. Everitt 1607 was elected a member. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012. — At the meeting on Saturday, 31st ult., at the Tabard Hotel, Bedford Park, W. Present: Bros. Wood W.M., Williams S.W., Gardner (Treasurer) J.W., Johnson Secretary, Wing S.D., Stroud J.D., Furze I.G., Weeks Tyler, Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Sims P.M.; Bros. Steer, Brain. Lodge was opened, and afterwards advanced to second and third degrees; the third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Sims candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree and resumed in second, when the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Preceptor Ayling, assisted by Bro. A. Williams. Lodge was again resumed, and closed in perfect harmony.

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By the Brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, by invitation of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Friday, the 13th November, at seven p.m. precisely. Bro. James Hemming J.D. 1287 W.M., J. C. Smith J.W. 1744 S.W., L. Solomon P.M. 1732 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Kershaw, Mulvey, Nickolls, Guyer, Barling, Paul, Davies. Second Lecture—Bros. Duncan, Burgess, Proctor, Smith, Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Parsons, Greenway, Solomon. Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446 Preceptor. Bro. G. H. Hunter P.M. 1298 Hon. Sec.

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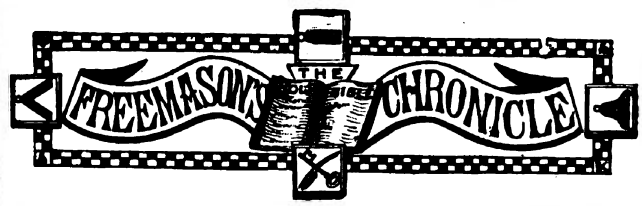
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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. IV.

IT would be an interesting feature to note the inward emotions—supposing it were possible—which stir the pulses of great men when, either in caricature or biographical notice, they find themselves portrayed in print. Many have no doubt been curious to know how our eminent statesmen and politicians "feel" when, in the columns devoted either to solid or satirical literature, they are held up to the public gaze, for admiration on the one hand or whimsical contempt on the other. The beauty of this anonymous attribute of the English Press lies in the fact that the extolled ones are at a loss to ascertain to whom they are indebted for—we will not say adulation, but—the unveiling of virtues they may be naturally and modestly wishful should not be paraded before the world; whilst, taking the opposite view to the thin-skinned individuals who, having assumed a virtue they do not possess, explode with vexation at the exposure of their idiosyncrasies and follies, and are ready to rush, like Sancho Panza, at any literary windmill they might espy, provided they could trace the author who had the audacity either to poke fun at them or to damn them with "faint praise." Thus we find that on the Continent and elsewhere it is easy enough for a journal of waspish temperament so to tittilate the anger and "harrow up the young blood" of the sensitive as to incite to deeds of questionable valour in order to vindicate the "honour" of the offended one; whilst in not a few cases those who receive flattering encomiums at the hands of designing *littérateurs*, whose handwriting can be traced upon the wall, are lavish in their recognition of benefits bestowed, on the ground that it is—

"Better be damned than not mentioned at all."

Happily in this country the Press is far less tarnished by these "mercenary or other unworthy motives" than journalism abroad, though it is hardly necessary to say there are exceptions to the pure and lofty tone which prevails amongst the best-conducted newspapers in our midst. We are led to these few preliminary observations in the present sketch by the many letters and communications received from bretbren, some of whom lay the flattering unction to their souls that they must be the individuals referred to where any praiseworthy trait of character is presented to our readers, and by others who wax unnecessarily and insanely wroth because they labour under the fond delusion that we have viciously "pitched into them" and heaped gratuitous insult upon their devoted heads.

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It is almost superfluous to say that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred these brethren who are so troubled with *cacoethes scribendi* are off the scent altogether, and have perpetrated a grotesque act of self-mistaken identity. In fact, they have fancied themselves "somebody else!" This only furnishes us with proof of our success in carrying out the principle laid down at the commencement of our series of articles on "Masons whom we have met," namely, that while on the one hand we would endeavour to avoid maudlin sentiment and fulsome adulation, yet, on the other, while sparing no effort to ridicule folly and unmask deceit, we would "nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice" in any of the portraitures we might bring under the review of impartial readers.

Having, therefore, delivered ourselves of these conscientious resolves, we are at liberty to proceed with the delineation of men who live in our midst, and who still take an active part in the motive principles of the Craft. Here is one prominent figure, in the picture of a brother who, whilst he has a pronounced objection to the publication of the "doings of Freemasonry," in any shape or form, yet has no strong objection to seeing his name in print when an opportunity presents itself. In his own consciousness of strength he has the most implicit belief, and contests with Spartan vigour every inch of debatable ground which, whether real or imaginary, may be challenged by others. We have it yet fresh in our memory how, at a time when we were endeavouring to gratify the wishes of our many correspondents by the collection and publication of Old Warrants, he strenuously resisted our obtaining a copy of one over which he claimed to have especial custody. No ensign or colour sergeant ever defended the regimental colours more valiantly than did our worthy brother the Old Warrant of the —— Lodge, which to the gratification of the Craft in general—and we venture to believe to that of our obdurate brother in particular—was published in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. With all his little "fads" and crotchets, the brother to whom we allude is an "all-round" good sort of fellow, and his hospitality is as lavish as his heart is big. We remember when, having started a West End Lodge, he thought nothing of inviting the whole of the members to the Holborn Restaurant, where they might dine at his expense; and, mind you, this was out of no ostentatious display, for he "hated the publication of any matters relating to the Craft, even in the Masonic papers!" But, bold as he was in the performance of his duties in Lodge, and genial as he always is at the festivities which follow labour, there is yet another trait in his character which we knew of before, but which was strikingly brought out and illustrated by an accidental occurrence. We were, not long ago, on a visit to an esteemed friend, since gathered—let us hope—to the Grand Lodge above, who was dangerously ill, when our sad interview was broken in upon by the bustle and energy which the subject of this sketch always carries about with him. It was evident he had gone out of his way to see somebody who needed the cheering countenance of a friend, and had drifted in—by intentional "accident"—to shed a gleam of sympathy over a brother whose end was inevitably not far distant. We wished at the time we could have retreated, but could not, and now we are glad we were present, so as to be able to record an exceedingly pleasing episode. With modest stealth our good Samaritan produced some grapes with which he had—of course—come provided, observing, in a whisper to the attendant on the invalid, that they were cheering in sickness and tended to alleviate feverish thirst. From another capacious pocket there issued a bottle of liquid, the character of which we did not venture to inquire, but overheard the accents in which the nurse was assured that ailments of the kind from which Brother So-and-So was suffering required a little stimulant, and with these little acts of kindness came words of solace and cheer to the poor afflicted one, such as must have lifted from his heart for a time the heaviness and pain with which it was oppressed. And when at last Death, the great leveller of all, came, and the remains of our departed friend were borne to their resting-place, the brother whom we now picture was there too, not conspicuously in the cortège, but watching the obsequies of his friend and brother from a "quiet corner," inwardly thinking and hoping he was unseen. Yet this sincere and trusty member of the Craft is by no means a millionaire; out of the fulness of his heart come deeds of wholesome and disinterested Charity; of love for the Craft, and sympathy with the sorrows of those less fortunate than himself. His actions, we venture to say, are better known to others than to himself, and they form a bright page in the volume of Masonic excellencies which all will delight to read.

We hardly like to set in contrast with this honourable example another that is precisely the reverse,—wherein the deeds performed partake of the heroic and bombastic character. Nor will we spoil the picture, which is pleasing as it stands, by any comparison that may be considered particularly odious. Yet a smile involuntarily arises as we think of another brother, whose name is familiar as household words to the ears of many of our Metropolitan Lodges and friendly societies. Like the one to whom we have referred above, this also is a "military" man, that is to say, he is attached to one of the most popular of our auxiliary forces. He holds an official appointment in one of the "kindred societies," and is a great gun at their periodical meetings, where he poses as one of the "pillars of the Order." There is no discredit in that matter,—of course; on the contrary, it shows an energy and discernment which is commendable in all stages of public life. Nor can any one be found to quarrel with this brother's deportment on the chequered floor. He has worked with zeal and assiduity, and the only quibble one has to raise is, that there is a little too much of the theatrical in his *rôle*. Our brother figures as a general utility man, arising no doubt from an inoculation derived from other associations with which he has so long been acquainted. We recollect his attending a first meeting of Stewards, when it was under discussion as to the place for holding the Festival, and of course the P.G.M. who was to be the Chairman expressed a wish as to the locale where the gathering should be held. "Oh," exclaims our little "cock robbin" brother, "we will get another chairman if he cannot come where we want him; let us go where it suits *us* best, and find another to preside!" Zounds! we thought our little acrobat was about to suggest that he should take the presidency, and no doubt the slightest invitation to him would have decided the momentous question. However, when it came to be explained to him that it required a man of position to occupy the post of honour on so important an occasion, we give our brother credit for his very graceful retirement. On another occasion he was as "big as bull beef" when it was announced that the Lord Mayor was expected at a banquet whereat our hero was to take a prominent part; but when his Lordship and his attendant Civic dignitaries failed to put in an appearance, our hero considered "that all municipal institutions were a delusion and a snare, and ought to be reformed, under the new Government Bill, or abolished altogether." Well, there is nothing like complacency and self-confidence, and we hope that the shadow of our worthy brother may never grow less, as certainly it will not do if the old adage hold good that "a contented mind is a continual feast."

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE usual Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, and was the first held in the new Temple, which will be used for the future in accordance with the resolution of the Companions at the August meeting. The Rev. H. A. Pickard, M.A., the new Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire presided as Z., Comp. Powell, of Gloucester, acting as H., and Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L., as J. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E. was in his place, and several other Companions were present. The business, as given in the agenda published in our last issue, was gone through, and the several recommendations approved of. Comp. George Lambert, referring to the new fittings which had been provided for Grand Chapter, thought that a vote of thanks ought to be passed to the Committee of General Purposes, expressing the approval of the Companions at the manner in which the work had been carried out. Comp. C. F. Hogard, as a member of the Committee, deprecated the vote, for the reason that the success of the work was entirely due to the suggestions made by the Grand Scribe E., to whom they

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were all indebted for the decorations of Grand Chapter. If such a vote was to be passed it should be to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had devoted much time to searching the records of Grand Chapter to discover the correct form for the furniture. The Companions saw before them the result of Comp. Clerke's efforts, and the Committee, while renouncing all claim for producing the work, were anxious to accord all the honour to Grand Scribe E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland followed. He could but feel there was great force in the remarks of Comp. Hogard. The labours of the Committee, without the assistance of the Grand S.E. would have effected nothing, as everything that had been done was due to the assistance rendered by Comp. Clerke. It was the practice in Masonry to thank those who actually did the work and gave the information rather than those who carried it out. He therefore begged to endorse the opinion of Comp. Hogard. It was ultimately resolved that the vote of thanks should be to the Committee of General Purposes and to the Grand S.E., "for the able manner in which they had carried out the resolution of Grand Chapter of the 5th August, for providing appropriate fittings for the meetings of Grand Chapter in the Great Hall." This resolution having been carried, Grand Chapter was closed.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE Mark Masters of this Province assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge on Friday, the 30th ult., at Canterbury. The Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. Brother Thomas Robinson, M.A., presided, and was supported by a goodly array of Provincial and Grand Lodge Officers. The brethren having saluted Bro. Robinson on his re-appointment as Provincial Grand Master, the minutes of the last meeting, held at Woolwich, were confirmed, and then the report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer was considered. This was passed, and Bro. G. Page was re-elected as Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Master announced, in appropriate terms, the resignation of his Deputy, Bro. Podevin, who he was pleased to say would continue to do service for the Province in another way,—as Provincial Grand Secretary. The position of Deputy Provincial Grand M.M.M. had been offered to the Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chaplain of England, and then Senior Warden of the Province of Kent. The Provincial Grand Master was pleased to say the offer had been accepted, an announcement he was sure the brethren would receive with satisfaction. Bro. Cummings having been invested as Deputy Grand Master of the Province, the following brethren were appointed as the other Officers for the year:—

Bro. H. Ward P.M. 262	Senior Warden
W. A. Weston P.M. 226	Junior Warden
F. Wood 309	M.O.
Dr. Walter W.M. elect 152	S.O.
Creighton Walker P.M. 69	J.O.
Rev. B. Harrison W.M. 129	Chaplain
Geo. Page P.M. 129	Treasurer
W. Kipps W.M. 332	Reg. of Marks
J. C. Podevin P.P.D.G.M. P.M. 152	Secretary
Edwin Beer P.M. 262	Assistant Secretary
A. T. Simpson W.M. 267	Senior Deacon
J. Bush P.M. 69	Junior Deacon
J. Kennett S.W. 266	Director of Ceremonies
F. Nicholls R.M. 237	Sword Bearer
W. H. Popplestone J.D. 226	Standard Bearer
F. G. Nichols M.O. 44	Organist
Samuel H. White S.D. 266	Inner Guard
R. T. Rolfe Tyler 129	Tyler

Other matters of business were then disposed of; these included the voting a sum of fifteen guineas from the funds of the Province to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the amount to be placed on the list of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who will represent Kent at the next Festival of the Fund. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed and the brethren repaired to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. H. Ward S.G.W. In due course the toasts were honoured, Bros. Binckes and J. S. Eastes responding for the Grand Officers of England. The toast of the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Kent was proposed by Rev. Bro. H. Cummings, who referred to the long services of Bro. Robinson to Masonry, and the many claims he had on the esteem and regard of the brethren of Kent, as one who, in military language, ever carried the Kentish colours to the front in every Masonic engagement, and with the other noble and distinguished rulers caused the name of their Province to be received in Masonic gatherings with enthusiastic welcome. His work, interest, and example was well known to them all. He trusted the Grand Architect of the Universe would long spare their Provincial Grand Master for him to give them the benefit of his rich stores of true and genuine Masonic knowledge; that the Province might long rejoice under his rule, and that he might have the gratification of seeing Mark Masonry flourish in Kent with an ever-increasing progress. The Provincial Grand Mark Master in reply, said it was always a pleasure to him to be received in the happy way the brethren did receive him. Whether he was visiting a private Lodge or presiding over his Provincial meeting, the same happy note of welcome sounded for him. He was their own appointment; three times for the usual term they had elected him as their ruler, and for six years he had done his best for the Province and Mark Masonry, and the result they saw that day. He hoped to see it progress still more, if he was spared for the next three years. Referring to the bestowal of Provincial Grand honours, he concluded with some very excellent counsel and advice. He then proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master and Provincial Grand Officers. He alluded to the magnificent success which had attended the Mark Benevolent Festival in July, when the efforts of the now Deputy Grand Master of Kent placed him in the front of all the Provinces. Being in the front rank, there Kent must stay, and he trusted the brethren would give the new D.P.G.M. the welcome he deserved, and support him in all his efforts to enhance the reputation of the Province. Among the Officers were some who had done good service to the Province; Brother Ward was known as a mainstay of Masonry, and the late Deputy was still going to give his most valued aid and ability as Secretary. With such lieutenants Mark Masonry must prosper and flourish. The Deputy, Senior Warden, and Secretary returned thanks in suitable terms, while Brother Farren responded on behalf of the Visitors, and the Worshipful Master of 262 to that of the Receiving Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE following is a list of the Officers appointed at the meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge on the 29th ult., which we reported in our last issue:—

Bros. Col. Robert Henry Lindsell P.M. 803	Deputy Grand Master
John Cumberland P.M. 475	Senior Warden
Frederick Gotto P.M. 1057	Junior Warden
Rev. Charles Brereton P.J.W. 540	Chaplain
James Fisher P.M. 540	Treasurer
Mark Whyley P.M. 540	Registrar
Charles Edward Prior P.M. 540	Secretary
Frederick Howell P.M. 1470	Senior Deacon
A. J. Hills P.M. 803	Junior Deacon
William R. Phillips P.M. 475	Supt. of Works
Alfred Cookson P.M. 540	Dir. of Ceremonies
John W. Green P.M. 475	Sword Bearer
Edward F. Green P.M. 475	Pursuivant
Edmond R. Green P.M. 540	Stewards
Arthur Knox Lindsell P.M. 803	Stewards
Alexander Grafton P.M. 1087	Stewards
James Gladwell P.M. 1470	Stewards
Charles Weston	Tyler

Bro. Matthias Levy, Secretary of the Montefiore Lodge No. 1017, is preparing for publication "Shorthand Notes, and the practice relating to them." This work contains a collection of the Cases on the above subject, with Introductory Chapter and ample Index. Price 5s. Subscribers names received by the author, 5 Mitre Court, Fleet Street, London.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted an invitation from the W.M. of the Lodge of Union, No. 414, Reading, to deliver his Lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree, at the next regular meeting of that Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, the 17th instant. The Lodge will be opened at 6 p.m.

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THE THEATRES.

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St. James's.—A new play at the St. James's Theatre is always one of the theatrical events of the dramatic year. The St. James's, since it has been under the present management holds, if not the highest, still no secondary place as a comedy stage, and we know that no work will be accepted there unless it possesses intrinsic merit, or what may seem so according to the judgment of the authorities. Sardou's "Maison Neuve," the original of "Mayfair," doubtless owes its presentation at the St. James's to the opportunity afforded by the heroine Claire for the exhibition of very great and very varied emotional power by the actress who is called upon to represent the part. Her touch must range from the highest butterfly flutter of girlish glee to the tragic delight of soul-crushing honour. Mrs. Kendal realised but a just estimate of her own powers when she determined to accept a part made famous years ago by the great Madame Fargueil and Mdlle. Desclée. As an exponent of womanly feeling and tender dignity, perhaps Mrs. Kendal stands unrivalled, whilst she has powers of passion which in the subdued atmosphere of "society" plays can rarely be more than indicated by some transient flash of expression. The story of "Mayfair" has already been told in our contemporaries, and our readers know that it chiefly concerns the fortunes of Geoffery and Agnes Roydant (Mr. and Mrs. Kendal), who live with their old uncle Nicholas Barrable (Mr. Hare) in dull respectability near Bloomsbury Square. Uncle and nephew are stockbrokers, but the nephew and his wife long for higher society, and in the first act run off from the little festival dinner in honour of their wedding day to the new house at Mayfair. This dinner, which in the original play has a quaint Dickensonian humour, becomes commonplace in Mr. Pinero's version. The old neighbour who, in the "Parisien arrière boutique" appears with his pockets loaded with two or three bottles of favourite Bordeaux, is perfectly in keeping with the scene and people, but Mr. Pinero's family solicitor, who brings his bottles of Madeira under his arm to the festival, though admirably portrayed by Mr. Maclean, has a forced and unreal humour. Mr. Brookfield makes a fine character study of a dissipated, impecunious captain, unattached—one of the delightful products the Roydants find in Mayfair society. Mr. Cartwright is assigned the repulsive part of Lord Sulgrave, whose reckless passion would involve Agnes Roydant in utter ruin. The flippant, foolish Don Juan of the original, who forces himself into the heroine's presence at night, when under the influence of wine, is replaced by Mr. Pinero by a cold hard man of the world, dastardly forcing his attentions on a woman who loathes him. In order to raise the character of his heroine, Mr. Pinero has seriously endangered the whole scheme of his composition. His Agnes Roydant—pure, calm and dignified as a Desdemona—would never have tempted such a man as Lord Sulgrave to forget all the laws of hospitality, decency, and self-respect. Mr. Cartwright, in undertaking this ungracious task, works manfully, and succeeds in giving a terrible sincerity to the passion he portrays. In the difficult scene where Agnes Roydant—dazed by an opiate—lies half unconscious on her couch, whilst Lord Sulgrave talks, like Claud Melnotte, of mysterious Italian palaces, Mr. Cartwright made the unreality of the sentiment seem natural and real; and though the character might lose something of its offensiveness under a lighter touch, this fierce possession is perhaps the only ground for extenuation. Mr. Reeves Smith, in the small part of a youthful lover, plays with pleasant honest feeling, while Miss Webster supplies a very engaging pendant. In the part of old Nicholas Barrable, Mr. Pinero produces a very finished portrait of the London merchant of the old school; every point, every tone is touched with a masterly hand, and this portrait—embodied by Mr. Hare—is assuredly one of the finest studies from life that gifted artist has transcribed for us. It is so simple, so true, so free from stage trick or exaggeration, that the art which produces it is completely hidden. Mr. Kendal, as the young husband, who wanders into Armida's gardens, and must pay merciless black mail for release, is at his best. A manly, sincere, honest young fellow; so manly and so honest, we with difficulty can believe he could get so involved with Armida and her friends. Miss Linda Dietz, by her saucy sprightliness, makes the small part of a French maid of value; while Mrs. Gaston Murray, by consenting to play Priscilla, the housekeeper, with but half-a-dozen lines, helped to make the dramatic background of no less artistic excellence than the perfect painting of the foreground figures. Miss Fanny Enson, a new recruit, in the part of a lively friend of the heroine, gave some bright little comedy touches, relieving the melodramatic strain of the story. Of Mrs. Kendal we have already spoken, and whatever difference of opinion there may be on the qualities or shortcomings of the play, there can surely be none as to the delicacy and assured power with which she has made living and real this loving, foolish Agnes, who out of the mists of unity and the bewilderment of passion rises through suffering to the knowledge that in home, with its sacred loves and duties, lie the wife's true happiness. The play is mounted with all the refined care which distinguishes the St. James's management. Especially excellent is the dining room in Bloomsbury, with its Georgian furniture, its old portraits, and its grandfather's clock. The colouring is rich and quiet as a Velasquez.

Drury Lane.—Mr. Creswick, like so many of his confrères, has hanged his spear and shield in the sacred halls of Old Drury, and the brave old warrior in the battle of life, now hushed for the calm of winter quarters, has said farewell to the toil and excitement of the stage. It was a magnificent sight last Thursday to see the vast gathering within the great theatre, but the occasion could well justify the public interest shown. Brother and sister artistes, Mr. Creswick's contemporaries (alas but few are left) and the later generation, gave their best sympathies and their best work for the good cause. When Irving, Wilson Barrett, Lionel Brough, Cecil, Farren, Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. John Wood, Ada Cavendish, and a score other distinguished artistes resolve to make success a certainty, the Treasurer will have a satisfactory balance-sheet; on this occasion he will be able to hand over a purse of £500 to Mr. Creswick, and assuredly many of the veteran's old audiences will echo the congratulations of the Committee and wish him many a pleasant year to enjoy his well earned leisure.

The Grand Master of the G. Lodge of Indiana, U.S.A., M.W. Bro. Albert P. Charles, has personally communicated to Bro. James Stevens his appreciation and high commendation of that brother's latest Masonic work, "Chips from a Rough Ashlar."

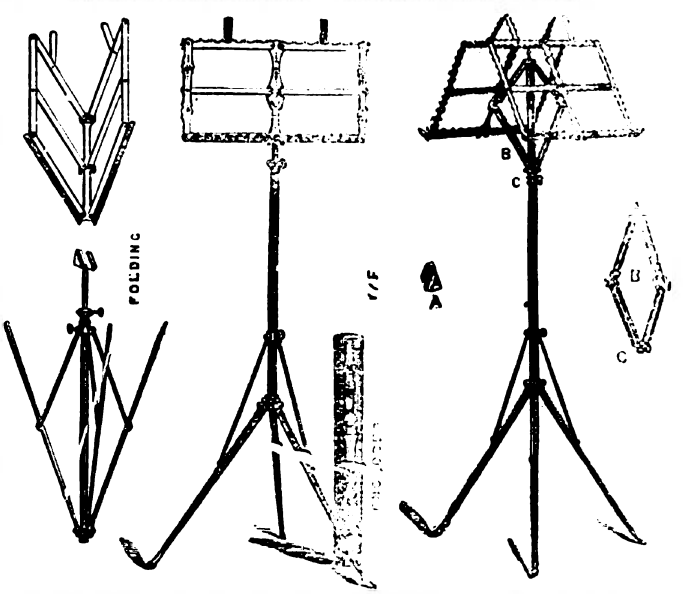
In our last number we stated that a new issue of "The Child's Life of Christ" was to be published in "The Magazine of Art." We are now given to understand that "The Child's Life of Christ" is a separate and distinct work from "The Magazine of Art;" and from the first number which has just been received from Messrs. Cassell and Company (Limited) we feel assured it will be found a most interesting work for the youngsters.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' 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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBE R.

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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick

R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, 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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—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
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick

R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyrie, 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, 10th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, 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, Crutched Friars, Jamaica-street, City

753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton R (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C.,
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsw
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's S
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (I
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road,
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instructio
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (In
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruc
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 In
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsb
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverp
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixto
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Car
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C.
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
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warw
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, N
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefiel
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheltenham
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, Stree
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8
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, Liverpoo

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes S
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darli
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keigh
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate,
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Che
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exe
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, D

WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEM

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Free
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (In
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Wo
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30.
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8.
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridg
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street,
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Reg
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Str
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instructi
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-stre
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7.

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (In
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-ro
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street,
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., We
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamst
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New R
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak S

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Rege nt-s
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 8.30 (Instru
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instr
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, Rochd
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolto
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Ba
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
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eri
656—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartm
758—Allesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Worshing Lodge of Friendship, Sayne Hotel, Wo
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salfor
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham

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1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, 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
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
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. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston

THURSDAY, 12th 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, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
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)
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
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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.
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, Public Hall, Loughton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Grayatone, 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, 3 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
786—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)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbur, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, 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)
M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
528—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Lovenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In

Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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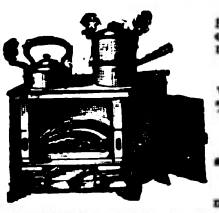
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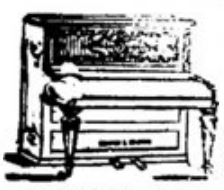
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THE "BUSINESS" OF FREEMASONRY.

FREEMASONRY, that peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, does not appear to be able to withstand the levelling influences of the age. Year by year its teachings are becoming more and more systematised, and its principles fettered by vexatious restrictions, thereby depriving them of much of their beauty, and lowering the Order in the estimation of those who love it for its freedom and simplicity. The same rules which govern the every-day pursuits of life are gradually being associated with all that concerns the Craft, with a result which is anything but beneficial to the Order, which was never intended to be restricted by rules and regulations other than those necessary to ensure the comfort and convenience of its members. Much of the Charity of Freemasonry is losing its charm, as the result of the excessive organization practised now-a-days, and this is excused on the ground that organization is rendered necessary; firstly, to guard against imposture; and, secondly, to secure a due return for what has been given—in Charity! The ceremonies of Freemasonry, in many quarters at least, are fast being deprived of that impressiveness which should surround them, as the result of the excessive knowledge which it seems to be the aim of brethren to acquire; knowledge which enables them to rattle off the Ritual without a slip, but which appears to pay no regard to that expression so essential in ceremonies which, like those of Freemasonry, rely mainly on the effect produced at the moment making a lasting impression on the mind of a candidate.

One of the results of this excessive zeal for systematizing everything is, the frequent references made at regular Lodge meetings to the benefits of Lodges of Instruction, or, in other words, the general touting for support which is made by some of the prominent officials of these offshoots of Freemasonry. When we remember the utterances some of these over-zealous brethren have made on behalf of their particular school or system of Instruction, we almost have to ask ourselves which is the parent and which the offshoot? whether Freemasonry owes its origin to Lodges of Instruction, or whether Lodges of Instruction are dependent for their existence on the Lodges themselves? Were it not that we knew otherwise, we should frequently have been led to believe that the former was the actual state of affairs, and that Freemasonry existed for the whole and sole design of supplying members for Lodges of Instruction. Of course, these mistaken ideas would have been caused by the excess of energy displayed by those who feel they are doing what is right when they use the most forcible language in urging the advantages of the school with which they are associated.

We do not like this system of touting, which is not only being carried to excess, but, if encouraged at regular meetings on behalf of Lodges of Instruction, will soon extend to other matters—Masonic, semi-Masonic, and even non-Masonic—until a Lodge meeting will come to be recognised as a fitting occasion on which to make public advertisement of anything or everything it is desired to make Freemasons acquainted with. On more than one occasion in the past we have referred in strong terms to this tendency on the part of Instruction officials to overstep the bounds of propriety when, on being called upon to respond to a toast, they find themselves in a position to address a few words to their fellows. There is no hard and fast rule which limits the subjects to which a speaker may refer on such occasions, nor one which compels a Worshipful Master to call an erring brother to order, but we imagine there are often many among the hearers who would be willing to raise a voice against the breach of etiquette, were it once to become recognised that in so doing they would receive support from some of those around them. We know it is sometimes difficult to know what to talk about, but a few words can generally be thought of which will suffice to acknowledge any ordinary toast, and when anything special is called for, the exceptional proposition will generally suggest a corresponding reply; but for a brother, who may be asked to speak to the toast of the Visitors, to immediately ignore the call made on him, and launch into eulogies over the Lodge of Instruction of which he is the Preceptor, Secretary, or it may be an active member, is very much out of place, and displays a lack of discretion—both Masonic and social—which does not say much for the system pursued at the Lodge of Instruction specially referred to.

There is another feature in connection with this touting for members which occasionally renders the remarks of touts most offensive. We allude to the mistaken ideas of the importance of Lodges of Instruction. As we have said above, some of them impress their hearers with the idea that Freemasonry exists solely for the purpose of keeping up the supply of Instruction members, and even if they do not always succeed in convincing their hearers on this point, it is certain this is the idea they personally entertain—that is if their remarks are to be accepted as any index to their thoughts. Even the best of brethren err in this respect, but while they do so conscientiously, and without doing injury to other equally deserving off-shoots of Freemasonry, we do not know they actually commit any crime from a Masonic point of view, however much their conduct may be open to question. We have heard it remarked that it is the "duty" of every Mason to support Lodges of Instruction, and while we admit the usefulness of the many weekly meetings held throughout the country for the improvement of brethren, we certainly cannot recognise anything like a lack of "duty" by those who choose to absent themselves from all public schools of Masonry. A regular attendance at Lodges of Instruction is frequently urged as the royal road to distinction; were Masonic honours thrown open to public competition, with a severe examination to be passed by all candidates, we could recognise the force of this argument, but as things are at present, with many of our Lodges working on the principle that the brethren should be appointed to office as much in rotation as possible, we cannot see how it applies. A few months since we heard a most energetic Preceptor—a visitor at an installation meeting—boldly assert that the brother installed that night owed his preferment solely to his regular attendance at the Lodge of Instruction held under the sanction of the Lodge, and he further pointed out that the "only" way for others to ensure early promotion was to follow the same course. When we inquired afterwards, we found that the brother installed had worked his way through the whole of the offices, and we further discovered that he had not been appointed to the lowest office until his turn came. So much for misguided enthusiasm, instances of which we could enumerate almost indefinitely. But we believe the brethren who err are usually sincere, and while they please themselves they do not injure—or even attempt to injure—others; but there are exceptions even to this rule, and a notable instance has just been

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brought to our notice. At a recent festival, a prominent official of a Lodge of Instruction was called upon to respond to the toast of success to that Lodge. Now, whatever he said was to the point, so far as speaking of Improvement in ritual was concerned, but in the excess of his zeal he certainly overstepped the limits of fair Masonic criticism, and endeavoured—we hope unsuccessfully—to make his own case better by detracting from those much loved Institutions—the Charities of the Order. To begin with, "he was sure it must be in the experience of most present that a brother initiated into Masonry in a slovenly and irreverent manner had frequently left the Lodge in disgust, never again to enter within its walls; while, on the contrary, an earnest and impressive rendering of the rites and ceremonies had had a deep and lasting effect on the mind of an initiated brother, creating in him a desire to investigate their meaning, and becoming acquainted with their object and design, making him, in fact, a zealous Mason, useful to the Craft, and an ornament to the Society of which he had become a member." Well, there is no harm in a brother being convinced in his own mind of such facts as these, and as the speaker in question has an experience which entitles his opinion to respect, we suppose there are many who will accept his verdict, although we confess we do not feel disposed to do so at present. He then appears to have lost himself in the earnestness with which he spoke of his beloved Lodge of Instruction, even going so far as to make charges against supporters of the Charities which he would find it not only difficult, but almost impossible to substantiate. "It had, he knew, been a custom of many after-dinner speakers to impress on the minds of young Masons that their first and highest duty was, not to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, but to subscribe to the Institutions, and from the very moment almost the initiated brother sat down for the first time at the table he was pressed for a subscription. An ambitious Mason, desirous of advancement, was impressed with the idea that a liberal subscription to the Charities are the surest step to Masonic honour, and munificent contributors were held up as having the highest claim to Grand and Provincial Grand Office, although they had no other qualification."

If we may go so far as to challenge the remarks of our esteemed brother, we would ask him to name even half-a-dozen of the "many" after-dinner speakers who impress on the minds of young Masons not to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, or who impress on ambitious Masons that a liberal subscription to the Charities is the surest step to Masonic honour. We have said half-a-dozen, but we might even go so far as to ask for the name of one of the "many" who publicly proclaim such doctrines.

There would not, however, be much harm in these attacks, nor would they be open to severe criticism were they made simply in good faith, and without the object of serving a secondary purpose, but they were on this occasion intended to show one side of a picture—what a Mason should not do—while the other was made to represent what he should do, and this, in brief, was, that he should support the particular Lodge of Instruction of which the speaker is a prominent member. There are some brethren who begin to envy the success of the Charities of the Order; and, feeling that much of that success is due to the personal advocacy of the paid officials of the Institutions, they are adopting similar tactics of personal solicitation on behalf of other Masonic adjuncts, but we do not think they will improve on the tactics of those they imitate if they begin by abusing others, with the object of making themselves appear to greater advantage. We do not say that the remarks to which we have especially referred were actuated by this spirit—we will dismiss them as being most uncalled for, and as repugnant to a very large number of Craftsmen. While the number of those who support the Charities remains largely in excess of those who patronize Lodges of Instruction—as is at present the case—there is little fear that advocacy of the one will seriously affect the welfare and prosperity of the other, but if advocacy of Lodges of Instruction is to be included among the responsibilities of Freemasonry, it will be well to know, as soon as possible, if the operations are to be carried out on the "cutting" principle, or on the more dignified lines of mutual aid and support.

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PROFICIENCY BEFORE ADVANCEMENT.

THE Constitutions of Freemasonry, of all Masonic jurisdictions, in some manner provide that a Brother shall exhibit proficiency in the preceding degree before he is advanced to a higher one. From the earliest times this has been the custom of the Craft. When Freemasons were exclusively operative, no Master was permitted to take an Apprentice for less than seven years, in order to ensure his acquirement of the skill necessary for his advancement to be, in succession, a Fellow and a Master. Anderson, in the second edition of his "Constitutions," refers to a regulation of the reign of King Edward III., which ordained "that such as were to be admitted Master Masons, or Masters of Work, should be examined whether they be able of cunning to serve their respective Lords, as well the lowest as the highest, to the honour and worship of the aforesaid art, and to the profit of their Lords." In the "Charges" of 1722, it is directed, that "a younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for improving and continuing of Brotherly love." In the earliest "Ahiman Rezon" of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Bro. Dr. Wm. Smith's adopted, A.D. 1783), it is provided: "All Masons * * shall instruct the younger Brothers to become bright and expert workmen, that the Lord's materials may not be spoiled." This is re-enacted in the Pennsylvania "Ahiman Rezon" of A.D. 1825. The "Ahiman Rezon" of A.D. 1857 draws it more mildly: "It is recommended to all Lodges to require proof of a Brother's proficiency in the Craft, by examination in the Lodge, before he be advanced." The present "Ahiman Rezon," adopted A.D. 1877, has a similar provision. The present "Constitutions" of the Grand Lodge of England enact as follows: "Nor shall a higher degree be conferred on any Brother * * * until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in that [preceding] degree."

We have sufficiently stated what the law is, and the next, and, after all, the most important consideration is, how is this law practically enforced—what is the actual custom of the Craft?

There are three lines of conduct:—(1) To examine the candidate fully in open Lodge. This is the custom of probably the majority of the jurisdictions in the United States; (2) To examine the Brother cursorily in the mere elements of his preceding Degree; (3) To altogether omit the examination.

There is a growing tendency in the Craft to "let down the bars" in the matter of examination, and the result is the great increase of *uneducated* Masons. Many a Mason is *botched* in the making, and not by a purely incompetent Master, but by a supremely careless, thoughtless, and indifferent one. He does *his* work, and he cares not whether the candidate does his or not. He thus turns out an imperfect ashlar, a Brother who is innocent of Masonic knowledge, a Master Mason who is such only in name, while in fact he is the merest Apprentice. Some jurisdictions are *noted* for making ignorant Masons—we leave our readers to nominate the jurisdictions. What is the result? First, the jurisdiction itself is brought into reproach, and justly, for conferring its highest degree on unqualified Brethren. Second, these very Brethren, when they travel, find themselves unable to work their way into a Lodge. And lastly, not possessing the elementary knowledge of the Fraternity, of course they cannot erect any superstructure of Masonic learning upon it. This is a most important subject for consideration, and as we are now upon the eve of the season when our Lodges will all resume Labour, it is expedient that careful thought should be devoted to this matter, and justice be done hereafter, both to the Craft and to individual Masons who are to be made and advanced. Masters of Lodges are the ones primarily responsible. They are Masters indeed. Whatever is done in their several bodies, whether it be well or ill done, is of their doing. If Masons who are ignoramuses are sent out by them to the Masonic world, who is responsible but themselves? And yet we have seen both Wardens of a Lodge, while acting as Master, *omit altogether* the examination of a candidate, and thus lead him to believe that when he left their hands he was an adept in the Royal Art, a perfect ashlar, a complete and finished Mason. What a delusion and a snare! What a pretence! What a deceit!

No Grand Lodge ought merely to "*recommend*," that a

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Brother be examined, in order to ascertain his proficiency in the preceding degree before a higher one is conferred upon him, but such examination ought to be *required*. No option should be left in the matter, no hole in the law, through which a careless, thoughtless or incompetent Master can creep out. And there is another thought worthy of consideration in this connection: The "recommenders" of every candidate have a duty to perform. *Primarily they are his instructors*, and they are in duty bound to qualify him, themselves, for advancement. Let them perform this duty, and let all Masters of Lodges require proficiency in a candidate before advancement, and the much-needed practical reform in this matter will have been accomplished.—*Keystone.*

THE OTHER GENERATION.

IT was in the old Masonic Temple, later United States Court House, now being remodelled for mercantile purposes, that the other generation was best known in the business of Freemasonry, in the City of Boston and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Who were the men numbered in that generation is what few now living can tell, and that so imperfectly, from personal acquaintance, that the record of things past is more reliable—would we could be as certain of things to come.

There was Winslow Lewis, the genial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; sweet in his social intercourse with the brethren; ripe in scholarship; grave or gay as circumstances pleaded; rich in his sympathies; generous and manly among men.

The Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D., was of about the same period; less conspicuous in some respects; busier in purely literary work; but kindly affectioned, and loyal to the Fraternity, of which, for so many years, he has continued to be an intellectual part.

With these was Daniel Harwood, ritualist and disciplinarian, zealous among his fellows; skilled in useful knowledge; a controller of men, a leader also, when leadership meant more than cunning, and made one "great among the people."

Two or three years later came John T. Heard, whose force of character was tuned by reason, and whose comprehensive mind speedily recommended him for Grand Master when such as he was needed in the Grand East.

Numbered among these, but somewhat younger, was William W. Baker, bright, witty, and intelligent; learning from his seniors, and gaining a secure place in their confidence.

Richard Briggs was rapidly growing in favour, and ere long he had secured the approbation of his brethren, who soon advanced him to proud positions within their gift, and endorsed their opinions by subsequent preferments.

Others, some older, some younger, came into notice, and the generation had Abraham A. Dame, John R. Bradford, Robert Lash, John B. Hammatt, Thomas Waterman and William C. Martin, for counsellors and guides, while the pen of the Grand Secretary was held by Charles W. Moore, in the interest of the society wherein he was a dominant quantity.

There are others of whom we might speak with advantage; the roll was a long one, and then we are only looking at that belonging to Boston. William Parkman, later Grand Master, was working into the front places. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, less conspicuous in Masonic office, but more for his general knowledge, was always a welcome advisor. John McClellan, present always where he had the right of admission, zealous, helpful and communicative. Younger men than these were looking for that which was to come, fully believing that the perfection of Masonic character was a thing devoutly to be wished, and to the attainment of which their energies might earnestly be devoted.

The difference in age of these men was not enough to remove any of them from the generation of Masonic workmen then active. Theirs was a common purpose; to them Freemasonry was a reality; it meant what it taught, and taught what it meant; hypocrisy and deceit were altogether unknown in its work or Councils, where the exercise of brotherly love conciliated true friendship, and the relief afforded the distressed was accompanied by hearty sympathy for their misfortunes.

Theirs was the labour of love for Freemasonry, for its principles and for the good contained within it. Some of these brethren were skilful ritualists; all of them who did, worked with the spirit and the understanding also; and every one of them possessed social qualities of a fraternal and sympathetic character.

In their day it was held to be of high importance that the work should be done well, and though the Masons of this generation have better facilities, the ceremonies are no more impressive than when performed by that other generation.

Then the brethren were not so numerous, but they were sincere, and this was exhibited on all proper occasions; consultations and personal interviews were frequent, and many an hour was whiled away in the indulgence of these delights. We have heard some of them recall the old times, when a few, compared with the many who gather on similar occasions now, met in the old Temple, performed the work of the evening, and then partook of such simple refreshment as could be afforded, in contentment and peace.

In a recent conversation with Brother Richard Briggs, he told the writer that the first collation of which he partook in the old Temple, consisted of bread and butter, cheese and cider, and that he enjoyed it immensely, too.

These simple repasts were furnished by Brother Martin, who was superintendent, and who rigidly excluded all but Masons from service or participation therein. No profane presence could be tolerated; the quiet tête-a-tête, or the more general conversation, gave wings to the hour and the time went quickly by, but bearing happy memories; when we inquire for those who then governed and guided the Craft, the many are not with us, but here and there one,—and these tell us by precept and example of the good seed sown, and of the good work done by the Masons of the other generation.—*Liberal Freemason.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

THE following is a list of the Officers appointed by the newly installed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, at the meeting at Oxford, on Wednesday, the 28th ult.:—

Bro. Reginald Bird P.G.D. 357	Deputy Grand Master
H. G. W. Drinkwater 340	Senior Warden
W. L. Morgan 357	Junior Warden
Rev. A. R. Pritchard 1895, Rev. C. J. F. Yule 357	Chaplains
W. G. Emberline 340	Treasurer
J. S. Wells 599	Registrar
E. L. Hawkins 357	Secretary
H. Houghton 340	Assistant Secretary
Lord Valentia 478	Senior Deacon
A. A. Webb 1036	Junior Deacon
F. Marsh 1895	Supt. of Works
F. P. Bulley 357	Dir. of Ceremonies
B. P. Lascelles 357	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
J. Arnall 478	Sword Bearer
E. Home 340, F. Pigott 1399	Standard Bearers
G. Owens 1703	Organist
E. F. Greenwood 1515	Pursuivant
W. D. Sutton 1763	Asst. Pursuivant
Sir B. Brodie 357, F. J. Humphrey 357, G. Harris 1515, L. M. Wynne 599, S. C. Wakefield 1703, J. W. Messenger 340	Stewards
G. Norwood	Tyler

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys assembled at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information, and then the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Six petitions on behalf of candidates were considered, and all were approved, the children thereby becoming elegible for the next April election. Applications were made on behalf of eight ex-pupils for grants towards providing them with outfits; six of these were acceded to, and two postponed. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

MARRIAGE.

STEPHENS—EDWARDS.—On Sunday, 8th inst., at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct, Bro. GEORGE H. STEPHENS P.M. 1123, of Stepney and North Bow, to BEATRICE, youngest daughter of the late JOHN EDWARDS, Esq., of Cow Cross, E.C.

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THE ALBERT PIKE QUESTION.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

In undertaking to investigate controversies between the various factions of high degreers, I am apt to encounter either of the following obstacles:—first, unmixed lies; second, lies more or less mixed with truth; and third, half-told truth; the last is the most mischievously misleading.

As a case in point, I sent you not long since a paragraph from the Detroit *Freemason*, which originally appeared in a Washington paper, viz., the *Capitol*, in which it was stated that Claud Samory, the Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Foulhouze Council at New Orleans, which was originally established in 1813 by Cerneau, had conferred the thirty-third degree on Albert Pike, 25th April 1857, and in a previous communication (Freemason's Chronicle, 13th December 1884) I sent you, I quoted from Pike's own writings that he did not know when he was elected a member, or when Commander. So putting this and that together, I said if the Detroit paragraph is true—that is, if Pike received his thirty-thirdship from a Cerneauite—then he must be regarded as a bogus, and the Grand "Mother Supreme Council of the world" over which he presides is of course tainted by the connection, and hence all her children and grandchildren Councils the world over will lose their character for purity. Of course, according to my own belief, the whole of our eight American sovereigns of the A. and A. Riters, including our two African sovereigns, are alike legal. But what is the use of reasoning with them? Thus, if you question six out of the eight you will find that each is very positive that he alone is the real "Simon Pure," and the others are bogus; while the sovereigns of our northern and southern jurisdictions are equally positive that they and their legitimate offspring are legal, and all the rest are impostors. Hence, if Bro. Pike had received his thirty-three degree from an impure source, I could not see what right he had to denounce the Cerneauites as clandestines.

Bro. Pike's forgetfulness as to when he became a member, &c., was still more surprising when I recalled to mind that he referred to a session at New Orleans in 1857, of which he seemingly entertained no very high opinion, for he said, in 1878:—

"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."

The expression in the above quotation which I italicise, indicates a feeling of contempt for the 1857 session, and yet he is said to have received there the thirty-third degree. In short, I was puzzled. But as business called me to New York I took the opportunity of calling on Bro. R. B. Folger, the well known historian of the A. and A. Rite in America. I shewed Brother Folger the Detroit *Freemason*, and asked whether the paragraph in question was true? Bro. Folger answered in the affirmative, to prove which he showed me an extract he copied from the New Orleans Scotch Rite Proceedings of 1857, showing that Samory conferred on Pike the thirty-third degree. Brother Folger further informed me that the said Proceedings of 1857 are very scarce, that there was but one copy, to the best of his belief, in New York, for which the owner would not take one hundred dollars, and that from the said copy he extracted the paragraph. I then asked Bro. Folger to publish the said paragraph in the next issue of his *Masonic Chronicle*, which he kindly promised to do.

Bro. Folger, in the course of conversation further informed me, that there had been a split in the Foulhouze Council at New Orleans about or before 1857. This splitting business, you must know, is a chronic disease among Scotch Riters. Well, Samory was the leader of the splitters, and he, with a few others, went over to the Charleston concern. Albert G. Mackey, who was then the chief cook and bottle washer of the said concern, went to New Orleans in February 1857, when he called together Samory and his squad of deserters, and gave each one a slap on his back, when, presto! one and all were at once transformed from Cerneauites into pure Southern Jurisdiction thirty-third-lings. Albert Pike was to have received the 33rd degree at that meeting, but a letter was received from him that he was detained at Washington, and that he would be in New Orleans later on. On the 25th of April following Brother Pike was in New Orleans, and Samory held a session, and made Pike a thirty-thirder. The reader will now see how the "half-told truth," which I found in the Detroit *Freemason*, which originally appeared in *The Capitol*, led me to the erroneous belief that Bro. Pike received his thirty-third degree from Samory the Cerneauite, while in reality he received it from Samory after he was whitewashed from Cerneauitism. This is "a horse of quite another colour."

On my return to Boston I told the above news to our Grand Secretary Bro. Nickerson; and, briefly, Bro. Nickerson found a copy of the 1875 New Orleans Proceedings, from which I shall give some additional information. I must, however, premise that the Charleston high degreers in the last century pretended that, by virtue of their high degrees, they acquired the right to rule the Grand Lodge. Moreover, be it remembered that each of the said high degreers swore at his initiation, and when he took office in his Lodge, and in the Grand Lodge (for they were P.G. Officers), to obey the regulations of the Grand Lodge; how then they were absolved from the said repeated oaths remains a mystery to this day. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina very naturally questioned them as to whence they derived their pretended right; to which they returned an evasive answer, viz., that they had the right, but for peace sake they would waive their right.

I am very sorry that the Grand Lodge had not courage enough to expel these pretenders for their impertinence, but, on the other hand, we must remember that the history of Masonry was then a great mystery; that the mass of Masons, who were always credulous, were already persuaded that there were higher degrees than the Grand Lodge knew of; hence it was not difficult for a Masonic charlatan, who possessed a smattering of learning to make them believe he had dived into the very centre of the "Masonic arcanum," and that he was in possession of secrets derived from the antediluvian "Masonic arcanum," that there were older Masonic landmarks in existence than the Grand Lodge knew of. The big sounding words arcanum and archives were alone sufficient to drive the simple members of the Grand Lodge out of their wits, and by some such means they were bluffed into silence, and accepted the compromise, viz., "to waive."

Again, when in 1848, Messrs. Gourgas, Moore and Co., organised the so-called "Northern Jurisdiction" for the Scotch Rite, they again repeated and printed the dogma of having a right to rule Grand Lodges, but kindly consented to waive their right, and, to the best of my belief, no American Grand Lodge took notice thereof. When, therefore, we see that the high degree quacks of the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions publicly claimed a right to rule Grand Lodges, it is no wonder, therefore, that the Foulhouze Council of New Orleans, which was composed of the French-speaking residents of the said town, who, as Frenchmen, doubtless regarded themselves as superior to the descendants of the English in every respect, and more especially in high degree Masonry. Of course, the Foulhouzers also believed in their right to rule the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; and in 1850 the Foulhouze Council assumed its right, and began to charter symbolic Lodges of its own. This state of things lasted for five years without any seeming disturbance. But in 1855 Bro. Samory and a few others were all at once struck with a fit of conscience about the sins they committed to the Grand Lodge, and, therefore, in behalf of themselves and the Foulhouze Council, they made a concordat with what was then left of the Charleston Council.

I must here further explain that the high degreers have peculiar notions and a phraseology of their own—they date their meeting with the Hebrew month, and that is not all. Bishop Usher has settled to the satisfaction of the English Church the exact age of the world. But Jewish scholars differ about it, and claim their reckoning to be right. Our high degree philosophers have adopted the Jewish chronology, as I shall show hereafter. Again, the town where they hold their meetings is called "the valley;" a document containing a request is with them "a balustre," and an agreement between Councils they call, Papal style, "a concordat." The exact conditions of Samory's concordat with the Charlestonians I know not, as it was not printed. And now for the New Orleans Proceedings:—

"Saturday, 20th 'Sebat' A.M. 5617.
14th February 1857."

The Council consisted of Albert G. Mackey, Samory,

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with nine other 33rds, eight of whom at least had decided French names.

"The M.P.S.G. Commander then informed the Ill. B.B. present ['B.B.' means Brothers among high degrees] that by virtue of the authority vested in the Deputies of this Supreme Council for the State of Louisiana, they held a meeting of the 7th 'Sebat' instant, and selected the following" to be made thirty-thirds, and at the head of the list was the name of Albert Pike. The remaining names on the list did not indicate French origin, a number of them were absent, and amongst them was Albert Pike. Eleven, however, were thirty-thirded on that day. Brother Samory was then invited to deliver an address in the French language, and Bro. Mackey was invited to repeat the same address in English. After which the Ill. B. Laffon de Ladebat informed the Council that he had received a balustre from Ill. Bro. Pike 32nd degree, now at Washington, that he would not be enabled to be at New Orleans before next March, and moved that the S.C. be authorised to confer the 33rd degree on Brother Pike. And now for the second session :—

"Sunday, 21st 'Sebat' A.M. 5617.
15th February 1857."

Mackey's name here again heads the list, though it was on Sunday. Samory, however, opened the Proceedings. The body then marched in procession to the Hall wherein the Grand Lodge used to meet, where Bro. Samory delivered the address in French, and Bro. Mackey repeated it in English—the address covers nineteen closely-printed octavo pages. The Orator demonstrated, doubtless to his own satisfaction, that Frederick the Great first consecrated Berlin as the "Grand East" (meaning, I suppose, the Jernsalem) for the "Rite of Perfection, consisting of twenty-five degrees (in which year this took place is not stated). That he appointed Chaillou de Jourville as his Deputy in France (no date is given for that either), how Stephen Morin was sent from France to the Western Hemisphere, and how the Rite of Perfection found its way into Charleston, South Carolina, and how at last, in 1786, Frederick the Great sent a new Constitution to Charleston (bear in mind that he sent the Constitution to Charleston only), in which he changed the name of the concern from "Rite of Perfection" to "Ancient and Accepted Rite," together with eight additional degrees to be clapped on the top of the original twenty-five. And how Bro. De Grasse Tilly received the new Rite in Charleston, and how he carried it to France, where it was adopted as all right. Hence, it is clear that Charleston, the original "Grand East" in America, was the "Valley" wherein "the Mother Supreme Council of the World" was consecrated; and that all the Supreme Councils of the A. and A. Riters over the world are her children or grandchildren. After the address was finished, the Council went to work and denounced in high degree fashion the other Council held "in this Valley, of which J. Lamarre is Secretary, and Jos. Lisbony is said to be the presiding officer."

"Tuesday, 23rd 'Sebat,' 5617.
17th February 1877."

At this Session several Knights were thirty-thirded, after which it was adjourned. And now for Bro. Pike's elevation.

"Saturday, 'Year' 1st, W.M. 5617.
25th April 1857."

At this meeting Bro. Pike was not only thirty-thirded in due form, but the Grand Commander read a balustre from Ill. Bro. Laffon de Ladebat, 33rd, "tendering his resignation as Deputy of the Supreme Council, for the purpose of enabling the S.C. to appoint Ill. Bro. Pike, whose election was better calculated to promote the prosperity of the Order in America," and Bro. Pike was accordingly elected Deputy, and the Council adjourned *sine die*.

And now, all I have to say is this, viz., If the divinely-inspired Saint Frederick the Great actually sent the much-talked-of Constitution to the "valley" of Charleston, South Carolina in 1786, then the New Orleans printed Proceedings of 1857 prove conclusively that Bro. Pike is a legal 33rd degreer, that the "Mother Supreme Council of

ROYAL ARCH.

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STATISTICS OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

J. H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, furnishes the following statistics of Royal Arch Masonry in North America compiled up the year 1885 :—

Grand Chapters.	Members.	Exaltations
Alabama	609	34
Arkansas	1,383	77
California	3.941	243
Canada	3,734	324
Colorado	1,049	142
Connecticut	4,244	168
Dakota	638	—
Delaware	270	15
District of Columbia	1,185	85
Florida	212	12
Georgia	880	100
Illinois	11,967	839
Indiana	4,880	368
Iowa	6,189	524
Kansas	2,579	235
Kentucky	2,535	182
Louisiana	725	17
Maine	4,301	215
Maryland	1,160	61
Massachusetts	9,543	461
Michigan	8,414	673
Minnesota	2,627	214
Mississippi	1,340	54
Missouri	4,791	375
Nebraska	2,323	145
Nevada	390	43
New Hampshire	2,395	189
New Jersey	2,704	157
New York	15,435	915
North Carolina	903	39
Nova Scotia	469	27
Ohio	10,555	809
Oregon	771	73
Pennsylvania	10,908	824
Quebec	475	51
Rhode Island	1,640	58
South Carolina	306	15
Tennessee	1,949	101
Texas	3,582	316
Vermont	2,025	82
Virginia	1,274	70
Washinton	150	12
West Virginia	519	32
Wisconsin	3,941	203
Total	140,960	9,469

GLOUCESTER CHAPTER, No. 130.

AT the Convocation of this Chapter, held at the Masonic Hall Southampton, on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., M.E. Comp T. Lashmore, M. Emanuel, and H. Lashmore were installed in th chairs of the three Principals, the ceremony as regarded Z. and being conducted by M.E.Z. Emanuel. The following Officers wer invested by the M.E.Z. :—J. R. Wetton S.E., R. S. Pearce Trea surer, H. Webb S.N., Waters D.C., Aslett P.S., C. Bemister an M. Smith A.S., Harrington and Vare Janitors.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, No. 1507.

ON Thursday evening, 5th inst., the members of this Chapter hel a most pleasant gathering at Anderton's Hotel. There wa a large number of Companions present, including many visitor E. Comp. W. Side was installed M.E.Z. in succession to E. Comp Willing, who is one of the Founders of the Chapter, and was its firs M.E.Z. E. Comp. S. B. Fullwood was installed in the H. chair, an E. Comp. T. Minstrell in the J. chair. Comp. W. M. Stiles was re appointed Scribe E., and Comp. T. C. Edmonds Scribe N. The offic of Treasurer was unanimously conferred on Comp. J. Willing I.P.Z Comp. J. C. Smith was invested as Principal Soj., and he appointe as his Assistants Comp. Knight as 1st Assist. Soj., and Comp. H Dickey as 2nd Assist. Soj. Comp. R. W. Fraser was appointed D.C and Comps. F. W. Dimsdale I.G., Mordey as Steward. The Installin Officer was Comp. Terry, who has on so many occasions performe a similar service for this Chapter. In the course of the evening a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to him, and the most heart sympathy was expressed towards him on account of the indisposition which would prevent his joining the Companions at the festive board The M.E.Z. then presented his predecessor, Comp. J. Willing, wit a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, and stated the great indebtedness which th Comps. felt at the many valuable services which Comp. Willing ha rendered the Chapter, both in the Charities and as Treasurer. Comp J. Willing suitably replied, and was unanimously chosen to represen the Chapter as Steward for the forthcoming Benevolent Institutio

D. Stroud, J. W. Smith, J. J. Michael, F. F. Bird, H. Sillis, R. W. Galer, J. T. Briggs, Jno. Chapman, Edwin Storr, G. Mordey, A. Proudfoot, R. Lambourn, R. Whiting, R. A. Richardson, H. Stiles, and others. The toasts were given in appropriate language, and were drunk with great enthusiasm.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday evening. Comp. Strugnell M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Brasted J., Sheffield S.E., Blight S.N., Russell P.S. As usual, there was a very good attendance.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE following speech was delivered on Monday, the 7th September, by Dr. Tarrant, M.L.A., Grand Master Mason of New South Wales, in reference to a cablegram he had just received :—

"The Grand Lodge of New South Wales is now established on such a firm foundation, and its progress as a supreme Masonic power has so far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its promoters, that it was not my intention to again address you on the subject of the legality of the proceedings which were pursued upon that occasion—one, I think, the most eventful in the history of Australian Freemasonry—had it not been for the appearance of an unofficial English telegram which was recently published in the press, and which read as follows :—'The Grand Lodge of Freemasons has refused the application of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to be recognised by the English Grand Lodge.' I think the present moment opportune to address the thinking Freemasons of New South Wales through you, the oldest Masonic Lodge in Australia, "established 1821," upon the subject of the establishment of our Grand Lodge, because it does appear to me, and I believe many of you think likewise, that the person who inspired the telegram to which I refer not only violated one of the first principles of our Order, but exhibited an animus to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales which is not participated in by a large majority of the Freemasons in this territory owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. You are all aware that for a number of years the formation of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales has engaged the attention of a large number of brethren in this Province, but no active steps were taken to promote this object until a number of the oldest and most energetic members of the Craft, according to the Masonic custom adopted upon such occasions, formed themselves into a Masonic Union, on 5th July 1877, and subsequently sent a circular to every Masonic Lodge in the colony, asking it to discuss the question, and appoint a delegate to represent its Lodge at the meetings of the Union. In reply to this communication thirteen Lodges appointed delegates, and assurances of support were received from several other Lodges, and a large number of brethren of the three Constitutions. At the same time the Union, as an act of courtesy, informed the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland of their movement, and not receiving any reply from those bodies, called a meeting of the Convention on 3rd December 1877, and elected the first Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, who were duly installed by Brother Manning, a past Deputy District Grand Master under the English Constitution, and Past Provincial Grand Master under the Scotch Constitution. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales having been thus constitutionally formed according to the custom of all Grand Lodges, except the Grand Lodge of England, the illegality of whose constitution I shall refer to immediately, the Grand Master caused letters and a manifesto to be forwarded to all the known Grand Lodges in the world, together with a copy of the Proceedings of the Convention, fraternally requesting recognition of the new Grand Lodge. To these, replies have been received from time to time, and at the present moment we are recognised by thirty-eight Grand Lodges, being more than half of the Grand Lodges in existence. A most notable fact about the recognition is, that the first one extended to us was from a Grand Lodge which included within its ranks that eminent jurist, Dr. Mackay, author of the "Lexicon of Freemasonry," and other standard Masonic works, who, after thoroughly investigating the legality of the course pursued in establishing the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, warmly advocated its recognition, and consented to act as its representative in his own Grand Lodge. I must now claim your attention for a few moments to refer to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, and I do not think the contrast will bear favourable comparison with the steps taken in establishing a Grand Lodge in this territory. According to Masonic jurisprudence a Grand Lodge can be established in any territory where no Grand Lodge exists; but the Grand Lodge of England, as first established in London, violated this law, as its Grand Lodge was formed by four London Lodges that seceded from the Grand Lodge of York, which was established in the year 926, having under its jurisdiction thirty-two Lodges. Notwithstanding that there was a Grand Lodge of England, we find that the Masonic body in London, then numbering only four Lodges, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge so recently as the year 1717, and from it was instituted the present United Grand Lodge of England. And this, forsooth, is the body which refuses to recognise a Grand Lodge originally formed by thirteen Lodges, which now has on its roll forty-four subordinate Lodges, containing some 3000 Masons, and recognised by thirty-eight Grand Lodges, many of them having double the number of Freemasons under their jurisdiction which the Grand Lodge of England can boast of. We have not imitated the example of our London brethren who seceded, but have followed the legal and constitutional steps taken by all other Grand Lodges at their establishment, and which have been imitated by our brethren in Victoria and South Australia, and which I earnestly desire to see adopted by all the Australian colonies. The Grand Lodge of South Australia, with which we are in friendly communication, has already been recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and I cannot refrain from quoting the language of our esteemed brother the Earl of Limerick, who presided over the Grand Lodge when the application was received :—"He thought it was not out of place to remember that our colonies, although in civil matters they possessed local self-government, had shown that they were ready to rally to the assistance of the mother country whenever they might be called upon to do so. He was sure that that spirit would also exist in Freemasonry. He trusted, individually, that the motion might be accepted unanimously, and that they might wish the Grand Lodge of South Australia hearty good wishes and God-speed, and that we might recognise in it a promising addition to the Grand Lodges of the world."

Now, brethren, with particular reference to this telegram, I have the authority of the Grand Secretary, who has carefully examined our foreign correspondence, for saying that no official application has ever been made by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of England since January 1878, at the same period as communications were forwarded to all other Grand Lodges; and, therefore, I cannot understand why the idea of sending such a telegram was conceived. Can it be possible that after an interval of nearly eight years the Grand Secretary of the English Grand Lodge has become energetic about his correspondence? Or is there any member of the Local District Grand Lodge at present in London so very anxious for our recognition that he has brought our present distressed condition under the notice of the Grand Lodge of England? Brethren, to me this recognition has always been a matter of indifference. I think you all know my views upon the question; but in the face of such dreadful news we can console ourselves with the reflection that what we have done has been in the interests of Freemasonry—for the good of the Craft, and not from motives of personal ambition. Other British colonies, such as Canada, recognise our Grand Lodge, and have shown that local Masonic government, similar to that which we have established here, is not inconsistent with loyalty to the British Throne and attachment to the principles of Freemasonry over the world. And I can now assure you that I have determined to assert our full rights to this Masonic territory by, within the next few days, issuing a manifesto declaring any Lodge opened in this colony, unless owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, illegal and unconstitutional, and all persons initiated in such Lodges as clandestine Freemasons; and in taking this step I feel confident that I will receive the support of the thirty-eight Grand Lodges who recognise our Grand Lodge, and who themselves are recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. Brethren, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Grand Lodge of South Australia, which I represent in this colony, I desire to thank you.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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MONTEFIORE LODGE. No. 1017.

THE members of this Lodge reassembled, with a fair attendance, on Wednesday, 4th instant. Lodge was duly opened by Brother N. P. Vallentine, and after preliminary business the W.M. initiated, in a most impressive manner, Mr. Channon. Letters were read by the Secretary (Bro. Matthias Levy) from the foreign Lodges in Chili and Valparaiso, relating to the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, and giving expression to their condolence with the Lodge that bears his name. A resolution was passed, that a suitable reply should be sent. Both documents have been sent to Bro. J. Sebag-Montefiore, as a token of the respect shown to the honourable name of Montefiore. Lodge was closed in due form, and in perfect harmony.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

AN emergency meeting of the above flourishing Kentish Lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th instant, at Riverhead, near Sevenoaks. This was the last meeting of the year, which has proved the most successful one in the history of the Lodge. There were present Bros. C. I. Craig W.M., E. S. Strange S.W., W. Sparrowhawk S.D. as J.W., J. H. Jewell Secretary, John Hamblin D.C. as I.G., F. P. Lee Steward as S.D., Alexander Ross Organist; P.M.'s Thomas J. Baker, A. W. Duret, E. J. Dodd; Bros. J. Baker, H. M. Hitchins, Thomas Baker, P. C. Delport, A. Walmer Lloyd, W. H. Pascoe, John Fyfe, Charles Hooker, R. Stevenson, George Dixon, D. J. Kent, W. Bridfoot. Visitor—Brother T. E. Hewett 749. Brother Duret, in a few feeling and sympathetic words, alluded to the death of a worthy and respected brother, a Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. John Webb who, since the last meeting, had been called away; and also to the death of a visitor to the Lodge at the previous meeting, who had died within a week of the time he visited the Amherst Lodge. Bro. E. J. Dodd P.M. P.P.G.O. also gave expression to a few words of regret on these sad events. Bro. George Dixon was raised, Bro. Duret performing the ceremony. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and Brothers Burfoot, Fyfe, Delport, Barker, and Hutchins were passed. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Amherst Arms, where Bro. Waller had liberally provided for them. Some capital music was given by Bros. Delport, Wallace Lloyd, and Baker P.M., and recitations by Bros Fyfe and Dodd. These were greatly appreciated.

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CLAUSENTIUM LODGE, No. 1461.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, Bro. R. Bell S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cock Hotel, Epping, on Saturday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Lewis W.M., Ackworth I.P.M. Treasurer, S. Salmon S.W., F. Woodrow J.W., J. London S.D., T. Fletcher J.D., Fraser I.G., R. Fletcher Organist; and several other members and visitors. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson was entrusted, and retired, and subsequently passed to the degree of F.C. The candidate for raising and two gentlemen for initiation were unavoidably absent. Bro. J. Salmon S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and a P.M's jewel voted to the retiring W.M., and Bros. Fletcher and Fraser, with other Officers, were elected the Audit Committee of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The Tyler was also unanimously re-elected. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. The usual Masonic and other toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Pitt W.M., Stringer S.W., J. Bedford Williams J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Thomas J.D., Dixon I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor and Banks; Bros. Mansfield, Penrose, Millington, Emblin, and Greener. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mansfield personating the candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming the usual questions were well answered by Bro. Millington. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and closed to the first. Bro. Stringer S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, and all business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned. The annual banquet has been fixed for Thursday, the 10th December; it will be held at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—On Thursday, 5th instant, at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road. Bros. Hirst W.M., Williams S.W., Ware J.W., Weeden Preceptor, Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, James S.D., Patient J.D., Baker I.G.; Bros. McMillen, Allsworth, Jenkins, and Crawley. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jenkins candidate; and the ceremony of passing, Bro. Baker candidate. Bros. Baker and Allsworth answered the questions leading to the third degree, but were not entrusted, being only Fellow Crafts. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The accounts for the past twelve months were adopted. The following Officers were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. Weeden Preceptor, Osborn Treasurer, and Hughes Secretary. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday, 12th November.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 14th November 1885:—

Monday—Mr. Morton's Ball, St. George's and Cornerstone Lodges. Tuesday—New Holborn Quadrilles, Urban 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, Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Phœnix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

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THE THEATRES.

Comedy.—Miss Violet Melnotte, like many a famous general, has advanced through honourable defeat to triumphant success, and Mr. Gilbert Tate, with proud satisfaction, can hang out his banners on the outward walls—boxes, stalls, pit balcony, "Full"—scarce standing room, even where enthusiasts peep through the curtains behind the dress circle to snatch glimpses of pretty Miss St. John, mangre the ire of irate old gentlemen. The opera, "Ermenie" is perhaps not particularly new, but some of the numbers are certainly very graceful and have the advantage of excellent interpretation by the very strong company Miss Melnotte has secured. The story is founded on the famous Robert Macaire, which some of us have had the good fortune to see embodied by Henry Irving and J. L. Toole, and perhaps, with due respect be it said, to the still more dramatic interpretation of the Brothers Martinetti. Miss St. John, in the heroine, finds a congenial and graceful medium for her playfulness of manner, while the composer, Mr. Jakobowski, has furnished her with some charming songs, perhaps not very relevant to the story; but one does not look for logical treatment in comic opera. Mr. Mervyn has a stirring soldier song, which roused the house to no little enthusiasm, and manly and valiant he looked as the Marquis de Pont Vert. Mr. Bracy has little dramatic opportunity, as the young secretary who wins the love of Erminie, but he has one especially fine lyric allotted him. Immense laughter and applause rewarded the efforts of Mr. Paulton and Mr. Frank Wyatt—as Ravanne and Cadeau, known afore time as Macaire and Jacques Strop. But though Mr. Paulton was as doleful and grim as his admirers could wish, and Mr. Wyatt as lithe and fantastical, as full of quips and quirks as an Italian Punchinello, neither one nor the other seemed to belong to the story. Mr. Paulton suggests the comic relief in a Surrey melodrama, and Wyatt our old friend Jingle; such a pair would have found their career as Knights of the Road ignominiously ended. But, again, who asks consistency from comic opera? The piece is well mounted; the costumes charming. Rarely has Miss St. John appeared in a prettier dress than this lovely pink satin and maroon velvet, which suits her so well. The details of costume, also, have been carefully looked to; we find the fine gentlemen provided with the watches and fob chains in which the bucks of the period delighted; whilst the ladies wear a fine circumference of farthingale. We must not close without a word of praise to Mr. Percy Compton, who makes a careful study of an old beau, and to Miss M. A. Victor, who seems to revel in the humours of a susceptible elderly princess.

Drury Lane.—The Loan Collection of Egyptian and Soudanese arms, accoutrements and relics was opened on Thursday afternoon, in the Grand Saloon, at Drury Lane. Lord Wolseley has sent, amongst other things, the chain armour given him by the Khedive, and Arabi's pistols; Sir Gerald Graham contributes the kourbash given him as a parting present, and Osman Digna's Koran; Admiral Hewett exhibits his Abyssinian robes of honour; Colonel Kitchener (now on his road to Zanzibar) lends his Arab costume and a piece of carpet from Gordon's room at Khartoum; and we are also to have Major Pigott's famous hog-spear which led the "D" company of mounted infantry to victory. Lord Dundonald's and Colonel Paget's trophies; Mr. Villiers', Mr. Prior's, and Mr. Caton Woodville's sketches, and Colonel Eaton's famous medals. There is to be a reproduction of Arabi's cell, with the original furniture, a field pump by Messrs. Merryweather, and a field post office from Colonel Du Plat Taylor. Hardly a Soudan hero has failed to send his offering to the national theatre, which promises to help "Human Nature" through the vicissitudes of a General Election.—*World*.

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IT has been truly said that the system of Freemasonry is microscomic in character, and symbolically depicts the advent and departure of all that is mortal.

One of the most prominent traits in our Order is its inherent and intuitive disposition to advance with the march of Time. To the fact that "Masonry is a progressive science" the Society not only largely owes its present brilliant and exalted position, but in a great measure the continuation from age to age of its very existence.

In remote days, when the gloom of ignorance and superstition enshrouded the earth, Masonry, "like a glimmering light in the east," heralded the dawn of Science, Morality, and Truth. Its teachings, pure and sublime, inculcated by the enlightened few, gradually fell upon the hearts of the many, and eventually roused into active life the desire to fulfil the great and noble purpose of our Order—the Universal Brotherhood of Man, and the Universal Fatherhood of God.

It is not our intention to even briefly glance at the history of Speculative Masonry; suffice it to repeat that the progressive spirit of the science has been displayed throughout its whole career. The primitive right of initiation, as practised by our ancient brethren, was doubtless simple in character, but became amplified in successive generations; and, as Time rolled on, and the instinctive yearning increased for higher expression of Masonic Truth, the impressive beauties of the third degree were developed.

To define the exact moment when night ends and twilight begins is an impracticable task; neither can we fix upon the precise date in our history when the darkness of death was first illumined by the glorous light of the Holy Royal Arch.

It has been contended that Arch Masonry is a creation of recent date; but there is no more justice in this view than to hold that man in his present high state of civilisation is but of yesterday. There may be, in some respects, an immeasurable gulf between him and his pre-historic ancestor; but as the man of those days was the forefather of the man of to-day, and as much the cradle—ruder, may be - of an immortal soul, so the Masonry of ancient times, enshrining the germ of Universal Brotherhood, was the forerunner and progenitor of this our latest and highest type and noblest exemplification of vital and immortal truth.

Let us, whilst admiring the splendours of the edifice, forget not the due to the labourers who have passed, or are

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passing from our midst, and, whilst we may, record the deeds of those whose work and struggles have so greatly aided and maintained the material welfare of our illustrious Order.

Let us endeavour to copy their bright and worthy example, emulate their noble deeds,

> And, departing, leave behind us
> Footprints on the sands of time.

To a veteran worker in the Craft, the following is a humble tribute—much too brief and inadequate to afford, even to the skilful, experienced, and discerning Mason, more than a scant indication of services to Freemasonry, and society in general, rendered during a long and invaluable career.

Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., LL.D., was born at Kingston-upon-Hull, on the 9th day of December 1820, and is the descendant of an old and honourable Staffordshire family. His father was captain in the 80th Regiment of the British army, and saw active service whilst in India.

He was educated at St. Peter's School, in the ancient city of York, and afterwards passed to St. Catharine's, Cambridge, where, in 1843, he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in classical and mathematical honours. Subsequently he was appointed Master in King William's College, Isle of Man.

It was whilst residing there that he first saw Masonic light, having been initiated, passed, and raised in the Royal Isle of Man Lodge, No. 338, holden under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the date of his raising being 27th December 1843. This Lodge at that time contained many military brethren, but has long ago faded out of existence.

Having remained in the Isle of Man for one year, he took Holy Orders, and became Curate of Long Benton, near Newcastle-on-Tyne; afterwards removing into Newcastle, as Curate of St. Andrew's; ultimately being appointed Curate and Evening Lecturer of St. Nicholas' in the same town. Here, as elsewhere, our reverend brother discharged the duties of his sacred office faithfully and with regard to the injunctions of his Great Master, eliciting from all those within the range of his influence the warmest expressions of respect and affection.

In the year 1844 he became a joining member of the Northern Counties Lodge (then No. 586), meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and in the following year was exalted in the Sussex Chapter attached thereto.

In 1846 the University of Cambridge conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

In 1847 he was installed Knight Templar in the Kent Encampment, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and during the same year entered the Rose Croix Chapter there.

In 1848-9 he held the office of Senior Warden in Lodge De Loraine (then No. 793) in that town.

It was whilst he remained in Newcastle that his great Masonic abilities were recognised, and he received the appointment of Grand Chaplain in the Province of Northumberland.

Having, in 1849, had conferred upon him the office of Government Chaplain in India, he left this country for his new scene of labour, and almost immediately after his arrival there was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Bengal, so promptly were his worth and abilities discerned by the District Grand Master.

In 1852-3 he served the office of Worshipful Master of Lodge Star of Hope (then No. 761), Agra. During this year he was advanced to the Mark Degree; and also received, in Agra, the degrees of Excellent and Super Excellent.

He was one of the founders of Lodge Dalhousie (then No. 922), Mussooric, and presided as its Worshipful Master twice—viz., in 1854-5 and 1855-6; being also a founder and First Principal of the Chapter attached to that Lodge.

It was during his Mastership of the Dalhousie Lodge he printed, by request, a sermon preached before the brethren of Mussoorie and Dehra. This elicited from a renegade Mason at Agra a pamphlet, which contained one of those rabid and bitter attacks which at that time were so frequently and unjustly levelled against the Society. It was on this occasion our learned brother stood forward and proved himself the worthy champion of a righteous cause, and replied by his celebrated work, entitled "Freemasonry Represented and Misrepresented."

This contribution to Masonic literature would alone have sufficed to establish a reputation of the highest order; and to day it justly occupies a position as a standard record of clear, forcible, and unanswerable arguments in refutation of anti-Masonic calumny and slander.

For this great and lasting service he received the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bengal, and the rank of Provincial Grand Warden.

In 1857 a terrible shock vibrated throughout the whole civilised world, and shook our Indian Empire to its base. The memory of that awful Mutiny will never be effaced from the minds of the nation at large, much less from those whom by accident or the call of duty were brought face to face with death, almost without a chance of rescue, amidst the most harrowing scenes of bloodshed and destruction. It was then that our reverend brother, by his cool judgment, unflinching courage, and Christian fortitude, proved himself worthy to be numbered amongst that band of heroes whose names are recorded on the immortal roll of fame.

Many were the addresses, congratulations, and testimonials which he received; but none to which he attached more value than that received from the residents in Meerut during the Mutiny, of which the following is a copy:—

Meerut,
30th January 1858.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, your parishioners, cannot permit you to leave the cure, over which you have presided (and for the last nine months alone), without placing on record, in this prominent manner, our sincere acknowledgments of your estimable qualities both as a pastor and as a friend, and our deep and unfeigned regret at losing the spiritual attention of one who has endeared himself alike to all.

The fearful tragedy of the 10th May 1857, the occurrences of the following morning, and the scenes through which we subsequently passed, appalling even the stoutest hearts, can never be effaced from our recollection. But, when remembering those scenes, how can we forget your unwearied and incessant exertions during that harassing period to fulfil worthily the duties of your sacred calling? The constant visitation of the sick; the establishment of the relief fund, which had its origin with you, and its attendant duties; and last, though not least, your voluntary daily ministry in the fortified square, will ever be remembered by us with feelings of deep affection. Firmly assured are we that those fervent aspirations which, in that season of peculiar trial and anxiety, ascended to the throne of the Most High, were not disregarded by Him who can save by many or by few.

Grieved as we are from personal considerations, and from a knowledge of your private and public worth, at losing you, we should be wanting to ourselves did we not heartily and sincerely congratulate you upon your preferment, so richly deserved. May we hope that, when far away, you will give an occasional passing thought to those who now bid you "Farewell."

Believe us, Dear and Reverend Sir,

Yours most sincerely,

H. RICHMOND JONES, Colonel, Carabineers, Commanding Station.
J. CRACROFT WILSON, Commissioner.
G. WHISH, Lieut.-Colonel, Brigade Major.
W. KINLESIDE, Lieut.-Colonel Commanding Artillery Division.
H. TOMBS, Major, Horse Artillery.
ALFRED LIGHT, Captain, Artillery.
C. W. MACTIER, M.D., Artillery.
DAVID B. SMITH, M.D., Artillery.
ELLEN WILSON, (Lady Archdale Wilson).
ELIZA GREATHEAD.
EMMA HOGGE.
FLEETWOOD WILLIAMS, Civil Judge.
B. PARROTT, Captain, Stud Department.
N. PENNY, Major-General.
W. N. CUSTANCE, Lieut.-Colonel, Carabineers.
MARY CUSTANCE.
W. GRAHAM, Adjutant, Carabineers.
W. F. WALLACE, Captain, 74th N.I.
C. R. DOUGLAS, Inspecting Postmaster.
D. D. HUNTER, Captain, 60th Rifles.
ARTHUR W. OWEN, Captain, 11th Regiment.
G. SMYTH, Colonel, 3rd Cavalry.
JANE SMYTH.
W. GALLOWAY, Captain, 3rd Cavalry.
And all the other Residents in Meerut.

Subsequent to the outbreak of the Mutiny at Meerut, of which place he was then Senior Government Chaplain, Brother Smyth removed to Singapore, where he became the Deputy District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, and Worshipful Master of Lodge Zetland in the East (then No. 748), and first Principal of its Chapter.

He was also Worshipful Master of Lodge Fidelity, Singapore (which was afterwards incorporated with Lodge Zetland in the East), holding the Mastership of both Lodges at the same time, by dispensation.

Singapore, it may be mentioned, is a great highway between India, China, and England. Large numbers of naval and military men and civilians are constantly pass-

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ing and repassing. It is a gathering place of people of many nations; and it was here that Brother Smyth performed a very large amount of Masonic working. In 1860 the University of Dublin conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Leaving India in 1867, followed by the sincere regrets and good wishes of a vast number who had become endeared to him, both natives and Europeans, and many tributes to his worth by the Press, he revisited his native country, and was six months later appointed by Sir Edmund Beckett and his father to the then new living of St. Chad's Far Headingley, Leeds, which he now holds.

In 1872 the University of Cambridge conferred upon him the degree of LL.D.

Since his residence in Leeds, Brother Smyth has passed the chair of Eminent Preceptor in the K.T. Preceptory, filled the office of Provincial Grand Mark Chaplain of West Yorkshire, and rendered other valuable services to Craft, Mark and Arch Masonry in that town and elsewhere.

In November 1884 he became one of the Founders and Senior Warden of Lodge Prudence, 2069, and is now its Worshipful Master elect, and will be installed this day, 14th November. He has also been nominated First Principal of the new Chapter which is now in contemplation to be attached to Excelsior Lodge, 1042.

Under the auspices of this veteran, now again in harness, there is every prospect of success and prosperity for these new undertakings in Masonry in Leeds.

As a worker in many Masonic degrees, Brother Smyth has proved himself a master in every sense of the word, and had an experience seldom surpassed or even equalled in extent. Probably few Masons living have taken an active leading part in so many ceremonies, or initiated so large a number of brethren into the Order.

As a writer on the subject of Freemasonry, more especially with regard to its tenets and principles, Brother Dr. Smyth has been most prolific, and, at the same time, has displayed a high degree of erudition and research, both historical and philosophical.

The magazines of a generation back, and many subsequent effusions, both in pamphlet and other forms, bear testimony to his skill and ability as an author.

Let us hope that for many years he will live to enjoy the blessings of health and strength, and to receive the respect and veneration he has so well earned from the whole Craft.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 5th instant. The throne was occupied by the Grand Master, Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart.; Bro. James Crichton acted as Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. George Fisher as Grand Junior Warden. There was a large attendance of Grand and Past Grand Officers. A vidimus was submitted by the Grand Cashier, which showed that the income of the Grand Lodge for the past quarter had been £957, and the expenditure £611, leaving an excess of income to the amount of £346. There had been 1360 entrants to the Craft during the quarter. A statement as to the funds of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Trust, for the three months ending 20th ult., showed that £20 had been voted to brethren, or widows of brethren, in distress. The Grand Committee submitted a report of a Special Committee which they had appointed to confer with the two brethren who had issued some publications that were recently under the notice of the Grand Lodge. Certain conditions which had been laid down by the Grand Committee, and which were accepted by one of the brethren in question, were approved, and the case was sent back to the Grand Committee. It was intimated that Bro. John Baird, Glasgow, had resigned his seat on the Grand Committee, and that the Committee had placed on record their high sense of his services to the Grand Lodge during a period of fifteen years. Bro. Robert Nisbet, Glasgow, was unanimously chosen in his stead. A report was submitted from the Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of East Renfrewshire, to the effect that the annual visitation of the Lodges within that Province had been completed last month, and they were all found in a satisfactory state, and had received a fair addition to the number of their members during the past year. It was reported by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirkshire that they would offer no opposition to the proposed disjunction of the Lodge Peebles Kilwinning from the Province, and on the recommendation of Grand Committee it was resolved to place it in the Metropolitan Province. It was also resolved to form the three existing Border Provinces into two—viz., Haddington and Berwick, composed of Duns; St. John, Kilwinning; Haddington; St. Abb's, Eyemouth; Dunbar Castle, Dunbar; St. Luke, Lauder; St. John, Coldstream; St. Baldred, North Berwick; and Tyneside, East Linton. Roxburgh and Selkirk will also consist of eight Lodges—St. John, Selkirk; Kelso; St. John, Jedburgh; Hawick; St. John, Stow; Tween, Kelso; Galashiels; and St. James, Hawick. A report was submitted by a Special Committee appointed to inquire and report to Grand Committee as to the working of the law anent compulsory part of fees exigible for representation in Grand Lodge. That Committee was of opinion that it would be impolitic to rigidly enforce the law, and equally inadvisible to expunge it; and recommended that each Provincial Grand Lodge be directed to urge the Lodges under its jurisdiction to have themselves fully represented in Grand Lodge, and thereby strengthen the hands of Grand Lodge in raising the status of Freemasonry and increasing its usefulness as a medium of well-directed benevolence. This was adopted. Grand Lodge then proceeded to nominate brethren for election at St. John's to the offices falling vacant this year. It was unanimously, and with acclamation, resolved to nominate Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., again to be Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and the following were also nominated:—Bros. Frederick G. Villiers of Closeburn, Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, Grand Senior Warden; James T. S. Elliott jun., of Wolfelee, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. Pearson M'Adam Muir and the Rev. J. Watt Grand Chaplains, W. M'Lean jun., C.A., Grand Senior Deacon, J. D. Duncan Grand Junior Deacon, Dr. R. R. Anderson Grand Architect, James Inches Grand Jeweller, Captain F. W. Allan Grand Bible Bearer, Lieutenant Colonel John Campbell Grand Sword Bearer, Provost Brand Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dr. Cranstoun Grand Bard, W. Harrison Grand Director of Music, Major W. Halls Grand Marshal, and David Reid Provincial Grand Secretary of Glasgow Grand Inner Guard. The Earl of Airlie had been named by the Grand Committee for nomination as Grand Junior Deacon, in anticipation that his lordship's name would have been returned as an affiliated member of a Scottish Lodge; but that had not been done, and it became necessary to nominate another for the position. After other business, Grand Lodge was closed.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution assembled at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. H. Maudslay P.G.D. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. James Terry (Secretary) announced that the Marquis of Hertford, Senior Grand Warden of England, had kindly consented to preside at next year's Anniversary Festival of the Institution. Bro. Terry urged on the members of the Committee the necessity for exerting their influence to secure Stewards to support his lordship, the number of brethren at present on the list of Stewards being much below the average. The death of three male annuitants was reported, and four petitions considered; three of the latter were accepted, and the other deferred. One female annuitant, who has recently inherited some property, resigned her annuity, and the applications of two widows of deceased annuitants for the moity of their late husband's grants having been considered, the requests were granted. The Warden's report having been received, and some other business disposed of, the meeting was brought to a conclusion.

A Musical Entertainment was given by Bro. Lott, Grand Organist, at the Girls' School, at Battersea Rise, on Monday, in celebration of the birthday of the Grand Master. Bro. Lott was assisted by Misses Amy Sargent, Minnie Kirton, Bros. Egbert Roberts, W. E. Glazier, and T. Tremere. A very happy holiday was enjoyed by the children.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Malton, on the 2nd inst., by invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277. The Lodge having been opened, the Provincial Grand Lodge entered in procession. The acting R.W. Provincial Grand Master (the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett D.P.G.M.) in the chair having been saluted, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called. Letters of apology were read from the Provincial Grand Master, detained by business connected with the municipal elections, and several other members of Provincial Grand Lodge, who were prevented from similar causes. The report of the General Purposes Committee was read and adopted. The Provincial Grand Secretary stated that the condition of the Lodges in the Province was as follows:—

Lodge.	Subscribing Members.	Initiated.
York (T.I.)	81	5
Star in the East, 95	51	11
Middlesborough, 276	27	1
Fitzwilliam, 277	28	2
Beverlac, 281	26	1
Drifelt, 291	19	5
Streonshalh, 337	16	3
Total	248	28

The Treasurer's balance sheet was read and adopted, and on the roll of Lodges being called all were found to be represented. Bro. J. M. Meek was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and thanked the brethren. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Officers:—

Bro. J. T. Seller W.M. York (T.I.)	Senior Warden
J. Marshall P.M. 277	Junior Warden
T. C. Davison W.M. 276	M.O.
W. Fraser W.M. 95	S.O.
T. Dixon W.M. 281	J.O.
Rev. W. G. Chilman 277	Chaplain
J. M. Meek P.M. 276	Treasurer
T. N. Marwood W.M. 337	Reg. of Marks
T. B. Whytehead P.M. York (T.I.)	Secretary
G. S. Highmoor S.W. 291	Senior Deacon
J. W. Marshall S.W. 277	Junior Deacon
J. Knaggs S.W. 95	I. of W.
W. H. Cowper P.M. 276	Director of Ceremonies
W. Highmoor Sec. 291	Sword Bearer
M. M. Westerley S.W. 281	Standard Bearer
C. R. Staniland 277	Organist
F. Smith J.W. York (T.I.)	Inner Guard
J. Verity Sec. 95	Tyler

Three Stewards from the York, Star in the East, and Streonshalh Lodges. Bros. W. H. Cowper, G. Balmford, J. Marshall, and Rev. W. C. Lukis were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. Brother R. H. Peacock was also nominated, but he generously withdrew the nomination. Bros. T. C. Davison and W. J. Watson were elected Auditors. A vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of the Fitzwilliam Lodge for their hospitable reception, and after an expression of hearty good wishes, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed and the Provincial Grand Master returned in procession. The Fitzwilliam was then closed, and the assembled Mark Masons adjourned to the Talbot Hotel, where Brother Fitchett, the proprietor, served up an excellent dinner, after which the usual toasts were observed, and songs and speeches enlivened the evening.

The installation meeting of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, took place on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, and that of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, on Thursday, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W. We hope to give reports of each in our next issue.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nothing preserves the health so well as an occasional alterative in changes of weather, or when the nerves are unstrung. These Pills act admirably on the stomach, liver, and kidneys, and so thoroughly purify the blood, that they are the most efficient remedy in warding off derangements of the stomach, fever, diarrhœa, dysentery, and other maladies, and giving tone and energy to debilitated constitutions. All who have the natural and laudable desire of maintaining their own and their family's health, cannot do better than trust to Holloway's Pills, which cool, regulate, and strengthen. These purifying Pills are suitable for all ages, seasons, climates, and constitutions, when all other means fail, and are the female's best friend.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to forward you a copy of the *Sydney Evening News*, containing an address of the Grand Master of New South Wales, which I am sure will be read with interest by a large number of your readers. As one who thinks the Masonic papers in England should be independent of any Masonic body in England or elsewhere, and should represent all, I trust you will give Dr. Tarrant's address in full. No doubt many will think, with me, the time has come when, in the interests of Anglo-Saxon Masonry, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales should be formally recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, as it is already by thirty-eight Grand Lodges.

Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES P.M. P.Z.

THE POWER OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have often been amused when I have thought of the absurd inconsistency displayed by opponents of Freemasonry. As you say in your last issue, at one time they declare that Freemasonry is powerless, while at others the greatest power is attributed to it. At one time it can do nothing, at others it is accredited with powers far above anything it lays claim to; but the last charge made against it—that Freemasons are clamouring for the execution of the Canadian rebel, Louis Riel, is cruel. That it is far from the truth I feel convinced, as I am certain that no body of brethren would so far depart from the principles of Masonry as to take any voice in urging the execution of a prisoner, nor can I see any reason why Freemasons should so act. I should like to hear that the Privy Council had taken some notice of the unjust accusation contained in the petition to which you refer.

Yours fraternally,

OCTAVUS.

CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF UNIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can imagine no more pleasing surroundings than those which were associated with the Centenary of this Lodge, as reported in your last issue. The Master of the day was an initiate of the Lodge of nearly fifty years ago, while the Senior Warden could look back on his initiation into Freemasonry in the same Lodge thirty-three years ago. All the other offices were filled by Past Masters, and from what I can gather, everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner. Centenary celebrations are of necessity few and far between, but one celebrated under such conditions as the Lodge of Unions celebrated theirs is indeed a rarity. I sincerely hope that the future may give us many instances of similar prosperity and unanimity as was there displayed, and that the Lodge in question may long continue to enjoy the reputation it now holds.

Yours fraternally,

X. P.

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to say that your article upon our Centennial was so gratifying to the brethren that, after it was read and considered, I caused it to be published in a paper which circulates more extensively than any other, not merely among the Masonic Fraternity, but all of our people, so that to-day it is broadcast. I thank you for the article, because it inspires the race with new hope, and I feel assured that we have, in you, a friend who will be to us a great help in this our time of need, for with you truth is mighty; and, knowing as I do, that it endures for ever, I trust that the friendship you have manifested to us is endurable. I also thank you for your allusion to our great helper, Bro. Jacob Norton, whose heart and pen has never yet failed us. He, like Bro. Findel, Grand Master Glitza, and all the Lodges of Germany, Switzerland,—in a word, all the Masonic world (the United States and England excepted,) has championed our cause; but from the signs of the times you reason well when you say, "that the time is not far distant when we shall see that Freemasonry has succeeded in uniting all races in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

Again, I thank you for the bread you have thus cast upon the waters, which I know will be seen throughout all the future: for it is truth, and will therefore live for ever.

Per order of Grand Master,

E. SULLAVON,
Grand Secretary Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

P.S.—Should you desire any copies of Centennial for circulation, please inform me, and I will forward.

26th October 1885.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1384—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.
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In

Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street E.C.

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

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)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. 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
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida H (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
869—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instr
881—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instr

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruc
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., a
1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instru
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lamberth Road, S.W., at 8 (In
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. (Instructi
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, E.3
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Inst

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instru
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clanton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
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
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (
468—Light, Great WesternHotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Beckug
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. 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, 18th NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Fre Hall, at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Inst
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stepney Green, Regents Park, at
548—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (In
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Portsea-part, Fleet-street, at 8 (In
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon 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
1284—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, 310 Old Kent-road, at 8. (In
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer's Green, Westminster, at
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1682—Beaconsfield, Alexandra, Upper Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, Down Street, May Fair, at 8. (
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., a

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Inst
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Grand Masters, at Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Star Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance

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—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
—United, George Hotel Colchester.
—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Dunham House Northallerton
—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
254—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
1009—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
1069—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1375—Architect, Didsbury Hall, Didsbury
—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
H. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill

167—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
934—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
946—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
9—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
Howard, High-street, Arundel
St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasslingden
Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Macclesfield

367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
482—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
680—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Bingdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1269—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
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. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
707—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
781—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.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbar, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.45 (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1769—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
499—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
616—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
841—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Lovenshulme

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1066—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (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. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 521—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—Callenuer, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 64—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristo
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

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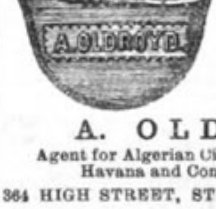
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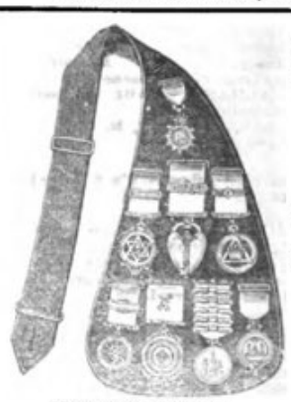
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SKILL AND ASSIDUITY IN A W.M.

IN former articles under this heading we have devoted ourselves to a consideration of a Worshipful Master's relation to his Lodge generally, and also to his position in regard to the Past Masters of the Lodge over which he presides; on the present occasion we shall refer to some of the points in which he and the Treasurer of his Lodge are more particularly interested; and in doing so we may at once say we consider the Treasurer of a Lodge as second only to the Worshipful Master in importance, even if in many ways he is not worthy of greater distinction. The Treasurer is really the permanent head of the Lodge—for in private Lodges it is the custom to re-elect the Treasurer year after year—while the Worshipful Master for the time being is the responsible ruler. To the Treasurer the brethren look for advice and assistance in that all-important feature of a Lodge, the management of the finances; and on his judgment much of the success of a Lodge may be said to depend. It behoves the Worshipful Master to especially consider the Treasurer at the outset of his term of office, for if it may be said that the brethren look to the custodian of their funds for advice, how much more is it the case with the Master, who should treat the Treasurer as his confidential adviser, his right hand man, and general co-operator in the government of the Lodge?

The Worshipful Master, on the day of his installation, will find an important duty devolves upon him in regard to the expenditure which he sanctions at the banquet table. He may have determined beforehand that he would be cautious in this respect, but in the excitement of his new position he may overstep the limit to which he intended to go. He will be anxious to make as good a start as his predecessors, and may worry himself that he is either falling short of what they accomplished, or that he is overstepping the bounds of prudence. Surrounded by visitors, with every desire to entertain them royally, he is aware that the day of reckoning will find the Lodge with only a small surplus available to meet the expenses of the installation day, and as a consequence he is in a continuous state of anxiety as to whether he is keeping too close, and whether the guests are receiving that welcome he knows his Lodge intended to give. In many other ways will the anxiety of financial consideration rest upon him in his new position. Under such circumstances what a relief it is to have a tried official from whom to seek advice—the Treasurer may be appealed to, and no one in the Lodge should be better able to give assistance than he. An old and tried Past Master, who, perhaps, has guarded the funds of the Lodge for many years, he knows just how much should be spent, and how it can best be distributed. He can look on composedly and form a true estimate of what is being done round the festive board; one corner may be more bountifully supplied than another; his experienced eye discerns it, and his high position in the Lodge allows him the privilege of equalising matters, and that, too, in a manner which is impossible with the Master, who cannot leave his post for such duties. Where a Treasurer will undertake the work, it is best for a Master to leave to him the management of the festive board—in so far as the Lodge is concerned; deciding beforehand the extent to which the expenditure shall go, and impressing on the Stewards the necessity for united action with the Treasurer to secure the comfort of those present.

We have gone somewhat out of order in speaking of the banquet thus early, but it is there that the new Master will, in most cases, first come in contact with his Treasurer, and it will afford him the earliest opportunity of displaying that skill and assiduity so essential in every Masonic ruler. In Lodge frequent occasion will of course arise when the Master must rely on his Treasurer. He cannot be expected to have that knowledge of what it is in the power of the Lodge to do that the Treasurer possesses, and when questions of finance require consideration, he not unnaturally looks to that official for advice as to what may be done. The Treasurer can with dignity propose an amendment when the liberality or extravagance of the members is likely to lead them beyond the means of the Lodge, and his counter proposition should be looked upon, both by the Master as well as the members, rather as official advice than anything like opposition to their wishes. It is, therefore, advisable for the Worshipful Master to ask the Treasurer for his opinion whenever a question of finance is before the Lodge.

We have said sufficient in our former articles to make it known that we recognise the Master as ruler in his own Lodge. Whatever advice he may ask from the Treasurer or other member of the Lodge he must follow or not, as he thinks best; at least he must be prepared to accept the responsibility of what is done, and must never seek to excuse an error on the plea that it was committed under the advice of another. The Master will be answerable at the end of his year of office for the state of the finances, even though he may have left their management to the Treasurer, and while he must not expect to be relieved of any responsibility on this head, he may, by a judicious display of skill, lessen much of the anxiety which is inseparable from his position as controller of the funds of others.

WHY MASONRY IS POPULAR.

THE world recognises the fact that the Institution of Freemasonry is an ancient and honourable one; that it has received the devotion of the best men in all civilised countries; it also recognises the fact that the influences for good of this Ancient and Honourable Order have been felt in every nook and corner of the civilised world. As Masons we are proud of this recognition. We are proud to know that Freemasonry, as it is, challenges the admiration of the world.

And here it may be well to pause and ask ourselves the question, Why is Freemasonry thus recognised? It is not wholly because we can or cannot trace her history back to any particular period in the great march of time. It is not wholly because of her fraternal deeds and generous charities which have gladdened the homes and hearts of widows and orphans, and made the hearth-stones of many distressed brothers warm; for other institutions and organisations, now among the forgotten things of the past, have done noble deeds of charity. And yet, every true Mason takes a just pride in the thought and fact that the history of this great Brotherhood can thus be traced, and that her noble deeds of charity have been, according to her means, so universally bestowed.

It is a self-evident truth that the character of every institution is moulded by the moral and social standard of

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the individuals composing the membership. Assuming such to be the fact, it is obvious then to every intelligent Mason that Freemasonry has derived her greatest popularity from the moral and social worth of her members. As proof of this, it is only necessary to examine her lists, where we shall find the names of men illustrious in the affairs of government, in educational institutions, and in all the benevolent enterprises and business relations of the world. I assert, then, that the Institution has drawn to it such men as have given it dignity and character, and being entitled to their confidence and support, it has won their love and devotion.

It may be said that impure and bad men have been patrons of Freemasonry. In sorrow and in deep humiliation we bow our heads and confess it to be true. And yet I assert in the face of such humiliating acknowledgment that "a tree is known by its fruit." We confess in sorrow that the unworthy have sometimes found their way into our Lodges, and that too many of that class remain in them undisturbed. And so there are tares to be found among the wheat, but the husbandman in his wisdom never fails to distinguish the wheat from the tares, nor does the world in its wisdom mistake the unworthy for the worthy Mason. It follows, therefore, that an unworthy man can be admitted to the membership of a Lodge only at the expense of such Lodge.

To you, Masters and Wardens, I would say that, if you desire your Lodges to flourish and command the respect of the best citizens of your town or city, you must insist on a degree of moral worth and exalted manhood that can admit of no doubt. Suffer no man to be admitted and to enjoy your presence whose life cannot be tested and found reasonably perfect by the square, level and plumb. If you desire a true manhood in your Lodges, you must insist on such a manhood when admitting members; and if we want to command the respect of the pure and good, we must, as individuals, conduct ourselves so as to win it. Masons should not forget that the daily life of a man is the index of his character.

By this you cannot fail to understand that Freemasonry in Maine, as in all other places, will be commended or condemned by its merits or demerits—as Masons live up to, or depart from, the tenets of their professions, and the cardinal virtues of the Institution; because it is by its fruit that every tree is known.

The keeping of Masonry, then, is in our own hands. Its prosperity and glory rest with us. As Masons, we should feel that we have a duty—a high duty—to perform in trying to maintain the dignity and glory of Freemasonry as handed down to us from the fathers. It stands before us to-day, as it has stood from time immemorial, unsullied and unscarred by vandal hands, though its would-be destroyers have continued for ages to hurl their anathemas against its fair proportions; and as such it will continue to stand, if Masons will be true to their professions, because the Institution was founded upon the eternal principles of Truth, and Truth will live for ever, for "The eternal years of God are hers."

The lesson, then, that I would impress on your minds is that the *character* of Freemasonry and its *stability* as an Institution, depend and rest upon the individual character and moral worth of its patrons. Rightly appreciating this responsibility and having that thought constantly before us, we have nothing to fear for the perpetuity of the Institution. Freemasonry which we so much prize and cherish, will be preserved in her ancient dignity and exalted character.—*Voice of Masonry.*

"LET THERE BE LIGHT!"

THE most majestic words ever uttered were those embodied in the Omnific fiat of the Grand Architect of the Universe—"Let there be light!" They marked an epoch on earth between the eternity of the past and the eternity of the future. The great geologic formative periods, concerning which we know so little, were drawing to a close. Unorganized matter was to yield obebience to the command of Deity, and chaos was to become cosmos. There was no battle of the elements, no struggle between matter and mind, between darkness and light, but *instantly* the words "Let there be light!" were spoken by Him who was and is all-powerful in heaven and earth—the only "I Am"—our world was illumined, and "God saw the light that it was good." This scene may not, can not, be adequately pictured, either to the eye or the understanding. It occurred once for all, never to be repeated. Material light has not ceased from the earth since the Creator spoke it into existence. Well might majestic Milton pen his apostrophe:

"Hail, holy light! offspring of heaven first-born."

And it is the minister of life as well as of light. To animal and plant it is physician and friend. The flowers turn to it, in joyful transport. In darkness lurks disease and death, while in its opposite we find that which Swift justly styled "the two noblest things, which are sweetness and light."

"Sons of Light" is in appropriate designation for members of the ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. From the time when the initiate crosses the threshold of our mystic Temple, until the period when he finally passes from the Lodge below to the presence of the light ineffable, he is continually in the light. The first lesson of the first degree is enlightenment, and the last lesson of the last degree includes the impartation of "more light." But, materially, with all the blaze of light which sun, moon and stars bestow, and, intellectually, with all the knowledge which the Craft can confer, great as all this is, it is as nothing compared with that which will be the reward to those who shall be gifted beyond the grave with a blessed immortality.

Did you ever reflect upon the Craft's gift of light? Did you ever understand its full import? Not every one who has eyes sees, or who has ears hears. Seeing may be believing, but it is not understanding. Suppose no initiate could advance from the reception of Freemasonry's lesser mysteries to the reception of its greater ones until he had comprehended this gift of light! And should he? Is any one entitled to advancement before he has shown proficiency in the preceding degree? Masonic Light is two-fold. It is material—exhibiting to the gaze the lesson teaching symbols of the Fraternity, which are intended not merely to be seen, but to be understood. But Light is itself the greatest symbol of all, being the sign or representative of Truth. Freemasonry is, in one of its leading aspects, the apostle of truth—that triad of truths, Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity or Love to the Brotherhood, and even to the entire human family. The truth of Brotherly Love is the very Corner-stone of Masonry. We are tenderly to regard each other, to be custodians of each other's fair fame, to enjoy each other's society, to aid each other in distress. The light of Masonry shines on every Craftman, and exhibits him to his Brethren either as an object of personal enjoyment, or a subject for special relief.

The "First Great Light in Masonry" is ever open on the Masonic Altar, to be a guide to our feet and a lamp to our path. Without it, so far as we now can see, there would be no Masonry. It is not merely the sanction of the initiate's obligation, but it is the fountain and source of the chiefest lessons taught in the Craft. Its very language is often used, and its spirit is everywhere in our work. It is no exaggeration of language to style Freemasonry the handmaid of religion, since it teaches the worship of the true God, and the practice of the purest morality. If a Freemason be immoral, he is so in spite of his Masonry, and as soon as he manifests immorality he should at least be debarred all preferment. Officers in Masonry should invariably be examples of moral worth. It is ribald profanity for one who is loose in life to assume to be a Mentor, and take upon his lips the words of a Master of a Lodge, the High Priest of a Chapter, or the Commander of a Commandery. Each of these offices is in some sense a consecrated office, and he who fills one of them, is set apart to exercise its functions, and is expected himself to fulfil the obligations which he administers to others. A symbol of truth in the hands of a teller of untruths is a symbol of falsehood Solemn and serious words in the mouth of him who is profane are but ribald jests and parodies of truth. Let there be light in all Masonic officers. Let them understand the force of their official obligations, the dignity of their stations, and the import of the words which they utter in the name of the Craft; for if *they* do *not* understand them, neither will the initiates who are before them, nor the Brethren who are around them.

The culminating degree of Masonry, the Royal Arch, has its own peculiar light. What Royal Arch Mason can ever forget the lesson of the Burning Bush? There he realized,

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if he never did before, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. No symbolism is more beautiful, or more forcible, than that of the flaming thorn-bush which declared unto Israel the Great "I Am."

Freemasons are instructed to be dispensers of light to their Brethren. Those who have mastered the mysteries are in duty bound to teach them to all privileged learners. It is in obedience to the command, "Let there be light," that the *Keystone* pays it weekly visits to the Brethren who are its patrons, and, with its messages of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, strives to teach what it is permissible to teach in print, to foster the charitable endeavours of the Craft, to incite to vigorous Masonic effort, and to open up subjects for thought and reflection which may afford both pleasure and profit to every individual Freemason. Our purpose is to advance the highest and best interests of the Fraternity, to make better Masons and in our imperfect manner, though to the best of our ability, to obey the sublime command of the Grand Architect of the Universe, "Let there be Light!"—*Keystone.*

MASONRY AND WOMEN.

THE "science" of Masonry is the science of morals—teaching us how to rear a spiritual temple, and how to perfect and adorn it, by the aid of that wisdom and strength which God supplies, for a "habitation of the spirit in which God may dwell and reign for ever and ever. Is not this science accessible to women? It is true it is not earth-born, it is of heaven's own revealment? but it is written on the arched heavens and the green earth; it is recorded on the ample pages of nature; it speaks on every tear of the great Light of Masonry—the Bible; and the Divine Spirit, like an ever present tutor, is always ready toexplain and amplify and lead on from step to step, from one essential principle to another, until the great truth is reached and comprehended, and the novitiate is enabled to shout his rapturous "Eureka!"

Is woman excluded from the sociabilities of Masonry? From those which belong to the Lodge-room she is, but they are not essential to woman's welfare. She is excluded from them as man is excluded from the private interviews, communications, and associations of ladies. Men do not ask to be admitted there, for they have no business there, and it is not suitable and proper they should be there. God has stamped upon the elements of human nature the necessity, and we may all see the propriety of the exclusion. But women are not excluded from Masonic sociabilities outside the Lodge-room. And so far as sympathies are concerned a Mason's heart beats first and highest for woman's happiness. Woman is excluded from the honours of Masonry. To be honoured is to be loved; to be honoured most is to be loved most. And we assert that in the affections of all the worthy Craft, woman is the presiding divinity, next to the Deity. Our earliest and latest and purest affections are to her. Our first care is for her, and at her shrine we would offer the fairest and brightest gifts of earth. To wear a Masonic dress of peculiar shape or colour is not honour. To sit in the East, and preside over the work, is of itself but little honour. But to be enthroned in the affections; to be the object of first consideration; to be obeyed with promptness and served with pleasure, this is to be honoured. Is not woman honoured by the Craft? Does she not share in the "honours" of Masonry, and largely too?

But she is debarred from our traditions and mysteries. These two words imply almost the same thing, and as such we shall consider them. Women, we believe, have too much respect for Masonry to wish it destroyed. But were we to reveal its traditions and mysteries to ladies, it would be a violation of its laws and might prove its ruin. Besides, we cannot, without first becoming recreant to every principle of honour and integrity. Would woman be gratified with the knowledge at such a price? We think not. Nay, she would reject the coveted prize and spurn the traitor from her presence. The secrets of Masonry, among the brothers of the Craft, are like the secrets of the physician and his patient; the lawyer and his client; the husband and wife. To reveal them would be to show ourselves unworthy of them, and place on record the evidence of our own infamy. We know that women place too high a value upon the virtues of truth, honour, and integrity to desire admission to our mysteries at such a sacrifice. The brow of her honoured father, whom we hail as a brother of the Royal Art, would darken upon her pathway at such a wish. And, after all, we are satisfied that a lady would decline the honour of becoming a brother amongst us, if that distinction were freely tendered. Her heart is with her home; and neither our mysteries nor traditions could allure her to the Lodge-room.—*Hebrew Leader.*

We have pleasure in adding our congratulations to Bro. Terry and the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on their having enlisted the services of the Marquis of Hertford to act as Chairman at the next Festival of the Institution. We sincerely hope the efforts of the noble Marquis, seconded by the brethren who will act as Stewards, will secure for our "old folks" a satisfactory subscription list.

The article "A veteran again in harness," which appeared in our last issue, was written by Brother William Watson, of Leeds, who, we are sorry to say, considers himself somewhat aggrieved because we did not publish his name last week in connection with it. The sketch was sent to us with the request that it might appear in our pages, and in accordance with our rule it was published without the name of its author; no especial request having been made to induce us to depart from our customary plan. As, however, Bro. Watson has asked us to give his name, we cheerfully comply, and only regret that his wishes in this regard were not made known to us earlier.

The members of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, have removed from the Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C. to the Haunch of Venison, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet-street, W.C. The Lodge of Instruction is held every Wednesday, at eight o'clock.

The meetings of the Langton Lodge of Instruction have been resumed at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C. The members assemble every Thursday, at 5·30 p.m. In future the annual subscription will be 5s, and the visitors' fee 6d. Bros. Joseph D. Langton and Thomas Burne are the Secretaries.

At a meeting of the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, held at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, Brother R. Bell S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. John W. Woodthorpe, A.C.A., was presented by his fellow clerks with an illuminated testimonial, bearing their individual signatures, accompanied by a handsome silver-plated tea and coffee service. Brother Woodthorpe has, for upwards of twelve years, been with Messrs. Cooper Brothers and Co., of 14 George-street, Mansion House, E.C., chartered accountants, during the greater part of which time he has held the position of chief clerk. He is about to commence to practise in London on his own account, and his leaving the above firm is a source of regret to the clerks associated with him. This testimonial was presented in signification of their unanimous expression of the high esteem in which he has always been held by them, and as a memento of past friendship which he has won by his cordiality and genial disposition. The donors, one and all, tendered Bro. Woodthorpe their heartiest wishes that all success and prosperity may accompany him during his future professional career.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered his lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree in the Lodge of Union, No. 414, at Reading, on Wednesday evening, 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro M. J. Withers Prov. Grand Junior Deacon Berks and Bucks, the W.M. The lecturer's address was highly appreciated.

DEATH.

SPEIGHT.—On the 17th instant, at 9 Mona Road, Peckham, Brother CHARLES TAYLOR SPEIGHT, aged 69, after an illness of three days. For many years Tyler and Janitor of numerous Lodges and Chapters in London and the Provinces.

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FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to present to your readers my promised financial tables for the year ending in 1885. I think the Craft may be congratulated on the handsome manner in which our noble Institutions are supported by the Provinces generally, for out of the 44 Provinces, with London, Channel Isles, and the Colonies, there are only 17 where the demand this year is greater than the average annual amount of supply for the last seven years, inclusive of 1885. The largest annual deficiency, over £800—as might naturally be expected—is from the Colonies; when, however, this fact comes to the knowledge of the residents, they will, I feel sure, make a strong effort to relieve us of some of this heavy burden, and thus take the weight off the shoulders of those at home. The next of these highest, over £740, it will scarcely be believed—and I feel sure it cannot be generally known to the members of the Province—is Devonshire; more than six-sevenths of this sum is against the Benevolent Institution; the remainder belongs to the Boys' School; while as regards the Girls' School Institution, there is a balance of 8s 6d in favour of the Province. The next on the list is Lincolnshire, with an annual deficiency of £640. Now, this case is worse than the preceding, for while Devonshire is taking £1020 from the funds, she is contributing at the rate of nearly £378 per annum. Lincolnshire, on the other hand, is burdening the funds with £696 per annum, to which she contributes something under £60. I am given to understand this Province is starting Provincial Charities of its own, and a very good thing too; she should be just before she is generous, and not lay all the burden of her destitute Craftsmen and their belongings on the shoulders of the other Provinces. The Benevolent are short, by over £233, the Boys £246, and the Girls £156. No. 4 on the list will, I feel sure, astonish the members of the Province referred to,—if not the English Craft at large,—viz., West Yorkshire. This is one of the richest, if not the richest, Province in England; and that there should be an annual deficiency of just over £555 is certainly surprising. We all know that Yorkshire is celebrated for the business habits of her people, and that they will have value for their money; but they are also known for punctual and ready payment for what they get. Consequently, this state of affairs has only to be known to the brethren generally, and the deficiency will soon be made good. The Benevolent, again, is the heaviest sufferer—£494; Boys £134; while the Girls have to the good £74. That West Yorkshire contributes largely, nobody can deny; but then she receives back far more largely still, as the contributions amount to £2164 against £2720. This is the last of the heavy deficiencies. We now drop down to £228, Cheshire; £220 Dorsetshire; the former neglects the Benevolent to the tune of £290; which, however, is partly counterbalanced by her contributions to the Boys and Girls. The latter is short by £198 for the Benevolent, and £92 for the Boys; while it has a balance of £69 in favour of the Girls. Then follows Suffolk, with £197, and Cornwall £191. In both these cases the Benevolent loses—£276 and £282 respectively. The Boys have a surplus of £104 and £23, while the Girls lose £23 and gain £60 in the latter case annually. Norths and Hunts lack—in regard to the Benevolent £77, Boys £104, and the Girls £34; this I suppose means inability, for one may feel sure that so energetic a member as Brother James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. of the Province, would not fail to remind them of their responsibility. I think that the Channel Islands might reduce their annual deficiency of £180 if they exerted themselves. Northumberland's special shortcoming of £168, with the exception of £8, unfortunately falls entirely on the Benevolent, to whom she has not given one penny for the last eight years, yet she scruples not to take £160 annually from that Institution. The last Province that I shall take notice of is North and East Yorkshire; she should give £56 more to the Benevolent, £64 to the Boys and £25 to the Girls to equalise supply and demand.

The remaining deficiencies do not require more than naming; they are as follows:—Durham £79, Hants £78, Wiltshire £68, Cumberland and Westmoreland £23, and Herefordshire £24 7s. This last-named Province may be said to have become Rip Van Winkled; its annual contribution for the last seven years is at the rate of £7 13s per annum, or a total of £53 11s for the full term. Certainly it is only lately that she has been taking anything, but I should be sorry to attribute any such motive as merely giving with the hope of getting back; still there must be a screw loose somewhere, if that is all they think sufficient, or can afford to give.

That these few remarks may be taken in a friendly spirit, and that they will rouse the backward ones to a sense of their responsibility, is the sincere hope of,

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Provinces.	Cost this Year.	Seven Years' Contribution from 1879-85 inclusive.	Annual Average ditto.	Surplus.	Deficiency for Current Year.
	£	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
London	4424	52448 8 0	7492 6 10	3068 6 10	—
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—
Berks and Bucks ...	—	1532 10 0	218 18 7	218 18 7	—
Bristol	72	639 17 0	91 8 2	19 8 2	—
Cambridgeshire	—	106 11 6	15 4 6	15 4 6	—
Cheshire	400	756 15 0	108 2 2	—	291 17 10
Cornwall...	360	541 5 0	77 6 5	—	282 13 7
Cumberland and Westmoreland	64	228 18 6	32 8 4	—	31 11 8
Derbyshire	40	369 18 6	52 16 10	13 16 10	—
Devonshire	680	496 15 0	70 19 3	—	609 0 9
Dorsetshire	272	513 15 0	73 7 10	—	198 12 2
Durham	144	516 17 6	73 16 9	—	70 3 3
Essex	256	1343 7 6	191 18 3	—	66 1 9
Gloucestershire	96	2115 9 0	302 4 2	206 4 2	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	424	1915 4 2	273 12 0	—	150 8 0
Herefordshire	32	—	—	—	32 0 0
Herts	32	2269 2 6	324 3 3	292 3 3	—
Kent	592	2443 12 0	349 1 9	—	242 18 3
Lancashire (East) ...	720	5186 14 0	740 19 3	20 19 3	—
„ (West) ...	328	1506 2 0	215 3 2	—	112 16 10
Leicester and Rutland ...	—	665 4 0	95 0 7	95 0 7	—
Lincolnshire	256	158 9 0	22 12 9	—	233 7 3
Middlesex	40	2442 15 6	348 19 4	308 19 4	—
Monmouthshire	72	693 2 0	99 0 3	27 0 3	—
Norfolk	208	372 17 0	53 5 3	—	154 14 9
Norths and Hunts ...	160	578 5 0	82 12 2	—	77 7 10
Northumberland ...	160	—	—	—	160 0 0
Notts	32	413 2 6	59 0 4	27 0 4	—
Oxfordshire	96	859 13 2	122 16 2	26 16 2	—
Somersetshire	112	831 15 0	118 16 5	6 16 5	—
Staffordshire	64	515 10 0	73 12 10	9 12 10	—
Suffolk	448	1202 8 6	171 15 6	—	276 4 6
Surrey	80	1824 17 0	260 13 10	180 13 10	—
Sussex	280	1336 10 0	190 18 7	—	89 1 5
Warwickshire	144	329 5 0	47 0 9	—	96 19 3
Wiltshire	128	735 13 0	105 1 10	—	22 18 2
Worcestershire	64	718 4 3	102 12 0	38 12 0	—
Yorkshire (North & East)	240	1285 5 6	183 12 3	—	56 7 9
„ (West) ...	1320	5777 2 0	825 6 0	—	495 14 0
Wales (North) and Salop	32	320 18 6	45 16 11	13 16 11	—
Wales (South)—East ...	—	90 0 0	12 7 2	12 7 2	—
Wales (South)—West ..	40	566 5 0	80 17 10	40 17 10	—
Channel Islands	248	517 13 0	73 19 0	—	172 1 0
Colonies	344	250 15 0	35 16 5	—	304 3 7

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Provinces.	Cost this Year.	Seven Years' Contribution from 1879-85 inclusive.	Annual Average ditto.	Surplus.	Deficiency for Current Year.
	£	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
London	2925	40854 2 5	5836 6 1	2911 6 1	—
Bedfordshire	—	38 17 0	5 11 0	5 11 0	—
Berks and Bucks ...	45	1580 5 9	225 15 1	180 15 1	—
Bristol	45	115 10 0	16 10 0	—	28 10 0
Cambridgeshire ...	45	174 6 0	24 18 0	—	20 2 0
Cheshire	135	975 13 0	139 7 7	4 7 7	—
Cornwall	—	167 4 0	23 17 9	23 17 9	—
Cumberland and Westmoreland	180	1375 10 0	196 10 0	16 10 0	—
Derbyshire	45	2513 12 0	359 1 9	314 1 9	—
Devonshire	270	954 7 6	136 6 6	—	133 13 6
Dorsetshire	225	927 4 0	132 9 2	—	92 10 10
Durham	270	1712 7 0	244 12 5	—	25 7 7
Essex	180	1159 11 7	165 13 1	—	14 6 11
Gloucestershire	135	1928 10 0	275 10 0	140 10 0	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	315	2013 2 0	287 11 9	—	27 8 3
Hereford	—	53 11 0	7 13 0	7 13 0	—
Herts	90	775 16 0	110 16 7	20 16 7	—
Kent	270	5177 10 6	739 12 11	469 12 11	—
Lancashire (East) ...	360	3307 14 0	472 16 3	112 16 3	—
,, (West) ...	360	3874 16 0	553 10 10	193 10 10	—
Leicester and Rutland ...	45	756 15 0	108 2 2	63 2 2	—
Lincolnshire	270	161 3 0	23 0 5	—	246 19 7
Middlesex	270	2037 3 6	291 0 6	21 0 6	—
Monmouthshire	45	529 4 0	75 12 0	30 12 0	—
Norfolk	135	296 13 0	42 7 5	—	82 12 7
Northa and Hunts ...	135	215 5 0	30 15 0	—	104 5 0
Northumberland ...	224	2024 5 0	289 3 7	75 3 7	—
Notts	—	549 13 6	78 10 6	78 10 6	—
Oxfordshire	90	514 17 6	73 11 1	—	16 8 11
Somersetshire	135	985 9 0	140 15 7	15 15 7	—
Staffordshire	224	1742 5 0	248 17 11	23 17 11	—
Suffolk	45	1045 10 0	149 7 2	104 7 2	—
Surrey	135	887 8 6	129 12 8	—	15 7 4
Sussex	270	1759 4 0	251 6 3	—	18 13 9
Warwickshire	90	1227 15 0	175 7 10	85 7 10	—
Wiltshire	45	307 13 0	43 19 0	—	1 1 0
Worcestershire	135	1463 9 0	209 1 3	74 1 3	—
Yorkshire (North & East)	270	1436 12 0	205 4 7	—	64 15 5
,, (West) ...	720	4096 11 0	585 4 5	—	134 15 7
Wales (North) and Salop	135	1000 19 0	142 19 10	7 19 10	—
Wales (South)—East ...	45	1235 11 6	176 11 1	131 11 1	—
Wales (South)—West ...	180	671 0 0	95 17 2	—	84 2 10
Channel Islands... ...	90	400 0 0	57 3 2	—	32 16 10
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Bristol	—	254 2 0	36 6 0	36 6 0	—
Cambridgeshire	—	128 2 0	18 6 0	18 6 0	—
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Cornwall	34	706 3 0	100 17 7	66 17 7	—
Cumberland and Westmoreland	68	401 12 0	57 10 3	—	10 9 9
Derbyshire	68	1012 7 0	144 12 5	76 12 5	—
Devonshire	170	1192 19 8	170 8 6	0 8 6	—
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Durham	102	797 5 0	113 17 10	11 17 10	—
Essex	102	1775 6 0	253 12 3	151 12 3	—
Gloucestershire	136	2262 0 0	323 2 10	187 2 10	—
Hants and Isle of Wight	272	2602 2 0	371 14 7	99 14 7	—
Herefordshire	—	—	—	—	—
Herts	68	937 15 6	133 19 4	65 19 4	—
Kent	510	2785 17 0	397 19 7	—	112 0 5
Lancashire (East) ...	136	1184 13 6	169 4 9	33 4 9	—
,, (West) ...	272	1709 11 6	244 4 6	—	27 15 6
Leicester and Rutland ...	34	706 16 0	100 19 5	66 19 5	—
Lincolnshire	170	94 10 0	13 10 0	—	156 10 0
Middlesex	170	2604 2 0	372 0 3	202 0 3	—
Monmouthshire	68	539 3 6	77 0 6	9 0 6	—
Norfolk	34	532 3 6	76 0 6	32 0 6	—
Northa and Hunts ...	34	—	—	—	34 0 0
Northumberland ...	102	204 15 0	29 5 0	—	72 15 0
Nottinghamshire ...	68	697 8 6	99 12 8	31 12 8	—
Oxfordshire	—	788 9 0	112 12 9	112 12 9	—
Somersetshire	170	1091 6 0	155 18 0	—	14 2 0
Staffordshire	136	2028 10 6	289 15 9	153 15 9	—
Suffolk	170	1012 15 0	144 13 7	—	25 6 5
Surrey	—	818 2 0	116 17 5	116 17 5	—
Sussex	136	3505 17 0	500 16 9	364 16 9	—
Warwickshire	136	1611 13 3	230 4 9	94 4 9	—
Wiltshire	170	873 0 0	124 14 3	—	45 5 9
Worcestershire	68	1027 19 0	146 17 0	122 17 0	—
Yorkshire (North & East)	204	1252 15 0	178 19 3	—	25 0 9
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Wales (North) and Salop	68	978 15 6	139 14 3	71 14 3	—
Wales (South)—East ...	170	992 0 0	141 14 3	—	28 5 9
Wales (South)—West ...	34	562 10 0	80 7 2	46 7 2	—
Channel Islands... ...	—	124 19 0	17 17 0	17 14 7	—
Colonies	272	544 2 0	77 14 7	—	194 5 5

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GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just received the enclosed Edict of the Great Priory of Canada, which I think will be read with interest by the numerous members of the Chivalric Orders amongst your readers.

However much many of us might regret the severance of the Great Priory of Canada from the Convent General of the Order in England, under the beneficent rule of our Supreme Grand Master the Prince of Wales, as its independence is now achieved, with the courteous consent of the Grand Master, it is necessary that the new Sovereign Great Priory should have sole jurisdiction within the vast Dominion of Canada.

In that, no doubt, all Knights Templar will agree.

Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES, K.C.T.,

Hon. Provincial Prior of Canada.
and Representative in Great Priory of England.

Guernsey, 18th November 1885.

Supreme Grand Master's Office,
Prescott, Ont., 27th October 1885.

To all Knights Templar in Obedience to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Whereas, the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was duly formed at Toronto, on the 8th day of July 1884, by the representatives of all the Preceptories but one (see Proceedings of 1884, pp 6 and 7) then existing in the Dominion of Canada, in National Great Priory assembled; and that Preceptory, before the last annual assembly of this Sovereign Great Priory, enrolled itself under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory.

Whereas, this Sovereign Great Priory there declared itself to be the sole legally constituted Sovereign Grand Templar Body, exercising absolute and supreme jurisdiction over the whole dominion of Canada, in all matters relating to the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and Appendant Orders.

Whereas, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Convent General of the United Order of the Temple and Malta, and the Hon. J. E. Withers, the M.E. the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States, have recognised this Sovereign Great Priory as being lawfully constituted.

Whereas, notwithstanding these circumstances, there exists in the Province of New Brunswick, two Encampments of Knights Templar, viz. the St. John Encampment, at St. John, and St. Stephen Encampment, at St. Stephen, within the territory of this Sovereign Great Priory, which do not recognize its authority, but continue to hold allegiance to a foreign body, the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland, and profess to obey its behests, and persist in violating this territory of the Sovereign Great Priory.

Whereas, at the Annual Assembly of this Sovereign Great Priory, held at Hamilton, Ontario, on the 7th July 1885, it was unanimously

Resolved,—That from and after the passing of these resolutions, all Templar intercourse between Fratres owing allegiance to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and members of the said Encampments of St. John and St. Stephen, working under the authority of the Chapter General of Scotland, is prohibited; and the said Encampments are hereby declared to be irregular and clandestine; and all persons hereafter made, or attempted to be made Knights Templar, Knights of Malta and Appendant Orders, in the said Encampments, are illegal and clandestine.

Resolved,—That hereafter no Preceptory of this jurisdiction shall, without the consent of the Sovereign Great Priory, admit as a visitor, or receive as a member, any person who is now or may hereafter become a member of either of the said Encampments, now working in New Brunswick, under authority of the Chapter General of Scotland.

Resolved,—That the Grand Chancellor notify the Preceptories and Priories working under the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, the Grand Commanderies of the several states and territories, the Convent General of England and Wales and its Dependencies, and the Great Province of England and Ireland, of this our solemn act and declaration of non-intercourse with the Scottish Encampments of Knights Templar, and all members thereof, now working in the said Province of New Brunswick.

Therefore be it known to you, that I, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and appendant Orders, and by virtue of the action of this Sovereign Great Priory, do hereby declare and proclaim all Encampments, Commanderies, Preceptories and Priories, holding allegiance to any foreign Grand Templar Body, to be irregularly and illegally existing in the Dominion of Canada; and I hereby further declare and proclaim all Templar intercourse to be suspended, and to cease, between this Sovereign Great Priory and its subordinate Preceptories, and all Knights Templar in obedience thereto, and such other Templar Bodies and all members in obedience thereto, holding allegiance to any foreign Grand Templar Body.

And all Knights Templar acknowledging the authority of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada are hereby commanded to hold no intercourse, as Knights Templar, with any member or members of any Templar Body existing in the Dominion of Canada, enrolled on the register of any foreign Grand Templar Body, or owing allegiance thereto.

And this edict is to remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Sovereign Great Priory, of which all Knights Templar of this obedience will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Sovereign Great Priory, at Prescott, Province of Ontario, Canada, this 7th day of October, A.O. 767, A.D. 1885.

W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G.C.T.,
Supreme Grand Master, United Orders of the Temple and Malta, in Canada.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

AN emergency meeting of this body was held on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at York, for the purpose of inducting into the mysteries of the Chivalric Order Comp. A. H. G. Harris. There was a good muster of Fratres at six o'clock, and the hall, which has been newly decorated, presented a very handsome appearance, the banners of the Knights above their stalls adding to the bright appearance of the apartment, whilst the new organ gave added force to the ceremonies. The Preceptory was opened at six p.m. by E. Fra. T. B. Whytehead P. as P., supported by Fratres Palliser Constable, Brown Marshal, Marshall P., Simpson P., McGachen C. of G., Williamson S.B., Seller Herald, Cowper S.B., Holdon and Pearson O.G.; and the following visitors were received:—T. W. Tew Provincial Prior West Yorkshire, Rev. W. C. Lukis E.P. 114, A. M. Broadley P.G.C., J. Quarterman 114, and other Fratres. A ballot was taken for Comp. A. H. G. Harris, Maybury Lodge 969, and Royal Naval Chapter 59, and that Companion was admitted and installed a member of the Order. After the closing of the Preceptory a Priory of Malta was opened, and Fratres Williamson and Harris were admitted to the Order, and Fratre A. T. B. Turner E.P. was elected and installed in the chair of Prior, the ceremonies in this degree being worked by Fra. A. M. Broadley. The Priory having been closed, the Fratres retired to the refectory and partook of supper, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

THE THEATRES.

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Opera Comique.—This theatre, under the management of Miss A. Consuelo and Mr. F. J. Harris, opened its doors last Saturday evening, with a new romantic opera, "The Fay o' Fire." Mr. Henry Herman provides the libretto, while Mr. Edward Jones is responsible for the musical portion of the work. Mr. Herman has worked up a legend thoroughly German in its spirit—with much that is commonplace, even vulgar in its travestie of high life, as this gentleman supposes it to exist at the present day. Throughout the idea is much better than the expression; the conception of the work is refined and poetical, whilst the language in which it is expressed is trashy. Of Mr. Jones's music in its entirety we can scarcely speak well; sometimes its trips merrily along, like opera bouffe melodies should; at others it does not deserve to be classed as music at all. This is to be regretted, the more so as Mr. Jones has capacity for better things. His finale to the first act and a sestet in the second show ability of the highest order. The legend tells of a malevolent fairy, known as the Fay o' Fire, who falls in love with the chief of a band of minstrel singers, known as Egobart. Unluckily for the Fay the man she loves has given his affections to a beautiful lady bearing the name of Blanche, who reciprocates the compliment. Egobart and Blanche arrange to meet, at midnight, in the adjoining wood, but the Fay causes a storm to rise, and makes Blanche so nervous that she hesitates to proceed. She, however, starts on her journey, but is met by the Fay, who decoys her to another part of the wood, and appears to Egobart disguised as Blanche. The deception holds until the rivals are confronted with their swain, when the fairy, rejected by the man she loves, reveals her identity and dooms him to live, unloved, for five hundred years. This sentence, with the confusion it causes, brings to a close the first act. By the time the curtain rises for the second act the five hundred years are supposed to have elapsed. All the personages of the first act, except the minstrel, who has existed in the meanwhile in perennial youth, are duplicated in their lineal descendants, who turn up at a kind of summer festival. While the visitors are enjoying themselves, the Fay o' Fire, with her attendant, contrives to join the company. The minstrel, changed through all these centuries in nought save garb, has also gained admission. The Fay renews her blandishments, but in vain. Ultimately, moved by the sorrow she has caused Egobart and the lady he now loves—a descendant of his earlier flame—the fairy resigns the minstrel and returns to her domains. Mdlle. de Laporte, as the Fay, was well received; her acting and singing are exceptionally good. She exercises the high notes of her voice with great judgment. Miss Marie Tempest was deservedly appreciated as the lady Blanche. Natural in her acting, she sang with the taste and skill of a true vocalist. The part of Lady Allthere, in the second act, played by Miss Consuelo, rather impeded the progress of the opera, and, to our thinking, the sooner the part is "cut" the better. Mr. Henry Walsham, as the minstrel, worked most successfully; he was frequently recalled for his singing. Mr. F. Leslie made the most of the fiery Earl, singing and acting throughout with much spirit. The Fay's attendant, Flaromen, was undertaken by Mr. Cooper Cliffe; while the other principals were cast as follow:—Mr. Fred Wood as Viscount Cerulean, Mr. H. M. Clifford as Ben Burrows, Miss Marion Grahame as Alice, a village girl. A special word of praise must be awarded to Mr. Alfred Cellier, the conductor of the orchestra, who carries out his duties to the satisfaction of every one.

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Obituary.

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BRO. C. T. SPEIGHT.

One of the best known brethren of London and the surrounding districts—in the person of Bro. C. T. Speight—has been taken from among us by the hand of death. Bro. Speight has for years past been known as Tyler of many Lodges, and made for himself a number of friends in the Craft who will long miss him from their midst. Bro. Speight was initiated in the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, in 1837, and some six years later rose to the dignity of its Worshipful Master. We desire to offer to his relatives our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193. — At Bro. Lashbrook's, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, 18th inst. Present—Bros. Saint W.M., McMillan S.W., Egan J.W., Jacobs I.G., Campbell S.D.; also Bros. Simmonds, McDougall, Harris, Hewlett, Belchamber. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Lashbrook answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Belchamber worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Belchamber 1158, E. Jacobs 1437, McDougall, St. George's, No. 12, New Brunswick, were duly elected members. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday next, at seven o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday 10th inst. Bros. Rose W.M., T. Clark S.W., Cushing J.W., A. J. Clark S.D., Baker J.D., West I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Watkinson, Catling, Pearce, Christian, LeCraue, Bunker, Smyth, G. Clark, Lowe, Robinson. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Clark candidate. This brother offered himself as candidate for passing, was interrogated, and entrusted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Christian, who opened the Lodge in the second degree and rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Rose then resumed the chair, and the brethren assisted Bro. Watkinson to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Pearce was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Rose for his efficient duties in the chair, for the first time in this Lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—On Thursday, 12th instant, at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road. Present—Bros. Cross W.M., Crawley S.W., McMillen J.W., Hughes Secretary, Garner S.D., Weeden Preceptor, Baker I.G.; and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The first section was worked by Bro. McMillen, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Patient candidate. Bro. Crawley was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Weeden proposed that a vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bro. Cross for his able working in the chair, this being the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously. Nothing else offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Thursday, 19th inst.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Monday, 9th inst. Bros. Trewinnard W.M. 228 W.M., Cooper W.M. 1693 S.W., Dixie J.W., Weeden acting Preceptor, Collingridge (Secretary) J.D., Forge Treasurer, Brett I.G., P.M. Elliott, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Garner acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. was saluted in the different degrees. Bro. Elliott gave the various addresses in a very able manner. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

On Monday, 16th inst., Bros. J. Cooper W.M., J. J. Ware S.W., J. W. Collingridge J.W., A. W. Fenner acting Secretary, H. C. Turner S.D., R. Garner J.D., A. Baker I.G., A. Trewinnard Preceptor; also Bros. T. J. Cusworth, W. T. Garrud, W. Moorhouse, C. Weeden, R. W. Galer, A. J. Dixie, H. Hall. After preliminaries, Lodge was advanced to the second, when Bro. A. Baker answered the questions, but being only a F.C. was not entrusted. Bro. N. L. Western kindly offered himself as candidate; he was duly entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by Bro. Cooper (W.M. of the mother Lodge). Lodge being resumed, Bro. Ware was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012. — On Saturday, 7th inst., at the Tabard Hotel, Bedford Park, W., Bros. Williams W.M., Gammell S.W., Gomm J.W., Gardner Treasurer, Johnson Secretary, Dowling S.D., Sims J.D., Hopkins I.G., Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Weeks Tyler; also Bros. Gammell, Brown, and Furze. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and resumed in the first, when the ceremony was rehearsed. Questions leading to second degree were put, and answered by Bro. Gammell. Lodge was resumed to the second degree. Bro. Gardner and Brown occupied the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs respectively, when the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Gammell was unanimously elected a member.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

In the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, on Wednesday, 2nd December, at the Haunch of Venison, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet-street, W.C., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. J. Hemming J.D. 1287 W.M., D. T. Davies 72 S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W. 1732 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Bromley, Kauffmann, Nickolls, Drury, Stroud, Burgess, Davies. Second Lecture—Bros. Bathard, Greenway, Snodin, Paul, Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Kershaw, Smith, Solomon. Bro. E. Walker I.P.M. 72 is the Preceptor. Brethren are fraternally invited.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 21st November 1885:—

Monday—British Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Chapter, Ebury Chapter. Wednesday—Oak Lodge, Grand Steward's Lodge, Noviomagus. Thursday—St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, Globe Lodge, United Pilgrim Chapter. Friday—Jordan Lodge, University Lodge.

A TESTIMONY.

The Rt. Rev. Alex. V. Griswold, the first Bishop in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Eastern Diocese, in 1811, afterwards the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and for ten years Chancellor of Brown University, was a thorough Freemason. During the Anti-Masonic persecution of 1828-35, a wealthy layman accosted the Bishop, and made sundry insinuations to the discredit of a certain clergyman, winding up with the remark—

"And now, Bishop, you will be shocked—much shocked, at hearing what I am quite prepared to prove; this man is—I have no doubt of it—a Mason!"

"A Mason, is he? I am one myself," replied Bishop Griswold. The villifier was completely flabbergasted. But the Bishop continued—"I wish all my clergy were Masons; I wish they all belonged to the Craft, providing they would act up to its obligations, and fulfil its engagements."

"And in what may these consist?" said the talebearer.

The Bishop replied:—

"I will show you practically. You have sought me with a long and laboured statement; you have said much that has had a tendency to injure another. Now, I will believe that you have been actuated by no other than perfectly pure and disinterested feelings, I will believe that no personal animosity in any degree moved you. This conclusion you owe to Masonry. That teaches me charity—that charity which bids us invariably put the best construction upon the acts and motives of others. This I learned from Masonry."

Bro. Bishop Griswold was not only a learned theologian, but the greatest American mathematician after Dr. Bowditch. He was born at Simsbury, Conn., in 1766, and died at Boston, in 1843.—*Keystone.*

Is He a Mason?—Not unfrequently have I asked this question since I took the symbolic degrees of Masonry, and very often have been compelled to answer it thus: "He has taken the degrees." Every one who has been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry knows that the preparations required of a man to be made a Mason must or ought to take place before he can lawfully enter the *sanctum sanctorum* of our Temple. One of the first lessons I was taught, after the ceremony of initiation, was the great duty I owed to God, to never mention His name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator. Then is he a Mason who, at all times and in all public places, ignores that lesson? I am ashamed to say that even in our Temple sometimes we hear the name of God spoken in vain by the man who boastingly says, "I am a Mason." He who thus acts has only taken the degrees. He is as far from being a Mason, in the strict sense of the term, as the man is from being a Christian who attends his church and, kneeling in public worship, goes through the "form of prayer," while in his heart he holds bitter enmity and hatred towards his brother.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The Secrets of Freemasonry.—Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, these credentials remain. They have stayed the hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancour of malevolence, and broken down the barrier of political animosity. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, and in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made friends of men of the most hostile feelings.—*Bro. Dr Benjamin Franklin.*

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A SPECIAL GRAND LODGE will be held in the XXI.) at the Holborn Restaurant, Little Queen Street, Fields, on Monday, the 30th November instant, at One, for Two Afternoon, to consider and, if approved, to adopt the revised Bo tions as recommended by the General Board.

Qualified members of Grand Lodge only can be present.

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THE WINTER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION Grand Lodge will be held in the Hall (Room XXI.) Holbor Little Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Tuesday, t ber 1885, when and where all Grand Officers (Present and Past) Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of private Lodges, are here to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Masons may be present. Grand Lodge will be opened at Four o'

Dinner will be provided at Seven o'clock for those who intima tion to be present not later than Monday, 30th inst.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A MEETING was held on the 16th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. Bros. W. Draper W.M., Henry Foster S.W., Thomas G. Hodgson J.W., James Todd P.M., &c. Treasurer, W. Smith Secretary, Samuel Border S.D, H. S. Hopton J.D., C. M. Forbes I.G., S. J. Grammack Steward, W. G. Calvert Tyler, Mark Rooke P.M., A. H. H. McGachen P.M., George Kirby P.M., J. Toes, W. J. Kirkpatrick, E. W. Purnell, J. Clarke, John Biscomb, T. J. Russell, C. Linley, W. Ward, M. Bryson, Tom Appleby, and William Page. Visitors—Bros. J. P. Bell 57 D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, M. C. Peck P.G. Secretary North and East Yorkshire, W. Reynolds P.G. Treasurer North and East Yorkshire, W. Tesseyman P.P.G. Superintendent of Works North and East Yorkshire, G. Sims P.P.G.D.C. North and East Yorkshire, A. Jones 250 P.S.W., J. Martin J.W. 1991, and W. G. Fricker 455. The ballot was successfully taken for Dr. Farbraie Sidney Granshaw. Bro. Monge Bryson was raised. Bro. Dr. Bell D.P.G.M. congratulated the Worshipful Master and brethren on the exquisite appearance of the Lodge, and the very great pleasure it had afforded himself and his brother visitors at having been present during the ceremonies that evening; he paid a very high compliment to Bro. Rooke on the masterly manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the third degree; to Bro. Todd for the explanation of the tools, &c.; and to the Officers generally on the efficient manner in which they performed their respective duties. These expressions were endorsed by several other visiting brethren. Bro. Todd was elected a representative of the Lodge on the Charities Association for North and East Yorkshire.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their annual festival on the 4th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when Brother J. H. Taylor was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, the W.M., opened the Lodge, and was supported during the meeting by the following brethren:—Taylor as S.W., Lock J.W., Barfield P.M. Treas., Read P.M. Sec., Side J.D., Fisher I.G., Schuler and Death Stewards; Game, Whittick, Avery, Ward, Wehlen and Blum P.M.'s. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Pocock W.M. 1891, Honeyball P.M. 1681, McLeod P.M. 1624, Hart S.W. 1582, White 2020, Francon 1623, and others. The usual preliminaries having been disposed of, the W.M. elect was presented and duly installed, the ceremony being most ably performed by the outgoing Master. The W.M. having been saluted in the three degrees, appointed the following brethren as the Officers for the year:—Lock S.W., Side J.W., Barfield P.M. Treasurer, Read P.M. Secretary, Fisher S.D., Schuler J.D., Death I.G., Wehlen P.M. D.C., Barker and Cuff Stewards, Oliver Organist, Schofield Tyler. The ceremony was then completed in due form, the addresses to the Officers and members being given in a most impressive manner by Brother Parkhouse, who was subsequently presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The Treasurer of the Lodge, Brother A. Barfield P.M., proposed that Brother D. Cama should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, as a slight recognition of his kindness and liberality to the Lodge, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members of it. The proposition was seconded by the Secretary and carried unanimously. A capital banquet followed, and later in the evening the customary toast list was honoured.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 524.

THE first meeting of the present session of this popular Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 12th inst. The brethren assembled at 5 p.m., with Bro. Birling in the chair, supported by Bros. Smith I.P.M., O. Bryant S.W., Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. J.W. Lodge being opened to the second degree, Brother Baily was examined, entrusted and afterwards raised by the W.M. in a very careful and impressive way. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the ballot for Mr. Harry Wilkinson Brooks having been successful, this gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The name of Mr. William Taylor, L.D.S., of 28 Store-street, was proposed as a candidate by Dr. Jackson, and seconded by Dr. Jagielski. All other business being completed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren assembled at the banquet table and enjoyed a repast which showed improvement on previous occasions. It is to be hoped that the management will keep up to this standard of excellence. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts The health of the Visitors was proposed and responded to, and the brethren soon afterwards separated, having spent a very pleasant evening. The following were the visitors who attended:—Bros. W. Saegart P.M. Wellington, W. W. Westley S.D. Industry, P. S. Levi W.M. Adelphi, John Dale 1618, J. A. Taylor J.W. Ivy Lodge 1441.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE brethren of this popular Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, for the purpose of installing a Master for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened punctually to the time named on the summons, viz., 3·30, by Brother John H. Hawkes the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. R. C. Prickett S.W., W. Ravenscroft J.W., T. J. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, Henry Creed S.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., W. Hickie Organist, Charles Slaughter Steward. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were also in attendance:—Bros. W. Ferguson, E. Margrett, W. W. Ridley I.P.M., R. C. Hurley, E. J. Blackwell, R. Dowsett, J. E. Danks P.P.G.S. of W. P.Z., W. G. Flanagan, Arthur Welch. Amongst others present were Bros. H. D. Jones, W. Margrett, J. Sparrow, W. E. Parkes, G. Shaw-Lefevre, T. P. Stewart, E. W. Ridley, S. Knight, F. Brown, W. J. James, R. S. Kemp, H. E. Cottrell; with the following Visitors:—Bros. G. Tottle W.M. 1501, C. H. Tench S.W. 2043, T. Murphy 841, W. E Beale W.M. 1566, F. R. Spender J.D. 1566, J. Williams P.M. 1791, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, F. J. Ferguson P.M. 414, M. J. Withers W.M. 414, G. Gadd 1247, T. Blake 77, F. Kirk P.M. 1328, R. Bradley P.G.Sec., W. Sexton 1321, F. H. Cozens Organist 907, F. Bevan 1706, J. Weightman P.M. 414, G. H. Stubington Secretary 2043, J. W. Martin S.D. 414, J. Wilson P.M. 209, F. Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, J. W. Lindars 1714, D. Webb W.M. 1894. After the minutes of the last regular Lodge had been read and confirmed, Mr. George Smedley Smallwood, of Reading, was ballotted for and accepted as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Richard Carless Prickett, the W.M. elect, was then presented and duly obligated by Bro. Hawkes the W.M. Bro. Margrett then took the chair and proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which he carried out in a masterly manner, fully sustaining the reputation of the Reading Lodges for excellence of working. On the re-admission of the brethren below the rank of Installed Master, Brother Prickett was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Hawkes Immediate Past Master, Ravenscroft Senior Warden, Creed Junior Warden, Stransom Treas., Greenaway Secretary, Vowles S.D., Hickie J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C., Slaughter I.G., Sands Senior Steward, Sparrow Steward, Brown Assistant Steward, Hemmings Tyler. Bro. Ferguson P.M gave the address to the Master, Bro. Flanagan that to the Wardens, while Brother Margrett gave the one to the general body of the brethren. An artistically executed portrait of Brother W. P. Ivey P.M., for so many years associated with this Lodge in the capacity of Secretary, was offered to the Lodge by Brother Ridley, and was accepted on behalf of the members by the Worshipful Master, a vote of thanks being accorded to Brother Ridley for his gift. A notice of motion was given to vote £10 from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge on behalf of a distressed brother; this will be fully considered at the next meeting. A communication was announced from Brother Dixon, who is the Charity representative of the Province, reminding the Lodge that the Province was indebted for votes borrowed, and urging the members to use their best endeavours to relieve themselves of this responsibility. After the transaction of some other business, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where banquet was served. The usual toasts followed, the names of the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the Grand Officers being cordially greeted. The third toast on the list was the health of 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. With this toast was associated the name of Bro. Bradley, Prov. G. Secretary, who in due course acknowledged the compliment paid to the Provincial Officers. Bro. Bradley, as usual, made an interesting speech, touching on the Masonic topics of the hour, and expressing his approval of the manner in which the work had been carried out during the day in the Grey Friars Lodge. Bro. Hawkes next gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, and the compliment was fittingly acknowledged by Bro. Prickett, who announced his intention to serve as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For the Visitors Bros. Kirk, Wilson, Williams and Spender replied. To Bro. Danks was entrusted the proposition of the toast on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. He quoted some interesting statistics in reference to what was being done, and claimed that Berks and Bucks was justly entitled to be considered in the foremost rank among those who interested themselves in the cause of Charity. Bro. Binckes replied in a sound, practical speech, in the course of which he made reference to the utterances made at a recent meeting, which we fully referred to in our last issue. The health of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Blackwell, who referred to the pleasant feature that five Past Masters had taken part in the ceremony of the day—all had acquitted themselves most creditably. As was known to many present, it had long been the custom for all installations in Reading to be conducted by Bro. Moxhay; this rule had now been broken through, and it was a matter of congratulation to all concerned that so many Past Masters were among them capable of fulfilling the duties in a satisfactory manner. This toast was acknowledged by Brother Margrett. The

were brought to a conclusion in a most harmonious and satisfactory manner. The following is the programme of the music, &c., which was capitally carried out by the brethren enumerated, under the direction of Brother W. Hickie J.D. Grace, "Non Nobis," Bird; National Anthem; Glee, "Just like Love," Davy; Song, "My lass and I," Watson, Bro. Bevan; Song, "Sally," Carey, Bro. Sexton; Glee, "How merrilly we live," Este; Song, Humorous, M.S., Bro. F. H. Cozens; Song, "Peggy of Yarmouth Town," Bevan, Bro. Bevan; Song, "She wore a wreath of Roses," Knight, Bro. Sexton; Song, Humorous, M.S., Bro. Fred H. Cozens; Glee, "Ye Gentlemen of England," Calcott.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE second regular meeting of this Lodge for the present session was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, 14th instant. The attendance on this occasion was not so large as usual, owing primarily to a moderate agenda for work, and in many cases to important engagements in connection with the forthcoming General Election. On these accounts it had been considered proper to look upon this meeting as an "off night." The W.M., Bro. R. H. Fendick, opened the Lodge at half-past four, and was supported by nearly all his Officers, viz.;—Bros. F. W. Potter S.W., H. Bertram J.W., R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, F. T. C. Keeble P.M. Secretary, J. A. W. Stephens S.D., J. K. Gwyn J.D., W. Cook P.M. D.C., R. Greening I.G., C. T. Smith Steward. There were also present Bros. W. Baber I.P.M., James Stevens P.M., John Seex P.M., W. F. Kibble P.M., Paul Metz, P. McNiven, F. Bailey, G. W. Robson, E. Wesley, Julian Hartley, R. Potter P.M. Tyler, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was passed to the Fellow Craft degree, and, by request of the W.M. of the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, Bro. R. F. Tomlin, of that Lodge, having proved his proficiency, was raised to the third degree. The Lodge having been "worked down," a notice of motion by Bro. Potter S.W., for the presentation of a Past Secretary's jewel to Bro. G. W. Blackie P.M. on his retirement from the office of Secretary of the Lodge, and in slight acknowledgment of his past earnest services and courtesy, was considered and unanimously agreed to. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the Lodge as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was promised support. He also proposed a candidate for initiation at the next meeting of the Lodge. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed and the brethren separated.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE installation day was duly celebrated at this Lodge on the 11th inst., at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors was present. On this occasion the beautiful oak chairs and pedestals, the gifts of various brethren, were used for the first time, and subsequently formally presented to the Lodge, and were greatly admired by those present. The furnishing of the Lodge is now nearly completed, and the spacious rooms admit of all the work in connection with the Lodge being carried out efficiently. The brethren and visitors assembled at the hall at three o'clock, and the Lodge was opened by Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., Worshipful Master. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. F. Smith P.M. Ripon, J. Barker P.M. 1102 P.P.G.S.W. West Yorks, C. Anderson D. of Cer. 236, W. Purnell 236, J. Barwick, T. M. Goldie W.M. 660, J. B. Nicholls S.W. 660, A. A. H. McGachen P.M. 1991, C. L. Burdekin 236, H. Darley 643, W. Smith 236, T. Archey 236, T. C. Clough D. of C. 660, G. W. Pattinson 602, J. McNay P.M. 236; and others. The Installing Officer was Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. North and East Yorkshire, and he was assisted by an esteemed Past Master, Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W. Bro. A. T. B. Turner S.W. was presented for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ceremony was carried out in all its details. On the conclusion of the ceremony the following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W. I.P.M., W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., Rev. R. Blackeney, M.A., Chaplain, J. Kay Sec., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lakenby J.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W. D. of C., W. Stephenson I.G., C. C. Padel P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, W. Storey Steward, P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, and J. Hall Tyler. Various presentations were then made by the brethren present towards the furnishing of the Lodge, and votes of thanks were accorded to the donors. The installation banquet afterwards took place at Harker's Hotel, where a large number of brethren assembled, and the catering gave great satisfaction at the hands of Bro. Matthews. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., I.P.M., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of York, J. Terry; P.M.'s T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.D.C., J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W., Seller, Blenkin, Balmford P.P.G.O., Barker, Mirfield, M. Rooke 236, McNay, Smith (Ripon), and a large number of the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge. After the banquet the following toasts were proposed and duly responded to:—The Queen and the Craft; the Prince of Wales Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England; the Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire; the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred T. Bywater Turner; the Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W.; the I.P.M., Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W. and the Past Masters of the Lodge; the Lord Mayor of York; the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and the Officers of the Lodge; the Sister Lodges and the Visitors; the Masonic Charities; Masons' Wives, Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters; and the Tyler's toast. During the evening a musical programme was efficiently given by Bros. Child, Wilkinson, Sample, and Cumberland.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, under the presidency of Brother J. Bartle W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Woodmason W.M. 1637 S.W., W. W. Buckland J.W., S. H. Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, E. M. Lander P.M., S. Smout P.M., G. Davis P.M., and others; among the Visitors were the following brethren:—Bros. R. G. Barton P.M. 60 P.G.S., T. C. Pratt P.M. 957, J. C. Conway 1891, C. J. Morse D.C. 1257, J. Brittain W.M. 1385, R. Fisher Young P.M. and Secretary 1385, P. Monson S.D. 1194, J. Webb W.M. 55, J. N. Hill 1168, H. D. Smith 2045, E. J. D. Bromley 179, C. Webster S.W. 1637, E. J. Day Organist 1641, R. Clench D.C. 901, J. N. Frye P.M. 1694, J. Wells 1612, W. C. Williams 1585, H. Whittich P.M. 511, W. Windsor W.M. 1585, J. W. Belsham 733, J. Mason P.M. 1567 P.P.G.S.D., J. Fisher 733, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, G. Britton P.M. 22, &c. The usual formalities having been observed, the Lodge was advanced, and Brother T. P. Rider raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Brother Buckland was then installed as Worshipful Master and he appointed as Officers:—Bros. J. H. Wood S.W., R. H. Pearson P.M. J.W., S. H. Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, &c. The installation ceremony was then completed, and several matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. The health of the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master was next honoured. The Worshipful Master felt that the conduct of the Prince of Wales commended itself to the general body of his countrymen, but more especially so to his brother Masons. The Prince of Wales at all times did his duty, and as Grand Master of Freemasons endeavoured to uphold the dignity and high importance of the Craft. The health of the Earl of Carnarvon was next drunk. In some respects the Earl of Carnarvon might be looked upon as the patron Saint of the Lodge—if the Master might be excused the expression. He was a man of courage and a man of discretion—qualities which Freemasons were always pleased to recognise. The toast of the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers was next proposed. The Craft was unanimous in the respect shown to the Grand Officers, and the Master therefore felt no hesitation in calling upon the members of his Lodge to drink heartily to their health. Brother Bartle proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. The brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had elected a grand man to rule over them—one who would fulfil the duties as they should be fulfilled. They could but be pleased to see Bro. Buckland in the chair of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, as it was a position any Mason might be proud of. The W.M. briefly returned thanks, he hoped the brethren would accept his thanks in the spirit they were offered—would take the will for the deed; for he was not in the habit of making long speeches. He was deeply indebted to the members for many acts of kindness during the years he had been associated with the Lodge. He had accepted the office of Master with some amount of trepidation, he might almost say diffidence, but the way in which he had that day been received among them had given him confidence—confidence that he should have their support during the coming year—while it had imbued him with the hope that he should be able to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a way as to merit the approbation of the members. He next proposed what he considered was the toast of the evening, the setting sun—the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. Bartle, who had been the first initiate of the Lodge. He was a thoroughly genial man and Mason, one whom it was a pleasure to know. The Master had the high honour and privilege of bestowing on Bro. Bartle, in the name, and on behalf of the members of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel. In doing so he felt sure the members, one and all, wished, as he did, that Bro. Bartle might live long to wear it, and enjoy the esteem and regard of those with whom he had been associated in the past. He had additional pleasure in presenting to his predecessor an illuminated address, expressive of the thanks of the brethren, which they hoped he would prize as he would the jewel, and which would serve to remind him of their appreciation when he was enjoying the comforts of home. The address, which was handsomely illuminated was as follows:—

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

At a meeting of the members of the above Lodge, held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Thursday, the 20th day of September 1885, it was resolved, That a Past Master's Jewel and the best thanks of the Lodge be presented to Bro. James Bartle P.M. (first initiate of the Lodge) for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during his year of office, in recognition of his unvarying course, and unfailing support of the various Masonic Charities and interests, and with the cordial and sincere wish of all the brethren for his future health, happiness, and prosperity.

WALTER W. BUCKLAND W.M.
J. H. WOOD S.W.
R. H. PEARSON P.M. J.W.
S. H. PARKHOUSE, Treasurer.
W. J. MURLIS, Secretary.

Bro. Bartle acknowledged the toast. He had to thank every one of the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge for the very kind gifts which he had received at the hands of the Worshipful Master that night. He intended to try and assist in keeping up the honour and reputation of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in the future, and with this object had determined on representing the Lodge as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He felt sure that the members desired that the Lodge should maintain its reputation as a supporter of the Charities, and he should do his best as a representative to second those wishes. The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of the Visitors. It was a pleasure to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge members to have a number of guests around them. He had been associated with the Lodge for some nine years, but

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could not remember any meeting at which there were not several visitors. He regretted the absence of many he had personally invited, but assured those present they were cordially welcome—his regret was they were not more numerously supported. Bro. Brittain replied. The visitors were one and all pleased to be present. The work in the Lodge had been carried on in a highly satisfactory manner, while the provision made for the comfort and entertainment of the brethren at the banquet table was all that could be desired. He hoped the Lodge might have a prosperous future, and the Worshipful Master a successful year of office. Bro. Young followed, referring to what was to him an innovation in the installation ceremony—the giving of the addresses by different brethren. This was a feature he thought might well be adopted in other quarters; it would relieve the pressure of work on the Installing Officer, would give some of the Past Masters an opportunity of displaying their elocutionary powers, and would relieve the tedium sometimes experienced when listening so much to any one speaker. Bros. Webb, Whitlock, Hill, Pearson, Pratt, and others also spoke to the toast, which was followed by that of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Parkhouse and Murlis. Those brethren were much respected in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and, indeed, anywhere where they were known. Brother Murlis was the first Master of the Lodge, and Brother Parkhouse the third. The former, who had initiated the present Worshipful Master, had fulfilled the duties of Secretary since leaving the chair, while the latter had for many years discharged those of Treasurer. Bro. Buckland had been present at every meeting of the Lodge but one since his initiation, and had seen its present Secretary and Treasurer growing in the respect and esteem of the members of the Lodge and of Freemasons generally; so highly had they become esteemed that it was impossible to find words in which to express one's feelings in regard to them. Bro. Murlis was exceedingly obliged for the reception accorded to the toast. The hearty welcome given to it at the many meetings of the Lodge proved the he and his brother Officer were successful in their endeavours to properly discharge the duties of their respective offices. Brother Parkhouse followed, adding his thanks for the hearty way in which he was always received in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He then referred to the question of the election of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, which, he said would shortly require the attention of the brethren. At the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge it would be the privilege of one of them to nominate their esteemed Brother Cama for the office, and they hoped that when the election came on it would prove that the choice of the Craft had fallen on that brother. Several members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge were taking an active part in securing the election of Brother Cama, who was well known among them and who had done great service for the Lodge. His election to the important position of Grand Treasurer of England would be a graceful recognition of Colonial Freemasonry, and of India especially, for it was there that Brother Cama had won most of the honour which was inseparable with his name. Bro. Parkhouse trusted that every brother who had the power, would assist in promoting the desire he had at heart—to see Bro. Cama elected as Grand Treasurer of England. Bro. Cama had been among them that night in Lodge, but ill-health had prevented his staying to the after proceedings, a disappointment to very many of them. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Charities of the Order. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had done great things on behalf of the Institutions of Freemasonry, but it was not sufficient to rest on the laurels of the past. Work for the present time and for the future was what was needed, and he hoped that the members of his Lodge would do their share. Their esteemed Immediate Past Master Bro. Bartle had undertaken the office of Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and had already secured contributions for his list of close on seventy guineas, a good start, but an amount capable of great enlargement. The brethren had just heard from Bro. Parkhouse that it was the desire of many of the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge that Bro. Cama should be elected Grand Treasurer of England. Bro. Parkhouse had omitted one little point which might well be referred to in connection with this toast; Bro. Cama was well known for his liberal support of the Charities, and if he was elected to the high office for which he would shortly be nominated it might be looked upon as a gratifying tribute to the cause of Masonic Charity. Bro. Mason replied to the toast in an exhaustive speech, and then the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge was proposed from the chair. This was a toast which commended itself at all times to the members of the Lodge. Looking back, they saw much for which they had to thank those who were now included in this toast. On the present occasion they desired to especially honour Bro. Smout, who had faithfully and zealously discharged his duties when in the chair of the Lodge, and who had done much for its welfare in many other ways. The Worshipful Master had much pleasure in now presenting an engrossed testimonial on behalf of the members of the Lodge. This presentation would have been made earlier but for an accident, but it was none the less sincere now that it was made. It was far better to do right late than not at all, and accordingly he was heartily pleased it had fallen to his lot to make the presentation to Bro. Smout. The address read as follows, and like the one previously presented to Bro. Bartle was an excellent example of artistic workmanship:—

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

Presented, together with a P.M.'s Jewel, to Samuel Smout P.M., by the brethren of the above Lodge, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of services rendered during the time in which he fulfilled the various offices; but more especially during the year in which he presided as Worshipful Master.

FRED. C. FRYE W.M.
JAMES BARTLE S.W.
JOHN WOODMASON J.W.
SAMUEL H. PARKHOUSE, Treasurer.
W. J. MURLIS Secretary.

In presenting this Bro. Buckland said it was the hope of the members that Bro. Smout would for many years remain a member of the Lodge, and that he might long have health to continue the good work he had so long carried on in the interest of the Craft in general, and of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in particular. Bro. Smout was exceedingly gratified at the presentation just made by the W.M., his only regret in connection with it was that it had not been made during the lifetime of his father. He took it as a great mark of their appreciation that they had that night made him so handsome a present—it was indeed a pleasure to receive it. He could not express all he felt, but thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their kindness on that and many other occasions. It had always given him the greatest pleasure to have his name associated with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge—a state of affairs he hoped would continue for many years to come. Bro. Lander followed, congratulating the Master on his accession to that Office. He hoped he might have as pleasant a term in the chair as his predecessors had enjoyed, and that the lamp of honour lighted by those who had preceded him would burn as bright during the coming year as at any time in the history of the Lodge. He wished that peace and harmony might continue in the future as it had in the past, and felt it was the desire of every Past Master to uphold the honour and dignity of the Lodge. The lay members of the Lodge were next honoured with a toast, and then the Officers received their meed of praise, after which the Tyler concluded the proceedings.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

UNDER circumstances which necessitated a temporary removal from the customary place of meeting at Honor Oak, this Lodge met in accordance with the terms of a dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, on Wednesday, 11th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The W.M., Bro. H. M. Williams opened the Lodge at five o'clock, supported by Bro. C. H. Phillips I.P.M., and the following Officers and members, viz.:—Bros. H. Stokes S.W., J. W. Hartley J.W., G. R. Langley Assistant Secretary, H. Hooper S.D., A. Darch P.M. J.D., Fuller as I.G., F. France D.C., J. H. Worstencroft Assistant D.C., W. Bartlett W.S., W. H. Simons Organist, A. Pitman Assistant Organist; Brothers Cloake, Pearson, Cox, Mordey, Andrews, O'Reilly, Letchford, Cooper, Lawson, E. Bye sen., B. Forster, Wootton, &c. During the evening the following Visitors were welcomed, viz.: Bros. John Richardson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.P. West Yorkshire, W. Smith P.M. 1538, Henry Baldwin W.M. 1949 P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, James Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, Thomas Harper P.M. 1216, A. R. Cranch P.M. 1669, W. H. Williams (father of the W.M.) P.M. 104, F. C. Greaves 1922, E. Bye jun. 141, Sidney Hill Organist 1216, W. Wilson 1837, and D. Baird late 1986. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the dispensation for the temporary removal of the Lodge was read and ordered to be recorded. Ballots were taken in favour of Mr. Charles W. Bennett and Walter W. Arber, who were severally introduced into the Lodge, and received the benefit of individual initiation. The W.M. performed his task with the utmost fidelity, and left nothing to be desired by either members or Visitors in regard to correct and impressive ritual. The after-dinner speeches of the newly-initiated brethren proved how greatly they appreciated the solemn and appropriate introduction into Freemasonry they had received at the W.M.'s hands, with the assistance of his Officers. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Phillips I.P.M., for presentation of a suitable jewel to the W.M. at the expiration of his term of office, and a committee was appointed to report to the next meeting as to a more suitable place for the future gatherings of the Lodge. Several apologies for non-attendance were read, regret being expressed that the candidate for passing should again find it necessary to excuse himself, and also that illness should have prevented both Bros. John Hammond and W. Hopekirk P.M.'s from being present. Lodge was then closed in due form, and refreshment followed labour. Under the genial presidency of the W.M., a very agreeable evening was passed in social converse and harmony, and there being amongst the members of the Lodges and its frequent visitors many having both gift of song and of recitation, there was no lack of enjoyment up to the time of the Tyler's toast and necessary separation.

MARK MASONRY.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 199.

THIS Lodge held its usual meeting at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 18th instant. The Officers were J. Funston W.M., Henry Stephens P.M. P.G.S. S.W., J. Aillud J.W., S. Smither, W. L. Doddrell and W. J. Meek P.M. P.G.S. Overseers, G. Mitchell I.G., J. Garwood, A. P. Little, R. Marshall, G. Andrews, W. Beasley P.M. P.P.G.S. Secretary, and others. Bros. H. J. Thrower 1766, Robert Arthur Germaine 2033, and Edward Thomas Holloway 15 were advanced. The Secretary read the summons of the Grand Lodge for the 1st prox., and the W.M. urged the attendance of the Officers and brethren. Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St, Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Horns, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meitham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristo
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

6—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)
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.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1908—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, Cork Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1149—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malton.

R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

114—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—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)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1691—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)
1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Dentford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-plans, Halifax
483—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St Peters, Masonic Hal, Maldon
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1543—Roslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk

R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 168—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stroudhope Street, Regents Park, 4 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
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.
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)
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.
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, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
808—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
825—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1043—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1284—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee 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 University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 499—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

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THURSDAY, 26th 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
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
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, Greavenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1602—Sir Hugh Middelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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 Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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

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. 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)
R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 293—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
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. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32—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, 27th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbar, 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, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
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
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

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. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In

Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

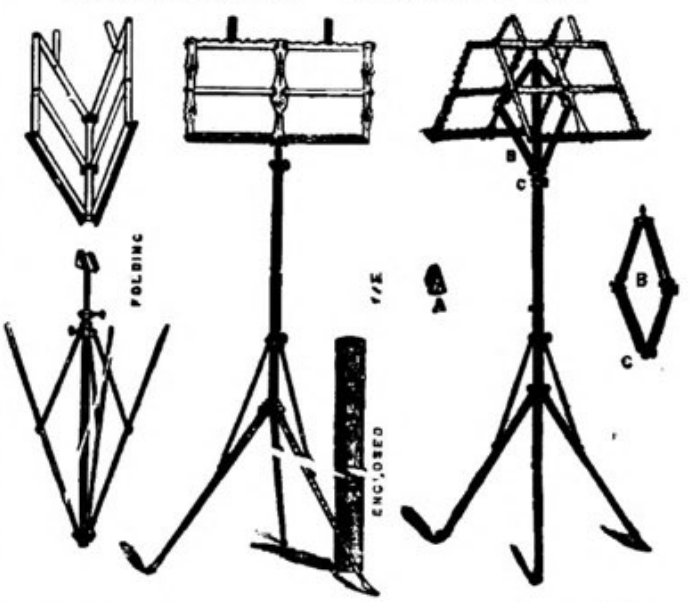
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UNITED GRAND LODGE AND ITS BENEFACTIONS.

IT is unnecessary to remind the members of our Ancient and Honourable Institution that, so far as the practical study of the Masonic art is concerned, religion and politics are prohibited subjects in assemblies of the Craft. But, inasmuch as Masons, like all other rational and intellectual beings, must of necessity have their own private and personal views upon these two great guiding and motive principles of social life, it may not be inopportune now and then to glance at them without touching upon the well-known dictates of our Masonic creed. We are called to these observations by a perusal of a lecture recently delivered in Guernsey by Bro. Emra Holmes, F.R.H.S., a well-known Freemason, and author of several works on "the disestablishment and disendowment of the English Church." We will not enter upon the arguments which are just now being so hotly waged by political partizans on either side, but by way of a bird's-eye glance at Bro. Holmes's discourse, we note that he proves incontestibly that many of the statements put forth by the adversaries of this ancient Church are wholly false. It is an exploded argument now-a-days to say that the National Church of England was created by Act of Parliament; no such Act can be produced, for there never was one. Many Acts and charters recognise the National Church as already existing, but none create it, for the very good reason that the Church of England existed before Parliament itself. In controverting the erroneous assertion that at the Reformation, in the 16th century, Parliament disestablished the Church of Rome and put the Church of England in its place, Bro. Holmes points out that as a fact the Church of Rome was never established in this country. The Established or National Church was always called "the Church of England," and when King John endeavoured to bring England and her Church under the Papal Dominion, the barons, with the Archbishop of Canterbury at their head, resisted, and compelled him to grant Magna Charta. The bishops of Rome still continued to claim, and for a time exercised, unwarrantable authority in the Church of England; but this, with some of the doctrines of the Papal Church, was rejected at the Reformation, and the reforms were in due course accepted and confirmed by the nation in Parliament. But the Church still continued the same body, a branch of the Holy Catholic Church; not a single bishopric, cathedral, or parish being abolished, though some were added. The monasteries were suppressed, it is true, but that was chiefly because their inmates professed allegiance to the Pope rather than to the National Church. Admitting that the Church was despoiled by an infamous King, Henry VIII., who "enriched his nobles with the things of God," Bro. Holmes shows that but an infinitesimal part of the clergy accepted the Reformation settlement; that the tithes and glebe lands remained in the hands of the Church; and that the Church of England, in fact, reformed herself by the united action of the authorities in Church and State. As an apposite illustration of this, the lecturer quoted the characteristic reply of Queen Elizabeth, of the vast sacrifice and liberality of Churchmen in building, restoring, and endowing churches, the promotion of education, and the diffusion of social, moral, and intellectual benefits among the people, our brother touches upon a point which will interest many of our readers, and it is to this point we would more especially devote a few observations. He says, "I was present at the laying of the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral by the Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and in all that vast assemblage of clergy, nobility, gentry, and Freemasons, I suppose the Grand Lodge of England *alone* gave nothing towards the stately edifice now being erected by voluntary offerings of Englishmen for the first Gothic cathedral erected since the Reformation. . . . A few of the Cornish Freemasons have subscribed £500 towards the cathedral, but only a few." We can but conclude that in making such a statement before an audience of Churchmen and politicians in Guernsey, Bro. Holmes must have been led into an inadvertency by his excessive zeal and personal interest in the subject of which he treated. We have often pointed out that it is not the province of Grand Lodge to subscribe out of its funds to all and every scheme that may be submitted to it. The fact stands on proud record that Masons of this country are ready to listen to appeals from "all sorts and conditions of men" in aid of objects of true charity and philanthropy; and whether it be at the laying of the foundation stone or the completion of a sacred building, the launching of a lifeboat, responding to the cry of distress, caused either by famine or disaster, in this or any other part of the world, English Freemasons have ever been found the most willing and the most open-handed in their assistance. Bro. Holmes knows very well, or should know, that the Grand Lodge of England has no funds which it can legally apply in aid of the erection of any structure, ecclesiastical or otherwise, that may be erected in the country, even though its corner-stone may have been laid by our Worshipful Grand Master. The funds of the Grand Lodge are subscribed for a specific purpose; they are the freewill offerings of the brethren for the relief of indigence, the maintenance and education of the orphans of the brethren who have helped to build up the grandest edifice under heaven—we were going to say grander even than the Church of which he speaks so eloquently; and without special authority the money thus vested in its hands for a particular object could not, must not, be diverted from the legitimate intentions of the givers. Had Brother Holmes taken the trouble to inquire, he might have ascertained that the "few Cornish Freemasons" of whom he speaks were not the only members of the Order present who contributed to the Truro Cathedral Building Fund. He could not, probably, have discovered, even approximately, how much the brethren really gave, for the bounty of the Masonic heart is not worn upon the sleeve. To cast an insinuation upon Grand Lodge for a dereliction of duty in not officially subscribing to such a fund, and thus to hold the Institution up to the adverse criticism of ardent Churchmen in the Channel Islands, is almost too gross a blunder to admit of serious thought, much less of blame; but it only shows to what length argument may be carried by enthusiastic, albeit

that of doing good by stealth, and carrying out the Divine axiom, "let not the right hand know what the left hand doeth." The very presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the magnates of the Grand Lodge of England on the occasion to which Bro. Holmes refers was a splendid demonstration of the interest manifested by the Craft in the ancient institution in whose defence he so eloquently spoke. It was the means of drawing together a vast assemblage of men whose pride it is to join hands in promulgating the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and it is impossible that such a phalanx of Masonic strength could have been drawn from all parts of the kingdom—even from Guernsey—without some tangible and substantial addition to the funds needed for carrying out that noble enterprise. It is for our brother, and many others who may think with him, to know that Masonic sympathy and aid in such cases as that to which we allude must be the outcome of individual impulse, and not an overstraining of the functions of Grand Lodge. The executive of our Order have plenty to do with the means that are placed at their disposal for doing good within the scope of their design, and it would be most impolitic and unwise were they to initiate any step which would open the way for an application of the funds vested in them to any but the peculiarly legitimate objects for which that money is contributed. We tender these observations in all kindness and fraternal regard to our esteemed Bro. Holmes, but it was impossible to allow such a statement as he recently introduced to his brethren in Guernsey to pass without saying one word in defence of that Institution which he must, with all Masons, equally love and admire—the Grand Lodge of England.

FREEMASONRY IS PRINCIPLE INCARNATE.

WHAT is Freemasonry? The answers to this question are various. Some will tell you it is the relic of the mysteries of the dead and gone heathenism of the old days of Egypt and Greece. To such as these all our ceremonies are the survivals of the old Pagan rituals, and every Masonic acknowledgment of God is a token of the lingering power of the old beliefs. To them our altars are altars of Baal, and all our work is a league with the "Prince of Darkness." Fortunately, we are living in a more enlightened age than that in which this was the prevalent opinion of Freemasonry. The progress of knowledge has dispelled some of the ignorance of the past, and we can rely on the good sense of the people as a whole to laugh at such a statement of the meaning of the Masonic Order. There is another view of Masonry, however, which is more or less extensively believed and diligently circulated. This looks on Freemasonry as an unmeaning system of degrees, which are of no real value, as they do not teach anything to the seeker after light and knowledge. This view regards Masonry as a farce, unworthy of the attention of earnest and thoughtful men in this busy age. Undonbtedly, if we concieve of Masonry as a mere collection of rituals, then this view has ground. If there is nothing in the system which will make men not only wiser, but also better, than before they became initiates, then it is a farce which should be discountenanced by all.

But there are truer views of Freemasonry than either of these. Long ago, wise men, who had penetrated all the mysteries, called it "an art, useful and extensive, which comprehends within its circle every branch of human knowledge and learning, and stamps an indelible mark of prominence on its genuine profession, which neither chance, power or fortune can bestow." "It is an establishment founded with the benevolent intention of extending and conferring mutual happiness upon the best and truest principles of moral life and social virtue." "It is an institution based on that never-failing charity which upholds universal love, calms the troubled sea of our evil passions, and leaves a smooth surface, on which all men, who are sincere and conscientious worshippers of God, and unexceptionable in moral deportment, may unite, bless each other, and rejoice in the sublime belief that

> "God hath made mankind one mighty brotherhood,
> Himself their Maker and the world their Lodge."

The father of our country declared its object to be "the happiness of the human race." The old ritual calls it—"a system of morality veiled in allegory and teaching by symbol." There is no doubt it *was* intended to teach men a knowledge of God and conserve the moral welfare of the world. These views will give to us, at once, the clue to all its secrets and open for us all its mysteries. Thus we see one of the many noble agencies for the civilization and enlightenment of mankind, and one with an importance which commends it to the regard and affection of the seeker after truth.

Certainly, an institution intended to make men happy must be something more than a sham, and must have a misson to fulfil. If its principles are those which are calculated to make men happier than they would be without them, the Order has the right to claim the consideration of all who are working for the amelioration of the woes of humanity.

For the thoughtful, the only safe judgment is the one which is based on actual observation and careful study—for Freemasonry, while it does not make an ostentatious parade of its work, still does not hide itself from the light of day, but works in every community, so that all have an opportunity to see whether it adds to the happiness of those who come within the sphere of its influence. In this matter, as well as in most other things which affect human welfare, the real test is that one which is founded on personal knowledge and experience. The world has the privilege of closely scanning the life and works of a great multitude who are the exemplars of Masonic principles. If these are living so as to command the respect and confidence of all who know them best, then their lives are an attestation of the worth of our Order; for Masonry claims to be a power in stimulating the practice of all the virtues which give moral tone to the social system. A man, to be true to Masonry, must be true to the best interests of the community in which he resides; for

> "He's true to God who's true to man, whenever wrong is done
> To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding sun.
> That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves most base,
> Whose love of right is for themselves and not for all their race."

Masons, then, are under double bonds to live in the best possible way to show the influence and moral principles they profess. As citizens, they have an interest in the welfare of the community; and as disciples of truth they have vowed to do "good to mankind." It is essential, therefore, that the Masonic character be fully formed and the Masonic principles mould the life of those who would reflect credit on the Order. Now, any system which really lays hold upon the hearts of men, which deepens their sense of responsibility and obligation, and which elevates their moral natures, must depend largely upon those universally acknowledged principles of right, which lie at the base of every moral code. These must be a part of the life of the representatives of the system. Professions are good enough in their way, but an actual and positive assimilation of the truth is worth a thousand professions. We read that—"Life itself is always broader than any science of life," and we consequently only show our love of Masonry by permitting it to transform our lives.

Again—Masonry claims to take the candidates for its degrees, and by instruction, fit him to fill and adorn high and noble station in the field of human endeavour. It regards the minds of men as the rough ashlar, which, by the benign influence of knowledge and virtue, is to be polished and modelled into due form and shape. By the aid of the power of reason, which is given to all, the mind is enabled to grasp the ideas of morality and is fitted to do work for humanity. Said Plutarch: "There is nothing by which a man approaches nearer the Divinity than by reason, especially when it is employed in matters of religion; wherefore it is that every one who intends to consult the oracle is strictly charged upon the spot, that he take care to have pious thoughts in his heart, and seemly and decent words in his mouth." The first requisite, therefore, in the candidate for Masonry is, a teachable spirit. Men become wise by receiving the truth. While our natural pride of intellect often is unwilling to acknowledge our need of instruction, and we do not take kindly to the suggestion that we have much to learn, yet, at the very threshold of Masonry, we are compelled to admit our ignorance. We emphasize the two aspects with which we are to view the principles of Freemasonry. The first—its appeal to the reason; its presentation of a system of thought and philosophy which is acceptable to the intelligence. The second—

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the all-pervading influence of its underlying moral, or religious ideas. We glance, then, briefly, at the place of philosophy in Masonry.

From what has already been said, it is apparent that Freemasonry makes a direct appeal to the human reason, by stimulating the intellect to a search after the most profound truths that can engage the attention of the race; it so quickens the intellect that its votaries delight in the search after sublime truth, and by its peculiar method of presenting knowledge it easily fixes it on the mind. Says Lord Bacon, in one of his essays: "The sovereignty of man, no doubt, lies hid in knowledge; in knowledge many things are reserved which kings with their treasures cannot buy, nor with their force command; their spies and scouts can give no news of them; their seamen and discoverers cannot sail where they grow. We govern nature in opinions, but we are slaves unto her in necessity. If we would be led by her in invention, we should command her in action." Philosophy, if worthily employed, is for the benefit of mankind; and it is to benefit man that Masonry unveils her philosophy, accompanied by a constant appeal to the reason. The sublime arcana of knowledge is ever before the true student, but the inattentive and the ignorant seldom are able to comprehend the truths which are so fascinating to the patient and sincere seeker. Freemasonry has a complete system of philosophy by which the reasoning powers of the mind are stimulated to a new growth and action. This philosophy lies at the very foundation. Take it away and Masonry would have lost all life and be an unmeaning and worthless relic. The great doctrine of the resurrection of the dead may be said to be the central and dominating thought in this philosophy. When, in the early ages, even the professed teachers of old religions were ignorant of or unwilling to present this doctrine to the world, it was preserved in the esoteric mysteries, where a faithful few handed it on from age to age. When the heathen looked upon this world as the end of human existence, and feebly groped through life in search of something by which he might be freed from the darkness of the age, he was denied this truth of immortality. But the truth was not lost. It was still in the possession of the wise. By the aid of the powers of reason, the great central truth of another life was comprehended and its effects understood. Hence, Masonry only repeated the glad tidings and incorporated it into its system, as the great truth to be taught by symbols and illustrated in allegories, until aided by an appropriate ritual and significant ceremonies, it was made a part of the life of the initiate. Well said an old English poet:—

> "Unless above himself he can
> Erect himself, how mean a thing is man."

And it is solely by the thought of a future destiny that man is enabled to lift himself out of the meanness and insignificance of the present; and here is where philosophy comes in to the aid of our system—convincing the initiate, through his reason, that it is "Not all of life to live, nor all of death to die."—*Voice of Masonry.*

(To be continued).

HOW MASONS KNOW EACH OTHER.

ARTEMUS WARD used to say, that while there were many things in the science of astronomy hard to be understood, there was one fact which entirely puzzled him. He could partially comprehend how scientists "weigh the sun," and even how they discover its component elements by the aid of *spectrum* analysis; "but," he observed, "what beats me about the stars is, how we came to know their names!" In like manner there are a number of the features of Freemasonry which the profane world, like Artemus Ward, thinks it understands, but what puzzles them most of all is, how Freemasons know each other! Sometimes they have answered their own question by saying, they recognise each other by a wink, a nod, a limp in the walk, a shake of the hand, a tone of the voice, a word, a phrase. We do not propose to consider the question from a profane point of view, but to make their view introductory to a Masonic view of the matter, in which all Freemasons are interested.

Masonry is a school of instruction, and, as in all other schools, some of its students are more proficient than others, owing either to greater study, or superior natural ability, or both. Hence some Masons are more apt at recognising their Brethren than others, and some are so superficial, and even mistaken, in their methods of recognition, that they are liable to deceive themselves, and therefore be badly deceived. One unsophisticated youth is reported to have replied to the question—"How do you know a Mason?" by saying—"Take him before a Justice and swear him!" Of course in the discussion of this matter we make no reference to the mode of recognition at the Lodge, preliminary to admission thereto. That is a part of the esotery of Freemasonry which may not be considered here. We discuss now only the odd methods that some uninstructed Masons occasionally adopt to recognise their fellows, and these methods, it goes without saying, are all to be avoided by discreet Brethren.

The wearing of Masonic jewellery is an indicia of Masonry to some fresh Brethren. If a candidate for recognition wears a Keystone, or a Maltese Cross, on his chain, or a Square and Compasses on his bosom or tie, or on a ring on his hand, that is satisfactory proof to them that the unknown is a Brother Mason. Woeful judgment! Talk freely to such a walking sign-board, make him a confidant, lend him your money, commend him to a friend or a brother, and you make the mistake of a lifetime. Masons cannot be too careful in their travels to avoid delusion through such an instrumentality as a piece of Masonic jewelry. Such gew gaws are proof of nothing Without corroboration they are even suspicious. They are purchasable almost everywhere, and there is really nothing Masonic about them. We have known men to wear them who were as innocent of Masonry as they were of the Sanscrit language; they thought they were "pretty," and so they wore them. But *such* wearers cannot do much harm. Those that do, however, are either tricksters who wish to deceive "fresh" Masons who are of "the elect," or anti-Masons who hope to learn something about Masonry by wearing some of its emblems, just as Satan endeavoured to appear in the guise of an angel of light. Look out for them! They are impostors of the first water. Their entire Masonic clothing consists of a brass jewel which they have no right to wear. Never talk to such a one about Masonry, nor communicate to him any of its secrets, nor lend him any money, nor introduce him as a Mason. Freemasons, like the possessors of any valuable property, are admonished by the wicked ways of the world to guard their resources from spoilmen. We have a unique possession, something that has been handed down to us from generation to generation of "the elect," something that has been wrongly and vainly portrayed at times by ignorant and depraved deceivers; but something that is still as exclusively the Freemason's, the genuine Brother's, as though there had never been an *exposé* penned. From the beginning there have been *false* Brethren, that is—impostors. Even as far back as in Ben. Franklin's time he complained of *pretended* Masons in the "City of Brotherly Love," who offered to "make Masons" for a bowl of punch! There are such pretenders still. Some anti-Masons even go about and desecrate certain so-called churches, by "working" pretended Masonic degrees for the delectation of the profane. They set up a spectacle and run a show. Look out for such men, for some of them wear outwardly the emblems of the Craft. They are the Barnums of anti-Masonry, and have their "woolley horse" to fool the public with.

We have recounted how Masons should *not* know each other; how they should avoid the impostor; how they should suspect, or at least not confide in, Masonic jewellery; how they should make Masonic acquaintances abroad sparingly and carefully. At the same time, much genuine enjoyment may come from the just recognition of a strange Brother while one is away from home. How the hours may be made to speed by, how confidence may be reposed, how in case of necessity one's wants may be supplied; but beware how you proceed, unless you wish to be deceived and plucked. Do you ask, How, then, do Masons know each other? We will tell you the next time we meet in the Lodge.—*Keystone.*

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LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, on Tuesday, 17th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Michael John Withers Prov. G. J. Deacon W.M., on which occasion Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. attended, on the invite of the Lodge, for the purpose of delivering his popular lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree. The attendance was unfortunately not nearly so large as had been anticipated, an important political meeting having been appointed for the same evening, and regrets and apologies for absence were very numerous. The Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. Canon Garry, desired special mention of his disappointment in not being able to occupy his position. Amongst those present were Bros. D. H. Witherington S.W., F. Blackwell J.W., Charles Stephens P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks, Robert Bradley P.M. Prov. Grand Secretary, Chas. Oades P.M., Albert W. Parry Secretary, John W. Martin S.D., C. G. Hawkes J.D., J. R. Hayward Organist, C. F. Rayner Steward acting I.G., H. P. Knell, Bernard Ruddock, F. J. Wellman, G. S. Galt, W. G. Millar, Henry Higgs, W. J. Manrice, and other members. Visitors—Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Alexander Sellar P.M. 414, T. P. Stevens, C. Slaughter, and W. C. Flanagan P.M., all of the Greyfriars Lodge 1101, H. G. Sherwin and Walter Blackwell, both of the St. Peter's Lodge 1024, R. H. Reilly and F. J. Lawes, both of the Kendrick Lodge 2043, the Rev. J. D. Dunlafs Cambridge University Lodge, John Millar Panmure Lodge 723, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the previous minutes having been read, and a report from the Permanent Committee received, the W.M. formally introduced Bro. Stevens to the meeting for the delivery of his lecture. After a few introductory remarks on the nature and object of his address, the lecturer proceeded to explain his views in relation to the form of ritual and ceremonial which had been adopted for the general observance of the Craft at the formation of the United Grand Lodge in 1813, and in regular order, through the ceremonies of opening and initiation, pointed out the many divergencies from such original form which had arisen, more particularly during the past quarter of a century. For nearly two hours, without intermission, Bro. Stevens rivetted the attention of his audience whilst giving most lucid explanations of, and reasons for, the numerous points of working in respect of which a perfect understanding is necessary for a full appreciation of the connection of the whole system of Freemasonry, and the relative dependency of its several parts. Most instructive in every respect, the lecturer could not fail to leave many important points for future consideration by his hearers, although it may be said that perfect agreement on all may not follow. Being purely such an address as can only be given when close tyled, it should be heard by Freemasons wherever opportunity for its delivery may arise, and, judging from its reception on this occasion, and, as we are informed, on many former occasions, it should be the desire of every good working Lodge to learn from Bro. Stevens "the reason why" for much that they do and say in Masonic ceremonial. At the close of the lecture, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Charles Stephens P.M. and Prov. G. Treasurer, a cordial vote of thanks, with complimentary remarks on the address he had given, was unanimously accorded to Bro. Stevens, who acknowledged the same in suitable terms. Propositions for initiation having been made, and greetings exchanged, the Lodge was closed in due form, with prayer and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where supper had been prepared. A pleasant hour or two was passed in social converse, enlivened by song and recitation, before the brethren separated, well pleased with the Masonic work of the evening.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Le Grand, the Worshipful Master. In the ordinary course, the W.M. for the ensuing year should have been installed at this meeting, but in consequence of the sudden resignation of the W.M. elect—who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting—there was no installation proper, Bro. Le Grand continuing to hold the position of ruler of the Lodge. Under these circumstances, and in accordance with the wish of many of the brethren, that another opportunity should be given them of inviting the ladies to dine at one of the banquets held in conjunction with the Lodge,—which innovation has given so much satisfaction on former occasions,—the Worshipful Master decided that the meeting should be a ladies night, accordingly there was a large attendance of ladies at the after proceedings. Lodge was opened by the W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. C. Rees J.W., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, P.M.'s W. J. Collens, E. Kidman, W. F. Smart; C. Pay S.D., W. J. Heath J.D., G. F. Edwards I.G., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, several lay members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—Bros. W. Pennell P.M. 103, C. E. Hatten P.M. 1464, W. M. Elliott 2000, H. W. Cushing 1319, Henry Garrod G. Purs. England, J. Lindskoge Hamburg, G. F. Jenkins S.W. 72, J. L. Apsey J.D. 534, H. W. Gladwell P.M. 1298, J. A. Robson I.P.M. 1445, H. Von Joel 957, R. F. Ries 144, R. White 1107, T. Cull P.M. Treasurer 1446, N. Goodwin 1768, J. H. Williams P.M. 1056, Egbert Roberts Senior Deacon 917, W. M. Bywater P.M. 19, James Kift 1791. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was taken for a gentleman seeking admission to Freemasonry, and resulted unanimously in his favour. Lodge was then closed, and the company sat down to banquet which, as we have said, was attended by a large number of ladies. Bro. Le Grand, the W.M., presided, and after grace, he proposed the toast of the Queen, coupled with the Craft. No words were needed, he felt, to ensure a hearty reception to this toast, which was always well received at meetings of Englishmen. Nowhere was it more loyally responded to than among Masons, and the W.M. was sure the brethren of the Lodge would, if possible, give it even greater honour than usual in the presence of so many ladies. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the W.M. gave the toast of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, coupling with it on this occasion the health of the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. The Prince of Wales was well known to all present as the ruler of the Masonic Order in England, while the Princess and other members of the Royal Family had one and all endeared themselves, in one way or another, to the country at large. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was next given. The W.M. felt that the brethren who ruled the destinies of the Craft were worthy of every honour that could be accorded them. They had worked zealously in the past, and performed every duty that fell to them to the best of their ability, and with the heartiest good feeling. Bro. Collens I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. The brethren well knew what was coming when they saw the gavel in his hands, but for the benefit of the ladies he might say he had to propose one of the most important toasts known in Freemasonry—the health of the Worshipful Master, the president of the evening. The members of the Lodge regretted, in a measure, that they were under the rule of their present chairman, but that regret was fortunately tempered with a great deal of pleasure. The brethren regretted they had lost a brother who had been regularly elected to the chair of the Lodge, and from whom they expected much, but they were pleased in now having another to preside over them who had proved himself so capable during the past year. One of the most pleasurable duties which had ever fallen to the lot of Bro. Collens was now before him—to present to the W.M. of the Lodge the Past Master's jewel, voted to him at the last meeting. The jewel was given in recognition of services rendered, and as the representative of the Lodge Brother Collens begged the W.M. to accept it with the heartiest good wishes of the members. The brethren of the Lodge hoped that during the coming year Bro. Le Grand would receive the same cordial support he had had during the past twelve months, and also that the Lodge would receive from him the same good government and management it had enjoyed during the year. The W.M. tendered his very cordial thanks for the manner in which the toast just honoured had been proposed by his predecessor, and received by those present. When at the last meeting of the Lodge he had the pleasure of presiding at their head, the last of his thoughts was that he should again occupy that position, much less that he should preside over such a company as he then saw around him. The presence of the ladies was indeed a gratification to the members of the Lodge, and the general regret seemed to be that such meetings were not more frequent. Looking around him he felt there was every appearance of prosperity being in store for the Lodge; he intended to do his utmost on its behalf, and hoped for the co-operation of the members. His presence at their head again was indeed a surprise; he had been looking forward to retirement from active duties and had almost decided what he should do as one of the Past Masters of the Lodge. However, events had arisen which upset all these calculations, and there was every appearance now that either he or one of those who had filled the chair in the past would have to conduct the Lodge for the ensuing year. Looking back, he had to thank the brethren for the cordial support they had at all times accorded him, and for the handsome jewel he had just received at the hands of his predecessor. He again assured the brethren that no effort would be spared on his part to show his appreciation of what had been done, and he hoped for a continuance of prosperity in the future. The next toast on the list was usually that of the Visitors, but as that evening they were honoured by the presence of so many ladies, he proposed to amend the toast, and give them the health of the Ladies, coupling with it the health of the other guests of the evening. He regretted he had never before had the pleasure of being present at the Lodge when they had the ladies among them as their guests, business having prevented his attendance on those occasions. From his experience that night he was sorry they had not oftener been asked in the past, and further that they had not assembled in greater numbers that day. Bro. Bywater responded. He felt the Worshipful Master had erred on this occasion—he had made a very bad choice in selecting him to reply to so important a toast as the Ladies. It was not that he was unwilling to acknowledge the compliment paid them, but rather that he felt unable to do so adequately. No one could have a stronger desire to do justice to the toast, but many had greater ability. On behalf of the ladies and the other visitors of the evening he returned their most sincere thanks, and hoped it might be their privilege to be present again on some future occasion. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was one always cordially received in the William Preston Lodge—it was the health of the Past Masters. Bro. Le Grand regretted there were not more present that day—illness, he knew, prevented more than one being among them. They had, however, some very good representatives in those who were present, brethren who were well able to maintain the reputation of the Lodge and of its Past Masters. What the Lodge would be without them he dare not think—he hoped they would long be among them, and always as welcome as they were at the present time. Bro. Miller, the Treasurer of the Lodge, replied. He had been sighing for the last five years for another such meeting as their present one, as he well remembered what a happy evening had then been spent with the ladies around them. Their success that night had been as great, and he trusted that on many future occasions the ladies and brethren might be afforded the opportunity of meeting again round the festive board as they had done that night and in years gone by. Bro. Worrell followed, thanking the Master

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for so kindly coupling his name with the toast. He was pleased the meeting that night had been so successful, and that it had afforded so much enjoyment to those present. Those ladies among them who were married had doubtless Freemasons for their husbands—to those who were not he would offer one piece of advice—select Freemasons, and you will have the best of men as your partners in life. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted. The W.M. thanked them for the attention they had given to their duties during the past, and asked them to do their best to support him in the future. Bro. Rees, who acted as Senior Warden, replied. The Officers of the Lodge congratulated the W.M. on being called upon to perform the duties of the chair for another year as they knew the duties would be properly carried out under his rule. They thanked him for the way in which he had treated them in the past, and more especially for the manner in which he had just proposed their health. The Officers felt great pleasure in seeing the ladies present, and hoped, with the W.M., that many opportunities would be afforded them in the future of again attending. Bro. Pay followed. He hoped the Officers would continue to perform their duties to the satisfaction of the Master and the members of the Lodge, and that prosperity would mark the future of the Lodge. Brother Heath also replied, after which the Tyler's toast was given and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. The music of the evening was entrusted to Madame Worrell, Miss Emily Dones, Bros. J. Kift and Egbert Roberts, and most faithfully did they perform their parts. Madame Worrell was in excellent voice, and had to respond to the hearty applause of the company on more than one occasion. Miss Dones's rendering of Lady Dufferin's song, "Oh! Bay of Dublin," was charming, and elicited the warmest marks of approval. Bros. Roberts and Kift were also good; indeed all present seemed imbued with that spirit of heartiness which marked the whole meeting, and which we hope will often be repeated at the William Preston and other Lodges. Truly, the presence of the ladies adds a charm even to Masonry, and we are at a loss to know why they have been so long and systematically excluded from the after pleasures enjoyed by those regularly admitted as members of the Order.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

THE brethren of this Lodge met, as usual, at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 16th instant, the W.M., Brother Richardson, in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Robert William Anderson, and Mr. John Sharp, which being found unanimous, those gentlemen were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Collinson, was then installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Packer P.M. in a very able and effective manner. The Officers for the ensuing year were duly invested by the new W.M., as follows:—Bros. Ross S.W., Hill J.W., Kingston P.M. Treasurer, Weaver P.M. Sec., Irvine S.D., Brocklehurst J.D., Guanzardli D.C., Pauncefort I.G., Day Steward, Pauncefort Organist. Bro. Irvine S.D. was elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. The next business was to recommend a petition to the Board of Benevolence. The report of the Auditors appointed at the October meeting was then received and adopted; it shewed the financial affairs of the Lodge as in a very sound condition. After Bro. Packer had proposed a candidate for initiation at the next meeting, and after other business had been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for banquet. The Visitors present were Bros. Mason, Gates, Marston, Lavington, Stiles, Myers, Tilt, Thornstall, Little, Vaughan, Howe, and many others. After the banquet, the usual toasts were proposed by the new W.M., and suitably responded to. Brothers Lavington, Croxton and Stiles replying for the Visitors, and Bro. John Mason, Masonic Benevolent Institution, for the Charities. Bro. Richardson I.P.M. was, with suitable remarks, decorated by the W.M. with the P.M.'s jewel, voted at the previous meeting of the Lodge, in acknowledgment of his excellent services as Worshipful Master during the past year, and in eloquent terms Bro. Richardson thanked the brethren for the honour done him. Brother John Mason made a forcible appeal for the funds for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was well received, and heartily applauded by the brethren and visitors. The Worshipful Master consented to become a Steward, and a subscription list was opened, which is likely to reach at least the average amount. The brethren and visitors vied with each other in contributing to the pleasures of the evening, there being no lack of excellent music, singing, and reciting.

ALDERSGATE STREET LODGE, No. 1657.

THE annual election meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. Bro. W. H. Froom presided as Worshipful Master, and after the transaction of some routine business that was on the agenda paper, the ballot was taken for W.M. elect, the choice of the brethren falling unanimously on Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, who had filled various offices in the Lodge most satisfactorily during several years. Bro. Jolliffe may be congratulated upon his election to the presidency of this distinguished Lodge, numbering as it does amongst its Past Masters Bros. J. Derby Allcroft Past Grand Treasurer of England, the Rev. Dr. Brette, and other eminent Masons. Bro. Alfred Brookman, C.C., was again called upon to fulfil the duties of Treasurer. At the close of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Froom, whose genial chairmanship caused everything to pass off to the thorough satisfaction and enjoyment of those present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with some excellent vocal and instrumental music.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Smith the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Stiles I.P.M., J. C. Smith J.W., Jas. Willing jun. Treasurer, Dickey Sec., Barling J.D., Ross D.C., Hollands I.G., Mordey Organist, Perry and Verdin Stewards, Scurrah Assist. Secretary, Koester Tyler, and a full muster of brethren. Bro. A. George was raised, and Bros. Dr. J. Powdrell and F. Bishop passed. Bro. J. C. Smith was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. Willing as Treasurer, and Bro. Koester as Tyler; Bros. C. J. Knightley, F. W. Huddlestone, W. Langley, T. Crane, and J. Powdrell were appointed Auditors. It was then announced by the W.M. that he had given permission for a ball to be held on the 13th January next, under the title of the Royal Savoy Ball, and that he had obtained the sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing thereat. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the out-going Worshipful Master. Brother J. Willing announced that he intended to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and asked the brethren to support him on behalf of the Old People. Brother Willing will act as Steward jointly on behalf of the Royal Savoy Lodge and the Metropolitan Chapter. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the Worshipful Master. The usual toasts were honoured at its conclusion, and several songs and recitations were given by the brethren assembled. Among the Visitors were Bros. A. W. Gerrard 2048, E. J. Day Organist 1641, A. H. Scurrah 2048, D. T. Davies 72, James Hemming J.D. 1287, W. Harris J.W. 1987, C. Dearing J.D. 1602.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last. Present Bros. Ladd W.M., Dyson S.W., King J.W., Daniel S.D., Buggins J.D., Harris I.G.; also Bros. Moss Preceptor, Roberts Treasurer, Rich, Schadler, Walker Secretary, Brown, Lashbrook, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Schadler as candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree. This being the annual meeting, the Auditors' report was read, received, and adopted. During the past year the sum of ten guineas had been given to the Charities. Bro. Moss was re-elected Preceptor, Bro. Roberts Treasurer, and Bro. Walker Secretary for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was duly passed and recorded on the minutes to those brethren for their valuable services. Bro. Daniel rose; he had a very pleasing duty to perform; to present to Bro. Walker a testimonial and a piece of plate, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge of Instruction, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services as Secretary. Brother Daniel, in making the presentation, said he hoped Brother Walker would accept the gift in the same spirit as the brethren had subscribed for it. Bro. Walker, in returning thanks, said it was far from his thoughts that he should be presented with a testimonial that evening; he assured the brethren that if he had done his duty to their satisfaction he was more than repaid. At the same time, he would value the mark of their appreciation, and look upon the testimonial with pride and pleasure. After a very enjoyable evening, the Lodge was adjourned until Tuesday, 1st December.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, 25th November. Bros. McMillan W.M., W. Saint S.W., King J.W., Belchamber acting Preceptor, Fernley S.D., Lashbrook I.G., Little, Hollands P.M., White, &c., J. K. Pitt Secretary. After preliminaries, Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Pitt answered the questions. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Saint was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Certain expenditure was duly agreed to, and the labours of the evening ended. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday next at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 20th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there were present Bros. Thomas W.M., F. Botley S.W., Norton J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Turner S.D., Cammell J.D., Wing I.G.; Bros. Coombes, Bailey, J. H. Taylor, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the questions leading to the second were answered by Bro. Coombes. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge opened and closed in the third and second degrees. The first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. F. Botley and the brethren; the second and third sections by the Preceptor and the brethren. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for 27th November.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—At the meeting held on Thursday, 19th instant, at the White Horse, Liverpool-road, Bros. Crawley W.M., McMillen S.W., Turner J.W., Osborn Treasurer and acting Preceptor, Dearing J.D., Kearney I.G., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cave candidate. Bro. Cave answered the questions leading to the second, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed to first degree. Bros. Kearney J.W. 1541 and Cutbill 912 were unanimously elected members. Bro. McMillen was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd December 1885, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd September for confirmation.

2. To consider the following communication from the M.W. Grand Master:—

"It having come under the notice of the M.W. Grand Master that the distinguished brethren who represent this Grand Lodge at the various Foreign Grand Lodges have not hitherto been invested with any badge to mark their position as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England such as has generally been presented by those Foreign Grand Lodges to the English Brethren representing them in this country,

"His Royal Highness has been pleased to approve the accompanying design, and recommends that a jewel made in accordance therewith be conferred on each of the brethren in question, to be held and worn by them while actually officiating as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England."

3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

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 Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, Warwick	75	0	0
A Brother of the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457, Loughton	100	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, London	50	0	0
The Orphan Daughter of a Brother of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court	70	0	0
A Brother of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Earl Ellesmere Lodge, No. 678, Farnworth	75	0	0
A Brother of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, Twickenham	100	0	0
A Brother of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, Greenwich	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Chipping Barnet	50	0	0
A Brother of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, 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 beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of November instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £3,115 13s 1d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100; and Balance of Annual Allowance for Library £8 4s.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,

President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th November 1885.

10. APPEALS:—

1. Appeal of Brother J. P. Cornforth, of Lodge Truth, No. 944, Bombay, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Bombay—that an amendment proposed by Brother Cornforth to correct a speech of the District Grand Master as recorded on the minutes of the District Grand Lodge could not be received.

2. Appeal by the W. Master and the Brethren of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, against a ruling of the District Grand Master restoring to his membership a Brother who had been excluded by the Lodge.

3. Appeal by Brother E. P. Joyce, P.M. of the Turanganui Lodge, No. 1180, Gisborne, against a ruling of the District Board of General Purposes of the District of Auckland, New Zealand, on a complaint preferred by him against Brother Thomas Crisp of the same Lodge for violation of his obligation.

4. Appeal by Brother Joseph Dawson, P.M. of the Victoria in Burma Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, against a resolution passed by the District Grand Lodge of British Burma on the 4th September 1885, censuring him for having made an incorrect statement in a letter written by him to the Grand Secretary.

5. Appeal from Brother John Durell, P.M. of the Lodge La Casaróe, No. 590, Jersey, against a sentence of suspension passed on him by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION:—

By Brother Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treasurer:—

That one thousand pounds (£1,000) be paid from the Funds of the General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to assist in defraying the expenses incurred by the purchase of the land recently determined on.

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 BRITTEN, GEORGE POLE, P.M.	183
CULL, THOMAS	1446
DAIRY, CHARLES	141
GILLARD, GEORGE P.	657
HOGARD, CHARLES F.	205
MERCER, DAVID D.	1641
PERRYMAN, WILLIAM H.	3
READ, GEORGE	511
SPAULL, FRANCIS R.	1768
STORR, EDWARD FRANCIS	22
TAYLOR, ROBERT J.	144
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	1987

And no more than twelve were nominated.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2112.—The Gordan Lodge, Essendon, Victoria.
2113.—The Umzimkulu Lodge, Umzimkulu, East Griqualand, South Africa.
2114.—The Lodge of Prudence, Liverpool, Lancashire (W.D.)
2115.—The Waikonaiti Lodge, Waikonaiti, Otago and Southland, N.Z.
2116.—The Umberumberka Lodge, Silvertown, New South Wales.
2117.—The Lachlan Lodge, Cowra, New South Wales.
2118.—The York Lodge, York, Western Australia.
2119.—The General Gordon Lodge, Brisbane, Queensland.
2120.—The Abbey Lodge, Chertsey, Surrey.
2121.—The Lodge Triune Brotherhood, Kassauli, Punjab.
2122.—The Kerang Lodge, Kerang, Victoria.
2123.—The Gippsland Forest Lodge, Warragul, Victoria.
2124.—The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, Collingwood, Victoria.
2125.—The Yarrawonga Lodge of St. David, Yarrawonga, Victoria.
2126.—The Rupertswood-Numurdah Lodge, Numurdah, Victoria.
2127.—The Drury Lane Lodge, London.
2128.—The United Northern Counties, London.
2129.—The Dorothy Vernon Lodge, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1886 is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan, or post free 2s 1d.

N.B.—The Book of Constitution, Edition 1884, can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo and 32mo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 28th November 1885:—

Monday—Banquet to Count Munster, Old Kings Arms Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday—Tuscan Lodge, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, St. James's Union Chapter, Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge, Bedford Chapter. Thursday—London Master Bakers' Pension and Almshouse Society Ball, Grenadiers' Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, St. George's Chapter, Vane Chapter, Girls' School Club. Friday—Jerusalem Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Chapter, Royal York Lodge. Saturday—City Albion Cricket Club.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C., and 7 Herne Villas, Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

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FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "P.M. 1607," must be commended for the useful and comprehensive tables which he furnished to your excellent journal last week. So far as I have been able roughly to judge, they seem accurate; there is, however, one palpable error for which, it may be, the printer is to be held responsible, though it is so self-evident that no one can possibly be misled by it. Giving the total aggregate of contributions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls during the septennial period, your correspondent puts it at £41,908 7s 3d; and in striking the annual average puts it at £15,986 19s 7d. Any one with the slightest knowledge of figures would of course immediately detect the redundant figure, and see that the average should be £5,986 19s 7d. With this exception the tables appear to me to be accurate, and they should be most extensively circulated for the information and benefit of the brethren throughout the country. I can hardly suggest how this might best be done; but it occurs to me that such tables, if circulated amongst the various Lodges interested, would stimulate inquiry, and perhaps action in a right direction. Anyhow, the members of the various Lodges would know exactly how they stand with regard to the Masonic Charities, and whilst the information may be cheering and encouraging to those who have behaved liberally, it might "fetch some" of the lagging sections in the Craft, and induce them to repair dereliction of duty of which they might have been guilty in the past.

Your correspondent has evidently been at great pains and labour in the compilation of so useful a set of tables, and all who peruse them will agree that the "Craft may be congratulated upon the handsome manner in which our noble Institutions are supported by the Provinces generally." It is to be hoped that both Devonshire and Lincoln will pay heed to the suggestions conveyed by the tables referred to, although the former Province has a local educational charity of its own, and the latter is about to follow a similar example. The case of West Yorkshire is equally conspicuous, whilst the Provinces in regard to which smaller deficiencies are quoted, should take the lesson to heart which your correspondent conveys, and endeavour to amend their past inactivity by increased effort in the future.

In any case the dissemination of such valuable returns amongst the Lodges could be productive of nothing but benefit to the Craft, and I, with many others, hope some scheme may be devised of bringing the facts and figures prominently under the notice of the brethren in every part of the country.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

TREASURER.

THE "BUSINESS" OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can quite follow some of the thoughts suggested in your article of the 14th instant, anent the "vexatious restrictions" and the "levelling influences" that are brought to bear upon the Craft in the present age. That the charity of Freemasonry loses much of its charm and value by excessive systemisation is readily apparent, and that Masonic benevolence should be guided by the hateful principles of a Charity Organisation Society is a matter that no true admirer of the Craft can contemplate without feelings of abhorrence. Were the present mode of dispensing the charitable funds of the Order once hampered by the miserable and inquisitorial system adopted by that institution there would be a universal shrinking and hesitation on the part of those usually willing to subscribe, and many deserving needy ones would suffer the direst hardships rather than seek for charity bestowed under such galling circumstances. Organisation, as you observe, may be in some cases, a "guard against imposture," but it is the experience of all who have had anything to do with the distribution of charitable gifts that it is the whining hypocrite and impostor who most frequently breaks through the cordon of organisation, whilst the really necessitous and deserving, afraid even to look askance at the hand of charity, is too often "sent empty away." But that organisation should be instituted to "secure a due return for what has been given in Charity!" is a proposition so palpably absurd that it might well raise a smile on the countenance of any one who can read between the lines. Charity belies its name when it asks for a *return*; it is not the hand of Charity that grants a *loan* of any kind. If organisation means to transform Freemasonry into a loan office, then it will descend to a level far beneath the friendly societies with whom we boast we compare so well in the present day. There can be no organisation so far as Masonic Charity in its truest sense is concerned, and those who harp so frequently and so loudly on the subject of Masonic mendicancy Masonry which it seems the aim of the brethren to acquire. That to my ear has a particularly grating sound. You have done good suit and service in recommending them to emulate the example of those who have aspired to and obtained positions in the Craft; their zeal and assiduity in acquiring knowledge, but I can hardly see that to "rattle off the Ritual without a slip" is a fault which destroys the "lasting impression" that ought to be made on the mind of a candidate rather than the perfection of study which is always enjoined upon Masons. The "lasting impression" on the minds of many of us is that the Worshipful Master who initiated us, instead of rattling off the ritual without a slip, bungled over it and tripped at almost every sentence, and beseechingly appealed to some good Samaritan, in the shape of a Past Masters, at his elbow, to enable him to stagger through the work of the degree. "Clumsy" and "rusty" Masons have always been stigmatised as "drones," and it is absurd to decry the ambition for acquirement of knowledge. Respecting Lodges of Instruction, the question is asked whether Freemasonry owes its origin to Lodges of Instruction, or whether Lodges of Instruction are dependent for their existence on the Lodges themselves? We may as well ask whether a mother owes her origin to her child, or whether she is dependent upon her infant for support! We have been taught to regard Lodges of Instruction as the "nurseries" of the Craft, where those ambitious for office and for general usefulness in Lodges may gain the instruction and groundwork necessary to their advancement. To stultify their action, therefore, seems to be a most anomalous proposition, and I consider it no breach of etiquette when a brother is called upon to respond to a toast that he should advise all who are desirous of progress in Masonic study to attend the Lodges of Instruction, which is the very best school of learning that can be recommended to them. I endorse the remark that it is the "duty" of every Mason to support the Lodges of Instruction, and he must be a selfish man who, having derived all the knowledge—"excessive," it may be—of Masonry, would bottle it up in his own breast, and not allow those who come after him the opportunities of Masonic education.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. V.

IN our last issue reference was briefly made to the death of Bro. C. T. Speight, who was one of the best known brethren in London and the surrounding districts, which event occurred on the 17th instant, at his residence, 9 Mona Road, Peckham. The departure from amongst us of a brother who was so highly esteemed by a very large section of the Craft in the Metropolis, as well as in the Provinces, deserves, we think, more than a passing notice. Brother Speight, throughout his Masonic career of nearly half a century, displayed an amount of zeal, activity and intelligence such as we have rarely seen equalled, and certainly not surpassed. Few weeks, or even days, passed without our coming in contact with the short, but portly, figure of Bro. Speight, whose pride it was to assert that, as Provincial Grand Tyler of Surrey, he tyled more Lodges and Chapters than any other of the veterans who held capacities similar to his own. With a cheery countenance, and a cordial, though becomingly respectful, greeting to the numerous body of the Craft who "passed through his hands," he was a general favourite with all who experienced his genial courtesy, and the cheerful readiness he displayed in the carrying out of his particular functions in the Lodge. It is a trite saying that some men are "born poets," and we have more than once heard the remark that Bro. Speight was certainly a born Tyler. There was a dignified stateliness, amounting almost to potentiality, with which "our little friend" went about his business, but this never rose to pompousness, nor was he afflicted with any of the "uppishness" or fuss we occasionally detect amongst those who enjoy similar posts of responsibility. He seemed self-conscious of the importance of his trust, and applied himself to the discharge of his duties with quiet unostentatious zeal, which commanded for him universal respect. When in a communicative mood he used frequently to remind the writer that he had the honour of preparing His Royal Highness for some of the degrees through which our Most Worshipful Grand Master has passed, and that he had for years tyled the Lodge to which the Prince of Wales belongs. This little incident seemed to have possessed a peculiar charm for our deceased brother, who, in repeating it, glowed with pardonable pride, and spoke with an enthusiasm that no one could fail to appreciate. As the Tyler and Janitor of thirty or forty Lodges and Chapters in London and the Province of Surrey, Bro. Speight's time was fully occupied, and rarely was he absent from his post when his services were in requisition. Many a time and oft have we seen him bustling along, as he wended his way to the suburban railway station nearest to his late home, bound for the City, in methodical fashion, and with evidently as profound a sense of the importance of his mission as any of the "City men" who travelled in the train with him, and whose friendly salutations he so cordially returned. As befitted his aristocratic status in his particular line, Bro. Speight invariably travelled first class, armed with his portmanteau, in which he carried his regalia and other accessories of his office; and amongst Masons up and down the line he was always recognised in the heartiest and most courteous manner. In the preparation of his Lodge for the convenience of the brethren, he went about his work with quiet regularity, the result unquestionably of long and varied experience; and as the members arrived, they one and all, from the Past Masters to the novitiate, exchanged those amenities which are characteristic of the members of "ye mystic tie." Every matter of detail was studiously considered and looked after, so that when Lodge was opened, not a single minutiæ had been neglected. All was done without fuss or confusion; yet every detail of the preliminaries was in perfect shape and working order. In the active duties of "labour," he was equally diligent and exact, and with mild, though rigid, discipline he saw that minor matters as well as great were all conducted with decorum and in thorough regularity. From the time of his request that brethren should "sign the attendance book, please," to the closing hour of the banquet, when he gave his own particular toast in stentorian tones, Bro. Speight was always active, watchful, and diligent, and compliments which necessarily did not reach his ears were frequently paid to him for his efficiency and urbanity. Our deceased brother was peculiarly sensitive and punctilious as to the position and status of a Tyler. He indignantly repudiated the idea, which seems to run in the minds of many of the brethren, that a Tyler's position in a Lodge room is on all fours with that of a waiter at an hotel, or a flunkey in an aristocratic establishment. He contended that the office was one of trust and responsibility, in his opinion little short of that of the Treasurer or the Worshipful Master, and that the fulfilment of its duties was based on a strict observance of the attributes of honour and integrity. He despised the practice adopted—we are sorry to say too frequently—by officers of his ilk, of touting for "orders" from initiates and others, and was far above receiving "considerations" which in any way bordered on "Trading on Masonry." Thus Bro. Speight gained the esteem of the numerous body of Masons amongst whom he was known, as a pattern Tyler, and he retained that enviable distinction to his latest hour. The removal of so old and valuable a servant, at the comparatively early age of sixty-nine years, has proved a source of very genuine and wide-spread regret amongst the brethren who were most frequently brought into contact with him. It is not long since—only a few months—that we had to record the decease of Mrs. Speight, after a long and painful illness; and the chief solace to the "heart bowed down" of our

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brother seemed to be the expressions of sympathy and votes of condolence which reached him from so many quarters. In conversation with him immediately after that sad event, we recollect with what passionate sorrow, and yet with what resignation, he spoke of one who had for so many years been the partner of his joys and sorrows; still he plodded on, in the performance of his accustomed avocations, which were continued up to within a very few days of his death. True, of late his health had not been so robust as formerly, but he appeared to be fully equal to the discharge of his duty, and to pursue "the even tenour of his way." His illness was of brief duration, lasting only a few days, when he passed peacefully away, let us hope to the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe will reward him for services rendered with faithfulness and probity and duty "well done." *Memento mori* is the epitaph we would write above the tomb of our departed brother, whose obsequies, on Tuesday last, were attended by a large number of sorrowing friends, representing many of the Lodges in which he had figured so prominently and usefully for nearly half a century. "After life's fitful fever he sleeps well," but his memory will long be held in respectful remembrance by many who in life had been associated with him in carrying into practice the principles and tenets of the Masonic art. The moral of his life was, that in whatever station a man may be placed, uprightness, fervency, and zeal are as capable of being exemplified by the comparatively humble as by those who hold positions of the highest distinction, and it is only a just tribute to the memory of our deceased friend and brother to say that his example in all these respects was eminently deserving of emulation by all who are solicitous for the best interests of Freemasonry and the well-being of society at large.

Another of those useful feeders of the Masonic Institutions—Associations for securing Life Governorships by small weekly payments—is to be started in connection with the Langton Lodge of Instruction, on Thursday, the 17th prox., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, City. The Association is to last for four years, at the end of which time every member will have obtained a Life Governorship of ten guineas, the subscription being at the usual rate of one shilling per week, payable monthly. Bro. Joseph Langton, No. 1, P.M. and Treasurer 1673, Treasurer 2096 is the President of the Association; Bro. Joseph D Langton, No. 1, P.M. 1673, W.M. 2096 the Vice President; Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs 174, Secretary 1790, S.W. 2096, S.N. 463 the Treasurer; and Bro. W. G. Oates (Lloyds, E.C.) 2096 the Secretary. Brethren are cordially invited to attend the Lodge of Instruction at Abchurch Lane on the 17th, or on the third Thursday in any subsequent month, when ballots will be taken as often as the funds in hand will allow.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Brother General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Past Grand Warden of England, has kindly consented to preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held in May. The presidency of General Brownrigg, on behalf of the Benevolent Institution some few years back, was so successful, and the members of his Province acquired so much credit as the result of their exertions, that we feel assured they will again do their utmost to make his chairmanship on behalf of the Girls' School a success. We feel convinced they will work with heart and soul to support him, and there can be but one result; this we hope will be supplemented throughout England to such an extent as to render the Festival of 1886 one of the most successful held on behalf of the Girls' School.

Madame Worrell announces that her annual Evening Concert will take place at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, near Brixton Church, on Wednesday next, the 2nd December. This talented lady will be assisted on this occasion by the following artistes: Miss Elizabeth Howes, Miss Emily Dones, Miss Annie Gatland, and Miss Spenser Jones. Bros. Henry Guy, Lawrence Fryer, Egbert Roberts, with Messrs. Frank Ward and James Budd will also take part in the entertainment, while Bro. Turle Lee will officiate as conductor. The services of the following instrumentalists have been secured: Harp, Madame George-Fortescue; Pianoforte, Miss Ward; Violin, Mr. H. Armfield; Violoncello, Mr. H. Ward. Tickets (3s, 2s, and 1s each) may be obtained of Madame Worrell, 52 Knowle Road, Brixton Road.

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The third annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball will be held at the Holborn Town Hall, W.C., on Wednesday, 13th January next. Bro. R. P. Forge P.M. 619 and 1950, S.W. 1693, will again officiate as M.C., and the services of the band of the Honorable Artillery Company have been secured. The price fixed for tickets (to admit Lady or Gentleman) is 5s, while Supper Tickets, 3s each, can be obtained of Bro. J. Greenfield P.M. 1602 W.M. 795 Treasurer, 9 Quadrant Road, Canonbury, N.; Bro. E. Woodman W.M. 1950 S.W. 1897 Secretary, 76 Marquess Road, Canonbury, N. The following comprise the Board of Stewards, any of whom will supply tickets and give any further information:—Bros. J. Cooper W.M. 1693, R. P. Forge S.W. 1693 P.M. 1950 P.M. 619, G. F. Snook J.W. 1693, J. Baker 1471, C. Dearing J.D. 1602 Secretary 795, C. Hammond 820 1471, W. G. Akehurst 1693, H. C. Turner I.G. 1693, H. B. Harding 1471, R. Baker P.M. 188, J. Potter 1693, N. L. Western P.M. 1693, H. Sprake 813, John Jones I.G. 1278, S. Stretch W.S. 1950, F. Everitt 1602. As on previous occasions, the profits from this Ball will be given to the Masonic Charities. Dancing to commence at 8·30 p.m. precisely. A dispensation to wear Masonic clothing has been granted.

An emergency meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, will be held this day (Saturday), at the Railway Station Hotel, Harrow. Lodge will be opened at 3·30 p.m. The business of the day comprises the raising of five brethren, and the initiation of two gentlemen into the Order.

The consecration of the Israel Chapter, No. 205, will take place on Tuesday, the 8th prox., at the Cannon Street, E.C., when Comp. C. F. Hogard will be installed as M.E.Z., A. J. Henochsberg as H., and J. Da Silva as J. The ceremony will commence at 4·30 p.m. We hope the Chapter will prove to be a success, and that we may frequently have opportunities in the future of recording the doings of its members.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday last, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Comp. Radcliffe was the M.E.Z., Dean H., Sheffield J., Blight S.N., Cusworth P.S., and Edmonds Preceptor. There was a capital attendance, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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In the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, on Wednesday, 2nd December, at the Haunch of Venison, 1 Bell Yard, Fleet-street, W.C., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. J. Hemming J.D. 1287 W.M., D. T. Davies 72 S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W. 1732 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Bromley, Kauffmann, Nickolls, Drury, Stroud, Burgess, Davies. Second Lecture—Bros. Bathard, Greenway, Snodin, Paul, Day. Third Lecture—Bros. Kershaw, Smith, Solomon. Bro. E. Walker I.P.M. 72 is the Preceptor. Brethren are fraternally invited.

A gold medal has been awarded to Kendal and Dent, Watch Makers, 106 Cheapside, London, by the Paris International Exhibition, 1885, for various improvements and general excellence in watches, among which are Patent Watches for the Blind, &c., &c.

While referring to Masonic matters we may mention that there is a good and useful Lodge of Instruction held at the George Inn, corner of George Lane, Lewisham High Street, every Tuesday night, during the winter months, where brethren would be sure of a welcome, and where the necessary instruction is cheerfully and skilfully imparted.—*Borough of Lewisham Gazette.*

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HUNTER LODGE, No. 324.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master took place on Monday, the 16th inst., at Rhyl. The brethren of the Lodge assembled at the Lodge-room, Masonic Hall, Sussex-street, where the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. E. Keatinge, presided, supported by his Officers and several brethren. The duties of advancing two new brethren having been disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. K. McEwen P.G.I.G. was presented to be installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, the ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. W. H. Foulkes P.G.M.O. P.M. The Wor. Master appointed as his Officers the following brethren:—Bros. E. W. Keatinge P.G.S.D. I.P.M., W. Hackforth P.G.A.D.C. S.W., H. A. Steer J.W., T. H. Summerhill M.O., C. Bell S.O., A. L. Clews J.O., Rev. W. L. Nicholas Chaplain, Powell Treas. and Reg. of Marks, W. H. Foulkes P.M. P.G.M.O. Sec., H. G. Little S.D., H. G. Jarmyn J.D., F. C. Watkins Org., W. A. Nott Steward, Frank Hordley Tyler. Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Belvoir Hotel, where a banquet was provided, the W.M. presiding. On the cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, received, and responded to in the most cordial manner. The brethren having spent a few hours together in a pleasant manner, dispersed, expressing great satisfaction with the catering of Mr. Ashby.

A Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held in the Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday next, at one for two p.m., to consider and, if approved, to adopt the revised Book of Constitutions as recommended by the General Board. Qualified members of Grand Lodge only will be admitted. On the following day the usual Winter Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held at the same place, when all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present. Grand Lodge will be opened at four o'clock, and will be followed by a banquet at seven o'clock.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

THE Saye and Sele Conclave, No. 122, of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and Appendant Orders, held its meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Belvidere, Kent, on the 17th instant, when a large gathering assembled, including many visitors from other Conclaves, and the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight C. F. Hogard. The Conclave having been opened in imperial form, a ballot was taken for five members, who having been declared duly elected, were admitted and installed Knights of the Order according to ancient usage. The new Knights were Comps. Cummings D.P.G.M.M.M. Kent and G. Chap. Mark England 18° K.T. and C., Brinstead K.T., Weddell K.T., Cotterill K.T., all of Lullingstone Chapter, No. 1837, and Jaynson K.T. Saye and Sele Chapter, No. 1973. The degrees of K.H.S. and St. John were then conferred on several Sir Knights. The Intendant General of Kent then assumed the chair, and formally constituted Prov. Grand Conclave by authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign Sir Francis Burdett, having been himself first presented with his patent of office by the Grand Recorder. The following Officers were then appointed and invested by Sir Knight Wood Intendant General:—Sir Knights H. Penfold Deputy Intendant General, W. G. Lemon Viceroy Eusebius, R. H. Plattin Senior General, A. Penfold Junior General, Cummings High Prelate, Watson Treasurer, Bateman Recorder, R. Brown Prefect, W. H. Thomas Orator, Ninnis 1st Aide-de-Camp, W. O. Robinson Sword Bearer, V. Brown Standard Bearer, A. Ingleton Herald, J. Oram Sentinel. Prov. Grand Conclave was then closed, and the M.P.S. of Saye and Sele Conclave, Sir Knight Lemon, then assumed the chair. Letters of regret for absence were read from Sir Knights Lake, Matier and others, and the Conclave was closed according to ancient form and in perfect harmony. A supper was subsequently held at the Belvidere Hotel, adjoining.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

WE take the following extract from the *Toronto Globe* of the 3rd instant:—

The regular meeting of St. John's Lodge was turned into an old members' meeting. There was a large attendance of visitors and members, as many as two hundred crowding the Lodge-room. Bro. Smallpiece W.M. presided in the East, and his father, who was present, was a justly proud and happy man. The old members turned over all the anecdotes of by-gone days, and Bro. John Ross Robertson gave a most interesting reminiscence of Masonic affairs in general, and St. John's Lodge in particular. In response to the toast of the Grand Lodge, Bros. R. L. Patterson G.S.W., John Ross Robertson P.G.S.W., J. T. Burns P.D.D.G.M., G. Tait G.S.D. replied. Bros. Dr. Griffin, King Solomon Lodge, London, England, McCabe P.D.G.M., Tomlinson, of Pennsylvania, replied to the toast of the Visitors. After the return to the main Lodge-room, the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner. The affair was a complete success in every respect, and the remark was frequent among the visitors of other Lodges present that it was something they must imitate. The Lodge was established in 1856.

A NEW CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

A NEW Chapter of Improvement, with the sanction of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, is forming under the most favourable circumstances, and promises to become as great a success as is the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, under whose home roof the Chapter will meet, viz., the Porchester Hotel, Cleveland-square, Bayswater. The petition is signed by nearly eighty regularly registered Royal Arch Companions, and amongst the number are many of the most prominent and well known workers in London. The license having been granted at a Convocation of the Hornsey Chapter on the 24th instant, it is arranged that a preliminary meeting be held on Saturday, 5th December, for the purpose of drafting the bye laws and arranging the necessary details. Without mentioning the name or status of any one of the signatories to the petition we may state that the long practical experience of the elders has suggested the adoption of the ballot (instead of show of hands) on the election of joining members. Much of the furniture and regalia has already been promised, and there is little doubt but that the whole will be completed by Saturday, 12th December, on which date the new Chapter of Improvement will be inaugurated with the rehearsal of the ceremony of consecration. The joining fee will be small, and the attendance fee also. The adoption of the ballot system for a Life Subscribership of one of the Masonic Charities when the funds reach five guineas is suggested. The Porchester Hotel is within a few minutes walk of Queen's-road, Royal Oak, Praed-street, and Bishop's-road Stations. All Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited to attend on the 12th December. A further notice will appear.

Bro. Major Charles Harding, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies England, has been Gazetted Hon. Colonel the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

THE WRECK REGISTER AND CHART FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1884.

THE Wreck Register which has been issued within the last few days by the Board of Trade affords in its elaborate and carefully prepared tables abundant matter for consideration and thought. Many of the facts laid before us draw from us the deepest regret; while others, reminding us of the old proverb that "every cloud has its silver lining," cannot but give any well-regulated mind a considerable amount of satisfaction.

We find that during the year ended the 30th June 1884, there were 3,647 shipping casualties on our shores; but although this number seems, and is, terribly large, it is well to know that during the preceding year it was exceeded by 7 wrecks.

The above 3,647 wrecks include all classes of casualties—total loss, partial loss, collisions, &c.—and when the total is subdivided it is found that the more serious cases of wrecks fell from 551 to 473, leaving a balance of 3,174 to represent minor accidents.

This fact in itself is worthy of notice, but the diminution in the number of wrecks resulting in the loss of life was even more important, the total being 163, or 57 less than that of the previous year.

As regards the loss of life resulting from casualties of all sorts, it is curious to notice the remarkable change which took place last year in the local distribution of such loss. For many years the east coast of England was by far the most fatal to the shipwrecked mariner; but what was the case in 1883-4? While on the east coast of England the number of lives lost fell from 466 to 142, there were as many as 282 lives lost on the west coasts of England and Scotland and the east coast of Ireland, the loss on the south coast of England being 92, or 6 less than the year before; on the north coast of Scotland 59, or an increase of 13; the east coast of Scotland 25, or 63 less than the preceding year, and other parts 61.—Total 661.

The Chart which accompanies the Register gives at a glance an admirable idea of the wrecks which took place on our dangerous shores during the year ended the 30th of June 1884, and we observe that very small portions of the coast have immunity from shipwreck, showing how important it is to protect properly, by means of Life-boats, our whole coast line.

We may add that contributions to the Life-boat Fund of the Royal National Life-boat Institution will be thankfully received by all Bankers in the United Kingdom, and by the Secretary, Charles Dibdin, Esq., at the Institution, John Street, Adelphi, London.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)

Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

82—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe

TUESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
85—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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.
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)
1839—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
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, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, 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
364—Cumbrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westmin...

794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
918—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lindsade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Ma
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, M
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C , at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instru
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stepney Green, Regents Park, at
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (In
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. (Instructio
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (In
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instructio
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (I
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmon
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, a
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8.
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., a

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Ins
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastl
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouth
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manc
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bol
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30
1393—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruc
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leed
R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Fur
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 3rd 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
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basing
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instr
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruct
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instructio
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (In
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhitho
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green...

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.)
1602—Sir Hugh Middelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 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)
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 783—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
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
448—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
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
1283—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, GlobeHotel, Topsham, Devonshirre
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Footle, 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
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 681—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
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)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbur, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instructioy
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)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hudderafield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Sale-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

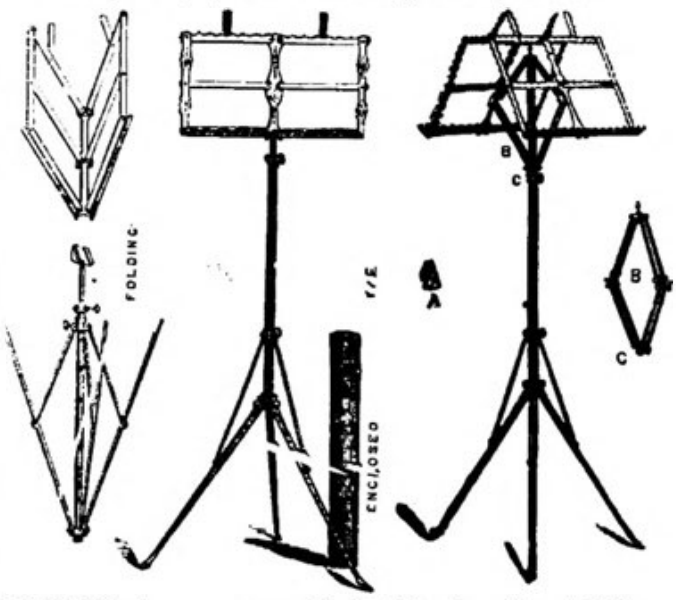
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
185—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1631—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1486—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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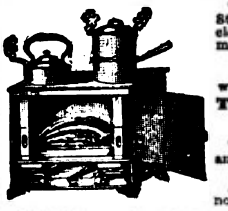
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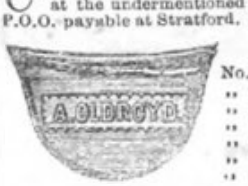
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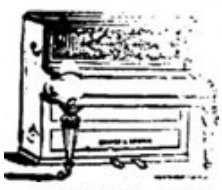
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THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MARK MASTER MASON.

IT has been our pleasing duty on many occasions to record the rapid progress of Mark Masonry. New Lodges have been formed, new members enrolled, and a general spirit of advancement has pervaded all that has been attempted in connection with this particular degree of Freemasonry, and to-day we are called upon to chronicle an event which, if it may not be termed the realisation of a Mark Master Mason's ambition, is at least a very near approach thereto. The Grand Master of English Craft Masonry, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has consented to be put in nomination for the office of ruler of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown; and as there is not the shadow of a doubt as to his election, that consent is virtually equivalent to his acceptance of the office. In the course of a few months then we may expect to see His Royal Highness ruler at one time of the Craft degree, the Royal Arch, and the Mark, a combination of offices under one head which has never been known before in this country. The ultimate outcome of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's presidency of the Mark Degree is difficult to foreshadow, but we may safely predict, as an early result, a very large addition to the ranks of the Order, while we think we may anticipate a change in the relationship at present existing between the Craft, Arch, and Mark Degrees of England. Mark Masonry is not at present "officially" recognised by the Craft and Arch authorities, although we may now say it is "virtually" so, for with the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and many other high officials of Craft Masonry in the highest ranks of the Mark Degree, it would be unreasonable to describe it as wholly unrecognised, but at the same time there is no getting over the fact that in an official way the Craft and Royal Arch know nothing of Mark Masonry, a fact which will be immediately brought home to the sceptic if he will present himself at the portals of Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter displaying on his breast the emblems of the Mark degree. The ornaments of the latter are not allowed to be worn in Craft or Arch Masonry, but the question arises, will this rule be relaxed or repealed now that the Prince of Wales is at the head of the three degrees? The love of his Royal Highness for good order and regularity would induce us to answer in the negative; he would hardly attempt to upset the traditions of the past in this respect; but, on the other hand, it appears so absurd to maintain a nominal opposition when the three sections are so intimately associated that we almost incline to the belief that some alteration may be attempted. We do not look to any radical change in the relationship at present existing between the three degrees, although it might be a difficult task to make any alteration without upsetting the traditions of the past. "By the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Free-masons of England in December, 1813, it was 'declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch,'" and in face of this we may ask how is it possible for Grand Lodge to recognise the Mark degree? A solution of the difficulty might be found by the interchange of representatives from the Grand Lodge of the one degree to the other, but whether this or any other innovation will be attempted under the united rule of our beloved Grand Master time alone will show.

FREEMASONRY AND THE FAIR SEX.

We're true and sincere
And just to the Fair,
They'll trust us on any occasion;
No mortal can more
The Ladies adore,
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason.

LOOKING over the many years which have passed since the song of which the above is an extract was written, we are surprised to find how much credit we Freemasons have been able to enjoy at so small a cost. There are few of us who have not heard, either on the night of our initiation, or in honour of some newly-admitted member, the ladies referred to in the Initiate's song, but how many of us can record anything further from a Masonic point of view in favour of those who "will trust us on any occasion." Our experience certainly tends to the belief that the trust reposed by the fair sex in Freemasons is rather taken for granted than based on anything like actual experience. Some one in the past was good enough to assume we had the support of the ladies—for we believe at no time in our history were they ever canvassed on the subject—and Freemasons have since lived on the reputation thus easily acquired. How long will this state of affairs continue, and how long shall we have to wait for practical demonstration of the truth of the words quoted above? For the sake of the ladies, as well as Freemasons themselves, we hope a change will come at no distant date. We do not mean that our fair friends will ever have reason to doubt the sincerity of Freemasons, but we hope that ere long they will have frequent opportunities of personally testifying that "No mortal can more, the ladies adore."

Let it not be supposed we desire that ladies should be admitted to a participation in the Lodge work—that is an innovation far from our wish—but we do think that an occasional entertainment might be provided for them, and that once a year, at least, they should be allowed to peep as far as possible behind the scenes at Freemasonry. There is no reason why they should not be present after one of the meetings each year, either in the summer or winter; in the former case a picnic might be provided for them, and in the latter a concert or ball. If this were generally adopted, the Craft would lose nothing, but rather gain greater respect from the ladies, while the fair sex would be able personally to endorse the words enunciated at the head of this article.

Freemasons are very selfish in this respect—selfish in keeping to themselves all the pleasures of Freemasonry, and trying to satisfy their wives and lady friends with simple details of what they enjoy at the meetings of their Lodges. Many of them preserve the menu of the banquet, the programme of the music, and other mementoes of the Festival, as visible proofs of the good things they have enjoyed, but do they ever think this is equivalent to adding insult to injury? Is it not sufficient for our wives to know we have been on pleasure bent, without their hearing afterwards of

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the means taken to ensure our enjoyment, without the least possibility of their sharing in the pleasures recounted? We imagine so, but we will go so far as to tell the ladies—or those at least who have an opportunity of reading these lines—that there is no necessity for their permanent exclusion from the pleasures of Freemasonry. They can share, with their husbands, the enjoyments of a summer festival, the attractions of a Masonic ball, or the quiet, but perhaps equally enjoyable, ladies night at the Lodge. In future they may tell their husbands such festivities are not unconstitutional, but rather that they are fully recognised by the authorities of Grand Lodge, who seldom refuse permission for the wearing of Masonic clothing at Masonic meetings attended by ladies, and who are always willing to give the use of our Grand Temple to add to the enjoyment of the ladies attending one or other of the Masonic Festivals held at the London headquarters. We say then the remedy rests with the ladies themselves; we are not disclosing too much of our secrets when we tell them that every candidate for Freemasonry must come of his own free will and accord, without solicitation from those who are already members of the Fraternity. Perhaps this is the reason so few meetings for the benefit of the ladies have been held in the past; their husbands may have thought the laws of the Craft precluded them from inviting their wives to share the enjoyments of Freemasonry, and the ladies may not have been aware there is no restrictive rule. Now they know different, and will, perhaps, avail themselves of their right to ask for admission, as their husbands have done before them. If they come well and worthily recommended we do not think they can be refused, and in the face of the song we all know so well it is difficult to believe any Mason would not be prepared to well and worthily recommend those nearest and dearest to him.

The season of summer festivals is over, but we need hardly remind our fair friends that balls and parties will take their place, and if the former are impossible amid the inclemency of the next few months, the latter derive much of their charm from the ice and snow of an English winter. We will not advise the ladies to seek in a Masonic ball alone the pleasures they are entitled to, as we feel sure many of them would rather enjoy a quiet evening with their husbands after a regular Lodge meeting; and this moreover is within the power of every Master to arrange for; whereas a Masonic ball is not only a heavy responsibility, but an actual impossibility in many quarters. In our last issue we gave particulars of such a meeting as we now suggest, and although the praise we there accorded may be pronounced fulsome by some, it is none too great when considered in connection with the amount of enjoyment the meeting gave to the members of the William Preston Lodge and those who shared with them the pleasures of a Masonic banquet. Even at that meeting we heard more than one guest express a desire that similar gatherings might be arranged in other Lodges, and we feel sure that wherever they are provided they will afford as much pleasure and enjoyment as was the case here. The ladies may be assured of our warmest sympathy and support, and we hope they will put to the test the advice we have given them—to seek for themselves a participation in the enjoyments of Freemasonry.

In saying that little or nothing has been done in the past by Freemasons on behalf of the ladies we must not omit to refer to those grand exceptions the Masonic Institutions. The brethren of England do their best for all who ask for assistance, but the ladies in this respect receive the lion's share of their favours. The Girls' School and the Widows' Fund of the Benevolent Institution combined provide for more than the Boys' School and the Male branch of the Benevolent Institution, and we are convinced the proportion will always be in favour of the weaker sex. If the brethren of England did nothing more than support the School and the Annuity Fund founded for the help of the daughters and widows of their deceased brethren they would do well, but there is no reason why they should not do better. We do not like looking to the possible gain to Freemasonry which would accrue from a general admission of ladies to its enjoyments, but we cannot help thinking that if they were brought closer into contact with the inner work of Freemasonry they might attempt much more than they have hitherto done. The Girls' School and the Widows' Fund, to our thinking, particularly appeal to the ladies, and we feel it is only necessary to make them better acquainted with the work done to ensure from them a more active participation in its responsibilities. We do not imagine they would ever hope to compete with the brethren in the amount of their help, but they could run them close in enthusiasm and good endeavours. We are frequently told that the Masonic banquet affords the best opportunity for making known to the brethren the needs and requirements of the Institutions, and if to the brethren, why not to the sisters? Let the experiment be tried, and, as we have previously said, we have little fear of the result. If the ladies could be induced to work on behalf of the mothers and daughters of the Craft, they would relieve the brethren of much of their responsibility in this quarter, and they would thus enable their husbands to give more to their distressed brethren and the sons of those who are gone from among us. They would thereby confer an inestimable blessing on Freemasonry and the world at large. How can we bring them face to face with the work to be accomplished?—by inviting them to a participation in our pleasures, and then showing them the responsibilities with which we are surrounded. There is nothing unconstitutional in the proposal, nothing which the most severe disciplinarian can find fault with, and yet it has not been attempted in the past. Is this to be accounted for on the grounds we have mentioned? or is there any other reason which prevents English Craftsmen from displaying that loyalty they all boast of? We think not, but Shakespeare has told us that—

Men were deceivers ever.

Let us hope ere long they will be put to a severe test by the wives of the brethren, and that the result may prove that the immortal bard was not invariably correct in his surmises.

FREEMASONRY IS PRINCIPLE INCARNATE.

(Continued from p 339.)

FREEMASONRY, unveiling to its initiates the true meaning of much that perplexes and confounds in this life, calls into noblest action the reason, and in the presentation of moral, philosophical, political and religious truth, gives ample play to all its powers. The influence of our Order will be measured by what it does in this direction, and here there can be no mistake of judgment.

We are thus led up to the consideration of the second, or religious, feature of Freemasonry. That it has a religious side is often suggested as a reason for its destruction by its enemies, who charge it with a sinister effect on the Church, because it has a religious side. That there is any antagonism between Masonry and the Christian faith is not for a moment believed by those who are familiar with its teachings, and to them there is no necessity for a denial of such a charge. But in a paper, a short time since, an argument against Masonry was based on the charge that "it is a religious system, having a moral code and a ritual of worship."

When we come to consider this religious side of Freemasonry, it is essential, then, that we have at the outset a definition of religion which is broad enough to cover all forms of human faith and belief. Religion, thus properly defined, means any reverence of a Supreme Being which enters into life as a factor in its development. Lord Bacon calls religion "the chief bond of human society," and viewed in its constant recognition of the supervision by Deity of human conduct, it *is* an effective agent in binding men closely together. And yet, when we reflect on the numerous religious wars which have marred human history, we are driven to the conclusion that if we do not have a broad and general definition of religion, we cannot call it the "chief bond of human society." We, therefore, take religion to be any expression of human faith in a Supreme Being, regardless of the way in which such belief is made manifest to the world at large. Religion is, then, more than ritual, and more than any special faith. The lowest people in the scale of civilization have a form of belief which may be classed as religious, as well as those who are most advanced. We are not called upon to distinguish in this connection between that which is true and that which is false in religion, for the question at issue is not as to the comparative value of different systems, but as to the value of faith itself, as a factor in human

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development and progress. Webster's definition, "Any system of worship," is, however, hardly comprehensive enough to cover the ground, as men may have a faith which does not form itself into a regular system, so called, yet which is truly to them a religious belief and a moulding force in life and character. We are thus prepared to answer the question as to the relation which Freemasonry sustains to religion. If Freemasonry is "a system of morality veiled in allegory," it certainly is, in one sense, a form of religious belief, for the foundation of morality is a recognition of human responsibility to the Supreme Being, who, as the final arbiter of the race, is to reconcile all the decisions, made by men, which involve a question of justice and rectitude of conduct. Without a constant sense of a final just award, it is hardly a question that the passions of the human heart would destroy all idea of righteousness among men; religion would be something altogether unknown, and the strong right arm would be the controlling influence in the world. Chaos were come again were this inspiration to morality lacking. It will follow, then, that a moral system must be, of necessity, a religion, even though it do not assume to be one.

In the Lodge, the truth is, a moral system is not only taught, but enforced, The Freemason is not merely exhorted to walk worthily as a Mason, but his conduct is carefully hedged about by wholesome restrictions which usually secure a life in accordance with the teachings of the system of morals which constitutes the essence of Freemasonry. Even a hurried examination of the moral principles taught by the Lodge will satisfy any one that they are such as underlie the well being of the race, and such as are essential to its true civilization. No matter from what source they were drawn, the fact remains, man cannot exist in peace, if at all, if these fundamental principles of action be eliminated from our lives. That our system of morality is drawn from the Holy Bible is a tribute to that book of books, and must be taken as an all-sufficient answer to those who affirm that Freemasonry is essentially a survival of heathenism—a statement often made by those who do not understand the meaning of Freemasonry, or have been misled by shallow thinkers or writers—of whom, unfortunately, there are only too many.

When we understand the full scope of our system, we are glad to acknowledge its importance as a power in helping the race. Certainly, anything which lifts men nearer to the "full stature of a perfect man" must be looked upon as worthy of regard, no matter whence it be drawn. And yet, to the believer in the inspiration of the Great Light, this adoption of the biblical morality by the Fraternity is a weighty testimony to its value as it is given by men of all shades of belief; for we do not often expect men to see eye to eye, in the present state of human development, for we know that when all men see alike in matters of faith, the mightiest stride of history shall have been taken toward a perfect civilization.

Further—In the purity of the motive by which morality is stimulated, Freemasonry can safely challenge scrutiny. In the grandeur of its effect on character it can court investigation; for the close relationship of means to end is apparent to all who examine into its workings. In passing, we remark here that the extent to which reliance should be placed on Masonry, as a complete religious system, is also worthy of our thought and attention for a moment at this time. It will scarcely be denied by any one here to-day, that a perfectly pure moral system can have no other motive than one altogether founded on our relation to God as our Creator, to whom we owe a perfect obedience. Any other motive, or motives, introduce elements which have no place in a perfect moral system. But Freemasonry has, confessedly, a large admixture of purely human or social interest. It is an organisation for the furtherance of humanitarian ends, and as an aid to such work, it relies on the influence of moral conviction. As the true object of a moral system is to restore mankind to a right relation to Deity, any system which is not comprehensive enough to embrace all mankind in its scheme is so defective that man dares not trust it, to the exclusion of others which are confessedly free from this defect. All inferior ends must be subordinated to the highest good of the race as a whole. The divine must be supreme on earth as well as in heaven. No matter how fascinating our social plans may be, the great object of human existence must never for a moment be lost sight of nor ignored. Religion is intended to make the world fairer, happier and wiser. Freemasonry, in its religious aspect, intends to elevate reason, to secure freedom, and to enhance all social blessings. To take any other ground is to relegate our system of morals to the background.

Freemasonry must hold firmly to this position or it will lose its hold on the reasoning men of to-day. It must show that by its aid there can be a more equitable adjustment of human rights, a more perfect promotion of the welfare of the race as a whole, as well as the introduction of a higher social state. Freemasonry must be ready to show that its labours are along the line of human progress, and directed by a wisdom which comprehends the true object of existence. It must also lift up its voice in protest against all that is unjust, and must labour for its eradication. It must enlarge the circle of its sympathies so as to embrace all who may be in need of a kindly voice or a helping hand. To all who bear the burdens and know the wretchedness of life, it must extend the largest charity, for are we not told that true "Charity never faileth?" Hence the spirit of self-sacrifice must enter largely into its life—in the work for truth and righteousness—for out of the ruins of our earth, it may build up spiritual temples to our God.

In such a spirit must it labour, and in such a light must Freemasonry be viewed, if we are to realise the true ideals which are implied by the existence of our Order. It cannot take the place of the Church as a teacher and guide in the labyrinth of life, for it does not presume to teach with the authority which alone gives assurance to the inquiring soul. In the Church all the interests of our race are gathered up in one comprehensive plan and purpose. In its principles that which is universal, as well as that which is efficient, are garnered. It alone can reconcile the conflicts of our present state. It gives us the most elevated and inspiring view of the ultimate destiny of humanity. It gives us not a speculative, but a historic certainty; one, too, that has approved itself as adapted to all our wants, and competent to secure the complete welfare of humanity. Freemasonry, then, should be the handmaid of the Church, and lead the seeker after truth to its portals. By its teachings the mind of the initiate should be fully prepared to grasp and understand the ideal existence which it is the mission of the Church to bring within the reach of the world. The Church will go on and do its work in the redemption of mankind, and if our Order cannot heartily co-operate it has outlived its usefulness and must cease to exist. However, it is our conviction that all the teachings of our Order lead us up to this co-operation in its work, as the exponent of the highest truth. We believe Freemasonry has been an agent in the uplifting of humanity for this reason; it has maintained its hold on men by virtue of this close, though not always acknowledged alliance. In the mutations of human opinion and the rise and fall of various systems, ours has lived on through many conflicts, because an unseen influence was helping it—the affinity to that which men regarded as the ideal of excellence. It has emerged in triumph from its conflicts, because it has lived for the exemplification of charity and truth, and as the poet has well said:

> "Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
> The eternal years of God are hers;
> But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
> And dies amid her worshippers."

The religious basis is, then, a source of strength to Freemasonry; nay, more, it is *the* strength of our Order, and in proportion to the zeal with which we follow that which is best and purest in faith shall we draw near to the goal which we have set before us. From all this we come to the conclusion that to understand the spirit of Freemasonry we must always remember that its vital and controlling principle is religion—this governs its actions and is the final test of its character. This being good and true, the system is worthy of our affectionate devotion, and will help us to a higher plane of useful manhood. But if we are to reach this higher plane of noble Masonic manhood, we are to bear in mind that a noble manhood is only gained by a noble use of our opportunities and of our powers.

> "Heroes must be more than driftwood,
> Drifting on a waveless tide."

Let us carry this a little further: Freemasonry can have little value if it does not mean to us a constant increase in knowledge. It must be educative in the true sense, if it is to do the work for which we give it credit. By it all

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our faculties are to be in a state of training; by it new powers and new faculties are to be educed. It should stimulate us to better aims and nobler life—into something of practical good for humanity. Our various degrees should be, as it were, so many testimonials to our growth in a better and purer manhood. It is only when we look on Freemasonry in this light that we comprehend its beauty and significance, for, if a knowledge of our ritual is the only reward of Masonry to those who seek for the light it professes to cast on the pathway of life, it will pay but poorly for the toil spent in acquiring it. But I am persuaded that there is something in Masonry far better and far more desirable than knowledge of ritual. In the ministry of love and sympathy it fits men for faithful work. On the broad platform of morals it develops its votaries, and under its benign influence the manhood of the present finds equal recognition with that of the king. By it Deity is ever recognised, and at the name of God all reverently bow; and in brotherly love—that comforting bond which binds all our hearts as one—how Freemasonry exemplifies and enforces this most noble virtue!

Then, we may truly say, that a faithful devotion to the principles of our Order will result in the formation of a character in which shall be combined in a beautiful harmony, a subtle apprehension of all that is noble in morality, all that is sweet and pure in friendship, all that is necessary in true manliness. That which is best and truest in life will be aided by its teachings, and a degree of strength be imparted to its followers which will enable the weak, the fickle and the inconstant, to live as true and sturdy soldiers of the right.

Finally: Our Order must be more aggressive in its relations to all that is for the truest good of the race. It must not leave the organised Charities of life to others, but must have a part in every worthy enterprise. Masonry cannot live without activity, and wherever the wail of distress is heard in our land, there the helping hand of Freemasonry must be extended to relieve; wherever the orphan or the widow is left desolate, there, ready to sustain and comfort, our Order must be found. Our duty is to introduce our principles into every relation of life, so that mankind may be the better and happier for us. Deeds, not words, must mark our lives. We are to count any expense, any toil, any self-sacrifice it may demand of us, as not worthy to be considered in comparison with this duty to humanity—this living principle. For remember, it is not principle in the abstract which helps or saves in this world; it is principle embodied in life; in other words it is principle incarnate—principle which looks through human eyes, talks with human speech, and in all phases of human effort has its place and power. It is said that opaque objects may be so thoroughly charged with the electric fluid that they may become transparent; so our lives should be transfigured by the power of the beautiful teachings of Masonry. We do not live outside of the world, and must be sharers of its burdens, as well as partakers of its joys. As we feel its passions we must work for its interests, striving to do our duty in its trials, and by our purity, our zeal for goodness; by our broad charity, our self-sacrificing devotion to right and truth, show to the world at large that a true and living principle animates our Order.—*Voice of Masonry.*

We note that the second annual ball in connection with the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, has been fixed to take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 6th of January next. Brethren are asked to use their utmost influence to make the affair a success; and of this there can be little doubt, seeing that the arrangements are in the hands of an energetic and experienced Committee of Stewards. A dispensation has been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to allow the brethren to appear in Craft clothing.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The ills of life are increased tenfold by the mode of life so many have to lead: most especially is this the case amongst the toilers in our factories and huge workshops of the manufacturing districts, whose digestions become impaired and nervous systems debilitated by the protracted confinement and enforced deprivation of healthy out-of-door exercise. The factory workers may almost be said to have diseases of their own, readily amenable, however to treatment if not allowed to proceed unchecked. Holloway's Pills are the most effectual remedy ever discovered for the cure of liver and stomach complaints, as they act surely but gently, regulating the secretions without weakening the nerves or interfering with the daily work.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on 22nd September, when Bro. J. J. Miller District Grand Master was supported by a numerous body of District Grand Officers, Right Worshipful C. H. Dallas District Grand Master of Japan, and representatives of the Royal Sussex Lodge 501, Union 1951, Northern Lodge of China 570, Tuscan 1027, Cosmopolitan 428, Ancient Landmark (Mass. Const.), Grand Masters 1, St. Clair 362, Victoria 1026, and others. The Visitors having assembled in their respective places in the Lodge, the Right Worshipful acting District Grand Master, accompanied by Right Worshipful Bro. C. Thorne Past District Grand Master, the District Grand Master of Japan, and District Grand Officers entered, and was received in due form. The minutes of the January communication having been read and confirmed, the District Grand Master said he was happy to inform the brethren that there had been nothing of importance to bring before the District Grand Lodge requiring their decision. The brethren of the different Lodges had worked with unanimity, and though it gave the District Grand Lodge so little to do, yet it must be a source of pleasure for the brethren to know that the work of the District was carried on so harmoniously. He directed their attention to a letter which he had received from the Grand Secretary (Col. Shadwell Clerke), conferring upon him the powers held by the Right Worshipful Bro. Thorne as to granting a dispensation for brethren to be raised at a shorter notice than the usual period, and furtheremore pointing out that it was imperatively necessary that the date prescribed in the bye-laws of the Lodge for holding installation meetings must be rigidly adhered to, the Right Worshipful Grand Master having no power to alter the Book of Constitutions. The District Grand Master in the chair explained that the same subject had come before the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, at their communication held on the 3rd June last, and warned the brethren that they could not be too strict in adhering to the dates in conferring degrees in their respective Lodges. He did not think it necessary to go into particulars as to what had been done with regard to the proposed Masonic School, the scheme submitted by the Committee having been approved by a general meeting of all Masons. The different Lodges and other Masonic bodies had to confirm the votes already made by them; and he moved that a vote of 100 taels, passed at the last regular communication of the District Grand Lodge, be confirmed. The proposition was seconded by Bro. E. P. Lalcaca, and carried unanimously.

The District Grand Master intimated that the new regalia agreed to be ordered had arrived, and he was pleased to say it was all in good condition. Bro. Spencer had added to the order sent by forwarding two handsome banners, and he had been communicated with on the subject. The bill for the whole was 270 taels, the cost of the banners being eighteen guineas. Some discussion took place as to whether the banners should be kept or returned to Bro. Spencer, and on the motion of Bro. Thorne, seconded by Bro. Gubbay, it was decided that the banners be kept, and that the Treasurer be ordered to pay Bro. Spencer's bill.

An interesting incident then took place in the shape of the presentation of an address to Bro. Cornelius Thorne, who sent in his resignation at the Regular Communication on that day last year. It had been hoped that his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master would be pleased to request that Bro. Thorne should retain office as long as he remained on these shores; but at the Regular Communication in January last, a letter was read from the Grand Secretary, informing them that his Royal Highness had accepted his resignation, with regret; and conveying his thanks to Bro. Thorne for his services there. The brethren of the District Grand Lodge then unanimously passed a vote of thanks to him for his past services, which had been duly recorded on the minutes; but they could not permit such services to be acknowledged only in a slight manner, and they drew up an address which he (the speaker) now presented to Bro. Thorne.

The address was to the effect that the brethren resident within the District of Northern China, in view of his resignation of the high office of District Grand Master, which for upwards of seven years he had filled with honour

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to himself and advantage to the Craft, could not permit him to retire without giving expression to the feelings which they believed to be unanimous amongst those of the brethren who had enjoyed the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, or had been brought into contact with him in Masonic affairs. After relating the circumstances under which Bro. Thorne was selected by his Royal Highness the Worshipful Grand Master to preside over the District Grand Lodge, and how with an unselfish desire to open to others the road to advancement in the Craft he placed his resignation in the hands of his Royal Highness, the address went on to say the brethren could not forget that on Bro. Thorne devolved the task of inaugurating the District Grand Lodge, and that to his own personal abillities and active and impartial performance of the duties of his exalted office, the District Grand Lodge owed its present position. Peculiarly placed in Shanghai, at a common meeting point of several Masonic jurisdictions, his wise counsels had cemented that unity which should at all times characterise Masons; and those within their reach had learnt that above the distinctions of Grand Lodges to which each Mason in his place owed allegiance, there was yet a higher bond of unity in the Craft, and that every worthy brother might with confidence look forward to occupying his station in that Grand Lodge above, "where the World's Great Architect for ever lives and rules." Whilst recognising his beneficial influence as a ruler in the Craft, they could not omit to pay a just tribute to his private worth. Whether as a man or a Mason, he had equally won the good opinions of his fellow residents; while as a Mason he had ever sought to discharge his duty towards the Craft, as a man he had always been actuated by a desire to be foremost in every good work. True to the principles of our Order, the world had known that in him it had found one to whom the distressed might apply for succour, and to whom the wounded heart could pour out its sorrows. In conclusion, the brethren felt assured that while health and strength permitted, and whether it be Bro. Thorne's lot to continue to reside amongst them or return to his native land, he would ever be ready to afford good counsel in time of need. They prayed the Great Architect of the Universe to grant him long life, health, and prosperity, and that when it should please His Almighty wisdom to call him from this sublunary abode, he might ascend to the mansions of eternal bliss.

The address, which was in the form of an illuminated volume, and a very pretty piece of art, received the signatures of the brethren, not only of the Lodges in the district, but also of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, working under American jurisdiction. The brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, working under Scottish jurisdiction, had decided to address Bro. Thorne separately.

Bro. Cornelius Thorne, in acknowledging the address, said:—

I hardly know how to sufficiently thank you for this further proof of your kindness and goodwill towards me in presenting me with this address. It is much more than I could have anticipated. On the last occasion that the District Grand Lodge met you were kind enough to pass a special resolution acknowledging my services. What further could I have expected? But this address is another expression of your goodwill towards me, and it is an assurance that my Masonic duties have been discharged in a way that has not been altogether a failure, and I sincerely thank you. It has always been my earnest desire to do all that I could to promote the prosperity of Masonry. I have fallen short, yes, very short, of that standard to which I desired to attain. But, brethren, I can honestly say that my shortcomings have been those of the head and not of the heart. It has been my earnest desire to see Freemasonry taken up by the members of the Craft in all sincerity—that no one should enter the Fraternity simply for the purpose of calling himself a Freemason, but when once admitted he should act up to the moral law, so beautifully illustrated in our lectures—so as to become a true and faithful brother amongst us, and following the dictates of truth, honour, and virtue, he may be the better enabled to unfold the beauties of true godliness—that he should remember the solemn duties which as a M.M. he has undertaken to perform—that he may never forget that wherever he is, or whatever he does, the All-seeing eye of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe beholds him—for, brethren, if we so act, we shall, as we are taught to do, set an example to all mankind, as well as to our brethren, and thus prove the beneficial effects of our noble Institution. Brethren, excuse this digression. I am losing sight of the fact that I am not here to deliver an oration on Masonry, but to thank you for that kindly and fraternal feeling which has prompted you to present me with this address. I do so from the bottom of my heart. I do not forget that it is to your willingness to support me in my office, and to the obedience you have always in which they have assisted me to carry on the work in the district. More especially do I owe my thanks to our esteemed Worshipful Bro. Johnsford, who for a period of three years performed the arduous duties of Deputy Grand Secretary, and who by his care and attention has materially assisted me in my labours and promoted the interests of the District Grand Lodge. I am pleased that I have been relieved of the responsibility of naming my successor. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master kindly allowed you to make your own selection, and I have no doubt that he will readily accede to the choice you have made. Under the rule of my late Deputy I trust peace and harmony will reign throughout the district, and I am perfectly sure that if you, brethren, will only assist him in the discharge of his duties in the same manner in which you have assisted me, and will submit in the same graceful manner to his rule as you have done to mine, that this District Grand Lodge will continue to flourish and be an example to other districts. To my brethren of the Scotch and American Constitutions, I am also deeply grateful for the manner in which they have always received me amongst them, and for this further mark of their appreciation and goodwill towards me in joining with you in the testimonial you were so desirous to present to me. I can assure you that it is a great pleasure to me to know that before I had resigned my office, steps had been taken to form a Masonic School. It is true the scheme has not advanced very far at present, but I think sufficient progress has been made to lead us to hope that before long it will be established, and if it is presided over in a proper manner, it must prove a blessing to the junior members of our community, be they children of Masons or of non-Masons: and here, brethren, I must again warmly thank you for listening to my suggestion, and consenting that the money subscribed as a testimonial should be placed in the form of a Subscription to this School which is to be established, and I am sure you will agree with me that you will do me a greater honour in this way than by presenting me with some personal token of your esteem. You will thus have the opportunity of seeing the result of your contributions in inducing young people to study here, and by that means not only improve themselves, but become good members of society. It confers upon me a double honour; it will cause my name to be associated with what I trust may become a benefit to others. I fear I have detained you too long, and yet I feel I have not sufficiently thanked you for the many kindnesses I have received at your hands. In the last paragraph of this address that you have presented to me you have kindly promised to offer up your prayers to the Great Architect of the Universe on my behalf. And, brethren, should these prayers be fully answered, the time will come when we shall all meet in that Grand Lodge above, there to enjoy that rest and happiness promised by the Great Architect of the Universe to all who believe in Him and act up to His Divine commands. May He be with us and direct us in all our undertakings now and evermore.

Bro. C. H. Dallas, D.G.M. of Japan, in an able speech, thanked the D.G. Lodge for the kind manner in which his presence had been noticed, expressing the hope that the two D.G. Lodges would ever work in peace and harmony. The D.G.M. heartily reciprocated the good wishes of Bro. Dallas. Bro. Kingsmill drew attention to the fact that there were no Lodge banners in the District Grand Lodge. At their next meeting he hoped to see the banners in their proper places, and the proper Officers about them. The D.G M. concurred. There was no reason why the Lodges should not be represented under their banners, and the D.G. Pursuivant would please take note of the wish expressed. There being no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in form, and with prayer by the District Grand Chaplain.

The consecration of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, will take place on Monday, the 14th instant, at three p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, Holborn. The ceremony of consecration and installation will be performed by Very Worshipful Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, assisted by other Grand Officers. Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M. P.P.J.G.W. is the W.M designate, W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.S.G.D. S.W. designate, W. Masters J.W. designate. A banquet will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, at 5·30 p.m., for which early application must be made, as dinner will be provided for those only who procure tickets before the 14th December.

The Cama Lodge, No. 2105, will be consecrated on Wednesday, the 16th instant, by the Right Worshipful Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. The Provincial Grand Master will be assisted by the following:—Bros. R. H. Thrupp D.P.G.M. Middlesex, J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary Middlesex as S.W., Henry Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex as J.W.

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IMPERIAL GEORGE LODGE, No. 78.

THE regular meeting of this old fireside Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 26th ult., at the Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton. The Lodge was opened, in due form, with solemn prayer, at six p.m., by the Worshipful Master, Bro. R. Birtles. This was election night, and the W.M. had the pleasure of seeing a goodly muster of brethren, and all his right Loyal Officers, with three visiting brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, there being no other business, the election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, and the appointment of a Charity Representative, was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—The Senior Warden, Brother W. H. Withington, who six years back was initiated into Freemasonry in this Lodge—after serving the several offices of Steward, the Deaconships, and filling both of the Wardens' chairs, in all of which offices he had displayed much energy and zeal—was unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge, the highest honour it was in the power of his fellow members to confer on him. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Birtles, in announcing the result of the ballot, expressed his belief that the brethren had made a happy selection, and he felt sure Bro. Withington would discharge the duties with satisfaction to himself and credit to the Lodge. Bro. Withington having suitably responded, the election of Treasurer was proceeded with, and resulted in the re-appointment of Bro. Harvey Heywood P.M., who is a justice of the peace for Middleton, and has been a member of this Lodge for upwards of twenty years. This worthy brother received the well-merited congratulations of the brethren. The election of Charity Representative was declared to be unanimously in favour of Bro. Peter Lawton P.M. D.C. Bro. Kent was re-appointed Tyler. Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer at 7·30. The usual well-provided repast was served in the dining-room, by the host of the hotel. After spending a most enjoyable evening, the brethren took a fraternal leave of each other at ten o'clock.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE installation meeting took place on Tuesday, 1st instant, at the Café Royal, Regent-street. Present—Bros. H. S. Lee W.M., G. J. Jones I.P.M., W. C. Smith S.W., F. Hill J.W., J. Hammond P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Shand P.M. Secretary, E. B. Cox S.D., C. M. Brander J.D., W. G. Higgings I.G., Radclyffe W.S.; P.M.'s J. Waugh and T. W. Eastgate, and thirty-four of the brethren of the Lodge. The Visitors present were Bros. G. Cowley S.D. 1044, F. Kinpler P.M. 1044, Carton 1044, J. Hooper 1515, Smythe 1338, Hutchinson 1338, H. E. Perle 2030, T. Hawkins 2030, A. C. Higirty P.M. 1714, C. H. Schmidt 1227, Atkinson P.M. 1618, S. A. Cooper P.M. 1637, G. Boulton P.M. 1604, W. Barham 88, J. Graham 382, E. Appleyard 177, Turner 1765, S. Farlough 1150, A. Farlow 1150, H. Brock 145. After the I.P.M. had raised six brethren, and passed two to the degree of F.C., he initiated four gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order. He then proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, which ceremony was done in masterly style, especially considering the very heavy evening's work. The business of the Lodge being ended, it was closed in due form, when the brethren proceeded to a most sumptuous banquet. After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master; he could say no more than wish the Lodge might have as good a Master as they had had in him as an officer. In reply, the Worshipful Master briefly stated that he would do all in his power to enhance the prosperity of the Lodge. When he was initiated he little thought of ever being in the proud position he was in that night. Bros. Brock, F. Atkinson P.M. and Cooper P.M. responded to the Visitors' toast, all passing glowing eulogiums on the working, and especially congratulating the Lodge on the splendid balance shown in its favour. The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Past Masters and Officers, all of whom he thanked for their kind assistance. The pleasures of the evening were enlivened by the assistance of the Organist of the Lodge, Bros. E. J. Hoare, Hammond, Bolt, &c.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

AN emergency meeting was held on Saturday, 28th ult., at the Railway Station Hotel, Harrow, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Scurrah W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove I.P.M. and Treas., C. J. Axford S.W., Phillip Cheek J.W., C. P. McKay P.M. Sec., W. M. Stiles P.M. (honorary member), R. M. Surridge S.D., W. H. Burgess J.D., H. Webb I.G., S. Barfoot D.C., and the following visitors:—J. Brown 1445 and W. W. Morgan jun. The W.M. proceeded to confer the third degree on four brethren, and afterwards initiated a gentleman into the Order. A discussion on some private business followed, and Lodge was closed. Refreshment was afterwards partaken of, and in due course the customary toasts were honoured. The toast of the Queen and of the Grand Master was coupled, followed by that of the Grand Officers of England, to whom the W.M. said Freemasons owed much. The health of the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, was most enthusiastically received. Sir Francis was known as a thorough gentleman, a worthy Mason, and a beloved ruler. Brother Tiarupp, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Officers of the Province were next toasted. The Provincial Officers were anxious to do their duty as loyally as the Officers of any other Province, and deserved the respect of all with whom they were associated. Bro. Axford replied, tendering thanks for the toast. Bro. McKay proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Lovegrove the I.P.M. having been obliged to leave. The present ruler of the Henry Levander Lodge was one of the most genial Masters ever known in Freemasonry. He had that day raised four brethren in the Lodge, but had given each of them the benefit of a separate ceremony, which had greatly added to the impressiveness of the work performed on their behalf. Bro. Scurrah tendered his thanks. He felt that responding so often to the kind way in which they proposed his health rendered his remarks somewhat commonplace. He really did not know how to show fully his recognition of the compliments the brethren continually showered on him. He assured them he appreciated what the brethren of his Lodge did for him, and felt towards every member of it as he did towards those of his own family. He had done the work to the best of his ability in the past—for the good of Freemasonry in general, and for the benefit of the Henry Levander Lodge in particular. He should always take an especial interest in the Lodge, which was the first in which he had attained to the high office of Worshipful Master. Bro. Scurrah next proposed the health of the Initiate, to which Bro. Dolling, the newly admitted brother, responded. Other toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary, to which Bro. McKay responded; the Visitors, both of the guests replied; and the Officers, which was responded to by each in turn.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., 2nd instant. Bros. Saint W.M., W. Belchamber S.W., J. Egan J.W., P.M. Shackell Acting Preceptor, McMillan J.D., J. Lashbrook I.G., King, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. King candidate. The first and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Belchamber, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Belchamber was elected W.M. for ensuing week, Bro. Egan proposed that an Audit should be made. Bro. Shackell seconded this proposition, which was carried. Lodge was duly closed, and adjourned to Wednesday next at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 27th November, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Bros. Botley W.M., Turner S.W, Cammell J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, King S.D., Gillett J.D., Thomas I.G., and Maton. After preliminaries the first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M. and brethren. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Bro. Turner was afterwards elected W.M. for 4th December.

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DOMATIC CHAPTER, No. 177.

THE Companions of this Chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 26th ult., with Comp. Webb M.E.Z., Briggs H., Cubitt J., Fendick P.S., Cottebrune S.E., Hubbard S.N., Austen 1st Assistant, Thomas 2nd Assistant, and Buss Treasurer. Bro. Covell having been approved, was entrusted, and exalted to the supreme degree. The usual routine business being completed, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned for refreshment. After the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, Comp. Buss proposed the health of the Acting M.E.Z., who had ably filled the chair in the unavoidable absence of that officer. Comp. Webb thanked the Companions for the pleasant manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that he was always ready to do anything to advance the interests of the Chapter; especially gratified was he on this occasion, when the work comprised the exaltation of a brother who had paid so much attention to the ritual as their new Companion had done; he had great pleasure in proposing his health. Companion Covell returned his thanks, especially alluding to the kind and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been rendered, and assured the Companions that he was delighted at being accepted a member of the Domatic Chapter. The health of the different Officers was proposed, and duly responded to by these Companions. Lastly, the health of the Visitors was given:—Companions Morse and Dr. Corrie Jackson H. 534. The Janitor's toast was then duly honoured, and the Companions separated at an early hour,

Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355.—This young and flourishing Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., Friday, 27th ult. Present—Bros. F. Binckes P.G.W. Grand Secretary, C. E. Soppet W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, J. L. Mather P.M. Old Kent Lodge T.I. Preceptor; J. Willing jun. W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., G. Gregory M.O., H. Dickey S.O., J. H. Batty J.O., G. Mordey P.M., C. J. Knightley Secretary, W. J. Ferguson S.D. (all of Royal Savoy Lodge 355), A. Gammed Brixton Lodge as I.G.; and Bros. Carter, Edmonds, Millar, Beeglymer, and others. The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed by Bro. Willing jun., the W.M. of the parent Lodge; he was supported in their respective posts by his Officers, who conducted their various duties to the satisfaction of all present; while the Grand Secretary expressed his pleasure with the working, and congratulated the W.M. on the success of the meeting. Bro. J. L. Mather, the Preceptor, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes, kindly promised to rehearse the ceremony of consecration at an early date. Lodge was then closed.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, when Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180 was re-appointed President of the Association, Bro. J. While P.M. Vice-President, and ten other brethren members of the Committee, with Bro. W. W. Snelling S.D. 1541 Secretary. Bro. Snelling announced that he had received on account of the Association subscriptions amounting altogether to £1642 0s 10d, and that he had paid over to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons' Fund £482 10s, and to the Widows' Fund the sum of £316 7s; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £341 5s; and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the sum of £393 15s. After providing for expenses of printing and postage the sum of £80 12s 8d remained in bank towards ballots already drawn. By means of this useful Association brethren and their friends may become Life Subscribers or Life Governors of the various Masonic Charities, by payment of the small sum of 4s per month. We strongly recommend all brethren who are not Life Subscribers or Governors to become such through the medium of this or a similar Association. Bro. Snelling will be pleased to forward Prospectus and Bye-Laws of his Association to any one making application for the same.

A Masonic conversazione, in connection with the Province of Surrey, is arranged to take place on Thursday evening next, at the Assembly Rooms, Greyhound Hotel, High Street, Croydon, and extensive preparations are being made to ensure a numerous and successful gathering. The affair is under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Master of the Province (R.W. Brother General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B.) and Mrs. Brownrigg, and many of the officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and the Committee is headed by Brother F. West P.M. and Treasurer 1328 as Chairman, with Brother J. D. Langton P.M. No. 1 as Treasurer, and Brother C. H. Woodward P.P.G.W. P.P.G.N. Surrey as Secretary. We hear that there is already a large demand for tickets, and a very strong gathering of the leading Masons of the Province and their lady friends is confidently anticipated. A most attractive programme is in course of preparation.

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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Ye Earlie Englyshe Almanack, 1886; with a Treatyse on the Occult Science of Mesmerism, Thought-Readynge, and Seconde Syghte. London: Imprinted and solde by T. Pettitt and Co., 23 Frith Street, Soho, W.

We have before us a third annual issue of this quaint and unique almanac, which, as its title implies, is got up after the old English style, and which displays many features of improvement over previous numbers. These are set forth in folk-lore manner in the editor's preface, which is itself a literary curiosity, and there is, moreover, a vein of dry humour running through the whole of the volume, which is a perfect marvel of comprehensiveness, originality, and cheapness. There are anciente carols, and racy verses for certain festivals of the year, such as St. Valentine's Day, the Annunciation (the date usually fixed for what are termed Lady-tide vestries), "Maye Daye," Bank Holiday, &c., whilst interleaving the monthly calendars, are chapters on folk-lore, "old Englyshe" merriments, health notes, astronomical, meteorological and other observations, garden operations, and a host of other interesting subjects, all treated in a Chaucerian vein, and thus made doubly attractive. This almanack is quite an originality in its way, and should command a very extensive circulation.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville.—"Loyal Lovers," a comedy in four acts, from the French play, "Voyage de M. Perrichon," was presented here, with success, on Wednesday afternoon last. A cockney tradesman, who has amassed sufficient money to retire upon, goes on a tour to the Mer de Glace, his wife and youthful daughter accompanying him. Two young friends, who are both in love with the fair daughter, also set out on a tour. They meet, make known to each other their intentions as regards the young lady, and both agree to conduct an honourable contest and win her as best he can. While on his travels one of these is lucky enough to save the father, old Coverham (Mr. Thomas Thorne), from falling over a precipice; he thus secures the sympathy of the family circle. The other, by pretending to fall down a dangerous precipice, gains to his side the old man, who is naturally proud of his supposed achievement. Consequently our young friend never tires of telling Coverham the boundless gratitude he owes him for his bravery in saving his life, and in the end, as a matter of course, secures the old man's daughter. Mr Thorne, in the character of Coverham, is seen to perfection; he keeps the house in continual roars of laughter. Miss Lavis took the part of Mrs. Coverham, while Miss Kate Rorke that of the daughter. It is to be regretted such a powerful actress as Miss Kate Rorke should have to play so insignificant a character; there is little for her to say, and little to be done. The weakness of the piece, however, is in its want of female characters. Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Everard, the two lovers, played their parts with vigour and success. Mr. Mackintosh was loudly applauded for the manner in which he portrayed the part of a retired French officer. We have no doubt the piece will soon take a place in the regular bill.

The Japanese Village.—The Japanese Village, which, until its destruction by fire a few months since proved a great attraction to a large number of Londoners and visitors to the metropolis, has been rebuilt on its former site, and is now open, with similar but greatly extended claims for public favour. The new structure is, indeed, a handsome and capacious range of buildings, constructed of brick and iron, and erected with every modern appliance to lessen the risk of fire. The familiar temples and tea-houses in the new home gather around a Japanese garden, and the work-shops have been multiplied till the village has grown into the representation of a goodly-sized town. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and the public have profited by the destruction of the former miniature Japan in having substituted for it an ampler scene, busied with more varieties of this form of Oriental life than could be crowded into the previous one, which, nevertheless, proved uncommonly inviting. Among the natives there are a number of new faces. All, of course, wear the quaint dress of their country, and look so impassive when sitting about unoccupied, that it is sometimes difficult to say whether they were living persons or merely the counterfeit presentments thereof. But this is only one of the peculiarities of a distant Oriental people, which find picturesque and vivid illustration in the new hall at Albert Gate.

Institute of Painters in Oil Colours.—There are only a few really good pictures in this exhibition, and these are not, it is almost needless to add, by artists who have made a name. No. 87, by T. R. Way, is a charming little picture, painted simply and finely, of an old French courtyard with the typical French house with green blinds. Solomon J. Solomon sends a Frenchy clever picture, No. 78, of a drawing-room, with furniture, gas lights, lamp shades, and finally people. Admirable as is this painting in parts,—for instance the head of the old gentleman and the servant in the background,—the picture is all to pieces; there is no atmosphere or distance, and the central figures are common-place and out of keeping. Possibly the best thing in the exhibition is the "Portrait of my Mother," No. 197, by L. Bernard Hall, which is hung too high to allow of distinct appreciation. However, it looks very well there. The best landscape by a long way is that by Julius M. Price, "Blackwall," No. 689, a genuine London effect, red, struggling in faint blue, on the misty river, admirable in composition, tone and feeling, and painted with fine restraint. Mr. T. B. Kennington's "Fancy free," No. 426, is spirited, but rather too flourishing and loose both in drawing and painting. Mr. Henry Moore's "After a Storm," No. 372, is wonderfully true, but hard. We prefer this artist's "Moonlight in the Channel," No. 475, which is quite as truthful and more broadly painted. There are some clever genre pictures; Nos. 7, 125, 364, 518, 535 are all good in their way, especially the last, by J. B. Clark, which is excellently painted. These are about the only pictures of real interest in the exhibition, which is on the average of very poor quality. There may be some other good works hidden away in corners but the search for them involves much trouble.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

ON Wednesday evening the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held at Freemasons' Hall, when the chair was occupied by R.W. Brother W. W. B Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, who was supported by Brother the Hon. Mr. Justice Prinsep D.G.M. of Bengal acting as Deputy Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford G.S.W., V. A. Williamson as G.J.W., and a very full attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read by Bro. F. Richardson P.G.D., in the absence of the Grand Secretary, through indisposition. The minutes having been confirmed, a communication was read from the Most Wor. Grand Master to the effect that it having come under his notice that distinguished brethren representing this Grand Lodge at the foreign Grand Lodges had not hitherto been invested with any badge to mark their position as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England, such as had generally been presented by those foreign Grand Lodges to the English brethren representing them in this country, his Royal Highness had been pleased to approve of a jewel (design of which accompanied the letter), to be conferred upon each of the brethren in question, to be held and worn by them while actually officiating as representatives of the Grand Lodge of England. The brethren signified their approval of the jewel. Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts P.M. 2030 moved the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year, in doing which he briefly referred to His Royal Highness's services to the Craft, which were graven on every Mason's heart. The nomination was received with great applause. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune then proposed Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year; Bro. D. P. Cama was nominated for that position by Bro. Dr. F. Ernest Pocock W.M. 1891; Bro. R. B. Martin P.M. and Treas. 1506 was nominated by Bro. J. Gibbs W.M. 1613; whilst Bro. W. R. McConnell W.M. 1610 proposed Brother Samuel Pope, Q.C., a P.M. of his Lodge. Brother W. Burdett-Coutts, (after the brethren had decided not to hear any advocacy of the personal claims of the four nominees) said his nomination had taken him by surprise, and he should be unwilling to stand in the way of other brethren who had greater claims than himself. His only merit would be that he had been instrumental in establishing a large and powerful Lodge, at the present moment in a district with which he was more or less personally connected; but at the same time he recognised there were claims of seniority and distinction which entitled one at least, if not others, to priority of choice for the office of Grand Treasurer. Whilst gratefully acknowledging the compliment paid him, he trusted they would permit him to withdraw from any competition. The acting Grand Master then announced that the Grand Master had appointed Brother Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. as President of the Board of Benevolence, and that Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. were chosen by the brethren as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, no other brethren having been proposed. The following twelve brethren were declared elected as Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence:—

Brother	BRITTEN, GEORGE POLE, P.M.	183
	CULL, THOMAS	1446
	DAIRY, CHARLES	141
	GILLARD, GEORGE P.	657
	HOGARD, CHARLES F.	205
	MERCER, DAVID D.	1641
	PERRYMAN, WILLIAM H.	3
	READ, GEORGE	511
	SPAULL, FRANCIS R.	1768
	STORR, EDWARD FRANCIS	22
	TAYLOR, ROBERT J.	144
	WILLING, JAMES JUN.	1987

quarter, in which were recommendations for grants amounting in the aggregate to £1,060, was adopted. The Board of General Purposes reported a balance in the Bank of England of £3,115 13s 1d, in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £8 4s. On the motion of Bro. Thomas Fenn (President of the Board), the report was received, and entered on the minutes. Five appeals (particulars of which were given in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE) were considered,—from Bombay, Melbourne, Gisborne, Rangoon, and Jersey; the first four cases were very properly dismissed as frivolous, but in respect of the fifth, the suspension of the appellant, after a considerable time had been expended over the consideration of the facts, was removed. Brother H. Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, then moved:—

> That one thousand pounds (£1,000) be paid from the Funds of the General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to assist in defraying the expenses incurred by the purchase of the land recently determined on.

In doing so he recounted the action that had been taken by the Committee appointed for the purpose, to which reference has been exhaustively made in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and on the motion being seconded by Bro. G. P. Britten, it was carried unanimously. Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren separated.

MARK MASONRY.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

ON Monday a special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Holborn Restaurant, for the purpose of considering, and if approved, adopting the Revised Book of Constitutions. The chair was occupied by the M.W.G.M.M.M. the Earl of Kintore, and amongst the Grand Officers present were Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton D.G.M., Rev. Canon Portal P.G.M., A. M. Broadley P.P.G.M.M.M. as G.S.W., F. Davison P.G.W. as G. J.W., Colonel Somerville Burney G.M.O., Adlard as G.S.O., J. E. Le Feuvre as G.J.O., Rev. T. W. Lemon Grand Chaplain, F. Richardson G. Registrar, J. Moon G. Treas., F. Binckes P.G.W. G. Sec., G. Mickley G.J.D., G. Graveley G.I.G., R. Berridge P.G.O. G.D.C., D. P. Cama, M. B. Williamson G. Stwd., C. F. Matier P.G.W., &c. There were also in attendance a numerous body of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of Private Lodges. Grand Secretary read several letters of apology for unavoidable non-attendance from many distinguished brethren. After the usual preliminaries, the Grand Master announced that the Revised Constitutions, as recommended by the General Board, would be submitted in sections of twelve, and if no objections were raised to any of the articles he would declare them carried. The Constitutions, as revised, were adopted, and on the motion of Most Worshipful Brother the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M., President of the General Board, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Revision Committee, and especially to Bros. R. Berridge and A. Williams for their very successful labours. The Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason directed that the minutes of the meeting should be submitted for confirmation at the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge on the following evening, when it would be in the power of competent brethren to move amendments, if any were deemed necessary. Lodge was then closed in ample form.

THE Half Yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of the Earl of Kintore, who was supported by Lord Egerton of Tatton Deputy Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford Grand S.W., F. Davison as Grand J.W., &c. Grand Lodge having been opened, and some routine business transacted, it was resolved to refer the printing and distribution of the new Constitutions to the consideration of the General Board. The Report of this body set

ended 30th September, a large increase over corresponding periods in previous years. The total number of registered advancements was now 20,876. Five new warrants had been granted in the half year,—for Durham, Kew Bridge, Natal, Liverpool, and Amlwch. The number of certificates issued in the degree of Royal Ark Mariner was 89, bringing the total registered elevations to 1866. A warrant for a new Ark Lodge had been granted to Finnemore Lodge, Natal, attached to Finnemore, No. 358. The appointment was notified of Bro. J. Walker, J.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, in succession to Brother the Rev. C. Davy, who resigned in consequence of ill-health; and of Bro. Colonel George Singleton Tudor, D.L., as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, *vice* Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Gough, LL.D. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master had been pleased to accept the office of Representative from this Grand Lodge near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and Lord Henniker, Past Grand Mark Master Mason, had accepted the office of Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland near this Grand Lodge. The Board having received personal explanations from the Worshipful Master and Secretary of a Lodge, recommended that the brother referred to be confirmed in the rank and restored to the privileges of a Past Master on payment of the sum of two guineas for necessary dispensation. A nominal fine of half a guinea was imposed in the case of irregularity in the installation of a Worshipful Master, and the rank and privileges of the brother as Past Master were confirmed, notwithstanding he had not completed the full term of twelve months. In a similar case from another Lodge, Grand Lodge was recommended to confirm the brother in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of two guineas. The Worshipful Master of a Lodge informed the Board that in his installation he had unconsciously violated Art 64, page 13, Book of Constitutions, not having been qualified as Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge, and, through ignorance, not having procured the necessary dispensation; at the same time expressing his deep regret at having committed a breach of the Constitutions. The Board recommended the Most Worshipful Grand Master to issue a special dispensation to cover the irregularity on payment of a fine of one guinea. The Board having been informed that the Worshipful Master elect of a Lodge had been installed without the presence of a Past Master, cancelled the so-called installation, and directed that the outgoing Worshipful Master should continue in office until his successor be legally installed. The subscriptions announced at the Seventeenth Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, held last July, at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of Brother the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, were £1721 16s 6d; more than double the largest amount ever previously received. In consequence of this success, the Board had been enabled to admit without election the whole of the candidates for educational grants; and, in accordance with the desire of a large number of brethren, they recommended Grand Lodge to sanction the establishment of a fund for granting annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons and their Widows; and that such fund should be constituted by a grant of £1000 from the invested Fund of Benevolence, £105 given specially by Lord Egerton of Tatton, and one-third of all amounts subscribed at the last and future Benevolent Festivals. The Board further recommended that all monies received should be invested, and the interest only be appropriated to the purposes of the Fund, it being proposed as a beginning, to grant an annuity of £20 to each of two men, and £16 to each of two widows, to be elected by ballot. Satisfaction was expressed at the arrangements made for the Moveable Grand Lodge at Liverpool, in July last, and also with the hospitality extended to the visiting brethren. The Board confidently recommended the adoption by Grand Lodge of the Revised Book of Constitutions, upon which a Committee of this body had been engaged for over 12 months; and recommended also a vote of fifty guineas to the Preparatory School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, enabling Grand Lodge to obtain the special voting privileges offered by that Institution. The Board had ordered the investment of £500 on account of the Educational Fund, and £300 on account of the Benevolent, making the total invested funds as follow: General Fund, £2,900; Benevolent Fund, £2,300; Educational Fund, £1,900. The Board had granted relief in three cases, amounting to £25, and recommended grants for confirmation by Grand Lodge, in eight cases, amounting to £165. The recommendations were adopted. The total receipts for the year on the General Fund were £1,179 13s 5d; leaving a balance in hand of £200 12s 1d; the receipts on the Benevolent Fund were £1,272 15s 3d, of which there remains a balance of £328 3s 9d; and the income of the Educational Fund was £616 13s less £25 15s 7d which had been overdrawn. The accounts having been passed, Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal moved that Grand Lodge sanction the formation of a fund for granting annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons, and Widows of Mark Master Masons; he said the question arose as to how such a fund was to be raised. The General Board proposed, first of all, to vote £1,000 to the Annuity Fund from the invested Fund of Benevolence, which now amounted to £2,678. During the past five years they had spent on an average £120 per annum in assisting cases as they arose. The very large sum (£1,721 16s 6d) produced at the last Festival was owing, no doubt, in a great measure to the exertions of the Stewards, and the very able advocacy of the fund on the part of the Deputy Grand Master. He thought they might reckon that they would never have less than £1,000 at their Anniversary Festival; and on that estimate, which was well within the mark, they would have £333 handed over to the Benevolent Fund from the Festival each year. Supposing that to be the case, they could very well afford to give £1,000 from their present invested funds, and then leave ample for the purposes of the Benevolent Fund, as the cases arose year by year. He referred to the munificent gift of 100 guineas by the Deputy G.M., which he hoped would enable them to admit at once two men and two widows, to be elected by ballot. The whole sum they asked Grand Lodge to give would be invested, and the interest applied only to the Fund. Grand Lodge might rest satisfied that after giving £1,000 from the Benevolent Fund they would have sufficient left for any cases of benevolence which might present themselves within the next twelve months, as their annual expenditure had never exceeded £120. They might reckon on having £300 a-year from the Festival Fund, and then they would have £1,678 left invested. The whole matter had been carefully considered, and he had no hesitation in recommending Grand Lodge to grant this sum, and to allow one-third of all subscriptions at the last and future Festivals as a means of creating the necessary nucleus of the Fund. The motion having been seconded by Bro. F. Davison Past Grand Treasurer, was carried unanimously. The Grand Master said their next business was the nomination for the ensuing year of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, and he had a nomination to make which he thought would be received with the utmost satisfaction, not only by this Grand Lodge, but by all Mark Master Masons. He had the greatest pleasure in proposing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and in nominating him for the high office he (the speaker) now held, he had his Royal Highness's authority for saying that if he was elected, he would be very willing, and more than willing, to accept that high honour. The nomination was received with loud and prolonged applause. Bro. Henry Venn nominated Bro. James Moon for re-election as Grand Treasurer; and amongst other matters disposed of regret was expressed at the death of Bro. C. T. Speight, the Grand Tyler of the Order; and Bro. Colonel Bignold suggested that as the next Moveable Grand Lodge was to be held at Norwich, a date should be fixed during the Royal Agricultural Society's meeting in that City, as the Prince of Wales would be there, and he might attend Grand Mark Lodge. The suggestion was favourably received by the Grand Master, and Grand Lodge was then closed. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of Brother Lord Egerton of Tatton, when the usual Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 5th December 1885:—

Monday—Scottish Hospital, Premier Conclave. Tuesday—Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—Metropolitan Dairymen's Association, Westminster and Keystone Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge, Victoria Rifles Lodge, St. James's Chapter. Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge, Thistle Lodge, Odd Volumes.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES AT BIRMINGHAM.

THE Prince of Wales visited Birmingham on Friday, the 27th ult., for the purpose of visiting the Jaffray Suburban Hospital, founded by the proprietor of the *Birmingham Daily Post*, for the reception of chronic and convalescent cases from the General Hospital. The Prince arrived at two o'clock from London, and was received at New-street Station by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Martineau); the Town Clerk, Mr. J. Jaffray; Lord Leigh, the Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire; Major-General Willis, commanding the Northern Division; Majors Knollys and Coke Collis, Colonel Fielden, and other gentlemen. Tickets to witness the arrival had been issued by the Railway Company to about 15,000 ladies and gentlemen, and when the Prince stepped from the saloon carriage in which he had travelled he was received with round after round of cheering. The band of the 1st Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers, which Corps provided a guard of honour, played the National Anthem. The station had been most elaborately decorated, and the scene presented was very bright and animated. On alighting the Prince shook hands warmly with Mr. Jaffray, the Mayor, and Lord Leigh, with whom he remained in conversation for several minutes. He was accompanied by Lord Suffield (Lord in Waiting) and Colonel Ellis, his Equerry. Three carriages were in waiting at the end of the station. In the first of these sat Mr. John Lowe and Capt. Boultbee, representing the Cattle Show Society; in the second Lord Leigh, Gen. Willis, Colonel Ellis, and the Town Clerk; and in the third, an open landau, with four horses and out-riders, were the Prince, Lord Suffield, the Mayor, and Mr. Jaffray. The procession, escorted by a troop of Hussars, left the station at a walking pace, and proceeded through the town to the Hospital, which is situated several miles from Birmingham, at a village called Gravelly Hill. The streets all along the line of route were more or less decorated with banners, flags, and shields, by Messrs. Defries, of London. The chief embellishments were in New Street, Corporation Street, Aston Street and Aston Road. The thoroughfares were thronged by spectators, and the Prince met with a most gratifying reception at every point, the cheers being continuous from the time he left the station until he reached the hospital. There he was accorded a most enthusiastic greeting by a large crowd, which, notwithstanding the severity of the weather (and during the whole of the day it was most inclement), had gathered in front of the Institution. The Prince was presented by Mr. A. Baker, Chairman of the Hospital Committee, with an elaborately wrought gold and silver key, with which His Royal Highness unlocked the door of one of the wards. Proceeding to a room which had been set apart for the formal ceremony, the Prince was presented by Lord Brooke with an address of welcome. In reply his Royal Highness said:—

Lord Brooke and Gentlemen,—I thank you for your address, and for the welcome which you offer me on the occasion of my visit to the Suburban Hospital. Both the Princess of Wales and myself take a sincere interest in anything relating to the arrangement and administration of hospitals; and while, therefore, it gave me great pleasure to accept your invitation to perform the duty which I have just fulfilled, it was a matter of deep regret to the Princess that circumstances prevented her from accompanying me here to-day to take part in a work which so specially occupies our attention. I myself, in common with all the inhabitants of this district, offer my tribute of thanks to the generous founder of this Institution, who, assisted by some charitable friends, has come forward in the most munificent manner to fill a serious want, and to relieve the strain which was placed upon the resources of the General Hospital by erecting this building for the reception of all cases of a chronic nature. This new departure marks a fresh era in hospital organisation, and I venture to think that it is one deserving the liberal and warm support of the benevolent, as well as of all those who approve of the movement. I cannot doubt of its success, and I earnestly pray that the bright example which has been so nobly set may be followed by other communities, and that ere long we may see establishments of a similar useful character in the course of erection throughout the kingdom.

Lord Leigh, as Grand Master of the Warwickshire Province of Freemasons, presented an address to the Prince, in reply to which the following address was handed to the noble Lord:—

"BRETHREN,—I have read with feelings of deep satisfaction your loyal and fraternal address, and I can assure you that I am much gratified by the warm terms in which you welcome me here to-day. I learn with pleasure that the munificent founder of the Suburban Hospital is a most respected member of the Craft, and I rejoice to find that we number amongst us a brother who comes forward so nobly in the cause of charity. I earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will watch over and protect the interests of this Institution, and that it may be the means of affording relief to the many patients who, victims to chronic disease, will meet in this branch establishment with all the care and attention that kindness and medical skill and foresight can devise."

Two cheques of the value of £1,250 each were handed to Mr. Jaffray, one from a private donor, and the other from the Birmingham and Aston Licensed Victuallers' Association, for the endowment of beds in the Hospital. The Prince of Wales gave Mrs. Jaffray a copy of the presentation key in the form of a brooch, and shortly after the Prince declared the Hospital open. Subsequently, his Royal Highness proceeded to Gravelly Hill Workhouse, where he was presented with an address by the inmates. Thence he drove to Ferry Hall, where he will be the guest of the Hon. A. G. C. Calthorpe during his stay in the neighbourhood. —*Evening Standard.*

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THE UNIVERSALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A choice little illustration of this subject recently came under my observation at a banquet at which I was a Visitor; and I think it is too good to "waste its fragrance on the desert air." Under the impression that many other brethren might like to hear the story, I will relate it as nearly as memory serves me. In responding to the toast of the Visitors, a venerable Past Master said he was aware that religious and political subjects were strictly prohibited in Masonic Lodges, and he did not intend to break that wholesome law. But as a Jew he must make a few remarks. Whatever their religion, Masons acknowledged each other as brethren; they were children of the same parents, inhabitants of the same planet, partakers of the same oath; and each had Eternity in view. In Masonry they were joined hand in hand with every being on the face of the earth; religion, politics, colour or clime made no difference from that point of view. Then our esteemed brother related, with greater detail, and I am afraid with much greater eloquence than I can even fairly convey, a circumstance which occurred to him a quarter of a century ago, when he was Master of a very old Lodge in the West of England. He said "Our Organist, who was in a very bad state of health, and felt his end approaching, said to me when I visited him in his sick chamber, 'Worshipful Master, I have a very particular request to make to you;' and I promised him that if it were within my power, to grant it. It was that the brethren of his Lodge might be allowed to follow him to his last resting-place, and accordingly on his death I wrote to the Provincial Grand Master, who gave me a dispensation permitting the brethren to walk in procession at our brother's funeral. His remains were brought to the Lodge-room, and taken thence to the burial-ground, where there were between 1,000 and 2,000 persons assembled around the grave, having come from various places. We had invited several brethren from neighbouring Lodges to join in the procession, and amongst them was a Turkish brother, wearing a turban and Oriental dress, and also a man of colour whom a gentleman had brought from abroad as his servant. I instructed the Director of Ceremonies to place these two brethren hand in hand in the procession, and they walked thus to the churchyard. The minister having completed the burial-service, I took the head of the grave, having the Chaplain of the Lodge before me, with the Volume of the Sacred Law, and I read a funeral address. At that time a variety of interesting observations were made. One said, "There is So-and-So—a Jew—reading prayers over a Christian brother, and close by there is a Turk and a negro hand in hand. What a beautiful symbol of the universality of Freemasonry!" Then, continued the speaker, "the observations made respecting this funeral were most gratifying to me, showing that there is no distinction between Christian, Jew, Turk, or Ethiopian; they are each of them children of the Great Architect of the Universe, as God and Father of us all." The "old man eloquent" spoke much more than I can recollect, but the above little outline may prove of some interest to your readers, should you think it worthy of a corner in the columns of your valuable and much-prized journal.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

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We have just had presented to us a notice intimating that Brother G. S. Graham intends giving his twentieth grand annual concert, at St. Andrew's Hall, Balham, on Tuesday evening next. Our old and genial favourite will be assisted on the occasion by an array of talent such as is rarely brought together, except at special times, in the South of London, and we may anticipate a treat, if one may judge from the judiciously selected and varied programme issued. To the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE the name of Brother Graham "needs no bush," for who does not recollect him, in early days, when his singing and whistling formed such a novel and attractive feature of the entertainments at which he was the principal figure? Although we entertain a feeling of regret mingled with our pleasure in revisiting Brother Graham's concerts, seeing that a couple of decades remind us that we are growing older, yet we can assure our readers that our versatile brother is yet able to amuse and entertain his audiences, and that his transatlantic experiences recently have not detracted from his inimitable powers of pleasing. We anticipate that in completing his twentieth year of public life, in contributing to the wholesome recreation of a very wide circle of friends and supporters, he will meet with a very cordial reception next Tuesday, at Balham.

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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 DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1363—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 199 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)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
73—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
80—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1442—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1991—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holybead
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, Peterafield

1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, 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)
1518—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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, (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Ins
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Prowall-road, Dalston at 8
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7.
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square,
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instru
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8.
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W.,
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruct
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (
1598—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruct
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
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-st
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newca
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, a
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheekheaton
636—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, W
1335—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpoo

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street,
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manch
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbrid
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, Northumb
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, 9th DECEMBE

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemaso
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruc
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwic
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30 (In
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Inst
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Ro
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street,
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (In
987—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street,
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (In

1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruc
1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, a
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hack
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Stre
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., West m
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, a
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mar Fair
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fi
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Rd.

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., W.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instructio
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, L
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
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor

1019—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1081—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1084—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewisee, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1348—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
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.
1583—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove

R.A. 63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 10th 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
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Ins)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 73—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
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

35—Medina, 35 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
948—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
1146—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
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, 11th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In.)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbur, at 8. (In)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
538—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
663—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
1131—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. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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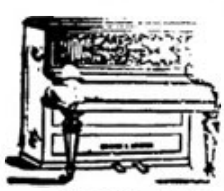
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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

THE brethren who worked to secure an alteration in the rule which formerly governed the appointment of Grand Treasurer, whereby the office, instead of being virtually a permanent one was to be annually transferred, did so well knowing they would have to use discretion in selecting good men as competitors for the office; that they must exhibit a certain amount of unanimity, or at least of good humour, in all that appertained to the election, and that they would have to keep within the limits of fair rivalry when it came to selecting one of the several candidates who might be put forward for the office. All is fair, we have been told, in love or war, but in such matters as this, fairness is understood to have a limit, beyond which it is neither politic nor desirable to go. Brethren of the mystic tie know too well the limits of good order and regularity to lead us to suppose they are desirous of overstepping the bounds of prudence in connection with the annual fight—we may now call it—for the only elective collar of Grand Lodge, but if they are really desirous of keeping within due bounds they must be firm in their stand against the usual election tactics of modern days, exercised outside Freemasonry. If the annual contest for the office of Grand Treasurer is to be an excuse for the annual splitting up of the body of Freemasons into sections working on behalf of one or other of those nominated for the Grand Treasurership, the result must eventually be one of disaster to that peace and harmony we all lay so much stress on preserving in Freemasonry.

At the present time the canvass on behalf of the candidates now before the Craft is being carried on to a considerable extent, and we fear that in more than one instance rivalry on this point has led to words and arguments which should not be heard amongst Freemasons. Until this subject was made so prominent there was absolutely nothing connected with the Order which allowed or even required a personal canvass, and its introduction at the present time is, in the minds of many, in direct opposition to the principles of the Craft, and is likely to engender strife and discord among those who are personally affected by it. As all who are eligible to attend Grand Lodge—our Past Masters, our Worshipful Masters, and our Wardens—are so affected, it will be seen the subject is one that will strike at the heads of the Order particularly, and through them to all ranged under the banner of Freemasonry.

The annual election of a Grand Treasurer is a good rule, one which has stood for ages past, and we hope will always remain a prominent feature in Freemasonry. An annual change in the holder of the office is also desirable, and we should be sorry to see a return to the system formerly in vogue in England, when one brother was re-elected to the office year by year, until death or his resignation put an end to his tenure. If, however, the Treasurer is to be annually elected, and a fresh brother chosen for the office at each election, we think it would prove beneficial to the Craft as a body if all canvass, either personal on the part of the candidate or by his intimate friends, were forbidden by the Grand Master. This would no doubt be looked upon as a great hardship by some of the more energetic members of the Order, but in their calmer moments they will recognise that more harm than good must arise from the introduction of electioneering tactics into Freemasonry. If canvassing be allowed, or even winked at, in connection with one of the Grand Offices, is it likely ordinary Craftsmen will refrain from canvassing in their private Lodges? In a few years we shall find that every Lodge has in its midst two or more sections who are pledged to secure the election of such and such a brother as Worshipful Master. It does not require a moment's consideration to realise what effect this would have on the Order. It would not only influence the brethren in their choice of a Master, but it would also make itself felt in regard to every candidate proposed and ballotted for. Candidates would be "interviewed" before their admission, and their promise of support for one faction or another asked for ere they were permitted to see the light of Freemasonry. In other words, when once the system of canvassing becomes recognised in connection with other Offices than that of Grand Treasurer, which we maintain it must do if the example is to be continued from headquarters, Freemasonry will be split up into factions, and harmony will be banished from our midst.

Another feature in connection with the office of Grand Treasurer, to which attention is necessary and amendment desirable, was exemplified at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, when a brother was put in nomination without having been previously asked if he was willing to accept the office. There is no rule which requires an enthusiastic admirer to obtain the sanction of his idol ere he nominates him for a public office; but the usages of society make such a course necessary, and for reasons which were fully shown at the meeting referred to. A brother was nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer who at once declined the honour which his over-zealous friend sought to thrust upon him. In doing so he acted very wisely, and at the same time established a healthy precedent, which we trust it will not be necessary for other brethren to follow. The brother referred to has a host of friends in Grand Lodge, and would no doubt receive support if he came before the Craft as other candidates for the office have done, but for his friends to put him in nomination when a large majority of the electors had already promised their vote was a mistake, only to be excused on the plea of bad generalship. We think it would have been anything but flattering to the brother concerned if he had gone to the poll and been returned far below the other candidates, and yet that is the position he would no doubt have secured if he had stood the test of an election—not from any lack of sympathy with him, but merely because most of the voters had already pledged themselves in answer to the systematic canvass which has been in progress for the last few months. We should like to see some arrangement arrived at outside of Grand Lodge, which would render actual contests for the office unnecessary. It might perhaps be only shifting the evil from one spot to another, but we would suggest that the friends of rival candidates should in future meet and decide that one only of them should be put in nomination within the precincts of Grand Lodge—it would be a display of unanimity, whereas the continuance of the present system may be considered in many ways an exhibition of rivalry.

We again remind our readers that two new Lodges are to be consecrated in the Metropolitan district next week, the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, on Monday, and the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, on Wednesday,

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MASONIC PEDLARS.

THERE have been pedlars from the beginning of time, and probably there will be to the end. In the profane world they sometimes serve a good purpose. Toting their small commodities on their backs from house to house, in the outskirts of civilization, among people who know little and care less, for the choice things of life, they are useful and convenient, if not ornamental. Indeed, a pedlar with a pile of glistening tins on his shoulders, against a background of greenery in the landscape, composes a picturesque scene. Then his language is so sententious and pointed—"Buy, buy," his sole purpose being to sell his wares, and you. All of us have been amused by this character, although we may not have patronized him. We have acquitted his patrons of everything except innocence and ignorance. What would you think of a citizen of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Boston, who has every facility for getting the best of everything, purchasing from a pedlar? Who are they? Men of no known character or credit. Of what quality are their wares? Absolutely the poorest. Their prices may be good, but their wares are always poor. Now, citizens know this, and hence citizens always say, "Good bye," instead of "How d'ye do," to a pedlar.

Are there Masonic pedlars? Of course there are. Wherever there is a good thing there will be a poor thing, imitating it. So the very existence of counterfeit money implies the existence of good money. The fact that there are legitimate Masonic degrees leads one to infer that they will be imitated. It is the experience of mankind that some persons prefer the imitation to the original, and others, after they have received the original, are curious to possess the imitation also. There is no accounting for tastes, in certain cases, in matters Masonic as well as in other relations. It does seem strange, though, to a Freemason of culture and experience that so many Masons are madly eager to acquire a host of degrees. What is there in them, at the best? And what at the worst? The fabricators of new degrees know that the fools are not all dead, and that they and their money are soon parted, so they offer ostensibly a first-class article for a fourth-class price. This is an old pedling dodge. The purchaser is taken in every time. There is no first-class article which may be had at a fourth-class price. It cannot be. It is one of the glories of Ancient Freemasonry that it costs something—something considerable. It is not for the poor. It is not a necessary of life, and hence it is not offered at a sum that is within the means of all. Freemasonry is a luxury, and it should always remain so. If you wish to have a good thing underestimated, cheapen it. Ordinarily a good price warrants a good article, and a cheap price a poor one; and yet we all of us have seen Brethren taking additional degrees because they cost but little. They were *little degrees*. Although they cost little, that little was one-hundred fold more than they were worth. Brethren, whenever any one offers you a so-called Masonic degree, look first at the price, for it may save you the trouble of looking further. Is it offered for "a song," with the warranty that it is just as good as the best? Can you rely upon such a warranty? Cheap imitations are worth, say one one-hundredth part of what you pay for them, which may be set down in a round number at just nothing at all.

Of course it is disgraceful to the Craft that there should be Masonic pedlars. Masons thus sinning, are responsible for their conduct differently from other men. They are cultivated men. They should have acquired some appreciable portion of the wisdom of Solomon. They know that there is no imposition in Masonry, pure and simple, and that they prove themselves degenerate sons of worthy sires in Masonry when they assume to *make* Masonry, and to make some kind of Masons. We have a good deal to answer for in that phrase, "advancement in Masonry." There comes a time, and that very soon in the Freemason's experience, when so-called advancement is the very reverse of the name. Additional degrees are like too much ballast on a ship; it may sink it. How many Brethren have sunk their Masonry by overloading themselves with degrees. Nor may they be received with perfect Masonic impunity. No degree-monger has a right to build his superstructure of cards upon the eternal foundations of Freemasonry, and label it "Masonic." If it purports to be Masonic, it must answer Masonry, and obey its behests. The power to support includes the power to withdraw such support. Fabricators sometimes forget this, and reckon without their host. The pedlar must not forget his place. He is, at best, an employé; never the employer. When men frame societies that do *not* purport to be "Masonic" they may follow their own pleasure—it is only when they use our name, that they render themselves amenable to discipline.

The rise and fall of nations is often written of heroically, but the rise and fall of societies has not found a chronicler. How many of them have fallen. At first, numbers flock to them—how often men are like sheep. Their conductors' giddy heads, after seeing such a throng, imagined that throngs would perennially continue to follow in their footsteps. Vain thought. Probably the whole society had its conception in a pedlar's head, and although it may have flourished without example for a time, it had the final end of pedlars' wares, it—went to the dogs.

Masonic pedlars! There is dishonour in the name. But Masonry cannot in any just sense be charged with their existence. True, individually they may be Masons in name, but they have lost their first estate, and now—are mere speculators, money-makers, vendors of so-called and mis-called Masonic degrees. They either peddle a spurious imitation of a good article, or an entire novelty which they wish to foist upon Masons. They must ultimately fail of success in either endeavour.—*Keystone.*

FREEMASONRY AND FREE MASONIC THOUGHT.

THE sacred writings of every nationality and religion are on the altars of Masonry. They are the beacon lights that lead us up to God, the Ever Living Father, the Grand Architect of the Universe, and point the way to Heaven.

The morality taught therein, the grand truths in them revealed, are self-evident propositions, and, like the "axioms of Euclid" or the multiplication table, require no argument. The sacred writings are "fixed lights." No Mason disagrees with another upon the main truths revealed, though widely differing in forms, ceremonies, beliefs and the thousand different creeds into which mankind is led by a net-work of circumstances, education, surroundings, &c.

As there are no two blades of grass alike, and no two men alike, it is perfectly consistent that there can be a multitude of differences in the construction placed upon the sacred writings of every nation. But when we look upon it from a broad plane of thought, the conclusion is irresistible that they are but the outgrowth of the human heart, with its wants, yearnings and aspirations to something higher, purer and holier; something affecting us in the hereafter beyond the tomb. An old saying, "all roads lead to Rome," illustrates the proposition that back of all and underlying every different shade of religious opinion is the hope of immortality, and the desire to find the celestial road that leads to the higher and better life, and there it is far better to leave the subject.

Masonry has existed through all the ages by the innate force of its precepts and principles. It seeks no aid, asks for no recognition from the rich, the powerful, or great, nor does it seek for converts or proselytes, but steadily perseveres in its mission of "Brotherly love, relief and truth," uniting in a universal Brotherhood "good and true," among all nations, sects and climes; suffering persecution in silence from arbitrary priestcraft and kingly rule in all the ages, and even in this nineteenth century actively and secretly opposed by some of the leading denominations of the thousand sects and creeds of Christian and other religions, who from "ignorance ridicule it," or because rich and powerful, seek to use it and compel its members to believe in their peculiar creeds. It pursues the even tenour of its way, and by its very silence has for the greater part compelled respect.

Its grandest victories have been those of peace, unity and harmony. It never has in the past, nor should it now, or ever, attack any one.

Let the priests and preachers wage a war of creeds against each other, tear down and demolish the different beliefs that others entertain; persecute and denounce the sacred writings and beliefs of other nationalities, proclaim themselves only right, holy and pure to their hearts'

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content, fight Infidelity, Agnosticism, Universalism, Catholicism, or any other "ism," and we individuals with our own private beliefs, if so disposed, can aid the fight (though we think the Gospel of Him of Nazareth—"peace and good-will to men"—far preferable), but as an institution, as a body, we say, hands off, attend to our own business, respect the right of every Mason to worship and adore the great Creator in his own way and according to the dictates of his conscience. We are convinced that the Institution will be introducing a fatal innovation when attempting to discuss any question outside of a belief in Deity, which is the only thing required to be believed in. —*Freemason, Michigan.*

FOUR ANCIENT SYMBOLS.

IN Masonic teaching the Lion, the Eagle, the Ox and the Man, are the significant representation of certain noble qualities. Courage, swiftness, strength, intelligence, are thus symbolized, and there is a well understood reference to that exalted condition of human life which ought ever to stand forth as the ideal of endeavour. According to the thoughts of some Masonic writers, the four ancient symbols have likewise an astronomical allusion. In Brown's *Stellar Theology*, the following explanation is given:

"They refer to the four great angles of the heavens, where the equinoctial and solstitial points are situated, and the signs at these points are, according to ancient astrology, called "fixed signs." Each sign was, moreover, ruled by three gods, called *Decans*, the first of which in each sign was called "the powerful leader of three." The most important and powerful of these thirty-six celestial gods were the four *Decans*, who ruled the four angles of the heavens, and the stability and perpetuity of the universe were supposed to be insured by them. They were also called *Elohim*, and the two who had their seat on the equator were believed to compel the sun to shine twelve hours over all the earth, as well as to repel him, so that he moved on to the next sign of the zodiac in progressive order. The no less powerful Elohim, or Decans, who ruled the solstitial points, caused the sun to turn back at the tropics, and preserved the order of nature and of the seasons."

"In all ancient astrological projections of the heavens, the four great angles of the zodiac, where these celestial gods were seated, were marked by the figures of the lion, the eagle, the ox, and the man—the constellation *Leo* being anciently at the summer solstice; *Aquarius*, depicted as a man pouring water from a jar, at the winter solstice; and *Taurus*, the Ox or Bull, at the vernal equinox; while the other angle, or autumnal equinox, was marked by a flying eagle. The quadrants of the celestial sphere were also anciently occupied by the four bright stars, *Aldebaran*, *Regulus*, *Antares*, and *Fomalhaut*. These were called "royal stars," and in them the four great Elohim were believed to dwell. To them divine honours were paid and sacred images erected, in which the lion, the eagle, the ox and the man were variously combined. These emblems were worshipped by all the ancient nations. The priests and the initiated knew them to be nothing more than astronomical allegories, emblematic representations of the zodiac, but the superstitious people adored them as real gods. The Jews obtained these four emblems from Egypt. Moses, however, forbade their worship, and taught the Israelites to use them to denote the points of the compass and the divisions of their camp, by means of banners on which they were pictured (Numb. ii.) These celebrated emblems are therefore of a purely astronomical and zodiacal origin, and, when properly understood (as they were by the initiated), teach many of the most important facts of astronomical science." — *Freemasons' Repository.*

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 12th December 1885:—

Monday—Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Unions, Joppa Lodge, Regularity Chapter, Caxton Lodge. Tuesday—Waldeck Lodge, St. James's Union Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity, Club of Nobody's Friends. Thursday—Caledonian Society, Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge. Saturday—Holborn Circus Cricket Club, Phœnix Lodge, Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 205.

AN event of more than ordinary interest in the Royal Arch Degree in Freemasonry took place on Tuesday evening last, at Cannon Street Hotel, when a new and important Chapter in connection with the well-known Israel Lodge, No. 205, now approaching its centenary, was consecrated and established. The Charter for the new Chapter had been granted by the First Grand Principal H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to Ex. Comp. Charles F. Hogard P.Z. and J. 10, P.Z. 141, 142, Alfred J. Henochsberg P.Z. 188, Joseph Da Silva H. 188, and Companions I. C. Cohen, J. A. Gartley, E. J. Ehrenberg, H. J. Phillips, J. Lichtenfeld, Rev. M. Haines, and Marcus Bromet; and the Consecrating Officers appointed were the M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. as M.E.Z., E. Comp. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer as H., E. Comp. Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., as J., and E. Comp. Frank Richardson P.A.G.S. as Dir. of Cers. Ex. Comp. Thomas Fenn officiated as S.N., and Ex. Comp. E. M. Lott directed the musical arrangements. Amongst those present at the appointed hour, and in addition to the foregoing, were Ex. Comp. J. L. Mather P.Z. 1471, J. Lewis Thomas P.G.S., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. 188, James Stevens P.Z. 720 771, T. Hastings Miller P.Z. 907, H. Massey P.Z. 1928, Fred Binckes (Sec. R.M.I.B.), F. R. W. Hedges (Sec. R.M.I.G.), C. H. Webb 1549, A. Rossington 733, A. V. Haines 142, S. Barnett 142, C. Chaffurier 1201, W. J. Benjamin, James Hayes 142, A. M. Cohen, J. Rasell 173, T. Tremere 1929, G. Rosenthall, S. Schmore 188, F. Bunker 59, W. Manly, H. Sadler, M. H. Myers, and others who failed to sign the register of attendance. A Chapter having been opened by the Consecrating Principals, the Companions were addressed by the M.E.Z., and the beautiful ceremony of consecration was at once proceeded with. Always a sublime and consequently interesting ceremony, its powerful appeal to the exercise of most reverential sympathy was on this occasion enhanced by the impressive manner in which the respective officers discharged their several duties. The addresses of the acting M.E.Z. Comp. Clerke, the grand oration on the nature and principles of the institution by the acting J. Comp. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and the delivery of the Scripture readings by the acting S.N. Comp. Fenn, were alike calculated to find solemn response in the hearts of all present; whilst the quiet and unobtrusive manner in which the ceremonial was conducted by Comp. Richardson, and the selections made directed by Comp. Lott, added greatly to the effectiveness of the entire proceedings. A more perfect rendering of the consecration ceremony could not have been secured, and the new Chapter will ever have the gratification of knowing that its birth was accompanied by such observances as became its introduction into the Masonic world, and should ever stimulate its members to uphold the Royal Arch Masons, the high position and character of its parent Lodge. On the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration the principals designate of the new Chapter, viz., Comps. Hogard, Henochsberg, and Da Silva, were installed by the acting M.E.Z. into the respective chairs of Z., H. and J. This portion of the evening's proceedings, consequent on the positions in Royal Arch Masonry hitherto held by these Companions, was of very brief duration, and the Companions below the chairs were soon re-admitted, when the following Officers were appointed and invested, viz., Comp. H. J. Phillips S.E., J. A. Gartley S.N., L. H. Norden P.S., I. C. Cohen Treasurer, Rev. M. Haines 1st A.S., E. J. Ehrenberg 2nd A.S., J. Lichtenfeld D.C., and Winkley Janitor. The M.E.Z. (Comp. Hogard) then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the several Consecrating Officers, with a request that they would accept Honorary Membership of the Chapter. This being seconded by Comp. H., was put and carried by acclamation, and acknowledgment was made by Grand Scribe E., on behalf of his colleagues and himself. A large number of candidates for exaltation and of Companions for joining were duly proposed and seconded for ballot at the first meeting of the Chapter, appointed for the 15th instant, and the Chapter was closed in due form and with prayer. A very excellent banquet was served in the Pillar Room, and was presided over by the M.E.Z., with his customary urbanity and ability. There was a long array of toasts, and the programme was liberally interspersed with a selection of songs, part-songs, and choruses, affording much enjoyment to the guests. The customary compliments to the Rulers and High Officers of the Royal Arch Degree were paid, and acknowledged in the usual manner, diversified only on this occasion by special reference to those who had consecrated the Chapter, and who were again especially thanked for the services they had rendered. In response Comp. Col. Clerke expressed the pleasure his colleagues and himself had experienced in the discharge of their duty on that evening, and their certainty that the Chapter would be an honour to the Order. Not many years ago it was difficult to get Chapters attached to Lodges in sufficient numbers, and Master Masons had to seek elsewhere than under the wing of their Lodges for R.A. Masonry. Now large Lodges such as the Israel were disposed to have Chapters attached to them, and consequently a greater benefit accrued to those who preferred not to lose sight of their Mother Lodge in any Craft degree. For himself, Comp. Clerke said that despite his recent illness, which had kept him prisoner at home for some days past, he could not reconcile to himself the setting aside of his undertaking to assist at this consecration, and he had therefore ventured to be present. He was glad that he was so, and again wished the Chapter and its members every success. The health of the M.E.Z. was proposed by Comp. Clerke, who extolled the many services of Comp. Hogard to the Craft, both as regards Lodges and Chapters, as well as in other capacities. He considered that the Companions had made a very wise selection, and congratulated them thereon. Under such rule as that which Comp. Hogard would be certain to maintain he could safely prophesy success. The M.E.Z. in a few forcible sentences responded, and, referring to the present

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position of the Israel Lodge, with which he had been so long and happily connected, trusted that the Chapter might prosper in like manner, to which end he would certainly devote himself whilst opportunity was afforded him. The Visitors were very heartily welcomed, and E. Comp. J. Lewis Thomas responded on their behalf, expressing their sense of the admirable arrangements made for their comfort in the Chapter room, and of the entertainment subsequently afforded them. In response to the toast of the Masonic Charities, in respect of which the M.E.Z. said that although they were flourishing they still needed support to cope with the numerous claims made upon them, Ex. Comp. Frederick Binckes, on behalf of himself, Comp. Hedges, who was present, and Ex. Comp. Terry, unavoidably and regretably absent, made a brilliant speech, which though briefer than we are wont to hear from him on like occasions, was alike humorous and appealing. He said, and truly, that judging from what had been done in the past by the Israel Lodge, the cause of charity would be well advocated in the Chapter, which would prove to be another body to aid in helping the several Institutions to relieve the necessities of others. He dilated on the fact that the best and most earnest workers in Freemasonry, those who were devoted to its ritual, and were best up in the true practical working of the Order, were by far the best supporters of those Charities which are the outcome of the highest and noblest organisation of which the world can boast. The Janitor's toast was an appropriate corollary to Bro. Binckes' admirable address, and brought the pleasures of a most agreeable evening to a close. It is but justice to the talented Vocalists, Miss Minnie Kirton, Miss Amy Sargent, Bro. Arthur Thomson, and Comp. T. Tremere, to state that their efforts, under the direction of Comp. Lott, added most distinctly to the general enjoyment of the company. We wish the Israel Chapter every possible success in a steady and prosperous career.

PROSPERITY CHAPTER, No. 65.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, City, when there was a goodly muster of Companions, and a profitable and pleasant evening was spent.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE preliminary Convocation of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement took place on Saturday, the 5th instant, at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Bayswater, W. An executive committee was appointed, consisting of Companions A. Nicols, H. E. Dehane and J. C. Pratt, in lieu of a Preceptor. The draft Bye-laws were carefully considered, amended, and adopted. Companion Captain Andrews was elected Treasurer, and Comp. H. E. Dehane Scribe E. The Chapter is beautifully furnished, and much of the re alia has already been presented by the founders. It was resolved that the election of members be by ballot, and that two black balls exclude. A list of twenty-one Companions desirous of joining was handed to Scribe E. The Grand Registrar of England has kindly consented to inaugurate the Chapter, to-day, 12th December, when the ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed. On this occasion Royal Arch clothing will be worn. Companions are cordially invited to attend. The number of founders is sixty-five.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday. Comp. Brasted was the M.E.Z., Dean H., Radcliffe J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds S.N., Russell P.S. Comp. Edmonds Preceptor. There was a good attendance of R.A. Masons on this occasion, who showed much interest in the study of the ritual of the degree.

MARK MASONRY.

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ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 355.

THE first meeting since the consecration was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, 1st inst. Present—Bros. J. Willing jun. W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., W. A. Scurrah J.W., J. L. Mather acting I.P.M., G. Gregory M.O., H. Dickey S.O., J. H. Batty J.O., G. Mordey Reg. of Marks, C. J. Knightley Secretary, W. J. Ferguson S.D., A. H. Scurrah J.D., G. Dickinson D.C., M. J. Rowley I.G., S. Smith Tyler. Visitors—Bros. F. Binckes P.G.W. Grand Secretary, C. E. Soppet W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, Williamson P.G. Stwd., J. T. Briggs W.M. elect 181, E. J. Hoare Grand Organist, T. C. Edmonds I.G. 139; and others. After Lodge had been opened, the minutes of consecration meeting were confirmed, and the report of the Bye-laws Committee adopted, the W.M. (assisted by the whole of his Officers) most ably advanced Bros. A. H. Scurrah, G. Dickinson and M. J. Rowley to the honourable degree of M.M. Mason. Several brethren were proposed for advancement at the next meeting, the Grand Secretary was saluted, and the Lodge closed. A most exquisite dinner was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, the courteous manager of the Criterion. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Jas. Willing) presided, with his accustomed ability and geniality, and the Visitors, as well as several Grand Officers, who looked in after the Mark Grand Lodge, complimented the Lodge on its progress and advancement.

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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Calendar and Directory for the Province of Middlesex. Edited by Bro. Henry Lovegrove P.M. 1777, &c. London: 26 Budge-row, E.C.

HERE we have another addition to the useful compendia published for guidance and information in the various Provinces, and which are invariably so much appreciated by the brethren in the localities treated of. The editor has inscribed his "little work" to the Right Worshipful Colonel Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master, and its contents are certainly of a character which show much care and painstaking in their compilation. In addition to the calendar for the year, the Editor presents his readers with a complete list of the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England and Grand Stewards; a review of the inaugural meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Middlesex, Surrey, Herts, Kent, and Berks and Bucks, with a roll of the Lodges and Chapters in the Province, and full details as to the duties and places of meeting, with the same information as to the Mark Lodges in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey. The little work is well printed, in handy form, and contains a vast amount of matter that will be interesting and exceedingly useful to the brethren who reside within the area covered by Brother Lovegrove's literary exertions. Indeed, we are inclined to say the possession of this guide is essential to all who are desirous, as every brother should be, of keeping himself well posted as to the statistics and movements of the various Lodges in his Province. An additional recommendation to the "little work" is that the profits (if any) derived from its publication will be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

The Turkish Bath in Diseases of the Heart, Obesity, and Atrophy. By Richard Metcalfe. London: John Heywood, 11 Paternoster Buildings, E.C.; Edinburgh and Glasgow: J. Menzies & Co.; Aberdeen: W. Lindsay; Manchester: Deansgate.

As a rule, treatises on hygienic subjects are not calculated to attract the attention and tastes of an ordinary reader; but under given conditions they are of inestimable value, and are eagerly sought after by those who are in search of particular subjects in reference to their own personal comfort and welfare. The little *brochure* presented to us by Bro. Metcalfe, of Priessnitz House Hydropathic Establishment, Paddington-green, is one of these, and we commend it to the thoughtful perusal of those who are in need of some agency of vital force to assist nature in the performance of her functions. The author, who has issued many other works on sanitary and kindred subjects, devotes his introduction to a consideration of the action of the heart, and the physical operations it is constantly performing; and his descriptions are of no dry-as-dust or pedantic order, but couched in such language as to make them pleasantly intelligible to even the casual reader. He points out in a manner that cannot be misunderstood how that the whole functions of vitality are governed by the heart, and leads up to the admitted conclusions that unless the skin be surcharged with healthy blood it is impossible for robust physical vigour to be long sustained. He then proceeds to give an interesting description of the re-introduction of the Turkish Bath into this country, about 30 years ago, and the circumstances which have led up to its becoming recognised as an "institution"—a remedial agent never to be ignored. Hitherto the experience of the effects of a Turkish bath has been chiefly confined to the upper classes, and the author regards it as a "melancholy fact" that, with few exceptions, as yet the hot-air bath has not been brought within the reach of the poorer classes, amongst whom it would be especially beneficial. It is transparent to all that the chief sources of suffering and disease amongst the poor arise from the want of personal cleanliness, poverty accompanied with drunkenness, and unhealthy dwellings; but the difficulty appears to our mind to be how to bring that which has hitherto been regarded as a luxury only for the well-to-do into universal operation, and within the pecuniary reach of the great body of the people. It is well-known that since the multiplication of swimming and warm baths throughout the country, either by public or private enterprise, personal cleanliness and all the advantages arising therefrom have been enormously stimulated; but the appliances and manipulation of the hot-air baths are infinitely greater; and it is problematical whether the process can be so extensively and cheaply applied as to render the Turkish bath part and parcel of the conventional *régime* of all classes of the population. The main object of this little work, however, is to remove some of the popular errrors regarding the supposed deleterious effects of hot-air baths in heart complaints; and, as a medical reformer of evidently long and deep research, the author gives us the results of his experience as to the efficacy of the bath upon diseases in general, and its power to prevent sickness. To demonstrate this he cites various eminent authorities on heart disease, and its organic forms, and contrasts the superiority of hygienic treatment over the medicinal remedies in the allopathic practice. The main objects of the hot-air bath are (1) to stimulate the skin and to sweat out effete matter, and thus depurate the blood; (2) to relax spasm, or over tenacity produced by mental or bodily excitement, if such exist; (3) to restore vigour to the body, bruised, as it were, or exhausted by bodily or mental labour; and (4) to draw the blood to the skin, and thus relieve internal organs of congestion. For ourselves, the taking of an occasional Turkish bath has been from a luxurious sense of its refreshing and exhilarating effect, and with this part of the subject the writer also deals; but his chief object, of course, is to point out the vitalising results of a system of hygienic treatment, especially to the weak and debilitated, and produces evidence to prove that in cases of functional disorders of the heart, the beneficial action of the bath is simply overwhelming and

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incontrovertible. Summing up, Mr. Metcalfe maintains that persons can avail themselves of the benefits of the Turkish bath, with, to say the least, as little risk as attends ordinary medicinal treatment, and he believes with a very great deal less; and he is certain from all he has seen of its effects in all forms of heart disease, that for curative or palliative efficacy and for safety in its administration, hot-air is infinitely to be preferred to most of the allopathic medicaments. Space at our command does not allow of our even enumerating the hints, suggestions and precautions to be observed in heart complaints in taking the Turkish bath; the subject is so elaborately, yet plainly, treated that all who are interested in the subject of such vital importance to health should "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" them for themselves. Apart from its medical aspect, this little treatise is a valuable addition to our hygienic literature, and should therefore secure a wide and extensive circulation.

Cassell's Family Magazine. London: Cassell and Co., La Belle Sauvage-yard, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

It seems almost like trying to gild refined gold to speak of any of the valuable works which emanate from this well-known and extensive firm of publishers, who have established a deeply-rooted reputation throughout the country as the pioneers of sound and wholesome literature. It is only by way of recording some new and attractive feature that one feels called upon to notice what for many years has been recognised as a family magazine *par excellence* for English readers. With the advent of Christmastide the market is flooded with "seasonable" literature calculated to arrest the attention of all classes of readers, but "Cassell's" has ever found a ready *clientele* amongst those who love and appreciate fiction of a refined and elevated character, as distinguished from the too often "sensational" style of the Christmas novelists. In the current number before us a new serial tale is commenced, entitled "A Wilful Young Woman," by the author of "Who is Sylvia?" the opening chapters of which give promise of a most engrossing and admirable story. The first of a series of three papers, on "London for Londoners," is given by Professor J. Stuart Blackie, who handles his subject, as one could only expect, in scholarly fashion, interspersed with an abundance of anecdotal matter; whilst in order to titillate the gastronomic tastes, which are invariably of foremost consideration at the "festive" season, there are some chatty pages on "Pastry at Home and Abroad," by a "Practical Cook and Confectioner." Additional freshness is imparted to the current number by the opening of a new tale by Lucy Farmer, entitled "The Chronicles of Cardewe Manor;" and Mr. C. Despard, the well-known and successful author, contributes the first instalment of an admirable tale, entitled "Lyndon of High Cliffe, or an Old Soldier's Love Story." The miscellaneous and seasonable chapters—notably "How to set up a Christmas Tree," "Milly's Dowry," "Dress for Cold Weather," "Our Co-Operative Evening Party, and How we Managed It,"—are all uniformly excellent; whilst running through the beautifully-embellished pages there are selections of music and poetry, combining to make up a marvellous and varied assortment which cannot fail to convey much wholesome interest and relaxation into the family circle, especially at the season of Yuletide, so nearly approaching. The serial tales are of the best of their kind, and will be looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations as succeeding monthly parts reveal their respective "tangled skeins." This is decidedly the most bulky and best of the Christmas numbers we have seen on the bookstalls this year.

Crumbs for Robins: the Christmas Part of the Little One's Own. London: Dean and Sons, 160A Fleet-street, E.C.

THERE is little more remarkable in the advances made in literature in recent years than the improvements that appear almost daily in the attractions which are provided for the juvenile sections of the community. This may be accounted for by the development of the typographic and pictorial arts, but equally so by the rapid strides which recent educational movements are making in the country. Messrs. Dean and Sons have even surpassed themselves in this direction by the issue of a publication which may well conjure up smiles upon the countenances of our little folks this Christmas, and make their twinkling eyes dance the merrier as they unfold the wondrous wealth of subjects provided for their special delectation in the pages of this pretty little work. Instead of the gaudy daubs which formerly appeared in our children's "picture-books" we have here a perfect *repertoire* of works of art, yet all so admirably toned and simplified as to bring them within the appreciative admiration of the youngest denizens of the nursery. The stories are couched in language of facile simplicity, and embellished with a host of coloured plates, in which juvenile pastimes, historical sketches, incidents and adventures are most happily blended. The "seasonable" tit-bits are exactly of the sort that interest and amuse the young, while they afford abundant food for thought and instruction to tender minds; and interspersing these are chapters of more "serious" matter, calculated to convey home lessons in a palatable way, such as is the best means of reaching the finest susceptibilities of children. Christmas games and stories are given with such simple directions as cannot fail to enlist the "young ideas," and will prove of infinite attraction and relaxation in many a family group in the coming "merry Christmas time." A really marvellous budget of home reading, pleasant stories, poetry and pictures that will form a fitting contribution of any Santa Claus who wishes to instruct as well as to delight, children in the coming season, which has so peculiar a charm for young minds.

An illustrated edition of "Treasure Island," a story of pirates and the Spanish Main, by Mr. R. L. Stevenson, has just been issued, with numerous original and spirited full page illustrations.

Mrs. Molesworth, author of "Carrots," is writing a serial story which will commence in *Little Folks* for January.—*Academy.*

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SOMETHING NEW ABOUT HENRY PRICE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By referring to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of about two years ago, you will find that in order to convince my friends Bros. Hughan and MacCalla that Lodge No. 79 of 1730 was not located in Philadelphia in 1735, but that it was located in England from its beginning to its end, I not only furnished the history (as it were) of the said Lodge from 1730 to 1814, showing its successive change of numbers on the English Lodge lists during that period, and the removals of its places of meeting from one public-house to another, but I also furnished the names of the members of No. 79, copied from an original record in Freemasons' Hall, to which Bro. Gould called my attention in 1880. The copying of the said names was done for me by my friend Bro. Henry Sadler, and I recollect that I once suggested to Bro. Sadler the possibility of finding the name of Henry Price in the same record, among the members of some Lodge of that period; that is, before Price left for America in 1733, and Brother Sadler told me that he could find the name of Henry Price in the record; but in a letter dated 7th November Bro. Sadler says: "Did I tell you that Henry Price's name appears in the list of No. 75, in the first minute book of said Lodge?" I presume that "the first minute book" Bro. Sadler refers to is the identical record from which he copied for me the names of the members of No. 79. I shall therefore, with the aid of the Lodge lists furnished by Bros. Hughan and Gould, proceed to trace the successive renumbering of the old No. 75, and its successive removals from one house to another, and demonstrate its present location thus:—

	Old	New	
1730.	75	...	Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings.
1736.	75	...	Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings, 17th July 1730.
1740.	75	62.	Gun, Suffolk Street, 17th July 1730.
1756.	62	37.	Two Figures, at Putney, 17th July 1730.
1770.	37	33.	White Lion, at Putney, 17th July 1730.
1781.	33	29.	Britannic Lodge, Star and Garter, Pall Mall.
1792.	29	27.	Britannic Lodge, Star and Garter, Pall Mall.
1814.	27	42.	Britannic Lodge, St. James's Street.
1832.	42	38.	Britannic Lodge, St. James's Street.
1863.	38	33.	Britannic Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
1874.	...	33.	Britannic Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.

The latest English Lodge list I have is in the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1883, in which I find as follows:—

"33. Britanic Lodge, F.M.H., 2nd Fri. Fe. Mr. My. Oc. No. 1730."

The year of the Constitution, viz., "1730," to the above list, was supplied by Bro. Hughan. There can, therefore be no doubt that the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, of to-day, was No. 75 in 1730. Now, it only remains to be ascertained whether the said Lodge retained its old records of the period when Price left for America. If so, the record should be examined, for something might be found therein that would throw more light on the doings of Henry Price before he left England, and whatever new facts about Price may be discovered they will be interesting to American Masons in general, and to Massachusetts Masons in particular.

Fraternally yours,

JASON NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 26th November 1885.

UNITED GRAND LODGE AND ITS BENEFACTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much pleasure your article on the above subject in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and quite agree with you as to the legitimate purposes for which the money subscribed to Grand Lodge for benevolent purposes should be applied. It seems to me rather far-fetched and absurd for a brother to attempt to cast a slur upon Grand Lodge for not, as he asserts, contributing to a church building fund, whilst there are so many objects which claim the consideration of the Craft, within the spirit and intentions of the subscribers. It is our almost every-day experience that there are many deserving cases which Grand Lodge is unable to relieve, in consequence of the means at its disposal being far short of the demands upon the Benevolent Fund; and to still further reduce that power of doing good in accordance with the express purposes for which the subscriptions are given, would be to stultify the action of Grand Lodge, and divert money subscribed for charity into a foreign channel. You entered so exhaustively into the subject that it is unnecessary to enlarge upon it here; but I think it should be borne in mind that charity is a personal responsibility in its broadest sense, and that whatever is given in relief from a benevolent fund is a free-will offering, for which no return is asked for or expected. I was lately reading an able and interesting paper on this subject, which set forth that in carrying out the principle of charity, Masons should make their contributions to the needy in obedience to the dictates of their judgment of *worthy* character of the applicants, and their *ability* to comply with the wants of the needy. The writer proceeded to say:—"It is quite true that a

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Mason has a moral right to expect, in the event of indigency, that his needs will be regarded with favour; nevertheless not in any instance is it contemplated that he can properly approach a brother member, or his Lodge, with a demand originating in any legal claim upon either. That which is true of personal responsibility in this direction is also true of the Lodge as the almoner of the members. If, therefore, we are right in our premises—if it is undeniable that a Mason is not vested with *rights* to charitable consideration—if it is a fact that an applicant for charity must rest his claims to attention upon his good name and the ability of the brethren to respond to his wants, why the necessity or apology for legislation that not only casts a reflection on our charitable professions, but that is sapping the foundations of the Fraternity by drifting us from our landmarks, and associating the organisation with mutual insurance? The fundamental law is ample under all possible circumstances." This extract struck me as bearing somewhat on the question at issue, seeing that if Lodges are the almoners of the individual members, so is Grand Lodge the almoner of the funds contributed for a specific object by the various Lodges in the country, and should be religiously expended for that purpose, and none other.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

VIGIL.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

WEDNESDAY last will long be remembered at the Langham Hotel as a "red letter day" in the annals of this Lodge. Business was commenced by the W.M., Brother Henry Hill, at 5 o'clock precisely. He was supported by Bros. Halliday S.W., J. Smith J.W., Dr. F. Spurgin S.D., F. J. Bonham J.D., J. Chaplin Treasurer, J. Baker Secretary, with the following P.M.'s: White, Foxall, Lea, J. J. Pope, Phillips, and Moufiet. Among the Visitors present were Bros. Garrett 704, Wickins 735, Lea 1897, Burgess 9, Thorn 967, Andrews 35, Morton 172, Arnold 1339, G. Mayo 1732, G. Cross 1741, Jacobs 1732, Von Joel 957, Edwards 766, Hasness 179, Millis, March 27, Linscott 55, P. Palmer 1732, Dr. Currie Jackson 531, Potter 1614, Hansard 193, Wilson 1563, Healy 1348, Baker 2030, Foalé 1381, Honeybun 55, Bevet 179, Cox 862, F. Smith, F. Brice, Cottebrune, Tucker, and Jenkins. Immediately after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the admission of Brother Lord Charles William de la Poer Beresford, M.P., P.M. 1903, who was proposed by Bro. Seager Hunt, M.P., and seconded by Brother J. Chaplain Treasurer; and Brother C. Walker Old Concord Lodge, proposed by Bro. J. L. Baker P.M., seconded by Brother E. White P.M. This proving to be unanimously in favour, these two brethren were admitted into membership, and took their seats amongst the brethren. Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising Bros. A. T. Brooking and J. E. B. Hammond was then performed in an able and impressive manner. Lodge having been resumed in the first degree, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Whitby sen. and jun., both of Peckham, who were proposed by Bro. Ellis, and seconded by Bro. Felton; also Mr. John Wade Avery, Deputy Superintendent Registrar, proposed by Bro. Douglas and seconded by Bro. J. L. Baker P.M. This also proved to be unanimous in favour, and the gentlemen being in attendance, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry in a manner which seemed to make a great impression on their minds. A letter was read from the widow of the late Bro. Durant, informing the Lodge of the sad loss she had sustained by the death of her husband, who was for many years a member of the St. Marylebone Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. White P.M. and seconded by Bro. Phillips, that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Durant, expressing the sympathy of the members of the Lodge with her in her affliction. This of course was carried. All other business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the banquet room, where upwards of eighty brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast which had been provided for them. At dessert the health of the Queen and Craft was duly honoured; the toast being followed by the Worshipful Master proposing the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupling the names of Bros. Foxall and Cottebrune. In reply Brother Cottebrune thanked the W.M. in the name of the Grand Officers for coupling his name with Bro. Foxall, who had for so many years been Past Master of the St. Marylebone Lodge. He had seen Brother Foxall installed into the chair of K.S. as its first Master by the late Bro. J. Hervey. He was sorry he had not seen the whole of the working, but had witnessed sufficient to enable him to form a judgment that such working could be surpassed in few Lodges. Brother Foxall also thanked the W.M. for including his name, and said it was an interesting day in the history of the St. Marylebone Lodge, as they had five new members, viz., three Initiates and two Joining Members, one of the latter being Lord C. Beresford. He thought they ought to be very much obliged to Bro. Seager Hunt for having proposed such a distinguished Mason. The I.P.M., Brother Moufiet, resumed the gavel and proposed the health of the W.M., saying they all were aware how he had undertaken every position in the lodge, and how he had done his work (cheers); he heartily congratulated him upon it. The W.M. in responding thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He hardly knew how to answer to their compliments. He had done his best to perform his duty and could not have done so well had he not been ably assisted by his Officers. He felt he had been honoured and gratified in having three Initiates, as no Lodge could possibly progress unless they had new and young blood imported into it. He was happy to say that he had another candidate for them at their next meeting. Brother Seymour Smith then favoured the company with the E.A. song. Bro. Whiteley sen. commenced his response with the quotation from "As You Like It:"—"Though I look old, yet I am strong and lusty. For in my youth I never did apply hot and rebellious liquors in my blood, nor did not with unbashful forehead woo the means of weakness and debility. Therefore my age is as a lusty winter, frosty but kindly." He was very much surprised and pleased with the grand Christian doctrine used in the initiation ceremony, and felt that since he had breathed the Masonic air he had become a new man. If the Masonic principles were truly carried out, nothing could be higher or grander, and if the question should be asked as to why he had become a Mason, his reply would be that it was in response to the dying request of a beloved daughter who had passed away in Australia, and that was, "Father, be a Mason." Bros. Whitely jun. and Avery also responded. Bro. Seager Hunt then proposed the health of the joining members, Bros. Lord C. Beresford and C. Walker, saying that those brethren might congratulate themselves that they had the pleasure of hearing the ceremonies so beautifully given by the W.M. It could not have been more grandly rendered. They and the initiates would feel that Masonry had that grand Christian power which enabled it to withstand the waves of Socialism and Atheism which were abroad at the present time, and congratulated them on belonging to a Lodge which contained amongst its members some of the ablest and staunchest men in Freemasonry. Lord C. Beresford, in response, thanked Bro. Hunt for having proposed his health, and said he was the remnant of the joining brethren; he wished to thank them for allowing him to join so distinguished a Lodge. His experience of Masonry was somewhat varied, for he had belonged to many Lodges, having originally been initiated in New South Wales. He had also joined Lodges in Hong Kong, Wellington, and the Cape. He also remembered joining one at Tunis, where an Irishman was in the chair. On that evening they had three candidates of different nationalities, viz., an Englishman, a Frenchman, and an Italian; each had to be initiated in his own language. Finally he paid a compliment to the W.M. for the able and impressive manner in which he had worked the ceremonies. Brother White then proposed the health of the thirty-five Visitors, and said he could hardly expect them all to respond, but would call upon Bros. Hansard P.G. Steward, Colonel Burgess, and Shand to undertake that duty, which was done. Lord C. Beresford was then called upon for a song. This he declined, for two reasons; the first was he had sprained his thumb, and the second, he had never sung a song in his life; but would be very pleased to give a sentiment, which he considered contained most of the precepts embodied in our grand old Craft:—

"Life is but a froth and bubble,
Two words in it are writ in stone:
Kindness for each other's troubles,
Courage for our own."

Next followed the toasts of the various Officers, which were duly responded to. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant and instructive evening.

CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

THURSDAY last was an "off night" with the members of this Lodge, who assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Harris. There were also present Bros. W. Nevins I.P.M., H. Tapley P.M., J. Mitchell P.M., E. West P.M., W. Watkins S.W., C. J. D'Oyley Mears J.W., J. Dorton Treasurer, J. C. Pitts Secretary, W. Temple S.D., J. Still J.D., A. T. Vale I.G., Sherwin Organist, and many other brethren. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, was advanced, and the ceremonies of raising and passing were worked in admirable manner by the W.M. assisted by his Officers. A pleasant evening was passed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge fell due on the 9th ult. (Lord Mayor's Day), but as many of the members were interested in municipal affairs, and could not have been present on that day, a dispensation was obtained from the Provincial Grand Master to hold the meeting on Wednesday, the 11th ult., on which day there was a large assemblage of members and visitors at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Soon after three p.m., the Lodge was opened by Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., W.M. Senior Provincial Grand Warden, all the Officers being in their places, whilst amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Smith P.M. 837, J. Barker P.M. 1102, T. M. Goldie W.M. 660, Major McGachen P.M. 1991, H. Darby W.M. 643, J. B. McNay P.M. 236, C. Anderson 236, W. Purnell 236, T. B. Nicholls 660, C. L. Burdekin 236, W. Smith 236, T. Archey 236, E. C. Clough 660, G. W. Pattison 602, and others. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W., the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M. P.P.G.W., and George Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Bro. Sir F. Milner then presented Bro. A. T. B. Turner, the S.W. and W.M. elect, for installation, and the ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. Cumberland giving the charges to the Officers on investment, and the final address to the brethren. The following Officers were invested for the year:—Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., I.P.M., W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., Rev. R. Blakeney Chaplain, J. Kay Secretary, G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Dalton S.D., W. Lackenby J.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M. D.C., W. Stephenson I.G., C. G. Padel P.M. Org., W. Storey Steward, P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, and J. Hall Tyler. After the ceremonies, a number of presentations took place. Bro.

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Cumberland presented a series of certificates of service as Steward at the Charity Festivals. These, with those earned by other members of the Lodge, it is intended to frame, and hang round the walls of the dining room. Bro. J. T. Seller P.M. presented a valuable series of framed Masonic engravings. Bros. J. Blenkin P.M., W. Storey, and Bro. Whytehead (as representing the ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar) presented the Master's and two Wardens' chairs. These are most beautiful pieces of furniture, elaborately carved in solid oak, the measurement being—height at back 7 ft., width 3 ft. 3 in. The backs, which are surmounted by two beautifully carved dragons in repose, are supported by the columns of the various Orders, and in the centre of the panel are the arms of the Lodge, beautifully carved in bold relief, showing the four ancient gates of the city, the city arms, with the five lions rampant, and supporters of Roman soldiers on either side, the name and number of the Lodge being carved on the ribbons. The front supports are figures representing lions' heads, manes and claws, beautifully carved. The capitals and base of the columns are carved in dark brown oak, which, besides adding relief, is a great improvement. The whole are highly polished in the natural colour, and richly upholstered in crimson velvet. Next came the presentation of the pedestals by Bros. Sir F. Milner, P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., and W. B. Dyson. These also are splendidly carved in solid oak, representing the three Orders, the dimensions being—height, 3 ft. 4 in., by 2 ft. 6 in. square. The entablature of the pedestal of the W.M. is supported by four columns of the Ionic Order, the capitals and bases being in brown oak; that of the Senior Warden is supported by four columns of the Doric Order, and the Junior Warden's by four of the Corinthian Order, the whole being beautifully polished and mounted with the silver emblems of the three offices. Handsome oak chairs, upholstered in crimson velvet, are also being made for the Deacons and Inner Guard. When complete this will form one of the most handsome collections of Masonic furniture in the country, and reflects the greatest credit on Bro. W. Stephenson, of Micklegate, York, whose designs and workmanship have given such great satisfaction to the members of his Lodge. Bro. T. B. Whytehead was elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charities' Committee, and the Lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes." An adjournment was then made to Harker's York Hotel, where Bro. P. Matthews had provided a capital banquet, at which Bro. Alderman Terry, Lord Mayor of York for the second time, was an honoured guest. The Eboracum Lodge is famed for its annual toast lists, which ever since its birth have been specially designed by Brother Whytehead. This time the front page bore a view of the City of York a couple of centuries ago, with appropriate Masonic quotations, and the arms of the Lodge on the back. The toasts were as follows:—The Queen and the Craft, the Prince of Wales Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England, the Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire; the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred T. Brewster Turner; the Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W.; the I.P.M., Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W., and the Past Masters of the Lodge, the Lord Mayor of York, the Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, and the Officers of the Lodge; the Sister Lodges and the Visitors, the Masonic Charities, Masons' Wives, Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters, and the Tyler's toast. During the evening a musical programme was efficiently given by Bros. Child, Wilkinson, Sample, and Cumberland.

GIHON LODGE, No. 49.

THERE was an audit meeting of this Lodge at the Guildhall Tavern, City, on Thursday evening last, when the accounts of the auditors were accepted as very satisfactory, and were passed accordingly.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The meetings of this excellent Lodge of Instruction continue to attract the presence of a numerous section of the brethren resident in the South of London, the Lugard Tavern forming an accessible rendezvous by tram and rail from all parts of the district. The arrangements made by the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Alfred Pusey, for the comfort and convenience of the brethren, are all that can be desired, whilst the character of the working, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Walter Martin, is ever such as to afford edification and pleasure to those who attend. It is little matter for surprise that the attendances should be so well maintained, and that the members should so firmly hang together and advance both in numbers and instruction. Last week Bro. R. Dutton filled the chair of Worshipful Master, in a creditable manner, supported by Bros. D. Thomas (who has just returned from Australia) as S.W., S. Lampen Treasurer, C. L. Tokeley Secretary, Walter Martin Preceptor, and many others. Lodge was opened in form, and after the confirmation of the minutes, the sections of the first degree were worked by Bros. Wimble, Wilkinson, and the Senior Warden. The Officers were elected for the ensuing meeting, and the Lodge was closed in harmony after a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Dutton for his admirable working. On Wednesday last Bro. D. Thomas filled the chair, with Bros. Wimble as S.W., Morgan J.W., Wilkinson S.D., S. Lampen J.D., R. Dutton I.G., C. L. Tokeley Secretary, W. Martin Preceptor; Best, Murrell, Wallman, Bailey, Percival, Lazarus, A. Pewsey, McChristie, Axford, Vellenoweth, &c. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Axford, of the Hornsey Lodge 890, personating the candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Wimble, and the second by the W.M., whose working was creditable all round. The report of the Audit Committee, which was of a satisfactory character, was received and adopted, and Bros. Percival and Lazarus, of the Southwark Lodge 879, Axford, Hornsey Lodge 895, and Vellenoweth Temperance Lodge 169, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and severally returned thanks. Lodge was then closed in form, and with the customary harmony. Visitors are cordially welcomed at this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday evenings, at 7·30 p.m., and we can assure them of an enjoyable and edifying réunion.

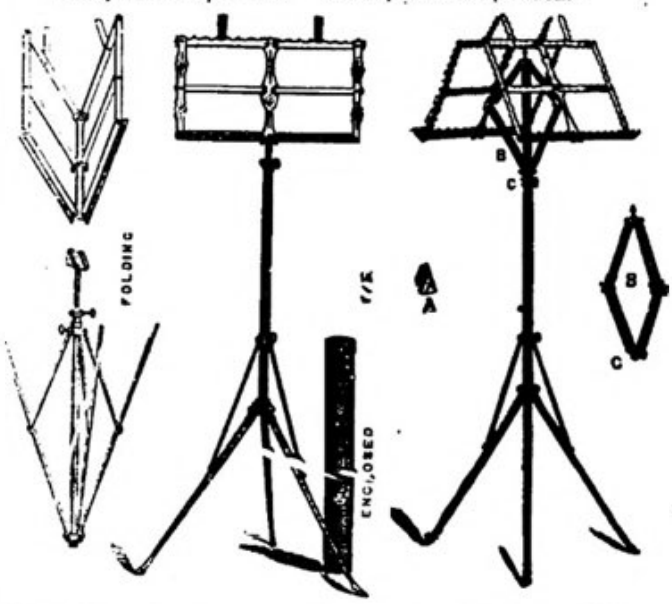
Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 7th inst. Bros. Collingridge W.M., Garner S.W., Flack S.W., Parkes S.D., Turner J.D., Keogh I.G., Western acting Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed Brother Parkes acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, the 14th inst., Brother Garner being elected W.M.

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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. VI.

IT is impossible to please everybody, and he who tries to emulate the example of the "old man and his ass" must anticipate the same ignominious fate. But there are some who, at the risk of their own and others' happiness, must be always on the turmoil; endeavouring in their small way to impress those around them with a sense of their own importance. We have before us a specimen of this arrogant and waspish nature, which happily is not so prevalent as to come frequently under our consideration. We see him now, in the Lodge room—where last of all places in the world a shadow should be found—quarrelling, bickering, and finding fault, in order that his own particular crotchets may find their way to the front. "Bombastes Furioso" may be a fitting soubriquet for our brother, who shall be nameless, although he may take heed of this little slice of fraternal admonition. For a long time there had been an unruly element in his Lodge; and everybody knows the dire results which accompany even the slightest approach to insubordination or laxity of discipline. The Master of the Lodge we have in our mind's eye is a man of administrative ability, and has had experience, though he is perhaps a shade—may we say it?—too sensitive. Still, his actions never amount to overbearance, nor does he ever display partizanship. Somehow, however, the seeds of discord found an entrance into the Lodge, to disturb its habitual serenity, and this arose mainly through the cantankerous demeanour and the confirmed obstinacy of one or two members, whose traits of character form the subject of this sketch. By their insidious conduct a bad example, which is as catching as a cough before a sermon, became infectious, and thus an obstreperous coterie was generated in the Lodge, seriously affecting the peace and harmony which should invariably prevail in the assemblies of the Craft. It was not a sudden outbreak of open rebellion against the ruling of the Worshipful Master, but a slow and subtle growth of discontent, mingled with jealousy. The malcontents whom our dissatisfied brother succeeded in creating grew emboldened by the slight check that was brought to bear upon their procedure, and the little clique seemed to do pretty much as it felt disposed. The cog-wheels of the machinery, so to speak, became disjointed, and the whole of the gear of the Lodge was unhinged, rendering the work slow, cumbrous and unpleasant, instead of bright and edifying to the general body of the members. As a consequence, many of them abstained from the regular meetings rather than be subjected to the inconsiderate dictation of the few who had evidently made up their minds to "go on anyhow;" but when it came to pass that the Senior Warden, as leader of the obnoxious party, applied opprobrious epithets to the Secretary, and uncomplimentary observations to those of the Officers and brethren with whom he chose to be at variance, a crisis was reached that became painful to a degree. The election night came round, and so great was the respect in which the Master was held, and such the appreciation by the brethren of valuable services, rendered to the Lodge, that he was re-elected to the chair; but the "opposition" declined to confirm the minutes, and the election had to come on again at the next Lodge meeting, when, fortunately, the turbulent ones were again in a minority. At the end of the Master's second year of office the Senior Warden was elected as his successor, and he improved the occasion by letting the brethren know how he intended to consult *his* Wardens, and pointed out how happily the affairs of the Lodge would run under *his* benign rule. That will be so, no doubt, provided the Wardens and other Officers work together in harmony; but what if the reverse is the case? What will be the position supposing his Wardens behave as he behaved whilst he occupied the Senior Warden's chair? It is an axiom which one need not go far to demonstrate that he only is fit to command who has learned to obey; and no man makes a good general who has not practised the simplest, as well as the most rigid, rules of discipline and obedience. Thus it can hardly be expected that one who, occupying a subordinate office in a Lodge has been unable to inculcate the first law of qualification for command, will turn out a skilful or successful Master, or that he will be able to obviate any of the friction that may arise amongst the party who were subservient to him when in opposition or obstruction to a former ruler. A man who has failed to prove himself loyal to his superior officer can scarcely be expected to receive fealty from others when he assumes the reins of office; and his rule will be marked with a lack of confidence in those by whom he is surrounded. Moreover, there will always be a weak spot in the government of his Lodge, seeing that he will not possess that implicit reliance on his followers which is essential to the successful working and unity of any body of men. He will not be true to himself, inasmuch as he does not believe in himself. Precociousness has usurped the temple which should alone be the residence of common sense. He might have gained valuable experience from an estimable sire, who has won, and who retains, the respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought into contact, both in private and public life; but the youngster imagines he knows better than his would-be Preceptor, and thinks his parent does but waste his time in proffering wholesome counsel and advice. Thus the aid which might be given by practical experience is lost to the self-sufficient youth who airs his frivolous crotchets in the Lodge and out of it, vainly believing that by ostentation and bounce he will impress the brethren around him with that importance which he secretly cherishes in his own estimation. Such, however, is not the case. As water is bound to find its level, so is the man buoyed up with false security and self complacency destined to draw down upon himself the contempt of more evenly-balanced minds with whom he is brought into association. If will be a matter of surprise to us if a Lodge under the auspices of such a Master as we have endeavoured to portray will succeed, either in its financial position or in the good understanding which should always obtain amongst any society of men, and particularly in a Masonic Lodge; and the chances are that the hollowness of the pretensions set up by a precocious bantling at the outset of his rule will be detected and exposed long before the time when, with a feeling of relief, he will hand over the insignia of office to his successor.

Contrast with such an one, a solid, steady worker in the Craft, such as we are now thinking of, who whilst ever ready to discharge the functions which the brethren gladly entrust to his hands, is never to be found at variance with his neighbours on minor points of detail. Practical experience has taught him how to rule and govern, and how to conciliate whatever antagonistic feelings may crop up in his Lodge: and there are very few Lodges in which at times differences of opinion will not occur. In such a case our worthy brother—either in his position of Secretary, or as a Past Master—rarely fails to throw oil on the troubled waters, and to bring men of various shades of opinion to a just, right, and amicable conclusion. Instead of fanning the flame of insurrectionary opposition, as would be the tactics of such an one as the brother mentioned above, this veteran of the Order is never above learning a lesson from those about him, and always exercises a discretion and a deference to the wishes and views of his fellows that is the surest means of securing unity, and cementing the bonds of good fellowship and amenity. If questions arise in which the brethren display a divided opinion, he is the counsellor whom wisdom and experience have taught to be judicious, firm, but conciliatory withal, and in very few cases indeed does he fail to produce the desired effect, and to restore harmony when the clouds of dissension have begun to gather. Such a man is a treasure to any Lodge with which he may be connected. In him the brethren can repose the most implicit confidence, feeling that their trust will never be betrayed. To him the Master and his Officers may look with absolute reliance, and feel that he will counsel and advise for the best interests of the Lodge and its members, individually and collectively. In the fulfilment of the various duties he undertakes he is conscious of the righteousness of his intentions, and relies on the undivided support of all the members in the execution of his plans for the welfare of his Lodge; and thus a feeling of security and *esprit de corps* is engendered amongst the

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whole body, whose united actions are characterised by that unity and concord which are so essential to the well-being of Freemasonry, in every sense of the word. Whereas, in the one case there is a wellspring of hesitation and distrust, in the other no shadow of a doubt appears to mar the happiness and success of the Lodge. Not a ripple is felt on the surface of the waters, and the stream of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth flows on with an equanimity and ease in pleasant contrast to the dissatisfaction and discord which we infer from such conduct as is described in the opening lines of this article. It is for the brethren —while endeavouring to carry out those principles which are the mainspring of success in any Masonic Lodge—to uphold the efforts of such a veteran as he whom we are now considering; to withdraw their countenance from all factious opposition, and the mutinous tendencies of cliques; for it is by this means alone that unity which is strength is to be secured, and the machinery of our grand old Institution kept in a fit condition for carrying on its great and beneficent enterprises.

It will be a source of gratification to many of our readers to know that Bro. T. W. Casburn Bush, P.M. 185, I.P.M. and Sec. 1728, is deriving great benefit from a visit to Bournemouth, where he is at present staying, in the hope of improving the condition of his health. Bro. Bush for some time past has been under the medical care of Dr. Douglas Powell; at the suggestion of that gentleman a special consultation with Sir Andrew Clark was arranged, the result of which was that Bro. Bush was ordered to take a few weeks' rest from business, while a stay at Bournemouth was recommended. We are very pleased to learn that the change has had beneficial effect on Bro. Bush's health, and trust that on his return to his accustomed sphere he will find the benefit he has derived to be of a permanent character.

The second annual ball of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, to which we referred in our last issue, will take place on Tuesday, the 13th January, and not on the 6th as therein stated. The ball will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, and a novel feature in connection with it is that a *hot* supper will be served, some of the ladies having been heard to express a doubt as to the repast served them last year being a "Masonic banquet,"—to which, after the "work" of the evening, they felt themselves justly entitled.

On Thursday, the 3rd instant, at a meeting of the Clausentium Lodge, No. 1461, Woolston, Bro. R. Bell, of Itchen, was installed W.M., and then appointed his Officers. Afterwards the brethren partook of a banquet. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre, was present, as were the Worshipful Masters from the Winchester and Southampton Lodges.

Bro. J. A. Collings, Organist 1693, will give a Smoking Concert on Tuesday next, 15th inst., at the Falstaff Musical Society, The Falstaff, Eastcheap, E.C., on which occasion he will be assisted by a number of talented musical brethren. The concert will commence at 7.30, and the price of tickets is one shilling each.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council (T.I.) of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales, &c., will be held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, on Friday next, the 18th inst., at 4 p.m. The business to be transacted comprises the election of a Worshipful Master and Treasurer, the reception of duly qualified brethren into the Allied Masonic Degrees, &c. A banquet will follow at the Holborn Restaurant.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weary of life.—Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases, and the most prolific source of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits, and repelling the covert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmospheres, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills, and explicitly putting them in practice, the most desponding will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE anniversary meeting of the members of this Lodge, and the installation of Worshipful Master took place on Wednesday, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, under the presidency of Brother James Funston W.M., who was supported by his Officers, a large number of brethren, and the following Past Masters:—Bros. Clements, Stean, Jones, Barham and Benjamin. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Funston resigned the gavel in favour of Bro. Louis Stean, the first Master of the Lodge, who since its consecration has always been looked upon as its Installing Master. He performed the ceremony this year with his accustomed ability, placing Bro. E. Walker in the chair. That brother appointed the following as the Officers:—Bros. Matthews S.W., Drysdale J.W., Henderson Chaplain, King Treasurer, Cox Secretary, Thrower S.D., Harrison J.D., Beasley I.G., Young Organist, Clark D.C., Douglass Steward, Griffiths Assistant Steward. The installation ceremony was then completed, with the usual addresses to the Officers and brethren. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen, Messrs. Walter Henry Mills and Stephen Batchelor, who were candidates for Freemasonry. They were afterwards initiated. The W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor, on behalf of the Lodge, and in doing so referred to the fact that Bro. Funston was the first initiate of the Lodge who had risen to the dignity of Master in it. The Report of the Audit Committee was accepted, and after the transaction of other business, the Lodge was closed. Among the Visitors were Bros. John Ives P.M. 1472, H. Massey P.M. 1928, F. Horner P.M. 31, F. Brien P.M. 1076, E. Heard 95, J. Little 1607, J. Blinker J.W. 1151, C. Sims 861, H. Salter J.D. 861, J. Aillud P.M. 615, John Roberts 1816, G. R. Gwynne 1613, C. Rian 1613, G. P. Christmas 27, H. C. Baker 21, H. R. Baker J.D. 2030, J. W. Chapman 1678, H. Doubleday 193, G. H. Staff 1365, J. Smith P.M. 193, G. Harwood 813, G. J. Freeman 1613, R. W. Silverborne 1007, H. W. Robinson 995, J. T. Gibson 1420, S. Smithers J.D. 193, H. Stephens P.M. 754, C. Steel W.M. 1365, E. Isaacs, G. Andrews 1420, A. J. Walker 22, R. A. Germaine Org. 2033, W. H. Baker 2030, Sir W. Guyer Hunter, K.C.M.G. (Buckingham and Chandos), R. Tidman 813, G. Mustoe 813. The members and visitors afterwards sat down to banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, and at the conclusion thereof the usual toasts were honoured. The first on the list was the Queen and the Craft. The Worshipful Master was not sure how many of the ancestors of Her Majesty had been Freemasons, but knew that some of them at least had taken great interest in the Order, while at the present time her sons and her grandson had been admitted members of it. The toast was enthusiastically received, and was followed by the National Anthem. The next toast was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince of Wales had largely conduced to the success of the Craft in the past. The Master felt it would be impossible to secure a more deserving or more energetic Grand Master than the present ruler of the Craft. The health of the Grand Officers was next submitted. The claims on the Grand Master's time were so numerous and so severe as to allow of his giving only a casual attendance at Grand Lodge. In his absence the Grand Officers ably filled the vacancy, and performed their duties at all times in a most exemplary manner. Brother W. Clarke P.G.P., to whom the Worshipful Master referred as one of the Consecrating Officers, and one who had been present at each of the installations of the Lodge, responded, tendering his hearty thanks for the reception of the toast. It would be presumption on his part to offer any words on behalf of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon,—his acts showed far greater than any words of his could express. Notwithstanding his many arduous duties in Ireland he still found time to devote to Freemasonry. From personal knowledge Brother Clarke was able to say that a week seldom passed without the Pro Grand Master making inquiry at Grand Lodge as to the progress of the Order. The Earl of Lathom was another who at all times endeavoured to advance the interests of Freemasonry, while the Grand Officers, as a body, strove to follow in the footsteps of their leaders. Bro. Funston I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master, who was a brother known and dear to all present. Personally Brother Funston had known the Master for the past thirty years. They were then both young men; they had grown up together, and had continued firm friends through all that time. They had both sought admission to Freemasonry, and now he had the pleasure of proposing the health of his old friend as Master of the St. Leonard's Lodge. The toast was heartily received, and the W.M. tendered his thanks. It was true he and the I.P.M. had known each other for a very long period, but it was hardly true that he, as the I.P.M. had said, had rendered distinguished services to Freemasonry. It was true he was one of the founders of the Lodge, possibly it was in a measure due to him that the Lodge had been established. During the seven years he had been associated with it there had been nothing but peace and harmony among its members, and he hoped that the same good feeling would be displayed during his term of office, and in the future, so long as the Lodge existed. He next proposed the health of Brother Louis Stean, the Installing Master and the Father of the Lodge, who had that day come among them to do good service for the Lodge, as he had often done in the past. Bro. Stean was one of the oldest Masons in the metropolis, and was to be congratulated on wearing so well, as also on having been able to do so much for the good of the Order, and on behalf of the cause of Charity. Bro. Stean briefly replied. He had always endeavoured to inculcate the true principles of Freemasonry, which at the time of his initiation he had found to be brotherly love, relief, and truth. He had also worked hard in the cause of Masonic Charity, and was pleased to think that his efforts in that direction had been crowned with success. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of the Past Masters.

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They were essentially brethren who had rendered good service to the Lodge. Each of those who had preceded him in the chair had performed the duties of the office in an admirable manner, and had all contributed their part towards bringing the St. Leonard's Lodge to its present state of excellence. Bro. Barham, in reply, said the Past Masters were only too pleased to find the great success the Lodge had attained. They had all, in turn, done their utmost to secure its prosperity. He trusted the time was far distant when he should find the Lodge without a good representative body of Past Masters present at its meetings. The next toast was to the Initiates. The Worshipful Master said there was no toast that brought greater pleasure to the heart of a Master than this. It was an unalterable law of nature that things of earth must die off and pass away, and Freemasonry was no exception to the rule. This could only be counteracted by the introduction of new blood—the admission of new members, to whom Freemasons were at all times pleased to offer the heartiest right hand of fellowship. They had that night been honoured by the admission of two initiates. He trusted those brethren had been impressed with the ceremony of their initiation, that they had considered it as no frivolous matter, that they would not be disappointed in their expectations of what was to follow, and that they might derive great and lasting benefit, from being associated with the Order. The two initiates having replied the Worshipful Master submitted the toast of the Charities following on with that of the Visitors. The St. Leonard's Lodge had not been behind hand in the past in the support it gave to the charitable Institutions of the Order, and he trusted it never would be. Sir W. Guyer Hunter, M.P., replying as a Visitor, said he was very pleased at the present time that the discussion of politics was not allowed in Freemasonry, anything unassociated with politics was just then such a novelty with him as to be particularly interesting. Whenever he had been in a Lodge it had always been to him a source of gratification and pleasure. He had that day been received in the kindest manner, and this would always be highly appreciated by him. He joined Masonry believing it was the personification of all that was benevolent in nature. Its tenets and principles from the earliest ages until now had been benevolence and goodwill to all men. It had been stated by some who did not know what the tenets and privileges of the Craft were, that it was a secret society, and ought to be suppressed. In the middle ages, and when the Inquisition was in full vigour, despotism could not put it down. Why? because it was based upon love and charity, which all good men and true held dear. Therefore, Freemasonry must flourish as long as the world existed. Brother Germaine and other Visitors having also spoken to the toast, the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and also of the Officers was proposed, after which the Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the brethren separated.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on 9th inst. Bros. Shackell W.M., Cubitt, Saint, King, Lashbrook, Belchamber, Pitt Secretary, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The questions leading to the second degree were answered by Bro. Lashbrook. Lodge was opened in the second degree., and the ceremony was rehearsed. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Belchamber, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Saint was elected W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks was carried, to be recorded on the minutes, for the very able manner in which the W.M. had conducted the arrangements. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' Road, on Tuesday, the 22nd and 29th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m. Bros. Gush W.M., Larchin S.W., Jenkins J.W. Tuesday, 22nd: — First Lecture — Bros. Salmon, Hodges, Syckelmoore, Sharp, Gregory, Gush, Larchin. Tuesday, 29th:— Second Lecture—Bros. Aynsley, Snelling, Fenner, Jenkins, Berry. Third Lecture—Bros. Oldis, Hill, Cross. Bros. Gush Preceptor, Berry Secretary.

PRESENTATION.

ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Old Blue Posts, Southampton-bldgs., a presentation was made to Bro. H. G. Gush P.M. 1541. It consisted of a very handsome clock, accompanied by a purse of money. The inscription on the clock is as follows, and explains fully the occasion of the presentation.

"Presented to Henry Good Gush P.M. 1541, on the occasion of his marriage, by members of the various Lodges of Instruction with which he has been connected, in testimony of their fraternal affection and regard, and for the services he has rendered on all occasions."

The presentation was made by Bro. Fox, on behalf of the brethren, and after remarks from Bros. Snelling, Berry, Cross, Creale and others, Bro. Gush responded, and a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Fox as Chairman, and the other members of the Committee, closed the proceedings.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C.,

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Toole's.—This versatile comedian, after a prolonged absence in the provinces, re-appeared before a London audience "at home" on Monday evening, when he was greeted with an enthusiastic welcome. On that occasion he introduced to his friends a farcial three-act piece, entitled "Going It," by Mr. Maddison Morton, which was first played during Bro. J. L. Toole's engagement at Glasgow. There it was found that the veteran dramatist's effort was so exactly fitted to Bro. Toole's style and manner that he decided to bring it out at his own theatre. We had thought that Mr. Morton had retired years ago from that sphere of play writing which in the days of "Box and Cox" earned for him such a reputation; but we find in the piece now produced a degree of bright sparkling humour and repartee which convinces all who listen to it that "there is life in the old boy yet." It must be admitted that "Going It" is a little old fashioned in its construction, as well as in its general mode of evoking merriment; but the reception accorded to the various *dramatis personæ* was a genuine reflex of the appreciation by a modern audience of ideas which may be regarded in some minds as somewhat retrogressive in stage representation. "Going it" may decidedly be pronounced as grotesquely humorous, and eminently suited to the jovial comicalities of Brother Toole, and the able seconding of the members of his company. The favourite comedian always possesses the faculty of keeping his audience in the very best humour, and in his present effort he is no less successful than in many previous ones we have had to record from time to time. It is a lengthened farce, the rendering of which is made to extend over a couple of hours, but there is never a moment's abatement of the interest aroused by the incidents presented, whilst in the more prominent situations the leading characters are such as to excite the risibilities of the audience and to sustain their happy humour throughout. Bro. Toole makes the most of every position in the piece, and is capitally supported by Miss Emily Thorn as the widow, Mr. E. D. Ward as the spendthrift Bob Cossett, Mr. G. Shelton as the objectionable Gigawick, and Miss Eliza Johnstone as the confidential maid servant. At the conclusion of the farce Brother Toole and the veteran dramatist were called before the curtain and enthusiastically cheered, when the leading artiste made a characteristic speech, thanking the audience for the hearty manner in which they had received the new piece. He was sure Mr. Maddison Morton would be equally as pleased as he was. He referred to his most successful country campaign and said he looked forward to a good season, as an indication of which he had already received a good many applications for "orders." Brother Toole, in the course of his speech made some comical reference to his friends Mr. Henry Irving and Mr. Sims Reeves, which provoked the utmost amusement among those present, and whom he should be delighted to see in company with all their friends, "every evening until further notice." The after piece, "The O'Dora," may be somewhat disappointing to old playgoers, who used to regard the evening's entertainment completed after tragedy, and when half the audience invariably testified their opinion to that effect by quitting the house. However, the piece is so good that almost everybody remains to see it out, and the programme is one such as cannot fail generally to satisfy to the utmost all who pay a visit to Bro. Toole's unique resort of fun and genuine humour.

IMPORTANT TO PLAYGOERS.—On Wednesday, 2nd inst., his Honour Judge Bailey decided, in the Westminster County Court, the case of Vandenberg *v.* Augustus Harris, which is of considerable importance to playgoers. Mr. Vandenberg appeared in person; Mr. Broadley, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Bolton, M.P., represented Mr. Harris. The judge ruled that the sale of a pit ticket only guaranteed admission, and that if there was standing room the plaintiff had no cause of complaint. He therefore gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

Messrs. Cassell announce that on 21st December will be published the first of a series of weekly 3d volumes, each containing about 192 pages, small 8vo, of clear, readable print, which, under the name of Cassell's "National Library," will produce every week, as a distinct book, some piece of sound literature. The series will represent all periods and forms of thought. The books will be of the records of History, Biography, Religion, and Philosophy; Discovery and Enterprise; Plays, Poems, and Tales; Natural Science and Natural History; Art; Political Economy; with whatever else may be worth lasting remembrance. The first volume of Cassell's "National Library" will be "Warren Hastings," by Lord Macaulay, and this will be followed by Walton's "Complete Angler," (6th January); Mackenzie's "Man of Feeling;" Byron's "Childe Harold," (20th January), &c., &c. These volumes will be published in paper covers, price 3d each; or in cloth, price 6d each.

"The Royal River: the Thames from source to sea," has just been published by Messrs Cassell. The work contains descriptive text by Prof. Bonney, H. Schütz Wilson, Edmund Ollier, D. Maccoll, Godfrey Turner, W. Senior, Aaron Watson, and J. Runciman; and is illustrated with engravings from original designs by G. L. Seymour, W. H. J. Boot, C. Gregory, T. Murray, A. Barraud, Captain May, R.I., A. W. Henley, Clough Bromley, W. Hatherell, W. B. Wollen, and other artists.

The first attempt of an English writer to place before the public a complete historical sketch of the career of the greatest German statesman of modern times, will be issued in a few days by Messrs. Cassell and Co., under the title of "Prince Bismarck; an Historical Biography." The work is from the pen of Mr. C. Lowe, M.A., who, it is well known, possesses exceptional facilities for the preparation

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 DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
188—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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 14th 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.
290—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).
223—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.

R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
78—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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
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
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
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick

R.A. 379—Tyrtæ, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 15th 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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruc
1382—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8.
1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., a
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruct
1472—Hanley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruct
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury P
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-st
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8 (Inst
R.A. 1643—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, De
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, s
468—Light, Great WesternHotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruw
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Bat
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
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, North
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Str
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderlar
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampto
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grim
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 16th DECEMI

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instr
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (I
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (In
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge R
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street,
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (I
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (I
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Pennin's-court, Fleet-street,
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (I
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instr
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 510 Old Kent-road,
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Ha
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., West
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow,
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fi
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Ro

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st.,
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instructi
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (I
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruct
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent St

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
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, Scarboroug
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, B
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hook-and-Ivelwick
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldha
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Sa
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Ro
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Ma
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instru
663—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruct
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mo
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instr
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Well
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Rochdale Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
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
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1367—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

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, 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)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
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)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1618—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, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Ins.)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
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, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 190—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1581—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—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
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
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, 18th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
35—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbar, at 8. (In)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instructior
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 8
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staithes
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, 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, Camberwel
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

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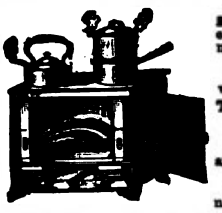
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SUCCESS; HOW IT MAY BE CHECKED.

IT is one of the peculiarities of human nature that while one man, or one section of the community, is struggling for an existence, others, with apparently only similar facilities, are overwhelmed with success, and are obliged to adopt measures to check, in some form or other, the prosperity which is showered upon them. In every sphere of life there are men who can find no outlet for their abilities, while others are obliged to refuse much of the patronage offered them. So it is with Masonic Lodges, some of them struggle on from year to year, barely receiving sufficient new members to fill the vacancies caused by death or resignation among the older ones, while others are so overwhelmed with applications for admission that at last the members feel compelled to adopt measures to relieve themselves of some of the excess—numerically speaking—which presses so heavily upon them. It is difficult to decide on the steps to be adopted when such a course is deemed necessary, and still more difficult to see the ultimate result of whatever action may be decided upon; yet it is one of those points in the management of our Lodges to which a very small amount of attention is usually devoted, for the reason that those interested in the alteration are of necessity flushed with the success they are bent on checking, and either forget, or do not care to consider, the possibility of a change coming in the future. Many a Lodge has become so strong in membership as to induce the brethren to adopt some restrictive measures for their future government in regard to the admission of candidates, with the result that a stop has virtually been put to all propositions, for either joining or initiation; and, as a result, the Lodge has not only lost its high position, but has dwindled down until it has either collapsed altogether, or has had to be remodelled or resuscitated under the direction of some energetic Master, who may possess more fire or good fortune than some of his predecessors.

One of the most popular courses adopted by members of Lodges when they come to the conclusion they are becoming too strong, is to raise the fees of admission, placing them at such a figure as to render the Lodge "restrictive." This is one of the greatest mistakes possible in any organisation, and more particularly so in Freemasonry; where mercenary considerations should be unknown. This course has the effect of keeping out good men, but really opens the way for less desirable acquisitions. Good men will hesitate before they spend an exorbitant sum on the gratification of any fancy; while others, to whom money is of less consideration, will select the most expensive company, in the hope of mixing with a better class of companions; and, it may be, of having a wealthier class on whom to prey should they determine to make use of their Masonic membership for unworthy motives. Then, the increase in the fees has caused the Lodge to be without an initiate for months, so that when a candidate does offer himself, who is ready to pay the increased dues, he is received with open arms, and in all probability much of the caution which should be exercised in regard to admission is relaxed for fear of frightening away a valuable acquisition—in the form of a new member. As a

of their action? Have they yet experienced the full force of their restrictions? We think not. It is an oft-repeated truism that no human institution can continue without additions to its membership from time to time; in a very few years the best would come to an end, unless it were replenished by young men, who, in their turn, have to be supplanted by others, as death or other circumstances remove them. Of course in a numerous Lodge, or other society, this gradual falling-off is not felt for some time, but eventually the contingency must be faced, just as surely as must the hand of death; and when a Lodge becomes so reduced in numbers—the result of restrictive legislation—as to call for special action, the brethren will find they have a much greater labour to surmount in securing a return of former success than had their fellows when they desired to check it. Indeed, it is seldom a Lodge recovers itself when, under such circumstances, it may be said to have run itself down.

There are many considerations which necessitate a limit being put on the membership of a Lodge, among the most prominent of which are the comfort of the members and the accommodation the Lodge possesses for its meetings. A large Lodge is frequently a difficult one to manage, and there are many who affirm it is impossible to get any true enjoyment out of assemblies which are attended by so many brethren that it is impossible to know even the names of half those present. However this may be, we will not now attempt to decide; we have enjoyed ourselves at small quiet meetings, and we have enjoyed ourselves as one of a large company where quietness was anything but the prodominant feature. We have also spent some of the most unsatisfactory of our hours of "pleasure" in small, quiet assemblies, such as would have delighted the hearts of those who abhor all large meetings. Considerations of accommodation are of much greater importance than that of mere numbers, and this is one which really demands attention. A Lodge room and other quarters which will provide comfort for thirty brethren, will make forty as uncomfortable as can well be conceived, and so it becomes necessary, sometimes, to put a limit on the number of members who shall be allowed to join a Lodge, and this can well be done by fixing a limit beyond which nominations shall not go, rather than by raising the dues, as already referred to. A rule is adopted in many of our Lodges, more especially those in the Provinces, limiting the membership, and this rule works well. If the numbers fall off at any time, there is no alteration to be made ere new members can be attracted, as is the case where the only course appears to be to reduce the fees, in order to counteract the mischief done in the past; it also has the effect of placing all the members on the same footing. All enter the Lodge at the same fee, and all have the same privileges, but where some have paid the original fee, and others the increased one, feelings of inequality are for ever associated.

In conclusion, we would urge on those who find their Lodges too cumbrous, to banish all thoughts of increasing the fees, and to adopt, as a temporary check, a rule which limits the number of the members; this they can amend at any time, while it is all but impossible to reduce the fees, as by so doing a Lodge so acting will be looked upon as

THIS GRAND EDIFICE.

An Oration by Right Worshipful and Reverend W. S. Hooper, before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 8th October 1885.

WE cling to the memories of the past, and treasure their souvenirs as sweet remembrances of the days of boyhood; some of well-known friends or the triumph of some grand principle. One holds the old family Bible, though tattered, torn, and thumbed by the use of many years, as the grandest trophy from the circle of the old home. Every rend of the leaf, blot upon the page, or soil of the cover, has perhaps a history fraught with precious memory, that carries him back to the days of childhood, and doubly endears it to the heart of the possessor.

Notions guided to impulses of loyalty to country, or devotion to patriots, and prompted by gratitude for the great works of their leaders, erect monuments in stone, or carry their memory down through the ages in the oft told tale of father to son. The society organisations of men, not unlike the individual or nation, have their mementos, monuments and treasures. They are thoughts, principles or legends; but as such are as tangible as the monument in stone, or as the brilliant gem. Coequal with the society existence, they are as inseparable from it as brother is from brother, and have blended themselves into its constitutional elements.

Masonry, not an exception to this fact, has in her teaching these mementos of thought; in her history those of fact; and in her symbols those of principles; none of which allow of doubt because of their well authenticated character. But the great memento about which there has been much doubt and argument is that of antiquity, and whether legend or history, it has almost become a part of her being, and by some is thought to be a vital principle, and firmly holds the hearts and minds of men—possesses the thought of the thinker—demands the attention of the student, and gives full power to the enthusiast. It is not our object to-day to attempt a solution of the mystery, nor a destruction of this long cherished thought by showing that Masonry has no antiquity, but to divert the mind from considering it as a cardinal principle, essential to the well-being of the Order, and to direct the mind to the high and noble principles of the Order, and try to show that however precious this thought may be to many, that there are principles in our ritual calculated to do much more good among men, and to which all our thoughts should be turned; that these principles are calculated to claim the attention of the greatest thinkers, and that the morals of Masonry—higher than her antiquity—are abreast with the greatest moral teachings of ancient or modern times. Hence that mere antiquity, though a claim of honour, is the feeblest she can make for the attention of the great and thoughtful. That if she has a high standard of purity she may occupy her place among men as a great moral agent, fit to be accepted by the great and good everywhere.

Antiquity is the idol of our reverence, but not the ground of our love. We love not the father merely because he is old, but because of the fatherly love and devotion to his child when in maturer years and robust strength he spared not the ability of his manhood in rearing the boy for battling with the hardships and turmoils of his later life, and now in age revere the name of father and honour his silvery locks because they, as the companions of his wrinkled brow and furrowed cheeks, are the marks of many a hard-fought battle for his boy. So we honour Masonry, not because she is old, but if old, because her hoary hairs are the marks of the many conflicts of her earlier life. Hence mere antiquity is not a vital principle to her perpetuity, nor has it the force of the grand truths that she must and ought to teach. Her greatest force is found in the authorities from which she draws her moral power, the Bible and her symbols. These are of far greater power than the distinction of her supposed ancient founder. Yet there are many who deny these, and decry her purity of morals. But he who has been within her folded doors, knelt by the side of her altars, drank in the grand truths taught by her symbols, listened to the reading of her sacred lessons, felt the inspiration of her work, who has unfolded the leaves of the sacred volume, or sat beneath the drippings of his loved sanctuary, knows that the morals taught by the silvery-tongued orator of the pulpit and those around the Masonic altar, are drawn from the reading of the same divine word and from symbols known for their high standard of purity.

The opinions of men as to the age of Masonry vary so much that several important periods of time are claimed as the one of her birth, and finally three distinct theories have strong advocates; the days of Solomon, the incorporation of the Guilds, and the early English Lodge. But what are the facts as concerning her internal evidences? That throughout her entire ritual she commemorates events from almost every age of the world, from many years before Solomon to a period more than two thousand years after his time; that these events and symbols of all these ages are blended to one beautiful whole, conveying lessons of importance to assist man in the conduct of his moral life, and that upon this basis she has builded herself into a fabric as beautiful as she is grand.

But with all due deference to the objector to the idea of antiquity, we must acknowledge that the first theory is substantiated by some of Freemasonry's internal evidences; that she has some of the ancient Jewish ideas, and that there were ancient nations having organisations whose members recognised each other by words, signs and grips.

The main presumptive evidence is the constant reference in all the degrees to the building of Solomon's Temple, and the constant intimation that his workmen were organised. There is no history to show an organisation of any society at that time and place, but there is strong internal evidence in the facts connected with that enterprise to show that those workmen were organised for systematic labour; hence a bare possibility of a society organisation, for no leader of any great enterprise could have furnished vast relays of workmen, alternating several times a year; arranged them under different overseers; divided the work according to its character and the ability of his workmen, without a systematic organisation. To doubt this is to doubt the most authentic Jewish and sacred history.

So-called legendary Masonry asserts that after the Temple was finished the workmen sought labour in other lands, where they had mutual protection by words, signs and grips. It further intimates that such labour could not be had in their own land. The Jews were not an architectural people, hence could not give employment to these workmen. They may have known of societies having signs for mutual recognition—they tended to a close union among themselves; hence these may be strong enough for the presumption, but history does not prove it. A little further in the ritual of ceremonies we find the legendary description of the country where the memorable tragedy was enacted, and the mention of the routes of travel and commerce. Here "the brow of the hill" is true to history, and the "acacia" true to the products of the country. Then the place of the attempted embarkation of the criminals was on a regular line of travel into Ethiopia, and also between the east and west, between Greece and Babylon. These being true, it is not impossible that impatient men might have demanded of their great leader and the possessor of facts important to them that he violate his high trust by acceding to their wishes in order to save his life. If these are true, yet it is not for the purpose of establishing antiquity, but for a more important purpose. For here, the leader of all these men was one of untarnished honour and unsullied character, who regarded that honour and his high trust of more value than life; hence he lays down the one rather than violate the other, teaching us that honour is of more importance than life, one of the truths God often teaches. Viewing these presumptive evidences and this noble act of heroism side by side, and weighing them in the scale of moral justice, to which should we give the greatest honour, the hoary hairs of our Order's age or the grand action of this noble hero? There are difficulties, however, to this theory, because the blending of the facts of ancient and modern history in different parts of our ceremonies and teachings would seem to destroy this whole idea of ancient age, unless it can be shown that the modern are innovations upon an ancient work.

There is a peculiar beauty in this blending of the ages, in showing the power and character of Freemasonry's growth and the lessons learnt of the different periods of the world's history:

1. The *Apron*, one of the most beautiful emblems, leads us back to the time when Roman youths were invested with the robes of honour that made them manly citizens of the great Republic; to the phylactery and robes of the

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ancient Jewish priesthood, and to the mysteries of Mithras of Persia, when they invested their candidates with the white apron as a mark of honour; to the Essenes, who clothed their novices with a white robe, and among the early Christians who used it as a mark of fellowship. Hence, it covers, by reference, a great period of time, and symbolically places these ages side by side, while each and every reference is substantiated by authentic history.

But the teaching of this badge of a Mason touches periods of time far subsequent to the apron itself. In teaching of its honour it refers to the Golden Fleece, an order organised in A.D. 1429; to the order of the Star, organised in 1350; and to that of the Garter, an order of society, of A.D. 1193. Now, as we look at the long line of the ages embodied here, reaching back from hundreds of years before Solomon to more than two thousand years after, we can only feel that a part of our mental memento must fade away.

But antiquity is not the thought of the teaching of the apron in its symbolic blending of the ages. The importance is not how the workmen at the Temple wore it, but its mark as a badge of honour, in the moral power of its symbolic teaching. Here is the emblem of human and divine purity. Here is brought in contrast with moral purity the honours and distinctions of men. Here are the garbs of the princes of the realm—the royal purple and scarlet of those who sat upon the exalted thrones of empires and kingdoms. The marks of honour of the warrior from the field of carnage, where he won the laurels he justly wears upon his brow, brought into beautiful contrast with the humble peasant or civilian wearing the white badge of innocence, in which we are taught that great and worthy as the renowned warrior may have been, grand and beautiful as the crown he wore, great and mighty as the power the throned monarch wielded, yet these honours and powers are not comparable with the merits of him who worthily wears the snowy emblem as the testimony of a pure heart and conscience before God and his fellow man. We pass then in our degrees over other events of history equally diverse as to time.

2. The reference to the plumb-line found in the Book of Amos and used in our work, was not written by that author until two hundred and twenty-seven years after Solomon. The mausoleum of Artemisia was not built until near seven hundred years after, nor the Temple of Diana until two hundred and sixty-five years after his day.

3. Then we go back to the days when the heroic followers of Jephthah demanded the shibboleth at the banks of the Jordan, B.C. 1139; to the time when men ascended the winding stair within the temple walls; when they stood between the grand pillars of the massive porch; when the makers of a covenant passed between the dismembered parts of a lamb as a seal to their compact; when priests bowed in holy reverence before the outspread roll of Holy Writ; when men cut and carved the memories of history and the conduct of their great upon the walls and columns of their majestic temples, and upon moveable rocks and fragments of parchment to be hidden away in the secret archives of their nation; to that time when David sang his songs of joy in the beautiful strains of Hebrew melody and in the harmony of Hebrew verse; when the Hebrews and Gentiles marched alike to their altars of sacrifices and worship, charmed by the strains of sacred music. We pause before the grandeur of the pyramids; the gorgeous splendour of the temple of the Ephesians: at the magnificent porch of the temple of Solomon and beneath the Colossus at Rhodes; before the grand architecture of the earlier and later times, and read the lessons of man's wisdom and power, and the wonderful teachings of God to man that span those great lapses of time. But look where we may, it is not antiquity that stands out prominently, but the inherent qualities and value of Freemasonry's precepts that claim our attention and enrich her character, endear her to her votaries, and enable her to speak with power to the higher character of human intellect. Every page of her history glows with sparkling gems of moral worth; every symbol speaks a volume of truth, as applied to man's life and destiny. We are elevated by the thought that the earthly is but the guilds from which in the lapse of ages Masonry has grown. If this be true, we here trace architecture and the guilds through long periods of time, until the priests of the new and rising faith wrested the leadership from the laity, and then again the laity from the priesthood. Then on until a central head was established, from whose trestleboard all designs were given to the builders in all lands, meeting exactly the thought taught in the Lodge. Then on through all the lands of Europe—through toil and trial—under the favouritism and tyranny of kings and emperors; in their Lodges at the rising and the setting of the sun; in their songs and prayers; under their patron saints and leaders of their work; in their united brotherhood, and identified by their grips, words and signs, and moving in their work from land to land where they obtained Master's wages; in their investiture, circumambulation—rights of freeman and observance of their many forms and ceremonies, and under their leadership of one delegated body, all of which is a perfect counterpart of the teaching of to-day—in their belief in and worship of their God, and the adornment of themselves with the badge of innocence as their mark of honour. If this theory could be proven we might then find the blending of the guilds with the early Lodge of A.D. 926, the Freemasons of 1350, and finally perhaps the nucleus around which was the organisation of the Lodge of A.D. 1717, from which results the present form of Masonry, and which really gives us a great antiquity.—*Voice of Masonry.*

(To be continued).

THE SYMBOL OF WISDOM.

THE following take-off on the intense desire of an uneducated, but ambitious, brother, who had earnestly laboured to become the Master of his Lodge, and who was finally permitted to represent King Solomon in the East, was told at a banquet not many years ago, and called forth more good humour from the late presiding officer who had stepped down and out than from any of the other members. "Our election reminds me of a little story about 'The Tail and the Head of an Old Serpent,' the Symbol of Wisdom, when at eventide the cunning old fellow was coiling himself up for a nap, and placing his Head in the centre left the Tail outside to keep guard. To this the Tail took exception and complained, that through long weary years he had followed the Head over mountain and valley, bog and fen, never before complaining, but now he wished to rebel and be somebody in the family, and would prefer to lead. The Head complimented the Tail for his long obedient service, and said he could raise no objection, and would willingly submit to follow. Off darted the Tail, the Head following, over the bog and the lake most successfully and joyously. The Tail made straight for a beautiful cane brake, dense as brush and briar could make it. Through the twigs and under the roots it bent its way, the silent Head obeying. But the roots and brambles grew thicker and closer, and the Tail wriggled and scratched, and, in pain and suffering, at last found itself an immovable prisoner. It was then it cried aloud, 'in accents wild,' to the Head for extrication. The Head took command and drew the Tail out of its difficulty easily and readily."—*Hebrew Leader.*

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614, at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on Thursday evening, the 31st instant, at eight o'clock.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 19th December 1885:—

Monday—St. George and Cornerstone Lodge, University Chapter. Tuesday—Enoch Chapter, Royal York Chapter, Cadogan Lodge. Wednesday—Noviomagus. Thursday—Great Northern Lodge, Globe Lodge. Friday—London, Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine Association

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

ANDERTON'S Hotel, Fleet Street, has long enjoyed an enviable popularity among City Masons for the excellence of its arrangements and its *cuisine*; but few among the number of Lodges which make that old established resort their trysting place display such united energy and harmony as that whose annual election meeting took place on Monday evening last. Under the genial presidency of its present Worshipful Master, Bro. W. A. Cubitt, the Lodge has continued to grow in strength and prosperity, a fact to which ample testimony was borne on the occasion to which we refer. There is an evident vein of solid determination in all the ranks of the members not only to sustain, but if possible to enhance, the success which the Lodge has so long enjoyed; and with such a spirit animating any body of men there can be little apprehension as to the result. Bro. Cubitt was supported by Bros. W. Saint S.W., F. Silvester J.W., R. D. Kershaw P.M. Treasurer, J. Shackell P.M. Secretary, G. P. Nightingale S.D., S. Smither J.D., J. Gildersleve acting as I.G., E. J. Davey S., and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. There were also present Past Masters W. Wood, S. J. Webb, J. E. Fells, T. Biddle, H. T. Reed; Bros. J. Hart, F. Westoby, E. D. Stevenson, A. W. South, J. Egan, A. W. Barham, J. Dongray, W. A. Colyer, W. J. Parker, W. Richell, J. Little, J. Foster, G. Masters, W. G. Fernley, J. H. Bayley, J. D. Collins, F. Hemings and others. Amongst visitors were Bros. W. Belchamber 1158, and H. J. Amphlett 1511. Lodge opened with a formidable agenda before it, and it was a matter of congratulation that on the last night of Bro. Cubitt's Mastership there should have been such an amount and variety of work to be disposed of. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was opened in the three degrees, when Bros. W. J. Parker, A. W. South, J. Dongray, and F. Westoby were raised to the sublime degree, the impressive rites being carried out in perfect manner by the Worshipful Master. Resuming in the second, Bro. Joseph Hart was passed, and here again the ceremony was most admirably performed. Lodge having been lowered to the first degree, the ballot was opened for Mr. Henry Middleton Alston, who had been nominated by the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. W. Saint S.W.; and for Mr. Frederick Hemings, A.R.I.B.A., proposed by Bro. J. D. Collins, seconded by Bro. Bedford Lemere P.M. The voting in each case was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Hemings, who was present, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order with due solemnity. Mr. Alston was unable to attend, and his initiation consequently stands over until the next meeting. At the close of the business the brethren proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the choice falling unanimously upon Bro. W. Saint, who had ably discharged the duties of the S.W. chair during the past twelve months. The result was hailed with genuine congratulations, and Bro. Saint suitably expressed his sense of the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him. Bro. R. D. Kershaw P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services, and Bro. L. G. Reinhardt was re-elected Tyler, with compliments upon the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his position. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned for supper, which was served in admirable style by Bro. Clemow, when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing them the Worshipful Master said there had been an unusual quantity of work to do, and consequently they were somewhat behind time with the Fourth Degree, he should therefore be as brief as possible in any remarks he might have to make. "The Queen and the Craft," and the "Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were received with loyal enthusiasm, after which the W.M. proposed the Grand Officers, Present and Past, speaking in felicitous terms of the manner in which the affairs of Grand Lodge are managed by our Masonic Rulers. He might tell those unacquainted with the facts of the case, and who had not yet had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge, that he was pleased to be present last month when the Prince of Wales was again nominated as Grand Master of English Freemasons. He was proposed in able manner by Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., and the nomination was received with the utmost acclamation and pleasure. It was gratifying to know that they had at the head of affairs such an able and good Mason as his Royal Highness, who was not merely a figurative, but a working Mason. Bro. S. Webb P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the Immediate Past Master, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who was certainly worthy of the approval of every member of the Lodge. He thought they ought to be exceedingly satisfied that they had such an able Master as Bro. Cubitt had proved himself to be. Some years ago he was very bashful, and it was difficult to persuade him to accept even a minor office. He was "sure he should never succeed to the chair of his Lodge," but at length he consented to try. He had not only tried, but had succeeded, and when he vacated the position he now filled, they would all admit that he had acquitted himself as creditably as any who had preceded him. This Lodge had lost none of its lustre under the auspices of its present Master. He had had as good gatherings of the brethren around him as any of the Past Masters had seen, and in that respect he had much cause for congratulation. Bro. Cubitt would have a nice position next year as I.P.M., and if Bro. Saint filled the chair with as much satisfaction as the present Master had done, he would find in Bro. Cubitt a most valuable helpmate. These observations were received with cheering, and Bro. E. J. Davey then sang in excellent voice the song "London Bridge." The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received, and accepted by the company. It was quite true that some twelve years ago, when Bro. Webb had asked him to take the position of Inner Guard, he had no desire to go in for office. He did not think he could manage it, or give his time to the proper performance of the duties. In course of time, however, he took office, and by the kind indulgence of the brethren he had passed through them all until he reached the chair. The duties of that exalted position he had discharged to the utmost of his ability, and no one could do more than try and do his best. If he had succeeded in meriting their approbation he was both thankful and pleased; and he looked forward with a feeling of pride to the honour of becoming a Past Master of the Confidence Lodge. He knew they had always a goodly array of Past Masters at their meetings, who attended not only at the Fourth Degree, but assisted in the active working of the Lodge. Knowing that to be so, every brother aspiring to the chair should endeavour to make himself as perfect as he could for the position of ruler of his Lodge. He was proud to know they had junior officers in the Lodge, who were competent to discharge their duties in any capacity, and were quite competent to fill the chair when their time arrived for that distinction. He then proposed the Initiate, in doing which he said they had amongst them a brother who in course of time would be a great credit to the Lodge. On the last two or three occasions of their meetings they had initiated members of whom any Lodge might well be envious; and they were proud and pleased at having such brethren amongst them. Bro. Webb P.M. having sang the Entered Apprentice Song, Bro. Hemings, who was cordially received, returned thanks for the toast. He was very much obliged to them for having received him into the Lodge, and he had no doubt that when he knew more he should have more to say. The toast of the Visitors was heartily received, and responded to by Bros. Belchamber and Amphlett. The Worshipful Master then gave the Past Masters, in doing which he paid a high tribute to the efficiency displayed by Bro. S. Webb as D. of C., and Bro. J. Shackell as Secretary of the Lodge. The latter, in reply, said he endeavoured to do his best for the interests of the Lodge, especially for the younger members. If at any time they required advice or information he had no doubt he should be able to assist them, and so also would the other Past Masters. He endeavoured to do his duty as a member, and as a Past Master of the Lodge, in which he had always felt a true and deep interest. Bro. S. Webb P.M. regretted the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. Bedford Lemere, which was no doubt in consequence of the recent death of his son. Some of the other Past Masters had been obliged to leave early, as they had some distance to go, but they were always well represented at the meetings of the Confidence Lodge, and they had the interests of the Lodge most thoroughly at heart. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was then proposed, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Shackell P.M., and the health of the Officers of the Lodge was then given and cordially received. Bro. W. Saint S.W. and W.M. elect, in responding, thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He thought, when in Lodge he was elected to the chair, he should acknowledge the compliment which had been paid to him; again he thanked them most heartily for the confidence they had reposed in him. It afforded him a great amount of satisfaction to know that he had been unanimously elected, it was something that would stick by him as long as he lived. He had worked hard during two or three years to make himself competent to fulfil the duties of the chair in a manner which should be a credit to the Lodge and to himself, and he should continue to persevere to do all that was possible to fill the chair with that credit which should be due from every man who occupied that seat. He thoroughly embraced the principles of Masonry, and understood and appreciated the great amount of confidence that was ever reposed in the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, especially from the Past Masters who had gone before. Under these feelings and considerations he felt he should not be lost when he occupied the chair. He hoped he should be able to fulfil the duties thoroughly and effectively; in fact, he felt more confident now than he had ever done before. The list of toasts was brought to a close by the Tyler.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 10th instant. Bros. J. Birling W.M., Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. as S.W., Tongue J.W., Gordon S.D., Apsey J.D., Turner I.G., Banks Tyler. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. W. Taylor, L.D.S.; this proved to be in the candidate's favour, and he being in attendance was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Brooks was then passed. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Nowakowski Treasurer, "that the Lodge should consider the proposal to found a monument to the late Brother Major Szulczewski, who was one of the founders of the Polish National Lodge, in 1846." A Committee was formed to endeavour to recover the portrait of Lord Dudley Stewart, who was one of the earliest members of the Lodge. Bro. Tongue proposed the name of Mr. Henry Birkbeck, Civil Engineer, for ballot at the next meeting. All business being finished, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they enjoyed a very excellent repast. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. E. J. Lowther P.M. 907, Gordon P.M. 907, E. Jackson Smythsdale Lodge, Ballarat, South Australia.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

AT the regular Lodge meeting, on Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading, there were present Bros. Prickett W.M., Danks P.M. acting I.P.M., Ravenscroft S.W., Creed J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Pulley P.M. D. of C. as S.D., Hickie J.D., Slaughter I.G., Lands Steward, Sparrow Assist. Steward, Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Hurley, Margrett, Ferguson; Bros. Bennett, Jones, Ridley, Knight, Stewart. Visitors—Bros. Withers W.M. 414, Webb W.M. 2043, Sherwin 1024. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Smallwood was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

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Bro. Jones, a candidate for passing, proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. After the candidate retired, Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Jones was readmitted, and passed. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Bennett, Ridley and Biggs were appointed members of the permanent Committee, this on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by P.M. Danks. P.M. Margrett proposed, in conformity with the notice of motion at the last regular Lodge, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of assisting a distressed brother of the Lodge. He explained who the distressed brother was, and that he had failed in business, and was left with his family in very distressed circumstances. This was corroborated by Bro. Stransom Treasurer. The proposition was seconded by the Worshipful Master, and carried. Notice of motion was given by P.M. Danks that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be added to the W.M.'s list on his attendance at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Secretary read a letter received from the W.M. of 414, in reference to the removal of the portraits and other pictures from the Temple to the ante-room, and suggested that a deputation from 1101 should be appointed to meet the Committee of 414, for the purpose of arranging position of same. It was resolved, on the motion of P.M. Margrett, that Bros. Ravenscroft S.W., Creed J.W., and Greenaway Secretary should form the deputation for the above purpose, and that the Secretary be instructed to write and inform the W.M. of 414 of the same. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Binckes, informing the Lodge of the formation of a Masonic club in London, and drawing attention to the special privileges being offered to the Craft in connection with this club. After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 12th instant, at the Cannon Street Hotel. Brother Robert Fendick W.M. presided, Potter S.W., Bertram J.W.; P.M.'s Headon Treasurer, Stevens, Keeble Secretary, Baber I.P.M., Blackie, and Kibble. There were several Visitors, viz.:—Bros. Mitchell and Fox 1743, Tomlin 1815, R. H. Smith 1196, Barfoot 2048, R. G. Hart 1872, Lloyd W.M. 145, Buttery 1287, Lawley 65, &c. The minutes of the November Lodge having been read and confirmed, a ballot took place for the admission of Mr. George Mackenzie Fraser, which being unanimous in his favour, and he being in attendance, he was initiated in the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the Worshipful Master performing the ceremony in a very careful and able manner. At its conclusion Brother Stevens P.M., at the request of the W.M., gave a lecture on the tracing board of the degree, and received the warm approval of the brethren. This being concluded, the W.M. said he had now a most agreeable duty to perform, which was to present their Brother Blackie, the late Secretary, with the jewel which was unanimously voted to him by the brethren at the last Lodge, as a mark of their appreciation of the ability with which he had discharged his duties as Secretary for some years, and in presenting it he expressed, on behalf of the brethren as well as himself, their hope that he might long live to wear it; to remind him of the respect entertained for him by the Lodge. The jewel bears the following inscription:—

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

On the reverse—

Presented to
Brother G. W. BLACKIE P.M.,
with the thanks of the brethren.
In recognition of his zealous services as Secretary.
12th December 1885.

Having had the jewel placed on his breast, Bro. Blackie thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind feeling they entertained for him, and the splendid jewel by which those feelings had been conveyed to him. During the time he had been their Secretary it had been to him a labour of love, and to receive their satisfaction in what he had done was to him an ample reward. It was only business arrangements which compelled him to resign his office, as he could not pay so much attention to it as he desired. Although he was no longer their Secretary, in the future he would do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge and the happiness of its members. After some communications had been read, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room for refreshment, which was well served under the direction of the new manager of the hotel. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master said that the first toast given in all loyal assemblies was that of the Queen, who took great interest in the welfare of her subjects. By this she had endeared herself to all, and particularly so to Freemasons; she was the mother of their Grand Master. This was followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts by Bro. Cozens, who presided at the grand pianoforte. The Worshipful Master next gave the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, which was duly honoured. Bro. Baber I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said the brethren must have seen with pleasure his qualifications for the office to which he had been appointed, by the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that night, and which he had done to their entire satisfaction. The toast was very cordially responded to, and was followed by a song from Bro. Lloyd W.M. 145. The Worshipful Master, in reply to the toast of his health, said he thanked Bro. Baber most heartily for the kind manner in which he had given expression to his name, and also for the response of the brethren to the toast. It was his desire to carry out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction, and in the best way in which that could be done. He would endeavour to discharge those duties to the best of his power, and asked them to bring him more work to do, so that he might have further opportunities of giving them satisfaction. For the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast he thanked them. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of their brother Initiate, whom he had had the pleasure of knowing for some years; he felt assured that he would become a worthy member of the Craft, when, further on, he should have more opportunity of becoming acquainted and familiar with the tenets of their Order. Bro. Fraser was the first initiate of his reign; he trusted that he should have many more. He asked the brethren to drink health and prosperity to their brother initiate. The toast was well received, followed by the Entered Apprentice song by Bro. Stevens. Bro. Fraser, in returning thanks for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed by the Worshipful Master, said he had known Bro. Fendick for many years, and he felt sure that he would never regret having introduced him into the Order. He was at present only a novice, but in the future he hoped to aid and assist his brethren in every way he possibly could. The Worshipful Master next gave "the Visitors," who severally responded. The P.M.'s of the Lodge likewise acknowledged the compliment paid them. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was a very important one; it was the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, two P.M.'s of the Lodge. They were two respected members, and while he had them on his left hand he always found his duty a very easy one. After a song by Bro. Whiteley, "Speed on my barque," Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer said he thought the Treasurer and Secretary had every reason to be satisfied with the sentiment of the last song, "Speed on my barque," for he felt assured that as regarded the interests of the Lodge they were always ready to keep up the steam, and do everything in their power to promote its welfare, and ensure its success. As their Treasurer he had had so many opportunities of returning thanks for their repeated expressions of kindness that they must feel weary of his repeating himself. As Treasurer of the Lodge, it was with great pleasure that he had found himself annually elected without a dissentient voice, and he assured them that he should at all times be ready to do anything in his power to assist the Worshipful Master and the brethren, and promote the comfort of the Visitors who might honour them with a visit from time to time. There was, however, a little matter he wished to notice, and which he had referred to on a former occasion, and that was the coming election for the Grand Treasurership. The Great City Lodge had been mainly instrumental in bringing about the transfer of the collar of Grand Treasurer in Grand Lodge, and had succeeded in breaking down the monopoly of its possession for many years. They had succeeded in bringing in Bro. Allcroft, who although a Mason for about forty years had received no preferment or recognition for his services. The Great City Lodge, however, nominated him, and carried him triumphantly into the proud position of Grand Treasurer, not only by the voice of The Great City Lodge, but by that of the whole Craft, by whom it was successfully accomplished. The principle enunciated had been going on for some time, and Bro. R. B. Martin had been nominated for that office in the coming year. He was a most respected citizen, the head of a banking firm in Lombard-street, and for thirty-five years a Past Master of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, and was one of its founders. He is also a member of the Westminster and Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, a member of the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Rose Croix Chapter, and Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions. He has held the Office of Treasurer of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge for 25 years, but notwithstanding all his qualifications, like another flower alluded to by the poet, "he was born to blush unseen, and waste sweetness on the desert air." Now, however, they had unearthed this worthy brother of the Craft, and nominated him for Grand Treasurer, and if the members come up to the Grand Lodge and vote for him his election will confer honour upon The Great City Lodge, as he was well known to it. He trusted, therefore, that those members of the Lodge who were members of the Grand Lodge would go up and record their votes in his favour. He (Bro. Headon) felt great interest in Bro. Martin's nomination; as they were all interested in matters connected with the City, they all naturally felt interested in his preferment. He was a brother worthy of their kind consideration, and he hoped he would receive their unanimous support. Bro. Keeble (Secretary) also returned thanks, and remarked that when appointed to office he thought it would be a very pleasant and comfortable affair to follow in the footsteps of the brother who had preceded him, but he found it was not altogether so, for no sooner was one meeting over, than he had to think about the next, and to run about from place to place, to consult the Treasurer as to what was to be done, and to wait upon the Master and keep him up to the mark, and see that he was at his post. Still for all that he looked upon his duties as a labour of love, and should always be proud to do the work, feeling amply repaid for any service the brethren might put upon him. Some other toasts were given, and thus a very pleasant and harmonious meeting was brought to a close.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE election meeting of this Lodge took place, at its new quarters, the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday, 14th inst., Brother George Everett officiating in the absence of the Worshipful Master. The ceremonies of raising and initiation were performed with Brother Everett's well known ability. The election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler was proceeded with; Brother George Gardner, the S.W., was elected unanimously to fill the chair of King Solomon for the ensuing twelve months. Dr. Lawrence was re-elected Treasurer. An Audit Committee having been appointed, the Senior Warden handed in the names of five candidates for initiation, and proposed, for affiliation, the Right Honourable Lord George Hamilton. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in Brother Brill's usual style, after which songs, &c., were indulged in, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

OUR readers will no doubt remember that during the past summer efforts were made to secure the establishment of a Lodge in London for the benefit of those who, by family ties or in other ways, are associated with the Northern Counties of England. This desire was brought to a successful issue on Monday, when a Lodge, under the title of the United Northern Counties, and numbered 2128 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, was formally consecrated by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square. The founders are to be congratulated on the success which has thus far attended their efforts, and on the brilliant prospect which presents itself for the future. They have secured a warrant for their Lodge at a time when there is a very strong feeling against the extension of the number of Lodges in the metropolis, and they have received the heartiest of good wishes from brethren from all parts of the district from which they derive their name. Moreover, they have secured a good working set of Officers, who may be said to possess all the qualifications that a Lodge could desire in its earliest days. Bro. Clerke was assisted in his work of consecration by Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, as S.W., Edward Letchworth P.G.D. as J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, while the genial and ever courteous Frank Richardson again fulfilled the duties of Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer officiated as Inner Guard. On the opening of the Lodge the consecrating Officer made the customary address to the brethren on the motive of the meeting, pointing out that application for the present addition to the roll of Metropolitan Lodges was one peculiarly fitted for the special consideration of the Grand Master, inasmuch as the Lodge was promoted, not so much for the convenience of Londoners, as for that of many earnest and distinguished brethren who had received the light of Masonry in Lodges in the Northern Counties of England, and who, on account of business or other considerations, had made their home in the metropolis, who would thus have an opportunity of joining a Lodge which should act as a kind of rendezvous for them, enabling brethren who had worked together in former days in the North to meet again at a home in London. In due course the Chaplain was called upon, and he delivered an Oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. The rapid increase of the Order rendered necessary such Lodges as the one they were then consecrating. They welcomed it as evidence of the identity of feeling in all matters of importance existing between the Great City and the Provinces, and as proving that the most distant Provinces desired to strengthen the bonds of affection which bound them to the headquarters of the Order. Our reverend brother emphasized the expression, "in all matters of importance," because he felt it well to remember that in the Craft, as in all other human institutions, there must be differences of opinion. Each Lodge differed from its neighbour, and so the harmony of the Craft was not hindered because the voices of the Lodges were not identical. Freemasonry gained, rather than lost, by freedom of opinion and debate, so long as that freedom was kept within due bounds. It was the stagnant water of the pool which was unwholesome, not the fresh trickle of the mountain stream, and so he rejoiced as, year by year, the country Lodges made themselves more and more heard in Grand Lodge. London Masons desired to learn what the country brethren thought, and what they felt on all matters, and recognised that the wants and interests of country Lodges were worthy of equal consideration with those of town ones. It was, however very easy to impart bitterness into matters upon which one felt strongly, the line separating legitimate discussion from angry recrimination being a very narrow one, and easily overstepped. There was nothing so hard as defending one's own opinion without attacking that of others, the temptation to strengthen arguments by unfair and ungenerous imputations being an ever present and dangerous evil, and one which at times even found its way into Masonic Lodges. Let the brethren take a lesson from the operative Masons of old, who fashioned their work surrounded with the din and turmoil of a busy workshop, not on their own, but on the architect's plans. When each Mason had done his work it was brought to be put silently in the place for which the Architect had designed it. So let them labour at the present time. There must, as of old, be some din and clamour in the work, but that would not mar its excellence if all worked in accordance with the plans of the Heavenly Architect, who had given to each an especial task, to be performed with energy and humility. In due course the W.M. Designate (Bro. J. S. Cumberland) was installed in the chair of the Lodge, and he invested the following brethren as the Officers:—T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire acting Past Master, W. F. Smithson P.M. 1001 S.W., William Masters P.M. 428 J.W., Fitzherbert Wright Treasurer, J. L. Cooke Secretary, W. H. Bullock S.D., H. J. Almond J.D., J. L. Potts I.G., S. Lamb P.M. D.C., Atkinson and J. Clayton Stewards, and Edward Mills Tyler. The addresses to the Officers and brethren were then delivered in the usual way, after which Bro. Cumberland proposed a vote of thanks to the consecrating Officers for their assistance during the day, and moved that they be elected honorary members of the Lodge. These propositions, seconded by Bro. Tew, were carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Grand Secretary. The Worshipful Master announced that the Officers, of the Lodge had presented their respective collars and jewels; the Earl of Zetland a set of working tools; Bro. Woodall a banner for the Lodge; Bro. Tew the columns for the principal Officers and a box to hold the Lodge furniture. A Committee was appointed to frame the bye laws. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were received, among them being communications from the Grand Registrar of England, the Lord Mayor of York, the Dean of York, Bro. W. J. Hughan, &c. A telegram from the Eboracum Lodge, at York, was also received, congratulating the Lodge on its consecration. As an earnest of the charitable proclivities of the members, a sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a wish expressed that one brother would offer himself as a Steward for the next Festival on behalf of the new Lodge. The vote was acknowledged by Brother James Terry (Secretary R.M.B.I.) who availed himself of the opportunity, and offered the members a black-letter bible, which he stated was 250 years old, and which had come into his hands but a week since. This bible had been in the possession of the Deringer Royal Arch Chapter, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which became extinct in the year 1814. Bro. Terry thought no better home in London could be found for this curious volume than in a Lodge composed of brethren from the Northern counties. A vote of thanks to Brother Terry was passed for his interesting gift. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where banquet was served in the excellent manner for which this popular establishment has made itself famous. At the conclusion of the banquet the toasts were submitted. The Master, in proposing the Queen, referred to the womanly sympathies evinced by Her Majesty towards all classes of the community, and made special allusion to her message of sympathy to the widow of the late King of Spain. In speaking to the second toast, the health of the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Cumberland said 600 Lodges had been consecrated since His Royal Highness had been installed; this showed the immense amount of life there was in the Craft, as he hoped there was in the Lodges, because, as was said by the late Lord Zetland, Freemasonry did not consist so much in the number as in the quality of the brethren who entered it. If they took the 600 Lodges as a basis for calculating the number of new members of the Order since the Prince was installed, he thought they might reckon at least 20,000 brethren had been added. At any rate, the prosperity of the Craft was most marked under His Royal Highness's auspices. The next toast was the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The brethren knew a great part of the work of Grand Lodge devolved upon the Grand Officers, he thought there was due to them a debt of gratitude for giving so much time to the interests of Masonry. That the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M. took such a deep interest in it was a singularly fortunate circumstance; it augured well for its stability, and put to shame those who railed against the Order, and fulminated anathemas upon it. While clergymen of the Church of England, as well as of other denominations, were members, it gave the Order some standing; it proved the only object they had, as far as Masonry was concerned, and the teachings it gave, was that they should be faithful to God, their country, and its laws. The Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg replied. Under ordinary circumstances he believed the proper thing for him to say was, that he regretted it had not fallen to others to respond; however, he was not going to say anything of the kind, because, although it might seem to be somewhat egotistical, it was not on account of his eloquence, but on account of the position he occupied, that there was no one else to whom it could have better fallen; he was distinctly a London Mason and a Provincial Mason. As a London Mason he was glad to see a new country Lodge in London. He was not saying anything in irony, because it would bring up, especially considering the day on which the brethren would meet, a large number of Provincial Masons. He was sure London brethren would welcome them most heartily to their legislative assembly. As a Provincial brother he could say that "Northern" was only a relative term. He hailed from the Northern counties, because he happened to be a member of the Province of Berks and Bucks, which was distinctly north of London. He was united in Berks and Bucks by a very distinct tie, and was a United Northern country brother, because he voted for Bro. Woodall, as Grand Treasurer, who was proposed by Bro. McDowell, a Berks and Bucks Mason, who was present that night. The brethren of the United Northern Counties carried their man, and they were, from the position they then took, distinctly United Northern counties brethren. Col. Clerke proposed the health of the W.M. of the United Northern Counties Lodge (Bro. J. S. Cumberland), and prosperity to the new Lodge. It was a great honour and compliment to be selected as first W.M. of a new Lodge. The position of the Lodge was exceptional; he was sure all London Masons heartily welcomed this friendly invasion from the North, and hoped that the brethren would settle among them. The Lodge had a great future before it. It might draw into its fold at the proper time all those good brethren who came from the North on business, and took up their abode in London. The members of the Lodge must only be careful to bide their time, and not fill their ranks with anybody who wished to join. If they would be content to wait, they might become one of the greatest Lodges in London. The W.M. was a brother who had been many years a Mason, and had gone through the chair of a distinguished Lodge in the North, and the members of the new Lodge had exercised prudence and wisdom in selecting him. In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Cumberland, said the brethren were not anxious to build their Lodge except with proper material. The chain of Masonry should be strengthened, and it must always be borne in mind the strongest part of a chain was the capacity of its weakest link. They would try that every link added to their Masonic brotherhood should not be weak. He was certain he should have the support of the brethren, as well as of the Officers. It had been a source of pleasure to him to see so many old friends present. On the other hand, he was very pleased to find so many brethren there who until that night had been strangers to him. All were heartily welcome; their presence was a great gratification to the brethren forming the Lodge. Bro. Tew Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, in proposing the Sister Lodges, Metropolitan and Provincial, said that although the Lodges were so many, they were but one in sentiment, and in ambition to do their best. It gave the Northern counties men great satisfaction to find a home in the Metropolis, and he could not but think that this Lodge would meet a want long felt outside the metropolitan area. To Northern counties men, like himself, it was very gratifying to note the kind and friendly sympathy they had met with in the establishment of their Lodge. The members would do their best to maintain its integrity, and he believed that in time to come it would be an ornament to London. They would probably meet

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in its assemblies a number of Northern counties brethren who had long wanted a central place of meeting. The Lodge wished to work with the utmost good feeling with the metropolitan Lodges, and their great aim and object was good fellowship and brotherhood. This Lodge would be a means of drawing the Northern brethren more closely together, of taking them to see how Grand Lodge business was transacted at the centre of the Masonic system. He concluded by hoping the Lodge would be one of the finest and best in Freemasonry. Bro. Letchworth replied to the toast. He was the present Master of the oldest Lodge in the Craft, the Lodge of Antiquity. Among its associations none would be more agreeable than the recollection that as Master of that Lodge, and as one of its Wardens he had been instrumental in recommending the United Northern Counties Lodge for a warrant. He, however, was not responding for the Lodge of Antiquity, but to a more comprehensive toast. When he looked round he saw distinguished members of distinguished Lodges; the Grand Stewards' Lodge, the Alpha, the Prince of Wales, the Tuscan, &c. Among the Provincial brethren were popular representatives of Lodges in the north of England. On behalf of both sections he was justified in expressing the most earnest hope that the United Northern Counties Lodge might have a future of unclouded prosperity, and that brotherly love and affection might ever distinguish its members as men and as Masons. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., who during the evening had been engaged in another part of the establishment, now dropped in to spend "a few minutes," and he was requested to make a few observations. He owed the brethren many apologies for not being present at their consecration. He was sure the United Northern Counties Lodge had a career of usefulness before it. He was sure also that it supplied what was wanting, and he trusted it would more than fulfil the wishes of those who had founded it. He knew that whatever the brethren from the North put their hands to they were not apt to turn back upon. There was a good honest purpose and a set resolution about them which inspired success, and ensured it. If that resolution was continued, and the brethren made a strong, hearty pull together, he felt they would make their Lodge a success, and an example to the other Lodges in London. The co-operation of the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire was a rallying point round which the brethren of the Province would gather. Bro. Tew was very popular in his own Province, and when he came to London the brethren would follow his banner. It was the same with the other Northern Provinces. Although it was a Northern invasion, the brethren of London were only too glad to hold out to them the hand of fellowship, as they felt that the more such victories on the great field of Masonry the better for the common cause they all had at heart. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in replying for the Consecrating Officers, said it had given him great pleasure to consecrate the Lodge. He was always pleased to see Masonry progress, and more especially to assist in the formation of such worthy Lodges as this promised to be. Bro. Woodall Grand Treasurer proposed the Visiting Brethren. On the other side of the Atlantic, and also in Germany, he had met with the greatest kindness and sympathy; this had made a deep impression on his mind. After a response by Bro. Robert Berridge, Bro. Smithson proposed the Masonic Charities. As an earnest worker for West Yorkshire, he wished to show what had been done by the Charities. The Girls' School had something like 231 girls in it, at a cost of £9000 a year. That Institution for many years had, and still received, great support. It had had a large extra cost entailed upon it by the establishment of a Preparatory School, and lately had purchased some extra ground; this its supporters in the north considered a most judicious investment. The Boys' School had in it 220 boys, at a cost of £10,000 a year. This redounded very much to the credit of the Masons to whom they appealed annually for support, considering there was so little funded capital at their disposal. Bearing in mind the energy of Bro. Binckes in founding a Preparatory School, and the warm-heartedness of the Craft in supporting it, to the extent of £20,000, he thought the youngest Lodge in the country should put its shoulder to the wheel to assist this Institution. As to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, poor people got from it a splendid annuity, and at the present time there were 375 of them on the books, at a cost of £14,500 a year. He was glad to find that Bro. Tew was going to be the Lodge's Steward at the next Festival of this Institution; he could assure him he should have hearty support from him on that occasion. Bro. Jas. Terry in response said it was not the first time he had had to thank the Yorkshire brethren for assistance. West Yorkshiremen were always to the front in sending Stewards. He had no doubt that when the Festivals came round for the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, the Lodge would be well represented. Bro. F. Binckes also replied; he said each of the Institutions had special grounds on which to appeal. The Boys' School was finishing a work forced upon it by the Craft, at a cost of about £20,000. £3500 of that sum was not originally contemplated, and at the end of the year he feared they would still be some £3000 to £5000 short. All the Institutions had peculiar claims. The Girls' School had had to buy a piece of land. The Grand Chaplain had remarked that while Masons were agreed upon essentials, they were allowed to differ as to details, and he was perfectly certain that while some might fancy that these appeals to the brethren for the support of the Institutions ought to be made more carefully, there was not a Mason who had not the interests of all the Charities at heart, and who would not grieve very deeply and sincerely if these Charities lacked the support they needed. It would be a bad day for Freemasonry when these appeals were not made. He was sure that in this Lodge, formed as it was by brethren who had been in the past distinguished for the support of their Institutions, an appeal by the Secretaries of the Intitations was not out of place; if so they would not have been invited to attend. There was not one of the Secretaries that had not in times gone by had to express his thanks to the Northern brethren for their support. The Chairman, after the toast of the Grand Treasurer, was responded to by Bros. Massey and W. W. Morgan. For the Officers, Brother Masters replied; he hoped the Visiting brethren would come to the Lodge to see its working. No matter how they criticised, the Lodge would be glad to see them. He could promise them the Officers would do the work according to the best ritual. The W.M. was an excellent worker, and the Officers would emulate his example. They were all indebted to Brother Cumberland for the great trouble he had taken in the formation of the Lodge. Each one thanked the W.M. for what he had done.

A carefully selected programme of music was admirably carried out, the singers being Bros. E. W. Collins, A. Weston, T. Tremere, and C. W. Pearce, Mus. Doc. Brother E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist, was the Musical Director of the evening.

The following is a list of the Founders:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W. Smithson, William Masters, Fitzherbert Wright, J. S. Cooke, W. H. Bullock, H. J. Almond, J. L. Potts, J. Clayton, H. J. Smith, C. S. Kipling, E. Land, J. D Woodall, T. W. Tew, Samuel Lamb. Amongst those who attended as Visitors were:—Bros. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, A. Barfield P.M. 35, &c., J. Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hants, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, A. J. Browning P.M. 33, W. Soden 1287, H. Lovegrove W.M. 1507, &c., John Green 1962, H. J. Gibbs W.M. 1984, Capt. Philips P.G D., V. S. Vickers P.M. 199, W. Mitchell 1565, A. McDowell P.M. 1902, N. Green P.M. 1962, A. Weston W.M. 1929, J. B. Burnard P.M. 1662, H. Hughes 869, C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, R. Berridge P.G. Steward, G. Ratcliffe P.M. 841, &c., J. Halden Secretary 1009, W. P. Catterson P.M. 189, &c., S. P. Catterson P.M. 548, C. W. Pearce 969, C. O. Tagart P.G.S., H. Massey P.M. 1928, &c., J. C. Duckworth J.W. 1928, E. W. Collins 25, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, T. Tremere P.M. 93, H. Baldwin W.M. 1949.

WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1883.

THE installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge, Bro. Dr. Pottle, took place on Tuesday, 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, in the presence of a very full Lodge and many Provincial Grand Officers and Visitors. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. F. H. King I.P.M., and the following Officers were invested:—G. Ward S.W., G. Harrison J.W., W. H. Jacob P.M. 76 P.P.G. Steward Treasurer, J. Greig Secretary, F. Bascombe S.D., W. Bellinger J.D., T. Bailey and S. Frampton Dirs. of Cers., E. Chalkley Organist, H. Sealey I.G., Klusman and Crease Stewards, W. Sims Tyler. The Worshipful Master afterwards presented Bro. King with a P.M.'s jewel. After the Lodge had been closed nearly fifty brethren partook of a banquet, served in first-class style by Bro. Clowser.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 10th inst., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Present—Bros. Pringle W.M., Saint S.W., Gibbs-love J.W., Pearce P.M. Treasurer, Harley Secretary, Moss S.D., Nunn J.D., Rutter I.G., Richardson Preceptor; Bros. Brewers, Smith. After preliminaries, Bro. Brewers answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the first, second and third sections of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed. The Masonic Association lately held in connection with the above Lodge of Instruction having expired, after a most successful run, another will shortly be started. Any brethren wishing to join should communicate with the Secretary, Bro. Harley.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 14th instant. Bros. Western W.M., Kirk S.W., Garner J.W., Turner S.D., Keogh I.G., Collingridge Secretary, Trowinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Collingridge answered the usual questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. The ceremony was afterwards rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the three degrees in due form, and adjourned till 4th January 1886, Bro. Kirk having previously been elected W.M. for the first Monday in January.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held on Thursday afternoon, 10th inst., and attracted one of the largest Masonic gatherings ever held in the town of Derby. The whole of the twenty Lodges in the Province were represented, some of them very numerously, and the appearance presented by the spacious and recently re-decorated hall, when the brethren had been duly marshalled and the dignitaries of the Provincial Grand Lodge had taken their appointed stations, was remarkably imposing. To the great disappointment of all concerned, the Provincial Grand Master (the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.), was unable to be present, but happily the genial and accomplished Deputy P.G.M. (R.W. Bro. Haughton Charles Okeover P.G.W. Eng.) was in attendance, and directed the day's proceedings with his wonted judgment. The chair of the Deputy P.G.M. was occupied by Bro. Thomas Cox P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Treasurer, and the other Provincial Grand Officers present were:—Bros. William Walters P.S.G. Warden, Charles Maltby P.J.G. Warden, Edwin Belfield P.G. Registrar, W. Naylor P.G. Secretary, J. Crossley P.G.S. Deacon, Joseph Bland P.G.J. Deacon, Percy Wallis Prov. G.D. of C., F. Bennett Prov. G.A.D. of C., J. H. Richardson P.G. Assistant Secretary, Thomas Parker P.G. Pursuivant, J. Hawthorn P.G. Std. B., Gadsby Prov. G.O., and James Wright, J. Monck, G. Higginbottom, and Raymond Slater P.G. Stewards.

The Right Worshipful D.P.G. Master entered the hall soon after three o'clock, and was supported by the following brethren, in addition to the P.G. Officers already mentioned:—Bros. W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W., F. Campion P.P.S.G.W., John Smith P.S.G.W., J. B. Coulson P.P.S.G.W., J. Chadwick P.G. Secretary (East Lancashire), Thomas Hall P.P.J.G.W., W. Whittaker P.P.G. Registrar, J. Allen P.P.S.G.D., J. Brown P.P.J.G.D., J. E. Russell P.P.J.G.D., J. Howell P.P.S. of Works, S. Steele P.P.G.P., J. Worsnop P.P.G.P., R. A. Greenhough P.M., V. J. Greenhough P.M., Joseph Pym P.M., F. Bennett P.M., C. Webster P.M., R. Carlin P.M., T. E. Yeomans P.M., W. H. Humphreys P.M., H. Capit P.M., W. Barnes P.M., Fred. J. Robinson P.M., J. Whitehead P.M., Alfred Wood P.M., Isaac Hyde P.M., H. Arnold Bemrose W.M. 253, R. Roberts W.M. 353, W. Dust W.M. 681, J. Copestick W.M. 731, the Rev. E. A. Hillyard W.M. 787, A. J. Waller W.M. 802, J. H. Cooke W.M. 850, W. F. Mill W.M. 1235, J. B. Boycott W.M. 1952, Wilkinson W.M. 1235, T. Roberts W.M. 1028, J. H. Orms W.M. 1688, and many other Officers. The reports presented by the Masters of the various Lodges were uniformly gratifying. They testified not merely to a prevailing spirit of harmony and goodwill, but to increased numerical strength and corresponding financial prosperity. The report of the Masonic Hall Committee, presented by Bro. John Smith P.P.S.G.W., was also satisfactory, making reference to the extinction of the hall debt, and the re-decoration and re-furnishing of the building. The report of the Charity Trustees, as submitted by the chairman of that body, Bro. G. T. Wright P.P.J.G.W., was of an exceptionally interesting character. It showed that the distinguishing virtue of the Craft has, during the past year, been most cordially espoused by all the Lodges in the Province, and that exceedingly large sums of money have been contributed to the various Charities of the Order. Especial allusion was made to the magnificent aggregate sum (over £1,500) sent up to the Festival of the Boys' School, at which Lord Hartington presided. Bro. Wright added, amidst cheers, that all this generosity on the part of the brethren had greatly strengthened the hands of the Local Charity Committee, who had been enabled to carry the election of their nominees, and who had a voting power at their disposal second to none of any other Province. Bro. Thomas Cox having been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. T. Wright's re-election as chairman of the Charity Committee having been very heartily agreed to, the Right Worshipful P.G. Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers in the following order:—

Bro. G. T. Wright 731	...	Senior Warden
W. L. Ball 802	...	Junior Warden
Rev. C. E. Bagshawe 1688	...	Chaplains
Rev. H. Price 253	...	Chaplains
Thomas Cox 253 (re-elected)	...	Treasurer
W. T. Jones 631	...	Registrar
W. Naylor (re-appointed) 1035	...	Secretary
Sam. Robinson 620	...	Senior Deacon
C. D. Hart 1085	...	Junior Deacon
A. H. Smith 505	...	Superintendent of Works
Percy Wallis 850 (re-appointed)	...	Director of Ceremonies
J. Clexton 787	...	Assist. Director of Cer.
John Clark 1324	...	Sword Bearer
W. Barnes 850	...	Standard Bearers
J. W. Wyatt 654	...	Standard Bearers
C. Armstrong 631	...	Organist
W. Silver Hall 253	...	Assistant Secretary
Vernon J. Greenhough 1425	...	Pursuivant
H. George	...	Assistant Pursuivant
William Stone	...	Tyler
W. Dust 631	William Forman 731	Stewards
T. Shipton 631	Luther Russell 1085	Stewards
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It may be added that the appointment of Bro. G. T. Wright to the Senior Grand Warden's chair was hailed by the cordial approbation of the brethren, by whom his ardent and disinterested labours in the interests of the Craft Charities have long been cordially appreciated. The P.G. Master also took occasion, whilst investing Bro. Wright, to bear testimony to his long and untiring labours, remarking that he knew of no Mason who had more unselfishly and more indefatigably promoted the well-being of his distressed brethren and their families. The routine business of the Lodge having been brought to a close, the Right Worshipful P.G. Master delivered a short address, in the course of which he referred to the recent Centenary Festival of the Tyrian Lodge—a festival which, he remarked, was singularly interesting and well carried out, under the mastership of their old and well tried friend, Brother Thomas Cox. The cause of charity, the P.G. Master observed, had been exceedingly well looked after during the year; in fact, the tone which pervaded the whole of the reports presented him clearly showed that their Order was not only being actively carried on in Derbyshire, but that the brethren were mindful of its highest and noblest principles. He congratulated them all upon the results of their labours, and he would in particular, if they would allow him, congratulate their good brother Percy Wallis upon the splendid sums he had, not only on this occasion, but from time to time, been able by his zeal and fidelity to secure for their noble Masonic Institutions. Brother Wallis did his work with such thoroughness that when he sought for subscriptions he was bound to get them, and they all honoured him for his devotion to a good cause. He regretted that his next duty was of a less pleasant character. He could not allow that occasion to pass over without saying how deep was his sense of loss at the decease of their Bro. Thomas Horsley P.P.S.G.W., whose death had quickly followed that of his son, Bro. T. Horsley jun. Bro. Horsley was initiated into Freemasonry in the Beaureper Lodge in 1862, and ever since that time he had been a true and loyal brother amongst them, winning the approbation of all, and the animosity of none. After the transaction of some further business of a formal character, the P.G. Lodge was closed with the usual ceremonies. Subsequently a large number of the brethren dined together in the Lower Hall, and spent a pleasant and harmonious evening.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE IN SURREY.

A MASONIC Conversazione was held at the Assembly Rooms, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, the 10th inst., and a very enjoyable evening was spent. On the arrival of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, he was saluted in form, "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung, and then the following programme of music, &c., was gone through:—

PART I.—Duet (Pianoforte), Tarantelle in G Minor, N. Rubinstein—Miss Florence Kuster and Bro. F. Cambridge; Song, "Tell her I love her so," De Faye—Bro. Arthur Wilmot; Song, "On the Banks of Allan Water"—Miss Clara Wollaston; Recital—Bro. Odell; Glee, "Discord dire, Sister," Bro. S. Webbe—Bros. W. A. Frost, C. Beckett, R. Raynham, and R. De Lacy; Song, "The Distant Shore," Sir Arthur Sullivan—Miss Madeleine Halford, R.A.M.; Solo Pianoforte (a) Frühlingslied, Henselt, (b) Etude de Concert, C. T. Speer—Bro. W. S. Hoyte; Song, "The Skipper," Jude—Bro. R. De Lacy; Song, "True till death," Gatti—Miss Lizzie Mulholland; Part Song, "When Evening's Twilight," Bro. J. L. Hatton—Bros. Frost, Beckett, Raynham and De Lacy; Song, "Love is a Star," Bro. W. A. Frost—Bro. R. Raynham; Conjuring—Bro. Charles Bertram.

PART II.—Solo Violin, Feuille d'Album in F, Vieuxtemps—Bro. Gustave Kuster; Song, "Best of all," F. Moir—Bro. J. B. Shakespeare; Recital—Bro. Odell; Song, "The Kissing Bridge," Bro. M. Watson—Miss Clara Wollaston; Solo Pianoforte, (a) Impromptu in F, Chopin, (b) Study in F Minor, Mendelssohn—Miss Florence Kuster; Song, "At Eventide" (Falka), Pianquette—Miss Madeleine Halford, R.A.M.; Conjuring—Bro. Bertram; Glee, "Hail, Smiling Morn," Bro. Spofforth—Bros. Frost, Beckett, Raynham and De Lacy; Song, "When the bloom is on the Rye," Bro. Sir Henry Bishop—Bro. A. Wilmot; Song, "She whom I love so well," Pinti—Bro. C. Beckett; Song, "Vanity," Hall—Bro. De Lacy; Part Song, "Take thy Banner," Bro. J. Coward, P.G.O.—Bros. Frost, Beckett, Raynham, Cambridge and De Lacy.

It seems invidious to select any of the artistes for praise when all did well; moreover, most of the names are so well known to our readers that comment is superfluous; still we cannot omit special reference to one or two who have not been so frequently before us. Miss Clara Wollaston was particularly good in her two songs; she cleverly exercised her fine voice in the two pieces set down for her. Bro. Charles Bertram was very clever with his conjuring, but we think he laboured under a disadvantage very frequent with those who use cards, he happened to get hold of a pack that "would not slip." Although this detracted somewhat from the ease with which Bro. Bertram habitually goes through his exhibition, it was clearly shown he is a thorough master of his art. Amongst those present were General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey and Mrs. Brownrigg; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar; George Price, Treasurer Surrey, P.M. and P.Z. 463, Mrs. Price and Miss Newsom; F. West (Chairman) P.M. and Treasurer 1382 W.M. 4 P.Z. 463 1328 P.G. Steward England P.P.G.R. P.G.N. Surrey, Miss West, Miss H. M. West, Miss J. West, and Mrs. Ingham Cooke; C. Greenwood Provincial Grand Secretary, P.G.S.B. England, and Miss Greenwood; E. Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, No. 4; John G. Horsey Worshipful Master 186, P.M. 186 1619 and 1892, P.Z. 186 P.P.G.D.C., and Mrs. Horsey; C. H. Woodward (Secretary) P.P.G.W. P.P.G.N. Surrey P.M. and P.Z 463, Mrs. Woodward, and Mrs. R. Cottes; J. D. Langton (Treasurer) No. 1, P.M. 1763, W.M. 2096, and Miss Wollaston; H. M. Hobbs 2096, Miss Halford, Misses Aston, Misses Heath, Miss Hobbs; Henry Baber 1790, Mrs. H. Baber, and Miss H. Baber; W. J. Mitchell 163 and Mrs. Mitchell; W. H. Ransom

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R.M.I.B.—MEETING OF "OLD BOYS."

THE presentation of a testimonial to Mrs. Lees (née Miss Hall), who is well known to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to others who have taken an interest in the School, as the former Matron of that Institution, formed the occasion for a meeting of old scholars at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, which it is hoped will inaugurate an annual gathering of some of those who spent their earliest days in the building at Wood Green. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles M. Uwins, who was supported by Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the School, the Misses Binckes, and, in the place of honour, the guest of the evening, Mrs. Lees, who was accompanied by her husband. Among the "Old Boys" present were Messrs. Barnard, Barrett, Hopkins, Price, Pulman, Roberts, Wain, Whiteby and Williams. The testimonial presented to Mrs. Lees consisted of an album, a tea and coffee service, and an afternoon tea papier mâché tray, which gifts were handed to her in due course, with the best wishes of the donors for her future happiness. The presentation was acknowledged by Mr. Lees in appropriate terms. In the course of the evening the Chairman threw out a suggestion, which was most cordially received by those present, that a club should be formed consisting entirely of former pupils, who would thus have the opportunity of continuing or renewing the friendships of their school days.

We hardly think it is necessary for us to say how heartily we coincide with this proposal; on more than one occasion we have pointed out the desirability of some union existing among the lads on leaving the School, not only for their own welfare, but in the hope that by united action they might be able to do something to show their appreciation of what has been done for them in their days of adversity. It should be no difficult task for the pupils of each to do something, and many trifles might prove sufficient to afford an education, similar to what they have received, to at least one lad in the same strait as they were when the Masonic Order took charge of them. We shall be very pleased to lend our services to advance the project, and hope that the meeting of "Old Boys" just held may be but the first of a long series of annual gatherings.

The first Annual Ball of the Chiswick Lodge, 2012, will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 29th January next, when, under the direction of an efficient board of Stewards, a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated. We are convinced that Bro. Brill, the proprietor of the Star and Garter, will do his share towards deserving success, and with the resources at his command that will go far towards securing this desirable result. The price of a double ticket (to admit lady and gentleman, or two ladies) is £1 1s; of single tickets, for gentlemen 12s 6d; and for ladies 10s 6d. These will include light refreshments during the evening and supper during the interval. They may be obtained from the Stewards, Treasurer and Secretary of the Ball. In order to promote comfort the number of tickets is strictly limited, and early application for same is requested.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Novelty.—A fresh version of Captain Marryatt's novel "Vanderdecken" has been brought before the public; unluckily, we fear, to share the fate of the previous ones. Mr. Whyte Edgar, the author of the new burlesque, has chosen the title of "Vanderdecken; or, the Flying Anglo-Dutchman's Phantom Penny Steamer," but has entirely missed his opportunity, and has produced a piece not worthy to exercise the talented artistes that have been engaged for it. Vanderdecken, in the present burlesque, under a spell, is doomed to sail the seas in his phantom ship for ever, he having, a thousand years since, spoken to the man at the wheel while on a privateering expedition. However, he is allowed, with his crew, to come ashore once in every hundred years, and if, while on one of these excursions, he can induce a young lady to propose to him, the spell will be broken and he will be free. The burlesque shows how Vanderdecken's efforts to get a young lady he has fallen in love with to propose to him are eventually successful. The dialogue is very poor, and after the first act all engaged in the piece seem to get mixed up. Such burlesque artistes as Miss Alice Atherton, and Messrs. Lionel Brough and Willie Edouin are sure to create fun, although supplied with bad material; nevertheless, it is a pity they should be engaged in such arduous work. Miss Alice Atherton, as usual, was untiring in her efforts; her rendering of "The Legend of Vanderdecken," and imitations of a music hall singer were exceptionally good. Willie Edouin works hard as an old fishwife; his cleverly executed dance in the second act being deservedly encored. Mr. Lionel Brough, in the first act was exceptionally good, and his song, "They don't understand me a bit," seemed to "fetch" the audience. When, however, he has to robe himself in a kind of pantaloon's dress, and hide in a box, he seems sadly out of his element. The part of Estelle has been entrusted to Miss Helen Hastings, and if her voice was a little stronger she would score well. Miss Harriet Vernon sings and acts with plenty of dash, as Tom Spinnaker; while Mr. Harry Courtaine (Schnappe) gets as much fun as possible from the part of a Dutch gambling house keeper. The minor parts were cast as follow:—Joliboy (Mr. Ratdley Turner), Dynamite (Mr. A. Corney), Polly Van Haddox (Miss Constance Moxon), Idle Bill (Miss Kate Bellingham). Herr Meyer Lutz has supplied some tuneful music, the choruses being in most cases particularly good.

Criterion.—The 250th performance of "The Candidate" was the night selected for the production of a comic drama, entitled "Cupid in Camp." This is not altogether a new piece, it having been originally brought out in 1882. The story deals with a couple of love affairs, in which two officers of King William the Third's army are engaged. The scene is laid at Dover, where Helen Wentworth, the beloved of Major Murray, is sojourning at an inn, having just escaped from a French convent. This lady attires herself in men's clothes, with the view of not being identified. She, however, is recognised by the Major's friend, Captain Saville, who himself is threatened with arrest. This gentleman persuades Helen to exchange her dress for his, which forthwith she does. Both, however, are imprisoned in the house of the commandant of the port, whose niece turns out to be the object of Captain Saville's adoration. How the commandant and Colonel Lindsay both fall in love with the Captain, who is now dressed as a woman, and how the commandant's niece finds the young gentleman proclaiming himself as Captain Saville is not so ardent a lover as she could desire; how, in due course the real Captain makes himself known to her, and the arrival of Major Murray furnishes Helen with the opportunity of resuming her own attire; and further, how Captain Saville plans an elopement with the niece for the same evening, is clearly shown in the piece. Mr. Lytton Sothern, who reassumes the part of Captain Saville, plays with spirit, while Mr. Gregory is excellent as the Major. Miss Rose Saker acts with grace as Helen Wentworth, and Miss E. Moore is forcible as the niece. "Cupid in Camp" was greatly appreciated the first night, and will doubtless prove a good introductory piece to "The Candidate," which still continues to attract crowded audiences to this theatre.

Standard.—Mrs. Weldon made her appearance at this theatre on Monday evening, in the new lunacy drama, "Not Alone." When first brought out at the Grand, at Islington, this piece was pronounced very weak. The first three acts went particularly slow, and it was not until Mrs. Weldon, in the fourth act, secured the opportunity of exercising her vocal abilities, that an audience could find anything to appreciate. Mrs. Weldon, as a matter of course, again sustains the part of Hester Stanhope, but this character requires more dramatic power than this lady possesses. The husband, Raymond Stanhope (played now by Mr. H. M. Clifford), although seemingly a cool and collected villain, fails to "fetch" the audience. Miss Helenor Kemp, as Rachel Livierge, plays with vigour and dash, but her manner of singing her words spoils her delineation. Praise must be deservedly given to Mr. H. Fenwick (Major Meadows), and to Miss Adelaide Bowering (Angela Pyefinch), who both give careful rendering of the parts allotted them.

Alhambra.—The Christmas programme is announced for Monday next, the 21st inst., on which occasion a new grand military spectacular ballet will be produced, entitled "Le Bivouac," the invention of M. Hanson, with music composed and selected by M. Jacobi. The corps de ballet and auxiliaries will number upwards of 200. In addition to the popular ballet of "Nina," in which Mdlle. Palladino and Miss Lillie Lee continue to appear, the programme will comprise the following Variety artistes, viz.: the brothers Griffiths and Blondin Donkey, Ida Morris, Marie Le Blanc, Sisters Dagmar, James Fawn, Arthur Lloyd, T. H. Russell, the Frediani Troupe, the two

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Mace, and the celebrated Stebbing's troupe of acrobats. A morning performance of the Christmas programme, including the ballets of "Nina" and "Le Bivouac," will be given on Boxing Day.

Gaiety.—Under the management of Messrs. Nazir and Hollingshead, a company of Parsees are announced to make their appearance here this evening (Saturday), in selections from "Solomon's Sword," "Sakuntala," "Lady of Lyons," "Katharine and Petruchio," "The Indian Fair," &c. The company consists of 60 performers. After to-night they will appear during the week at the Opera Comique, which has been taken specially for the occasion, the Gaiety stage being wanted for the final rehearsals of "Jack Sheppard," which is to be produced on Boxing Night.

Crystal Palace.—Prominent amongst the Holiday Arrangements of the Christmas Season 1885-86 at the Crystal Palace, is the Grand Christmas Pantomime "Cinderella," written by Mr. F. C. Burnand, and produced by Mr. Augustus Harris, with the assistance of Mr. Charles Harris as Stage Manager. The production will be, it is needless to state, on the scale of magnitude demanded by the vast area occupied by the audience. The scenery will be by Messrs. Fenton, Johnson, G. Hicks, and Emden; the music by Mr. Oscar Barrett; and the ballets and other dances have been specially arranged by Mr. John D'Auban. An unusually strong company has been engaged for the leading characters, amongst whom we may name the Sisters Marin, Mesdames Emma D'Auban, Lilian Francis, Clitheroe, Stanhope, Graves, St. George, &c., &c. Messrs. F. Thorne, E. D. Lyons, H. J. Turner, F. Storey, John D'Auban, and the famous Paul Martinetti and his Pantomime Troupe, who will add new life to the Harlequinade. The Pantomime will be produced on Tuesday, the 22nd inst. For Boxing Day a long list of special attractions has been arranged, in addition to the Pantomime; chief amongst them being an Assault-at-Arms by the Military Instructors from the Aldershot Gymnasium: a Great Military Evening Concert, concluding with the British Army Quadrilles, by the band of the Scots Guards, with drums, fifes, and pipers, and supplementary band, numbering altogether more than one hundred performers; a Variety Entertainment by the Romah Trio, Wingfield's Dogs, the Modoc Athletes; Herr Grais, the Juggler, and Madame Alphonsine, in her feats on the Rolling Globe; the Razecos, in their daring Aerial Performance; and many other items. A novel feature throughout the Christmas Holidays will be a Children's Fancy Fair, to be held in the West Corridor, wherein a series of elegantly-decorated booths have been constructed, and will be occupied by stores of all kinds of fancy wares suitable for presents. Swings, roundabouts, and other such aids to juvenile enjoyment, will also form part of this new addition to the holiday entertainments. The illumination of the Palace by tens of thousands of tastefully arranged lamps, and by electric light, which has been so attractive a feature of the autumn months, will also be extended and continued nightly.

The Veteran Author of "Box and Cox"—Mr. John Maddison Morton—is about to gratify the Lovers of Private Theatricals all the world over. He has written a Series of Six new Home Plays, which will appear monthly in "London Society." The first will come out before Christmas, in the January number, and the title is: "First Come, First Served."

THE MASONIC ELECTIONS.

THE revolving year has once more brought us to the season for the Annual Masonic elections, in the Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. . . . .

The two most important acts that a Freemason performs are, approving or rejecting an applicant for initiation, and voting for the officers of a Lodge or Chapter. The one act introduces or shuts out a *profane*, making him thereby a Freemason or a rejected applicant; and the other raises to a governing position in the Craft, with supreme power for the time being, a Brother or Companion for the full term of a Masonic year, unless death or Masonic disability should intervene. We cannot think too carefully before we deposit a vote for a Brother as an officer of a Lodge or Chapter. His qualifications should all be positive. For example: If it be indispensable that a candidate for *initiation* have a good moral character, it is doubly so in the case of a Master of a Lodge, or a High Priest of a Chapter. The serious words which must fall from his lips, and his solemn official acts, would not only lose all their force, but be a profane mockery, if they came from one of known lack of principle, or immorality. That point satisfied (and every Brother who is a candidate for office invites thereby searching criticism of his merit or demerit) the next question is, Has he the necessary ability for the creditable discharge of the functions of the office? Does he know the work? Can he impressively perform it? any Brother who *electioneers for himself*, lacks the necessary qualifications for office. Lodge and Grand Lodge, Chapter and Grand Chapter, must not be reduced to the level of a political arena, where anything and everything may be resorted to for success. Profane methods are not Masonic methods. The *best Brother for the office* is the one to select and the best Brother never pushes himself, nor permits his friends to resort to unseemly schemes for his advancement. All Freemasons understand this, and we trust that at the elections care will be used to select absolutely the best Brethren for official position. We urge this in the interests of the Craft. No matter how exalted Freemasonry may be in its principles, if these are not exemplified in practice by its members, and especially by its officer-bearers, it cannot maintain its ancient and honourable prestige. Only good men and true should join us, and only good men and true, and men of ability as well, should rule us. But to secure this, every Brother and Companion must exercise his right and duty to select the best Mason for official preferment, ever remembering that he acts not for himself only, but for the Fraternity at large. The right to vote is a sacred trust, that none may exercise hastily, thoughtlessly, or otherwise than with a deep appreciation of the responsibility he is under to the body which conferred upon him the honour of being, as the case may be, either a Master Mason or a Royal Arch Mason.—*Keystone.*

SHOULD READ.

THOUGH our Institution is old, yet new questions arise from year to year, to be discussed by the patient reviewer, and presented to the Craft for consideration. Officers of Lodges should be familiar with such questions, especially when they are divested of all extraneous matter, and no labour but reading and thought needed to reach a sound solution. But such is not the fact. Yet it is not easy to understand why so many of the officers of our constituent Lodges are not more conversant with transactions and reports of our Grand Lodge, when year by year they are furnished with three copies, which they are expected to read for their their own guidance and that of the brethren over whom they have been chosen to preside. Surely, if they carefully read them there would be little necessity for appeals to Grand Officers for information upon questions of Masonic law and usage. A perusal would cost less time and in the end prove more beneficial to the Officers, by enabling them to dispose of questions without the delay incident to correspondence. Let Officers generally read our reports, and soon they will find new interest displayed in their Lodges and confidence increased in their abilities. In our reading of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges we find abundant evidence of general prosperity, and warm zeal and devotion to the great principles of our Institution, while everywhere a lively interest is manifested to preserve its purity and integrity. But, side by side with this, there is noticeable a growing tendency, in our own as well as other jurisdictions, to break over time-honoured barriers, by means of special dispensations from Grand Masters, and to set aside long established usages for the accommodation of some one who for years has lived within hail of the Lodge room; and thus the checks and restraints which wisdom and experience placed at the gate of our mystic temple are set at naught. Oft-repeated warnings do not seem to deter Grand Masters from issuing special dispensations to confer degrees out of time, under the plea of high prerogative, though in every instance the ancient law is set aside, not for the good of the Order, but merely for individual accommodation, and the result is that in most cases those who are thus "rushed" through make poor Masons, who should never have been permitted to behold Masonic light. This practice we hope to see stopped in our own jurisdiction, and we earnestly invoke every Master Mason to join us in its condemnation.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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Brother W. C. Smith Senior Warden 1563 has resumed

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 DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, 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)
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwel
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
463—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 21st 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)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, 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)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill

R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. 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
1149—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolinm, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1578—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1969—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.

R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 298—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 315—Perseverance, Old Ball Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 452—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

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

1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Malton
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1709—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1813—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk

R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canetrbury

WEDNESDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pope's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farrington Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1054—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (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, Cheapers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

R.A. 12—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
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
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
280—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1281—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
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, 24th DECEMBER.

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, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)

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)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—10 Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1502—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theobald's Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
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. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Ashcton Arms Hotel, Mid Hoton, Lancashire
209—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)

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346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
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971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

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
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R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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SAYE AND SELE LODGE, No. 309.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 25th ult., at Belvedere, Kent, when Bro. A. H. Bateman S.W. was placed in the chair. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Kent, Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., the ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by the newly-appointed Deputy, Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, G. Mark Chaplain England, &c. The attendance was not large, Kent being in the thick of its parliamentary election, and many of the brethren being unavoidably detained elsewhere by political engagements. The retiring Master, Bro. E. B. Bright, being absent in Greece, the I.P.M., Bro. Wood, presided in his stead, and opened Lodge in due form, and after the usual routine business vacated the chair in favour of the D.P.G.M.M. Kent. After the installation the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, commencing by handing the collar of S.W. to Bro. Cummings, at the same time expressing the gratitude of the Lodge to that brother for accepting the position, notwithstanding his exalted Masonic rank outside the walls of the Saye and Sele Lodge. The other Officers were Bros. Robinson J.W., Coleman M.O., Russell S.O., Jaynson J.O., Blyth S.D., Heaps J.D., Prince I.G., Creed Tyler. Bro. Wood having been re-elected as Treasurer, was also invested, as was Bro. De Pinna as Secretary. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was ready for presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. Bright, but owing to his absence that interesting portion of the proceedings was necessarily deferred. After the usual votes of thanks and expression of good wishes, the Lodge was closed. At the banquet, subsequently held at the Belvedere Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Provincial Grand Master being received with especial enthusiasm, combined with sympathy for him in his present indisposition. The D.P.M.M.M., in responding to the toast of his name, gave a most interesting exposition of the rise and present prospects of Mark Masonry, predicting still further and immediate prosperity and progress, and congratulating the members of the Saye and Sele Lodge in particular on the rapid growth of the Lodge, and the merits of its various Masters, expressing his confident belief that during the year now begun the well-known energy and activity of the present Master—that had proved so beneficial to the Saye and Sele Craft Lodge—would tend to raise the position of this Mark Lodge yet higher in the Province. Other speeches followed, and one of those pleasant evenings were enjoyed for which the Saye and Sele is acquiring a well-earned reputation.

The present affords a fitting opportunity to recur to our report of the installation meeting of the Saye and Sele Craft Lodge, last July, when we noted the resolution to present to the then retiring Master an address expressive of the appreciation of the brethren of his efforts in connection with the design and execution of the Lodge premises, probably the most complete and well adapted for the purpose of any in the Province. This address was presented at the last meeting (beautifully illuminated on vellum and handsomely framed); it is in the following terms:—

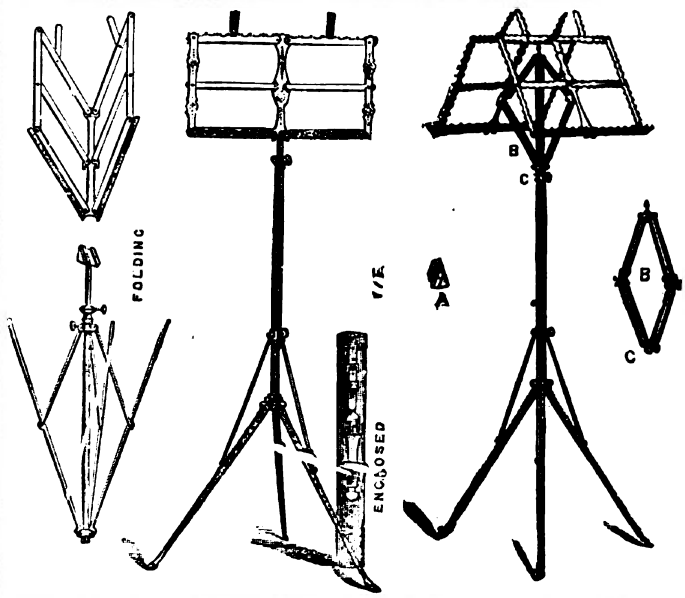
To Bro. A. H. Bateman,
I.P.M. Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973,
Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent.
27th July 1885.

On the occasion of your vacating the Master's chair, the duties of which have been during your year of office discharged with such marked efficiency, the brethren of the Saye and Sele Lodge desire to add to the customary compliment paid to a W.M. who has fulfilled the duties of his office properly their unanimous and hearty recognition of the special service you have rendered, both to this Lodge and the cause of Freemasonry in the neighbourhood. This special service consists in the leading part you have taken in the movement which has resulted in providing a suite of rooms so well adapted for the efficient working of our beautiful Masonic rituals, and which has added so much to the comfort of the members. They desire to record their opinion that this satisfactory result has been mainly arrived at by your exertions; the suggestion, adaptation and completion of the work will ever hereafter be associated with your name as Master of the Lodge.

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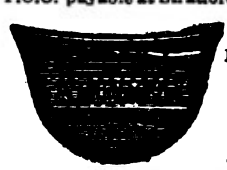
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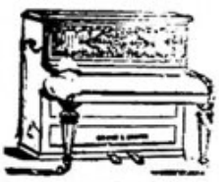
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SUBDIVISION OF CEREMONIES.

WHEN we consider how much depends on the manner in which the ceremonies of Freemasonry are carried out, we are surprised that greater efforts are not made to render them even more impressive than is at present the case. There are many points in our ritual to which attention might advantageously be devoted, not so much with a view of attaining perfection in the mere delivery of the words, as to acquire something like effect in the manner in which they are rendered. Our Lodges of Instruction are excellent schools, so far as they go; the work of their Preceptors is to teach the ritual of Freemasonry; and we think that few of them lay claim to teaching more, even if any general attempt on their part to do so would not be rejected by their pupils. The improvement to which we refer must first be looked for from the pupils, rather than from the teachers, and it is therefore to those who are actually in office, or who are working for office, that we now address ourselves. We would ask each Worshipful Master to study, not only what to say, but how to say it, and in order to make the ceremonies even more impressive than is usual at the present time we ask them to seek the co-operation of the Past Masters and Officers of their Lodge.

One of the most radical changes we should like to see is, a subdivision of labour in the rendering of the various ceremonies, so that the monotony of Lodge work, which oftentimes proves wearisome to the majority of listeners may be, in a measure, relieved. There is an old truism that "variety is charming," and nowhere would the aphorism better apply than in a Masonic Lodge. For example, we should like to see the Master, instead of taking the whole of the initiation ceremony, or that of passing or raising, follow up to a certain point, and then permit his principal Officers, or others in the Lodge, to "take up the wondrous tale," thus relieving the monotony of the Master's voice, which, however eloquent and impressive, may, and often does, prove irksome to some of his listeners. This, we urge, would tend to make the ceremonies of the Lodge more impressive and interesting to the general body of the members; moreover, it would create a stimulus in the minds of all who attend to emulate the example of others, and to embrace the opportunities for advancement offered to them. To the candidate this subdivision of work would be of the utmost interest, for instead of listening to the "parrot rote" of perhaps an inefficient Worshipful Master, prompted by a veteran on his left, he would then discern that unity and co-operation which are amongst the highest and most laudable of the tenets of our Order. We care not how able or competent a Master may be, or how desirous of displaying his erudition before his Lodge, there is at times a wearisomeness in the recapitulation of sentences with which all intelligent Masons are conversant; and to vary the routine, by calling in extraneous assistance from those who would only too gladly render it, would be to the advantage and edification of the brethren all round. The same remarks apply to the festivities which follow labour, and in which the post-prandial business is invariably left in the hands of one or two individuals. Every Mason who attends a banquet and glances over the toast list is able almost intuitively to guage the calibre of the speeches to which he is about to listen, unless indeed the Worshipful Master be a man of more than mediocre perspicuity. It may be that there is a certain laudable ambition on the part of a Worshipful Master to impress upon the brethren his ability to do all the work efficiently but it would, in a majority of instances, be more conducive to the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren to diffuse the amenities of the festive board over as wide an area as is compatible with courtesy and the usages of the Fraternity. Thus the whole of the work, both in the Lodge and at the subsequent festivities, would go more smoothly and regularly, to the advantage, we consider, both of the Master himself, his Officers, and all who share in the subordinate ranks. Of course, such a programme could not be carried out without natural ability and an intelligent conception of the sublimity of the teachings of the Craft, but on that very ground we see in the aspirations of the brethren who were called upon to fulfil their parts an incentive would be found to break fresh ground, and thus the after-dinner proceedings, instead of proving, as they too often do, a mere repetition of that which we have heard too often before, would be brightened by thoughts and sentiments which are frequently promised in the lectures,—"should time permit." If the matter was thought out, and acted upon in a spirit of unity and good understanding, the work which is now painfully confined to two or three speakers might be agreeably subdivided amongst half a dozen or more of the members of a Lodge, and we feel convinced it would tend not only to enhance the pleasures and enjoyment of the brethren, but would stimulate inquiry and research, and a desire for perfection in all branches of Masonic work, which is at present lamentably unknown.

TRIVIAL APPEALS TO GRAND LODGE.

A GREAT deal might be said in regard to the frivolous appeals which are frequently submitted to the arbitration of United Grand Lodge, and which involve an expenditure of valuable time that cannot fail to be a source of annoyance and irritation to those who object to be mixed up in petty squabbles. Of course, when disputes of serious moment crop up, as they will do in any organisation where differences of opinion are allowed, Grand Lodge is undoubtedly the legally constituted authority by whom such questions should be decided; but it is deplorable at times to note what a quantity of "dirty linen" is submitted to that tribunal which might very well have been "washed at home." On a recent occasion, as we took the opportunity of pointing out, there were no less than five of these appeals, all of which—with the exception, perhaps, of one—might have been easily and pleasantly settled without wasting the valuable time and the patience of Grand Lodge. Even in that exceptional case the Brother, had he recognised the lawfully constituted authority, as he should have done, would not have aired his grievances in the manner which so vexed and infringed upon the forbearance of Grand Lodge. We venture to assert that the case would never have come before the Craft in its judicial capacity if the appellant had been actuated by a greater degree of common sense, and a recognition of that authority in which we, as Masons, are all bound to confide. Having gone so far as to admit that he was in the wrong, he should have gone a step further, and made the *amende honorable*; and Grand

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Lodge should exercise great caution before it unduly binds itself to concede such an expenditure of time as these appeals incur. It was a question which might well have been brought before a judge in chambers, so to speak, rather than into open court, or before a corporate body, and the appeals entered a week or two ago lead us to an expression of these views, so trivial were they in their nature, and so full of transparent weakness. As each came on for hearing the verdict was "there is nothing in it," and this opinion was fully illustrated by the result While the general body of Grand Lodge will always readily attend to any appeals of a serious character, they evidently felt on this occasion that they were matters over which a committee of the respective Lodges might exercise jurisdiction. In short, in none other but extreme cases can there be any justification in appealing to Grand Lodge. The cheers that were raised at one or two intervals during the inquiry were unquestionably ironical, but the appellant either could not, or would not, comprehend that such was the case, and that such exhibitions of feeling were only provoked by the weariness which had come over the assembly by the reiteration of such airy grievances. Instead of that, the appellant took it as a graceful compli ment to himself, even after his admission that he had been hasty, if not rash, in his behaviour. The universal feeling undoubtedly was that the man had committed an indiscre tion, and that instead of his posing as a martyr, Grand Lodge could but blame him, and he should have had the common courtesy to admit his fault at once. At any rate, it was a pitiable waste of time, which all regretted who were subjected to the infliction, and which we hope to see not soon repeated.

THIS GRAND EDIFICE.

An Oration by Right Worshipful and Reverend W. S. Hooper, before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 8th October 1885.

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IN thus tracing this thought we have upon one hand a legendary idea with some foundation in fact; upon the other, the blending of history through all these ages, and though it antagonizes our long-cherished thought, it presents a wonderful résumé of history which carries us back through all these ages of time into the past now hid from all but historic memory; away into the ages of the brightest intellect and of the grandest oratory, into those days of the sumblimest writing and of the greatest thought, and when art and architecture stood pre-eminent among men. Through the ages of chivalry, and again into the dawning of the light of the greatest age of earth; away through the ages when heathen thought marked the brow's of earth's great leading men, and when godly thought inspired the followers of the Divine. Through long periods of time after the birth and death of the founder of the new religious faith, on through all the periods of its growth, trials and triumphs. From the days when grand architecture was the aim of man, through its decline, fall and rising again. From the time when literature was the only high element of mental power, through its decline, and into the dark ages when men fell by death because of their belief in a given faith. Through the trials, falls and triumphs of early discoverers and inventors, until the present, when mental power and knowledge have brought man into the richest field of culture, knowledge and power ever known to man.

Through all of these, if of great, and most of them if of modern antiquity, has Freemasonry passed. She has seen the rising of Republics, and beheld their fall under the crushing tyranny of Empires. Empires and kingdoms have fallen from the power of their royal grandeur, only to give place to governments more kind and merciful than they. No institution, outside of the church, has seen more changes in the political and social positions of men than she. Nor have any outlived more of persecution and survived as she has to build herself into a grand and beautiful edifice, whose walls are as resplendent as the polished marble; as symmetrical as her prototype of ancient days. Yonder are her lofty pinnacles and massive towers; there her granite walls, whose niches are filled with the statues of her heroic dead; there a king, yonder a prince, there a warrior who, in time, wore the laurels of many a well-earned victory; there a statesman whose voice was once heard ringing in sublime eloquence in the halls of legislation. The poet and the man of science stand side by side; the peasant from his plough, the mechanic from his bench, the labourer from his pick, all stand to do honour to their cause. This picture is but the fact of her internal character. The line of human distinctions has faded; the grand and humble, the king and subject, the rich and poor, all kneel alike beside her altar, and join their hands in one united brotherhood.

Within we look aloft; there, in her frescoed dome, gleams the All-Seeing Eye. Below, the lamb of innocence stands at our side. Jacob lies beneath the clouds, through whose rifted curtain there gleam the evening stars, while angels walk up and down the ladder, singing their songs of glory, and the anchor upon the rung holds out the thought of hope, and faith stands up as a shield of protection for man. Temperance, Purity and Justice stand proudly at our side, as our protectors from vice and wrong. Beneath our feet we tread the mosaic pavement, teaching us the frailties and the checkered scenes of human life. We stand beside her altars, between the burning lights, whose triangle unfolds the idea of the Divine. Her Holy Book lies open for us to catch the gleam of inspiration from its holy page, in the eloquence of the words and strains of the prophet, led by the idea of the Divine. Time stands with mowing scythe, while Virtue, at the side of the dismembered column, reads the records of our lives. Her walls have been squared, her pillars plumbed, her floors levelled by the architects of the highest morality.

We admire her as the artist of taste and skill admires the statue in the palatial garden. In his admiration would he despoil that statue of a single member? Would he strike out the sightless eye, or knock away the defenceless arm of stone? No. And shall we tear away a single pinnacle from this grand temple? Shall a single column fall from her massive porch? A polished rock from her ornamental walls? No; strike down the arm that dare attempt the deed! Rather let her go on in her glory and her work, polishing and adorning more of the minds of men; lifting them into a realm of purity of thought higher than the common walks of men; on until the isles of the sea, the cities of the plain and the hamlets of the mountains shall rise to do her honour.

In this wonderful fabric are events from almost every age. Events when God dealt face to face with man; that of chivalry, when godless man dealt alone with self. Moral and material interests are alike among the rocks of her walls. Architectural plans and scientific truths adorn and enrich her structure. The bards give polish and beauty to her songs; morality gives power and grace to her working.

We speak and are taught of her basis upon the level and the square, but the great and fundamental base of these, the triangle, is forgotten. This is greatest because from it have grown the level, square and plumb. These are parts, that is the whole. With it all the rest of the work may be performed. With them, only their part. They are limited; it has no limit. The one represents perfection, the other but parts of man's work. There is more of this emblem throughout Freemasonry's work than of the former. It is of more value because of its greater teaching. The level and the square, the plumb and the guage, are emblematic of the highest virtue of man; but the triangle the highest of the Divine, His eternity; hence we ought to look more at this thought, and it is indeed strange that this emblem has been lost sight of, when its importance and character so exactly conform to all the teachings of Masonry. Go where we will in the domain of Masonic work the triangle predominates as a silent, unobtrusive and almost unknown emblem. The form of the executive chairs of the lodge, the altar, the arrangement of the lights, the movement of the novice in his introduction, are all triangular. The triple degrees, words and grips bear this element. Take it away and we rob Freemasonry of her highest symbolism, her grandest idea of eternity and divinity, to which all Masonic minds should ever be turned as their greatest hope and the final destiny of man.

The temple idea of Masonry, and its foundation upon that grand building of Solomon, is that man is the living temple of God. The Apostle grasps this idea, as did, undoubtedly, the founders of our Order, and its symbolism is to teach that in man's heart is the dwelling-place of God, as was the holy of holies, where the fire of the Shekinah danced upon the altar as the sunlight upon the rippling

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wave of the lake. Through her apartments she pictures the course of human life, from youth to age, indicating the trials and triumphs of human life, and impresses the thought of consecration to that God, as was the ancient temple.

"Oh! that Temple of God, from the House of the Past,
Shineth down o'er the centuried years;
And my heart, through the veil of the mysteries vast,
The voice of King Solomon hears,
Asking me with the sign of a Master,
Why my soul no Temple rears;
With the Three Great Lights ever shining above,
And the tools of my Craft at hand—
Why I build no fabric of prayerful love,
With the arch of a lifetime spanned;
And the wings of embracing cherubs,
O'erbrooding its altars grand?"

But why do you speak in symbols and parables? asks the objector. What better method outside of Divine revelation? How much quicker do men grasp ideas through parables and symbols than by argument, and how much more aptly do they apply the allusions to self than through the direct teaching? Were not the prophecies of old brought in parabolic language from the commissioned to the throned monarch? Did they not tremble beneath the power of the allegory, as they saw the sword of divine justice hanging over their heads? Did David ever tremble more? Did he ever see his sin more powerfully, or repent in deeper sorrow? Did he ever see the instability of his life more terribly than when he heard the words of Nathan, "Thou art the man?"

Allegories were used as the highest type of conveying thought in the early days, and as a fit memento of those days we use them in Masonry as in perfect harmony with the days we commemorate, and by them reach the highest type of moral truth.

In this résumé of Masonic lore we have set before us the argument of Freemasonry's antiquity; our reverence for her hoary hairs, silvered with the honours and the turmoil of her long and eventful life; the arguments and historic facts that lead to doubt as to her great age; the importance, beauty and power of her symbols, wherein there stands pre-eminent her bond of brotherly love; the binding obligations to our mighty God, here are the highest truths of her morality all before us. Then stands the question, which shall I, as a Mason, make the chief corner-stone of my reverence and love, the head gray with the marks of untold ages, or the grand and sublime teachings involved in her ritual?

Then last but not least, how do we fulfil our obligations taken at Freemasonry's altar? Do we appreciate their force in our daily lives? Do we realize the fact that in our obligations we were face to face with God? That as we go out into the world and forget their power we violate our trust to him, as well as falsify our vow? That the All-Seeing Eye, whose symbol hangs above our Master's arch, is ever upon us? That we are the marks and targets of men who decry our Order, and vilify our lives when we are recreant to our trusts? That our lives should be squared by the principles of our symbols, and that all our passions and dealings with men ought to be circumscribed by the teachings of the highest good?

"You wear the Square, but have you got
That thing the Square denotes?
Is there within your inmost soul
That principle which should control
Your actions, words and thoughts?
The Square of Virtue—is it there,
Oh you that wear the Mason's Square?

"You wear the Compass! Do you keep
Within that circle due,
That's circumscribed by law divine?
Excluding hatred, envy, sin—
Including all that's true!
The Moral Compass draws the line,
And lets no evil passions in!"

Ah! brother, a true Mason should be a perfect man. He above all men outside the Christian church should be as "the city set upon the hill," or the lamp upon the mantel that giveth light to all. He should be a synonym of goodness as well as of philanthropy. His name should be a pillar of strength, and as he is the helper of the widow and the support of the orphan, he should also be a builder of morals where he lives. Were I to picture an ideal Mason I would rob him of all wrong—destroy all sin from his character; would purify his mind until its purity would only be equalled by the undriven snow. I would cleanse his heart to saintly cleanliness. I would adorn him with the highest virtue, clothe him with the purest thought, fill him with the highest philanthropy, and thus clothed and adorned with the noblest virtues and the purest love, I would start him upon a mission of mercy that would entitle him in eternity to reign with the grandest sons of men whose souls had been washed white in the blood of the Lamb of God.

Yet the Order whose fundamental teachings would warrant these things is defamed by men because now and then a bad man creeps within her portals, and bows in unholy mockery at her shrine. But whatever may be said against her, however great the defamation, she stands defenceless, like the smitten maiden, repelling no attack. But unlike her it is not because she has no power of defence. But holding that power in abeyance, controlled by her mighty will and the teaching of her all powerful truth she moves on in her grandeur while men may decry as once they persecuted down to the death. Relying upon that truth and the Word of God as her great light, she tries to carry out that will; lifting the fallen brother to his feet; reaching her hand to the widowed mother in the hour of her distress; binding up the wounds of him who had fallen among thieves; touching the sorrow of the orphan and pouring the oil of mercy and love into their afflicted hearts; casting the mantle of charity over the faults and foibles of man; extending the hand of fellowship over the chasms of trouble; extending the arm of brotherhood over the ocean's vast expanse to the brother of the uncivilized world. She is a pillar of strength, a column of beauty, a fabric of grandeur. Her altar teems with the elements of mercy. Her symbols are the synonyms of love. Her olive branch is that of peace. She shakes hands with misery and sorrow and calms the woes of the afflicted, dispelling the misery by her help, calming the sorrow by her words of sympathy, and supplying the wants of the afflicted.

Her beauties are not to be seen as the tinselled ornaments of gaudy art, nor as the rosy hues of the evening clouds, but as practical exemplification of godly lives. Indeed, there seems to be no place or position occupied by man where she may not have a lesson of practical importance. Even from the entering step of the novice, clear through all her successive work to her highest degree, there are lessons fraught with sacred beauty. Now in poverty, without the means of provision for immediate necessity, the candidate is taught faith in God and His ability to provide for man in the hour of distress. That when earthly means have failed and he may be cast off by his fellow man, God will take him up. That we are to make a daily progress in the laws of our mental and spiritual being, and develop the sacred revelations existing between God and man. That we are to hold up the revealed will of the Almighty as the guide and lamp to our footsteps as we pass the journey of human life. That as we here enter the steps of life, uncouth and unpolished as the rough ashlar from the quarry, which by the hands of the workman becomes a smooth and polished stone in the temple, so we, by the preparation of truth, are to become polished stones in the living temple. That we are not to be swayed from our noble purpose by the plausible theories of sophistry, but to be guided by the grand power of truth that rises above all the finest arguments of theory.

We mingle in the busy crowd of men, who ought to be made better by our teaching and practice of the virtues taught at our altar. We ought to elevate the standard of moral purity and let our light shine as bright in the moral world as the sun does in the physical.

We are to cling to this mystic bond of brotherhood, wherein is taught that apostolic thought of brotherly love in all its sacred purity, and remember that we are not alone in this tie; but all along Freemasonry's history it has been the bond of men of great genius in the world of literature and art; of the great and heroic defenders of their country's right; of the pure arrayed in sacerdotal robes; of princes in their realms, and sceptred kings upon their thrones. That it has brought the general and the soldier, the priest and the layman, the king and the subject, all upon the same level, where they meet around one common altar and upon the square.

It teaches, again, the high principles of God, that in the highest realm of truth there are no distinctions among men; that there is an equality of value in the real man that even God does not ignore; that office, position, occupation and knowledge among men are no grounds for distinction as placing one above another, but that we are to

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measure the real internal man, and as such meet him as a man endowed with the high qualities of soul that God gave him at his birth.

As we look upon this grand edifice, as we wander through all her apartments, as we see her beauties and her love, do we wonder that we love our Order, not for her age but for her inherent virtues? Would the right minded tear away a pinnacle or demolish a tower? Would he blight a picture in her galleries or mar the beauty of her altar? No! but rather would he say, go on in your grand work. Let your organ peal forth grander tones of harmonious music. Let your love shine with greater brightness, and let your mercy reach forth her hands to a grander work.

Ah! brother, let us cling to the beautiful tenets of the Order. Let us learn more of her truths and be better, and then in meeting in the Grand Lodge on high together we shall listen to the chorus of the angels sung as the glad welcome to the coming millions redeemed from the power of sin.—*Voice of Masonry.*

A ROMANCE OF LIFE; OR, THE ECHO OF THE BELLS.

THE wind howled and whistled round the old tower of Clan Macnois, and whirled the snowflakes up into fantastic wreaths, that Christmas morning, when a little knot of strangers entered the ancient and unkempt churchyard, evidently in search of an almost forgotten grave. Drearily the leafless boughs swayed to and fro, creaking and moaning in their weird uneasiness, and as the storm-clouds were hurried along by the gusts that swept over the weary wastes the snow gathered in the window sills and between the buttresses of the quaint old church, the ivy clinging to its walls being the only sign of life or animation to be seen.

"It was somewhere hereabouts," quoth Mr. Rupert McGee, as he buttoned his cloak still closer to his throat, "that the poor old man was buried, after that terrible night in Athlone, as you recollect very well."

"Yes," replied Mr. Patrick Murphy; it was, as you say, a terrible night, when the row took place over the stolen bells of the church Elise."

Mr. Murphy was engaged to Alice McGee, a darksome beauty in Athlone, and her brother Rupert, who was now Patrick's companion, naturally wished to go there in order that he might have an introduction to his prospective brother-in-law.

He had therefore applied to a friend of his in Dublin, who had an interest in the Midland Great Western Railway in Ireland, for a pass, which having been procured, he set out for Mr. Murphy's place of abode.

Rowing over the Shannon on such a wild and angry day was no pleasure, it may be assured, but Patrick always made it religiously a pilgrimage on Christmas morning to visit the grave of his old father, who had met his death under somewhat mysterious circumstances. And so the double purpose was served of welcoming the affianced of his sister Alice for the Christmas holidays, and of revisiting old scenes which were surrounded with so many happy and painful associations.

Masonic Lodges in this quarter of the globe were then a *rara avis*, and very few of the brethren assembled, though some of them had to travel many miles across bog and marsh in order to reach the rendezvous. It was a miserably stormy night as old McGee set out in his boat to cross the river for the little village in which the Lodge was held, but in spite of all, he was the Master for the year, and could brook no excuse for not meeting his brethren and neighbours at the appointed hour.

The journey was safely accomplished, though not without risk, and the old boatmen seemed to realize to the full their superstitious dread of the ringing out of the old bells which had been stolen from the church, and which were said to clang out on the air always on Christmas night, mingled with the cries and execrations of the robbers who had met their fate in the waters of the Shannon, where they and their sacrilegious booty were engulfed by a sudden storm.

The village hostelry was warm and light, as was its wont on "Lodge nights," and after sundry interchanges of fraternal greeting the brethren filed into the snug bar parlour, where the necessary fortification against cold and wet was promptly supplied by a genial host.

Bro. McGee was the most active and sedulous member of the Fraternity in these parts, and it was by his exertions mainly that the Shamrock Lodge had been kept from dying of inanition. However, the few who came were of the right material, bright and hearty, with souls in the good old cause, and the work went on briskly enough, especially at the supper which followed, and which was served in the rough and ready, though lavish, style for which our Hibernian host and his buxom spouse were proverbial.

There had been very little work on the "agenda," if it could be so styled, and this little had been rattled off with alacrity, so that the "boys" might have the pleasure of lingering for the longest possible time over the festivities of the fourth degree.

The meal was of the most miscellaneous kind, but the joints were ponderous and admirably cooked, while the "praties" and other concomitants of the feast were well served up; piping hot. Compliments and congratulations flew across the table as thickly as midges in the summer air, and amidst the clinking of glasses and the sounds of mirth the hours passed pleasantly enough until the time came to separate.

In the course of the evening, our Worshipful Master, with the ready wit of his race, recounted how that one day, when he was inspecting the big churchyard at Clan Macnois, the old hag whose perquisite it was to "show visitors over the place," pointed out to him a cross which she averred possessed a charm. On inquiring as to the peculiar nature of this talisman, she replied, with a sly twinkle of the eye, that it was supposed to have the faculty of delivering every woman of twins whose husband could span the stone. At which the company laughed heartily, and vowed that it might be both curious and dangerous to try such an experiment. Further, the loquacious cicerone pointed out the belfry from which the bells had been stolen, seven years before, on a Christmas Eve, and related how that the robbers in their retreat had been overtaken by a sudden squall, such as frequently occurs on the Shannon, and how they and their plunder had been engulphed in the black, angry flood.

"Every Christmas Eve, since then," she murmured, reverently crossing herself, "these bells are heard to peal mournfully above the roar of the wind and the rushing of the tide, mingled with the groans and shrieks of the wretched drowning men."

"Were the bells ever recovered?" we asked; to which she replied, "Oh! yes, yer honours, and they're a hung in the tower, yonder; still on each Christmas Eve the same sad clanging is heard, wafted over the waters of the Shannon, echoing in doleful cadences the cheery pealing of the tower bells."

It is unnecessary to pursue the loquacious dame's colloquy and the rambling accompaniments to her description of the old churchyard and its surroundings; but, returning to the subject of the charmed stone, she vaguely hinted that it had yet one other peculiarity which, if we would maintain profound secrecy, she would reveal to us. We of course promised on our Masonic honour; and giving a hasty glance around to assure herself that "they varmints the Excise officers," were not on the alert, she proceeded to the stone, from an aperture behind which she produced a little of the "rale craytur," bidding us taste the "very best whisky in all Erin, bedad!"

We had been long away from home, and were at least seven miles from Athlone, our next resting-place, so that the proffered refreshment came in most handily; and as we pledged the old lady's health, and made her eyes twinkle with delight by placing half-a-crown in each palm, she became assured of her secret of the illicit still and the hiding-place of the "craytur" being kept a secret from the "varmints" of the Excise.

With tongue loosened by a portion of the whisky she had so surreptiously produced, she proceeded to point out to us the Castle hard by, which now belonged to the bravest man and fairest lady in the land. Bedad! yer honour, it was when the young Master Connor, whose father owned yon castle, came home from Italy with his lovely bride, and when the ould 'Squire declared that if he had married during his absence he should be disinherited, young Connor placed the fair young dove in yonder cot on Osborne Island opposite, where she remained four years, until the old man's death. At night the dear fellow would row across the river, to visit and solace his charming colleen; but after the death of the old squire he took possession of the castle and estates, and the little chalet on the island has since been set apart as a kind of *maison de reste*, where travellers and adventurers may call and obtain refreshment and retirement in the middle of their journeyings.

Ah! yer honours, and its wonderful how the place is appreciated. After refection the weary ones can draw out couches from the walls, like you might do drawers from a bureau, on which they repose with every comfort; and it is most peculiar that in the whole course of years the place has thus been at the disposal of strangers not a single article has been stolen from the house."

The young 'Squire, she continued, had a brother, a captain of militia in Mullingar, who was annoyed at the marriage, as it destroyed what little hope he might have cherished of inheriting the estates. So enraged was he, and so vengeful, that he set fire to the Castle, after having done which he rushed across the rafters to the tower, and having cut off all means of communication between himself and the blazing pile, like Nero, he gazed gloatingly at the mischief he had wrought. With a demoniacal smile he exulted in his vengeance, and as the flames towered high into the midnight air and cast their lurid glare over the dark waters of the Shannon, the incendiary shouted to the winds in mad delight. As soon as the conflagration had subsided an attempt was made to capture the wretched miscreant.

Instead of endeavouring to escape, however, the captain leaned over the battlements of the tower, and in accents such as madmen use, called coolly for a bottle of claret, in order that he might drink success to his handiwork.

"All right, captain," replied the sergeant of constabulary, "if you lower the bag you have on the top of the tower, we will put into it anything you require."

"I believe I can trust you!" roared the captain; and having lowered his bag by means of a rope, the sergeant put into it three bottles of claret and some provisions, which were brought by his sister-in-law.

The captain grinned sardonically as he hauled up his prize, and waving the police and stewards away, shrieked forth his supremacy over all he surveyed.

Three days afterwards the constabulary, in order to secure the lunatic, resorted to a stratagem, by placing a ladder to the tower, whilst others sought to effect an entrance by the door below.

But the madman was too artful, for by hurling bricks from the top of the tower upon each man who set foot on the ladder he effectually held the citadel from assault on the outside.

The sergeant and his men, however, succeeded in effecting an entrance from the basement, and ascending the rugged staircase, reached the roof, to which access was gained by a trap door.

The other police kept up a volley of blank cartridges in order to attract his attention, and to cover the advance of the sergeant; but no sooner had the trap door been uplifted than the maniac drew his sword, and cleft the sergeant's hat in twain with a desperate blow.

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He fairly danced with maddened rage as he concluded that one pursuer at least had been killed, and heaping stones upon the outer part of the flap, he crouched down in a corner of the parapet, and glanced defiantly at the crowd below.

Days passed, and the tower appeared deserted. Men were sent to the top, and met with no resistance. The old tower was deserted!"

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"And what became of the mad captain?" we asked.

"May the Lord forgive me!" she replied, "but he was never seen again, and it is truly believed that he was spirited away by the Evil One, and that his ghost is to be seen at certain times and seasons, walking on the tower roof, sword in hand, and sounds of fiendish laughter ring through the air as though the spectre was still gloating over the destruction of the family mansion which he had coveted."

The brethren all applauded the strange and doubtful legend, and at the conclusion of the business and festivities of the Lodge they set out for home, the boat being ready on the shore, and old Brother McGee and party, as they were being rowed over the darkling waters of the Shannon, strained their ears for the weird echo of the bells, half superstitiously, half incredulously. But sure enough, as the midnight hour was chiming from the turret of the old castle, there came surging up from the black tide a mocking vibration of the gladsome peal on shore, and stout-hearted as many of the party were, the words of the old churchyard bag came grimly vivid to the ears of those who had listened to the reminiscence of the Worshipful Master.

It was late when our friends arrived home, but the little place had been made bright and gleaming by the loving hands of Alice, the only daughter. The walls sparkled and glistened with the berried emblems of the festive season, and a merry party had been invited to partake of the Christmas entertainment. Hearty hospitality was the order of the next two or three days, in the course of which a trip on the water was arranged to a spot not far off, whence from the summit of a hill a capital view of the surrounding country could be commanded.

Amongst the merry guests who had been included in Farmer McGee's invitation was George Radcliffe, a handsome young fellow of about twenty-three, whose presence tended to arouse feelings of anything but the most friendly character in the breast of young Patrick Murphy, who could not fail to notice the effect which Radcliffe's attentions produced on his betrothed. This had the result of cutting the festivities shorter than they might otherwise have been, and the river trip was arranged purposely so as to cause a break in the cloud that had so unexpectedly arisen in the erstwhile happy company.

That there was danger lurking between the rival suitors for Alice's hand became now for the first time apparent, and the jealousy, ill-concealed by Patrick Murphy, assumed such a form as to give courage, rather than to damp the ardour of young Radcliffe, whose attentions were evidently not repulsive to the object of his affections.

It was well known that the engagement of Patrick and Alice was regarded with disfavour by her friends, who had discouraged it in every way possible, and it was with some degree of satisfaction they saw the preliminary signs of its being broken off.

Be that as it may, the boating party was thought likely to distract attention from one or two little *contretemps* that had happened, and all joined it except George Radcliffe, who declared that he would watch them from the South Cliff.

For a time all went well, until on the return journey, when close in shore, the boat was capsized by a sudden squall and its occupants were precipitated into the water. Alice called for help to her intended, but he seemed merely intent on saving his own life, and taking no heed of her appeal. He swam to the shore; while Radcliffe, recognising the danger of the woman he loved, sprang down the side of the cliff, and after the greatest difficulty succeeded in bringing her almost lifeless form ashore.

This decided the fate of the lovers, for ere the next Christmas Eve came round the story of an elopement rang through the vicinity of Athlone, as it was whispered that a belle of the adjacent village had clandestinely left the place with her preserver and lover.

The story is soon told. Radcliffe had obtained a special marriage licence, prior to making arrangements to rejoin his regiment in India, whither Alice had agreed to accompany him, and they were married aboard the steamer in which they made their voyage. So far from the affair causing any disappointment amongst her family and friends, they all declared she had escaped from a match which was regarded with dislike; and when the news of the romantic wedding reached home, Farmer McGee determined to set the bells a-pealing in real earnest.

The festivities of the season were once more in full swing in the little village Lodge-room, and the home of the McGee's was bright as usual when the letter arrived; and as the tower bells were rung gladly forth, the echo from the depths of the Shannon seemed to rise and join once more with them in the merry music; though, strangely enough, from that night the weird dirge which had so puzzled and perplexed the residents of this locality for so many years was never again heard.

Sick Children: North-Eastern Hospital and also at Dr. Barnardo's Homes. In the Grand Christmas Number of the Little One's Own Coloured Magazine, entitled "Crumbs for the Robins" (price 6d), the publishers offer several valuable prizes for colouring outline books and dressing dolls. All contributions (after the prizes have been awarded) will be sent to the Sick Children in the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E., and the Infirmary for Sick Children, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 19 Stepney Causeway; thus enabling our Little Ones to join in making the poor sick children bright and happy in their sufferings.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning, 2nd December, at 10 o'clock, Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell, R.W. Grand Master, presiding.

This being the time fixed by the "Ahiman Rezon" for the election of Grand Officers, to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John's Day next, the following Brethren were re-elected:—

Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell, of Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia, R.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Joseph Eichbaum, of Lodge No. 219, Pittsburgh, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, of Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia, R.W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. Hon. J. Simpson Africa, of Lodge No. 300, Huntingdon, R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Thomas R. Patton, of Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia, R.W. Grand Treasurer.

P.G.M. Bro. Michael Nisbet, of Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund—Bros. Jacob Landenslager, Daniel Brittain, Edward Strickland, Alphonso C. Ireland and Daniel M. Fox.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest—Bros. Samuel C. Perkins, Charles M. Prevost, Azariah W. Hoopes, John L. Thomson and Alex. H. Morgan.

Reports were received from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the Trustees of the Girard Bequest, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Committees on Finance, By-Laws, Temple and Library, all of which were eminently satisfactory, and prove the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be in a prosperous condition. There is now in the Sinking Fund the sum of 326,000 dollars. A communication having been received with reference to the sufferers by the late devastating conflagration at Galveston, Texas, the sum of five hundred dollars was unanimously voted for their relief. A resolution was adopted whereby a committee was appointed to inquire into the matter of the distribution of charity in this jurisdiction, and to report whether an improved system may with advantage be adopted. The committee on portrait of Bro. Stephen Girard reported that they had procured the painting of the full-length portrait of this distinguished deceased Brother of our jurisdiction, and that it had been appropriately framed, and was now on the south wall of Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, in view of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge. The painting is one of four on this wall, the other full-length portraits being those of Bros. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Marquis de la Fayette, three of which are from the pencil of the same eminent Philadelphia artist, Mr. Frederick James. The new portrait, that of Bro. Stephen Girard, was much admired, and the galaxy of portraits of distinguished Brethren which now adorns the Grand Lodge Room, including besides the four already mentioned, that of "Bro. George Washington as a Mason," which is on the wall to the rear of the Grand Master's chair, are subjects of pride to the members of the Fraternity in Pennsylvania. An amendment to the "Ahiman Rezon" was adopted, providing that an oral objection shall have no more force or effect than a rejection by ballot, and shall be governed by the same rules and regulations as are provided for a rejection by ballot in sections 67 and 68 of the "Ahiman Rezon." A resolution was also adopted which provided that this amendment shall apply to oral objections heretofore made during the past three years. The entire Communication, both morning and evening, was a very enjoyable one, and closed at 9 o'clock p.m. The attendance of District Deputy Grand Masters and members throughout was large, and among the Brethren present was Bro. Judge Donaldson, of Pottsville, the oldest member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.—*Keystone.*

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THE RINGING OF THE BELL.

'Twas about the time of Christmas, a many years ago,
When the sky was black with wrath and rack, and the earth was white with snow,
When loudly rang the tumult of winds and waves at strife,
In her home by the sea, with her babe on her knee, sat Harry Mildred's wife.
And he was on the waters; she knew not, guess'd not, where,
For never a lip could tell of the ship to lighten her heart's despair;
And her babe was slowly dying, the pulse in its tiny wrist
Was all but still, while its brow was chill, and pale as the white sea mist.
The night grew deeper and darker, and the storm had a stronger will,
And buried in deep and dreamless sleep lay the hamlet under the hill.
The fire was dead on the hearthstone, within May Mildred's room,
But still sat she, with the babe on her knee, at prayer, amid the gloom—
When a light leapt in at the lattice, sudden, and swift, and red,
Crimsoning all the whited wall, and the floor and the roof o'erhead.
It fell with a radiant glory on the face of the dying child,
Like a first fair ray of the shadowless day of the land of the undefiled.
For one brief moment, heedless of the babe upon her knee,
With the frenzied start of a frighted hart up to her feet rose she,
And through the quaint old casement she looked upon the sea;
Thank God, the sight she saw that night so rare a sight should be.
Hemmed in by hungry billows, whose madness foamed at lip,
Half a mile from shore, or a little more, she spied a gallant ship
Aflame from deck to topmast, aflame from stem to stern,
There appeared no speck on all the wreck where the fierce fire did not burn.
She looked aghast, till terror crept cold through every limb,
And her breath came quick and her heart turned sick while her sight grew dizzy and dim.
Silent she stood, and speechless, with her babe to her bosom press'd,
Like a figure of stone, with stiff arms thrown, round a tiny form at breast.
Rooted she seemed, till the angry noise of the winds and waves at strife
Recalled again to her heart and brain the active thinking life;
And then there came the rushing of swift resolution made,
And her knee bent low with fervour's glow, and this was the prayer she said,—
"Christ, who didst bear great suffering, but now dost wear a crown,
I, at Thy feet, oh! True and Sweet, wouldst lay my burden down.
Thou badst me love and cherish the babe Thou gavest me.
I have kept Thy word, nor stopped as de from truly following Thee;
But, lo, the boy is dying, and vain is all my care,
And my burden's weight is very great; yea, harder than I can bear;
Still, Lord, Thou know'st what peril doth threaten these men's lives,
A lone woman, weak and human, doth pray for their anxious wives.
Thou wilt not let them perish; up, Lord, in Thy might and save
From the scorching breath of this terrible death on the cruel wintry wave.
Take Thou my babe and watch it, 'tis safe with Thee I know,
And I will try, with Thine aid, Most High, to rouse the vale below."
And thus her prayer it ended, and rising from the floor,
And faltering not, in his tiny cot she laid the babe she bore.
The light of an inspiration gleamed bright from her lighted eye,
And on lip and brow was written now a purpose pure and high;
With a last fond look at the cradle nook, where down she'd laid the child,
She noiselessly lifted the latch, and sped forth in the night so wild.
And though her breath came quickly, and her heart was sore and faint,
Still with mind possess'd with the strengthful zest and ardour of a saint,
She boldly faced the tempest, and bravely held her way,
By slippery deep and toilsome steep to where her sad goal lay.
Silent it stood and ghostly, amid its countless graves,
The old grey church, on its rocky perch, while below were the warring waves;
And down beneath in the valley lay the hamlet calm and still,
For howe'er the sea and the wind might be 'twas quiet under the hill.
The snow lay deep and drifted, far as the eye could reach,
Save where alone the dank weed strewn did mark the sloping beach.
The night was like a sunset, and the sea like a pool of blood,
And the rocks on the shore were bathed all o'er as by some gory flood,
But whether 'twas sea or sunset, or deeply drifted snow,
Or sky o'erhead, on all was shed the same fierce fatal glow.
With eager haste, all breathless, she reached the old church door,
But the oak was tough and had bolts enough, and her strength was frail and poor;
So she crept through a narrow window, and climbed the belfry stair,
And grasped the rope, sole cord of hope, for the mariners in despair.
But the wild wind helped her bravely, and she tugged with a vigorous will,
And the clam'rous bell spake out right well to the hamlet under the hill;
And it roused the slumb'ring fishers, nor its warning task gave o'er
Till a hundred fleet and eager feet were hurrying to the shore.
And then it ceased its ringing, for the woman's work was done,
And many a boat that was now afloat showed man's work had begun.
And the ringer in the belfry lay motionless and cold,
With the cord of hope—the church bell rope—still in her frozen hold.
How long she lay it boots not, but she woke from her swoon at last,
In her own bright room, to find the gloom and the grief and the peril past,
A sense of joy within her, and the Christ's sweet presence near,
And friends around and the cooing sound of her babe's voice in her ear;
And they told her now the story; how a brave and gallant few
O'ercame each check and reached the wreck, and saved the hapless crew.
And how the curious sexton had climbed the belfry stair;
And of his fright, when cold and white, he found her lying there;
And how, when they had borne her back to her home again,
The babe she'd left with hope bereft, and bosom wrung with pain,
Was found within its cradle in a quiet slumber lain;
A peaceful smile on its lips the while, and the wasting sickness stay'd;
They said, 'twas the Lord who had watched it, and brought it safely through;
And she praised His truth and His tender ruth that had saved her darling too.
Now, soon there came a letter, across the surging foam;
And next a breeze that over the seas brought Harry Mildred home.
And they told him all the story, which still their children tell,
Of the fearful sight on that winter's night, and *the ringing of the bell*.

Milford Haven. PHILLIP WALKER-DUFF.

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JORDAN LODGE, No. 319.

A REGULAR meeting of this prosperous, though comparatively young, Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Wednesday the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, when there was a gratifying attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Bradnee. The minutes of the last regular Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W. England, delivered an interesting address on recent historical researches relative to the Mark Degree, in which he embodied much information with reference to the new Mark Constitutions. The subject was handled in a manner such as might have been expected from Bro. Hughan's erudition and painstaking researches into all matters appertaining to Freemasonry in all its degrees, and the fact that the address was followed by inquiries and questions extending over an hour was a sufficient proof, if indeed any were needed, of the appreciation of the brethren of Bro. Hughan's intelligent exposition of the subject treated of. At the conclusion of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Hughan for his kindness in delivering the address, and for his painstaking efforts to enlighten the brethren upon many points of historical interest connected with the Mark degree. It is to be hoped that our worthy brother will have opportunity of repeating elsewhere the valuable address with which he so delighted and edified the brethren of the Lodge in the charming watering-place which he has adopted as his home.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614, at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on Thursday evening, the 31st instant, at eight o'clock.

Obituary.

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BRO. SAMUEL LAWTON P.M. 78.

It is with a deep feeling of regret we record the death of Bro. Samuel Lawton, P.M. of the Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, Middleton, Lancashire; which sad event occurred at his residence, Birchwood, Middleton, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. Brother Lawton, who was in his sixty-first year, had been in an indifferent state of health for some time past. Our late brother joined the Imperial George in 1872, and was elected W.M. in 1883. He took a lively interest in all matters appertaining to Freemasonry, and to his exertions the present prosperous condition of the Imperial George Lodge is largely to be attributed. His funeral took place on Saturday, 5th instant, and was of a very interesting character. Upwards of twenty of his fellow members (including the W.M. Brother Bartles, and the W.M. elect Brother Withington) assembled at the Lodge room, and proceeded to the residence of the deceased, and thence went in procession to the Middleton Cemetery, where an impressive service was conducted at the grave side, before a large concourse of spectators, by the Rev. Adam Ruchton, of Macclesfield, and Rev. W. Westall, of Middleton, after which the brethren sang "Brief life is here our portion." In due course the benediction was pronounced and the service brought to a conclusion.

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THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with great interest your article on the above. I trust, with you, that some arrangement will be come to so as to prevent a repetition of last year's proceedings. Considering the Indian and Colonial Exhibition is to be held next year at Kensington, under the presidency of our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, it would be a graceful compliment to our Indian Brethren (many of whom are expected to visit our shores during the coming year) if the worthy English brethren who have been nominated for Grand Treasurer would emulate the example of Brother Burdett-Coutts and retire in favour of our much esteemed Indian Brother, Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, who has done so much for Masonry generally and our Masonic Charities in particular. Trusting so desirable an object may be attained.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

P. PROV. G.D. MIDDLESEX.

21st December 1885.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyceum.—Few amongst the amusements which enter into the "round" at Christmas time will detract from the attractions of this favourite theatre, where on Saturday last Mr. Henry Irving opened with Goethe's drama of Faust. The various incidents of the piece have been admirably adapted by Mr. Wills, and the mounting is on a scale of magnificence and prodigality for which the greatest actor of modern times has become proverbial. At the opening on Saturday afternoon the house was literally packed, whilst hundreds were unable to obtain admission, even to catch a glimpse of the Prince of Wales, Princess Louise, and the Marquis of Lorne, who occupied seats in the Royal box. It is unnecessary to recapitulate, even in outline, the features of the German poem, which are so familiar to modern playgoers, but it is universally admitted that for the realization of a grand conception all the resources of histrionic art have been brought into play. The wonderful imagination of the author and artist alike is to be seen only to be appreciated, and the enthusiastic applause with which Mr. Irving and his company were greeted was the best proof of the manner in which the piece in its present form is relished by the theatre-loving public. The terrible compact between the Philosopher and the Fiend, and the first meeting between Faust and Marguerite are included in the prologue, which occupies nearly three quarters-of-an-hour, and in this the compiler of the new adaption succeeds in portraying that the character of Mephistopheles which is to destroy and blight whatever is created, while he taunts Faust with seeing the heart of things and then laughing at Nature. The follies and disappointments of life are emphasized with biting contempt and cynicism by Mr. Irving, who adopts the traditional all-scarlet costume, and his old style of acting is brought into suggestive play as he shrinks at the joyous crash of the Easter bells. The love passages are charmingly written, and in contrast are the sharp, satirical utterances of Mephistopheles; and at the close of the first act the audience heartily applauded the four principals, while many wreaths were thrown to Miss Ellen Terry, who it is hardly necessary to say delineates the character of Marguerite to perfection. Her singular delicacy and tender grace are brought into full exercise in this role; while Mr. Conway, as Faust, and Mrs. Stirling, as Martha, all come in for a share of the plaudits of an admiring and appreciative auditory. We doubt whether even in the reign of Pantomime any counter attraction will be found to lessen the attendances at this now historic resort, where the most eminent members of the theatrical profession are engaged in so fine a representation of one of the most admired of adopted English plays.

Bro. William Holland, of Covent Garden Theatre, has received a very graceful and complimentary testimonial, signed by Mr. Thomas H. Staples, Honorary Secretary to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Committee, conveying to him their appreciation of the manner in which he carried out their wishes on the 9th November, in connection with the Lord Mayor's Show. This Committee express themselves as much pleased with the arrangement of the various trophies, the grouping of the artizans, the correctness of the costumes of the different periods, and the general artistic feeling displayed through Brother Lord Mayor Staples's civic procession through the City of London. We can add our testimony to that of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Committee as to the excellence of Bro. Holland's arrangements, the recognition of which by the Civic authorities and the Committee of Aldersgate Ward is no more than was eminently deserved.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—A regular meeting of this popular Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday evening, at Bro. Pusey's, Lugard Tavern, Peckham, when Bro. L. Steingraber officiated as Worshipful Master, supported by Bros. W. Dutton as S.W., Acocks J.W., S. J. Lampen Treasurer, C. L. Tokely Secretary, W. Wimble S.D., D. Thomas J.D., Morgan I.G., Williamson, Amphlett, Murrell, Best, Axford, and others. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes read and confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Murrell personating the candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to the first, after which the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of investing the Officers, as at the installation rite, this portion of the business, as well as the rest of the work of the evening, being admirably carried out by Bro. Steingraber, who is the W.M. elect of the mother Lodge. Bro. Walter Martin officiated with his usual ability as Preceptor, and the whole of the work of the evening was carried out in a manner such as to afford most useful instruction and edification to the brethren present. The second section of the lecture in the second degree was then worked by Brother Martin, the Six Grand Periods being ably recited by Bro. D. Morgan. Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Acocks 879, who has returned to this country after a lengthened absence, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. In returning thanks, Bro. Acocks said in travelling about the world one came across many brethren, under a variety of circumstances, some of which were of the most pleasurable nature. He had the happiness during his peregrinations to meet with many brethren in various parts of the world, and the experience was to him very interesting. He saw the other day that Bro. Colonel Sladen had gone up with the expedition to Burmah, and had secured King Thebaw and settled the Burmese difficulty without shedding a drop of blood. He had sat in Lodge with Col. Sladen in Burmah, where he was congratulated upon his working as S.W. of the Lodge there. On his last voyage he fell in with a brother with whom he had worked in Cardiff, who was now a Past Master in Buenos Ayres, whose Lodge he visited with a considerable amount of pleasure. Freemasonry was a principle which bound men together in every relation of life, and none knew that better than did a mariner. There was no distinction as to language or clime, and in whatever country he attended an assembly of the brethren he always received the same welcome and the grasp of good fellowship. That was his experience of Freemasonry throughout the world. The address of Bro. Acocks was received with applause, and hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed, with the usual harmony, after the worthy Preceptor had wished the brethren "a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—The regular meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Bro. G. Anderson's, the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, when there were present Bros. J. Langton P.M. Treasurer, T. Barne Secretary, H. M. Hobbs Preceptor, De Chapeaurouge, Ridpath, Fraser, Oates, Johns, Holden, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, Goode, Horsnail, and Dicker. Visitors—Bros. C. E Ferry P.M. 65, Fox, Hawes, Jesse P.M., Gordon Smith, Ranson, and E. Hobbs. The ceremony of installing Bro. Ferry in the chair of K.S. was rehearsed by Bro. De Chapeaurouge. Bro. G. Anderson P.G.S. was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction, and after other business the Lodge was closed. The first meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association was then held, the chair being taken by Bro. J. Langton, President of the Association, supported by a goodly muster of the Committee, Bro. H. M. Hobbs Treasurer, and Bro. W. G. Oates Hon. Sec. Eighty members having joined, two ballots of ten guineas each were drawn, Bros. Barnes and Collings being the successful members. The next meeting of the Lodge of Instruction will take place on Thursday, the 14th January, at 5:30, and of the Benevolent Association on Thursday, the 21st January, at 6:30, when new members will be enrolled.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' Road, on 29th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m. Bros. Gush W.M., Larchin S.W., Jenkins J.W. Second Lecture—Bros. Aynsley, Snelling, Fenner, Jenkins, Berry. Third Lecture—Bros. Oldis, Hill, Cross. Bros. Gush Preceptor, Berry Secretary.

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OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 1886,

AT

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UPON WHICH OCCASION

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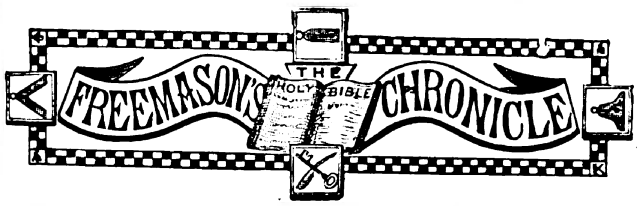
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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. VII.

IN the whole category of personages to whom we are glad to address a hearty "Hail! fellow, well met!" there is none more cordially welcome than he who pays us a visit at this season of the year. From time immemorial he has been a guest in every household, scattering brightness and happiness all around him wherever he goes. Ere these lines are read, perhaps he may have gathered up the folds of his royal robe, and departed, for though he "comes but once a year," his stay is as brief as his hospitality is lavish and impartial. When he rears in our hedgerows the sturdy heralds of his approach their magic meaning fills the inmost hearts of children, awakens the recollections of manhood, and carries solace to the minds of the aged. In no family circle, "be it ever so humble," is our silver-haired and bearded old Brother not hailed with deep and earnest welcome. In the homes of the rich, where the lap of luxury is always full, he heaps up additional plenty to the brim, until it overflows; he carries, maybe, a passing ray of contentment and forgetfulness of worry into the hearts of those who are beset with the cares and perplexities of everyday business life; and to the poor especially his genial smiles are as but the harbingers of the "good time," which seems so long a-coming. Let him cross the threshold amongst the frost and snow, as in the "old-fashioned" days, which seem to have almost died out of our remembrance, or with the hem of his garments draggling in the wet and mud, there is no difference in the old fellow's intentions of announcing "peace on earth, goodwill to men." He holds Grand Lodge in every sphere, and bids his Junior Warden raise his column and do his duty. In stately form he presides at a myriad banquet tables, shedding his benign influence over every assemblage, for while

> "He's feasting all the rich,
> He ne'er forgets the poor."

What a flutter of interesting excitement when our Brother's advent is near! The shops and the markets blossom into a plethora of plenitude; even the costers' stalls in our side streets are transmogrified instanter into forests of blood-red berries mingled with the more delicate white—emblems of festivity, fun and frolic such as are witnessed at no other period of the year. See how the children flock home for the holidays, in anticipation of his arrival; hear how the joy-bells peal forth to welcome his brief presence; note how the lights glisten in every window and glint upon the holly and the mistletoe that darkle on the walls. Friends come trooping in to join in our congratulations upon the recurring event, and houses are filled with hearty noise, turning all their tidiness into a terrible chaos and confusion. Good-fellowship is the order of the day, at home and abroad, as though the spirit of universal brotherhood was moving over ordinarily darksome waters. The little folks close their tiny fingers with glee and happiness over the coins which are given them by our genial Visitor, to be dropped into their money boxes. But there is no greed in that joy; to them that money is but an innocent instrument by which the portals of a toy shop may be thrown back before them as with an "Open sesame!" Visions of puddings and mince-pies, cakes and fruit, rise up before them as they carefully pin the longest stockings they can find to the foot of the bed, to see in the morning what treasures Santa Claus will have deposited in them. To the youth in his teens the anticipation of pleasant parties, of dressing up and dancing, is scarcely less delectable; while games and the never-tiring Pantomime are objects of the most seriously agreeable contemplation. Nor is the presence of our annual Visiting Brother one whit the less interesting to "children of larger growth," for at any rate between the Eve of Yule-tide to the close of the "seasonable" period of festivity,

from lip to lip. Out of the frost and the fog, away from the counter and the desk, they flock into the snugly warm and cosily lighted rooms, where "friends in jolliest friendship meet," and where becoming mirth reigns supreme. Old acquaintanceships are renewed and strengthened, and new ones formed, under the broad smiles of our typical Mason, whose generosity is unbounded, and knows no discrimination amongst classes, provided they will use, and not abuse, his gifts. In the presence of this illustrious Visitor the work and labour of our accustomed Lodges cease, as we are summoned by his fiat to attend the levées in which there are no secrets or mysteries to be observed, and in which neither sex nor age is regarded as a cowan or intruder. All are welcome within the portals when this most cosmopolitan of all Masons is amongst us; his ritual is in the carol and song; and his ceremonies are performed under hanging festoons of evergreens and garlands of flowers. Nor does our Worshipful Brother confine his munificence to the rich or comparatively well-to-do. He knows as well as we do that although there are ranged under the banner of the human brotherhood men of affluence and distinction, it cannot be concealed that there are others who from unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune are reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and distress. To such he whispers the same accents of comfort and good cheer, and bids them, at any rate while he is fulfilling his mission of twice-blessed Charity and Mercy, to make new resolves and to formulate better and nobler aspirations. He steals to the bedside of the sick and afflicted, and into his ear they may pour forth their sorrows, with confidence that he will assuage their distresses and ameliorate their wants. His exhortations to those who are disciples of his Craft is to practice that virtue which is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—to banish all thoughts and sentiments of unkindliness, and to put into full and genuine operation the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He would have us all, according to our substance, contribute just now to the necessities of those who are placed in less fortunate circumstances than ourselves, and Heaven knows how great their number in these days of universal depression and hard struggle for life. This year, more than any preceding one in the present century in this country, the bitter cry is going up of difficulty in making both ends meet; of trade being at a standstill, and of work being both scarce and unremunerative. But the charge delivered to us by our Brother is to strain every nerve to seek and to find those who are in straitened circumstances, and who deserve our sympathy and succour; and we are fain to believe there are none more ready to listen to such an exordium than those who are the truest disciples of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. Velvet is asked to extend its beneficence and benevolence to rags; affluence to relax the purse-strings to relieve the "old poor at our gates;" cheerfulness and contentment to bend in kindness and large-heartedness to those who have been overtaken with misfortune. And then, whilst our illustrious guest fills the cup of happiness to children, warms the impulses of youth and manhood, and smooths the declining pathway of old age, he is alike the benefactor of the poor, the halt, and the lame, who equally look out for his fraternal grip at this season of the year. Let it be recollected, therefore, as we think of the toothsome geese, turkeys, prime joints, erstwhile decorated on the butchers' board, the holly, the mistletoe, and the parcels and hampers which are now flying about in all directions, by road and rail, there are some to whom the Christmas dinner is the only luxury in the annual round, and that it is only then brought to their door by the lavish hand of the Brother who is now in our midst. His presence stimulates us to help those who cannot otherwise provide the "creature comforts" necessary to make Christmas "merry;" and we are sure there will be a hearty response to his exhortation to do so. Now, as in the olden times, there will of course be found grumblers and cynics who growl at the advent of Yule tide as but the shadow cast before it of tradesmen's bills overdue, of the "ills which flesh is heir to" by the feasting and carousing that mark the "merry" week; and who rain an army of objections against Christmas boxes or presents. To all these grumblers King Christmas—rubicund of visage, and his honoured grey hairs crowned with holly, being, like "King Cole, a merry old soul,"—can afford to laugh, for he goes on his way rejoicing. All the shafts that are levelled at him have fallen harmlessly, for there is no greater truth than that it is a poor heart that never rejoices, and as the round of life prohibits such rejoicing every day, even with the rich, such an opportunity is not likely to be let slip. Coming primarily as a holy day, Christmas merges into a holiday, and as a festival uniting both it has come to be observed as a merry, joyous season. Church bells peal forth on the morning air the tidings of great joy, uniting the hearts of all Christendom; and the only reverse of the picture is when we find those appealing to us who are not warmly clad, who have no comfortable fireside or well lardered kitchen whence proceed those odours of preparation which speak well for that Christmas dinner to come by and bye, and around which table there shall be a family reunion. Once more let us ask, in the language of our universal Brother, when the mind shall be carried to those homes where fuel is scarce, food not much more plentiful, and clothing but ill-adapted for the inclement weather, and say if what would be welcomed as a good old fashioned Christmas might not, in such a case, mean filling to the brim the cups of misery. Charity, no doubt, has been kindly at work, as of yore, so that none shall pine—if it be avoidable and the case deserving—in misery and want at the time of a festival whose chief characteristic is feasting and joy.

Our venerable Brother comes to us this year not in his traditional robes of snow, diamonded with frosted crystals; still he is an ever welcome guest. We will not spurn him because his beard drips with rain and his skirts are bedraggled in the mud, and though we can hardly see his genial face for the fogs that come between. No; we will rather heap up the Christmas fire, to "warm his good old nose," and draw the curtains close to keep out the wind and the drizzle, so that our hearts may realise once more the joys of Christmastide, such as we recollect in years gone by—we dare hardly say how many. In the midst of the "good cheer" which accompanies this great festival we are inclined to toss away our politics—to advise Lord Salisbury to shake hands with the "Grand Old Man;" to banish all recollections of the general election till the political snow-balling again begins within the walls of St. Stephen's. A fig for politics, say we, when the Christmas turkey and the plum pudding are engaging cookey's most serious consideration. In spite of troubles in the East, and the dulness of trade, our national prosperity is undiminished, and our finances are rich enough to furnish Christmas wants, dainties, and luxuries for all. Our Visiting Brother who is the subject of this sketch bids every man, woman and child who may read these lines to welcome his stay amongst them as a merry one—merry for the happiness it brings to us all—merry for its roast beef, its plum puddings, its mince pies, its snapdragons, and its general and universal jollification. If he had his way, it would be that every body should be happy during the time he remains with us, whether they will or no. He would have no gout or toothache at this season—no wry faces, no miserables—but all should be jolly and happy for once in their lives. He would that the four-leaved shamrock should be theirs. He would have every "brute of a husband" go on his knees this day, and beg his suffering wife's forgiveness for all the unkind words he has spoken to her. He would have every maid servant in the kingdom confess to her mistress on Christmas Day as to the candles and the coffee she had wickedly purloined, and then made the case worse by laying it on the tom cat. Society, to whom he with ourselves wishes so much happiness on Christmas-Day, is said by those who profess to be best informed on the subject to be composed mainly of fools; and some straight up-and-down men may ask if we wish the fools of society to be happy. Most decidedly we do, including those fussy old fellows who would begrudge a pauper an extra pint of beer to wash down his workhouse Christmas dinner. We call this a festive season, and truly it is so. The garments of happiness and cheerfulness are worn by all. Some may wear, forsooth, an under-jerkin of care and sorrow—but these are among the few; they form the heres and theres of society—the many are ever happy at Christmas time. Our Brother would have joyous hilarity and flowing laughter in every home, and would preside over any number of distributions of Christmas boxes and evening parties. Let the visits of our good Brother stimulate us to form a resolution that shall never be broken. Wise is the man whose every day of life is a day of Christmas happiness, whose memory is not crowded with phantoms of error and wrong, but whose every thought is clad with satisfaction. The road to

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contentment and pleasure is not so difficult to tread as some people imagine. We may all be happy if we will. We may all make life as one long Christmas Day—if we will—by cultivating those precepts and practices of loving kindness which are the foundations of the Masonic Craft, which tend to make our happiness in this world perfect, and prepare us for a higher state of happiness in the world to come. In response therefore to our worthy Brother's standing toast,

"A Merry Christmas to all,"

we reply with the heartiest good wishes,—

"So mote it be."

UNDUE PUBLICITY.

IT is well to disseminate Masonic information through various channels. Important action taken by a Lodge, or any other branch of the Masonic organisation, may properly be published abroad when it relates to any public interest. There is no call for concealment as regards those transactions in which people outside the Fraternity may justly claim to have concern. Much that is said and done in the expression of Freemasonry, and in the administration of its affairs, can be made public without detriment to the Institution. Masonic periodicals have their uses, not only in discussing principles and enforcing moral lessons, but also in communicating a knowledge of what is going on within the lines of the various organisations. The daily papers and other publications not identified with the Fraternity may also rightfully present Masonic news of general interest. Of this no one has a right to complain. When, however, publication is made of the details of business transacted by a Lodge, the nature of the work performed, the names of candidates received, and other proceedings of a like character, is it not time to call a halt? Society gossip and matters of personal mention receive much attention in some of the Sunday papers, and these journals are well pleased to publish whatever may be reported to them of the doings of the various Fraternities. The less space that Freemasonry occupies in the "personal" columns and "society news" departments of such papers, the better will it be for the organisation.

But Masonic journals make the mistake sometimes, we think, of publishing too much relating to the work and business of the several bodies whose meetings they report. Thus matters which are of small account—which have only a local interest—or which had better not be made public, become widely known without in any way profiting those most concerned. So too we notice what seems to us an undue prominence given to persons identified with Masonic movements or services. These personal features may not be altogether omitted. We suggest nothing of the kind; but there is a wisdom of restraint in this direction that may well be observed.

There are foreign Masonic periodicals that make a practice of publishing the names of applicants for the degrees, giving the names of the Brethren proposing and the action taken on petitions. The names of candidates initiated, or advanced, are printed in full,—also the names of officers, regular or otherwise, performing the work, while the manner in which the ceremony was rendered is likewise described. Matters of ordinary business procedure are included in the published reports which sometimes read as though they were literal copies of the official records of Secretaries. This is what we call undue publicity—a practice alike unwise and un-Masonic.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

"Illustrations" is the title of a threepenny monthly magazine which, under the editorship of Mr. Francis George Heath, will commence in January. It is designed to occupy a position not yet filled by any existing journal, and will be a pictorial review of knowledge of all kinds, comprehending amusements, art, domestic economy, inventions, literature, and science. The publishers will be Messrs. Wells, Gardner, Darton and Co.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cumbria Tavern, Cumbria 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).
538—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 242 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1483—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1885—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1903—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1923—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1925—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst).
1932—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1993—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1991—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
899—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough

R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Privacy, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
849—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Pilars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1469—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1511—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1546—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)
1561—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 Instruction)
1605—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Tredegar, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Queen Street, 8.30.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, La Belle Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

201—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
269—Escalation, Ball Hotel, Dartford
510—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
963—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
973—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
29—United Mariners', The Lascars, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hoop, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
234—Fortitude, Portman Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Mercantile Navy, Stone Tavern, Dyston-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, The Farmers, Stamford-road, N. (Instruction)
907—Stability, Old Union, Poland-street, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
962—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1065—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1175—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Duke of Connaught, Royal Standard, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Admiral Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Pembroke, Cheapers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1722—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—Duke, 302 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
504—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1321—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
1672—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1686—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1864—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1965—Huntington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1979—Stanleyways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

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

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)
1389—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Croxton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
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)
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, Canonbar, 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

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 1429—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In.)

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.
308—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hull Bradfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Back-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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, Sale-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. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
192—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, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bell-ford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
Stuart Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)

1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova, Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons'

NOTICES OF MEETING

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 10

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held Rooms, King Street, Manchester, on Tuesday, t The Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn by the W.M., Bro. R. Walker. After the minu regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the ba into requisition and it resulted in favour of a join proposition for a candidate for initiation having bee Lodge was closed in solemn form by the W.M., at the brethren re-assembled, with their wives and la all sat down together to a splendid repast provided b the courteous wife of the popular Secretary whose arrangements were such as conduced to the en enjoyment of the numerous party, and elicited unbou of satisfaction. At the conclusion of the repast Master, in a few well-chosen sentences, congrat pany upon the happy auspices under which they had it might be considered by some an innovation that th be admitted to a participation in Masonic festiviti opinion that the result of that evening's réunion w and he hoped it might be repeated in years to come. and the brethren unusual pleasure and gratification board graced and enlivened by the bright smiles of lady friends, and it was peculiarly gratifying that condescended to honour the Callender Lodge with t that auspicious occasion. The Worshipful Master's ceived with quite a flutter of approving smiles, af rectly appropriate terms, he proposed "The Queen alluding to her Majesty as the Patroness of the M and as setting a bright example to her sex as a Q The toast was received with every expression of thusiasm, not only by the Masons but the ladies Wrigley S.W. sang the solo parts of the National A voice, the chorus being heartily taken up by the pany present. The W.M. then gave the toast of th Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and th the Craft, Present and Past; in doing which he in to the Prince as the personification of an English his illustrious consort as the most beloved of En sentiment was greeted with unbounded applause, a J.W. sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," in a much appreciated. The next toast upon the list wa Grand Master, Col. Le Gendre Starkie, and the rest cers, Present and Past, in doing which the W.M. ref and zeal with which they each discharged their d and to the Province in particular. The toast was and was followed by a brilliant fantasia for the co forte, by Bro. Captain Farquharson and Bro. T. Lancashire. Bro. Wrigley then proposed, in fe health of the Ladies, whose presence shed such a ceptionally agreeable proceedings of the evening the brethren present upon the happy idea they h viting the fair sex to a participation in the amen were so delightful at all times to cultivate. He re as the ardent supporters of those who are interest the highest and purest principles of Freemasonry encouragement as incentive to the loftiest effor which they were also proud and happy to be ass was received with chivalrous cheering, and Miss M. sang in a rich soprano voice, of full compass and trol, "Oh, say not woman's heart is bought," turously applauded and encored, and Bro. Jo language, responded to the toast on behalf whom the members of the Lodge were delighted interesting occasion. The health of the given by Brother D. Edwards, who said th was never more happy than when able to pitality to members of the sister Lodges in the pleased to see so large a number of Visitors teresting occasion, and assured them of the hear hands of the Lodge under which they were n toast was followed by the song, "In Cellar C dered by Bro. Oxley, and in response, brief h were delivered by Bros. Harris, Derbyshire, C of whom acknowledged the hearty and genial b been extended the Visitors by members of t The health of the Worshipful Master was the plimentary terms by Bro. Start, who spoke of with which Bro. Walker discharged his duties moted the best interests of his Lodge. Bro. W affection and esteem of the whole body of the m who appreciated services faithfully rendered, fellow men for their private and Masonic worth ceived with especial enthusiasm, and was follow M. Ivor Jones, Bro. S. Wrigley S.W. and B rendered with the utmost fluency and taste. Jones sang, very sweetly, the familiar ballad which was most heartily applauded. Bro. T. I able terms, then proposed "The Absent. Our Skinner sang the lusty stave "The Four Jolly requisite "verve" and ring characteristic o One or two other complimentary toasts were giv singing and instrumental music. Amongst tho the evening's entertainment were Bros. J.

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GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

AN important meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Business was commenced shortly after 6 p.m. by the W.M., Brother Thomas Ellis Bathard, who was supported by Bros. R. Cane S.W., Lancaster J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Staton P.M. Sec., Edgar S.D., Hemming J.D., Rev. J. H. Rose Chaplain, Brooks I.G., Paul D.C., Charles Kempton I.P.M., and the following Past Masters —T. H. Reed, Edwin Lancaster, P. Jupe, Thomas Owen, and W. Cleghorn. The business of the evening consisted of reading and confirming the minutes of the last Lodge meeting; to ballot for Mr. David Scobie McLaren, C.E., who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Brother E. Lloyd and seconded by the S.W. This proved to be unanimous in the candidate's favour. The bye-laws were next read, and then the brethren proceeded to elect a W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Brother Cane, by the unanimous voice of the Lodge, was elected to the office of Worshipful Master, and Brother S. Webb P.M. was re-elected Treasurer (for the fifteenth time). The Tyler was also re-elected. The names of two candidates were proposed for election at the next meeting. Bros. Cross and Myatt were proposed and accepted as Auditors. Then came the consideration of the notice of motion by Bro. Flint, "that that portion of the minutes relating to the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. should be confirmed." This had been proposed by Brother Powell and seconded by Brother A. C. Doughty, on 15th January last. This proposition was eventually agreed to. A jewel was also unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Brother Bathard. All other business being ended, Lodge was closed and the brethren retired for refreshment. Dr. Corrie Jackson P.M. 534 and Bro. Hill were present as Visitors.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., this Lodge met in its Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, for the transaction of business. Bro. A. T. B. Turner W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Simpson P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, W. Brown S.W., G. Chapman J.W., and other officers and brethren. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. T. J. Clough 660, and for two candidates. Several presentations were made to the Lodge, including a pair of handsomely carved oak chairs for the Deacons, which were given by Bros. E. Thackray and S. J. Dalton. These have been made in harmony with the three Principals' chairs, and are upholstered in crimson velvet, and bear the emblems in silver in the back panel. The old furniture of the Lodge is now placed in one of the large rooms on the ground floor, and is used for the Lodge of Instruction now held in connection with the Lodge. After business the brethren assembled as usual in the smoke room, and passed a fraternal couple of hours. Before the close of the Lodge a congratulatory telegram was despatched to Bro. J. S. Cumberland, a P.M. of the Lodge, who had that day been installed first Master of the United Northern Counties Lodge in London.

THE ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

AN ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Baker, the W.M., had before him a full agenda paper, involving the working of the ceremonies in the three degrees. Bros. Salway, Hankin, and Shrives were raised to the sublime degree of M.M.; Bro. Thomas H. Gammon was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Mr. David de Pinna, Mr. John Jacob Geisell, and Mr. Auguste Hoffmann were initiated as Entered Apprentices. The work was well done by the W.M., who was ably seconded by his principal Officers, and by Deacons who thoroughly understood their business. After the above ceremonies had been completed, Bro. Bull P.M. brought forward a motion, of which he had given notice, for raising the initiation fee to fifteen guineas, and the joining fee to ten guineas, and supported his proposal by the argument that the Lodge was becoming numerous, and expressing his opinion that very large Lodges were not desirable. Bro. Sugg S.W. reminded the brethren that the Abbey Lodge was in fact a resuscitation of a Lodge which was held for six hundred years in the Chapter House at Westminster, and he thought that under the circumstances they ought to be careful in doing anything which might prevent Westminster men from entering the Lodge. They had ninety-six members in all, which he did not consider at all excessive; he himself belonged to one (the Domatic) which numbered one hundred and thirty members, in which no inconvenience was experienced on this account, as the members who actually attended fell very far short of the number on the roll. Bro. Burdett-Coutts I.P.M. said he should like to say a word on this proposition. Not only the Master, but all the brethren would, he was sure, understand that nobody could doubt his fidelity to Freemasonry, or his love to the Lodge; there could be no one who could have the interest of the Lodge more deeply at heart than himself. He confessed that in view of the circumstances under which the Lodge was founded, and the position it now held, he did not recognise the advantage of restricting it to a small number of members. His own view was, that it should become a great and representative Lodge of Freemasons in Westminster. He felt a personal interest in the Lodge, and so far as his own influence went, it would be directed towards such a fulfilment of the future of the Lodge that it should become large and representative; because on account of its neighbourhood and surroundings there was a dignity attached to it which [illegible] Abbey Lodge should be a peculiar Lodge, and he did not know how its peculiar position could be better maintained than by making it very large and very representative. For these reasons he should be inclined to raise his voice against the proposition that had been brought forward. He did not doubt that the promoters sincerely thought that what they proposed would be for the welfare of the Lodge, but he thought it rather premature, though it might be necessary at some future period. If any alteration were to be made, he thought it should not be by making initiation more expensive, but rather by laying a somewhat heavier tax upon those members of other Lodges who wished to avail themselves of the privileges of the Abbey Lodge. Brother Bull said possibly his motion had been a little premature, however inevitable it might be at some time in the future, and after the expression of the opinion of the brethren which the proposal had elicited, he would, with the W.M.'s permission, withdraw the motion. A proposal by Bro. Shand, Secretary, for raising the visiting fee to a guinea on installation nights, and fifteen shillings on other nights, was agreed to. Before the closing of the Lodge, Bro. Baker informed the brethren that he had consented to accept a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and upon the motion of the I.P.M. a sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge Funds in aid of that Institution. After the dinner which followed the closing of the Lodge, a number of Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the cross table, and in proposing the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Baker reminded the brethren that the 14th of December was an eventful day in the Royal Family, because it was on that day of the year that the father of their illustrious Grand Master died: it was on that day of the year that he lost his sister the Princess Alice, and it was also on that day of the year that occurred the turning point in his own severe illness which occasioned such acute, such intense anxiety to the whole body of the English people. After referring to the rest of the Grand Officers who had been associated in this toast, Bro. Baker said that they were represented on that occasion by Bro. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, who he would ask to respond for them. In replying, Bro. Simpson said that the Worshipful Master had referred to the fact that their I.P.M. Bro. Burdett-Coutts had had the honour, at last Grand Lodge, of proposing the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master, but he confessed that he took a deeper interest in another incident that occurred at Grand Lodge, which was that a brother made an *ex tempore* proposition that the I.P.M. of the Abbey Lodge should be elected Grand Treasurer of England. But whether it was *ex tempore* or not, he would venture to say that the reply was one which conferred great dignity upon their I.P.M.; it was an answer given with wisdom, strength, and beauty—wisdom for obvious reasons—strength, because however strong Bro. Burdett-Coutts stood as Past Master of that Lodge, he would stand still stronger after that reply—and in beauty, because nothing was more graceful than true humility. In proposing the health of the Master, Bro. Burdett-Coutts said that Bro. Baker was well able to fill his position with credit to the distinguished surroundings of the Lodge, and he asked the brethren to drink to their Worshipful Master's health with enthusiasm. Referring to what had fallen from Bro. Simpson, he said that he fully recognised the good feeling displayed in the incident alluded to, and he was very grateful to the distinguished brother who made the proposition for the honour he had designed to do him. Without taking credit to himself for wisdom, strength, or humility, he had done what as a Mason he thought to be right, and his decision had been justified by the kindly approval which had been given by Grand Lodge. When, in declining that intended honour, he had stated that his only claim to distinction as a Mason was, that he was the one who had first held the office of Master of the Abbey Lodge, the name of the Abbey Lodge was received with cheering throughout Grand Lodge, and therefore he thought he might say that the appreciation of the Abbey Lodge had gone beyond the members, and beyond the visitors, and into the dignified and sacred precincts of Grand Lodge itself; and in order that that feeling might be maintained they (the brethren of the Lodge) would render themselves worthy of it and of their Lodge, and he thought they could not take any step more conducive to that end than by their taking care in the future that their Masters were men who would maintain the character of the Lodge. Their present Master was fully fitted to maintain with credit, and he might say with lustre, the high reputation which the Abbey Lodge had attained, and he hoped that he might be succeeded by a long line of men who would do their utmost to keep up the high reputation of the Lodge. Bro. Baker having returned his acknowledgments for the manner in which his health had been proposed by the I.P.M. and received by the brethren, proposed the health of the Past Masters, which included Bro. Spinks, the first acting Past Master, which received a very hearty response from the brethren; and Bros. Burdett-Coutts and Spinks spoke at some length in reply. Several other toasts were proposed, including the Initiates, the Visitors, the Masonic Charities, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers. There were eighty-five Visitors present, several of whom replied to the toast of their health, including Bros. Austin, Walker, Germaine, Roberts, S. Hunter and Newman.

ERRATUM.—In our report of the meeting of The Great City Lodge, in last week's impression, a strange inaccuracy crept in. In the course of the few observations made by Brother Keeble, the Secretary, wherein he spoke of his duties, it is reported "he had to wait upon the Master and to keep him up to his post." Now, almost all our readers know that The Great City Masters need no spur: if,

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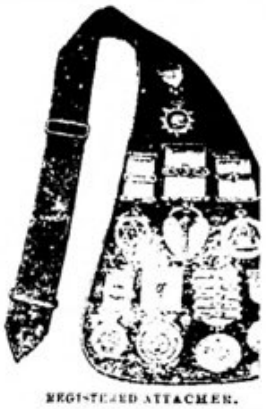
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