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SONAL MATTERS.

number the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE its Twenty-Sixth Volume; and en we obtrude matters of a personal tion of our readers, yet we may be a cursory retrospect of the progress nas made in the past, and a fitful pects for the future. During the EEMASON'S CHRONICLE has made its any matters of weighty importance urred; vast has been the advance nd influence of its adherents in every dominions; many and irreparable caused in our Masonic ranks by the hings human. The accession of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of was one of the events recorded in e FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and since plendid Jubilee Festivities of the past rs of interest to the Craft, both at have received attention in these o hesitation in averring that, through e FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has steadily ered to the objects and principles it set of its career, the single aim being Institution, and the promotion of the With this end in view it has been our to chronicle every event bearing in o every sentiment of "devotion to the ue Masons love and revere; and to incerely the cause of those magnificent the boast of Freemasonry, and the ad-. No opportunity has been advertently ucing to these objects, which are the ge of a Masonic journal, and that our d a certain meed of appreciation we the many kindly expressions received nose who have supported us throughout his work. It would be idle to conceal s the fact that our labour has not "bed of roses." Every man who has alistic enterprise knows very well the expression that it is an "uphill the courage and steady perseverance preserve a course of impartiality, Scylla and Charybdis of those con-ich are sure to make their appearance itution. So far from pandering to the ies or individuals, or encouraging ever and anon crop up even amongst by the strongest ties of common have studiously endeavoured to dis-h tendencies to discord, and to lead, if ants back into the old channel of amity . If we have in any degree succeeded and kept the brethren *au courant* with res of Freemasonry at home and in the n has been fulfilled, and we tender our to those brethren who, either by their ur pages, or by adding to our list of assisted us in the task we set ourselves

which some of our discontented friends have from time to time addressed us would suffice to upset any but the phlegmatic and inflexible nerves of a journalist. The most vicious and vituperative writers are those who essay to rush into print under the ægis of an anonymous signature, and who studiously avoid the stereotyped injunction which heads the correspondence columns of every newspaper, that "all communications must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith." But those bilious scrawlers, whose effusions can only be relegated to the waste paper basket, have found little sympathy at our hands. If reforms are needed, or abuses require amendment, those who are honestly solicitous of bringing about such objects need not blush or hesitate to entrust to the judicious confidence of the Editor those details which are the conditions of ordinary Press regulation. But those tirades of disparagement, which it is necessary we should candidly admit we have received, against the mode in which we have thought fit to conduct our journal—and which we mean strictly to endeavour to follow in the future—are scarcely worthy to be considered as a set-off against the kindliness and hearty expressions of approval that have reached us from all parts of the kingdom, and which we shall treasure as most valuable testimony to the general Masonic opinion of the course we have consistently pursued.

With respect to the future, though we have reached the "silver wedding"—if such a term is admissible in connection with a journal—we frankly confess that we enter upon it with fear and trembling that cannot be altogether allayed by past experience. The responsibilities of the Masonic journalist are increasing day by day; in fact, it is impossible to give an outline of even a moiety of events that are eminently deserving of being placed on record. We have done all we can; the best of us can do no more. Thus, while conscious of many shortcomings which we have been powerless to avoid, we must appeal earnestly to our friends to be "to our faults a little blind." It is a trite saying that Masonic literature can never be made to pay; and it must be borne in mind that journals of our own class—any more than others—are not conducted on a purely sentimental or philanthropic basis. It is a commercial transaction, and like every other business the sinews of management, of composition and publication, must be provided for by those for whose advantage and information the weekly sheet makes its appearance. If the question were asked of our most prominent Masonic *litterateurs* whether they discovered a gold mine in any of the precious volumes they have transmitted to the Craft, and which are treasured in the archives of every ardent student of the Art? the response would be, we trow, a slow and significant shake of the head. Ask Brothers Gould, Hughan, Lane, and the rest, whose deep research and patient collaboration have so enriched the Masonic library, as to their reward for years of labour, and they will tell you the only and best recompense they have is in the grateful appreciation of their efforts by brethren who are intellectually strong enough to estimate their work. It is the same with the regular issue of a Masonic publication, only that the care and anxiety are not enclosed within the covers of a single volume; it is a continuous and unabating responsibility.

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In this regard, and coming to still more personal allu-

mount of encouragement—pecuniarily, we
o us in the past, but, with the enormous
Masonic ranks during the period of exist-
EEMASON'S CHRONICLE we had reason to anti-
eater support than has up to now fallen to
ening our Twenty-sixth Volume, therefore,
idently ask reading Masons to lend us the
fellowship and help; by so doing they
o widen our sphere of usefulness, in which
rust we may be enabled to persevere,
th energies undiminished.

ODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge of
and Accepted Masons of South Australia
but the interest of these documents is
nnual Communication, held at Freemasons'
treet, Adelaide, on the 20th of April last.
hipful Grand Master, the Hon. S. J. Way,
ted by Bros. H. E. Downer, M.P., Deputy
Addison Past D.G.M., John Ramsey, J.P.,
Philip Sansom J.G. Warden, Saul Solomon,
of the Board of General Purposes, J. R.
Reg., J. H. Cunningham Grand Secretary,
on, LL.D., Grand Inspector of Lodges,
e, M.A., G. Lichner, W. H. F. Wigg, J.P.,
ckins S.G. Deacons, Hon. J. A. Cockburn,
iams P.S.G. Deacons, W. F. Olifent J.G.D.,
J.P., Grand Superintendent of Works,
rand Director of Ceremonies, J. G. Jenkins
J. LeM. F. Roberts Assistant D.C., J. T.
Standard Bearer, D. H. H. Weir, and
Jean Grand Standard Bearers, James
Organist, Andrew Simpson G. Purs.
A. Lindsay, A. Kemp and H. Trevaskis
, and a numerous body of Past Masters,
d Wardens of various Lodges in the
presentatives of the Grand Lodges of
and Island of Cuba, Michigan, California,
ky, Liberia, New Jersey, Ireland, Ohio,
n. There was also a large gathering of
was opened in ample form, with solemn
ing Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Canon
pologies for unavoidable absence were
epted, after which, on the motion of Bro.
Deputy G.M., seconded by Bro. H. M.
r Hon. S. J. Way was unanimously
Most Worshipful Grand Master for the
l was proclaimed and saluted according
n. The M.W. the Grand Master cordially
nd Lodge for having, for the fourth time,
heir unanimous votes in the honourable
l Master, and assured them that he would
in the past, do all in his power for the
Freemasonry in South Australia. The
Officers were elected:—

M.P.	-	Deputy G.M.
-	-	S.W
burn, M.P.	-	J.W.
n, B.A.	-	Chaplain
-	-	Treasurer
I.P.	-	President Board G. Pur.
-	-	Registrar
-	-	Inspector of Lodges
, M.A.	-	Lecturer
.P.	-	Junior Deacons
-	-	
J.P.	-	Superintendent of Works
-	-	Director of Ceremonies
-	-	Deputy D.C.
erts	-	Assistant D.C.
-	-	Sword Bearer
-	-	Standard Bearers
-	-	
-	-	Assistant Secretary
n	-	Pursuivant
J.P.	-	Assistant Pursuivant

Jasper Bee, A. Lindsay, W. J. Williams, B. H. Laker, W. Burnett, G. E. C. Stevens, Berry Smith, John Cornish, J. C. Harris.

Board of General Purposes—R. L. Mestayer, G. C. Knight, J. H. H. Vockins, John Ramsay, and F. H. Wigg.

Brother S. Solomon, President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report, together with the balance-sheet and statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ended 31st December last. These were adopted as satisfactory. The attendance of members of the Board at the eleven meetings during the year showed a good average. In accordance with a resolution carried at the January meeting, the Grand Stewards arranged to celebrate the anniversary of the Grand Lodge by a "Social," to be held in the Albert Hall on the evening of the 20th. A hope was expressed that the members of Grand Lodge and brethren generally would avail themselves of this opportunity of meeting and enjoying themselves, together with their lady friends, in social manner. The Widow's Scholarship at the Girls' Grammar School, North Adelaide, tenable for two years, kindly placed at the hands of the M.W. Grand Master, by Brother A. C. Ancher, B.A., the head master, had been presented to Miss O'Connor, daughter to the late Bro. O'Connor, of Clare Lodge, No. 12. Recognition of the authority of this Grand Lodge, and requests for the interchange of Representatives, had been received from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Rhode Island, Liberia, and the Grand Orient of Belgium. The following brethren were elected:—South Carolina, Brother Ebrington B. Hume; Rhode Island, Brother Thomas H Tilley; Liberia, Brother C. T. O. King. Brother F. J. Wigg proposed, and Brother Harry Turner seconded, that the names of the following Brothers be suggested to the several Grand Lodges mentioned as worthy Representatives to this Grand Lodge from their respective Grand Lodges:—South Carolina, Brother R. L. Mestayer; Rhode Island, Bro. D. H. H. Weir; Belgium, Bro. J. R. Gurner. The demands upon the Benevolent Fund continued to be frequent, but by judicious and careful examination of the applicants the Board had been able to relieve worthy cases, and yet to continue to augment the funds. Attention was called to the statistical table of the number of members, initiations, &c. for the past year, and the Board regretted to notice a diminution in the number of members, although the initiations had quite kept up to the average. The large number of members who had resigned and been struck off, had reduced the roll of membership by 92. There was, however, no cause for alarm, or even regret, on this account, as a very considerable number of those who had been struck off had not paid subscriptions or attended to their Masonic duties for a very long time; in fact, they had been members only on paper. Of those who had called off many would doubtless rejoin on the advent of more prosperous times. On the application of 45 Master Masons, a warrant for a new Lodge, the United Service, No. 37, had been granted by the M.W. Grand Master. On the motion of Brother J. G. Jenkins, seconded by Bro. J. Le M. F. Roberts, it was resolved to present a Loyal and Congratulatory Address to the Queen, upon the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign, from this Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Freemasons of South Australia. A committee was appointed to carry the resolution into effect. It was then proposed by Bro. H. M. Addison, and seconded by Bro. W. Cate jun., and carried:—

"That after any Brother has represented in writing to his Lodge that he is unable to pay his subscriptions thereto, if his Lodge permit him to be exempt from paying them for a period, his Lodge shall not be required to pay any Grand Lodge dues on account of such Brother during such period, provided it does not exceed two years. And his Lodge may, by resolution carried at any of its regular meetings, determine the terms upon which such Brother may be permitted to be exempt from paying his subscriptions. Provided that the Grand Lodge dues shall be paid by such Lodge upon receipt of subscriptions from the Brother for period exempted."

The newly elected Officers were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices; and the election of Trustees for the Benevolent Fund was postponed until next meeting of Grand Lodge. No further

Institution, the object of which is the vancement in life of the children of ased Freemasons, has just been issued, eneral tone is somewhat disappointing, ee state that, notwithstanding very ion in mercantile circles, the income of as "fairly met all its requirements." s into consideration, this may be r for congratulation, for when we hear ur great Masonic Festivals suffering in e extraordinary demands made upon ing this Jubilee year, it can hardly be ocal associations must share in the same four children have been educated, at an 17s 11d; of these, five retire by rota- are six applicants for election. The ng fees, as recommended by Provincial e contributed by Lodges, have materially no doubt to the number of initiations han last year; but donations have so far ciency as to leave the funds of the lly intact. Regret is expressed by hat so many of the Lodges in the pport the Institution in the way they idering the very great assistance their om it. One or two Lodges endeavoured terests of the Institution by entertain- oceeds do not appear to have come up to f the generous brethren who originated mmittee conclude with the very sound nless the Worshipful Master of every nt from the members of his Lodges an o represent the value of the Institution t of his Lodge, it will decrease in power, ng, as it is essential it should do. They nything that the majority of our Lodges would promote the prosperity of this y, do let them come forward and help n promulgating this very desirable way who, through the ardent competition of e lost opportunities which their position n appeal can hardly fail to reach the hren in the Province, and we trust the such as will enable the Committee to much more cheerful report next year.

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ant recollections of the Domatic Summer r, at Kempton Park, we note that the ain given the free use of their charming mes Valley, for the "Victorian Jubilee day, the 19th inst. As before, the Park red acres, together with the pavilion and l be at the exclusive use of the Visitors. rne in mind that this Festival is not masons, but is for brethren and their bers of others Lodges are cordially invited. of the afternoon there is to be a variety l the band of the 10th Hussars will play ughout the day. The banquet will be lion at four o'clock, and when we know are in the hands of those well-known Bertram and Co., little further need be r friends of an excellent repast. Im- e banquet a concert will be given in a irection of Bro. Carl Reichelmann, Or- lge, and the festivities will wind up with he pavilion. There are many of us who he round of enjoyment which character- Domatic outing, and will eagerly look ent, which promises to be one of a varied haracter. It goes without saying that, of Stewards as usually carry out the behalf of the "good old Lodge 177" elebrated its Centenary), headed by Bro- W.M., Harry Nelson Price I.P.M., Geo. surer, and others, nothing will be wanting oughly happy and successful gathering—

brethren will attend special service at the parish church, and the banquet is fixed for four o'clock, at the Conservative Hall, Spital-street. Special arrangements have been made with the S.E.R. and L.C. and D.R. Companies for the conveyance of brethren to and from Dartford, from London and all parts of the Province, and a large gathering is anticipated.

It is a well recognised fact that the result of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was disastrously affected by the difficulty that encompassed Bro. Binckes, almost to the eleventh hour, in his not being in a position to announce who would be his President. On the next occasion this difficulty will not have to be encountered, inasmuch as the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., has given his consent to the announcement being made that he will preside at the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival, that for 1888. Doubtless the members of the Province of Devon will support their chief in a manner that will be satisfactory to all who desire the progress of this excellent Institution.

The meetings of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, held on Wednesday evenings, at the Mitre, Chancery Lane, are adjourned until the third Wednesday in September next.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MASON.—When an individual is introduced to us as a Brother Mason, we have reason to feel that we have formed the acquaintance of a good and upright man. Of course we know nothing of the person just named, but we are aware of the engagements that he has entered into, of the solemn obligations that he has assumed, and when we consider all the surroundings, and what such a one should be, we assume that we have formed the acquaintance of a good man. To make Masonry a good Institution the men who compose its membership should be above reproach. In plain words, all Masons should be good men. And this condition in life can be achieved if the Fraternity will closely observe its lessons and teachings. We do not admire half-way Masons or partial ones. We believe in being pure, absolute Craftsmen. Do just what the admonitions of our ritual tell us to do. Study well the creed and follow it to the letter. This is the kind of Masonry that we admire, and it is the kind that is easily accomplished.—*Illinois Freemason.*

Miss Grace Hawthorne, finding it impossible to produce "Theodora" before the Autumn, announces that she will inaugurate her lesseeship and season at the Princess's Theatre on Thursday, 14th July, with a melodrama by Messrs. Joseph Jefferson and L. R. Shewell, entitled "Shadows of a Great City." Miss Hawthorne has secured the services of a strong company, while new scenery is being prepared.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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1.—NORTON'S ORDINALL.

SOME discussion has lately arisen among Masonic students in America and England in respect of that curious poetic Hermetic Treatise which appeared for the first time in print in the "Theatrum Chronicum" of Elias Ashmole, in 1652. Ashmole, like other Hermetic writers, was regarded with some little doubt and hesitation, especially as to the genuineness and authenticity of this and other "Poetical Pieces" on "the Hermetique Mysteries." Such doubts and hesitation were however unfounded, the more so as Norton's Ordinall was alluded to in other Hermetic works.

Mr. B. Quaritch, the eminent collector, of 15 Piccadilly, has now a very valuable and unique MS. of the "Ordinall of Alchemy," with six drawings on vellum and illuminated, and of transcription circa 1650. The interest of this work to Masonic students consists in the fact it mentions "Freemasons."

The Ordinall is itself of much earlier date, and some have thought that it contains the first reference to Freemasons as a body. If its actual date be approximate to that which Ashmole originally seemed to ascribe to it, in 1612, then it may well be that this is the first distinct reference to the body *qua* a Fraternity or Institution. But there are very early uses of the word Freemasons singly, which seem to demonstrate the undoubted existence of such a body of men.

It is just possible, if we follow up all such quotations and indicia carefully, and collect and collate them, we may find a closer connection existing between Freemasons and Hermetics than has hitherto been deemed either possible or probable.

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[We have great pleasure in printing the above commu-

e this year, inasmuch as the event added one
any interesting incidents that have followed in
uccession during the past week or two. The
their arrival, found the Royal Borough a
r from end to end, and had the opportunity,
our fixed for business, of inspecting the
elaborate decorations with which the streets
hed. Special arrangements had been made
way companies to convey the brethren to and
r at reduced rates, and thus there was a very
endance, brethren coming from all parts of
nties, with a sprinkling from London. The
mbled at one o'clock at the Albert Institute,
when Lodge was opened by Brother H. J.
M. of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, who was
Bro. C. W. Seymour P.M. Windsor Castle
71, as S.W.; and Bro. W. Sevenoakes P.M.
V. Shortly afterwards the Prov. Grand
Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., accompanied by the
incial Grand Master, Brother the Rev. J.
Brownrigg P.G.C., and a numerous body
Grand Officers entered, and were received
al salutations, the Provincial Grand Organist
inton playing the National Anthem as they
ts on the dais. Amongst those present were
Stewart G.S.W., H. Martin G.J.W., Revs.
and R. F. Harnett Grand Chaplains, C.
nd Treasurer, R. Bradley Grand Secretary,
Grand Registrar, Innes G.S.D., F. Blake
Prickett G.S. of Works, Blackwell G.D.C.,
G.A.D.C., A. H. Apted Grand Sword
ior Craigie Grand Standard Bearer, F.
Organist, Webb G.A.C., Plenty G. Pur.,
Pur., Tottle, Valentine, Marshall, Major
npton, and H. Perks Grand Stewards, and
gs Grand Tyler. There were a great many
ding Brothers Theodore H. Tilton District
er of New York, the Bishop of New
Frederick Binckes P. Grand Sword Bearer,
P. Grand Sword Bearer, Rev. Oliver
, &c.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and
laster and Grand Officers saluted with full
Blackwell officiating as Director of Cere-
roll of the Lodges was then called, and all
be represented, as also were the Provincial
s, with one or two exceptions. The minutes
rovincial Grand Lodge, held at Aylesbury,
s of which were circulated amongst the
e taken as read, and confirmed.

ncial Deputy Grand Master, in reference to
on the agenda paper, in which it was pro-
t an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty
id he wished to make an amendment to that
It had been signified to them, through the
aster the Earl of Carnarvon, that His Royal
Most Worshipful Grand Master desired that
ongratulations to Her Majesty on the attain-
fiftieth year of her reign should be embodied
gle Address which was carried with so much
the Commemoration Gathering at the Albert
t no local Addresses should be presented. He
ore move that, in lieu of the Address, it be
placed on the minutes that the Provincial
of Berks and Bucks desired to express the
ty of the Freemasons of the Province to Her
s Majesty the Queen, who had for fifty years
advanced the interests of the Craft, and pro-
institution calculated to further the welfare
ts. This was seconded by Bro. the Rev. R. P.
and carried by acclamation.

ncial Grand Secretary having read the balance-
Provincial Grand Treasurer, the general
e Charity Fund, together with a statement of
of the Lodges in the Province, it was
he D.P.G. Master that the sum of £26 5s be
the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the

took this opportunity of asking the brethren to be more liberal in sending in their votes to the Committee. Some Lodges in the Province, he regretted to say, gave away all their votes, and sent them into another channel. It was impossible for the Committee to attend to the cases which came before them unless they could rely upon receiving the votes of the various Lodges. In order to secure the election of the three candidates referred to he had had to borrow votes from other Provinces, and had thus incurred a liability of 763 votes.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, speaking on the same subject, said there was this great practical inconvenience—Lodges came to the Committee quickly enough when they wanted to get a case in, but when they had succeeded in that object they gave their votes to the very first person who asked for them. Nothing was doing more harm than the indiscriminate giving away of votes, even though the cases for which they were asked might appear to be deserving. All such cases required looking into, and they were looked into very closely by the Committee.

On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. G. W. Dixon P.G.S.W., Bro. Charles Stephens P.M. 414 was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Stephens asked to be allowed in a very few words to thank the brethren once more for the honour they had conferred upon him. He assured them his best efforts should be used in promoting the welfare of the Province, and that he would not disgrace his office.

The following brethren were then invested with the Provincial Charity jewel, viz.:—Bros. Henry John Stollery W.M. 209, William Fenton J.D. 795, Edward Margrett P.M. 1101, William Fergerson P.M. 1101, and Henry Warden 1566.

The Grand Secretary announced that Dispensations had been received for the appointment of Bros. Henry Daily Marshall W.M. of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, as G.S.D.; Henry Perks P.M. Etonian, No. 209, and Thomas Slatter P.M. Vale of White Horse, No. 1770, as Grand Standard Bearers.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the year, as follow:—

Bro. John Tomkins 945 ...	Senior Warden
G. L. de Major Taylor 1886 ...	Junior Warden
Rev. R. F. Harnett 840...	Chaplains
Rev. Henry Lewis 945 ...	Chaplains
Charles Stephens 414 ...	Treasurer
Robert Bradley 414 ..	Secretary
Henry Daily Marshall W.M. 771 ...	Senior Deacon
George Tottle 1501 ...	Junior Deacon
William Ravenscroft 1101	Supt. of Works
John Cheesman 1787 ...	Director of Ceremonies
H. S. Harrington 574 ...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
E. J. Shrewsbury 1566 ...	Sword Bearer
Henry Perks 209 ...	Standard Bearers
Thomas Slatter 1770 ...	Standard Bearers
F. W. Summers 771 ...	Organist
J. R. H. Fowler 591 ...	Assistant Secretary
G. B. Valentine 1639 ...	Pursuivant
Sydney Payne 1887 ...	Stewards
Henry John Stollery 209	Stewards
George Henry Charsley 1894	Stewards
C. H. Tench 2043 ...	Stewards
John Lyne 1410 ...	Stewards
Joseph Greenaway 1101	Stewards
W. Hemmings ...	Tyler

It was announced that the next Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at High Wycombe.

The Provincial Grand Master then spoke a few words to the brethren, but they were inaudible at the distance of a few yards. (The brethren deeply sympathised with the hon. baronet, who was evidently in a weak state of health, and still suffering from the effects of his recent sad bereavement.) They had met, he said, at Windsor, under the walls of the Castle, and he was glad to see so goodly a number present at Provincial Grand Lodge. He was sure that Her Majesty the Queen and their Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales looked upon Masons as the most loyal subjects, and he (Sir Daniel) regarded that loyalty as the backbone of the country. Many of those

whom they all hoped might continue
ars to come; and also upon Bro. W.
., who was well known in the Province
arity. From the statement which had
Provincial Grand Secretary it would
t was not making much advancement
ill, he was glad to observe it was not
Charities had been well supported, and
n to comply with the suggestions that
it with respect to forwarding all votes
mittee, in order to strengthen their
s were scattered about indiscriminately,
nefit to anybody; he hoped, therefore,
eir votes to the Committee, by whom
de the best use of. He hoped they
rom dining with them that day, for he
the lack of any further exertion; and
ig continued prosperity to the Province.
l Lodge was then closed in due form,
er by Bro. the Rev. R. F. Harnett
haplain.

e at the Town Hall, were a numerous company
esidency of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master,
holme Brownrigg P.G.C. On his right was
nd Master of New York City, and on his left
tminster. An excellent repast was prepared,
were considerably marred by the inefficiency
circumstance much to be regretted on such an
the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in proposing
ft, said under ordinary circumstances the toast
words, but he should depart very shortly from
lt sure on this occasion, being the fiftieth year
, meeting as they did in the Royal Borough of
ish him to say a few more words than usual.
n in London, and most of them had seen in
in which Her Most Gracious Majesty was
s represented to a great extent that loyalty
heart of every Mason—that feeling which
ort the constituted authority, in whomsoever
ority was placed. But he felt sure that
d Her Majesty there was something more than
g of that duty which was due from every
t affectionate greeting which they all gave to
who had in every matter of sympathy shown
her subjects. Whenever any great disaster
e or abroad, the first telegram was from Her
olicitude for those in trouble. She had won
jects, not merely because she was Queen, but
herself in thorough sympathy with all over

then gave the Most Worshipful Grand Master,
who was at all behind the scenes in Grand
at the office was one not merely of an orna-
knew that every matter of importance was
yal Highness's own cognisance, and received
The Prince of Wales interested himself most
everything that concerned the Craft; long
do so.
that of the Grand Officers, and in reference to
heir ranks had received a very large acquisi-
er of Grand Officers having been made on the
meeting at the Albert Hall. They were glad
were old friends and well known in the Pro-
especially pleased to find that their own
retary, Bro. Bradley, and others who had
assiduously for the Masonic Charities had been
He associated with the toast the name of Bro.
P.G.C. Bro. Bent felt it a very weighty
led upon to return thanks for so august a body
ed the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand
of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. He
athom was not far from them at that moment,
lay in St. George's Chapel. When he thought
ed names he was responding for he was over-
ensibility that had been put upon him. It fell
ior Grand Chaplain at the installation of His
ince of Wales, an event which he should ever
ived to the age of Methusalah. It rejoiced him
many brethren of this Province, including
ewart, and equally so the Secretaries of our
stitutions.
S.W. also responded. He felt it a great honour
he purple, and to belong to this Province. It
g that he had done especially, but was rather
es to which he had the privilege and pleasure

ial Grand Master next proposed the Provincial
niel Gooch, Bart., and in doing so said they

Provincial Grand Masters, and Past Grand Officers of the Province. He felt he was hardly the person to do this, from any rank he held in the Province, but although there might be others more worthy to propose the toast, there was none who could have done it with feelings of more profound satisfaction. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had sketched to them in Grand Lodge the office he held, the duties of which he performed so well; he took the greatest interest in the affairs of the Province, and proposed those things which had to be brought before the notice of Provincial Grand Lodge in a way which made everything smooth and convenient. They were all able to judge how well the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers performed their duties, and he gave them the toast with great cordiality and feelings of satisfaction.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding, felt sure they would expect only a very short speech from him now. He had many duties to perform in Masonry, but he could say for himself there was nothing that gave him greater pleasure than when he was acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Berks and Bucks. Bro. Grace had said he felt he was hardly the person to propose this toast, but he entertained a different opinion, for Bro. Grace was his oldest friend in Masonry. Twenty-six or twenty-seven years ago, when he was a F.C. Mason, he remembered hearing a distinguished Past Master addressing the brethren in forming a University Lodge; and, looking at him from the end of the room, he hoped that some day he might become as great a man as Bro. Grace was then, and is now. If he had accomplished that object, it was in some measure due to the grand example set him by Bro. Grace. He then proceeded to speak of the Visitors, observing that this was a toast always received with acclaim, and more especially so that day, as he was going to associate with it the name of a Brother whose health ought to have been proposed before. It had suggested itself to him to propose the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges, but something in the musical arrangements, with the harmony of which he did not wish to interfere, caused it to escape him. When he told them the Brother to whom he referred was the District Grand Master of New York they would, he felt sure, accord to him an enthusiastic, although somewhat late, welcome. They probably knew what an important institution Masonry was in the United States of America. There were 48 Grand Lodges—not Provincial Grand Lodges—all exercising a separate and independent jurisdiction. New York City was the key to the United States, and Bro. Tilton the District Grand Master, occupied a position there similar to that which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales held in this country. Therefore, it was a visitor of no mean distinction they had amongst that day. Going back to the topic which was all-engrossing this year, and meeting in the Royal Borough of Winsdor, he could assure Bro. Tilton that amongst the citizens of the States who came over here to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee there were no cheers Englishmen were more glad to hear than those which came from the hearts and voices of citizens of the United States of America. They felt, especially this year, that wherever the English language was spoken, there was a tie which could never be cut asunder, and they felt, especially as Masons, when distinguished brethren like Bro. Tilton came amongst them, they must receive them not only as brothers in name but as brothers indeed. The toast was received with loud and prolonged cheering.

Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, District Grand Master of New York, was received with a perfect ovation on rising to respond. He thanked the Deputy Provincial Grand Master most heartily for the kind words he had expressed in giving the toast, and he desired to thank the brethren for the great cordiality with which it had been received. It had given him very great pleasure to be present that day in the Royal Borough of Windsor, and to attend the meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge. The President had said there were 48 Grand Lodges in the United States; he was right in the number, and they comprised 600,000 Freemasons. But in New York they had 725 Lodges, with a membership of more than 75,000 Freemasons. When he spoke of this he might say the New York Grand Lodge was one of the largest and oldest of all the Grand Lodges in the States. It celebrated its 112th anniversary on the 7th of June this year. They were divided into 29 District Grand Lodges, and he had had the honour for some years past of representing twenty-four Lodges and about 4,000 Freemasons. Some of the District Grand Lodges were not quite so large, ranging from 2,000 to 4,000. Freemasonry had increased during the past twenty-five years in membership in the United States almost equal in ratio with that in England since the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. He was present last year at Brighton, and heard the remarks the Prince made as to the advance Freemasonry had made during the reign of his Most Gracious Mother the Queen. He said the Craft had increased a hundredfold during the last forty years; and it had increased in the United States of America almost to that extent; so that the Americans were keeping pace with England. Of late they had founded an Anglo-American Lodge in London, where they could receive American brethren equally with those belonging to this country. They gave all American brethren a hearty welcome when they came on this side. The Lodge was founded under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, the M.W.G.M. having granted a special dispensation for it, as there were already 150 Lodges in the Metropolitan district. The members of the Anglo-American Lodge would be most happy to receive visits from any of the brethren he saw around him, and they might be assured of a very hearty welcome. He again thanked them for the cordiality of their greeting, and

nand of the President of the day, though he should three or four minutes just to collect his thoughts, so rame his reply in terms that would be acceptable. e sight of the observations made in the earlier part h reference to the honours conferred upon the he three Institutions that day fortnight by the Grand Master. So far as he was concerned, he ss his great gratification that that distinction had by a large number of his old friends. He had worn crimson for many years, and those who knew any- rs were aware that the natural result of the mingling vas purple. After twenty-six years service as Secre- Institution, in addition to ten years prior to entering he was pleased that such an honour had fallen to his him from a very great difficulty, inasmuch as he alled upon to respond for the Grand Officers, and Canations why he only had the red collar on. But he at no distinctions that had been, or which might ferred upon him would lessen his exertions on behalf Institutions, and especially that with which he was ated. He had not yet had the courage to don the v office, but he was delighted to be here to-day and e first time since he had received it, his pride at the d upon him. He was very much indebted to the ks and Bucks for their kindness and liberality in and he hoped to live many years to express that hat they would do in the future. With regard Festival of the Boys' School, unquestionably the certain extent disappointing, but when they con- ival was held in the midst of the Jubilee rejoicings d, that was fully to be expected, bearing in mind nade upon the brethren in connection with metro- celebrations. Under these circumstances it was not ey could do so much on behalf of his Institution as done, the Boys' Festival being the last of the three. m or any one else to find fault; the Craft had done s gone by, and their contributions this year would the aggregate. Although they would have to com- ge fund that was certain to accrue to the Centenary ol next year, yet there were some who would take erests of the Boys should not suffer. Those interests and he was sure there was not one present, nor any- ose breast beat a Masonic heart, but would echo the sympathy towards the Institution, and would take did not suffer for want of that support which it hich just now it so absolutely needed. They had n of prizes at Wood Green on Saturday, and it must hat 250 sons of Freemasons were not clothed, main- ated for nothing. He hoped those brethren whose nblazoned with the jewel which betokened that they wards for the Girls' School, would do like service ext year; and if they had not already served a y would make up their minds at once, and show that the Boys' Institution was the most deserving of ving suffered this year from the disadvantage of resident for the Festival until three weeks before it as happy to state that they had already obtained the stinguished brother to preside at the Festival next would be duly announced. That relieved him iety, and he hoped his friends of the Province of ks would not forget the Boys in the future; they o in the past. It was pleasant to have a place in and regard, and to be looked upon as a friend; and llowed to reciprocate those feelings towards them. said it was not for him to go over the same ground had been traversed by his excellent friend the Boys' Institution. He might, however, say he had to don the purple with which he was adorned at the the first time he had worn it was at the Prov. Berks and Bucks. It was said that a certain class in where angels fear to tread;" whether they looked of that class, and Brother Binckes as the other, he Coming to the subject of the toast, however much nto their advantage in connection with the Boys' ols, he reminded them they never could be girls, and boys again. He hoped, however, they might live Masons, though he trusted they would not be versity, and compelled to seek relief at the hands of Institution. Therefore he said, support the Girls' sons at its Centenary Festival, and give all they Binckes, who had already secured a Chairman for a matter of fact a chairman had been secured for all Festivals, and be had no hesitation in announcing George Elliot, Provincial Grand Master for the on of Wales, would preside at the Festival of the all started, therefore, on common ground, and y advantage over the other in that respect. So the demand this year that the committees felt trained to place 30 additional annuitants on the increase of cost to the Institution of very year, in the future, so long as that pt there, the sum of £15,000 would be required expenses of the Institution. They could put off

been in the past, they would continue to be first and foremost in that Institution, which the M.W.G.M. had declared to be the most deserving of their means. They had given the Institution a large amount of support during this year; a sum of money it had never received before had been realised. The Stewards brought in £19,400, and when that was augmented, as it would be before the year was out, by 2,000 guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire, 3,000 guineas from East Lancashire, and 1,000 guineas from Cambridge, as Jubilee contributions, they would see that, irrespective of the grant of Grand Lodge and the result of the Jubilee meeting at the Albert Hall, the Benevolent Institution would receive a total of between £25,000 and £26,000 this year. He felt sure that the Craft had not led them on with any delusive hopes, or that the Institution would be left out in the cold, but that they would enable it to swim on in the full tide of prosperity, never thinking of "this far shalt thou go, and no further." He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting the brethren of this Province wherever they might happen to be, for the Charities had not a better body of well-wishers than were to be found ranged under the Mastership of Sir Daniel Gooch.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master next proposed the Provincial Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and the Grand Officers appointed that day, coupling the toast with the names of Bro. J. Tomkins G.S.W. (Mayor of Abingdon) and Bro. W. F. Summers Provincial Grand Organist, who responded.

In responding for the W.M.'s and the Officers of the Etonian Lodge 209 and the Windsor Castle Lodge 711, Bro. H. J. Stollery W.M. 209 said it was a great honour to the Windsor Lodges to welcome Provincial Grand Lodge under their banners. He was delighted to see so numerous and distinguished a gathering. He had attended as Steward for the Girls' and Benevolent Institution, and hoped to "Dotheboys" next year.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary, paying a deserved tribute to each for the ability with which they discharged their duties, and expressing regret that Bro. Stephens had been obliged to leave early in the afternoon.

Bro. R. Bradley, Provincial Grand Secretary, thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordiality with which the toast had been received. He was sorry that severe domestic affliction prevented the Provincial Grand Treasurer from remaining with them, although he attended during the business part of the meeting. During the ten years he had been their Secretary, they had always received him with the utmost kindness and consideration. It had been a source of great pleasure, pride and gratification to him to have received honours in Grand Lodge. He might mention that he appeared that day in the plumes of his new office; he should not have done so, but the brethren of the three Lodges in Reading were kind enough to present him with his new regalia in order that he might be there that day. This was the reason he presented such a gorgeous appearance, and he must say it was a source of great gratification to receive such a gift at their hands. But one thing pleased him infinitely more, and that was the spontaneity and unanimous expression of kindness with which his appointment had been received by all the brethren of the Province. Speaking of the position of the Province, he said they held their own in numbers, and put in a good appearance at the Charities. He thought the very fact that Provincial Grand Lodge had that day given no less than seven Charity jewels to Stewards who had qualified for two of the Masonic Institutions was evidence that the Province did its duty in that respect. There was a sincere and earnest desire in all the Lodges to perform the ceremonies in the best manner possible. He was glad they had had such a successful meeting that day, and he hoped next year, when they met at High Wycombe, they would have equally as good a muster.

The toast of the Provincial Grand Stewards was then proposed and acknowledged, the list being closed by the Tyler.

An excellent selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. W. F. Summers, Provincial Grand Organist, assisted by Mr. Walter Church, Mr. W. B. Kempton, and Mr. George May, of the St. George's Chapel Choir.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when it was opened, in the absence of the W.M. through illness, by Bro. Millington P.M., there being present Brothers T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., J. H. Shenksmith, W. Storry I.G., P. Pearson, W. Routledge, T. W. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, G. G. Pook, R. Ware, J. Thorpe, J. Shaw, W. Ream, A. Archer, F. H. Vaughan, J. W. Blenkin, J. Smith, J. J. Spetch, G. Chapman, W. Sharp, and H. Chapman. The acting W.M. proceeded to initiate a candidate, and then passed Bro. J. Shaw to the second degree, after which Bro. Whytehead P.M., took the chair and raised Bros. H. Chapman and Vaughan to the third degree. Bro. W. Sharp then presented to the Lodge a set of electro-plated ware, consisting of knives, forks, spoons, sugar basins, &c. Bro. C. Ware presented a bound volume of the CHRONICLE for 1886. Bro. H. Chapman gave a metal cash box for

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turn rejected communications.

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DELPHIAN CLAIMS.

of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

:R,—Brother Norton's able and interesting iggests several considerations, to those who of American Freemasonry, which seem to olumns. The difficulty as regards Coxe is as there is little doubt that a Patent in uke of Norfolk was granted to Daniel Coxe ter for North America. Bro. Gould, with n, seems to think that the probable reason r" of his Patent is to be found in that he so to say; that on his return to America ow from Masonry, and that his brethren themselves about one who had so "turned

er, and almost a simpler explanation? I :h Bro. Norton that Coxe's Patent was a tation," or that the English Grand Master ppoint Coxe's successor." Indeed, I hardly Norton means, as I read and respectfully tly what the Patent of the English Grand not see that Bro. Gould at all reads the on. On the contrary, the Patent expressly the power after two years, even proved by incial Grand Master, without apparently rmation to England. Bro. Gould truly putation and Commission" differed "in s from those of any similar instrument of

rved" no rights of the home authorities, but ne new Provincial Grand Lodge after two ed that this special Patent established a ne 1732.

a limited Patent for two years. It was not re-elected, and it has occurred often to me was then an "unknown force and factor." exercised," as Bro. Gould says so well, but let it lapse, and left it to the brethren the Patent, not even the Provincial Grand lect his successor, he taking no part in it. must have known of it, and would have men- rote to Henry Price. The passage in the 26th June 1732 seems to show that the tent and acted under it. Franklin later tisfied as regards the legality of the pro- ome question may fairly arise, and to have me authority from home, to validate all that

in 1811 Dr. Mease saw the minutes of the point to the possible existence of these d be all important, as throwing fuller light American Masonic history. I do not attach minute book letter B as regards Allen and

posted up *later*, not written at the time, r or so often occurs; probably the minute

judice, and so I say no more to-day; to preclude the possibility of Coxe having 31.

raternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

ER,—I am surprised to see "COMPANION" n to occupy space in your valuable Journal, ter filled with matter more interesting to is silly championship of one he falsely , combination, cabal, and boon companion- reated with the contempt it deserved, and second effusion were it not apparent that Companion of the Chapter would show how is stupid and un-Masonic attack. The facts it were better perhaps to tell "Com- ink he knows,—that the members of Lodges ct right to discuss the business of their allot for those they deem best qualified to me. His self-styled victim to cliquism is n, but his "great abilities" were not suffi- rant, in our opinion, the electing him to conviction of sustaining the very proud position already gained. "A COMPANION" alludes to a previous occasion; he, in his discretion, evades stating the circumstances. I will. "A COMPANION" took office with the distinct understanding he should discharge its duties; but, like many others, he could only find it convenient to attend on nights of election, when he hoped to be promoted; but the lay members thought those who did the duty should secure the honours, and expressed their opinion in very strong terms, which I am pleased to say carried conviction, with an eminently satisfactory result. Surely there is nothing to find fault with or censure in that? We have acted on a conviction of the merits of the case, and are prepared to attend Grand Chapter or any recognised tribunal. It is true the so-called "victim" did join the Chapter when it was young, but like most young Chapters there was a golden opportunity for a collar, which the "victim" did not hesitate to avail himself of. There were several P.Z.'s in the Chapter who would have done the work thoroughly, but desired the other Companions should have the earliest chance to get on, and that idea was adopted with the best of motives. Again, I fail to see how the Chapter can be so deeply indebted to the Companion who was not elected for his timely assistance. His statement that the P.Z.'s knew and regretted that cliquism existed in the Chapter, must be pure imagination on his part, and it is to my mind totally devoid of truth. Like "A COMPANION" I have been at elections at Chapters and Lodges, and have been surprised at the result, but to rush headlong into print and condemn the action of my brother members, who ought certainly to know their own business, I consider not only impertinent, but un-Masonic in every degree. The choice terms applied to us I think redound upon the writer, and are I think a proper reward to him for his untimely and unprovoked attack on Companions whose honour and integrity is known to a large circle of Royal Arch and Craft Masons. I sincerely hope we shall not hear any more of the complaints of one who has taken up a cause he knows nothing about, and whose effusions call forth nothing but ridicule.

Hoping you will find room for this epistle, and apologising for being so complete a novice in the art of writing,

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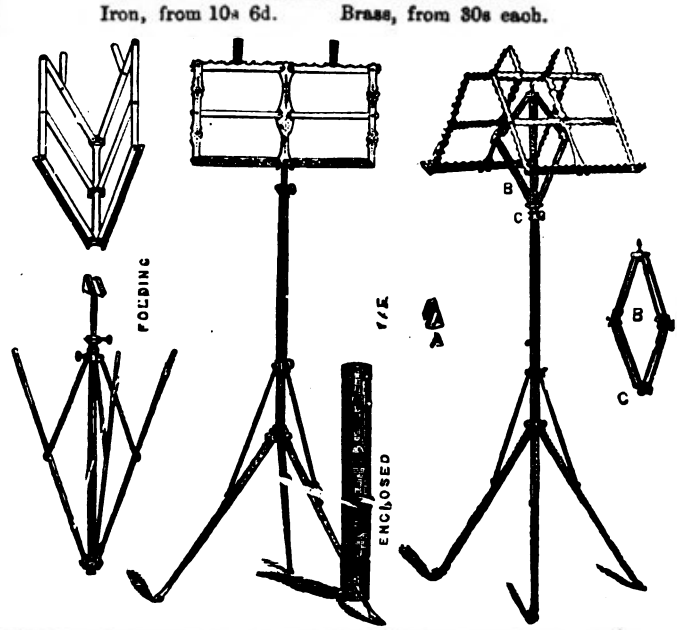

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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ards, distribution of prizes, and athletic sports.
ttracts a considerable amount of interest in
nerely in the metropolis but throughout the
of which it may be mentioned that over a
for tickets were received by the Secretary,
to the date fixed. It is estimated that about
number assembled on Saturday, a large pro-
y being ladies, whose summer costumes tended
effect of the gathering within the precincts
s and grounds. During the early part of the
intained a threatening aspect, the sky being
hat portended the downfall of rain which had
me days; but as the afternoon advanced the
warmth and brilliancy that have marked his
, and the appearance of the grounds was
treme. Flags floated on the breeze at different
of the Institution, under the direction of Band-
d lively airs as a prelude to the business of the
ve train brought its contingent of visitors from
y living nearer took advantage of the fine after-
Wood Green. It is impossible to give the names
hose who were present, but amongst them we
Godson, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master
resident of the day), W. Raynham Stewart, J. L.
Miller, C. F. Hogard, Henry Venn, James Moon,
ad Master), Frederick Binckes (Secretary), J.
f the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution),
d Terry, H. Young, Gray, J. Roberts, G. P.
Lambert, W. A. Scurrah, W. W. Morgan, W. J.
Dale, E. W. Nightingale, Wilkinson, &c. At
ze hall rapidly filled, and considerable atten-
the visitors to the drawings of the pupils
around the walls for their inspection. The
day opened most appropriately with the
ng with loyal vivacity by the choir, who were
t the end of the hall, the chorus being taken up
the audience. The musical portions of the
nducted by Bro. H. J. Dutton, whilst Bro. Turle
ompanyist. A pianoforte solo by Mendelssohn
rte, No. 30," was played in good style by
which the choir sang the "Soldiers' Chorus"
l the requisite gusto. The prizes presented by
e then distributed, an interval being filled by
sang very nicely "The Mermaid's Song," by
ming to the special prizes there was another
hich the choir sang Mendelssohn's part song,
in verdure dreat;" W. Conway and J. Hewett
larch" from *Athalie*, as a pianoforte duet; the
Vincent's part song, "A Holiday." Then came
a wee boy," as the Chairman put it, and
inutive little fellow, came in for round after
for the way in which he sang Berger's pretty
io persistent was the demand that, in spite of the
gramme, and the usual prohibition of encores,
was compelled to return, and in equally sweet
ne, Sweet Home." When, at a later stage of the
tle fellow went up for his prize for vocal music,
ne Executive made singing part of the education
ool, and there could be no difference of opinion as
deserving of the prize by his splendid efforts at
y. The prizes presented by the House and Audit
vate donors, and by the "Old Masonians," were
ckes observing that the House Committee gave a
valuable time in supervising the affairs of the

two prizes for the best English essay and for dramatic ability. The former had been awarded to F. Lewis, but the latter awaited the result of the histrionic representations named on the programme. (This was afterwards announced, the prize falling to R. F. Reynolds). The quartette and chorus "Hail to the Chief," and the part song, "Merry June," were then sung by the choir; after which the silver and gold medals, the silver watch and chain for good conduct, and the University Local Examination prizes were distributed, in accordance with the printed list. Brother Binckes said, coming to the important prizes given by the Institution, he was only repeating the observation he had made many times before, when he pointed out how essential it was in a large establishment like this to promote good conduct. The silver medal for good conduct was regarded as the blue riband of the School, and he was pleased to find that it had this year fallen to the lot of Charles Jesse Sanderson. [The Chairman, after investing the recipient with the "blue riband," cordially shook hands with him, amidst loud cheering from the boys.] The Canonbury gold medal, presented by the late Brother E. Cox, Vice-Patron, was awarded to the recipient by the unbiassed votes of his schoolfellows. It did not always follow that the winner of this prize was superior to his comrades in all points, but to be popular in a school of 250 boys must of itself argue the possession of a certain number of good qualities. Richard Frank Reynolds was this year the recipient of the gold medal, by the unbiassed suffrages of his fellows, and he congratulated that young gentleman upon having ingratiated himself into their favour, although the company would sympathise with him in the condition in which he appeared to secure his prize, being lame and walking with two crutches and his left foot in a sling, rendered necessary by an abscess. With reference to a special good conduct prize given by their good friends the members of the Supreme Council 33°, to a boy on leaving the Institution, originated by Bro. Montague, this was awarded to Arthur Durham Asbdown, who had left the School, but had received the watch and chain. The next series of nine prizes were for the results of the University Local Examination, Cambridge, in December last. The sum of £535 was invested, and the interest, £23, of the fund was apportioned in prizes. This feature of the Institution was founded by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657, Vice-Patron, who used to come amongst them frequently; he was sorry not to be able to give Bro. Winn the welcome he deserved, inasmuch as he was prevented from coming to-day on account of ill-health, which compels him to keep perfect retirement. One of the boys, A. J. Kennedy, who had left the School, had by his abilities obtained a position as an engineer's student, and the Committee presented him with a grant of £30 towards his outfit, in addition to the £5 prize to which he was entitled. Bro. Binckes having read the prize winners, according to the published list, the choir sang with heartiness a Jubilee ode, entitled "All honour to the Empress Queen," by Carter; and W. Conway played a pianoforte solo, "Frohlichkeit."

Bro. A. F. Godson M.P. then addressed the boys, observing at the outset that his remarks should be very brief, though he wished to speak of the character of this Institution, and what it had done during the past twelve months. First, he might be allowed to thank the friends of the Institution, on behalf of the House Committee, for their great kindness in coming there to support and to encourage the boys. They felt it most deeply, and were always glad to see those who took an interest in them. He assured the ladies and gentlemen present that for the little trouble they took in coming to Wood Green on such occasions they were well rewarded by the thought that they encouraged the boys and helped forward the Institution. There was a unanimous feeling here in favour of the Institution—a state of things which, he was sorry to say, did not prevail in some places he had visited during the last few weeks. It gave him great pleasure to come down there, and to find himself in the realms of kindness and fraternal feeling. It was the second time, he believed, this splendid hall had been used for the purpose of distributing the prizes, and he thought they would all agree with him the more they saw of that place the more deeply they appreciated it. Those who could remember the time when they had to hold all the meetings of the day in the drill-shed would know the great inconvenience—difficulty in fact—experienced in going through the whole of the programme. Now, thanks to the possession of this noble and acoustically successful hall, they were able to have part of the proceedings there, and another part—which if not quite so intellectual was still more satisfactory to the human appetite—in the Gymnasium. It was not the lot of every Chairman to be so well supported as he had been to-day, and they would congratulate him upon having two "Terriers" on either side of him—referring to Bros. James Terry and Edward Terry—who were two as "jolly dogs" as could be found. Now, it was considered by some as part of the duty of a Chairman to lecture boys. It was the sort of thing he used to "like" when he was a boy; but he always carefully avoided hearing the lecture. He had them all safe and fast, and would say a few words to them, though he would be as merciful as he could. Whenever he advised boys to do anything he said let them put their heart into it. If they were at cricket, let them do their best; and the same when struggling in their athletic and other exercises. If they were at work in their intellectual studies, let them do the best they could. Be thorough, and they would find it the great means to success in life, if they put their shoulder manfully to whatever they attempted. Some boys were very fond of saying, "Oh! that's good enough." He assured them there was nothing more dangerous in a boy's life than using the expression "it's

back if, when they had nothing particular to do, and
lined even to do that, they were to take up their
through them, just to keep their memories fresh as
done during the last half-year. By doing that for,
an hour every day, they would come back and
tor at the wonderful amount they had remembered.
ot the man to be astonished at small things, but if
amaze him it would be that they came back to
forgotten a single thing he had taught them. Let
ck and astonish the Doctor! The company had seen
oys on the walls of the hall, and it showed, by their
metrical drawing, they were doing justice to the
ght them. There was one point which had never
an occasion of this sort, and that was the giving of
who had come into the Upper School from the
ool. Although they had given prizes to the boys of
School, yet this was the first time they had been
oming from there into the Upper School. He was
be a great satisfaction to the head mistress,
, and be a proof to her that she had done
ll, considering the short time she had occupied
She sent one boy—Churchill—so carefully and
at he went at once into the fifth class of the
and took two prizes. Not only that, but
s a boy named Higgison came up and took a prize.
nrage her and her able assistants to persevere in the
doing. As the plays had to come on, and he and
platform had to "clear out"—to use a schoolboy's
did not propose to add anything to the few remarks he
de, except that the company would give themselves
easure by according a hearty vote of thanks to their
e Rev. Dr. Morris, for the satisfactory manner in
tional portion of the establishment conducted by him
ged. He was quite sure the Committee were too
ing at all times to accept at his hands any suggestions
which might improve, from a practical point of view,
system of their School. He trusted that in times to
successful he had been in turning boys out for
lass and University Examinations, that success
surpassed in the future. The vote of thanks
idst ringing cheers. Brother the Rev. Dr. Morris,
ng the compliment, thanked the company very
he kind way in which they had responded to
f the Chairman that a vote of thanks should be
the good conduct of the boys during the past year.
had given the friends of the Institution some pleasure
, and would give them a little more with regard to
e must ask their indulgence to-day, as one of the
ynolds, was, as they had seen, partially disabled by an
id formed on his foot during the past few days. He
ble to move about so nimbly as he did a few days ago,
he audience to exercise a little patience and forbear-
n that account. Loud cheers having been given for
head-master, teachers, the ladies, &c., the platform
l two English plays were presented, the first being
Moss, entitled "P.U.P.," the characters being sus-
. Reynolds as Samuel Skinner, a fellmonger; D. T.
Hyde, his clerk; and R. Groombridge as Baby. The
ras "Beautiful for Ever," by F. Hay, with
cast:—Mr. Simpleton, C. J. Sanderson; Tom,
s; Mrs. Simpleton, E. T. Platt; and Jelly, T. M.
pieces were capitally enacted, the latter especially
ouse" in roars of laughter, the "make-up of the lady
especially funny. The remainder of the items on the
re, "Who killed Cock Robin?" a ballad dialogue,
B. Green, as the sparrow; F. W. Hennah, as the fly;
ld, as the beetle; H. M. Hare, as the owl; and
s bull; part song, "The Dawn of Day," by the choir;
"When Bee and Bird are singing," by J. Bloomfield
The company then moved away in the direction of
, where a sumptuous cold collation was served, and
oughly enjoyed by the visitors, who, on account of
ad to be served in batches. In the interval between
rts, opportunity was taken of inspecting the interior
on, with every department of which the utmost
expressed. At half-past six the party adjourned to
ground in rear of the Schools, where a number of
athletic sports took place. Seats were placed all
ure for the spectators, who took the liveliest interest
ems on the "card," the pleasure of the evening being
e performances of the band, whose players were
than many of the instruments they carried. At the
ts tea, coffee, and light refreshments were dispensed
am, and soon after nine o'clock the party gradually
tch the homeward trains, their unanimous verdict
had been one of the most successful and enjoyable
held at Wood Green.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

co. Rev. Dr. Morris, Vice Patron; Treasurer, J. L.
tron; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. J. Bere, M.A.; Committee,
, T. M. Nicholas, C. J. Sanderson, E. H. Simpson,
J. Williams; Starter, Mr. J. E. Mansell, B.A.;

100 Yards Handicap (under 13).—First Heat—E. Hobson, 3 yards, 1; C. Barter, 9 yards, 2; H. Graves, 6 yards, 3. Second Heat—C. Whitehead, 6 yards, 1; second not recorded. Third Heat—J. Brown, 9 yards, 1; G. Ker, scratch, 2; C. J. Roddam, 4 yards, 3. Final, E. Hobson, 1; C. Whitehead, 2.

High Jump (open).—C. Sanderson, 1; T. M. Nicholas, 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap (over 13).—E. Simpson, scratch, 1; W. Clark, 20 yards, 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap (under 13).—R. Beaumont, scratch, 1; W. Tappenden, 25 yards, 2.

Long Jump (Open).—W. Williams, 1; F. Christensen, 2; C. Sanderson, 3.

Egg and Spoon Race, 220 Yards (Open).—C. Myring, 1; H. Hare, 2.

Band Boys' Race, 300 Yards.—Blunt, 1; Tettenborn, 2; Mayne, 3.

Tug of War (under 13).—Brown's team beat C. Whitehead's team.

Tug of War (over 13).—E. H. Simpson's team beat T. M. Nicholas's team.

Half Mile Handicap (over 13).—E. H. Simpson, scratch, 1; E. B. Green, 50 yards, and R. W. Delafons, 60 yards, dead heat.

220 Yards Handicap (under 13).—E. W. Hobson, 6 yards, 1; W. Tappenden, 12 yards, 2.

Obstacle Race.—Jortison, 1; B. Farrar, 2; F. N. Christensen, 3.

The last item created much amusement, the struggling of the lads through and over many intricate "obstacles" provoking great fun. We would suggest that the management of the sports should be conducted in a more business-like fashion another year; it was very loose on Saturday, and to hear spectators shouting from all quarters of the field for the winning numbers was decidedly bad form.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE closing meeting of the Session in connection with this old and vigorous Lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Walker. He was supported by Bros. Joseph Hall S.W., Bentley Haynes acting J.W., J. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, F. J. Rose S.D., H. J. Harriss J.D., Charles J. Rich P.M. Dir. of Ceremonies, R. Dyson I.P.M., E. S. Cornwall P.M., G. Schadler P.M., Charles Daniel P.M., C. E. Ferry P.M., J. H. Hawkins P.M., E. C. Talbot P.M., J. Wood, J. T. Akerman, A. T. Barnto, D. H. Ailom, B. Wallis, W. H. Trask, C. Watkins, S. S. Rudd, G. D. Bailey, E. Johnson, T. Cole, M. Cheney, S. F. Chivers, W. Lane Tyler, and others. The Visitors included Bros. F. Kearney P.M. 1743, J. Prentice 1185, J. F. Haden 766, and H. J. Amphlett. Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which an advance was made to the third degree, and Bro. W. H. Trask was raised. Resuming in the second, the degree of F.C. was conferred upon Bros. T. Cole and E. Johnson, the whole of the ceremonies being performed in a highly creditable manner. This was the first time since his installation that Bro. Walker had had the opportunity of displaying his capabilities as a worker, and it was admitted on all hands that he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. At the close of business hearty good wishes were interchanged, and subsequently an excellent supper was served in the Throne-room, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master referred to the Jubilee celebrations that had caused so much excitement during the week, and which, he said, must have convinced Her Majesty that her subjects were more loyal now than they ever were before. In their own body they had testified the loyalty of Freemasons by meeting in their thousands at the Albert Hall, and the spirit which pervaded that great assembly was such as must have been most gratifying to the Royal Lady in whose honour it was held. He next proposed the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., associating with the toast the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. Several of the members of this Lodge were at the Albert Hall celebration, and they were all deeply impressed with the dignified manner in which His Royal Highness discharged the duties of his exalted position. The eloquent and touching address delivered by the Earl of Carnarvon went home to the heart of every Mason who was present on that occasion, and would be handed down as a true interpretation of the principles inculcated in the Craft. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. R. Dyson, in assuming the gavel for the purpose of proposing the next toast, said he had been reminded by the W.M. that he was no longer one of the principal Officers of this most illustrious Lodge. Still, as a "lesser light," he hoped to be able to assist them in leading the brethren in the march of Freemasonry, and especially in the cause of Charity, which they had so much at heart. The object of his rising, however, was to propose the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. Bro. Walker was naturally very bashful, and would not like him to say all the complimentary things he was thinking of at that moment. This was the first occasion Bro. Walker had had to perform the work of the Lodge, and they would all admit that he had given them the

ture. Whatever he could possibly do for the
e should endeavour to do, and should study
in any way conduce to the comfort and
ren. They had decided to hold a summer
date fixed being Tuesday, 12th July, at the
e had been down and made arrangements,
ctory indeed. Bro. Sayer had promised to do
could to make the affair better even than last
e brethren would have occasion to find fault.
all rally around him, that there would be a
ies present, and that every brother would do
e *réunion* a great success. Special arrange-
with the railway company to convey the
ds from London Bridge and back; and as he
tain number of tickets, he should be glad if
ng would make application for them at their
He concluded by sincerely trusting that, as
e kindness might be shown him as he had
e hands of the brethren. In giving the toast
Worshipful Master said it was one always
with open arms and hearty good wishes." On
not honoured by the presence of many guests,
re were of the first order. It was their wish,
amongst them, to entertain them well, and
ble in every possible way. He trusted they
sperity Lodge in greater numbers in the
received with "Jubilee fire." Bro. Kearney
nce Lodge, but originally a member of the
sponded. He saw around him many faces of
d the pleasure of being associated years ago;
separated from them as a member, yet he
hts and wishes were always with this Lodge.
W.M. to attend on this occasion, he accepted
sure, though it was only an off-night, because
night implied. It meant a great amount of
ess on the part of the brethren, and an
ternal feeling. He had had the pleasure of
nonies of Freemasonry well and properly gone
sure the working that day would compare
in London or elsewhere. Their W.M. had
rvousness, which was natural, this being his
ht; but he had performed the ceremonies with
satisfaction to the members of the Lodge of
saying a good deal. Bro. Prentice also
s gratified with the heartiness of the welcome
rs, and the excellence of the work, and, above
ee Bro. Walker so ably discharging the duties
len followed in similar terms. In proposing
Worshipful Master was glad to see no fewer
resent, which was most satisfactory for an
the interest they continued to take in the
ith the toast the names of their Treasurer and
om did their work admirably, and looked well
ne Lodge. Bro. Roberts P.M. Treasurer said
re for any of the Past Masters to return thanks
rule, he believed the Past Masters were very
of no other Lodge in which they attended
hey did in the Prosperity. He trusted the
be a great success; indeed, he was confident
at there would be a large number of ladies at
asion. He went to the Boys' Festival to
ty Chapter, and took up the rather small sum
highest on the Chapter lists, and it must be
factory, seeing that he had only a fortnight to
Secretary, Bro. Binckes, was very pleased with
dge of Prosperity. Bro. Brown P.M. Secretary
Lodge was in as good a position as it had been
It was especially gratifying to say they sent a
hapter to the Festival, for such a thing was
pter of five or six years' standing. He trusted
ton would be most successful. That gathering
labour on a few, in the midst of their business,
ren to let them know as soon as possible who
nany visitors they intended to invite for that
W.M. then proposed the Officers of the Lodge,
le they were punctual in their attendance, and
s creditably. He was sorry Bro. Haller J.W.
nt that evening, and thanked Bro. Haynes for
his office. It was impossible to find better
whom he was surrounded; and he felt sure
rough his year of office they would assist him
monies in effective manner. The toast having
edged, the list was closed by the Tyler. During
ere some capital songs and recitations; Bro.
all the way from Calais in order to attend the
mourous song, "The Magpie and the Parson,"
M. gave a funny rendering of the old tragic
n, or the Red Barn." A pleasant evening was

AND PILLS are beyond all doubt the most valuable

Brown Potter, endowed with a pretty face and gowns of bewildering grandeur; basking on the smiles of high Olympus. Mrs. Potter having failed with Wilkie Collins' inchoate "Man and Wife," pluckily tempts fortune again with a new play from the French, called "Civil War." We can admire, in the earlier signification of the verb, Mrs. Potter's courage, but courage without discretion makes a small factor in an artistic success. Mrs. Potter is young, therefore the awkwardness of her gestures, the want of modulation in her voice, the absence of distinction in her personality, are things which hard study may correct. She has evidently intelligence and much ambition. A lively young amateur, who with true modesty and patience may yet attain to the position of an artist. At the present time she should not aspire beyond the rôle of a soubrette. She wore some wonderful dresses, but they were much too elaborate for the costume of a young French girl, with whom simplicity is considered a necessary mark of good breeding. Mr. Fernandez gave a very striking sketch of a French workman, a Communist; who, to the great regret of the audience, is shot in the second act. His son, the hero of the story, Jacques Rosny, who afterwards becomes a distinguished sculptor, is played with fine romantic intensity by Mr. Kyrle Bellew. In the love scene between the heroine and Jacques, Mrs. Potter for a few moments rose to the passion of the situation, but the inspiration faded into bathos, notwithstanding the admirable sincerity of Mr. Bellew as the lover. Miss Amy Roselle was of course very tender and touching as the mother of Jacques: her distress when she learns that Mdlle. de Bressier has been instrumental in her husband's death rose to intense tragedy. Had the leading part been in her hands a very different verdict might have been registered by a long-suffering audience. Mr. Dacre gave distinction to a small part. Mr. J. L. Shine, stout and good humoured, was strangely cast as the sculptor's youthful pupil. To Miss Fanny Brough the audience was heartily grateful for her bright spontaneity as the lively friend of the heroine. Messrs. John Maclean, Sydney Brough, Stephen Caffrey, L. Waller, and Miss Julia Gwynne formed a caste of quite exceptional strength; but all through there were frequent signs of dissatisfaction on the first night, and the curtain fell in ominous silence. The presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their guest the King of Greece, probably prevented a more emphatic protest. We may say, in conclusion, the play in the original must be a weak one, but the crudity of the translation would certainly compromise a work of the first order of merit. The English as she is spoke by Messrs. Merivale and Freeman Wills, Monsieur Delpit's adaptors, might serve for the holiday task of a boy in the fourth form.

Crystal Palace.—Splendid weather graced the Royal *fête* day, on Thursday last, when a distinguished party, comprising more "Royalties" than had ever been seen together at the Palace before, attended the grand concert, and remained to witness the fireworks and other exhibitions in the grounds. The attendance of visitors was enormously in excess of anything yet witnessed, excepting on Bank Holidays, it being estimated that upwards of 50,000 persons were present. About half-past five the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived, accompanied by the King of Denmark, the King of Greece, the Duke of Sparta, Prince George of Greece, the Crown Prince and Princess of Portugal, the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Hereditary Princess of Meiningen, and Prince and Princess Philip of Saxe-Coburg. They were joined at the entrance to the Palace by the Crown Prince of Germany and the Princess Royal of England, and the Princesses Victoria, Sophia, and Margaret of Prussia, who had come over from the Queen's Hotel, at Upper Norwood. The Royal visitors were received by Major Dickson, M.P., Chairman of the Crystal Palace Company, several of the Directors, and the Secretary, Mr. W. Gardiner; and splendid bouquets were presented to the Princess of Wales and the Crown Princess of Germany by Baroness North, wife of Major Dickson. As they were being conducted to the royal boxes the orchestra played the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," followed by hearty and prolonged cheering. The concert was a very elaborate affair, the principal singers being Mdlle. Nordica and Mr. Edward Lloyd. At the conclusion, the Handel Festival choir, consisting of 3,500 voices, sang "God save the Queen," with magnificent effect, ringing cheers following from the audience. A most enthusiastic reception was accorded to the royal party as they appeared on the balcony in front of the Palace, the cheering and waving of handkerchiefs being taken up in all parts of the grounds. Dinner was served in the Queen's Saloon, all the royal visitors remaining except the Crown Prince of Germany, who returned after the concert to Norwood. The firework display was of more than ordinary grandeur; indeed, it was pronounced to be the most lavish and sublime ever witnessed in the Palace grounds. The device entitled "A Nation's Thanks for Fifty Years of Bright Example," and the transformation scene, which consisted of a cluster of roses, shamrocks and thistles, imperceptibly changing to portraits of the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, were remarkably fine. The display of other art pieces and the flights of rockets were extraordinarily brilliant, whilst the effect produced was superb. After the fireworks the royal party drove through the grounds to witness an open air ballet, entitled "The Sculptor's Vision," which had been expressly arranged by Madame Katti Lanner, and was supported by a specially selected troupe of ladies and children of the National Training

Kingdom will favour us with a list of their
gs, &c., as we have decided to insert only those
d by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 2nd JULY.

Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
ells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
rk, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
nd, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
own and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
ndsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
nprovement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

te Rooms, Meltham
re, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
rest Hotel, Chingford
nherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
ray Hotel, Feltham
yhound Hotel, Croydon
, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

MONDAY, 4th JULY.

gh, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
ailway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
mark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

emasons' Hall, W.C.
Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
old, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
n, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
nemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
field, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
ven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
e, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
st Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
ge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
estminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
g's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
ity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
re, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
f Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

d Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
reemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
, Bull Hotel, Preston.
e, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
Ship Hotel, Faversham
, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
onic Hall, York
onic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
he Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
derick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
on, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
ces, Private Rooms, Haworth
, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
n Hotel, Brightlingsea
d Lion Hotel, Oldham
Town Hall, Holyhead
sonic Hall, Southport
asonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
d, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
p, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
ed Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
arfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
h, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
n, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
dale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
itary, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
ward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
n, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
rbet Arms, Market Drayton
ew Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
das, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
sonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
er, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
grity, Masonic Temple, Morley
ford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
ohn, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
ne, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
dham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 5th JULY.

, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
tional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
y, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
ctoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
hip Hotel, Greenwich
, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
hampion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
s, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
y, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
ugh, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
rederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
orth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)

1839—Duke of Cornwall, [illegible]
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst).

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 6th JULY.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8 (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Dartford
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1047—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, [illegible] Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Strand, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1682—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, [illegible], at 7.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
[illegible]

n Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
el, Manchester

DAY, 7th JULY.

one, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
ern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
gh Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
n, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
ns, Lewisham-road
t, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at. (Instruction)
Tavern, Highbury
Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
ern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
ound, Richmond
' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
ton Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
l, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of
., at 8. (Instruction)
Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
on, W., at 8. (Instruction)
Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
lem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
re Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
eymouth Street
Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
Hotel, New Southgate
William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
onic Hall, 33 Golden-square
ht, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
al Hotel, Haslingden
Hall, Liverpool
all, Market-place, Heywood
Hotel, Blackburn
ll, Carlton-hill, Leeds
nnly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
olson, Ashton-under-Lyne
ns' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
al Oak Inn, Chorlton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
onic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
arter Hotel Wolverhampton.
Arms, Nuneaton
all, Wells, Somersetshire.
rt Hotel, Uttoxeter
reaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
Hall, Stockton, Durham.
ooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
nic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Brimmy
an Tavern, Plumstead
Room, Commercial Street, Batley
e Ball, Bruton, Somerset
mercial Inn, Stalybridge
Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
, Elland
s' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
Topsham, Devonshire
White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
ambers, Widnes
, Norwich
ter, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
ead Hotel, Barnsley
Room, Dearn House, Lindley
on Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
k Hotel, Cheadle
Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
Breconshire
ridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
tel, Shoreham
ic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
otel, Colne, Lancashire
nsons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
masons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
reemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
asonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
onic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
onic Hall, Liverpool
d Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
emasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th JULY.

rovement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
land Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
al Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
urrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
s Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
and Tarter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
ls, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
l, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
cal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
rs' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
art, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
House Hall, Nottage Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
nprovement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
emasons' Tavern, W.C.
Portland Hotel, Langham Street, Great Portland. (Inst).
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1034—Ecclesehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesehill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 9th JULY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1453—Eus, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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ONRY AND THE FAIR SEX.

ry, and only natural, that with the thermo- oiling point, the languid mind should revert of quiet and leisure which experience has st, even in our own country: and the spirit way to old-remembered sports where tiny sands upon the beach, where, under the r of trees in forest glade, or of awning on drinks" form a fitting counterpart to mes and the most lazy of attitudes. Any- this huge bakehouse of a City and the grind," as Mr. Mantalini would say, of busi- "fresh woods and pastures new," where mental and physical powers may be re- invigorated, and that rest secured which is th the building up of the stamina which into requisition when the holiday is over.

Jubilee celebrations are nearly ended, geants have evoked all the loyal and asiasm which were to be expected of seems to turn its eyes with free will 'Leisureland," the wild dissipation of the ating, yachting, and fishing, which are always stimulating, the seclusion of inland ir lakes and falls, and all their accompany- ambles at eve on the breezy downs, and the one pleasures that are included in the holiday." Happy is the man who, with ive branches, can thus find time and means th in life-giving recreation of the kind; for, e-strung and the mind relieved of the and bustle of business life, he returns to his ons with redo.bled zest and energies equal cy that may arise. From a Masonic point e may be told with equal appropriateness, ls and fêtes have all taken place, and in a Lodges the Junior Warden's column stands can be no labour done in this sultry festivities, except they be of an *al* are simply out of the question. Thus tools are laid aside, together with the rnalia of our speculative art, until the enings bring the brethren once more e prosecution of those lofty studies which culum of our winter sessions. We congra- of our brethren who are so happily be able to bie away on the wings of ever so short a period; though it ccaled that amongst the numbers ranged er there are not a few who must, perforce, n merely an occasional day in the country. aks in the monotony of existence, particularly season of the year, come none the less ause of their infrequency. The schoolboy unexpected half-holiday once a month, ore jollity out of it than he ever finds it dinary occasions of a respite from the desk d so it is with children of larger growth

the approach of the cooler mornings and evenings o August and September, will alike find opportunities o renewing old, and making new, acquaintanceships, o grasping the hands of brethren whose hearts grow fonder by a twelvemonth's absence, and of forming othe circles of friends amidst the amenities which are so cha racteristic of people when "on pleasure bent." There i a "free-and-easiness" about the whole affair which is it chief and most piquant recommendation. To fling yoursel upon the sandy beach without fear of soiling your loos lounge jacket; to lie at length under the shadow of a old boat, while the breezes steal gently through you unbuttoned vest, dreamily watching the white-winge craft that pass silently along the panoramic scene; wha could be more conducive to peace of mind or health o body? The early matutinal "dip in the briny," the meal which you are able to attack with a voracious appetit unknown in the conventional home circle; the band upo the promenade, and the cruising about in boats in the coo of the evening, are visions conjured up at this time year by all of us who have experienced such a change o air and scene in days gone by. Sorely as rain is neede just now in all parts of the country, let it be hoped that will be vouchsafed to us at such times and seasons as wi least interfere with the pleasure of our friends who ar "on the wing," so that on their return, with countenance bronzed by the sun, and nerves braced up by the ozone the sea, they may be better able to "buckle" to the worl both commercially and Masonically, they will be calle upon to perform when the signal is given for a gener return to labour.

There is one feature of this glad summer time alway looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations, not onl by the brethren themselves, but even more so by the spouses and sweethearts, and all their acquaintances either sex. Within the next couple of months there wi be witnessed a series of out-door entertainments, in whic the ladies will take the most prominent, and of course th most charming, part; when the ripple of conversation an laughter will vie with the cadences of sweet music fro between the shrubberies, in breaks amongst which th votaries of Terpsichore are plying their nimble feet, und the friendly shelter of umbrageous foliage. The banquet cool and perfectly ventilated pavilion, the musical accom paniment, and—best of all, the briefest of after dinn speeches—combine to make up the staple bill of fare unt the shadows lengthen on the greensward, and the gyratio of the waltz or quadrille can be indulged in with impuni up to the time when the glow-worm deems it proper "light its tiny lamp"—aye and long after, even by th pale effulgence of the "parish lantern." It will universally admitted by all classes of our readers th these summer meetings are most enjoyable of their kind, an many fair friends are smacking their lips over the gauzie of dresses they are making up for the approaching *réunion* The Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, leads off next with the annual trip to Brighton, where, as we have alread mentioned, a most attractive programme will be presente by Bro. W. Walker, the popular Worshipful Master, an his coadjutors. According to present prospects nothi

asy distance from the metropolis. The Wor-
er of this solid old Centenary Lodge, Bro. Abel
already shown us the stuff he is made of, and
ability in carrying out whatever he undertakes
ary; so that, under favourable circumstances
r, there can be no shadow of apprehension as
which will attend this gathering. The Kempton
tte have again placed at the disposal of the
hole of their charmingly picturesque grounds,
nd, pavilion, &c., and those who were present
ll vividly recollect the pleasantries of that
ok forward to Tuesday, the 19th inst., with all
vidity on that account. Several other Lodges
in similar preparations for the delectation of
of both sexes, and we can only hope that each
em will go as merry as marriage bells. These
calculated to produce vast and permanent
he Craft, by promoting the interchange of
g and goodwill, and rubbing off those social
crescences which are apt to obtrude at times
nities. Whilst, therefore, sending our heartiest
along with those who have gone farther afield
rest and relaxation, we sincerely hope that
e anticipating briefer respites from every day
njoy themselves to their heart's content.

HESE MUST BE DONE.

efore the Grand Lodge of California, 13th
6, by Bro. Morris March Estee.

s something sublime in the thought that
the ages, in the gloom of the unremembered
ery boyhood of man, there was a Society whose
e founded upon the equal rights of man, and
e of the creation of this Society cannot be
y historical event. Conspicuous among the
Masonry is the belief that it existed before
f profane history, before Socrates taught his
osophy, before Demosthenes thundered his
st Philip of Macedon, before Rome existed,
re the Christian era erected a new mile-stone
ay of nations.

y the old and the new are blended, the
overnment of the patriarchs and the freedom
ublics are made to harmonise together, and
f the remote ages serve to shed new light
gloaming of the present. The quaint rituals
and the faith which one Mason is taught to
her, are lessons which indicate in a most
e the simple character of those who lived in
od of man's existence; and these must have
inspiration from the patriarchal age.

d the new differ in this, that the richer people
the more enlightened they are, the more
commercial are their instincts. A warm
t often go with great business intellectual
as business knowledge is principally the
dollars. In this age man believes what he
n what he is told. These facts would seem
heir face, if none others existed, the proof of
of our Order; but its antiquity does not alone
neration; it is not the number of its years,
which we most admire.

matters but little whether Masonry existed
ndred years ago, or before the pyramids, for
that it existed before books were printed,
wder was invented, and before America was
steamboats dreamed of. We know that rail-
phs, telephones, and steam engines were not
when Masonry was being exemplified over a
of the world. We know that new nations
eated and old ones have passed away; that
vellous inventions have been made, and that
history has been written and re-written over
in since Masonry was first taught to man;
ples of Masonry are but little changed, because

recent past. Masonry has advanced with the tide of events, and progressed with the march of human intelligence. It has been a learner and teacher among men, but it has learned only in its business relations with the outside world. Its spirit, its soul, is the same as of old; and whether we note its lessons in practical Masonry, as exemplified in the construction of King Solomon's Temple, or its sublimer lessons in human charity and Christian benevolence, everywhere and in all ages it has been an educator.

To-day it is the same grand old Order as it was at the beginning. Its great age has not brought with it decrepitude or nurtured the seed of decay, for it survives now on what it does to-day. It carves out its own history as fast as the fleeting present passes by. We must admit that it is a human organization, with many human frailties, and not destitute of human faults; that it makes mistakes and corrects them; but the mistakes our Order makes are but the proof of our humanity. The remedies we afford come from the inspiration of a Divine Providence, and these represent the generous, the charitable side of man.

If we are to believe tradition, there is a peculiar romance about the early organization of our Order. It came into existence in the far East, amid the grandest specimens of God's handiwork, and in an age of faith that reached even beyond the skies. It was cradled under the fostering care of the patriarchs, and the sacred precepts of prophecy and religion formed the corner-stone of the edifice. Yet Masonry acknowledges no sect but the human race, no religion but that taught in the Bible, whose God was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In the early times Masonry was a peace-offering to the world, and indeed in war it has been a conspicuous messenger of peace. In peace it has been the advance guard in the march of human freedom. Founded upon inspired religion and controlled by law, it acknowledges alike its duty to religion, good order, and regular government. Though every Lodge is a little republic, yet it flourishes under the shades of monarchies, and amid the benign influences of the most perfect democracy, for the whole human family is its children, and the whole world its home.

It is especially suited to the practical charities of every day life, for ostentation finds no place in Masonry. Though it is a human organization and conforms to the customs of the peoples of all lands, yet its creed is, and ever has been, to "do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." Its lessons give hope and courage to the poor and ignorant, and lower the pride of the rich and the envious. Whatever else may be said of it, it is a great leveller of men, but it seeks the highest plain for its level, and on that plain all are equal.

True, we are sometimes wearied with its plain and oft-repeated lessons as heard in the Lodge-room, as we become annoyed at the rays of the blazing sun; but, like the sun, this Order gives hope and life to all the world. No man can be a good Mason who is not a patriot and true to his country, yet Masonry has no pride, no distinct nationality. There is no boundary line that marks the limit of its usefulness, and the whole earth is its home. Still, each jurisdiction is within some national authority which Masonry is bound to obey. This is true because the language of Masonry is universal; it speaks in every tongue and is known in every land. The most benighted and most ignorant of men can understand its great truths and appreciate them. Its very simplicity is its greatest strength, for it is intended for all men and all ages, past and to come. It has been well said that Masonry has been the most remarkable and the most illustrious organization ever known in history, because it has brought, and still brings, into one family and under one control all classes of people, from the prince down to the humblest cottager. It makes no distinction of place, and confers no honour except for real merit, for after all its only glory is the good it does.

We often expect too much of Masonry, and we always expect too much of Masons. Masons are human beings, and Masonry can only make the Mason the best of his kind. The Masonic Order therefore cannot be any

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say that Masons, even in the distribution
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Institution is judged by the character of
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firm foundation, but when the house is so
support its tottering walls against every
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the law of the land imposes upon them;
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ep a good man out of the Order. Absolute
ng principle of Masonry. It is most im-
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it is a direct violation of Masonic usages to
become a member of our Order. Let those
ow us seek us, and they will find what we
it be known that we are not trying to out-
associations, or to excel them in popularity,
will seek admission to the Craft, and bad
us. It is the best men we want, not the
at mistake after all is that we are trying to
sonry too much. By this I mean that we
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of Masonry, when in fact we should only seek
y good man's esteem and not to expect his

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portant (though it has no politics and belongs
because it teaches respect to organised
d obedience to law, and because every Lodge-
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n the great organization of which he is a
which he may rise step by step to the highest
gift. Thus a laudable ambition is encouraged
f the young, which reaches its full fruition
ears.
in the Lodge-room the impetuosity of youth
the milder counsels of age and experience.
he young in the Lodge are on an even plain,
rights; and yet every member has to earn
long and faithful service. Promotion in our
ften a matter of accident, and never should
ocial position or electioneering devices. It
breath of heaven comes, to strengthen and
t to weaken or destroy. Masonry holds out
man a higher and loftier aim in life than
by the reward which comes of gratified am-
ves every member the opportunity to benefit
. The consciousness of duty performed; the
e has lived with a purpose, and that purpose
that he has made bright spots along the path-
; that he has given to the poor and cared for
t he has buried the dead and made glad the
stranger; are among the higher aims and
es of Masons and Masonry. Whatever else
one, these *must* be done. Failing in these, we
best and noblest purposes of the Order.

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mistake in Bro. Lane's book was discovered by him
self, and that the said mistake referred to something in th
paragraph relating to Lodge No. 79. To my surprise
however, I find that Bro. Lane was doubly mistaken
for what he thought wrong was right, and *vice versa*
Briefly, the paragraph in Bro. Lane's book is given thus:

THE HOOP, IN WATER STREET, PHILADELPHIA - - 173
This is the Dublin List of 1735. *Warranted for America*
but probably Warrant never used.
CASTLE, IN HIGHGATE, LONDON - - - - 173

Now the fault Bro. Lane found in the above was fo
placing "1731" at the side of the Philadelphia Lodge. H
seems to have believed that both charters were issued i
1732, but the truth is, assuming that two charters wit
No. 79 were issued, or, as he once believed, but doubts now
that the Dublin reprinter of the "Pocket Companion
copied "The Hoop," &c., from the Lodge List of 1731
then the Philadelphia Lodge must have been chartered i
1731, for how could a Lodge that was chartered in 173
have been engraved on a Lodge List of 1731?

The "Highgate," No. 79, must also have originated i
1731, for it is an indisputable fact that in all the Lodg
Lists from 1731-2 to 1737 inclusive, No. 79 is on the sai
lists placed between Nos. 78 and 80, and as no one doubt
that 78 and 80 were constituted in 1731, hence No. 7
must also have been constituted in 1731.

But, says Bro. Lane, the Highgate No. 79 did not pa
for its warrant before November 1732, hence he imagine
that it was chartered in 1732. However, I than
Bro. Lane for enabling me to show that his reasoning
not O.K., for his article in the *Freemason*, of 19th March
shows that Lodges constituted in June and in August 173
did not pay for their respective warrants before 15t
November 1732. Bro. Lane then proves in the first plac
that it was customary in those days to trust new Lodge
for the payment of their Charters, and second, that th
payment made by the said Lodge in November did n
affect their real dates of constitution; hence our No.
at Highgate remained, and continued to remain, a Lodg
constituted in 1731, though it did not pay for its Chart
before 1732.

But the greatest mistake, and the parent of all subsequen
errors Bro. Lane was led into, was, for putting any faith
the Dublin reprinter of the Pocket Companion of 173
Among those errors was his denial that Lodge No. 79 d
not hold its meetings in Highgate in 1731, and that th
Grand Lodge of England chartered a multiplicity
seventy-niners, one of which Lodges was in Philadelphi
another in Highgate, and still another was in Litt
St. Martin's Lane. While I maintain that the Lodge
the Hoop, in Philadadelphia, if there was a Lodge ther
was never chartered by the Grand Lodge of England
any time, and that the Highgate Lodge of 1731—havi
been erased from the Lists during 1733 and 1734—w
restored by the Grand Lodge in 1735.

From Anderson I learn that on the 19th February 17
the Grand Lodge ordered that

"The Officers of particular Lodges shall bring to th
Grand Lodge the list of the members of their respecti
Lodges, to be inserted in the Grand Lodge book."

A similar order was issued early in 1731, not f
"particular Lodges," but for all the Lodges. The ord
was obeyed; a book was provided for that purpose, a
one of its pages is headed with "No. 79, Castle in Hig
gate," which was followed with the names of twenty-
members. This I saw with my own eyes, in 1880, but
course did not examine the book with the care Bro. La
did. Bro. Gould copied the headings from all the pages
the said book, which forms his List No. 11, at the he
of which Bro. Gould quotes from the original, "List of t
names of the members of all the regular Lodges," &
and the last number on Bro. Gould's list is 104, and
followed with the List. Now, the same as I follow
Anderson about the engraved Lodge Lists, I follow
Bro. Gould also. I confess that I have made so
mistakes elsewhere, when trusting to memory. In no ca
however, was it done for the purpose of bettering

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y this, however, I do not mean to depreciate
n the contrary, I mean to recommend its
erever I can. Indeed, I believe that the Grand
worthily bestow £1000 on Bro. Lane for the
rendered to Masonic students by compiling
rk. But I claim the right to point out an
is calculated to confirm my good, innocent
n brethren in their delusion that Philadelphia
sh Charter either in 1731 or 1735. And I
t if Bro. Lane was universally regarded as a
Masonry, I would not hesitate to fight him
on the No. 79 question.

nestion is: Was No. 79 re-created from new
735, as Bro. Lane maintains? Or was the
Lodge of 1731 merely restored to its original
? In order to show that dormant Lodges
by the Grand Lodge before 1735, I pointed
42 and 67 were vacant in the Lodge List of
t in Rawlinson's Lodge List of 1733 the
oth Lodges were filled up. And I further
that no law existed in the forenoon of
y 1735 to debar the Grand Lodge in the
he same day from restoring No. 79 to its old
e above argument Bro. Lane triumphantly

blanks [of 42 and 67] on the 1731-2 List do
Norton's case at all, but are strong evidence
on of the inference I drew that there was
not say where it was located) having No. 79
at which subsequently appeared at the Castle

while still believing in a previous existing
eemingly lost faith now that a No. 79 was in
and I venture to add that if his mind
addled by the Dublin blunderer of 1735,
uld never have suspected of there ever having
an one No. 79 in 1731, 1734, or at any other

d Lodge records (continues Bro. Lane) con-
evidence I know of that will assist in the
the question. No. 42, warranted 25th May
ing Henry 8th's Head, St. Andrew-street,
n Dials,' appears only in the Grand Lodge
three meetings—in June, November and
28. After that period it never attended, and
he Lists in 1731-1733. A Lodge, however,
he 13th December 1733 at the Salutation,
which bore the same No. 42, no less than five
e period when the original Lodge ceased to be

Bro. Lane, what reason he has for supposing
ge of 1725, after a suspension of five years,
red in 1733? Surely no law existed in 1733
Grand Lodge from restoring the said Lodge,
suspension of five years; and if the Grand
ed a Lodge that was dormant five years in
uld it not restore No. 79 in 1735 after being
two or three years?

evidently perceived that his reasoning about
not quite conclusive, so his more decisive
scharged against No. 67. He says,

gain, is still more conclusive. Warranted on the
1730, at Dick's Coffee House, Gravel-street,
en: it attended Grand Lodge for the last time
f August in the same year. Then it ceased,
having been of very short duration, and was
the Lists. Late, however, in 1738 (I give
uthority of Anderson, its first attendance at
being 31st January 1739), a Lodge appears
, at St. Giles, with the same number 67, an
ght years having elapsed since the attendance
l Lodge. On Bro. Norton's own showing the
ust have been erased by virtue of the Grand
February 1735."

nent above quoted, viz, that No. 67 had no
eight years; that is, from 1730 to 1738,
nished me. I, therefore, not only re-examined

Dick's Coffee House, in Gravel Street	16 April 1730
Hatton Garden, London - - - - -	1730
Castle, St. Giles' - - - - - - -	1733
Blank 1737	
Castle, St. Giles' - - - - - - -	1738

Now which statement of Bro. Lane is correct? In the Freemason's Chronicle he virtually asserts that No. 67 was dead for eight successive years, and that the No. 67 of 1738 was not the original No. 67 of 1730, while in his own book he admits that No. 67 was alive at the "Castle, at St. Giles'," in 1733 and after; that it was erased, or "blank," in 1737, and that it was again at the "Castle, in St. Giles'," in 1738. Hence, instead of being absent from the List for eight years, it was absent only one year.

The next question is, why was No. 67 expelled in 1737? Bro. Lane, indeed, says, "On Bro. Norton's own showing the old Lodge must have been erased, by virtue of the Grand Lodge law of the 24th February 1735." But I showed no such thing, for I did not know that it was expelled in 1737; I really believe that if the said Lodge had been expelled in 1737, for violating the law of February 1735, that it would not have been restored in 1738. But may not the Lodge have been erased in 1737 for an offence which did not debar the Grand Lodge from restoring it to its original rank even after it was vacant more than a year? The Lodge of Antiquity, for instance, was erased from the Lists for many years, but when it repented and promised to sin no more, it was restored to its old rank. Now, we all know that between 1735 and about 1740, owing to some real or imaginary grievances, a number of Lodges rebelled against the Grand Lodge, and some of these Lodges were afterwards restored. For instance, in the No. 12 List of the "Four Old Lodges," the last Lodge in it being No. 152, dated 31st December 1736, I find but one blank, viz., No. 64; but in the next List (2nd edition of the Pocket Companion), wherein the last Lodge, No. 160, is dated 20th April 1737, I find the following numbers vacant, viz., 2, 17, 26, 28, 29, 41, 58, 64, 67, 100, 115, 116 and 120—sum total 13 Lodges, and twelve of these were erased within a little more or less than a year. On examining the 1740 List I find that Nos. 17, 26 and 67 were restored. The most probable conclusion I can, therefore, come to is, that most of the said Lodges were not expelled for ceasing to meet for more than twelve months; or, in other words, for having violated the law of February 1735, but they were expelled for rebellion, and among those so expelled were Nos. 17, 26, and 67. These Lodges having made submission, were restored; and from the unrestored Lodges sprang up afterwards the brood now known as "Ancients." Take it, therefore, all in all, I think that Bro. Lane's reasoning about No. 67 is as inconclusive as his previous reasoning about No. 42.

To show, however, that a newly-created Lodge could not have been suffered by the Grand Lodge of that time to assume the rank and number of an old extinct Lodge, I herewith give the law passed by the Grand Lodge, 27th of December 1726, viz.:—

"The precedency of Lodges is grounded on the seniority of their Constitution."

Now, with the above law before me, I cannot see how the Grand Lodge at any time could have allowed entire newly formed Lodges to take precedency of older Lodges by assuming the numbers of extinct Lodges. Such was, indeed, the practice among the Ancients, but I do not believe that the Moderns have ever done so.

Boston, U.S., 23rd May 1887.

A handsome stained glass window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor of Berners-street, has been erected in the Baptistry of Harleston Church, the gift of Mrs. Hazard, whose family have been generous donors to the Church in the past. The subject of the window is "Christ blessing little children."

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FURNISHED APARTMENTS.

NORTH FINCHLEY.—3 or 4 rooms; separate kitchen; with or

ed bitter persecutions. The first case
e Revival of 1717, occurred in Holland
In the fall of that year a crowd of
house at Amsterdam, where a Lodge
be held, and destroyed the furniture
Lodge. The States General, yielding
, prohibited future meetings of all
ever, continued to meet at a private
and members were arrested and taken
justice. The Master and Wardens
with great ability, and while acknow-
could not prove the innocence of the
lic exposure of their secret doctrines,
ite any person in the confidence of the
ight then give them information upon
pend. This offer was accepted and the
mediately initiated, whose report so
s that shortly after all the magistrates
rsons of the town became members and
he Order.

7, the authorities harboured a fear that
ncealed in their Lodges designs hostile
, and meetings of Lodges were pro-
-Masonic feeling did not last long,
t instance of government interference
when a Lodge meeting was dispersed,
jewels seized and the landlord fined

malice of a few females had been
disappointed curiosity, and they suc-
communicating their fears to the
heresa, who issued an order for the
ll Masons in Vienna, when in Lodge
measure was, however, frustrated by
Emperor Francis Joseph I., who was
ed his power in protecting his brethren.
s by the church in Italy and other
have been the most extensive and
r. In 1738 Pope Clement XII. issued
ainst Freemasons. After reciting what
nd public rumour does not permit us to
" he proceeds to enjoin all Bishops,
naries to punish the Freemasons "with
ich they deserve, as people greatly
, having recourse, if necessary, to the
is "secular arm" was interpreted by
church to mean "that no person shall
t any Lodge of the said society, nor be
heir meetings, under pain of death and
ds, the said penalty to be without hope
velfare against the Order under this bull
prosecuted but the vigilance of the
in the course of time, and in 1751,
the issuing of the bull, Lodges were
in the "Eternal City" itself!

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States Freemasonry received its first
t 1830. William Morgan, a dissolute
sident of New York State, published a
of Freemasonry. He had been im-
nd as he disappeared shortly after being
oldly charged by the enemies of the
been abducted, and anti-Masonic fanatics
e had been murdered; a most thorough
n, however, failed to find a particle of
h such an accusation could be founded.
flame was fanned to a white heat,
Masonic parties were formed, papers
minate anti-Masonic intelligence, and
began, which continued for nearly
e anti-Masonic feeling soon spread into
that State the excitement and ill-will
malicious work done by a number of
he city of Philadelphia—the cradle of
riocity was excited by the so-called
. They pretended to be Masons and
t opened a mock lodge in a gloomy
ing to initiate a young man of that

succeeded in electing a Governor, who, on being inducted into office, said: "The people have willed the destruction of all secret societies, and that will cannot be disregarded." A committee was appointed by the House of Representatives to investigate *the evils* of Freemasonry. Eminent brethren of the Order in the State were summoned as witnesses, but they protested against the authority assumed by the committee to compel them to appear. A resolution was then adopted authorizing the issue of attachments to compel the attendance of the delinquents. On being brought before the bar of the House, they refused to be sworn, and one of them, ex-Gov. Dalls, protested in the following ringing words: "I am a member of the society of Freemasons . . . . I will not consent to hold my rights and liberties of private intercourse, private sentiments, and private business, subject to the domiciliary visitations, the changeable majority, or the ideal policy of any body of men, whatever." These manifestations of moral heroism on the part of the witnesses, and the fact that the inquisitorial committee had violated the supreme law of that commonwealth, caused a reaction, and it was prosecuted no further. This practically ended the anti-Masonic crusade.

From this time forward Freemasons have been permitted to practise their art unmolested, and the Order has been going onward and upward until it has attained its present lofty altitude, standing above things of its nature, like the "Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World."—*Freemasons' Repository.*

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY.

A MEETING of the Provincial Priory of Kent and Surrey was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington-street, Dartford, under the banner of the Lullingstone Preceptory. That Preceptory having been opened in due form and the minutes read, the E.P. elect, Sir Knight C. Vincent Cotterill, was ably and eloquently installed by Sir Knight Ward, P.E.P of the Black Prince Preceptory of Canterbury, in the regrettable absence of the Great Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was announced to perform the ceremony, but was unavoidably detained at the last moment. The Officers were then appointed, and the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., &c., assumed the chair, and having declared Provincial Priory open, called upon the acting Registrar to read the minutes of the last provincial meeting, which was held at Richmond, July 1886, under the banner of the Harcourt Preceptory. These being duly confirmed, a vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Registrar, Sir Knight Bro, who for many years had ably fulfilled the duties of Registrar, and the acting Treasurer's accounts were presented and passed, the same showing a satisfactory balance in hand.

The V.E. Prov. Prior then proposed Sir Knight Bateman as Treasurer; this was seconded by the Sub Prior; and no other name being submitted, that Sir Knight was unanimously elected to fill the office.

The V.E. Prov. Prior then appointed and invested the Provincial Officers, as follow:—

Sir Kt.	Col. Haldane	Prov. Sub. Prior
"	Rev. H. Cummings	Prov. Prelate
"	Wood	Prov. Chancellor
"	Cotterill	Prov. Constable
"	H. Penfold	Prov. Marshal
"	Bateman	Prov. Registrar
"	Col. Hartley	Prov. Sub. Mars.
"	Lawrence	Prov. Almoner
"	Weddell	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
"	Cobham	Prov. 2nd Std. Br.
"	George	Prov. Herald
"	Mauclark	Prov. Capt. of G.
"	G. Harrison	Prov. Equerry

The Prov. Sub. Prior called attention to the necessity of revision of the by-laws, and provincial forms of various kinds, and a Sub-Committee was appointed to carry out the same, consisting of Sir Knights Col. Haldane, Rev. H. Cummings, and A. H. Bateman.

A sum of £10 10s was voted to the Girls' School, on the proposition of Sir Knight Haldane, seconded by the V.E. Prov. Prior, and a similar sum of £10 10s was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, on the motion of Sir Knight Rev. H. Cummings, seconded by Sir Knight Bateman. Provincial Priory was then duly closed, and Lullingstone Preceptory being also closed according to ancient usage, the Sir Knights partook of refreshment, under the presidency of Sir Knight Col. Haldane, Sub. Prior, the V.E. the Provincial Prior being compelled to return to town, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily honoured.

The visitors included Sir Knights Matier, Col. Saunders, Dr.

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Colchester, when, in addition to the installa- r W.M., the proceedings were vested with he presentation of a valuable testimonial to Bro. has discharged the duties of Secretary to the nd who at the recent Masonic Gathering at the noured by the M.W.G.M. with the Past rank of irector of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of vas opened by the W.M., Bro. A. S. B. Sparling, in the Wardens' chairs by Bros. G. Harrison and ter disposing of the usual preliminary business, a Masters was formed, and Bro. Harrison P.M. 1828 the ceremony being admirably performed by the n the re-admission of the brethren, the newly s saluted with full Masonic honours, and he then st his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. I., Frank Quilter S.W., F. Horsman J.W., Rev. .M. 697 P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Alfred Welch P.M. , Thomas J. Ralling P.M. P.A.G.D.C. England sex Secretary, F. Reichter S.D., S. D. C. Ablitt es P.M. P.P.A.G. Secretary D.C., Charles Osmond nist, E. C. H. Jones I.G., C. Grey, H. E. Williams s Stewards, Simon Munson Tyler, and Arthur yler. Votes of thanks were accorded to the out- able manner in which he had performed the ny, and to the newly-installed Master for the gift cers' collars. The W.M. was appointed a repre- odge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. f business about sixty brethren and Visitors par- is banquet at the Cups Hotel, a most enjoyable by the manager, Bro. Edwards. The prefatory duly honoured, Bro. Welch proposed the Grand ne course of a lengthy and eloquent speech he more intimately connected with the gathering of rved that the Province of Essex was justly inction which the Grand Master had conferred ting Brother Ralling to fill the high office Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the cheers nembers of the Angel Lodge and the Chapter ing when the Prince shook hands with him appointment was a true indication of the he was personally held, as well as an evidence of heir appreciation of the honour conferred upon one rs. It was difficult to say in the presence of Bro. uld do if he were absent; but he ventured to assert, tradiction, and in the full assurance that he should assent of every member of the Lodge, there did d a a more indefatigable and thoroughly efficient had proved himself to be during the long period had the benefit of his services. When, several elevated to the position of Prov. Grand Secretary, was hailed throughout the Province with general proval, and they all knew how thoroughly well his duties had been performed. And now that he had higher distinction of becoming a member of Grand been a generally expressed desire to evince in some satisfaction with which the appointment had been rethren, especially those of the Angel Lodge and

An idea suggested itself to several of the mem- ropriate way in which to testify to Bro. Ralling atulations upon the honour he had received at the d Master, as well as to mark their high sense of ces he had rendered to Masonry in the Province, asked to accept a present of the clothing worn by and Lodge, together with a gold jewel of his office. he idea was due to Bros. Turner and Ives, and in sentation should be entirely divested of any mere it was decided that the matter should not be en Lodge, nor any vote of its funds asked for the the subscriptions should be confined entirely to nds who were anxious thus to testify their feelings r excellent brother. It was, however, very soon ose who claimed to be personal friends of Brother l nearly every member of the Angel Lodge and of the Royal Arch. The numerous letters addressed n whose names he had mentioned would in them- t gratifying and highly interesting volume. Every ception, bore testimony of the writer's appreciation valuable services to the cause of Masonry in the abounded in expressions of personal regard and tion. The only regret mentioned—and it was one occurs—was that by the terms of invitation they d from making their subscription of a larger amount dest sum which had been fixed as the limit. Under tances a presentation of this character would be rshipful Master, but he had with a graceful and mity, foregone that pleasure in order to emphasise nitiative had not an official character, but was the f the brethren themselves.

o. Ralling, Bro. Welch said: In asking you, Bro. this jewel, together with the Masonic clothing of scarcely assure you of the unanimous and hearty ch accompany the gift. You will have the proud owing that there does not exist in the breast of any aternity, however eminent he may be, or however Lodge of England and the Angel Lodge of Colchester. Brethren, I give you "The Grand Officers of England," and couple with that toast the name of Bro. Ralling.

The jewel having been affixed to Bro. Ralling's breast, amidst prolonged and hearty congratulations, the "guest of the evening" thanked the brethren of his "dear old Angel Lodge" for associating his name with the most important toast with which it could be connected, and he could assure them he felt very deeply the responsibility resting upon him. He believed he was almost the first initiate of the Angel Lodge—at all events, within living memory—who had been able to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers and he felt it to be a great honour and a great responsibility. The high honour that had lately been conferred upon him was one of which, no doubt, he had just reason to be proud, but at the same time he trusted he should never forget that it had not been conferred upon him for any personal worth, but that he had been made the humble medium of honouring the Province of Essex in this year of Jubilee. He confessed, however, that it was a source of great satisfaction to him to believe that in this matter he had the goodwill of the large majority of his Essex brethren, and he was warranted in this belief by the many kind, congratulatory letters he had received from all parts of the Province. But what perhaps had given him most pleasure was the very hearty way in which the members of his mother Lodge—those amongst whom his Masonic and public life was chiefly spent—had come forward with their good wishes. There was a trite saying that "a prophet has no honour in his own country." That certainly was not his case, for this was not the first occasion on which he had been marked out for special favour. Twelve years ago the brethren kindly presented him, as a mark of their esteem, with an address and a valuable watch, which he always carried with him, and showed to his friends with pleasure and pride; and the present occasion had been availed of by them to further assure him of their goodwill, in the handsome gift he saw before him. In one of their ceremonies they were reminded that "to reign sovereign in the arts and affections of men is far preferable than to rule over their lives and fortunes." From the time he first joined the Craft, and specially since he had had the honour to hold office in the Lodge, it had been his earnest endeavour to merit the goodwill of all. It was in the nature of things that at times they might not have seen eye to eye upon all matters; but that in the main his labours had given satisfaction was shown by this splendid token of their affection. He felt he did not deserve half the kind things Bro. Welch had said of him, but he thanked them all from the bottom of his heart for their great kindness, and promised them that, whether as an officer or in the "otium" of a P.M., it would as long as he lived be his great pleasure to serve the Lodge collectively or any individual member connected with it. He could not sit down without expressing his deep obligation to Bros. Turner and Ives for their kindness in reference to this matter. He felt sure it had been to them a labour of love; at the same time he appreciated very much the trouble they had taken in the matter, and he assured them he was deeply grateful. He thanked them all for the very handsome jewel and clothing. Whenever he wore it he should be reminded, not only of the kindness with which they had received him that night, but with which they always had and always did receive him. The jewel, which is of 18-carat gold bears, the following inscription:—

"Presented by Brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, and Companions of the Patriotic Chapter, to W. Bro. T. J. Ralling P.M. and P.Z. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex, together with the Grand Lodge clothing, upon appointment to the office of P.A.G.D.C. England, as a mark of respect and esteem, and in acknowledgment of his valuable services as Secretary and Scribe E."

Several complimentary toasts followed, interspersed with music, and a very happy and harmonious evening was passed.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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NORTON'S ORDINALL.

THE real date of the "Theatrum Chemicum" is 1652, not 1610, as appears in your last, owing no doubt to the indistinctness of my figures. I hope other correspondents of yours will contribute to the enlargement of your readers' "ideas" on this and cognate matters.

SPERO.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey is fixed to be held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, under the presidency of Bro. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master. The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the Prov. G. Master, been placed under the direction of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No 463, Croydon. The brethren will attend divine service at the Parish Church at half past four o'clock, when a sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. Herbert Turner, Rector

al Grand Master, Bros. Charles Greenwood H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D., Thos. Moreton, Geo. A. C. Greenwood, J. H. Hawkins, and four been opened in form, was advanced, when wood and William Ely Potter were passed bs-quently a banquet took place, when the onoured, and the brethren separated at an

NTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

the 1st inst., the installation of Bro. J. T. of this Lodge took place at the Railway was the occasion of one of the largest and sentative gatherings of the members of the place here. The W.M.-elect was presented A. Duckett I.P.M. and Dr. H. M. Kemmis y was very ably performed by the Very ovincial Grand Master Bro. R. C. Else visiting brethren included Bros. Rev. Chas. P.P.G. Chaplain, John C. Hunt P.M. 135 nons P.M. 135 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, P.G. Pursuivant, W. Adams 261 P.P.G.D.C., l, W. Bidgood P.M. 261, G. E. Alford W.M. 99, R. Jones W.M. 1295, W. M. Rice P.M. 3, W. A. Woodley, S. J. Laver 1199, A. H. and C. R. Humphrey J.D. 2038. Several congratulation addressed to Bro. Dunsford om other brethren throughout the Province, James Cook P.M. 135. The W.M. appointed zing as his staff of Officers for the year ett I.P.M., T. Floyd Norris S.W., C. L. Fry J.W., Rev. J. C. Lyons Chaplain, J. Burnett Wade P.M. Secretary, Dr. H. M. Kemmis S.D., Dr. Peskett J.D., J. Blain Sincock I.G., Holmes and T. Hicks Stewards, W. Woodward hich followed, under the presidency of the ché description, reflecting much credit on ts numbering between forty and fifty. The gone through, the health of the W.M. being nours, and in responding to that of the e, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master at the Earl of Carnarvon R.W.P.G.M. would meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at he 15th inst., when he hoped there would be en from all parts of the Province. Congratuon the fact that at the recent annual Festival Boys' Masonic Institution, Bros. Duckett and Stewards, contributed as large a sum as £130 ropic Lodge.

ing of the General Committee of the tution for Boys was held on Saturday masons' Hall, when there was a full presidency of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., re was a large number of petitions for list of candidates for the October possible, was prepared, and eleven A grant towards the outfit of an nd a vote of thanks to the Chairman

amused with the arrogance displayed f-constituted "supporters," but the ere, if we may rely on the following, an "exchange":—

he meeting of Lodge —— our readers will y Bro. ——, a visitor to the Lodge, namely, the conclusion t at the paper (——) was not es got column after column, month after e never even mentioned. This looked to him e it existed he for one would not give the n reply, we may state that we cannot be unts of meetings we are never asked to visit, o receive notice of Lodge meetings. Secondly, is concerned, the support afforded by him

, we also have found the "deadheads" icult to satisfy, however zealously we please.

mbra and Bowel Complaints.—These maladies ...

Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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The Freemason Jubilee Number. London: *Freemason* Office, Great Queen-street, W.C.

It may be rather late to speak of a production which has won the admiration of all who have seen it, both for elegance of design and comprehensiveness of matter; but those considerations in themselves must be our excuse for any apparent tardiness in the way of notice. The Jubilee number stands alone, as the concentration of an enormous bulk of information interesting to all Freemasons, and there is not a member of the Craft but should be in possession of a copy—*i.e.*, if he can get it. The introductory pages give an elaborate sketch of "Royal Masons"—scions of Reigning Houses—who have donned the lambskin apron since A.D. 1717. A long list is given of the "Royalties" who have figured in the Craft, both in this and other countries; and the recapitulation is eminently valuable for reference on subjects that are often the matter of inquiry. Under the heading of "The Queen and the Craft," Bro. G. Blizard Abbott dilates on Freemasonry in English-speaking communities during the Victorian Era. Full information is given of previous Grand Masters, from the Duke of Sussex to the present date, with all the salient features of their respective reigns over the Craft. The Masonic Charitable Institutions and Associations are described, with elaborate returns as to the work each has accomplished; and these sketches are accompanied by views of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Benevolent Institution, from photographs by Bro. Bedford Lemaire, of the Strand, Mark Masonry, Masonic Knight-Templary, and other Masonic Systems in the United Kingdom, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, are also given, with portraits of eminent Masons in this and other countries. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. treats learnedly of Royal Masonic medals of England; and there is a lengthy and detailed record of the Masonic Celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee at Albert Hall, of which all, whether present or not, will be glad to preserve an account. A great many other subjects are dealt with, in very interesting manner, and we repeat that no Mason should be without this standing work of information and reference. The marvel is that so valuable a collection of Masonic matter could have been brought together in such elegant form at the ridiculously low price of sixpence.

The 19th Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund connected with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be celebrated on the 20th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Amherst M.W. P.G.M. of M.M.M., and Prov. Grand Master of the Craft Province of Kent will preside, and a large and distinguished assemblage of Mark Master Masons is expected. Dinner will be served at six o'clock precisely.

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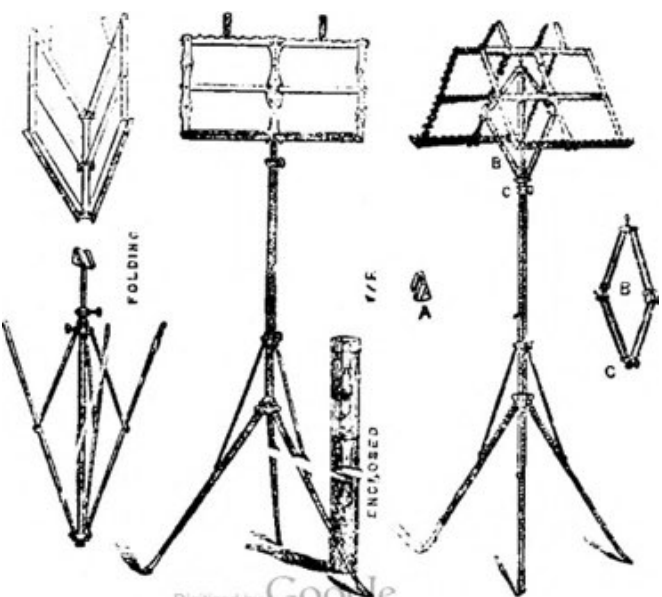

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Four additional cases are deferred for consideration by the Quarterly Court on the 11th inst.

The chair will be taken at 4 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std. P.G.S.B.), Vice Patron,
2nd July 1887. Secretary.

The R.W. Bro. VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Devon, having most kindly consented to preside at the 90th Anniversary Festival, in June 1888, it is hoped that brethren attached to Lodges in the Provinces, and members of the Order generally, will not delay in forwarding their names as Stewards, in which capacity their services will be highly appreciated.

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APPLICATION to **Bro. A. BEGBIE.**

EXHIBITION AT PLYMOUTH.

tion of Masonic curiosities, clothing, rare jewels, ancient records of various branches of the Order the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess Square, J. Hughan P.G.S.D. of England. Of the five ve been inaugurated in England, the present is nce as to extent, but in several respects its dis- such as to render it unsurpassed by any of its selections from the large Masonic libraries and nackles, Lamb-Smith, De Fonvre, Gould, Lane, Masonic Library and others who as subscribing s of Lodges in Devon and Cornwall have placed ticles at the disposal of the Committee, are alone William Derry having kindly placed a large number of beautiful plants and choice flowers at the disposal of the Committee. The work of arranging the exhibits, &c., had been executed by Bros. Gover, Lord, Goodall, Macey, Dillon, H. Pengelly, Wallis, Gidley, and G. Roseveare. The exhibits were over 1,000 in number, and the Committee of Management deserve credit for the taste which they have shown in displaying the same. Glass cases were kindly lent for the exhibits by Bros. Trevena, Wallis, Maton, and Tozer. The principal exhibit is the Grand Lodge clothing of the Duke of Clarence. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, kindly obtained the consent of the members of the Prince of Wales Lodge to the loan of this special exhibit, which to Devonshire Masons, especially those connected with the Three Towns, must prove of extraordinary interest. His Majesty King William IV. was initiated in the Prince George Lodge, Plymouth, on 9th March 1786, as his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, and the Grand Lodge of England on 7th April 1787 resolved that "In testimony of the high sense the Grand Lodge entertains of the great honour conferred on the Society, His Royal Highness be presented with an apron lined with blue silk, and in all future processions to rank as P.G.M." The Prince was Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge from 1827 to 1830, and the patron of the Grand Chapter (R.A.) for many years, in honour of which a medal was struck, an impression of which is to be found in the exhibition. Bro. E. Bash 223, Bro. W. H. Macey 1847, and Bro. T. S. May 1099 lent some handsome and antique jewels. A curious watch, with Masonic emblems on "movement," of 1795, is the property of Bro. J. Cohen, of Devonport. Mr. R. Lavis, of Plymouth, shows a Masonic apron which belonged to his great uncle. The border is composed of a black ribbon with scarlet fringe, and, in addition to a dedication subscription, there are the mottoes, "Holiness to the Lord" and "Let there be light, and there was light." Bro. Alf. Greenham W.M. 1884, Isle of Wight, Hon. Mem. 70, has sent some valuable Masonic histories and MS., about thirty in all. Bro. L. A. Metham P.G.D. of England P.D. Prov. G.M. of Devon, has forwarded a handsome Rose Croix jewel, worn by Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., when head of the Order in Cornwall. Bro. Hughan, in his editorial notes, says:—"This special exhibit is new to me, and, I presume, refers to the period when the 18th degree was conferred on Masonic Knights Templars and also the K.D.S.H. The worthy baronet was Prov. G.M. of Cornwall from 1785 until his decease, and was a most popular ruler of the Craft." The patent and clothing of the late Bro. G. D. Harvey as P.G.M. of Herts from 1803 up to the time of his resignation are shown by his son, Bro. H. M. Harvey P.P.G.S.W. of Cornwall. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1151, Lostwithiel, has contributed to the exhibition the maul and square used by H.R.H. the Prince Consort on laying the foundation stone of the Orphan Asylum at Wanstead, on 24th July 1841, and by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Truro Cathedral, 20th May 1880. Bro. John Chapman P.M. 1402 P.P.G.D. of Devon, shows photographs of an illuminated drawing by Bro. Chapman, setting forth his progress and rank in the several degrees of Freemasonry, and an emblematical kind of tracing board for several degrees in the Craft, taken from an illuminated glass transparency formerly the property of the poet Montgomery and now belonging to to the exhibitor. A piece of an olive tree, with Masonic emblems carved thereon, found in one of the forts after the late bombardment of Alexandria, Egypt, by the late Bro. H. Peters, Royal Navy, is lent by Mr. S. Hoskins, of Saltash. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. Hants, Hon. Mem. 1247, shows a grand collection of "Books of Constitutions" England, with all the editions issued from 1723 to the present time, only one other such complete set being known. Their value, rarity, and interest are so great that the promoters of this exhibition may well rejoice on having such a splendid series to introduce to the notice of the brethren in Devon and Cornwall. Equally valuable Masonic works, MS., curios, &c., are exhibited by the same worthy brother. The oil painting of Knights Templars taking the O.B., lent by Brother E. A. Northey, of Plymouth, is very fine. Bro. John Lane P.M. 1402, Torquay, has no less than 112 exhibits of Masonic works—some of which are exceedingly rare—medals, jewels, &c. The largest collector of Masonic medals in Europe, Bro. George J. Shackles P.P.G.S.D. Hull, Hon. Mem. No. 70, has sent over 200 specimens of English, Irish, German, French, Belgium, American, the Netherlands, Hungary, Austria, Canada, Denmark, and Switzerland Masonic coins. We will not attempt to enter into a description of this magnificent collection, which should be seen by all lovers of medallions. Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.S.D. of England, Hon. Mem. 1402, Torquay, has a good lot of Masonic relics. Freemasons' calendars from 1781 to 1813 are simply invaluable and unobtainable. The Lodge warrant of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for Dublin, No. 7, February 1731, is the oldest original warrant known or so far exhibited. Another Irish Grand Lodge warrant, issued in 1733, is shown. These two are said to be great curiosities, and have not been exhibited before. The Coombe Masonic Library, in connection with Lodge No. 459, Hayle, Bro. G. B. Pearce, Hon. Librarian, has a very good show. It includes some rare works, and the old St. Ives Lodge minute and treasurer's books. This Lodge was warranted on 16th July 1765, and was erased 1st February 1786, as No. 227. All the old Lodges chartered in Cornwall by the Grand Lodge, excepting the premier Cornish Lodge at Falmouth, have long been extinct. Bro. Controller S. G. Bake P.M. 1151 and 372 P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, exhibits a statuette, supposed to represent Confucius, looted from the summer palace of Pekin, when the allied armies took possession. It is made of yellow jade stone, as hard and

se time when the Fortitude Mark Lodge obtained its
uld have placed it among the "Time Immemorial"
ich worked the degree prior to the formation of
Grand Lodge. Three of the Officers who signed the
Bro. Hughan has traced as follows:—Dr. W. P. Baldy
"C.O."); A. G. Whitfield P.P.G. Reg. ("S.O."); and
W. Magrath, M.D., P.P.G.S.W. of Devon, names familiar
ior brethren of the Three Towns and to other old
Over eighty charming jewels of various degrees—medals,
vith chased silver emblems, paintings on ivory, &c.—are
to the exhibition by Bro. T. Lamb-Smith P.P.G.D.
Hon. Mem. 1247. These are of great variety and interest.
ove and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, exhibit a Master's
Freemasons' Hall medal attached, presented between
'90, and the Volubian Chapter No. 75, ten Officers' Royal
1825, and five head-dresses for principals (same period).
1 Penlee Villas, Stoke, has sent an interesting relic in
a handsome Rose Croix jewel, silver and paste brilliants
ring and black ribbon. The account which has been
n with this souvenir is to the effect that Napoleon took
vn neck and placed the decoration on the neck of Michael
seaman on board the Northumberland, who pulled the
" of the boat in which the Emperor was taken from the
land when being conveyed to St. Helena. On the edge is
ion "Napoleon 1st at Torbay, 28 July, 1815." By per-
Lodge Harmony, the fine oil painting of a Masonic pro-
he province of Devon entering St. Andrew's Church in
s the wall of the Lodge Room. The Associated Lodge
5, and 156 contribute a curious and rare biographical
H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex M.W.G.M. of England, in the
tching, with a portrait and biographical memoir of our
er Mrs. Aldworth. One of the finest, most varied, and
sting collections in the exhibition is that shown by Bro.
nan P.G.S.D. of England, the indefatigable editor of the
which is admirably compiled, and but for whom the exhi-
d not have been held. The Masonic portrait gallery is
good, and the old Masonic certificates, histories, by-laws,
orthy of attention. Other exhibitors are Metham Lodge
Bros. Com. G. H. B. Reed, R.N., P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, the
Lemon, M.A., 320 P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G. Ch., the
go, Mutley, St. John the Baptist Lodge No. 39, Exeter (the
ge in Devon, possessing the oldest original charter known
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e original acacia plant), the Rev. G. E. Carwithen, M.A.,
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st, James McBryde 1254, Waterman 105, True Love and
ge 248, Brixham, St. John's Lodge 70, Fortitude Lodge
ony 156, St. John's Lodge 1247, Dundas 1255, Prudence
H. Pole P.M. 1164 P.P.G.A. Secretary Cornwall, T. B.
P.P.G.S.W. York, hon. member 70, C. E. Mayer P.M. and
brary Committee Pennsylvania, U.S.A., hon. member 131
D. Anderton P.G. Secretary Cornwall, Mr. Beavil,
Bros. Wm. Coath P.M. 893. J. Leonard 202, R. H. Rae
O., F. Westcott W.M. 70. The various banners, warrants,
ewels of Lodge, clothing and jewels of various degrees
t pleasing show.

ghan, in opening the exhibition, delivered a very interest-

It afforded him great pleasure to welcome them there, on
he committee, who hoped that the arrangement of the
or of exhibits was such as would conduce to their informa-
understanding as far as possible. Having referred to
asonic exhibitions, he said he thought it a remarkable
they should be able to get together from brethren con-
Devon and Cornish Lodges over 1,000 exhibits, many of
unique in character and of priceless value. Bro. Hughan
the chief and most important articles in the exhibition,
he exhibition was not held for archæological or Masonic
; to appeal to them on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educa-
. He was gratified to find that there was an increasing
ong Masonic brethren in that excellent fund, but it was
me that in a province of fifty-one lodges so large a pro-
subscriptions should come from brethren of the Three
would be a disgrace to the province if the income of the
sonic Educational Fund did not reach £500 per annum.
n there was a chair belonging to Lodge Fortitude which
every reason to suppose was sat in by the Duke of
fterwards William IV., after his initiation. Brunswick
ent a very antique Masonic chair, whilst the W.M.'s chair
ale was used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occa-
s opening the Guildhall. He had much pleasure in
he exhibition open.

er said the work of preparing the catalogue must have
ons, and he only hoped that the success of the exhibition
portionate. On behalf of the committee and members
ges assembled, he had great pleasure in thanking Bro.
opening the exhibition. There was no better or more
Mason in the world than Bro. Hughan, and no better
the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. He hoped after
llen from Bro. Hughan that other parts of the province
an increasing interest in that fund.

ghan, in reply, thanked Bros. Gover, Goodall (who had
excellent secretary), and Macey for the assistance they
d him. The catalogue reflected credit on Bro. Westcott,

Boys' Institution at Wood Green, the *Era* observes that:—

For some time past the study of elocution and histrionics has formed part of the curriculum at this school, and the result of this action on the part of the head-master and his staff has been made apparent on various occasions, when dramatic representations have been given by the youthful amateurs, as a means of enlivening the long, and otherwise dreary, evenings of winter. A fresh impetus has been given to this department of educational exercise by prizes offered by the Master of the Drury-lane Lodge, and the lads have shown their thorough appreciation of Bro. Harris's considerate kindness. Care has been taken by the preceptors not to overtax the capabilities of the youngsters, and the pieces selected for them have invariably been of a simple character. Still, with careful and judicious training, the lads have made the most marked improvement in their study of the art, and their efforts last Saturday were rewarded with rounds of genuine approbation by a "crowded house." The two pieces produced went with a swing and verve that would have done credit to older amateurs, and gave evidence of what can be achieved, in a comparatively short time, by encouragement such as that which Bro. Harris and his friends have given. The "make-up" of the youths who sustained the female parts caused the utmost amusement, not to say admiration, amongst the ladies in the audience, and the smartness displayed by the juvenile artists kept everybody in a constant titter of merriment.

The Stage, referring to the same subject, says:—

The cultivation of elocutionary powers seems to have taken a high place amongst the branches of education imparted at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green. Twelve months ago special prizes were offered by Bro. Augustus Harris (now Worshipful Master of the Drury-lane Lodge of Freemasons) for the best English essay and for dramatic ability, and at the annual distribution of awards at that School, on Saturday last, the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, said he had much pleasure in announcing that the popular lessee of the National Theatre had renewed his substantial awards for those subjects. Reference was made to the progress many of the pupils had shown in histrionic ability, and this was in a great measure attributed to the stimulus given by Bro. Harris in presenting the prizes alluded to. Dramatic representations are frequently given in the members' rooms during the winter evenings, and the boys appear to have taken very kindly to this very wholesome form of relaxation. The programme included two farces, both of which went exceedingly well, and reflected great credit both upon the boys who undertook parts and upon their preceptors. The smartness of acting and the excellence of the make-up of the youths who sustained the female parts kept the house in a constant titter, and the young actors were rewarded with frequent and hearty applause.

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PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since I wrote my last a friend has pointed out that the word "announced" in Bro. Norton's letter to you, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 25th June, ought to read "renounced." If so, all my criticisms of Bro. Norton's passage anent Coxe's Patent fall to the ground and are "out of Court."

Indeed he probably takes the same view as Bro. Gould and myself. The date of Coxe's Patent is not, as appears in your last, 5th June 1710, but 5th June 1730. I will call attention next week in your columns to Brother C. MacCalla's Review of Bro. Gould's History in his issue of the Philadelphia *Keystone* of 11th June.

Fraternally yours,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

WAS SHAKESPEARE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think there is evidence that Shakespeare was one of us; and I shall be glad if some of your readers will express an opinion on this interesting question.

Read King Henry V., Act II., Scene 1:—

Pistol (to) An oath of mickle might; and fury shall abate.
Give me thy fist, thy fore-foot to me give;
Thy spirits are most tall.

Nym. I will cut thy throat, one time or other, in fair terms; that is the humour of it.

Pistol. Coupe le gorge, that's the word?

Again, take this passage from Hamlet, Act III., Scene 2:—

Polonius. If circumstances lead me, I will find

we are now permitted to enjoy in Islington. In
e feel the proper form should be in old fairy tale
a a time, far away among the mountains, there
tleman with one lovely daughter, named Gladys.
rt, every one loved her, she was very generous to
always did exactly as she liked and would not
Many fine gentlemen wanted to marry her; she
them. Then she met Hans the Boatman, a wan-
Switzerland. He could sing and dance, and play all
ittle boys and girls, and was always merry, always
love, and when her papa was angry she did not
ay and married her Boatman. Then years pass
st as merry and idle as ever, and they get very
companions with their uncouth ways make life
who thought the future would be nothing but
aking. Hans loves her, but he loves idleness
unpaid, there is no money, and when she indig-
and earn it, he seeks consolation in a game of
ith all the little boys and girls of the neighbour-
his tribulations to a young damsel who once was
him, but has found consolation for his indifference
the gallant Lieutenant Finch, U.S. The much-
ng upon the pair in an equivocal position, believes
in the midst of her despair enters the traitor
er she is betrayed; that she must fly to his sister,
her a divorce. She yields, and leaves her home,
o her husband, he all unconscious of her actual
Hans romps with his little boy, who hides a powder
Shortly after, when the father would light a fire,
e result, and Hans falls sightless on the stage.
t we are once more in the Adriondacks. Gladys
amous proposal of Darrell, but meeting him near
ats he shall fulfil his promise and marry her, since
divorce from Hans. Darrell refuses with con-
father appears and she flies to him in her despair,
ch exasperated. He flings her off, and she falls
round, to be presently discovered by Hans, who is
ful old dog. Of course, all readers of fairy stories
tale ends, how Hans recovers his sight, how a big
im out of the clouds, and how every one is happy,
ends in front, who were evidently well thoroughly
genial little picture of things Arcadian. Miss Amy
heroine, showed great power and strength of
n, in her moments of disillusion and despair rising to
sity. Her bright little touches of comedy in the
ghtfully girlish and spontaneous. She has a most
, and has delightful sincerity and freedom from self
Ir. Charles Arnold intends to remind us of our
, and very pleasantly does he do so. His German-
, and gives a delicious point to his quaint sayings.
aymates, Miss May and Master Reed, two of the
we have ever seen on the stage, will bring all the
on to see them. Miss Jenny Rogers, as the lively
every one, was much applauded. She dances
very bright and intelligent. Mr. George as the
incisive and self possessed. Mr. Medlicott, Hans'
riend, played with genuine unexaggerated humour.
pany is a thoroughly good one and well deserves the
they will assuredly enjoy at the Grand.

—The successful drama "Held by the Enemy" was
Saturday evening to this theatre from the Princess's,
predict it is likely to continue its prosperous course
come. Two or three changes in the caste have been
of these, Miss Kate Rorke now takes the part of
. This young lady played with that earnestness
etness so characteristic of all she undertakes. Mr.
he old servant interesting, without exaggeration.
erton is now Surgeon Fielding, while Mr. Gurney
s Major-General Stanburg. Of the others, we need
we have already said—they are efficient in every
sferring the piece to the Vaudeville Mr. Warner

cultural Hall.—North London has no longer to
r West of the metropolis for its recreation. To-day
l, under the management of Mr. Harry Etherington,
entirely new character, and not only assume but
of "Arcadia" (a veritable fairyland), the whole of
g being transformed into a garden of delight. Here,
iment of splashing fountains and rural cascades, the
ler among flowers of the choicest description, shaded
the palm and tree fern, lingering on rustic bridges or
alcoves. The summer-house and the lovers' seat will
ell patronized, and the great waterfall, pouring
of water per hour, a depth of fifty and a width of
erected at a cost of £700, must tempt with its music
loner. The floral display will be on a scale of great
nay be gathered from the fact that silver cups and
will be presented to the public, who will be admitted at a charge o
one shilling up till 6 p.m., and at half that rate afterwards, when
the evening programme will be invariably enhanced by the radiation
of the waterfall in the manner familiar to visitors at South Ken
sington. We may anticipate that all London will flock to Arcadi
from July till September.

THE OLDEST MASONIC CERTIFICATE IN AMERICA.

WE have been shown, by Bro. Singleton M. Brice, of Lodge No. 51
Philadelphia, what we believe is the oldest known Masonic
certificate in America, and, *of course*, it was issued by a Lodge i
Philadelphia. It belongs to Bro. S. M. Brice's father—Bro. Philip
H. Brice, also a member of Lodge No. 51. This certificate bears date
31st March 1762, and was issued by "the Holy Lodge of St. John
No. 2, situated in Philadelphia." This is the Lodge of which Bro.
James Pogrew was W.M. in 1749. There is, in California, in the
possession of Hartley Lodge, No. 199, of Lakewood, a Masonic
certificate issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
on the 1st November 1765, but the one now described is nearly four
years older than it. It is a very curious and valuable Masonic record,
and reads as follows :—

From the Holy Lodge of St. John, No. 2. Situated in Philadelphia
To the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Wardens and Beloved
Brethren of all regular Lodges of the Ancient and Honourable Society
of Free and Accepted Masons to whom these may come.

GREETING.

Beloved Brethren: This is to certify that the bearer hereof, our
Brother THOMAS BRICK, hath been by us Raised to the High Degree
of Master Mason, whose zeal for the Royal Craft induces us to
recommend him to all the truly faithful, wheresoever dispersed, and
we have required our said Brother to sign his name in the margin of
this Certificate so that the same may be demanded of him as a proof
that it hath not fallen into Suspectful Hands.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Lodge, this 31st day of
March, Anno Mundi 5762.

WM. CLAMPSTER, M.,
JOHN WILLIAM NARIN, S.W.,
ROBERT CARSON, J.W.,
WILLIAM GRISELIN, Treas.,
EMANUEL ROUSE P.M.

By order of the Master,

JAS. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

[With the Seal of the Lodge and the signature of Thomas Brick
attached.]—*Keystone.*

The Knights Companions of the Provincial Grand
Chapter and Lodge of London and the Metropolitan
Counties (Royal Order of Scotland) will meet in Council
at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday afternoon next, at
half past two for three o'clock. The Provincial Grand
Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.
After the business the Knights Companions will take
trip to Greenwich, where the annual banquet will be served
at the famous old Trafalgar.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand
Master of the Province of the North and East Ridings of
Yorkshire, proposes holding a Provincial Grand Lodge and
General Committee of Masons in that Province (on the
invitation of the York Lodge, No. 236), in the Exhibition
Buildings, York, on Thursday next, the 14th inst. The
Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire and his
Provincial Grand Lodge have fraternally united with this
Province to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious
Majesty the Queen; and an address of congratulation is
suggested. If, however, the precedent of other Provincial
Grand Lodges be followed, viz., to embody all Masonic
congratulations in the address passed at the Albert Hall
there may be some modification of the agenda. The
brethren will march in procession at 2·15 p.m. for the
Minster, when a special service will be held in the Nave
and a sermon preached by the Very Rev. the Dean
of York, Brother A. P. Purey-Cust, Past Grand
Chaplain of England. Masters of Lodges are invited to
direct that their Lodge banners may be brought to the
meeting and carried in the procession. Amongst other
notable features of the gathering, a medal will be struck in
commemoration of the event. A most interesting pro-

stings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those
ified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 9th JULY.

ral Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
er, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
olly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
e Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
etland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
a, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
Red Lion, Leytonstone
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
ston, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

l, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
ire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
, Masonic Hall, Leeds
, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
ce Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 11th JULY.

eral Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
rough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
dian, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
r, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
s's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
on, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
te, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
rk, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
eopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 Inst.)
s of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
litan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
nithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
rose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
(Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
yal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

t, Castle Hotel, Hastings
al Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
n, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
ia, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
ve and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
ty, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
n, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
er, Masonic Hall, Maude-street, Newcastle
of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
ue, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
n, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
n, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
son, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
gton, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
gle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
e, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
r Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
te, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
ilitary, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
um, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
side, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
tic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
y and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset

TUESDAY, 12th JULY.

ational, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
rity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
n, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
ic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
tes, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
ough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ste, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
ry, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
worth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
natic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
gton, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
e, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
r, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
nsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.
Cornwall, Bona Restaurant, Cheapside, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
k, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
nden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

le, Masonic Hall, Truro
Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Kent
nds, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
ny, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
rn Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
arrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
e, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
eld, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
ire, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
d, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton

1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Willenham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess Street, Plymouth
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. 132—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th JULY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Grosvenor, at 8 (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8 (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct.)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 513 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8 (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1998—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
M.M. 234—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, Athenaeum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Walker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex

THURSDAY, 14th JULY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford at 8. (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-strete, E.C.
435—Sanbury, 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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1349—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
2168—Derby Allcroft, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden square
55—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 (Instruction)
341—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
349—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
572—Royal Brunswick, ...
784—Wellington, ...
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Newcastle
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, ...

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Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
Arms, Totwa
al Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
Hotel, Coleorall
g's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
ster's Hall, Whitstable
2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 15th JULY.

nprovement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
ortland Arms Hotel, near Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
ess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
ar and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
ells, Hammersmith. Instruction
ead, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
k, Greyhound, Richmond
ortland Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
eemasons' Hall, W.C.
gers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instrction)
, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
adbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
ry Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
mond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
dington, W. (Improvement)
wn and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

asons' Hall, Manchester
e Hall, Seaton Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
otel, Stowmarket
eemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
lway Hotel, Levenshulme
Wellington Hall, Deal
nic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
ic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
Town Hall, Penrhyn
nic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
Hotel, Chingford
truction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
er of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
eemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
ashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

ATURDAY, 16th JULY.

orkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
armers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
Arms Hotel, Wood Green
s, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
y Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
l, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
own and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
isor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
provement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
n Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

n Hotel, Hampton
ce Hotel, Teddington
town Hotel, Chertsey
yal Hotel, Kirkburton
, Lion Hotel, Hampton
y, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

AL OF THE LATE MR. J. SHAW.

last the funeral of the late Mr. John Shaw, J.P., the
tary of the South-Eastern Railway Company, took
ry's, Reigate. A special train left Charing-cross at
ing the directors and principal officers of the South-
y and the friends of the deceased. Mr. Shaw died
the early age of forty-eight, at Bournemouth, his
oved to his late residence at Redhill. Thence the
the general arrangements for the funeral having been
er the direction of Mr. Myles Fenton, the general
Mr. George Whately, the chief accountant of the
e were no fewer than forty carriages. The first two
following directors of the company: Sir Edward W.
M.P. (Chairman), Sir George Russell, M.P., Lord
el Surtees, Mr. A. M. Watkin, and Mr. A. Beattie;
ur contained the principal officers of the company:
on, Mr. Whately, Mr. Francis Brady (engineer), Mr.
Mr. M. D. Tyrwhitt, Mr. Charles Sheath, Mr. R. J.
R. Stevens, Mr. J. Light, Mr. J. Barnes, Mr. J.
ainwright, and Mr. W. Leonard; the next two con-
s in the late Mr. Shaw's office, and in the others were
the deceased. On arriving at the church the process-
ed by the Rev. Canon Alcock, vicar of Ashford, and
Harrison, vicar of Reigate. Preceded by the clergy
by the mourners, the corpse was conveyed into the
the principal portion of the beautiful "Order for the
ead" of the Church of England was celebrated, the
the service being rendered by the members of the
ic Society, of which the deceased was president.
to the gentlemen already named, among those who
ed at the ceremony were Lord Alfred S. Churchill,
, Dr. Berridge, Col. Hamilton, M.P., Mr. J. Joicey, M.P.,
on, Mr. Brackstone Baker, Sir Francis Truscott, Sir
s, Sir Henry Edwards, Alderman de Keyser, General
B., Lieutenant-Colonel and Sheriff Sir A. Kirby, Sir T.

Railway), Mr. J. M. Eyles (Metropolitan Railway), Mr. G. Hopwo
(District Railway), M. Delebecque (Northern of France Railway
Colonel Snell, Maj. Joicey, Mr. H. Pye, Mr. Superintendent Dennin
Mr. T. G. Ledger, Mr. C. Davis, Mr. A. Willis, Mr. W. J. Soulsb
Mr. A. R. Stenning, Sir R. Dickeson, and Messrs. Grinstead, Abbot
Jones, Lord, Privett, Chapman, Carter, Fright and Raggett (Static
Masters, South Eastern Railway).

Sir John Monckton attended, and brought a message from th
Lord Mayor, expressing his regret that a pressing engagement pr
vented his being present. Letters of regret at their inability
attend were also received from Lord Brabourne, the Hon. Jas. Byn
the Hon. A. Gathorne Hardy, Mr. J. Mellor, Mr. W. Mewburn, a
Lord Folkestone (Directors of the South Eastern Railway), Majo
General du Plat, Sir Somers Vine, Messrs. Mortimer, Harris a
John Morgan (Chatham and Dover Railway), Mr. J. Aird and Mr.
Grierson (Great Western Railway), Mr. F. J. Macaulay (Sou
Western Railway), Mr. J. Bell (Metropolitan Railway), Mr. A. Powe
(District Railway), Mr. E. B. Newton (North London Railway
Mr. J. Hadfield (Great Eastern Railway), Mr. G. Findlay (Nor
Western Railway), and Mr. E. Ross (Sheffield and Lincolnshi
Railway).

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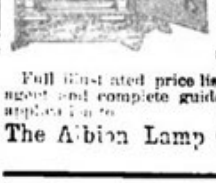

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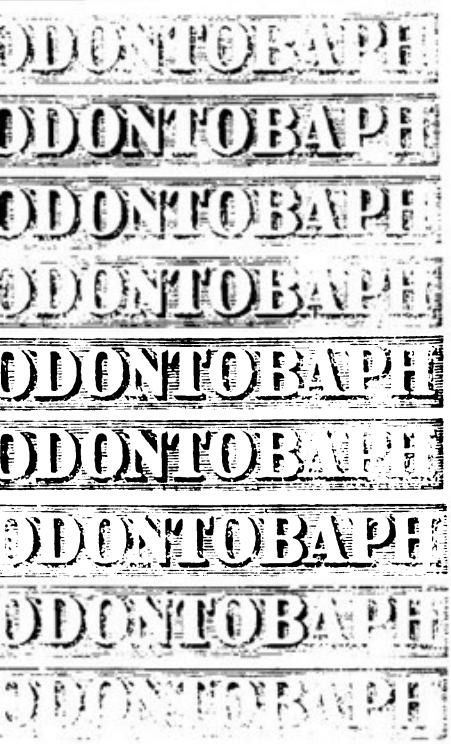

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Chapter is devoted to Freemasonry in the tates. It contains forty-six pages, and thirty- pages are confined to the early histories of oston and Philadelphia. It is now well known close of 1869 it was believed that we had in ginal Grand Lodge record from the year 1733; rice was appointed by Viscount Montague, in .M. of New England; that in 1734 his Depu- xtended over all America; and in 1734 he njamin Franklin a charter for Philadelphia ston record claims to have been "the begin- nry there," and that he chartered a Lodge in New Hampshire, in 1738, &c., &c.

ginning of 1870 I made known that the s G.L. record of 1733 was not written before is as a whole more or less unreliable; that the rice's Deputation over New England in 1733 doubtful; that his claimed Grand Mastership all North America was unfounded; and that artered a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1734, nor outh in 1736. In short, Price evidently had rganise a Lodge in Boston, which he did, and e appeared on the English Lodge List in 1734

lacCalla, of Philadelphia, in 1874, began by ns: Whereas, said he, Daniel Coxe was ap- 30 by the English G.M. Prov. G.M. of New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and whereas the Philadelphia prove the existence of a Grand in 1731, and later on. Therefore (says he) must have derived its authority from Daniel Philadelphia must be the mother of American sonry; or, as they call it, the Premier G.L. in hile I have always been certain that the Masonry of 1731 derived its authority from here is not a particle of evidence that when died, in 1739, that anybody in America was oxe was a Mason. As I, in a great measure, e controversies about the origins of Masonry in s and Pennsylvania, I was naturally curious hat opinions Bro. Gould formed upon the said is being now understood, before I proceed to must premise that Bro. Gould has not only deal, but his retentive memory enables him to rge supply of concise sayings or sentences, ne and wise ideas in a few words, and these introduces as texts, as it were, when beginning ricate subjects. Thus, on page 424, Vol. VI.,

difficult a task to plant new truths as to root out old

eed as specious probabilities are placed on the same ll attested facts, so long will Masonic history be a le."

reflection that no Statute of Limitations is recognised in our co of literary jurisprudence."

As I heartily approved of the ideas conveyed in the ab extracts, I began to think that Bro. Gould agreed with opinions on the topics he was about to discuss, but next quotation dispelled my illusion. He says:—

"The examination on which we are about to enter (relative to American 'Masonic mother' question) will, I think, necessitate following the example of Lord Keeper Bridgman, of whom related that if a case admitted of divers doubts—what the law call points—he would never give all on one side, but either p should have something to go away with."

Now, it strikes me forcibly that however wise L Bridgman's maxim may be when a case of property is volved, when it is the interest of all parties concerned have the question settled at once, that the same maxi altogether inapplicable for the purpose of settling hist doubts. In disputes about property, where the evide and doubts of the rival claimants balance each other, only sensible way to settle the question is by compro but I am satisfied that when historic doubts balance e other, a compromise is simply impossible. In such a I would prefer to confess that I did not know which right; and as there is no need to hurry, and hurry is o use, the only thing we must do is to wait till some furt evidence turns up which may turn the scale one wa the other. Such seems to me the most prudent and pr way of dealing with historic questions when the evide pro and con are equally divided.

In justice, however, to Bro. Gould's fairness, I m admit that whenever he undertakes to advocate some fa theory he is never dogmatic. About the questions cussed in the 31st Chapter of his History, Bro. Go frankly admits all the facts I have made known, most of my inferences, too. But inferences, after all, mere opinions, and entirely depend upon the standpoint f which they are taken. Briefly, then, Bro. Gould is variance with my conclusions about Henry Price's De tation of 1733. That question I shall discuss in a fut paper. On the Philadelphia question there is no disag ment whatever between us; but it seems that Bro. Gou humane feeling would not suffer him to dismiss the s ject without offering some consolation for soothing wounded feelings of our Philadelphian disappoin Brethren; and being deeply impressed with the wisd and justice of Lord Bridgman's maxim, that each pa should have "something to go away with," Brot Gould consoled the Philadelphians, as follows:—

"It is evident that the Brethren who had left the world and brought to their new homes a knowledge of Craft were as much within their rights in holding Lod in Philadelphia, Portsmouth (New Hampshire), and e where in America, as those who assembled in like manner England and Scotland; and just as in the latter countries the m bers of such Lodges were accepted as petitioners for written c stitutions without their legal status as Masons being demurred so we shall find that the Boston authorities raised no objectio the Masonic regularity of the Portsmouth Brethren, but granted t request for a Warrant in 1736. We have already seen that in 1 the Prov. G.M. of New England was requested to confirm Franklin and others in their privileges in Pennsylvania, thus c pleting the parallel."

Now, if the above will give comfort to my Philadelph Brethren, they are welcome to it; but the fact t Franklin asked Price, in 1734, to confirm him in his pr

. was aware, in the month of April 1739, about
ppointment in 1730 as Provincial Grand Master
part of America? I asked Brother McCalla
ition, whether there is any evidence that any
America knew about Coxe's appointment while
s alive? and he frankly answered in the negative.
ears ago I searched through Spark's Life of
, but did not find the name of Daniel Coxe
Franklin's two letters to Henry Price, in 1734, do
ate his knowledge of the existence of such a per-
s Daniel Coxe, and Franklin's obituary notice of
lemise furnishes no hint about Coxe's Masonry:
Pennsylvania Gazette of 26th April 1739 contains
wing brief item, written by Franklin:—

day morning died, at Trenton, the Hon. Daniel Coxe, Esq.,
Justices of the Supreme Court of the Province of New

Gould, however, maintains that Franklin could not
n ignorant, either in 1739, or even in 1734, about
Masonry. He reasons mos curiously, as follows:—

ays Bro. Gould) if we put on one side the letters of 1734,
wspaper entry of 1739, the remaining evidence affords good
supposing that Franklin was aware of Coxe's appointment
mer year [1734], and still stron ee ground for believing that
ot have been absent from hi knowledge in the latter"

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England (continues
ld) were circulated far and wide, by the newspapers
ivate letters, as well as by oral communication. But passing
earlier date there is scarcely any room to doubt that in 1739
must have read, or at the very least have had his attention
the positive statement in the Constitution of 1738, that
appointed Provincial Grand Master during the adminis-
the Duke of Norfolk."

Gould seems to be under an impression that in
ey had railroads and steamboats, and daily mails
ne Atlantic, which supplied American newspaper
with all the papers printed in London; hence he
s that Franklin "must have read, or had his atten-
led to the statements in the Constitution of 1738
Coxe's appointment in 1730." But with all due
to Bro. Gould, I think that his ideas are altogether
fetched; for in the first place there is not the
evidence in existence that a Pennsylvania Mason
rote to an English Mason before 1749. While
ans did correspond with the English Masonic
ies in 1734, 1736, and 1743. But as our Bostonians
in 1734) never corresponded with the Grand Lodge
on when they did not need a new Grand Master,
t believe that the publication of the 1738 Consti-
as known in Boston during the life-time of Daniel

here are other questions to be considered. 1st. I
red that in those days more ships arrived from
to Boston than to Philadelphia. 2nd. That the
f London vessels even in Boston were few and far
. 3rd. That ships sailing between Boston and
, and *vice versa*, did not accomplish the voyage in
n seven months. 4th. That from Europe to
phia takes about five hundred miles more sailing
Boston, and that letters between London and
were scarcely ever answered before between seven
lve months after they were written. Even as late
a letter from the Grand Secretary of Pennsyl-
the Grand Secretary of England was not answered
790, and the 1790 letter was not answered before
The Lodge which Price constituted in Boston in
s unknown in London before 1734. Tomlinson's
ion, signed in London, 6th December 1736, did not
oston before 20th April 1737, and if the said
it had been sent to Philadelphia it would not have
there before the month of May. Oxnard's Deputa-
s signed in London, 23rd September 1743, its
in Boston was not announced before 6th March
Price's letter was sent by Captain John Phillips to
December 1754. On 6th August following
Phillips was in Boston, but Price's letter was
ered; and Price's letter to the Grand Secretary of
, of October 1767, was not answered before 29th
r 1768, and it probably did not reach Boston till

ment by the Duke of Norfolk, in 1730. According to
Preston, the Constitution was published in January 1738.
If so, it must have been January 1739, or according to our
N.S.; for I found at the end of the volume the date of 9th
Nov. 1738; hence it might not have been ready for distri-
bution before the end of January 1739, while, on the other
hand, owing to the retarding current of the Gulf stream, it
even now takes more time for a vessel to sail from Europe
to America than it does the other way. Now, assuming
that a vessel in fair weather could travel from London to
Philadelphia in three months, the weather, however
between January and the 25th April is apt to be stormy
and westerly, and even now it takes steam ships in those
months several days more to reach America than it does in
the summer months. Before, therefore, I can accept Bro.
Gould's conclusion about Franklin's knowledge of Coxe's
Grand Mastership of 1730, before 25th April 1739, I
must be informed about the date of the paper which fur-
nished the item of news about Daniel Coxe's Masonry; he
must also show good evidence that the said newspaper was
sent to Philadelphia, and that the ship which carried the
said paper arrived at its destination before Coxe died.
And, even then, unless Bro. Gould can prove that the said
paper was addressed direct to Franklin, there are a
thousand chances to one that Franklin never saw it and
never heard about it while Coxe was alive.

I must, however, add that if I could believe that Bro.
Gould's conciliatory efforts would be appreciated by our
disappointed Philadelphian Brethren (who, until the appear-
ance of Bro. Gould's last volume, were very sure that his
verdict would be in favour of Philadelphia Masonic
Mothership), I would never have been guilty of trying to
disturb the expected equanimity by criticising Bro. Gould's
well-intentioned soothing theories; but, alas, I am satisfied
that nothing that Bro. Gould concedes to the Pennsyl-
vania champions—not even the consoling theory that the
Philadelphia Masonry of 1731 was as legal as the
Masonry of York, Dublin, and Cork were—will ever
satisfy them; and I am sure that the Philadelphians and
Pennsylvanians will never forgive our historian for
deciding the question at issue in accordance with the rules
of evidence and common sense.

Boston, U.S., 10th June 1887.

"MASONIC RECORDS" AND BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

By Bro. Jno. Lane.

I HAD hoped that my communication of 7th May last, in these columns, would have ended this matter, but Bro. Norton, in his last article, has so greatly mistaken my meaning, and so glaringly misrepresented what I have said, that I must ask for a portion of your valuable space to make a short statement; for, notwithstanding my unwillingness to prolong a profitless controversy with Bro. Norton, in justice to myself I must correct the very grave error which he has committed in the early portion of his last contribution.

The head and front of my offence (if it be an offence) appears to be, in the opinion of Bro. Norton, that in my book I recorded the Lodge No. 79 as at "the Hoop in Water-street, in Philadelphia 1731," stating this on the evidence of the "Dublin List of 1735," (which I could not ignore), and adding, "warranted for America, but probably warrant never used." In the Freemason's Chronicle of 19th February 1887 I gave my reasons fully for the latter opinion, which has not been shaken by Bro. Norton's allegations, and I still claim, in relation to all the evidence that has been furnished, that the balance of probability is largely in favour of the view I propounded.

Bro. Norton, however, says that "somehow a rumour reached Boston that the only mistake in Bro. Lane's book was discovered by himself [I do not quite know whether to take Bro. Norton's words *au serieux*, or not, when he thus writes about 'the only mistake,' for I make no claim, even approximately, to such a state of infallibility], and that the said mistake referred to something in the paragraph re-

ontroversy. If Bro. Norton's statements are only based upon "rumour," I cheer- n the field, in his favour. I claim, how- ed *not by rumour* but by what I *have written*, for any brother to read. If Bro. Norton e *Freemason* of 15th January last he will l words, viz.: "In a work of such a so many thousands of figures, one could r absolute freedom from inaccuracy, typo- otherwise. I shall be obliged by your point out to such of your readers as possess the date set opposite No. 79*a* on page 27 en in brackets, indicating that *such date appear in the Dublin List of* 1735." My writing this was to prevent, if possible, any ession being conveyed by the insertion in ords" of the date 1731, *as if that date d was copied from the Dublin List*, whereas no dates at all. I put "1731" in my book ul consideration, and I adhere to that date reasonably complain of Bro. Norton's want n he treats the above simple and natural nded to guard against any possible mis- misinterpretation, as indicative of a with- date altogether, and of the substitution of e, *which I certainly never did*. Consequently, statements, that I seem "to have believed ters were issued in 1732," is not only unworthy of Bro. Norton's well-known oversialist. For, not only do I not believe, to believe," anything of the kind, but I ally maintain my opinion, for the reasons n the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 19th of that there was a Lodge (I do not say where having the number 79 in 1731 prior to the gate of 1732.

er the time nor inclination to go over again issues" that have been raised, but merely Norton does not appear to have grasped the gument in reference to Nos. 42 and 67. I t state when No. 67 was removed from the does not affect my argument that the Lodge, ers, *had ceased to attend Grand Lodge for a of years*, and that, consequently, under the Law of 24th February 1735 it was liable to ently was, erased. It certainly is far more assume that these several Lodges were lating a well-known and recognized Law, llion" or some other "sin" about which we y no information whatever.

. Norton says he "cannot see how the Grand ime could have allowed entire newly-formed precedency of older Lodges by assuming the tinct Lodges. Such was indeed the practice cients, but (he adds) I do not believe that have ever done so." Now, if Bro. Norton ead the preface to "Masonic Records" he will discover several instances of this I can give here one only. An entirely new verhampton, paid the usual £2 2s in 1768 nt, the number of which should have been ences operated to procure for it the number had then recently been vacated by a lge, whereby this *New Lodge*, not warranted mber 1768, thenceforth took the number and odge of 8th March 1735.

r cases (at least thirty) are recorded in the ook, so that what Bro. Norton says he does Moderns have ever done, I have shown was requently done by them; and what he says ve been suffered by the Grand Lodge" was ed and officially sanctioned.

nk Bro. Norton will admit himself to be reference to this subject also, and whilst I ely any "air of superiority," I anticipate the not be far distant) when Bro. Norton will accuracy of his own opinions in relation to r disputed points, and be induced to look at

THE "eccentricities of genius" assume so many varied forms that it is difficult at times to strike out the delineation of a "subject" without becoming prosaic. We are not in the slightest degree that way inclined when we think of the "Hail! fellow, well met" type of a Brother who is just now in our mind's eye, and whom we will liken to a modern and refined Harry Bluff. It may be that our friend did not, like the original of the song which sailors love to sing, quit the parental roof at an early age, and bid adieu to "his dear native land o'er the ocean to roam;" but he nevertheless displays so many of the excellent qualities attributed to the "true British sailor" that one is feign to draw a perhaps far-fetched comparison. It is hardly necessary to indicate the time or place of our introduction to this specimen of the fine old English ilk, in whom is so fully developed the axiom that a "contented mind is a continual feast." Forty summers, if one, have passed over his head, for the silver threads among the gold will tell their tale; and yet there remain, in an abundant measure the buoyancy, the cheerfulness, the knack of making everybody happy who rubs shoulders with him, which are rare with those who have reached the meridian of life, and know what the struggle for existence means.

Well, it was an off-night, I was informed, as my friend and I sauntered into the City, to pay a visit to an ancient Lodge. Whew! wasn't it hot! The first days of June had gone out, and carried the last remaining dregs of an eight months' winter along with them, at which the eyes of expectant holiday-seekers glistened, and fond Mater familias sorted out the almost forgotten summer dresses to supersede the heavy costumes which had been rendered so long necessary. But summer had descended, with the suddenness of a thunder-clap, and the change had come so rapidly that we had no time to become acclimatised. The Brethren assembled in the reception-room, wiped their perspiring foreheads, and sought for consolation in Apolliuaris and Chateau Lafitte. But it was of no use the overpowering stuffiness of the atmosphere stifled all hilarity; and the Brethren were content to puff and blow like grampuses, and to wish that the work of the "emergency" meeting was over. But what has all this to do with "Harry Bluff?" Why, you will soon know, for his cheery voice in the vestibule has an electrical effect, and all know now that *bonhommie* will soon usurp the place of lassitude and limpness. And so it does. There is no unnecessary or ostentatious fuss about Harry Bluff; he skips jauntily into the apartment, and bids a hearty welcome to all around him. It is reported of a criminal, once upon a time, who perceiving the eagerness with which the spectators crowded round the scaffold, grimly advised them not to be in such a hurry, as there would be nothing done until he got there. The parallel is not made disrespectfully, but really it seemed to me as though the presence of our mutual friend were essential to the opening of business—the winding up of the evening's watch. After this all went "swimmingly," and the reason was not far to seek. Ubiquitously moving about, doing little matters of detail which required to be set straight, speedily the right men were put into the right places, our friend smilingly filling up any of the interstices, and quite happy in sustaining the rôle of the "general utility man." Long may the appellation stick to him, say I, for he rejoices in it; and few I know can sustain it with such perfect tact and suavity. I need not dwell upon the work done so excellently that night, nor even whisper that a "call-off" was rendered advisable—through the heat; but it was so. There are many excuses for drinking—

> A friend, good wine, or being dry,
> Or lest you may be, by-and-bye—
> Or *any other* reason why.

Any how, the lemonade and ice surreptitiously provided by the genial subject of my sketch was like the refreshing draught so welcome to the traveller when he reaches an oasis, and we were all grateful for the act of kindly consideration, though it struck me that Harry Bluff's acquaintances of long standing were by no means astonished at it.

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Business duly despatched, we had the opportunity

Mention to him a case of deserving need, and no rest until he achieves accomplishment of that which is the distinguishing characteristic of a Free- heart. Let there be a "special occasion," when nary exertions are needed, the Brethren fly off ngent to our friend, who is sure to put every- raight. I do not mean to say that some other re not possessed of an equally active and useful who having passed through all the offices is not vith merely sporting his Past Master's collar and d settling down a mute and occasional spectator e business for the remainder of his days. No we could find them, there are many such bright , but on this particular evening I discovered one pre-eminently a "general utility man," and my nt experience of him testifies that I was not far is like the man of the song who "could never be at is to say, as long as there was any work to do; he banquet he shone no less conspicuously, as keep the table in a roar." If conversation flagged, luff would "step into the breach, dear friends," ly the gap, just as readily as he would assume the chair, if called upon, or officiate as Inner Guard. was one trait in him to be more commended than it was his wholesome aversion to long-winded after dinner, and this is a sentiment which will be d, I am sure, by a great majority of my readers. vals between the few and pithy responses to toasts d with musical selections of high order, and more on the part of one brother, who had only been at night; and so the time sped merrily along, y being on the most affable terms with his neigh- l the company generally with their "noble selves." e wondered at that, when with hearty shake of —none of your limp, damp two-fingered business, , but true Masonic grip—you are invited to gain," you do not stay to calculate probabilities, nd "I will," with as much fervour as the most vain would do at the hymeneal altar? And when ion recommences, and the Brethren rally round ofs, of whom Harry Bluff is undoubtedly one, and te—may I, in Gilpin phraseology, "be there to see." l readers may be inclined to shrug the shoulder ire, "Why all this dissertation on a single Masonic and an off-night, too?" Simply this—that often cident of such an introduction you are brought act with men worth knowing, and who, but for opportunity, might be, and very likely would have er strangers to you through life. The gain is to be held lightly, for the pleasure of such a g is not merely transient; it leads you to inquire n of deeds that are highly prized among Masons— ch exemplify the cardinal virtues of the Craft, y Love, Relief, and Truth. Since the little episode I write I have received much insight into the ought by our brother, quietly and unknown to the general, but the inference is that one hand little hat the other hand has done. Harry Bluff, whose on I do not ask to indite these lines, may awake, on, and "blush to find it fame," but good deeds e written in marble rather than in ink. With n as these in our ranks there is no fear for the of our righteous cause, and although we cannot ed gold or add lustre to the name of Charity, it is lass of active workers whom the subject of my epresents that we are vastly indebted for the proud which Freemasonry has attained. The stumbling- re those who can see no other interest than self, se parade of every little puny effort only provokes f sympathy and pity. Harry Bluff is none of this. e and open-handed, generous to a fault, serving his ith a fidelity and enthusiasm which we rarely find the "veterans," he is beloved and esteemed by all, ny a poor heart has been made to leap for joy by ns which he himself innocently imagines have been on the quiet." Persevere in your good work, "Harry," for though you may mingle bluffness r urbanity, you are a man we cannot afford to dis-

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PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. C. McCalla, in his very able article in the Philadelphia *Keystone*, 11th June, seems to intimate that he has shifted his ground somewhat in his support of the Philadelphian primacy, and he has I am inclined to think perhaps found a safer basis for his whole contention.

The matter is still, however, greatly environed by doubt and difficulty, uncertainty and mystery, and the skein is so twisted that it is at present almost impossible to unravel. We still want more light, and until we find the minutes of the "Moderns," seen by Dr. Mease in 1811, or light happily upon Liber A, I fear the early history of Philadelphian Freemasonry must still remain very "debateable ground" indeed.

Franklin's words and Franklin's silence constitute very difficult "enigmata" on this vexed question to solve or clear away.

Coxe's two-years' Patent expired in 1732, and if the brethren in the three Provinces named in the Patent had then acted on its provisions legally and fully, they could have elected a Provincial Grand Master to each Province, and three Provincial Grand Lodges could have sprung from the original Patent to Coxe, and this probably was the idea of the home authorities, both in the "limitation" and clauses of the Patent.

But this they did not do. Franklin, who was apparently not a Freemason in 1730, but certainly was in 1734, in neither year alluded to Coxe, nor seems to be aware of the Patent of 1730 at all, unless indeed he considered a Patent for *all* North America to override a Patent for three Provinces only.

If the newspaper account be correct, an election of Allen took place in 1732, after the expiration of Coxe's Patent, but it is more than doubtful if, according to that original Patent (though the verbiage is somewhat obscure), the election in 1733, and hence the election in 1734, was legal. Franklin had some reason to doubt the validity of these proceedings, and to desire the sanction of home authority after his own election, and he seeks apparently for a confirmation from Henry Price—as Provincial Grand Master for all North America—of what he terms their privileges of "annual election," &c. Either then Franklin read the Patent as conferring after two years the right of annual election (which is more than doubtful), or he was referring to some other "privileges" in being on some other authority than that of Coxe's Patent. In Liber B of St. John's Lodge, in contradistinction to the declaration in the newspaper, is an allusion to Allen as Grand Master in 1731. A good many remarks occur here.

We must not scan too closely either the use of the words Grand Master or Grand Lodge, as they were very loosely used in those days. Neither should we expect Minutes ever to be very precise and detailed, or newspapers very accurate or specific.

The entry may have been "posted up" after, and the mistake of a year is very common in such entries. Personally I set little store by Bell's Letter, or the theory of a delegated authority by Coxe to Allen. It would seem almost logically clear and certain that only one of two explanations is correct; either that the entry in Liber B is not so correct as the paragraph in the newspaper of 1732, and that in 1732 the brethren proceeded to elect a Provincial Grand Master for Pennsylvania in accordance with the provisions of the then lapsed Patent. The only other alternative is that the entry in Liber B is correct, and that when Franklin talks of their privileges of annual election he alludes to what may be called "immemorial usage."

For it may be observed if these privileges rested only on colonial usage (call it immemorial if you like), Franklin might desire naturally some home sanction for what was merely of local usage.

On the other hand, he may have read "every other year" as every succeeding year (as some do), I think, erroneously; but as there were doubts doubtless then, as there are still, as to the exact meaning of the words, he asked for a confirmation of this then unusual procedure.

The truth is Franklin's words may be made to square with either proposition or view, and hence the intense difficulty of this "complex question."

Still, according to "evidence," though there is difficulty no doubt, the position of Philadelphia is so far unshaken, and the averment of its Masonic primacy still remains in *statu quo*.

Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Enfeebled Existence.—This medicine embraces every attribute required in a general and domestic remedy. It overturns the foundations of disease laid by defective food and impure air. In obstructions or congestions of the liver, lungs, bowels, or any other organs, these Pills are especially serviceable and eminently successful. They should be kept in readiness in every family, being a medicine of incomparable utility for young persons, especially those of feeble constitutions. They never cause

g, which is annually looked forward to with such
ticipations, took place on Tuesday last, at Brighton,
y respect a very gratifying success. So much
weather for the enjoyment of out-door festivities,
early in the morning gave rise to some slight appre-
w the day would turn out; but the result was only
t and to modulate the atmosphere to a refreshing
rrangements had been made by the W. Master, Bro.
is Officers, for the comfort and convenience of the
bout 150 assembled at London Bridge Station soon
Here a special train, with saloon carriages, was in
ing could have exceeded the energy and urbanity
esteemed station superintendent, Bro. R. Pierpoint,
not only despatched the train, but took every pre-
at the enjoyment of the journey, both to and from
tering Places, should be as pleasant as possible.
s at East Croydon, where the party was augmented
nd gentlemen, the contingent of friends including
iel P.M. and his family; and after the usual greet-
was resumed. Ever desirous of manifesting their
ffairs, the ladies had considerately packed hampers
n of their fellow voyageurs *en route*, and thus dainty
washed down by cool and delicious draughts of
ret, and followed by an abundance of luscious straw-
the Brethren fortified with fragrant weeds and the
harm and grace which always lend so much to their
were—the time passed merrily along, until the train
destination, after a run of little over an hour
trolling leisurely on to the Pavilion, the scene
festivities, some little time was spent in
rrangements; and these being all declared in satis-
company dispersed, some to enjoy a breezy ramble
nenade, some driving to well-known resorts in
st a few embraced the opportunity for a dip in the
ing excursion," which is one of the staple sources of
righton. The weather was all that could be desired
sion, the sun shone brilliantly, with sufficient wind
ool, and to flutter the flags that were displayed in
whilst the showers earlier in the day had served to
hat there was no discomfort in that respect. The
ed shortly before two o'clock, when they found that
n had been made for their entertainment; dinner
style for which Messrs. Sayers and Marks have so
ned as caterers. A special feature in the banquet
as the profusion of flowers, which were supplied
-stand through the exertions of Bro. Bentley Haynes,
hment of the tables and the personal adornment of
were by no means backward in availing themselves
adjunct to the feast. Roses and blushes vied with
he palm of lustre and beauty, and need it be said
e winners? The aspect of the interior of the
nner time" was exceedingly gay and picturesque,
the flowers and of the summer toilets of the
g in a perfect bouquet of loveliness and anima-
ardly necessary for us to point out that on
s kind the speeches after dinner are "cut" as
; for the very palpable reason that if they were not
ight waste their fragance on the desert air. Bro.
ery laudable example in this respect, which was
eeding speakers, and thus the ladies were able to get
lovely grounds of the Pavilion early in the afternoon,
e many means of relaxation which had been provided
" Committee. In proposing the Queen and the
ter referred in happy vein to the deep interest which
ways takes in the affairs of the Craft; and such
ermissible in a non-Masonic gathering was also made
hich the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales
rand Officers perform their duties. The National
g, with loyal enthusiasm, after which Bro. R. Dyson
the health of the Worshipful Master, observing that
l the embodiment of all the principles inculcated in
In all the positions he had figured in in the Lodge he
mself most creditably, and to the entire satisfaction
and his whole course exemplified that his heart was
Charity. Bro. Dyson then paid a deserved compliment
Walker, and the sister of the latter, Miss Smith, for
ind and active exertions in contributing to the happi-
ering; and concluded by wishing for the Master a
of office. The toast was received most cordially, and
the course of his response, thanked the Immediate
or the compliments he had paid to himself and
connection with this pic-nic. They had not come
ake long speeches, but to enjoy the society of their
whom he was pleased to see so numerous a company.
ess seemed to have attended their efforts thus far,
hat happiness must be attributed to the smiling
adies, whose health he would now propose. This was
et apart by the members of the Prosperity Lodge for
, and he thanked the Brethren who had with himself
g about so satisfactory a result. The toast was
by Bros. Bond and Haller, and Bro. Downs
ded on behalf of the visitors. This ended the

home was varied with those amenities which ever tend to rende
railway ride agreeable, and thanks were loudly expressed for
admirable arrangements made by Brother Pierpoint, and wh
conduced so largely to the success and enjoyment of the
goings. Among those present we noticed the following:—
W. Walker and Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Freeman and Miss Smi
Bro. L. Drew and Mrs. Drew, Bro. Smith, Bro. Dyer, Mrs. and
Misses Dyer; Bro. Barnes, Bro. Cornwall and Miss Cornwall,
Leins and Mrs. Leins, Bro. F. C. Simmonds and Mrs. Simmon
Bro. B. Cant, Bro. G. T. Brown and Mrs. Brown, Bro. G. Schad
Bro. J. Rich, Mrs. and Miss Rich; Bro. C. E. Ferry and M
Ferry, Bro. Bentley Haynes and party, Bro. J. Roberts and par
Bro. C. Daniel, Mrs. and Miss Daniel; Bro. W. W. Morgan
Miss H. Morgan, Bro. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, Bro. Skinner
Miss Skinner, Bro. Perry and Miss Perry, Bro. Henderson, Mrs.
Miss Henderson; Bro. White and Mrs. White, Bro. and M
Buggins, Bro. Akerman, Mrs. Akerman, and party; Bro. Bond, M
Mr. and Miss Bond; Bro. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Bro., Mrs.,
the Misses Coles; Bro. Rudd and Mrs. Rudd, Bro. E. C. Talbot
Mrs. Talbot, Bro. Wall, Mrs. and the Misses Wall, Bro. Wormsley
Mrs. Wormsley, Bro. R. H. Wallis, Bro. Bailey, Bro. J. C Stone, M
Stone and party; Bro. Sheffield and Mrs. Sheffield, Bro. Ruse
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the Misses Mattin, Bro. C. C. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, Bro. Her
and Mrs. Herold, Bro. Harris and Mrs. Harris, Bro. Hanson M
Hanson and party, Bro. George Haller and party, Bro. W. Edri
and Mrs. Edridge, Bro. R. F. Bourn, Mrs. Bourn, and party,
G. F. Burge, Bro. Herbert and Mrs. Sprake, W. Lane, &c. &c.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

ON Friday, the 8th inst., the brethren of this Lodge held a we
attended meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Landport, to ins
Bro. J. Mitchell as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge w
opened by Bro. Pratt, W.M., and after the usual business Bro
Mason P.M. Dir. of Cers. presented Bro. J. Mitchell S.W. and W.
elect to Bro. Pratt to receive at his hands the benefit of installati
The ceremony having been admirably carried out by the Install
Master, and the new W.M. duly saluted, he appointed and inves
his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Ruddy S.W., H. Allison J.W., G.
Williams Treasurer, E. Milton Secretary, G. Young S.D., H. Stock
J.D., J. G. Mason P.M. Dir. of Cers., G. Sylvester P.P.G.O. Or
J. S. Buchan I.G., J. Miles and C. Legry Stewards, Exell and Car
Tylers. Bro. Pratt then very ably delivered the charges, which c
cluded a most impressive ceremony. The W.M. presented Bro. Pr
with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, the gift of the United Service Lod
in recognition of his services as Master during the past year. On t
Lodge closing the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, p
vided by Bro. Maybour, with his accustomed care and succe
Among the visitors were Bros. G. F. Lancaster P.M. P.G.Reg., H.
Loader P.M. 487 P.G.S.D., S. Clarke P.M. P.G. Steward, Towns
P.M. 1903 P.P.G.S.D., Hill W.M. 309, Beuttell W.M. 342, Bascom
W.M. 804, G. Hill W.M. 1388, Mitchell P.M. 20, Roe, Rev. A. Whis
1903, &c. The toast of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prin
of Wales M.W.G.M., and the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.
the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., having been duly honoured, the R.
Prov. G.M. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the D.P.G.M. Bro. Le Feuv
and the remainder of the Prov. G.L. Officers Present and Past w
coupled with the name of Brother G. F. Lancaster P.G. Registra
Bro. Lancaster, in responding, said that from the foundation of t
United Service Lodge he had year by year attended the installati
and it gave him great pleasure to do so, for he always found that t
ritual was conducted with great uniformity. He paid a high com
pliment to Bro. Pratt for the manner in which he had conducted t
duties of the evening, and in concluding said he should take th
opportunity of thanking the brethren of the United Service Lodg
for the munificent gift they had lately made the Hampshire an
Isle of Wight Benevolent Institution, of which he was the Ho
Secretary. A selection of music was played during dinner by a strin
band, under the direction of Mr. Beabey, of Leonard-road, and som
capital songs were rendered during the evening by Bros. Sylveste
Doyle, Lancaster, Ruddy, Sanders, Young, and Bascombe. Brothe
Palmer gave the recitation "Corporal O'Doodigan," which brough
forth rounds of applause. Bro. Sylvester presided at the piano, a
a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A REGULAR Meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, th
9th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, when there wer
present Bros. F. T. Redpath W.M., E. Samuel S.W., M. L. Levéy J.W
Rev. Lennox Harvey Chaplain, J. D. Langton P.M. P.G.J.W. Surre
Secretary, W. G. Goode S.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Org. Surrey J.D
E. C. Holdsworth D.C., F. W. Leaver Org., W. Lane Tyler; als
Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey I.P.M., J. S. Fraser, Perciva
Hoite, Aston, Guedalla, E. C. Leaver, Dr. Weison, and C. Holden
Visitors—Bro. J. Newton P.M. 174, C. Daniel P.M. 65, C. Everish P.M
715, and E. Hobbs 453. The Lodge having been opened, the minute
of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then

annual meeting was held at Dartford, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of R.W. the Earl Amherst Prov. Grand Master. The was held at the Bull Hotel, while in the streets ecorations and triumphal arches added a rare and que charm most gratifying to the eye. There was ticent arch in Hythe-street, having the arms of nerst family emblazoned on a crimson banner, and "A Kentish Welcome to our Grand Master;" y, Charity, and Benevolence;" and "Brotherly elief, and Truth." There was also a fine arch just the railway station with the motto "Dartford Lord Amherst." The entertaining Lodge was the on, No. 299, and here again the decorations were gly pretty. The handsome Lodge banner was ed over the Prov. Grand Master's chair, while flags, and pretty devices fluttered from the walls. The rand Master was received by the Present and Past ial Grand Officers, and ushered to his seat on the d after opening Grand Lodge he was saluted with al honours. Bro. James S. Eastes D.P.G.M., was ated. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand meeting having been confirmed, Bro. B. K. Thorpe 9, was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer. e roll of Lodges had been called, various sums were the Charity funds of Lodges in the Province, and s Lordship appointed and invested the following :—

Hayman Cummings, B.D., F.H.S.,	
M. 1837	Prov. G.S.W.
y Penfold, M.D. P.M. 1174... ...	Prov. G.J.W.
Thos. S. Curteis, M.A., P.M. 1414 ...	Prov. G.S. Chap.
C. E. Shirley Woolmer, M.A., P.M. 1209	Prov. G.J. Chap.
Thorpe P.M. 709 P.G.S.B. Eng. ...	Prov. G. Treas.
d Spencer P.M. 1063 P.G.S.B. Eng. ...	Prov. G. Sec.
y Harris Green P.M. 709	Prov. G. Reg.
Brock P.M. 299	Prov. G.S. Deacons
aud Wm. Daret P.M. 1223	
ard Mockton P.M. 1678	Prov. G.J. Deacons
ge Frederick Carnell P.M. 1414 ...	
ge Friend P.M. 1725	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
ge Barton P.M. 1915	Prov. G.D.C.
er Downing P.M. 20	Prov. G.D.D.C.
y Bond P.M. 1314	Prov. G.A.D.C.
y Chambers P.M. 1093	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
h Knott P.M. 1212	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
am Carter P.M. 1446	
b Plant P.M. 31 (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G. Org.
ard Pledge P.M. 1426	Prov. G.A. Sec.
reig W.M. 299	Prov. G. Pursvt.
Behenna P.M. 1531	Prov. G.A. Pursvt.
Charles Biggs P.M. 77	Prov. G. Stwds.
erick Wm. Underdown P.M. 133 ...	
S. Folly P.M. 784	
im Wells Woodruff P.M. 1206 ...	
ent Cutbert Walter P.M. 1208 ...	
ge Kennedy P.M. 1536	
ey	Prov. G Tyler.

unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Prov. laster, seconded by Bro. Wm. Russell P.M. 77 .D.—

the sum of one thousand guineas be subscribed by the nd Brethren of the Province for the purpose of purchasing a presentation to the Girls' School, no individual subscription one guinea; and, further, that the sum of fifty guineas be n the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the above Fund, be necessary."

Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M., Prov. G. Sec., and Prov. G. er were nominated trustees to the above fund, and was enthusiastically received by all present. Lodge v called off, and the brethren proceeded to the Church, where the Prov. G.S. Chaplain, Bro. the S. Curteis, preached a short sermon from the 4th of Exodus, part of verse 21—"What mean these " At the conclusion of the service a collection was hich amounted to £11; this was divided between mouth National Schools and the Masonic Charities. rning to Provincial Grand Lodge, votes of thanks ssed to the Rev. Watts, Rector of Dartford, for of the Church, and to Bro. Curteis for his sermon; the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ancient The banquet was held at the new Conservative ndly lent for the occasion; it was splendidly served than necessary to bring it to their notice. The toast was drunk heartily, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, followed; His Royal Highness was so deservedly popular, and had done so much for the Craft, that it was impossible for any gathering of Masons to assemble without receiving his name with all the honour, love, and respect it was entitled to. He wished that every Mason in England could have been present at the recent magnificent gathering at the Albert Hall; they would have been moved at the loyalty and deep feeling shown by every one, not only to his Royal Highness, but to their beloved Sovereign also. There was a good array of Kentish Masons on that occasion, and he felt sure that not one in that room would do otherwise than drink the health of His Royal Highness most heartily. In speaking to the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, he said they always drank that toast with a great deal of pleasure and cordiality in the Province of Kent. There were four Grand Officers present, and he should ask the two Kentish brethren to respond, reserving an opportunity for the two London brethren to speak later on. His Royal Highness their Grand Master had, as most of them were aware, lately conferred past rank upon a number of good Masons, and he was glad to say that among that number were two Kentish Masons. He never was better pleased in his life than when he heard that Bros. Thorpe and Spencer were nominated for Grand honours, for he felt that it was no undeserved reward for good and valuable services. Bro. Spencer said as that was the first time he had to respond for such an important toast, he trusted they would excuse him if he did not do justice to it. He looked upon it as a very great honour to occupy such a position, but certainly did not look upon it as a reward for his poor services, or for any especial good that he had done, but as a desire on the part of the Grand Master to do honour through him to the Province of Kent. It was kind of them to say "No," but it was their own Grand Master who had placed him in the official office he held in the Province. And he could not help thinking that it was meant as an honour to the Province more than to himself, and especially as some defference to their beloved Prov. Grand Master. He felt that there was a reciprocity of feeling between him and the brethren of the Province, and trusted it might long continue. For those Grand Masons and eminent men with whom his name had been associated, Bros. Lords Carnarvon and Lathom, all he could say was that they, by their devotion to the best interests of Freemasonry, had won the warmest regard of every Mason under the English Constitution, and he knew that there was not a brother in the Province that did not have for them the warmest attachment and the most devoted loyalty. For himself, he heartily thanked them for their kind reception of the toast. Bro. Thorpe said their brother Secretary had responded so eloquently for the toast that it left him nothing to say. He was indebted to their kindness for the position he held, for if they had not elected him so many times to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer His Royal Highness would most probably never have heard of him, and certainly not given him Past Grand rank. He could assure them that it was most gratifying, and he could not do more than express his heartfelt gratitude for their long continued confidence.

Bro. Cummings then rose to propose the toast of the R.W. the Earl Amherst Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Kent. After a hearty reception had been given on this being announced, Bro. Spencer said he could see there was no occasion for him to make a speech, or to say a single word in favour of their Prov. Grand Master; wherever they met their Prov. Grand Master in the Province they greated him with a most hearty and truly Masonic greeting. Further, they were proud of having such a true nobleman to rule over them. Their Prov. Grand Master was one who by his genuine love for the Craft, and the bright example he showed in every moral and social virtue, had endeared himself to all, and wherever he was known he was loved, honoured, and respected. The Prov. Grand Master, after a few preliminary observations, said there was a good many people who did not care for the good opinions

y had for him, and which he could assure ever would be, so dear. During the past secrated two new Lodges, and would shortly rate another. All that he could do for the e Province he would do, and he assured dial sympathy and desire for the welfare and brethren.

G. Master then proposed the V.W. Bro. Eastes D.P.G.M. He said it was a toast rally drunk with unmingled feeling of he present occasion he proposed it with s of pleasure and regret; pleasure because atisfaction to him to know that he should valuable services of Bro. Eastes at his right rovince; and regret at the heavy domestic had so recently befallen that good and r. He had received a most touching letter s in response to a letter of condolence sent preliminary meeting at Canterbury, but on resence of Bro. Eastes at Grand Lodge he hought it best to treat it *sub silentio*, so as en the wounds that time alone could heal. ryone, in drinking the toast, would ask the grant Bro. Eastes health and strength to his affliction, and that the cloud now over on pass away. The other toasts given were Grand Officers Present and Past, the ies, the Visitors, the Committee of the ge, and the Tyler's toast. The musical ere under the control of Bro. J. Kift, the d the Misses Ada Beck and Marion Ellis, . Page, W. H. Webb, and J. Kift.

NEFICENCE OF MASONRY.

of this Institution comes to us through and generations join in the words which s for the good of man. From "vanished ed, like some cathedral chant," the music ghty chorus of harmonious speech, touch- the earnest listener with the story it bears in es of brotherly love, relief, and truth. With t must go on conquering and to conquer. l flee from its presence, prejudice vanish evil disappear on its approach, and men, mien bend the head in admiration as it e years. Noiseless as the march of thought, the Temple of Truth, it has found its y land where suffering abides, where haven or humanity a prayer. Its faithful g its banner broad and bright, wave the rays of the rising sun, and hold kissed by the soft light of the twinkling efactions know no slumber, and for make "all seasons summer." To the it offers the joy and peace which with it tenders to the humble and the poor. Of serve at its tables and guard its altars it estion, "Is he worthy and well qualified?" — without this qualification he could not e peasant — with it as a sesame, the bolts tes open to his approach, and all the hidden s temples hold is uncovered to his view. r and pestilence and famine it holds its e sword of the soldier into the ploughshare the breath of the scourge into whispered al comfort, and the cry of hunger into the ude. Its living subjects bear as a talisman il the Compasses and the Square, made effulgence of its greatest light. Its dead emblem of innocence upon their breasts, witness of their lives, which the evergreen, nion, tells us will be eternal.—*Grand Master via.*

lth, and blush to find it fame.—*Pope.*

— Hall, Waterloo-road, Havant, on the 5th inst., alterations and extension of the building having been completed. As it was the Annual Festival there was a good muster of the members, over thirty being present, besides twenty visitors. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock, by the I.P.M. Bro. H. W. Smith-Parsons. The minutes being confirmed, and the ballot taken for a candidate, who was elected, the initiation of Mr. Best, who was unable to attend the last meeting, was proceeded with; after which the W.M., Bro. James J. Bascombe, took the gavel, and proceeded with the installation of his successor, Bro. John J. Hardy Bascombe. For the last fifteen years, with four exceptions, it has been the custom for the outgoing Master to instal his successor, and on this occasion it was ably performed; indeed, it can be said that the rendering of the ritual and the ceremonial could not have been surpassed. It met with general approbation from all present. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. A. A. Wood S.W., G. H. Tuck J.W., H. W. Smith-Parsons P.M. Sec., J. Collings P.M. D.C., E. S. Sprigings S.D., W. F. Bowler J.D., J. T. Slade I.G., J. Leader Org., J. Collins and J. M. Godfrey Stewards, W. Blackmore Tyler. The remainder of the ceremony was then completed, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Installing Master. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where fifty-one sat down to a excellent repast, provided by Mr. Buller, of Osborne-road, Southsea, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and several brethren contributed to the pleasures of the evening by well-rendered songs, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Hebe F. Wilton Past Provincial Grand Organist. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. G. E. Lancaster Prov. Grand Registrar, W. E. Gilbert W.M. 257, W. A. Hill W.M. 309, W. Bowtell W.M. 342, J. S. Senior W.M., G. Darby P.M. 1703, G. S. Hill W.M., W. J. Borrow S.W. 1958, and several others.

A Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, when there was a full attendance of the Governors, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., C.C., Past Grand Treasurer. The business was of a purely formal character, a number of candidates being placed on the list for the October Election, and it was decided that fifteen should be then elected. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presided over the Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday last. There was a good attendance of the members of the Court. A list of fifty-four candidates was handed down on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which eleven boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held in October next. Four out of five additional petitions were deferred for consideration. The proceedings concluded with the customary votes of thanks.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. James Brett P.G.P., was in the chair, and there were present Bros. John Bulmer, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. E. Dawson, Charles Kempton, F. Adlard, Alex. Forsyth, Hugh Cotter, C. H. Driver, Joseph Freeman, J. Newton, C. H. Hill, Walter Martin, C. F. Hogard, S. Brooks, W. Bellchamber, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., E. M. Money, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., and James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of four annuitants on the Male Fund, and that he had received a cheque for £1000 from Grand Lodge, being the amount voted in March last towards the requirements of the Institution. The Warden's report was read, and a vote of thanks passed to the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for having granted permission to the School Band to attend at the Institution at Croydon on the occasion of the recent visit paid by the Festival Stewards. The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application from the widow of a late annuitant, for half of her husband's annuity, was acceded to, and five petitions (two male and three widows') were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May 1888.

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rticulars will be duly announced.
of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

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THE VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden at the COURT HOUSE, ROMFORD, on TUESDAY, the 26th day of July, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, for the transaction of General Business.
By command of the R.W.P.G.M.,
THOS. J. RALLING,
Provincial Grand Secretary.
Colchester, 14th July 1887.

Banquet at Four o'Clock.

The Great Eastern Railway Company have kindly consented to issue Return Tickets at Single Fares, to Brethren attending this meeting on production of Summons.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, 27th day of July 1887, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

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

N.B.—Morning Dress.
Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.
27th June 1887.

P.S.—The Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon.

The dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to W. Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M. P.P.G.W., 139 North End, Croydon, enclosing 7/6, which will not include Wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, and no Ticket will be issued after 23rd July.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Croydon, at 4·30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Herbert Turner, Rector of Sutton, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren are to appear in Craft Masonic costume at Divine Service, and to clothe in the Girls' School room, adjoining the Church.

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OF
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Prov. Grand Scribe E.

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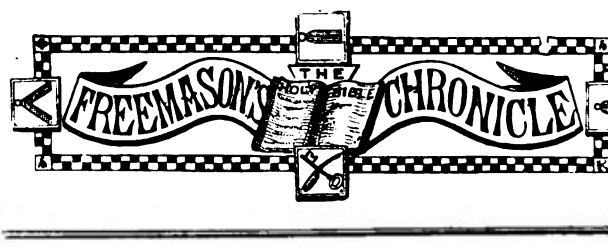

THE LATE BROTHER E. COPPEE MITCHELL,

PAST GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

WE are enabled to lay before our readers the following admir "In Memoriam" of Past Grand Master Mitchell, prepared Brother the Hon. Michael Arnold, R.W. Junior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and read by him before the Gr Lodge at its recent Quarterly Communication. Bro. Mitchell wa universally respected, esteemed and loved throughout the juris tion, that this tribute to his memory will be appreciated and enjo by all of our readers.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE,—The Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lo held Wednesday, 1st December 1886, was opened in ample form. the elected Officers were present, also a large number of the Breth The annual election was to be held. It was known that the R Worshipful Grand Master had declined a re-election to the statio had graced and worthily filled. It was also known that he suffering from an infirmity, which we hoped was but temporar that we could have the pleasure of his presence and the benefit of counsel for many years to come. But, alas, our hopes were doo to disappointment. After the close of that Communication, Right Worshipful Grand Master, sick and infirm, exhausted by labours, but lifted up by the fraternal expression of the good wi of the Brethren, retired to his home, where he remained unti passed away from earth through death into eternal life. His work was done in this Grand Lodge among his Masonic Breth where he so much loved to be. He was unable to be present at Annual Communication on St. John's Day, but the pains of his

lamented, and now the Brethren mourn.

oppee Mitchell, LL.D., Right Worshipful Past Grand Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was born in the city of the State of Georgia, on the 24th day of July 1836, and e city of Philadelphia on the 25th day of January 1887. on of Dr. John James Mitchell, a prominent physician and the grandson of the Hon. David Brydie Mitchell, a land, who came to this country and settling in Georgia, ice of the Supreme Court and the Governor of that th. His mother was a daughter of Dr. Edward Coppee, mber of a family which has given to our country eminent lars, and men of letters. Both of Bro. Mitchell's while he was young. In his sixteenth year he was is city by his uncle, the Right Reverend William Bacon present Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in f Pennsylvania. After passing through the preparatory ucation was completed in the University of Pennsyl- hich he graduated in the year 1855. He then began ne law, and was admitted to the bar of this county on 1858. The studious bent of his mind led him to the and mastery of the law of real estate, upon which the all law rests, and to a competent understanding of the equity, which temper and ameliorate the rigour of the w is a rule of action, so equity is the mitigation of the rule.

ell had the usual experience of young lawyers, the g for practice, employing his time meanwhile by filling those rich stores of knowledge, which served him and well in after years. Industrious and systematic in stored his learning in such orderly method that he on it with readiness and ease.

1872, Bro. Mitchell was appointed a temporary lecturer hool of the University of Pennsylvania, and in April lected Professor of the Law of Real Estate and Equity . He was chosen Dean of the Law Department of the He immediately set to work to enlarge its sphere of rease its usefulness, and his success was such that the f that University now ranks among the first in this students were instructed by him, while they were the ease and gracefulness of his manners, so that the ly were made less difficult by the pleasure of receiving ge imparted by him. On 20th July 1884 he was ember of the Board of Public Charities of this State. of the Committee on Lunacy of that Board, he gave ces and performed important duties in framing the lations for the licence and government of Institutions

1884, he was chosen by the Judges of the Courts of of this county one of the Commissioners of Fairmount place of Bro. Henry M. Phillips, a Past Grand Master Lodge, who died on 28th August 1884. In that Board of land title law made him a useful and valuable member. l was made a Mason in Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, on of April 1863. After service in several appointed Lodge, he was elected Junior Warden, and performed ation for the Masonic year commencing on St. John's is labours in that office were marked by that attention rrectness in work, which characterised all his acts in

It is with pride that I reflect upon the fact that his in initiating me into the mysteries of the Craft. His s in entering Brother the Right Reverend William , Bishop of Iowa, in an emergent Grand Lodge, held ry 1885. He served as Senior Warden of his Lodge Worshipful Master in 1873.

in Grand Lodge were of a varied and most useful ey began almost upon his entrance into Grand Lodge, until a few weeks before he died. On St. John's Day and Master Alfred R. Potter appointed him Chairman tee on Correspondence, a place which he held for two port for the year 1874 contains this wise statement of his duties, with a modest assertion of his great willing- to them.

ne down to us from those able and experienced have occupied this responsible position in past years, g rule to govern this Committee, that it is no part of ss judgment upon matters either of legislation or wherein we find our Brethren in other jurisdictions own laws and customs; that each Grand Lodge, being n the limits of its own jurisdiction, has the undoubted te its affairs according to its own judgment.

ditional policy we have adhered; not only because it tablished usage, and is entitled on that account to be also because, in the performance of our duty, we a wise and safe policy for ourselves, totally inexperi- ranch of Masonic duty, to avoid all appearance of eat of judgment and passing sentence upon others, ves are so liable to fall into error."

ear statement of what may be called international

t, M.W. Brother Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, a in Freemasonry, says: "It is carefully prepared, and redit upon its author, in spite of his modest deprecia- ."

s Day 1876, Brother Mitchell was appointed a mem- mittee of Appeals, and served on that Committee as r two years. He was also the Grand Representative

for the two years thereafter, and as Right Worshipful Grand Master for the Masonic years commencing on St. John's Day 1884 and 1885. His administration was wise and successful, harmony and good order prevailed, and peace and prosperity resulted therefrom. His manners were graceful and easy; he was approachable, kind, and considerate, and yet he was positive in his judgments and firm in enforcing them. He repressed errors by edicts, which, while they were disagreeable to pronounce, nevertheless had to be issued to prevent that disorder which wilful disobedience or culpable ignorance always causes.

Brother Mitchell was a member and Past High Priest of Oriental Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 183, of the State of Pennsylvania. He was also a member of Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar, but he never accepted the honours of official station there. Perhaps he found his time so much occupied that he could not give any of it to other societies, and acted upon the belief that a competent performance of duty in a few of them was much better than a negligent service in many.

When he sat in the chair of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, we thought he would in due course take his place among the keepers of the Landmarks of Freemasonry, until in years he would become a patriarch among us. But his duties and labours were so many and so exacting, and made such demands upon his strength, that they told upon his health. His vital organs became weakened; he became sick, languished, and died. Death set his mark upon our Brother, and made him a stone in that Spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

My Brethren, what a loss you have suffered, and how much do you feel it! The grief is universal; all share it. Our hopes have been disappointed; we mourn and submit.

This sketch of our Grand Master would be incomplete, at least to those who knew the intimate Masonic relations which existed between him and another lamented brother, George W. Wood, Grand Marshal of this Grand Lodge, who died 2nd January 1887, at the ripe age of seventy-nine years, without some reference to Brother Wood. In the open Grand Lodge, and in the minor details of government by the Grand Master, they were constantly together. The sentiments which existed between them were of the most affectionate regard and confidence; they were like the filial love of a son for his father on one side, and the paternal solicitude of a father for his son on the other.

Bro. Wood's death was made known to Brother Mitchell while he was upon his bed in his last sickness. It affected him very much. In three weeks thereafter Brother Mitchell died.

In his family relations Brother Mitchell was very happy. He married his cousin Eliza, daughter of Bishop Stevens, and left her and six children to mourn the loss of a fond husband and affectionate father.

Brother Mitchell was buried at South Laurel Hill Cemetery, on 28th January 1887. The Brethren of the Grand Lodge attended the funeral, and paid their last tribute of respect to him whose memory they will always cherish.

Right Worshipful Grand Master: I offer the following resolutions, and move that they be adopted.

Resolved, That the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania have heard, with sincere regret, of the death of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Edward Coppee Mitchell, who was endeared to them by the most happy disposition and manners. He was amiable and kind, considerate and forbearing, but nevertheless firm in upholding the standards of Freemasonry and maintaining the Landmarks. The Brethren feel deeply the loss they have suffered, and in testimony of their affectionate regard for his memory, do further resolve that the furniture of the Grand Lodge and the jewels of the Grand Officers be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Resolved, also, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of Grand Lodge, and that a copy of them be sent to the family of Brother Mitchell.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.—*Keystone.*

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be holden at the Court House, Romford, on Tuesday, the 26th July, at two o'clock p.m., when the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, Provincial Grand Master will preside. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 2·15 o'clock. A banquet will take place at the Corn Exchange, Romford, at four o'clock, for which tickets (10s 6d each, including wine) may be obtained from Bro. H. H. Heasman. The Great Eastern Railway Company have kindly consented to issue return tickets, at single fares, to brethren attending this meeting, on production of summons.

An Ancient Masonic Monument.—We print the following without comment: In the possession of the Italian government is a monument recently unearthed, upon which are engraved the square and compass, plumb, level and twenty-four inch gauge. It also bears an inscription in Latin, giving the name of the person to whom it was erected, together with the significant statement that he was a Master Mason. Experts have examined the stone, and find that it has remained in the earth many centuries. It is evidently older than the Italian language, or else Master Mason seems to have

s large, but certainly not an indulgent, audience. "La Doctoresse" was undertaken by Mr. F. C. t made as much of his work as might have been ne time since, the French version was brought ome genuine fun was the result, but Saturday's ning but a happy one. Mr. Buroand has put into honoured jokes, but they missed fire, and the flat. We do not desire it to be understood there he piece; on the contrary, the author at times y; still the bright moments are obscured by the he first act dragged heavily, but the second and spirit. As is usually the case in this class of ife must be in request, especially in the first act. Doctor," as at present constituted, is a dis- idea of Angelina Blossom, M.D., turning the ooms for her patients is certainly enough to induce for consolation elsewhere. Again, the dilemma gets into at the Signora's apartments ought to ment. It was, however, not made the most of; ire dancer was not spirited enough; while, when ght to be hurt, and his wife is called to his aid—a fell terribly flat. The best work was shown e Mrs. Blossom decides to give up her practice er husband appreciate his home. In this scene was at her best. She was so graceful and winning y be wondered Blossom decides to stay at home company. Moreover, this lady's earlier scenes ; while she looked the character all over. Once nley, as the husband, has a part he can elaborate. of the piece really falls on his shoulders, and goes about his task. His droll and inimitable part, and it will not be his fault if success is not . A. Victor did not put enough life into the high- nt Mr. W. J. Hill made the most out of a ridicu- lers to cure patients at a quarter the fee charged t times it was impossible to understand Mr. H. f a foreign Count. Miss Rose Dearing made a while the Misses Vane Featherstone and Cissy cially good in their respective rôles. Mr. A. G. Blanche Horlock also made the most of small parts. Mr. Hawtrey were both called, but they received ourable reception.

Miss Grace Hawthorne started a "preliminary eatre on Thursday, choosing for the opening piece and L. B. Shewell's five-act drama, "Shadows of a work is full of incident and excitement, but the of the ordinary class of melo-dramas, suited better g theatres rather than a West-end one. We are raw during the hot weather. To our thinking the rk closely, while the saying of "a warm-hearted unquestionably be curtailed. Great care has cing the drama upon the stage, and it has been The following details supply the story, which is w one:—Tom Cooper, a sailor with a kind heart, a youthful spendthrift, whose uncle's fortune he is trying to secure. Between Benson and the poor woman's child—Helen Standish. Cooper this woman and child, but Benson, with the help of es a robbery of diamonds on our hero, with the committed to prison. Along with him is sent a t, Jim Farren. Jim is offered release by the Jew to steal and drown the child, whose mother is part of the prison. This Jim decides to do, and persuade Cooper to escape with him. This they a boat moored in the river, the warders in the been bribed. After a journey down the river, the land on some rocks, where Jim proposes to effect hild, but Cooper will not permit this. A struggle d is thrown into the river, and Cooper jumps after s are supposed to elapse, the child is grown up, and per and a true-hearted Irish woman. The girl does st history. Her cousin Benson now turns up and t of protecting her. Cooper is threatened with a In the last act of course everything is cleared up, nce made apparent, while Jim Farren gives ation to send Benson and the Jew to prison. J. H. Barnes was manly and vigorous, but at others . Mr. Harry Parker made a capital Abe. Nathan, . L. Abrigdon was good as the villain, Benson. Mr. ad numerous opportunities as Jim Farrer, and did the most of them. His style perfectly suited the nse of humour was well to the fore. Mr. Bassett Roe lected as the detective. Miss Mary Rorke evinced and pathos as Helen Standish, but Miss Lizzie carcely power enough for Annie Standish. Miss s caused much laughter as the kind-hearted Irish parts were in good hands. At the conclusion the calls were given, after which a special one brought in Miss Grace Hawthorne, who heartily thanked those kind manner in which they had received her pre- In regard to the future, Miss Hawthorne said that

that contains sufficient material for at least two or three pieces To give any account of the plots would fill too much space, so we mus content ourselves with giving an outline of the principal one. Obe Snow, an ex-forger and convict, contrives to get in his power a foolis and inexperienced youth, James Seabrook, whose step-father, Winsdal is wealthy. Snow, in want of money, persuades James to admit hi during the night, and show him where the father's wealth has bee bidden by his daughter. This is done, with the result that Ceci Blane, Winsdale's Secretary, is apprehended on suspicion of havin committed theft. The following day Snow, disguised as a parson, call when he discovers he has persuaded his own son to assist in robbin Winsdale. This troubles his conscience, with the result that h contrives, the next night, to put the money back. He is, however, see by Winsdale. This clears Blane, who is secretly married to Winsdale daughter. Snow now promises to turn over a new leaf, and i allowed to depart. The above is only the main story, but bo Winsdale is nearly persuaded into marrying a designing woma and other matters of the same kind, we will not trouble ou readers with. First as a kind of Alfred Jingle, and then as th hypocritical clergyman, Mr. Bassett Roe was seen to fair advantag He was humorous when wanted, while at other times he displaye plenty of dash. It was a poor part, but the gentleman made th most of it. Mr. John Beauchamp, was good as Winsdale, an Mr. Wallace Erskine displayed unlooked for talent as Jame Seabrook, a most unnatural character. Mr. Lewis Waller was ill a ease as Cecil Blane; but Miss Florence West displayed plenty o power as his wife; Miss Edith Dene was a fair lover; but Mis Schubert as the designing Lucy Audrey was anything but good. crowded house gave the usual call for the author, but the call wa not responded to.

Alhambra.—Monday evening witnessed a change of programm here, when a new ballet, "Algeria," took the place of "Th Seasons," while "Nadia" was transferred to the end of th entertainment. "Algeria" is the invention of Mons. Hanse while the music has been composed by M. Jacobi. If the ovations received from a well filled house on the first night of its productio go for anything, this new ballet ought to have a long and success ful run. As its name indicates the work is of Moorish character and gives scope for diversity of colouring, both in scenery an costumes. Both Mr. H. Emden and Mr. L. Beeche have shown gre skill in their respective departments by their artistic grouping colours. In fact a more brilliant display than is presented by th three tableaux, into which the piece is divided, can hardly be con ceived. The story runs as follows: a young Algerian officer (Mdll Marie) having received orders to capture and slay a certain note pirate, has a parting interview with his lady love (Mdlle. Adel Zallio); he informs her of the purpose of his intended expedi tion. This arrangement is discovered by the robber of the sea (Mdlle. Cormani), who at once makes off to warn his band of the approaching danger; at the same time he succeeds in carrying o the fair lady, with whom he also is desperately enamoured. Havin conveyed her to his encampment by the sea, he endeavours to wi her, by a variety of entertainments, and here, of course, sever Moorish dances are given, one—a sword dance—being particular effective, as was likewise an Arabian tent scene. The whol finishes with a grand dance, "En Masse," during which the pirate are surprised and scattered, by the officer previously mentione and his gallant troops. The lady being left behind by the pira captain, is rescued, and is seen reclining in the arm of her lov when the curtain falls. The three principal characters in th foregoing are played in splendid style by Mdlles. Zallio, Marie, an Cormani. The Mooresque dance by Mdlle. Aouda, a Creole, also cal for special notice; it is an elegant and skilful performance. As th theatre is now lighted almost entirely by electricity, and is we ventilated, it remains beautifully cool, despite the hot weather w are now experiencing. "Nadia" still retains its popularity, as w fully attested by the applause which it elicited. The variety ente tainments are also good, and well worth witnessing.

Yet another opportunity will be offered London playgoers witness the successful burlesque "Monte Christo, jun.," with th original caste. This will be on Saturday afternoon, the 23rd instan when Mr. F. J. Potter, the genial acting manager of the Gaiet Theatre, will take his annual benefit. That Mr. Potter will have crowded house we feel assured; his programme is both strong an interesting.

JUBILEE GIFT TO THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

THE sum of £53 has been handed to the Provincial Grand Master Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P in aid of the Masonic Charities. This amount represents the tota proceeds, without any deductions whatever, of a performance give at the Theatre Royal on 24th June, on which occasion, it may b remembered, a dispensation was granted for Brethren to appear i regalia. Bro. J. W. Boughton also marked the Jubilee by giving th gross receipts of an entertainment to the Royal Portsmouth Hospita thus strengthening the local popularity which he enjoys on accoun of his personal liberality and enterprising management of the Theatr

Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 16th JULY.

chester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
ey, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
ris, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
bury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
inx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
eston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
wick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
pter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
–Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

anon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
ix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
remont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
umont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
se and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 18th JULY.

ghborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ng Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
cerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
lington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
e of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
e Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
ce Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
quess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
ropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
al Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
burn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
t Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
nor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction).
vyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
dwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
en's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
France, 68 Regent Street, W.

edom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
k, Masonic Hall, York
e Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
enix Public Room, Truro
ce and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
al Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
ough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
rton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
ford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
it, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
rton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
tland, Portland Hall, Portland
iculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
inthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
al Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
el, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
e and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
-Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
-Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
-Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
-Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
mund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
nce of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston
Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 19th JULY.

General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
stitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
sperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
unt Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
h, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Ins.).
natic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
pa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
hrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
borough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
nce Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
housie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
sbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
ndsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
blematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
ars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
al Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
nington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
l Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
unt Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
ngton, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
sley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
ucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
v Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
v Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
e of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
xton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
tan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
-Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst).
—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

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ance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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gullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
dender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
rren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
nley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
er, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
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, 20th JULY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (I
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (Ic
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Susex, 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, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
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. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
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M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 21st JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. E.
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1605—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)

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edom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
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Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
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FRIDAY, 22nd JULY.

mprovement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
ortland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
t and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
ose Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
n, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In
Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
ead, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
ortugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
gers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
l, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
delton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
ry Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
n, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
r C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
hmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
ddington, W. (Improvement)
wn and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
ic Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
nic Hall, Liverpool
masons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
struction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
reemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
n, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
t, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

ATURDAY, 23rd JULY.

Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
ls, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
k, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
rystal Palace, Sydenham
nd, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
alace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
own and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
eridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
rray, Town Hall, Hounslow
ndsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
nprovement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at
re Hotel, Hampton Court
ison, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
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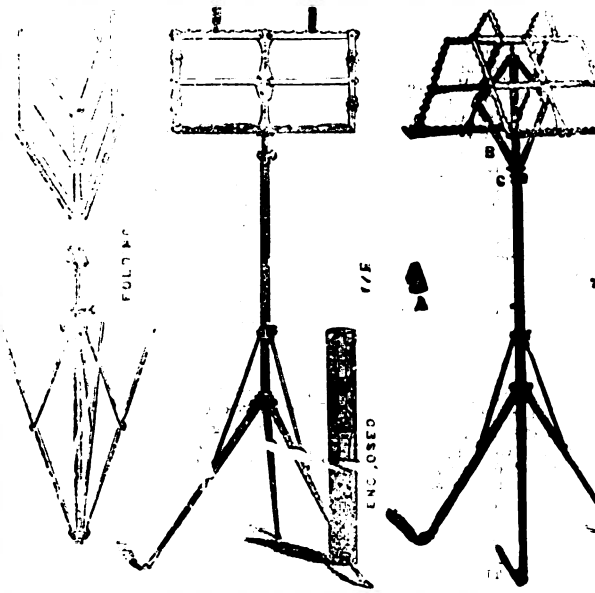

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SENT POSITION OF FREE-MASONRY.

position of Freemasonry (more properly Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry) is alike remarkable. Those of us who can instance, the status of Freemasonry in y a generation or so age, will we think difference there is between past and

in this country and generation, was o say, from the slumberous level in which mt and co operative causes had left it at the t century and the commencement of this. nasonry had suffered, as Freemasonry done, from a condition of affairs com- by ignorance, ridicule, persecution, and hich is now happily a thing of the past. intry the progress of Freemasonry had been slow, its position indeterminate, and cer- mensurate with its real value and utility. state of Europe and the world, the evil e French Revolution, the fulminations of the general idea of Freemasonry, as to its its outcome, had checked the progress of nd by the prevailing effect of action and uperinduced a sort of apathy, "easy-go- life amongst Freemasons themselves.

g to note to-day the slow progress compa- emasonry, even under the favourable condi- Grand Master, a zealous and able Freemason, Sussex, the sequence, be it remembered, of xistence and work. Those of us who can sonry in our own land, even what it hibited itself, the aspect it assumed before proof it gave to the Craft and brethren of its *raison d'être*, will heartily agree with us he change, both in the "spirit" of its its normal development in Lodge life, Lodge e like, a very striking fact in the history of ality. To-day, on the contrary, on every side roofs, countless and assured, both of its social, nd its beneficial advance; the admiration it the world; the confidence it claims and ts own members.

fficulty now in Freemasonry, especially here eep out unfitting and undesirable associates; ly but fairly; consistently but courteously, d wide-spread desire to be admitted into the nd partake of the "benefits" of Freemasonry. ger has always to be carefully guarded against, watched over, the tendency, as in all human good into evil, degrade higher motives by d the intent and idea of Masonry being, and of t, a benefit society. Whenever that lowering otice develop themselves in our midst, the nasonry will have departed, and we shall, as consequence, despite a few passing gleams of prestige, ere very long have to tell, and tell serted shrines" and a decadent Order. At elevator for them, alike in the opinion of their fell citizens and in their own self-valuation and se esteem. Our English Lodges are specially just n flourishing and prosperous. The highest and greatest the land do not hesitate to take part in our labours, to jo our assemblies, to claim the name and wear the insignia Freemasons.

We may point with justifiable pride to the fact, th however some may still misapprehend the aim, and the fore condemn the principles of Freemasonry (of which th are equally ignorant), we can boast of the accession a adhesion to our ranks, and as marching under our banne of a great Brotherhood, characterised by all those con tions of birth, culture, knowledge, worth, and brilli parts which serve to sustain, compact and permeate, c great Institution in marvellous measure. The noble a the self-made man stand side by side on that one tr equality of mental ability and moral worth which alone a by itself is one of the most characteristic and disti guishing features of Freemasonry, which gives force its objects reality to its professions, and enhances t value of its technical labour, and its social harmony.

But here we must stop to-day. We may possib on some future occasion, dwell upon some other prai worthy and striking conditions of the present aspect a position of Freemasonry.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS RELATIO TO RELIGION.

OUT of the darkness of ignorance there occasiona comes a voice of doleful lamentation over the alleg hostile relation of Freemasonry to religion. It is ev asserted that the Fraternity seeks to arrogate to itself t place of supremacy, and claims to be a substitute f Christian Faith. Just at this juncture, when the emine Dr. McCosh and the eloquent Dr. Talmage are seeking create among the ministers of the Church a sentime against secret associations, and conspicuously Freemasonr it seems eminently appropriate to state, in brief and co prehensive terms, the professed attitude of the Craft religion. And that the statement be made by a pupil one and a fellow-Presbyterian minister of both these an fraternity agitators will not detract from its interes Whatever may be said against Freemasonry, it is presumab that it has at least, the right to define its own position a state its own claims.

1. Freemasonry is not inimical to religion. It is t intimately related to religion to assume toward it an u friendly attitude. It has no conceivable motive in antagoni ing the Church, or in interfering with the religio convictions of anyone. There is nothing in the nature the Society that necessitates the renunciation of a sing sentence of any creed, the discontinuance of any religio customs, or the obliteration of a dogma of belief. No o is asked to deny the Bible, to change his Church relation to withhold monetary or moral support from the Churc

gmatic divinity. It scrupulously honours the convic- of each person, assumes that his own conscience and nent are his best guides, and does not seek to reshape heology. It does not offer any instruction which it s is as good, or better, than the religious principles of ndividual member. If a Freemason makes a religion of the principles of the Society, or seeks to proselyte from their faith, he acts contrary to the spirit of the ntion. Freemasonry forbids any official action, tions, debates, argumentation, or authorised public nents calculated, in the least, to prejudice the mind y member against his religion, or give the impression Freemasonry is a substitute for religion. Nowhere in ual, liturgy, obligations, charters, unwritten traditions, inted instructions will be found any intimation that asonry is superior to the Church, or that it claims the world's religious instructor.

Further than this, the Fraternity is the avowed enemy eism, non-religion and irreligion. Appreciating the al and moral and revealed proofs of the existence and cient control of the Creator, Masons require every date, before passing through any of the ceremonies of ion, to declare his trust in God. By no possibility professed Atheist become a Freemason. If any such falsely say that he believed in God for the sake of tance into the Fraternity, he would be on a level hose dissemblers in our churches who, while serving vil, assume the role of saints. But as the Church is rrectly judged by the pious frauds that afflict it, so r is Freemasonry to be held responsible for any le excrescences. Immorality, libertism, sensualism, l forms of vice are not only denounced in a general but when detected in the individual member, are lined and reproved. The Society arrays itself against ity, intemperance, dishonesty, and the like, and does old itself accountable for any individual deflections ts rules, though it exercises its disciplinary authority e detected transgressor.

Freemasonry is based upon the Holy Bible. This s called, in Masonic language, the First Great Light, Lodge is opened without its presence on the altar r forth "upon the East, the West, and the South its ent rays of Divine truth." The Bible is to the Craft ponent of the will of God, the rule by which every ason will endeavour to regulate his conduct, and the by which he will correct his failings.

traditions, legends, significant words, and much of mbolism of Masonry are from sacred history. Nor ne Order pervert these things, or put new and un- explanations upon them. The Society is neither nced" in its theology, nor "high" in its Biblical m. Freemasons are, as a rule, less interested in ing the authenticity and credibility of the Old ent than many modern Churchmen and professors ological schools. For Professor Kuenen and the tive critics of the Old Testament generally, Masons no sympathy, but with Dr. Wm. H. Green, the con- ve and learned Hebraist, of Princetown, they fully as to the historic reliability and trustworthiness of ord of God.

What is asked, are the religious principles of Free- ry? Though neither a religion or a substitute for n, the organisation, from the nature of the case, has ental and vital principles which it maintains. It ystem of modified Theism, on which, according to ion and preference, the individual member may graft n views as to the ramifications and details of practical y and the plan of salvation. Some will be interested n hearing why Freemasonry attaches so much value Bible, the chief aim of which is to enlighten the about Jesus Christ. It is because Masonry desires uled, in things, pertaining to the mission and work Society, by the recognised highest expression of will. Freemasonry existed before the Bible was ted or its canon defined, during which period the nity held in greatest reverence the then highest ised symbol or exponent of God's will, but when principles. It receives the Bible as the symbol of Divine will, but does not attempt to interpret it by rules of any school of theology. There it is upon the al and each Mason is expected to read it, and to interpre according to the enlightenment of his own mind. T Society not only believes in, but enforces, the comm Protestant truth concerning the right of private int pretation.

The ethical virtues of Freemasonry, dilated upon a solemnly inculcated, are Prudence, Fortitude, Temperan and Justice. But besides these, it lays emphasis upon eve internal qualification of man that renders him nobler a more useful. It is not oblivious to the good and redeemi features of human nature, and seeks to turn them to t best account.

The distinctively theological tenets are faith in God, ho in Immortality, and Love toward humanity. The dut to God, mankind and self, are strongly enjoined. Fr masonry is orthodox on the subject of future rewards a retributions: it does not neglect to remind its members the grim tyrant Death, or to tell them of the blessed i mortality that awaits the well-prepared.

6. Seeing that Freemasonry has all these high virtu and is the guardian of revealed truth, and is committed a conservative position on the subject of Old Testame credibility, many persons will be interested in knowing w the Fraternity does not become a propagandist of Chris anity.—*N.J., Royal Craftsman.*

WAS HENRY PRICE A PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER?

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

PRICE claimed to have been appointed in 1733 Pro G.M. for New England, and in 1734 his powers we extended over all North America. Bro. Gould admits th no evidence exists in the English Grand Lodge records any kind of a Deputation ever having been granted Price either in 1733 or 1734. He agrees with my bel that the claimed extension of Price's power in 1734 w untrue; but as documentary evidence exists that t Boston Masons of 1733 and 1736 believed that Price was Provincial Grand Master, hence Bro. Gould imagines th Price may have had a Deputation for New England in 173 but, for certain reasons, the said Deputation was n recorded by the Grand Secretary.

Now, assuming that Bro. Gould's reasoning about t Grand Secretary's omission to be O.K.; the question st remains that if Price could have imposed on the Bost Masons in 1734 his pretended extension of powers, w could he not also have imposed on them in 1733 abo being Grand Master of New England, &c.?

Again, Franklin visited Boston in 1733. Bro. Gou admits that Price did not then show Franklin h Deputation—and why?

Again, Portsmouth (New Hampshire) Masons petition Price for a charter 5th February 1736. The Boston Gra Lodge record assigns that event to "about" 24th June 173 and it claims that Price accorded with their request, a that "Mr." (no name) was appointed Master of the Por mouth Lodge. Bro. Lyman Spaulding, Grand Sec. of N Hampshire in 1804, in a sketch on the early history Masonry in his Province, assigns the date of the Portsmou petition to Price, to 24th June 1734, and adds that the prayer was granted; but he continues his narrative follows:—

"Immediately after the appointment of the Rig Worshipful Robert Tomlinson, in 1736, to be Prov. G. of North America, the Brethren of the Holy Lodge St. John received a Charter by the name of St. John Lodge, and were soon after constituted, and Office appointed."

Harris's Masonic history of 1792 misled Spaulding abo the year of the Portsmouth petition, and about Price Grand Lodge having granted their prayer. But Spauldi

1 Charter was in his possession; he,
ssession of the very best evidence that
s issued by Tomlinson; indeed, there
.ined about Tomlinson's granting the
, if Price had been a *bonâ fide* Prov.
tsmouth Masons in 1736 petitioned him
ce, and not Tomlinson, would have
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inson was appointed in 1736 Prov. G.M.
rd's Deputation, dated September 1743,
merica. In 1754 the Boston Masons
d Lodge of England to appoint Jeremy
America; and in 1755 Price wrote to a
urging the appointment of Gridley.
he received from Viscount Montague a
North America," (and said not a word
Deputation) he went on thus :—
y consent, all the Brethren in North
g about a dozen Boston Masons]—have
Bro. Jeremy Gridley, Esq." In the same
ed that during the four years he held
d several Lodges (but, in reality, he con-
dge); and furthermore, he claimed that
Lodges have sprung from the Boston
ruth is, when all counted, I do not believe
re were more than about twenty-four
ole Western Hemisphere.*) "Therefore
desire that our Deputation [for Gridley]
for all North America, or over all North

death, in 1767, the Boston Grand Lodge
and Lodge of England for a Deputation
a to be granted to John Rowe. Now, could
that the same Henry Price, who suffered
tion of 1743 for all North America to go
g any protest, and who so strongly urged
ment for all North America in 1755, would
1767 to claim that he never resigned his
for all America at all? The Grand Secre-
however, who had never heard about Price's
, and as the 1733 Grand Officers were
e, it was impossible to ascertain in 1767
Price's claims; hence he wrote to Price
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ow your name should have been omitted
Provincials; but Bro. Robert Tomlinson,
st appearing in our book for part of

* These mistakes might have been long
ou had kept up, according to your Charter,
correspondence with the Grand Lodge.
ppears by some loose papers in my posses-
d resigned in favour of John Rowe, Esq.,
Duke of Beaufort] desires you will forward
lating to this point, per first opportunity,
cialship may be properly settled."

e above, Price made no attempt to prove
his powers in 1734, nor did he pretend to
py of the 1734 Deputation, nor did he give
second Deputation. He, however, coolly
Grand Secretary of England to prove that
ever resigned his Deputation over all
then he promised to be in England next
ould explain everything face to face. In a
however, after relating how he got his
1733 and 1734, and that he paid three
first Deputation to Thomas Batson, Esq.,
, all that he had to pay in 1733 was two
Charter, he added in a postcript as

shipful, I herewith send you an attested
l Deputation [not copied from the original
as registered in the Grand Lodge book of

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es are claimed by the Boston petitioners of 1754
stituted by them since 1733. The truth, however,
the twelve Lodges had no connection with Boston
he manufactured record of 1751 does not claim that

opposition from a number of English Lodges. Price, however, promised to get the Boston Grand Lodge influence in favour of Dillon's scheme, which, of course, brought him into Dillon's good graces. This, coupled with the supposition of the English authorities that Price's Deputation, copied from the original, was put into the Boston Record in 1733. It is, therefore, no wonder that Bro. Dillon inserted the following compliment into Rowe's Deputation, viz. :—

"Know ye that, we of the great trust and confidence reposed in our Right Worshipful and well-beloved Henry Price, Esq.," &c.

Price, by hook or crook, gained his point, but for all that I cannot doubt that he was an unscrupulous pretender about the first Deputation as well as the last. On the other hand, however, there is no doubt that the eighteen Boston Masons in 1733, who were either initiated by Price before he constituted the first Lodge or whom he found in Boston, must have seen a document Price displayed, signed and sealed, as the following preamble to their petition to Price in 1733 shows :—

"To the Right Worshipful Bro. Mr. Henry Price Deputed Prov. G.M. for these parts by our Right Worshipful * * * Bro. Right Hon. Ant. Lord Viscount Montague G.M. of Great Britain, as per his seal, and signed by our Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas Batson, Esq., D.G.M., G. Rooke, and J. Smythe, Esqrs., S. and J. Wardens, as per Deputation in London, the 13th of April Anno Dni 1733, and of Masonry 5733."

The above is undeniable evidence that Price had a document signed and sealed to show that he was Prov. G.M., not, indeed, of New England and its territories, but of "these parts." The question, therefore, is, what kind of a document did Price have? Before making any comments, I will just submit the following document, copied from Bro. Hughan's "English Rite," viz. :—

MONTAGUE G.M.

Seal.

GREETING,

Whereas a petition has been presented to us by several Brethren residing in and about the City of Exeter humbly praying that they may be constituted into a regular Lodge.

These are therefore to Impower and Authorise our Right Worshipful and well beloved brethren, John Bury, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, or either of them, to conven our Brethren at Exeter, aforesaid, who have signed the said Petition; and that the said John Bury, Esq., or Mr. Thomas Jeffreys do, in our place and stead, Constitute a regular Lodge in due form (they, the said John Bury, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jeffreys taking special care that they and every of them have been regular made Masons) with like privileges as all other regular Lodges do enjoy: and that they be required to conform themselves to all and every the Regulations contained in the printed Book of Constitutions, and observe such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted to them by us, or Thomas Batson, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master, or his Deputy for the time being; And that they do send to us, or our Deputy, a List of the Members of their Lodge, together with the Rules agreed on to be by them observed, to the end that they may be entrid in the Grand Lodge Book, And upon the due execution of this our Deputation, the said John Bury, Esq., or Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, is hereby required to transmit to us, or our said Deputy, a Certificate,

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† In the 1733 petition to Henry Price, Price's Deputation is said to be dated the 13th of April, but in the Deputation as recorded, it is "Thirtieth Day of April." Franklin, in November 1734, wrote that he saw in the Boston papers that in August last the Grand Lodge of England extended Price's Deputation over all America. The Boston Grand Lodge record ascribes that event to about 24th June 1734; and C. W. Moore, in his life of Price, published in 1856, says that, "Franklin's warrant bears date 24th June 1734," and he goes on to say, "On the same day and year he (Price) also granted a Warrant for the Holy Lodge of St. John at Portsmouth * * On the 27th of December 1735 he issued his Warrant (for) the first Lodge in South Carolina." As the last two Lodges were outside of New England, he goes on to explain as follows :—

"That early in 1734, he (Price) had received authority from the Grand Lodge of England to establish Masonry in all North America or, in other terms, he had been appointed Prov. G.M. for the whole Continent, as were his two immediate successors, Robert Tomlinson in 1736, and Thomas Oxnard in 1742."

The above tissue of Moore's misstatements was for many years received as "Gospel truth" by all American Masonic writers; but now, Bro. Parvin, of Iowa, is surprised that Bro. Gould should believe in Moore's statement that all the G[illegible] in the American

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JA. SMYTHE }

LL REID, Secretary.

By the Grand Master's Command.

o. Hughan calls the above document "Warrant of ohn the Baptist's Lodge, No. 39 Exeter." It is, how- my opinion that it is just what it purports to be, viz., putation for constituting a Lodge by parties therein d. In those early Masonic days, Grand Masters d two distinct kinds of Deputations; one kind estab- d a Prov. G.M. which was permanent, or at least until as removed; of the second kind of Deputations the document is, I believe to be a true specimen. Bro. , Esq., or Mr. Jeffreys played the part of the Grand er for the time being, and when they finished the mony of constituting the Lodge their high grand title d to exist. Now, in the second edition of Anderson's titution, on page 194, I find that G.M. Inchiquin issued such Deputations as was granted to Brother John , Esq. Viscount Montague also granted one Deputa- "for constituting a Lodge at Valanciennes, and ner for constituting a Lodge at the Hotel de Bussy, in ." G.M. Norfolk, however, granted three Deputa- for Provincial Grand Masters, and Daniel Coxe was f them; and other Grand Masters granted Deputa- for both purposes. Thus, "G.M. Weymouth granted o Lord Richmond, for holding a Lodge at his Castle nbigny, in France; another to Randolph Tooke, Esq., Prov. G.M. of South America; another to Bro. Geo. on, for constituting a Lodge at Lisbon; another to Roger Lacy, for constituting a Lodge at Savannah, gia; another to Richard Hull, Esq., to be Prov. G.M. ambay, in West Africa."

order to explain the necessity of such deputations, st remind the reader that for the formation of a new e, besides requiring a Charter from the G.M., the titution required the G.M., or his Deputy, to consti- the Lodge in due form; and as neither G.M. nor M. could afford to go to distant places for the purpose of ituting a Lodge, it was therefore necessary to empower ther residing in the place where the Lodge was to be to perform that duty on behalf of the G.M. And by Deputies, that is, who were either to remain perma- or "Pro Tempor," every Lodge both abroad and de of London in England, was constituted. On 192 of the 1738 Constitution, after enumerating the incial Grand Masters for English Counties appointed rand Masters Lovel and Craufurd, Anderson goes on y:—

These and other Grand Masters have also granted itations at the Request of some good Brothers in Cities Towns throughout England for constituting es," &c.

nd he follows the above with a List of 47 country es so constituted, among which I found, "Exeter, at New Inn, 1732."

rom the above, we may infer that in addition to a e Charter, Price was furnished with a similar docu- , which the same Grand Officers sent the year before xeter, which was designed merely for the purpose of ituting the new Lodge. Price indeed claimed to have three guineas for his Deputation, but Bro. Hervey, late Grand Secretary of England, assured me that ing was charged for a Provincial Grand Master's itation before 1768. Even John Rowe paid nothing is Deputation in 1768. Taking, therefore, into con- ation all the fibs Price told first and last, his bare tion if not supported by good evidence is, in my on, worthless.

ow, with such an imposing document as copied above, nk that an ambitious, crafty individual could find no difficulty in making eighteen Masonic novices ve that he was appointed "Provincial G.M. for these ." To those who persist in asking how the then on Masons could have been deceived, I answer by g how could so many Masons have been humbugged where by high degree mongers? We all know that anxiously looking out for more light; when all at once Masonic Moses arrived direct from the Masonic Mou Sinai bringing with him the whole oral and written la of Masonry. His worship, moreover, was recommend by the highest Masonic authorities. Viscount Montag and his Deputy G.M., and Wardens styled Pr as our "well beloved brother." The document displayed bore their signatures, together with the s of the Grand Lodge of England. It is pretty cert that the said Boston Masons had never seen su a document as Price displayed, and may never h heard of such an office as Prov. G.M." Wh therefore, the so-highly recommended Bro. Price told eighteen Boston Masons that by virtue of that docum he was appointed Provincial G.M. of these parts, h could they have doubted it, and when once the eight founders of the first Boston Lodge believed it, the sub quent new comers of course took it for granted; s when the newspapers in 1834 announced Price's extens of his Deputation for over all North America, then founders as well as the new comers alike took it all granted.

Be it further remembered that up to 1751 no quarte meetings were held by the Boston Grand Lodge, nor w any books kept. Charles Pelham, the first Grand Sec tary in Boston, was not initiated before September 17 Price doubtless supplied Pelham with the items for filli up his new record from 1733. Among the docume recorded in the new book was a copy of the petit of the eighteen brethren to Henry Price in 17 As the original copy is preserved, and as it dif from the one in the record, I must infer t either Price or Pelham altered the copy. T copies of Price's, Tomlinson's and Oxnard's Deputati are also in the record. But as the first document incorrectly copied, who knows whether the remainder w correctly copied? It is possible that Pelham may ha connived at the fraud. It is also possible that when Pr gave Pelham the copies of the three Deputations, t Pelham may have regarded them all as equally genu and inserted them accordingly. Pelham's successor 1752 was not made a Fellow Craft before October 17 who of course received Pelham's record as gospel tru and so did all his successors, and so did the Maso historian, the Rev. Bro. Harris in 1792, and so did the Masonic professional historians ever since.

When, however, Price's untruthful characteristics, co bined with the worthlessness of the early Boston record taken into consideration, I cannot see how an unbias man, who rejects Price's claim to the 1734 Deputat could persuade himself that because a few new-m Masons in 1733 belived that Price was a Grand Mas that we must now receive their belief as evidence t Price's Grand Mastership was a historic fact?

Boston, U.S., 17th June 1887.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THERE was a large assemblage of brethren, not only those o Provinces of Sussex, but also including a large number came from London and other parts, to witness the consecration new Lodge in the Province of Sussex, it having been announced the ceremony was to be performed by H.R.H. the Duke of Connau who some twelve months since was installed Grand Master o Province by his brother the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of En Freemasons. His Royal Highness travelled by train from Vict and was met at the Brighton Station by Bro. Gerard Ford, De Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, the Right Hon. W. T. Marr Q.C., M.P., and Bro. C. W. Hudson P.G.S.W. A number of off of the Grand Lodge of England arrived by the same train, inclu Bros. W. M. Bywater G. Sword Bearer, C. F. Matier P.G. Stan Bearer, W. C. Beaumont P.G A.D.C., Rudolph G. Glover P.G. R. Turtle Pigott P.A.G.D.C., Thomas Fenn President Board of Ge Purposes, James Willing jun., &c., &c. Brother Sadler Grand Tyler, who was in charge of the consecrating vessels, ar by an earlier train from London Bridge. It may here be menti that the Earl of Sussex Lodge has been founded by a number of Freemasons, the names of those who signed the petition fo authorisation being Bros. Alf. King P.P.G. Organist, C. W. Ho P.G.S.W., Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph P.P.G.S.W., H. Ken

Warden.
ncial Grand Master Bro. Ford, opened the Lodge). Smith occupying the chair of Senior Warden, at of Junior Warden. The Lodge having been degrees, the whole assembly by command of the and on the entrance of the Provincial Grand f Connaught, he was hailed by the brethren with siasm. On the approach of His Royal Highness he chair, which was then taken by the Provincial fter the brethren assembled had sung the hymn whose aid," the Right Worthy Provincial Grand d: Brethren, a year has now elapsed since your rand Master installed me as your Provincial Grand hat since that time my absence upon duty in India from coming among you, but I have now great g here for the purpose of inaugurating this new e that under the able guidance of Bro. Ford all the new Lodge. I selected Bro. Ford for the office loved and deeply-lamented brother, Bro. Burrell, t under Bro. Ford the Lodge will rise to a position e, and attain a high position among the Lodges of ill now proceed to commence this ceremony. The Secretary then addressed His Royal Highness, in- certain brethren had petitioned to be constituted dge, whereupon the Presiding Officer directed that rred to should appear before him, and they were d in order in front of the pedestal. The Provincial hen read the petition and also the warrant, which e been granted by the Grand Master, stating the ster and Wardens chosen for the first year. His nquired of the brethren before him whether they he appointment of the officers named in the warrant, signified their assent in Masonic form, the Prince rovincial Grand Chaplain for an oration regarding Freemasonry. The Provincial Grand Chaplain said not permit him to enlarge upon the principles of e import of Masonic words, but he might be allowed e brethren of the Lodge now being erected on the enced its career in the Jubilee year of the reign of s Majesty Queen Victoria, and would be one of the the Province of Sussex. It was also a subject of -day that they had the advantage of the presence rthy Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of e was quite sure that under the care and guidance new Lodge would enjoy a large measure of success. ilate there on the principles of Freemasonry, which ll of those present, but the occasion would remind when they were brought up to the pedestal seeking ight, and they should now ask themselves whether at day acted up to the principles which were then plained to them. Those principles were embodied the sacred law, and if Masons acted up to that law, possible err. It was there duty to rejoice with them d to weep with them that wept. There was just one his happened to be the Provincial day of St. Swithin. met in sunshine, and he prayed that the sun from shine upon the Lodge, and that the brethren consti- orm a Lodge abiding in prosperity and happiness.
as succeeded by the singing of the anthem "Behold rful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in ore solemn part of the ceremony was then proceeded ke of Connaught, and it is not from any spirit of the P.G.M. is an exalted personage, it is simply an of the truth to say, that we never heard the dedica- the invocation delivered in so devotional, heartfelt manner as that in which they came from His Royal on this occasion; and from a reference to the be made in a speech at a later period, it was plain utely alive to the solemnity of the occasion. It is that the whole ceremony was conducted to its close t earnestness and precision, and after dedicating, the form, the Provincial Grand Master declared it to be l, and the ceremony was brought to a close by the ymn, "Glory be to God on High." By command of thy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Shadwell nd Secretary, assumed the Master's chair, and tall Bro. Gerard Ford P.M. 271 P.G.D. and Deputy l Master, to be Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, a , it is needless to say, he performed with the greatest newly-installed W.M., then proceeded to invest his w:—Bros. Gen. Randolph as I.P.M., Rt. Hon. W. T. M.P., P.G. Steward, S.W., R. Clowes P.P.G.W. Essex oman Secretary, W. H. Hallett Treasurer, Ford S.D., J.D., H. Kemball-Cook D.C., H. E. Price I.G., C. W. B. Warre Stewards, Hughes Tyler. The ceremony a close by the Grand Secretary reciting in a masterly ree orations to the Master, the Wardens, and the Lodge. It was proposed by the S.W., and seconded at H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Bro. Shadwell red on the books as hon. members of the Lodge in e part they had taken in the ceremonies just brought

his life that he had had to propose Her Majesty's health in the presence of one of her sons. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Chairman said it was unneces- sary for him to expatiate on the Grand Master's Masonic excellencie as they were so well known to all the Brethren, but he must inform them that the Duke of Connaught would make a point of informin the Prince of all that had taken place that day. He was sure th the Prince would take great interest in hearing of their doings. The Prince of Wales, they would remember, came down to Brighton la year, when the brethren had the pleasure of seeing him instal he Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, but for which cerem the Duke of Connaught would not have been before them now. He concluded by saying that he thought the Prince of Wales was th pride of Freemasons both there and throughout the world. The Chairman said he would now proceed to give them toast number thre on the list of toasts, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Maste the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deput Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Latham, and Officers o the Grand Lodge, past and present. The toast was one which wa always honoured in Masonic meetings, where the services of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Latham, and the other Grand Office were always recognised. He was sorry to see that the Earl o Carnarvon found it would be necessary for him to go to the antipode on account of his health. As regarded the Grand Officers as a body they knew that in the past, and they hoped that for the future, the would always have the right man in the right place. The Officers o the Grand Lodge were often among them at Brighton. By their presence, and their precept, and their example the brethren of th Province benefitted a great deal. They were glad to have their goo advice, and glad also to follow it. Bro. Fenn, Chairman of the Boar of General Purposes, whose name the Chairman had associated wit the toast, said that in obedience to the W.M. he rose to respond t the compliment which had been paid to the Grand Officers. He ha hoped that the Chairman would have connected the name of Br Clarke with the toast, because, after the prominent part he ha taken in the proceedings of the day, he had much more claim to th honour. The Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom must bot regret their absence on this occasion, but on behalf of the Gran Officers, he was sure he was speaking their sentiments in saying tha they were extremely happy to have been present on an occasio which must be very dear to His Royal Highness. He would not, a time was short, detain them by any lengthened remarks, but he wa sure that all the Grand Officers, whether present or unavoidabl absent, would watch the future progress of this Lodge with th greatest interest. The Chairman next rose to propose the health o the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke o Connaught and Strathearn, &c. The Province was honoured b having His Royal Highness as its chief, and he ventured to thin that His Royal Highness's gratifications in being connected with th Province of Sussex was second only to that of the brethren in havin such a ruler. His Royal Highness was only here for a short time he was going back to the Indian climate, where they all hoped h would enjoy health and happiness. However, the Chairman said h trusted that he might soon again return to these shores, and th they might again have the pleasure of seeing him presiding ove them. His Royal Highness had done the speaker the honour t depute him to act for His Royal Highness in his absence. He fe himself unworthy of the position, especially after having seen hi perform the work he had done that day. He was only echoing th sentiments of the whole of the Province when he said that th brethren bid His Royal Highness most loyal and paternal welcom and considered it a great kindness on his part to come among them He would only add that they heartily, sincerely, and Masonicall wished the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master long life an happiness. In reply, the Duke of Connaught said: Worthy Maste and brethren, I find it difficult to find words in which sufficiently t express how deeply I feel the very hearty manner in which yo have received me here in this Province. Having been away eve since the time when I was appointed Grand Master, you wi naturally feel some disappointment at my not being among yo but the reception you have given me to-day has shown me how kindly and how very warmly you look upon one who has the honou to stand at the head of this Province. The ceremony of to-day ha been one of the most interesting ceremonies I have ever witnesse and the important part that your Provincial Grand Master wa enabled to take in the ceremony has impressed him, and I hope it ha impressed us all, with the deep solemnity of the ceremony we wer then engaged in. Few things could be more striking than to see th whole of the ceremony. It was very gratifying to be able to com here to-day to show you how truly and thoroughly I have the interes of all Masons in the Province at heart. The Duke again rose to pro pose the next toast. He said a most pleasing task had devolved upo him; it was that of proposing the health of the Worthy Deputy Pro vincial Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford P.G. Deacon, and also th health of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, present and pas He was very pleased to have been asked to propose the toast, and t be able to thank his Worshipful Brother, Bro. Ford, for having s ably carried out the business of the Province in his (the Master's absence. From Bro. Ford's and Bro. Ford's family's connection wit Masonry, he had every confidence in his attachment, judgment, an therefore it afforded him (the Provincial Grand Master)

sat heartily drinking Bro. Ford's health, both as Deputy of the nce and Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, and the health of the other Officers of the Province. Bro. Ford said he hardly how to find words to express the great kindness that had been him in the expression of confidence that had been made as to bility to carry on the work of the Province in the absence of the d Master. He ventured to assure His Royal Highness that he l endeavour to carry on the business in his absence as in his nce. No body of men could be more anxious to carry on their s than the Masters and Officers of the Lodges of the Province, vith such a body of Officers as they had it was scarcely possible things could go wrong. The Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., or Warden, proposed the health of the Visitors, associating with oast the names of Bro. Puleston, M.P. for Devonport, and Bro. oombe, Mayor of Lewis, both of whom, he said, liked Brighton ll that one of them lived there altogether, and the other came en as he could. It was the first time for years that they had a r who was not a Mason, and he must say that the Mayor was much concerned at being unable to take part that day in oming His Royal Highness. He was pleased, however, to see the son of the Mayor was present. Bro. Pulestone, M.P., and Farncombe having acknowledged the compliment, Dr. Pigott osed success to the Earl of Sussex Lodge, coupled with the of Bro. Hallett, the Treasurer, who responded. The Worshipful er then proposed success to the Masonic Charities, and, as they not otherwise represented, coupled the name of the Grand Secre- with the toast. Colonel Clerke responded, and said that he hoped day or two to hand a cheque for about £2,103 to each of the charities as the outcome of the great gathering in the Albert

The Tyler's toast was then given, and His Royal Highness midst enthusiastic cheering.—*Brighton Gazette.*

PICNIC AT SHEARWATER.

HE Masonic Lodges in Wiltshire had a combined picnic on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at Shearwater, by the kind ission of the Marquis of Bath. The event was organised by a mittee representative of the various Lodges, to whom Brother . Farrington, of Bradford, acted as Hon. Secretary, and the gements, necessarily of great detail, were carried out most rably. Parties from all parts of the county travelled by rail to minster, the railway company having been induced to offer them ial facilities, but a few from the neighbouring towns did the ey by road, Norris's well appointed drag going from Trowbridge. Warminster Station, a number of breaks were in attendance, and party were soon on their way to Shearwater. Just after thei al at the rendezvous, a slight rain fell, but the weather was throughout the remainder of the day. Luncheon, provided in a was partaken of by about 100 members and friends, the catering rother W. H. Atkins, of Warminster, giving the utmost satisfac-

In the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M., Sir Gabriel ney, the chair was taken by Bro. R. Dear W.M., of Salisbury. toast of the Queen, and that of the Grand Master of Freemasonry, Prince of Wales were given from the chair, and met with a most usiastic reception. Other toasts included the Chairman, the nisers of the picnic, the ladies and the caterer. Afterwards the y drove through the park to Heaven's gate, thence to Horning- , and next to Longleat. The noble owner admitted the visitors he mansion, and the gardens were also inspected. The party proceeded to the boat house, where they partook of a substantial

The boats having been brought into requisition, numbers were rowing on the lake, whilst others enjoyed themselves in the , and some indulged in a dance, selections of music being rendered capital band under the direction of Mr. H. Millington, of Trow- ge. Shortly after eight o'clock, the bugle sound came all too soon the departure. The visitors from the direction of Salisbury and don drove back to Warminster Station, while those from Trow- ge and Bradford returned *viâ* Frome, by the last train. Among Masonic Brethren present, most of whom were accompanied by es, were Bros. R. and J. H. Dear, W. Flower, T. S. Fatcher, J. Calcin, E. Hale, G. Fullford, E. Bartlett, G. G. Nunn, W. G. Knight, Blake, J. W. Newton, F. Griffen and Gerrish (Salisbury), A. H. ham (Chippenham), I. Janes (Corsham), F. Kelland, J. H. Foley, S. Hill, H. Applegate, H. Millington, H. R. Chapman, A. G. P. y, H. Mundy and C. Roberts (Trowbridge), H. Mead (Westbury), H. Burt (Devizes), W. N. C. Wheeler, J. Sparks, W. E. Taylor, S. Wilkins, G. J. Farrington, G. Taylor, C. J. Jones, C. W. Bryant, Wallington, W. J. Wilkins and J. Taylor (Bradford), T. Turner W. G. Shemilt (New Swindon), J. Smith, J. Hall and E. J. Lang- (Warminster), Trotman and Flower (Taunton). The picnic, it l scarcely be added, was thoroughly enjoyed, and numerous hopes e expressed that there will be a similar gathering annually. We e been asked by members of several Lodges to express their ap- ciation of the indefatigable exertions of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. rington, to whom must be attributed, to a very large extent, the ualified success which attended the picnic.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable Facts.—Intense heat augments annoyance of skin disease, and encourages the development of febrile sders; wherefore they should, as they may, be removed by these rgent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affec- s, pains and spasms in the bowels, Holloways Ointment well rubbed the affected part immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents gestion and inflammation, checks the threatening diarrhœa and averts pidemic. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these

which is admitted on all hands to be one of the favourite items recess. This centenary Lodge has of late come rather promin before the Masonic world, and deservedly so, for the leading me of it have shown the material of which the Lodge is composed the manner in which it has supported the Charities is an ack ledged fact amongst those who are most intimately connected the affairs of our Institutions. But it is not to-day our du repeat the records of good deeds that have been given of the " old Domatic," but to give some idea of the happy day that was on Tuesday last at Kempton Park by nearly two hundred o members and friends of the Domatic Lodge. Every arrange that could possibly have been conceived which could conduce i way to the comfort and enjoyment of the party had been studi a detail, and there was no single "hitch"—as the reporters say— mar the pleasures of the day." To speak of the weather rather hackneyed and somewhat objectionable theme; but the rains of Sunday and Monday it was delightfully refre to see the dust had been so removed from the trees hedgerows that surround the charming enclosure of Ken Park. With their customary kindness and courtesy the dire of Kempton Park placed the whole of their charming place i Thames Valley at the disposal of the Committee, and when recollected that the extent of the picturesque grounds is over hundred acres, an idea may be formed of the area at the dispo the happy company. There are those of us who attend Ken Park under very different, though nearly as jovial, auspices, the taste of such men as Bros. George Everett, Harry Nelson and others, forms the mainspring of success and *eclat* of ma suburban "Meeting" in which Masonry has no particular p nence. But the influence of those gentlemen is equally p when there is "a lady in the case," and we sagely opine it their exertions that the directors of the Estate were so ami disposed towards the Domatic Lodge. A volume may of cour written as to what Bro. George Everett— "dear old" G Everett—has done for the Domatic Lodge. But have not golden deeds of his been written in the chronicles of the Centen Suffice to say his actions have been emulated by Bro. Harry N Price, whose presidency over last year's picnic, was so emin successful; and this year by Bro. Abel Simner, whose Mastership been marked, perhaps by the greatest stability that can eve recorded on the books of the Domatic or any other Lodge. Sp arrangements were made by the South Western Railway Com for the conveyance of the guests to and from Kempton, and act of courtesy was much appreciated by the brethren wh charge of the affairs of the day. It was a lovely after as the cheery party assembled, the light costumes of the l lending their accustomed gaiety to the scene. The journey down—we will not say interspersed with strawbe and cream, and angelic smiles—was thoroughly enjoyable; on arriving at the station, the avenue of rose trees ornamental plants through which the visitors had to pass g preliminary zest to the pleasures that were to follow. Nothing exceed the urbanity and "extreme jollity"—there is no other for it—of the Worshipful Master, as he moved about, here, there everywhere, asking and convincing himself that all were h Luncheon was partaken of by many of the company, whilst c disported themselves over the grounds, which are now in the brig of their summer livery. A variety of entertainments was provide cluding performances by the 10th (Prince of Wales's Own) Hu under the direction of Mr. B. E. Green, bandmaster. During t terval some very fine groups of the company were taken by Bro and R. Styles, of 8 High-street, Kensington, of which we shall occasion to speak when we receive copies. The banquet was held Pavilion at four o'clock, and a capital repast was provided by Bertram and Roberts, the well-known contractors. Bro. Abel ner, W.M. presided, and the usual toasts on such an occasion honoured, the health of the Worshipful Master being propose Bro. Fredk. Binckes, and enthusiastically received. After ba an Ethiopian entertainment took place on the lawn in front Grand Pavilion which was followed by a capital concert, und direction of Bro. Carl Riechelmann. Dancing commenced a after seven o'clock, and was kept up until the time came for the v to disperse. Amongst those present we noticed the followi Bro. A., Mrs., Miss, and Master Simner, Mr. and Miss Mr. Pearce, Mr. Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Robins the Misses Robinson, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Thwaites, Bro. Watt G. L., Mrs., and the Misses Everett, Mr. Peall, Miss Annie Mr. W. J. and Mrs. E. N. Everett, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Wardle and Mrs. Jowett, Bro. and Mrs. Trodd, Mr. and Mrs. G. R Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Winser, Bro. John Barnett, Bro. W. J., Mrs., and Mr. Innes jun., Miss Flemming, Mr. and Mrs. Archer, M Mould, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. H. M Mrs. Rapley, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Costello, Bro. and Mrs. man, Bro. and Mrs. Peacock, Bro. and Miss Gardner, B Walden, Bro., Mrs., and Mrs. Henry Hollingsworth, Bro Mrs. Nagle, Bro. G., Mrs., and Miss Locksley, Bro. and Mrs. I son, Mr. and Mrs. Whitton, Bro. and Mrs. Ball, Bro. Ca Mrs. Riechelmann, Bro. Salmon, Miss Ward, Bro. T. H., Mrs., a Misses Goodfellow, Bro. and Mrs. Wigmore, Bro. and Miss Duf Cooper, Mr. George and Mrs. Vears, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Berr Bro. and Mrs. MacLean, Bro. and Miss Binckes, Bro. J. Barnet Bro. Sadler Wood, Bro. Knott, Bro. Magee, Bro. C. Smith Ernest, Mrs., and the Misses Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Southgate, Patterson, Bro. Frank Smith, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Stalma George Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Blake Lewie, Bro. Harry Pric

CHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

ht that the emergency meeting a month ago, k of this ancient Lodge, so far as the present d; but, inasmuch as a candidate for initiation by his professional engagements from being occasions, and was most desirous of entering the it was deemed advisable to call yet another as there was other work that required to be endance was not large, but that was no matter ason of the year, when most of our Lodges are e Worshipful Master, Bro. F. T. Bennett, was W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, A. Green P.M. ech P.M., Usher Bach P.M., W. W. Morgan P.M., lton Cooper, J. T. Harrison, J. Withers, Orlando croft, C. Greenwood, and others. The visitors Everett, J. A. Collings, Titherden, Herbert

opened, and the preliminary business disposed o the second degree, and Bro. Joseph Withers, ade himself popular among the Brethren, was was then opened for Mr. John Thomas Harrison, nated by Bro. Horscroft, seconded by Bro. W. l the voting being unanimously in his favour. uly initiated in the mysteries and privileges of e was then opened in the third, and Bro. Orlando whole of the ceremonies, particularly the last red in the most able and impressive manner by er and the Officers who assisted him. Notwithst of work to be got through on such an oppressive tt gave the charge in the first degree with his expression, which was much appreciated by the close of the business the customary good wishes and the Brethren afterwards partook of supper, in the "Albion style." The Loyal and Masonic d, and brief complimentary speeches were the , interspersed by a more than ordinarily excellent Bros. Horscroft and Collings are both known as eetings of the St. Michael's Lodge, but on this erly performances on the pianoforte were supplibriant efforts of Bro. Harrison, who consequently han an Initiate's usual share of honours. Besides : Schartau put in an appearance later in the evenand sang several pieces. Bro. A. Green, P.M. e E.A. song, and altogether there was a most rence of music over speaking.

ival of the Lodge was held on the following day, el, Broxbourne Bridge, Hertfordshire, when the oured with brilliant weather, escaping the heavy broke over London on that afternoon. The party rpool Street Station, about a quarter to eleven ed at Broxbourne after a very pleasant journey. as provided, and the company enjoyed boating, ling over the surrounding country, reassembling e banquet, which was admirably served. The Worresided, supported in the vice-chair by Bro. W. W. the toasts were brief and imbued with the utmost teresting feature of the day was that the choir le Abbey, were enjoying their summer outing on d with the interchange of amenities usual on such ng one or two selections, by kind permission of the non Shuttleworth, who accompanied them. It is to remind our City readers that this is one of the ne metropolis, and their readiness to add to the e Masonic party was much appreciated. Mr. C. Cross also extended the right hand of fellowship gentlemen of the Masonic company, his hospitality ocated, and the day was thus pervaded with the nd good feeling in every possible way.

BANON LODGE, No. 1326.

good assemblage of members and visitors at ion meeting, held on Saturday, the 16th instant, Hotel, Feltham. Lodge having been opened by aster, Bro. W. R. Vassila P.P.G.Std.Br., and the d confirmed, the Audit report was received and chofield and Mayes, of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897 d to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the in- y was proceeded with. Bro. Jas. Lawrence S.W. sented as W.M. elect was duly installed into the ancient custom. The Officers for the ensuing ted as follows:—Bros. E. A. Smith S.W., C. W. ge Treasurer, J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.D. P.M. Sec., ., W. H. Walters J.D., J. A. Wilson I.G., J. C. s., S. Wheeler Assist. Dir. of Cers., F. Dustan Org., Lawton, J. R. Cox, and E. J. Whelan Stewards, J. At the conclusion of the investiture of Officers, M., the Installing Master, delivered the customary y creditable manner. The Worshipful Master then Vassila with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and after leasure it afforded him to perform this duty, be ortant work done by their I.P.M. both in and out e also presented Bro. Vassila with a P.M.'s collar,

pleasant evening was spent, under the genial presidency of the Wor shipful Master, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. It trans pired during the proceedings, and is worthy of notice, that of £1,20 subscribed to the Masonic Charities at the three last Festivals by the Province of Middlesex, £200, or one-sixth, was contributed by thi Lodge. Amongst the brethren present, not mentioned above, were Bros. W. H. Lee Prov. Assist. G. Sec. Middlesex, F. T. C. Keebl P.M. 1426, C. J. Fox S.D. 1743, J. H. Mayes 1897, J. Brand 1984 Egbert Roberts 1623, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.D. Essex, W. W Lee 1897, J. Sims P.M. 830, H. W. Mayes P.M. 1897 P.P.G.P. Mid dlesex.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular monthly Lodge was held in the Hall, St. Saviourgate York, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros W. Brown W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., M Millington P.M., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, J Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., G. Lamb J.D., C. G. Padel P.M Org., W. Storry I.G., J. H. Shonksmith, P. Pearson, and J. D Irving Stewards, J. Hall Tyler, W. M. Briggs, W. S. Child, J. Thorpe W. Routledge, J. Shaw, F. H. Vaughan, L. Beaumont, A. Archer W. Beam, H. Chapman, R. Ware, W. G. Penty, W. Sharp, and G. G Pook. Visitor—Bro. John Marshall P.M. 660. After the reading o the minutes, Bro. T. Milner was passed to the degree of a F.C. b the W.M. The W.M. announced that a party of American Masons headed by Bro. Chas. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, would visit th Lodge on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and that he should call a specia Lodge to receive them, at which Bro. Shaw should be raised to th third degree, and he hoped to have a good attendance of member and visitors. Bro. G. Lamb presented to the Lodge a statute c H.M.G.M. Queen Victoria, with a pedestal for the same, and wa heartily thanked for his Jubilee gift. Bro. Whytehead P.M., als presented to the library copies of the Rev. J. Inwood's "Masoni Doctrines," the Rev. T. M. Harris's "Masonic Morality," an Dr. Ashe's "Masonic Manual," emblematically bound, and als presented on behalf of Bro. Hughan, a catalogue of the Masoni Exhibition a Plymouth, and on behalf of Bro. John H. Goddard, "History of St. Patricks Cathedral in Dublin." Votes of thank were passed for these various gifts, and after the close of the Lodg the brethren adjourned to the smoke room, where they enjoyed musical evening, enlivened by the voices of Bros. Mennell, Blenkir and others.

BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

IN accordance with their usual custom, the Great Western Rail way Company have made arrangements for the issue of ticket during the week preceding August Bank Holiday, at their City an West End offices, viz.: 193 and 407 Oxford-street, 23 New Oxfor street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 28 Regent Stree 5 Arthur Street, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Stree 43 Crutchedfriars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside. Th booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day o Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, when passengers ca obtain tickets at any time for use on either day. To meet the ex pected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 30th Jul the Company will run in duplicate, the 9·0, 11·45 a.m., 3·0, 5· and 9·0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England, and th 12·0 noon train to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The firs portions of the 9·0 a.m. and 5·0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington a 8·55 a.m. and 4·55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the othe trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minute afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possibl taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains wi stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passenger On Friday, 29th July, an excursion train will leave Paddington 8·5 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain station in the South of Ireland. A fast excursion train for the West England will leave Paddington at 8·5 a.m. on Saturday, 30th Jul leaving Exeter in five-and-quarter hours and Plymouth in seven-an half hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bat Bristol, Dorsetshire, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampto Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations the Great Western system.

The second Annual Summer Festival in connection wit the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, wi take place on Thursday, 28th inst., at the Clarend Hotel, Gravesend, under the presidency of Bro. T. A Dickson, W.M. 1614, supported by Bro. Harry W. Kedgle I.P.M. A banquet will take place at 6 p.m. Tickets, 2 each, including return fares, Gravesend (Saloon Carriages excursion to Cobham and surrounding district in brake and banquet with wine, may be had of the W.M., Bro. A. Dickson, Bro. Harry W. Kedgley, I.P.M., or of any the Stewards.

The usual Summer entertainment to the residents the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Fre masons and Widows of Freemasons, will take place

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

TICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the "GREYHOUND" HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County rey, on Wednesday, 27th day of July 1887, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon ely.

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

—Morning Dress.
Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.
27th June 1887.

—The Reception and Entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, mand of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direc- the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon.
dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to . C. H. Woodward, P.M. P.P.G.W., 139 North End, Croydon, enclosing ich will not include Wine.
.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, Ticket will be issued after 23rd July.
R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine e, at the Parish Church, Croydon, at 4·30 p.m. A Sermon will be ed by the W. Bro. the Rev. Herbert Turner, Rector of Sutton, and Past cial Grand Chaplain. Brethren are to appear in Craft Masonic costume ine Service, and to clothe in the Girls' School room, adjoining the .
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Grand Superintendent.

TICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the GREYHOUND HOTEL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on sday, the 27th day of July 1887, at Two o'clock in the afternoon pre-

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

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er at 6 o'clock punctually.
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AL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

neteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark volent Fund was held on Wednesday last, in n Salon of the Holborn Restaurant, W.C., Bro. st, M.W. Past Grand Master of Kent, presiding ported by the Marquess of Hertford, Dep. Grand l Bro. A. F. Gordon, M.P., Grand Master of ire. The result of the Festival proved in every uccess, something like 200 ladies and gentle- present to do honour to the occasion. In the result, Bro. C. F. Matier said that that days' he largest every received on behalf of the Mark

Past Grand Masters, and the Deputy Grand Maste Marquess of Hertford, and the rest of the Grand Offi The Marquess of Hertford, in reply, said it was with a fe of the due sense of the responsibility attached to the office that he accepted the Deputy Grand Mastership it was offered to him by the Grand Master; but he k that, whatever his faults might be, in Mark Masonr should be well supported not only by all the Grand Offi but by all the brethren, who would enable him, to the of their power, to do his duty. Mark Masonry would have attained its present high position and popularity had not been for the great exertions of, and the work by the Past Grand Officers. He thought he might s for the present Grand Officers, and assure the bret that they were trying to do their best to keep Mark Masonry in the high state to which it had been raise their predecessors. He had no doubt that they woul followed by others equally desirious to do their duty, he felt certain that Mark Masonry, which was progres day by day and year by year, not only in the metro but all over the country, would continue to do so by means. Bro. A. F. Godson then proposed the healt the Chairman. Referring first to his own Chairmansh the Festival of 1886, Bro. Godson said he did on that o sion the best he could, although he was called upon al at the last moment to fill the chair. It was, howev great pleasure to him to do so. But there was anc great pleasure for him now, to propose the health of Amherst. It was not an unknown man he brought b them, but a man, who like his collar, had seen good ser not only in the Craft and in the Mark, but in the ou world. He had made for himself a name which was known and respected. What Earl Amherst was in outer world he was in the Craft, and also in A and Mark Masonry. Wherever good work was t done Earl Amherst was there, and whenever he c to the front the brethren were always found support him. In times gone by he presided at a Fes of the Craft—the Festival of the Boys' School—at wi his Province of Kent he knew could be relied upon subscriptions, the total of which was that year larger had ever before been known. In a smaller degree he expected a large attendance and a large subscription night, but, on the other hand, the Mark Benevolent F had not such large and heavy demands upon it as the C had. The Mark was quite content to go on in a s way, but still in a way that increased year by year. hoped that that night would tell an increasing a flattering tale. Earl Amherst had done so well in the and his Province of Kent has also done so well, he hoped they would set as glorious and noble examp they had set before. Earl Amherst, in reply, said Godson had been pleased to allude to the well-worn c he had on, but he might say he considered it quite enough for him to wear, and he was proud of it, for it good enough to wear at a time when the Mark Degree trying to make its way, and he certainly sh not be ashamed of it now. As regards the business of evening, he was glad to have done anything to forwa interests of Mark Masonry and of the Benevolent F That was what they were gathered together for, and led him up to the next toast, success to the Mark Ben lent Fund, which they now intended to promote. could not help reflecting on what small beginnings had sprung from and proceeded to the present sta prosperity. When they celebrated the first Festival c Fund it was a new thing, and they realised under £ It had been less subsequently, but it had gone on increa as the Mark Degree had gone on increasing, until now felt they had enough to satisfy the demands upon t and, he trusted, left something to be laid by. Tha thought, was a thoroughly wholesome position for body, whether Craft or Mark, because they all knew might at any time come an occasional gust of ill-for when subscriptions might fall off and the receipts n so large. If they had a reserve fund to fall back their status was more assured. Since 1869 they expended £1,730 in various modes of relief; 36 chil

in prosperous circumstances, and they might quently fallen through no fault of their own, have wanted relief. Whenever such an event was the desire of Masons to help these cases. no joined Masonry thinking that certain funds share made a great mistake. Masonry, as they a system of morality, veiled in allegory and by symbols. Charity was one of its great d Masons endeavoured to carry it out by helping since they joined it, had fallen from their high appealed to the benevolence of their more pros- thren. He confidently felt that those who were uld assist the fund to the utmost of their ability; same time, he wished to be seriously understood utside the ranks of Masonry that brethren had ted interest in the large sums which might be and that becoming a Mason entitled a man, or or children, whom he had made no effort to pro- a portion of the funds. Masonry gave relief to cases; but it was not like the Oddfellows' or which had grown up alongside, and on which ad a legal claim. The virtue of thrift was one ving of encouragement, and he wished all the o observe it. Masonry had its objects—objects re known to every brother present. Every greed in those objects, and he asked them to em. He called upon Bro. Berridge, who had long and faithful service to the Order, to respond t. Bro. Robert Berridge said he had not had an y of preparing a reply; but still, for the Board ds, he thanked the Chairman for the toast, and that the announcement of the lists would be the ich this Fund had yet had. This little Benevo- was one that had sprung up by degrees. From innings it had gone on to a large fund. Old People, the Boys' and the Girls', they broad platform; but it had been left to the evolent Fund to put the arch, or keystone, to form the whole structure, which, he was sure t. Bro. Matier then read the list of subscript- ch amounted to £2,260. The Chairman next he health of the Stewards. In replying, Brother id he had been exercising his mind to find out of his being selected as Treasurer of the Fund. urred to him that it was in order that he should nour and privilege of returning thanks for this e Stewards had done all the work, and he had ing, and therefore he was sure he would be of egotism when he said the Stewards had done the present occasion, and had performed an e service to the Mark degree. The Chairman med a most graceful act in proposing the vote to the Stewards, but he could not help saying ved those thanks. The Ladies were next given t. A. Spice and responded to Brother Frank n, who said that as a single man it was very oroughly to appreciate the feelings of the ladies, ught he was at liberty to say they reciprocated pice's kindness. No doubt the ladies were the f Charity, and without them Charity would come

The ladies had not many opportunities of Masonic festivities, but they, like Freemasons, iety and a little banquet now and then, and they ward to these entertainments of Mark Masons pleasurable feelings. He trusted this would not muster, but that they might meet the brethren many years to come. The toast of the Visitors d to by Bro. McKay. He said the Chairman him an honour by including him in the toast, always considered the principal toast, although arious, in every Masonic Lodge in this kingdom.

heard words from various brethren on the casion, who had talked about brethren unrepre- l misrepresented, and so on; and he thought a other should have more to say on that subject people who had not so much to say. The asons were supposed to be not so ritualistic r as the majority of the brethren who lived further

in a country on whose dominions the sun never set, to think federation, and if they could manage that Masonically, colonially, it would be not only magnificent for their fellow countrymen generally, but for Masons in particular. "Our next Merry Meeting" was given by Earl Amherst, after which the company dispersed.

For list of amounts collected see next page.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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2.—The Inigo Jones MS.

As a good deal has been said about this MS. lately, it seems advisable to realise what is known about it. It does not seem to have been heard of or known to Masonic students at all until it was purchased from Messrs. Pickering by Bro. Woodford, Messrs. Pickering having obtained it at a sale, by Messrs. Puttick and Simpson, of the Library of an architect, or professional man. It has been called Inigo Jones MS. for the following reason,—that in the catalogue of Messrs. Pickering it was claimed that it had a drawing by Inigo Jones. There is a frontispiece to the MS., which represents operative Masons at work, and at the bottom are the words which declare that Inigo Jones was the draftsman of the frontispiece. The inscription is, however, clearly of late chirography, and in no way proves that Inigo Jones was the draftsman. It has been suggested by a high authority that if search was made, either in the public or private collection of Inigo Jones's drawings, &c., the original of this sketch might yet be discovered. The date of 1604 is given to the MS. in MS.

There is no other allusion to a connection with Inigo Jones, the only other available link of evidence having been taken away. There are on the interior cover at the end marks of something having been sewn into the paper. In all probability this was what is sometimes seen in copies of "Institutes of the Order of the Bath," and the like,—a piece of ribbon with a seal or medallion attached. Had this not been unfortunately taken away, we might have found a note of its early history, for of that we are thus far utterly ignorant. The MS. is bound in the Regius binding of the Caroline period—that is, between 1660 and 1700, and the paper is what is known as the official paper, used in documents between the Restoration 1660, and the reign of William and Mary. About 1680-5, seems to be the safest date to assume for the transcription. Any theory of an eighteenth century transcription is for various reasons inadmissible; not so much perhaps absolutely as regards the actual writing, which is a clear, clerkly hand, of to some extent indeterminate date, but because paper, binding, and calligraphy all seem to point conclusively almost to pre-eighteenth century transcription.

The MS. has been apparently much read at some time.

That Anderson or any of our authorities knew of it there is as yet not the scintilla of a proof, though we may find similarities and analogies in these various copies of the Guild legends, on which too much cannot and ought not to be based, which may be merely after all accidental and coincidental, without any further real importance whatever. In dealing with MSS. we should always be on our guard against the too often fatal tendency to flatter ourselves we can decide the age of MSS. by internal evidence. All experts laugh at such a theory as utterly unsound and unscientific.

Spero.

GENERALS OF THE REVOLUTION.

We extract the following letter from the *Liberal Freemason*, Boston Mass:—

Cedar Rapids, 27th May 1887.

Dear Sir, — I note in Gould's most valuable "History of Freemasonry," Vol. VI, page 419, this paragraph:

"According to the late C. W. Moore, all the American Generals of the Revolution, with the exception of Benedict Arnold were Freemasons."

That unfortunate paragraph, carelessly penned years ago by Brother Moore, has done infinite mischief, in that it has gone round the world and turned up everywhere, till now the most careful of writers has swallowed the bait.

The paragraph contains two gross errors: all the Generals of the Revolution were *not*, nor were all the "Major"-Generals, as usually quoted, ever Masons. And what is worse, Benedict Arnold was a Freemason.

In my address delivered before our Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery at Keota, 1875, and in an article I published in the "American Historical Magazine" of New York, a few years ago, I proved, by historical and documentary evidences infallible, the falsity of both these statements.

It is bad enough to have our festival orators repeat the story; I regret to see it in so good an historic work, as now the falsehood will have a new run for many years.

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	r Lambert .	5	5	0
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	les Belton .	10	10	0
	Church .	5	5	0
	y Massey .	5	5	0
	Anderson .	5	5	0
	Hamp . .	5	5	0
	s Boulton .	5	5	0
	A W O Saunders .	5	5	0
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366	T S Carter . . .	8	7	0
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	John Aillud . . .	5	5	0
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	T S Warne . . .	5	5	0
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237	Thomas Watson . .	10	10	0
255	Rev. T Robinson .	10	10	0
262	Horatio Ward . .	40	8	6
266	J Kennett . . .	10	10	0
267	W H Hodgkin . .	13	15	0
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34	Col. H L Rocca . .	17	6	6
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238	T R Richnell . .			
239	W Winnett jun. .			18
251	W O Lyon . . .			13
315	J H Lane . . .			
331	T P Staley . . .			25
350	George Graveley .			12
355	W M Stiles . . .			22
361	L G Gordon-Robbins .			24

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	T Y Strachan . .			36 1
346	Col. Addison Potter .			36 1

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHI

	T B Whytehead . .			10 1

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	Sir Love Jones-Parry, Bart.			5
361	Owen Thomas . .			

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

	E C Patchitt . .			22 1
344	J Toplis . . .			5

SOUTH WALES.

W C Hurley . . 14

SUSSEX.

	C W Duke . . .			15
164	H W G Abell . .			10 1

WARWICKSHIRE.

Howe	G King Patten . .			15 1

WEST YORKSHIRE.

374	Rev. Dr. T Cartwright Smyth . . .			5

WORCESTERSHIRE.

	A F Godson . . .			5
59	W B Williamson . .			5

YORKSHIRE (Town of Hull)

Thos Thompson, Unattached . . .

DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINER.

265	J M McLeod . . .			15

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTE

Thos Clark . . . 33 12

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	Matier (T.I.), A H Jefferis .			
	Metropolitan (T.I.), H. Venn .			10 10
15	H C Heard . . .			10 10
15	F T Bennett . . .			15 15

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

SATURDAY, 23rd JULY.

hester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
ury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
andra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
ston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
y Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
ng-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
rick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
er of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
ett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
mus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
elhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst
l Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
owood, Public Hall, Epsom
y Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
ffability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

MONDAY, 25th JULY.

hborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
g Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
rity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
ames's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
ngton, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
e Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
uess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
opolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
l Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
rn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
or, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
ingdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
mbrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
yn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
n's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
stry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
l, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
s, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
y, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
rt Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
ey, Tenby, Pembroke
l Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
-Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
-Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
-Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 26th JULY.

mittee Girls' School, at 4.
stitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
perity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
atic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
a, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
rates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
orough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
ce Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
ousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
bury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
dsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
lematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
s, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
al Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
nington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
nt Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
gton, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
ley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
ncer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst
e of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
ton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
an Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., a. 8. (Inst.)
castle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
on, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
lation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
ons, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
everance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
cent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
ngton, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
ay, Town Hall, Paignton
ngton, Town Hall Maidenhead
matic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
ent Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
-Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 3
Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 3
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—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
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1652—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 28th JULY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (In
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
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
936—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1692—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramongate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.

tar and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
ngers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
l, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
ry Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
n, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
n, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
hmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
ddington, W. (Improvement)
wn and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
ic Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
nshire Hotel, Skipton
struction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
, Guildhall, Doncaster

ATURDAY, 30th JULY.

Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
Furnaces', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
lls, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
x, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
d, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
wn and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
ndsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
provement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
h Rooms, Bromley, Kent

THE "OLD MASONIANS."

t interesting report of the doings of the "Old Boys" School at Wood Green has just been issued, and it is re should congratulate the President, Bro. Frederick e Committee upon the very satisfactory position of hey are able to announce. The Association was a year ago, the main object being to keep together e Boys' Institution after they had left the School and that *esprit de corps* which is so essential amongst l similar communities. When the lads leave the Head Master, who has done his best to fortify attle of life, they are by no means lost sight of. The nsideration which attended their early school days ter they have passed through their course of training d that they are brought together in frequent com- that they are ranked with the seniors. It is almost xpect that every boy on quitting the school should ber of the Association. By the accident of circum- e drawn away to distant parts of the country, or even thers may be placed in such a position as to render it r them to become attached members. Nevertheless, think the old pupils are all heartily in unison with the ociation so timely conceived and so assiduously pro- Binckes, and that so many as seventy-four of the Old rolled themselves as members is a most convincing r desire its success, and the practical support given by sons on the occasion of the annual dinner augurs well of the Association. During the winter season social been held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and these d in the report as having been "generally successful y to all concerned;" and thanks are tendered to those o have always shown themselves willing to assist in evenings so thoroughly enjoyable. The annual dinner, s at which were reported in our columns at the time, ded by as many members as was hoped, but the Com- their belief that the absence of many of the boys was y lack of interest in the Association, but rather their tend. The President, Bro. F. Binckes, was supported n by several Freemasons, who, at the close of the ing the example set by the Chairman, contributed in uineas to the funds. According to the balance-sheet, on is in a fairly good financial position. The preli- ses were of necessity heavy; and, though the funds will amount next year, the Committee point out that the embers correspondingly increases their ability to be eful. They, therefore, urge upon all members to make xistence of the Association, and thereby add to its nyone interested in this movement—and it is one have the cordial sympathy and support of the Craft— articulars on application to the hon. sec., Mr. Alfred Brussels Road, New Wandsworth, S.W.

Cecilia Lodge gave a garden party on Tuesday Royal Pavilion, Brighton, the western lawn and ooms being devoted to the purpose. Invitations out to all the leading Masons of the Province,

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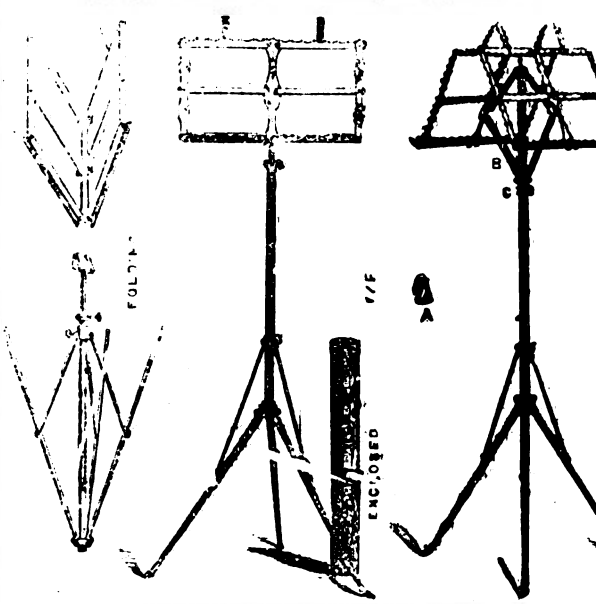

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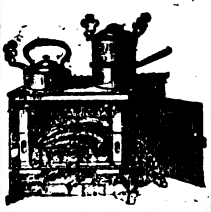

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So our aspirations to-day are sincerely and fratern for the onward, peaceful, and happy progress of the g American Masonic family, and for these good brethren friends of ours now with us, may they find a hearty welc and genuine sympathy from English hearts and hosts, may they return home to their great country with rene goodwill and affection for this old land, and with increased belief in the warmth, tenacity, reality, earnestness of English Freemasons and English F masonry.

THE PROGRESS OF MARK MASONI

IT needs only a glance at the results of the An Festival of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lod Mark Master Masons, held last week, at the Holl Restaurant (and duly reported in the columns of the F MASON'S CHRONICLE), to exemplify the manner in which Mark Degree has increased in numbers and influence du recent years. The splendid gathering, which was atte by so many Festival Stewards from all parts of the c try, and graced as it was by the presence of such a ga of ladies, far surpassed anything of its kind we have accustomed to witness, even in the metropolis of Mas —if indeed such an expression is admissible. But, a from the grandeur of the scene which was presented at Festival, we have the solid satisfaction underlying whole that the Mark Degree has of late made rapid stri comparably almost with the advance of Craft Maso Bro. Earl Amherst, whose popularity as the Provi Grand Master of the Craft in Kent has become so verbial, and whose position as a Past Grand Mark Mast by no means less a subject of congratulation amongst members of that Degree, presided, supported on the hand by the Deputy Grand Master the Marquis of H ford, and on the other by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Gr Mark Master of Worcestershire. Arrayed on all sides those whose purple collars and decorations denoted "suit and service" they had rendered to the Degree, the spectacle in the Venetian Saloon of the Holl Restaurant on Wednesday evening last week was one soon to be forgotten. There was something very ap priate—and more so as it was a satisfactory coi dence—in the remark of Bro. Godson, when he poi out that when Earl Amherst, "in times gone presided at a Festival of the Boys' School, total amount of subscriptions was larger than ever been known before, and that on this occasion, when he so kindly consented to preside over the Festival of Mark Benevolent Fund, the same story had to be repea The noble Earl, accepting the genial compliments were paid to him upon his promotion from the Hous Commons to a "more quiet and peaceful throne" in Lords, referred to the time when Mark Masonry "trying to make its way," and he remarked, with a fl of pardonable triumph, that, although his collar was he was "not ashamed of it now." Why, indeed, should be? Since the time to which our worthy brother refer the Mark Degree has made such advances as were ne contemplated by its earliest adherents. From very sm beginnings it has sprung to its present state of prosper

idst enthusiastic applause, that the lists brought up by Stewards amounted to the magnificent total of £2,260. at such an increase should have been accomplished in eteen years speaks volumes for the activity and earnest- s of those who have taken a prominent part in advo- ng the claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund; but at the e time it tells of the vast impetus the Mark Degree received of recent years. There are many of us who recollect the time when the Mark was recognised only a "side" Degree, and a very subsidiary one indeed; with the progress of time it seems to have established itself a place and name in Freemasonry which entitle it he highest regard and esteem. "By their fruits ye l know them;" and if, as is ever the case in all nches of Masonic work, the result of last week's tival may be taken as a criterion, then indeed the nbers of the Mark Degree may congratulate themselves u the "progress they have made in the science," which rendered them "more extensively useful to their w creatures." It is satisfactory to know that the Fund been sufficient to meet all the demands upon it, with ething to be laid by. We all acknowledge that in y association whose object is the diffusion of benevolent stance it is absolutely necessary there should be a rve fund, in order to provide against such an "occa- al gust of ill-fortune" as that which the noble Earl ested; and it is comforting to be assured the Mark evolent Fund is safe in this respect. Since the blishment of the Fund the sum of £1,730 has been ended, in various kinds of relief, and twenty-six children e reaped the benefits of the Educational Fund, at a cost 680. This may not appear a very large result in the regate of eighteen years, but when it is considered that, all other Institutions, this sprang from very small nnings, it will be conceded that there is much room gratification at the growth of an association which t now increase in volume as time goes on. At the last ting of the Mark Grand Lodge it was unanimously ed to give the sum of five pounds annually to each l for clothing, which will necessitate this year a further nditure of one hundred pounds; and the result of the nt Festival will satisfy the brethren that no difficulty hat respect will be experienced by the Executive. e of our readers who are not associated with the Mark ree may be interested to know that the Fund is divided three branches—Benevolent, Educational, and uity; and all contributions received are equally appor- d to these most deserving objects. The first-named ch, for relief and benevolence, is under the control of General Board, and grants above certain amounts have ceive confirmation by Grand Lodge. In behalf of this there is invested a capital of thirteen hundred pounds. e is, as yet, no educational establishment permanently d in connection with the Mark Degree, such as we are d to possess in connection with the Craft; but, not- standing this, the Educational branch of the fund, h has an invested capital of nineteen hundred pounds, done good service in the way of educating the ren of Mark Master Masons, eligible for assistance, ammar or other schools, in the vicinity of their parents' ences. This system has been found to work well up e present time, and is much appreciated by those who received its benefits. Eleven boys and nine girls are being educated by annual grants from this Fund; and e have already mentioned, by a vote of Grand Lodge vember last, each child will receive annually the sum ve pounds to procure necessary clothing. The ntage of such a provision will be practically understood ppreciated by all parents, and the new arrangement is ier feature in the Mark Benevolent scheme which should end it to the continued and increased support of the ren everywhere. The Annuity Fund was established Grand Lodge just eighteen months ago, when an nt of one thousand pounds was voted as a nucleus, s object is to grant annuities of twenty pounds each ed and decayed Mark Master Mason, and sixteen is to the widows of Mark Master Masons, after election e subscribers, in the usual way. To provide for

however, that the extensions of the objects for which Mark Benevolent Fund was originally constituted, which have been rendered practicable by the kind sup extended by members of the Order since its founda will provide an inducement to the old contributors to Fund to continue their support, and to many other render assistance who have hitherto withheld their The response of the Stewards representing London and Provinces—the results of which were given in deta our columns last week—must have convinced the r President, the Secretary, and all others interested in Mark Degree, of the solid and substantial progress w has been made in that branch of Freemasonry; and asmuch as Freemasonry can breathe no other atmosp but that of Charity, there need be little fear for the fu success of the Mark Benevolent Fund. We are aware of the heavy calls that have been, and are likel be, made upon the benevolent sympathies of membe our Order; but the solid and indisputable fact rem that wherever Freemasonry is, and whatever shape it assume, there will be found an exemplification of t virtues and principles which are the bases and l marks of our Fraternity, as a spring of Brotherly L Relief, and Truth, ever welling up from the inexhaus sources of the stream of universal beneficence. sincerely congratulate the Executive of the Fund upon very gratifying outcome of their Festival, and trust as years go on they may "increase and multiply" in power of doing good to our less fortunate fellows stand in need of their assistance.

MORE NOBLE BUILDING.

An Oration delivered by Bro. William Grant Van Horne the Dedication of the New Hall of Story Lodge, No. 4 Provo, Utah, 4th October 1886.

ALTHOUGH Masonry is a secret Brotherhood, th are ways in which it has always shown to the w something of its aims and purposes, not so much to disc the good there is in the Fraternity, as that it has been a living force in the world's struggle for enligh ment, and by its work has laid bare its character.

We meet to-day as Masons to dedicate a hall to Mas uses, and yet as a Fraternity we have taken no pa the handiwork of raising these walls. So great a cont is there between this dedication of to day and those o days when Masons were builders for the whole world, we may fitly pause to trace back, link by link, the c which binds us, as Masons, to the Masons of the olden who wrought the birth of their minds and the best fru their skilled hands into buildings whose beauty and gran have been the admiration of all times. Nor could we an hour or occasion more fit for scanning their work, through it, seeking to prove them brethren indeed who work only in the speculative art. In this ques can scarcely err, for by their fruits we know them. they have left their sure mark upon the ages— firm "Footprints on the sands of Time."

In every age and civilization, there have been two posing forces,—one intelligent, creative, seeking to up; the other ignorant, destructive, seeking only to and tear down. The line of civilization is ever the resu of these two forces. Our ancient Brethren—the ma builders—have left unfading record that they were ev the forefront of human conflict—leaders in the ra human progress. Yea, more! In days of old, when ing was unknown and thought could not be scattered b cast on the printed leaf, architecture was the art by w worthy thought wrote itself on stony tablets for th cerning eye to see.

It has been said that "Language is fossil poetry;" equal truth it may be said that in former days archite was character and thought, crystallized into stone. the transient character, the fleeting thought of the m who drew the plans; still less of the workmen wh

ory.
in the dim day-break of history, that only
of recent learning has penetrated the veil of
enwrapped that old-time civilisation, there
lta of the Nile, a mighty nation, even then
t it boasted a fabled origin from men who
anished continent, and called themselves the
stars. This nation was skilled in the arts,
iquity and learning, victorious in warfare—

papyrus rolls, telling of the mysteries of Isis
m records cut in hardest granite, and from
ghted with spice-embalmed dead, we learn
characteristic of Egyptian civilisation, was
aterial permanence,—one might almost say
rtality,—and the leading thought was, that
the heritage of the chosen few, and should
led book, unread and unthought of, by the
esire for material permanence crystallized
what has it left us? The mighty Pyramids;
nd and yet eternal; reared from a plain, and
g; on whose unyielding sides the centuries
ner rain and leave no trace! The thought
e was for the few, hardened into stone, and
ft us? That wondrous woman-face, which
traditions of her sex, has set a seal upon her
all the ages! The mystic Sphinx, whose
eers have tried, but none have fully guessed.
Holy Writ that a man-child was born of a
bondage by the Egyptians, at a time when
fearing the increasing numbers of the bond
that all their male children should be slain;
's parents made an ark, placed the child in
d the frail craft with its precious freight to
ercies of Father Nile. A royal princess of
the helpless babe, and, her woman's heart
pity, claimed him as her son, and had him
sacred temples, and taught, until skilled in
edge of the Egyptians. That babe, grown
ecame the leader and deliverer of his enslaved
rning the thought of keeping them ignorant
good, taught them all the knowledge of the
y GOD,—the secret so safely kept by the
sts. The Hebrew people became thenceforth
eople—chosen of GOD because of their stead-
eep alive in the world, amid surrounding
knowledge of the Great Architect who made
and holds the world as in the hollow of his

wars, and much slipping from their devotion
knowledge, at last a time came when it was
is people to build a temple to the GOD they
ored. Again the leading thought of their race
e oneness and glorious power of JEHOVAH—
f into stone; and in Solomon's Temple, from
ry draws so many of its traditions, we see a
ich had no forerunner and no follower, a
nd unique style, wrought with all manner of
, in brass and gold—a fit temple to Him who
—no sharer in His glory or in His majesty.
air of Greece, the rock-bound isles of the
ipelago—the tossing waves of the blue Ægean,
ng skies which in that fair land heralded the
ade the day farewell, conspired to awaken in
nd lively mind of the Greek an overweening
eautiful in all its forms. With him the good
iful were but the two sides of the shield, and
as equal yoke-fellows in one phrase. Good,
ntiful—beautiful, because good. This ruling
e of the beautiful—embodied in stone, gave
nless Parthenon, a dream of perfect beauty,
line and measure has been the envy and
ery builder since—the standard and gauge of
y and of perfect symmetry.
thought of Ancient Rome was the greatness
the Commonwealth, and we find it written
ty sewers, the stately aqueducts and public
litary roads which cut the corners of the then

Creator. Emerson has fitly told how this idea embodies itself in stone:

"The hand that rounded Peter's dome,
And grained the aisles of Sacred Rome,
Wrought in a sad sincerity,
Himself from GOD he could not free,
He builded better than he knew,
The conscious stone to beauty grew."

Yes! Grew to beauty, but to beauty so vast, that myriad men might hide within the walls of that grea temple and be scarce found.

From the earliest time the nature-loving Germans ha adored the Creative Spirit and consecrated groves to hi worship. When they changed natural for revealed religio and began to build temples, their minds were full of th thought that the One to whom they built was He fro whom the living world drew life, and they wrought the love of nature into temples consecrate to Nature's GO From drooping branches of their holy beechen groves, the caught the fashion of the pointed arch; from moonl glades and arching boughs of oak and elm they drew th graceful aisles and slender columns which adorn their work they took the "starry pointing" pinnacle, from lonel form of fir or pine, and from the interlacing stem of flowers and reed and fern, from leaf and acorn, root an tender twig, they drew the countless forms of beauty an of grace, which make their work a joy for ever, and less building than a growth in stone—all forms of nature ble to honour Nature's GOD.

When the art of printing was perfected, architectu lost its use as a mode of expressing character, and men longer recorded their thoughts by the slow shaping of t senseless stone. The master mind no longer meant t master builder, and Masonry changed from an operati to a speculative art. But the work of the world's enlighte ment has marched along with steady tread, and in th march the successors of the early Masons have ever ke the front. They have still sought to find and share wi others the blessed light—the light of human liberty. Th have builded governments rather than temples. One one they have stricken off the fetters which bound man his low estate; the galling fetters of priestly craft; t heavy chains of kingly tyranny; the cursed bonds of hum slavery! The ruling thought of our age is the Fatherho of God and the Brotherhood of Man—a Fatherhood bett worshipped by the building of pure and spotless charact than by the grace of carven stone—a Brotherhood whic by its kindly touch, sends the warm thrill of hum sympathy through every hand that trembles with the str of pain or sorrow; the Brotherhood which keeps a helpi hand for him who stumbles and is like to fall; a word council and of hope for him who strives, but fears defe a charity which serves the father while it aids his son that links all human kind by sacred ties of brothe affection.

In all these ways Masonry to-day is building as no temples as our fathers built; more lasting than theirs, the human soul outlasts the hardest stone; more acceptab to God, as a contrite spirit is dearer to him than a jewell altar; more precious than theirs, as the welfare of a hum life outstrips in worth the gleam of carven gems.

While our Institution continues to teach and practise t great virtues, "Relief for suffering, Truth in all thing and Charity to all mankind," it will in the best sense still a Master builder, to whom the Masons of old can lo with love and awe, and say: "Oh! Brother, your wo is greater than mine, as your light is brighter, but we are brethren since we both have worked for, and und the Great Architect, the Father of us all."

MORE ON THE PHILADELPHIA QUESTION.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL errors are not uncommon, a

Grand Lodge would have been as independent of the Mother Grand Lodge as Mr. Parnell's scheme of home rule for Ireland would be if he had his way; for Coxe's Patent ordained that after he served as Prov. Grand Master for two years, the Prov. Grand Lodge should elect his successor. Thus the Grand Master of England virtually renounced his right to appoint Coxe's successor. Unfortunately, the printer here made a mistake; instead of "renounced" he made it "announced." On the day I received the paper I corrected the error in the margin, and did the same to the copy at the Boston Masonic Temple. It seems to me that a man of ordinary experience would at once have seen that it was a typographical error, and might from the context have guessed what it was. To "A Student of Bro. Gould's History" the printer's blunder was a great puzzle. Having, however, explained it, I would like "A Student of Bro. Gould's History" to explain his whole tissue of puzzles. He says:—

"Coxe's Patent was then a limited Patent for two years. It was not certain that he would be re-elected, and it has occurred often to me that a popular election was then an unknown force and factor. Coxe practically never exercised (as Bro. Gould so well says) any authority under it; but let it lapse, and left it to the Brethren—following the words of the Patent, not even the Prov. Grand Lodge, be it noted—to elect his successor, he taking no part in it. Had he done so, Franklin must have known of it, and would have mentioned it when he first wrote to Henry Price."

This is the most singular style of reasoning that any Philadelphia Mother of American Masonry advocate has yet attempted. He says, if Franklin had known that Coxe took part in founding Philadelphia Masonry he would have informed Price thereof. It seems to me that if Franklin had known that Coxe was directly, or indirectly, connected with the origin of Masonry in Philadelphia that he would have made some mention thereof either in the Record, in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, or to Henry Price. The fact that Franklin never mentioned Coxe's Masonry, even in 1739, when he noticed Coxe's death in his paper, proves that he never heard of his 1730 Deputation. Our Philadelphia advocate goes on to say:—

"The passage in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th June 1732, seems to show that the Brethren knew of the Patent and acted under it. Franklin, later, seems to have been dissatisfied as regards the legality of the proceedings, about which some question may fairly arise, and to have wanted the sanction of some authority from home, to validate all that had been done."

The above quotation simply amounts to this—"I declare," saith the unknown Student of Bro. Gould's History, "without reason and against reason, that it seems to me that this, that, and t'other prove the possibility of the moon having been made of green cheese, and, therefore, the readers of my letter should believe in my inspiration." Seriously speaking, the passage in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th June 1732, contains no hint "to show that the Brethren knew" anything either of Coxe's Patent or of the very existence of Daniel Coxe; there is not a particle of evidence that the Philadelphia Masons, from 1731 to 1749, acted under any authorised Patent whatever, nor can the "Unknown" furnish an iota of evidence or reason that Franklin first believed Coxe's Patent to be O.K., and that he later on became dissatisfied as regards the legality of the proceedings. It amused me to notice how he pats Bro. Gould on the shoulder with his condescending approbation—viz., "as Bro. Gould says so well," implying thereby that he and Bro. Gould are in perfect accord about Coxe's connection with Philadelphia Masonry in 1731, while, in reality, there are no two men wider apart on the question at issue than the "Student of Bro. Gould's History" and Bro. Gould himself.

There was, however, another puzzle to be solved—viz., Coxe's Patent authorised him to hold office until 24th June 1732. The Philadelphians, however, elected a Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master in 1731—that is just a year before Coxe's Provincial Grand Mastership expired; should read June 1732."

Now, I admit that a mistake in the said book is p Here, however, the statement that Allen was Grand in 1731 was confirmed on another page of the sam by another scribe, who began a different method of ing, a year after the first Secretary wrote up his r to near the close of 1731. It is, therefore, stret little too far to suppose that two successive Sec would have written 1731 instead of 1732; besides if Allen had succeeded Coxe, he would have been st the record "Provincial Grand Master," and not " Master."

I shall only add that our "Unknown" shoul sent his letter to the *Keystone* at Philadelphia, whos would not have allowed a word in opposition t appear in his paper. There the paper is one-sided u question at issue; but the FREEMASON'S CHRON unfortunately for Masonic dreamers, open and free f of common sense to expose all kinds of nonsense, ing the nonsense of Coxe's connection with Phila Masonry in 1731.

Boston, U.S., 13th July 1887.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE O ESSEX.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex w on Tuesday last, at Romford, under the ba the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1537, there was a numerous attendance of brethren all parts of the Province, and the meeting wa gether of a highly successful character. It appeare quite "an event" with the inhabitants of the quain town, for in honour of the visit of "ye mystic tie adorned the streets with bunting, and displayed co able interest in the proceedings. The weathe brilliantly fine, and a refreshing breeze kept in motion the strings of flags that spanned the streets way from Bro. John Little's "Rising Sun"—the quarters of the Liberty of Havering Lodge—into th of the town. As usual, the Great Eastern Railway pany issued return tickets at single fares, a concessi is always appreciated; and at two o'clock the Court which had been placed at the disposal of the Com by the local magistrates, became the scene of un activity and animation. The brethren clothed marquée erected for their convenience in rear of the ing, and took up positions under their respective b in the Lodge-room, the Present and Past Prov. Officers soon afterwards entering, amidst the applause of the assembly. The Provincial Grand Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, was accompanied Deputy, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registra F. W. Imbert Terry S.G.W., A. C. Durrant J.G.W Thos. Cochrane P.G.C. of England (who officiated a Grand Chaplain), Andrew Durrant G. Treasurer, T Ralling P.G. Sd. Br. G. Secretary, J. Salmon G. Re A. J. Dudgeon S.J.D., H. R. Heasman J.G.D., J. G. Supt. of Wks., A. Lucking G. Dir. Cers., J. Assistant ditto, Joseph Clever, G. C. Sewell and Ellis G. Sd. Brs., T. W. Smith G. Org., A. Assistant G. Secretary, G. T. Bailey G. Pur., G. Assistant ditto, T. S. Sarel G. Tyler, G. R. Dawso F. Lightowlers, R. J. Warren, A. G. Maskell, W. M and E. Durrant G. Stewards. Amongst the Visito Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Sword Br. (Secretary of the Institution for Boys), and on the daïs were a large of Past Prov. Grand Officers, making altogether a display of purple. As the Provincial Grand attended by his Officers, entered the Lodge-roo Smith, Prov. G. Org., played appropriate music organ, and his Lordship was greeted with an unmis warm welcome. Prov. Grand Lodge was then op due form, and the Grand Master was saluted ing to ancient custom, Bro. A. Lucking P.G.P

f the Joshua Nunn Lodge, No. 2184, were
he Provincial Grand Master enquired
ence of a representative of the Joshua Nunn
onsequence of the serious loss that Lodge
ained—referring to the death of the founder,
e Lodge was named; but the Provincial
was unable to give any official explanation.
contributions from the various Lodges, and
nembers in each for 1887, were announced,
that the total number of members in the
173, showing an increase of 34 in the year.
ns amounted to £852 3s, being an increase
d there was also a slight increase in the
On the motion of Bro. J. J. C. Turner,
Auditors' report was adopted, as also was
he Charity Committee. In respect of the
incial Grand Secretary said a number of
borrowed from the Province of Monmouth,
of an Election for the Girls' School; and
ction took place this year, Monmouth still
nsible for those votes.
al Grand Master remarked that before any
le on the report of the Charity Committee,
to say a word about the question raised as
were indebted to Monmouth for the votes
ith the Girls' Election. Under the peculiar
f the year, all the candidates were admitted
tion, and as those votes were borrowed for
rpose of supporting a particular candidate,
d that they should be held responsible for
ere not available for use. He had asked
matter, and those who were informed on
old him Monmouth had no claim upon them.
should suggest that it be an instruction to
Grand Secretary to refuse the applica-
nmouth Province for the votes they alleged
Bro. A. J. Dixie J.W. 453 moved, and Bro.
and Sec. of the same Lodge seconded, that
votes referred to be declared null and void;
d unanimously.
rand Sec. then read the report of the Calen-
, and said although the profit on the Calen-
o great as it should be, yet they would be
rough the year without calling upon the
The Calendar was not supported as it ought
sue of the work involved considerable time
d the brethren should support it better than
e hitherto. The Deputy Prov. G.M. moved
dar be continued for the next year. As one
ors he was quite prepared to remain so. The
only just alive, but he hoped those brethren
aken it would do so, because they would find
amount of valuable information. The Essex
d bear comparison with any in the kingdom.
s duly seconded and carried.
Grand Master then addressed the brethren,
it was a very great pleasure to meet them
annual meeting. That was a pleasure he
heartily looked forward to and most highly
se he knew he was so well supported in
hat it was a source of great gratification to
such active workers as he had around him
as he had on several occasions before. It
ory to find the Province was gradually
numbers, and that the utmost harmony pre-
st the various Lodges. He then referred to
Joshua Nunn, who, as they remembered, had
for Freemasonry, both in this Province and
ge. He believed that Bro. Nunn was Presi-
oard of Benevolence for some time, and they
e great efforts for Freemasonry by starting
hich was named after him. It was a matter
t regret, he was sure, to the brethren of the
Lodge that, so soon after it had been conse-
other who had done so much for it, and had
o life, had been removed from their midst
g had the opportunity of presiding over it on
sion. However, at the same time, he believed
excellent Master in Bro. Vero W. Taylor.
gretted not to see present that day. He was

kingdom. But Essex suffered especially, being so much subject to atmospheric influences, and the fact that it grew more wheat than any other county, and the price of corn being so low at the present time. Notwithstanding this, the financial position of the Prov. Grand Lodge was very satisfactory, and since last year they had added two new Lodges—the Joshua Nunn, to which he had alluded, and the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, which he had the honour of consecrating. He looked back with the greatest possible pleasure upon the hospitable reception he met in that part of the Province (Tilbury). With respect to the consecration of new Lodges, he trusted the brethren of the two he had named would be careful not, in their eagerness and anxiety to increase their numbers, to admit any but those whom they had reason to believe would prove a credit to their Lodges and satisfactory to Freemasonry generally. With regard to the Charities, that was a subject of which they might be justly proud. As he had said before, they were not a very rich county, but, looking at the figures, he saw that Essex was well represented at the various Festivals. Their contributions to Charity during the last four years had averaged £951, and the total last year was £863. He knew it was owing to the exertions of those philanthropic members who had given up so much of their time to the work that this desirable and commendable result was achieved, and they ought to be very grateful to those brethren who had given themselves that trouble. His Lordship then alluded at some length to the Jubilee Commemoration Gathering at the Albert Hall, and said those who had the pleasure of attending would bear agreeable recollections of it to their latest hour. All present were delighted with the admirable manner in which the M.W.G.M. and others conducted the proceedings on that occasion. There was one matter of special pleasure to himself, and he was sure the brethren of the Province would agree with him and share in that pleasure when he reminded them of it. Amongst the Past Grand honours conferred upon many who had rendered good service to the Craft, the distinction of Past Grand Assistant D.C. was conferred upon their excellent and indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. Ralling. He (the speaker) could personally testify to the excellent work that had been done in the Province by Bro. Ralling; he could not say how useful he had found that brother to himself as Prov. Grand Master; and all who had been brought into contact with him in any way could say how well he executed the duties of his office. In conclusion his Lordship said, Prov. Grand Lodge was much obliged to the members of the Liberty of Havering Lodge for the manner in which they had been received on this occasion. Of course it was an honour to any Lodge to receive Prov. Grand Lodge under its banner; at the same time it was an honour accompanied by considerable amount of trouble on the part of the members on behalf of Prov. Grand Lodge. He congratulated them upon the result so far, and hoped the remainder of the day would be spent in an equally satisfactory manner, and their whole proceedings might have pleasant recollections. He thanked them again for supporting him so kindly on this as on many previous occasions. His Lordship resumed his seat amidst loud applause.

Bro. F. W. Imbert Torry S.G.W., moved the re-election of Bro. Andrew Durrant as Prov. Grand Treas., remarking upon the good amount of service he had rendered to the Province during the last eight years. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. Grimes, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, and carried amidst acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, and a somewhat amusing incident occurred. His Lordship had evidently taken it for granted that his Deputy had already been invested, for he called upon the newly-appointed S.G.W. first. Bro. Philbrick, amidst the laughter of the brethren, stood silently before the Grand Master, who speedily discovered the omission, and on investing him as Deputy, thanked Bro. Phibrick for the service he had rendered to the Province and his kindness to himself. Bro. Philbrick assured his Lordship it was with very great pleasure that he undertook the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master again, and so long as he continued to hold his (the Prov. G.M.'s) confidence, and

Andrew Durrant P.M. 276	...	Treasurer
E. Shedd P.M. 276	...	Registrar
T. J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C. England P.M. and Secretary 51	...	Secretary
G. R. Dawson I.P.M. 1000	...	S.D.
H. King W.M. 1280	...	J.D.
J. E. Horn W.M. 1457	...	Superintendent of Works
A. Lucking P.G.P. England P.M. and Secretary 1000	...	Director of Ceremonies
W. M. Foxcroft W.M. 2068	...	Assistant Dir. of Cer.
J. R. J. Lightowlers I.P.M. 1817	...	Sword Bearer
C. C. Potter I.P.M. 1343	...	Standard Bearers
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Beeson P.M. 1437	...	
G. B. Gilbey J.D. 1437	...	
T. S. Sarel 276	...	Tyler

On the motion of Bro. White, seconded by Bro. Salmon, it was resolved that Bro. G. H. Finch I.P.M. 2005, Prov. S.J.W., be elected a member of the Charity Committee, in the room of Bro. H. E. Dehane P.P.G.S.D., who retired by rotation. Testimony was borne to the highly valuable services rendered by Bro. Dehane to the Committee, and a hope was expressed that those services might be in some way retained, even though by the laws it was provided that the Committee must be represented by a Grand Officer for the year. Bro. Finch returned thanks for his appointment.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given to the funds of each of the three Masonic Charities. Of this ten guineas would come from the Prov. Charity Fund, and twenty guineas from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund. In reply to the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Durrant said the finances of the Province would allow of these grants. The motion was seconded by Bro. Clever Prov. Grand Standard Bearer; and Bro. F. A. White P.P.G.R. hoped Prov. Grand Lodge would allow of these sums being placed on the lists of the Stewards of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, under whose banner they had met. The resolution was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. Turner, seconded by Bro. Clowes, it was resolved that five guineas be given to the United Railway Officers' and Servants' Benevolent Association, of which the Earl of Lathom was one of the trustees.

Bro. White proposed, and Bro. Manning seconded, that ten guineas be voted to the funds of the Royal Cottage Hospital, which is being erected in commemoration of the Jubilee year. This was also agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer asked for, and received, the sanction of Prov. Grand Lodge that fifteen guineas should be granted from the funds towards the expenses of the day.

A vote of thanks was, on the motion of Bro. John Corble, accorded to the Charity Committee for their services during the past year; and the vote was duly acknowledged by Bro. Frederick Wood.

The Prov. Grand Master trusted the announcement he had to make would be satisfactory, namely that it was proposed to hold the next Prov. Grand Lodge at Colchester. He looked back with very agreeable feelings to the last time he was there in connection with Freemasonry, when they did him the honour of supporting him when he was installed as their Prov. Grand Master. At the same time that reminiscence was tinged with sadness, inasmuch as His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who installed him, was no longer amongst them. He felt sure, however, they would agree with him that in going to Colchester they were taking a place which was of great importance in the county, and that it would be acceptable to all members of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Business being concluded, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

The banquet was held in the Corn Exchange, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with shields, trophies of flags, &c. and festooned curtains of white lace. Over the Chairman's seat was a draping of colours, red, white and blue, embroidered with white lace

No one would gainsay that there never was a wiser Sovere Her Majesty, who had the honour of reigning for fifty years of the most powerful empires ever known in the world. T all most pleased to have the opportunity of testifying thei to the Throne as Freemasons. Speaking of the M.W. Grand and repeating what he had said in Lodge as to the Albert Hal ing, he said the result of that meeting, adding more tha to the funds of the Masonic Charities must have been emines factory to H.R.H. as well as to all who listened to him. toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Gran and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. They the honour of receiving the Earl of Carnavon in Essex, wi stalled his (the speaker's) lamented predecessor. The Earl had also been in the county, where he was much apprecia Lordship again referred to the honour conferred upon the Pr Secretary, and said no one could be more worthily selecte tinction than Bro. Ralling. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Cochran responded, and spoke in felicitous terms of the number of P Officers who were present on the occasion when Romford honour of welcoming Prov. Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, assuming the gavel, a emblem of authority entrusted to him they would rising meant that he was about to propose a toast which received with the utmost enthusiasm. It was the health esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke, and if the elo a Demosthenes were at his command he could not say too m the appreciation in which his Lordship was held by the bret whom he so well presided. Lord Brooke had spoken which they all appreciated of the manner in which the ruled over the destinies of the Craft in England; and speaker) might say that every word the noble Lord h respecting the Prince of Wales applied equally t in the Province of Essex. He watched over th care, presided over them with judgment; said what h tell them with directness and precision, and was not afra them advice which struck straight home to their hearts a Lord Brooke thoroughly merited their confidence, which he all the brethren accorded to him in no grudging or reserve During his reign over the Province of Essex their num increased and their Lodges multiplied, even in times of ur depression. They had not only held their own, but a little their progress might be said to be thoroughly assured. If had not been attained by "leaps and bounds," it was not to be valued because it had been more steady, and gave that the foundations so deeply and deliberately laid down abiding and permanent. They had not been unmindful of cardinal principle of their Order, for no Province with number of Lodges, the same number of brethren or material had done more for Masonic Charity than Essex had do might indeed be proud that Essex had a record to show had endeavoured to point out. He would not detain th but must refer to the reception given to their Prov. Gran only last week, in the adjacent Province of Herts. Alth was nothing in the world warmer than an Essex welcome gave his Lordship a most hearty reception; and the Pr Master of Herts himself gave utterance to the senti although his heart was in Herts, yet if he were severed Province he knew of nowhere he should like to go so wel It was gratifying to them to know that those whom they and esteemed were held in such high estimation elsewh owed a debt of gratitude to the M.W.G.M. for having sele Brooke to preside over that Province. Many present wou ber the wet day they had at Colchester when he was ins they all felt brighter days were in store for them, and t had borne fruition. Long might his Lordship live to pre happy, contented, and prosperous Province, and enjoy, as the best wishes of every brother in it.

Lord Brooke, who was received with great cheering, very difficult to return thanks in appropriate terms, s justice to the way in which they had received the toast on this occasion. He was sure he yielded to no man in t feeling of the deepest and fullest nature towards them was afraid he must yield in one thing to his Deputy, and t eloquence which he had so ably cultivated in the past, h was able, when occasion required, to pour forth upon the felt entirely overwhelmed with the eloquence of which the object on this occasion, and with the hearty rece they had accorded him, as they always did when he had the meeting them. He felt most fully the responsibility and of presiding over so distinguished a Province as that of had heard it said by those outside their Province how was looked up to and esteemed by other Provinces in it neighbourhood. When they came forward and suppo loyally at the Festival of the Girls' School in Londo object of universal admiration and commendation am masons. He had ventured that day in Grand Lodge to s manner in which he thought they might conduct their M ness in the Province. It was not for him to dilate matters of that description, but there was a small poi important one, for which he must plead their forgive having called their attention. That was, they ought t their hearty thanks to the magistrates and others who afforded them the opportunity of holding their meeting House. He asked them to give instructions to the

the most prosperous and promising places in this neighbourhood. He could only say new Lodges were instituted with care and d be a great pleasure to him to see them increase ılt he had not been amongst them so much as he haps it had been his misfortune that he had been vantage of opportunities they had generously could only say, in answer to inquiries made of arious Lodges throughout the Province, it should visit them all as soon as he possibly could. At had given him the greatest possible pleasure to ng, and in the future he would do so very much e had done hitherto. Their next Prov. Grand ld at Colchester, and it would be a great pleasure hat Province again, under the auspices of the ere. He should endeavour to do his duty, and, if induce the Prince Albert Victor to come also. ras only a young member of the Craft, yet it would e to the Masonic body in the Province to see him the footsteps of his father. Before sitting down the Prov. Grand Officers, and would associate with of the Grand Registrar of England, their Deputy r, Bro. F. A. Philbrick. He was well acquainted ory, and was always ready most kindly to give him the brethren generally that advice he had so em that day. He thanked the Officers one and all ner in which they on all occasions supported him, duties were very onerous. It had given him great oint Bro. Philbrick that day as his Deputy, the others who had been appointed would en he said he wished them all success, ended them to follow in the footsteps and who had gone before them. The Deputy Prov. G. at some length, and in the course of his observa- ngratulatory terms of the increase of Masonry in e Officers appointed to-day were fairly representa- -six Lodges in Essex, and they would be succeeded or whom at the present moment there was no place In making his selection the Prov. Grand Master s of justice with a perfectly steady and even hand. to serve under him, for their one object was the sonry, and its success in this Province. Speaking n of Charity in the Province, he said the average of s was about £900 a year; therefore the three Insti- received about £300 per annum, supposing the total ded. That amount of contribution, coupled with the of the Province, had enabled them to place on the volent Institution no fewer than eight annuitants. oquent testimony to the advantages of unity, and of the voting power of the Province. Unity amongst m a real power, and so long as they were united so ne to be a power of good. As it had been in the d be in the future, their earnest endeavour to show n of the kindness of the brethren by proving they were sons, and thoroughly attached to the Province to nged. The Visitors were received with a "thorough" and Bro. F. Binckes, whose name was associated aid he had never met a more cordial reception any- d at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master and Essex. He had known the Province under the ans- and Masters, looking over a period of from thirty to and he was delighted to know that the Province the greatest prosperity it had ever enjoyed. The esent would join him in the hope that the success of out an augury of much larger success in the future. oped, their Provincial Grand Master had health and y years to preside over them, there was no reason apprehension that the Province of Essex would be in y fear or doubt. As to the question of Charity, to had been made, he could only say on behalf of the which he was intimately connected, as well as of the ex had been doing a great work, and that it would ditions to be forgotten. He had listened with great Lord Brooke said with reference to the Anniversary Girls' School, and he must say it had been on e the pleasure of enlisting his Lordship for the presi- ant date, of the Festival of the Boys' School. The time distant, but when it did occur, as he was sure it would ncrease his Lordship's popularity amongst those who table, and amongst the Masons of the future whose thies would be enlisted in the cause of Charity. He lt himself already more than half an "Essex calf," eceived a more hearty welcome than he did in this one could more admire the genial qualities of their aster, or be more grateful for, and appreciative of, lness with which Lord Brooke had ever received him. y one cause he desired his name to be associated with ther it was Masonic charity, which provided for the them as a legacy, and the old of both sexes in the Essex had been prominent in support of the great ha not left them at the present moment; and he was as well in the future as it had done in the past. rand Master next gave the Worshipful Masters of rovince, with which he coupled the name of the Prov. M. of the Liberty of Havering Lodge.

of the flourishing Lodges in his Lordship's Province; but they real felt it a great honour, notwithstanding their youth, and precoci at 14 years of age, to have had the privilage of entertaining Pro Grand Lodge. He hoped they had enjoyed the hospitality shown then and he must say he had felt a pardonable pride in viewing such grand gathering of Masons as they had around them. He thanke his Lordship for having conferred such distinction upon him that da and he looked upon it as an honour bestowed upon his Lodge rathe than himself. He should ever be proud and anxious to maintai and promote the true interests of Freemasonry throughout th Province, and to merit their continued confidence. Under h Lordship's able, general and popular rule, they were one of th largest and most flourishing Provinces in the country, all working perfect peace and harmony; and he knew of no Province in Englan in which he would rather live than in Essex. He concluded by e pressing the hope that Prov. Grand Lodge might at some futu time honour the Lodge by again meeting under its banner.

The list of toasts being ended, the Prov. Grand Master, accoc panied by a majority of his Officers withdrew, his Lordship bein loudly cheered as he was leaving the hall. The musical arrang ments were under the direction of Bro Fred. H. Cozens, who w assisted by Bros. R. W. Heney and Hubbard.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In my sixth volume, at page 419, I pri a statement of the late C. W. Moore, of Boston, Massachusett which turns out to be incorrect. The statement in question I in wise adopted as my own, but merely gave it as a citation fro Moore, whose eminence in the Craft will, I think, amply justify— all events in the opinion of American readers—my having quoted extract from ont of his most carefully prepared deliverances.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

"HOLIDAY HAUNTS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Some time in 1885 I wrote you (and you were ki enough to insert my letter in your valuable paper) respecti pleasure tours in unfrequented places in South Wales, and I belie I was the means of procuring for several smoke-dried Londone many pleasant and inexpensive summer jaunts out of the beat tracks.

There are very many beautiful places which are little known, a I again make the offer to any one who might wish to enjoy thorough a fortnight's holiday to give them general information how to do s the only expense they would be put to would be a stamped address envelope for reply. I am urged to write this letter to you in t hope that I may induce the many to open up a beautiful portion country, with varied landscape and coast, with health-giving s breezes and mountain air, where the hedges, lately covered with sno drops and summer blossoms, are now redolent for miles with wi roses and woodbine. Above all, my wish is to try to get pleasu seekers to spend their money in their own country, where just now is so much wanted. Trusting you may be able to find space for thi

Believe me, yours sincerely,

HENRY BARHAM.

5 High-street, Haverfordwest,
25th July 1887.

A large number of American Knights Templars we entertained at luncheon on Monday, by the members of t Baldwyn Preceptory of Bristol, who travelled to Londo for the purpose. The luncheon was given in the Venetia room of the Holborn Restaurant, and was attended by a the American Knights Templars visiting England. Co Macliver, who presided, was made an honorary Command of the American Knights Templars, and was presente with a magnificent gold jewel of his rank. Bro. Charl Hayer, of Philadelphia, made the presentation.

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R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon,
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Further particulars will be duly announced.

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of Ceremonies, and approved by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, is being manufactured by George and will be ready for issue on 1st July. Brethren who were pres Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall are entitled to wear a Bar bon; with a slight addition in the case of Stewards serving on that

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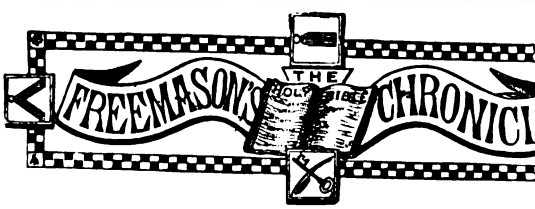

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MOUTHSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Gran was held at the Masonic-hall, Tredegar, on T the 21st instant, under the banner of the St. Lodge, No. 1098. A large number of members of cial Grand Lodge attended, nine Lodges in the being represented. The Right Worshipful Bro Charles Lyne, Provincial Grand Master, pres Worshipful Bro. Captain S. George Homfray P. Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, was also in at and presented the charity report. After reporti election to scholarships during the year, the Dep vincial Grand Master went on to say:

With great regret I have to announce that by the d lamented and generous supporter Bro. Crawshay Baile lapse from the Province. I attended the Boys' Festival of June, at the Crystal Palace, together with our Provi Master, when the sum of £300 was announced as collect Province by the united exertions of Bro. William W G.S.W., Provincial Steward, together with six other Stewa various Lodges. It is with extreme pleasure that I have that the R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Provi Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, has consente at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival next, on behalf of the United Provinces, and it will req exertions to make that Festival a success. I have to requ will appoint a Steward from the Province, and venture t every Lodge will appoint one as well to represent ther in conjunction with the Provincial Steward, so that ev may be made to collect the largest amount ever announc Province, and by this means make up the number of Bro. Bailey's decease. At the Masonic Jubilee Gathe Albert Hall, on the 13th of June, it pleased the M.W.G.M

interesting presentations. A handsome jewel ed to Bro. William Watkins, in recognition of as Steward on several occasions. A set of ge clothing and jewel was presented to Bro. n his advancement to the honourable position Bearer to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. as presented with a handsome Past Provincial retary's jewel, in recognition of his services for seven years. The investment of Provincial e Officers was then proceeded with, the follow- ments being made:—

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...	... ...	Junior Warden
W. Osman	... ...	Chaplains
Wilks...	... ...	
	... ...	Registrar
r	... ...	Secretary
	... ...	Assist Secretary
d	... ...	Senior Deacon
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nes	... ...	Sword Bearer
y	... ...	Standard Bearer
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tous banquet was held in the evening, at the tel, the Provincial Grand Master Col. Lyne iding. Amongst the visitors was Bro. James .S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent

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OV. GRAND LODGE SURREY.

Right Worshipful Bro. General J. Studholme wnrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, presided nual Meeting of the members of this Province, at ound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday last, the The brethren assembled at three o'clock in the when General Brownrigg was supported by a ber of the Present and Past Provincial Grand nd members of the local Lodges, with a fair con- f Visitors. After Provincial Grand Lodge had nally opened, the minutes of the last Provincial dge were read and confirmed. On the call of the e Lodges, representatives responded for each of y-two which now constitute the Province of The report of the Finance and Audit Committee a very satisfactory state of affairs, a balance of 00 being in the hands of the Treasurer. Some ble alterations had been suggested in the By-Laws vernance of Provincial Grand Lodge, and these s had been submitted to the Worshipful Masters Masters for their consideration. To still further views of the members of Grand Lodge, a meeting a fortnight since in order that these changes fully considered, and it is gratifying to be able to that there was a very fair attendance, testifying, undoubtedly does, to the interest taken by Masons in the conduct of their Masonic business. alterations were thought necessary by those who and these having been made, the proposed new were submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, unanimously adopted. Bro. George Price was Provincial Grand Treasurer, with thanks for his ices, and he briefly returned thanks for the honour upon him. The Provincial Grand Master d that in consequence of the death of Bro. Charles od, he had thought fit to appoint Bro. Frederick the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master; his was the first opportunity he had of meeting

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Amongst the general business, the sum of 50 guinea voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for 10 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, 10 guineas t Institution for Boys, and 10 guineas to the Restoration of the Parish Church. The Prov. G. Master then al to the testimonial that was being promoted to perpe in suitable manner the memory of the late Prov. De Grand Master Bro. Charles Greenwood, and in doing said that, under the special circumstances of the yea calls upon Masons throughout the kingdom and in Province had been more than ordinarily heavy, a could be hardly looked upon as a matter for surprise the response to this testimonial fund had not yet be general as had been anticipated at the time it was ceived, and which it would no doubt be when tim circumstances permitted. However, he did not thin matter called for any absolute haste, and he conside would be, perhaps, the wiser course to leave it to th of the year, when the brethren would have had oppo ties of meeting and fully considering what they con both individually and collectively, in the Province. Price, after again expressing his thanks for honour conferred upon him of being re-electe Prov. G. Treasurer, spoke in happy terms of his old and late colleague, Bro. Charles Greenwood, and with the permission of Provincial Grand Lodge, he move that the sum of twenty guineas should be voted their Funds towards the "Greenwood Testimonial F This was seconded, and carried with acclamation. having concluded the business, the Prov. Grand M briefly addressed the brethren, and in the course observations referred to the difficulty that had experienced in obtaining returns as to the numb members and contributions; this had exercised the of the Executive. He said a new set of forms had prepared, and he was very anxious this matter s receive the attention of Masters and Secretaries of I in the Province. By a strict adherence to the sugge thrown out with those forms, the work of the Prov Grand Lodge would be simplified and lightened, returns were promptly and correctly made. If this w there would be much less difficulty in selecting as Grand Officers men who were worthy of office; over, it would save a considerable amount of troub round. He impressed on the Masters and Secreta Lodges it was his wish that copies of all summonses be sent to him and to the Deputy Prov. Grand Mas was a source of intense gratification that the Pr supported him so thoroughly and loyally in all his takings, and he was pleased beyond measure at see representative and so good an assembly as he had s him that day. He felt there was little more to b but it had been suggested a service should be held Parish Church on the occasion; and, contrary to the rule, he had given his consent—as this was the J year of Provincial Grand Lodge—that they should

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nine Lodges in the Province of Surrey, but umber had since increased to thirty-two. With ace to the Grand Stewards, he wished it to be dis- understood when a Grand Stewardship was offered rother it was tantamount to a desire that he should it. Many brethren had declined this, and if they ued to do so they must not find fault in the event eir not being promoted to more exalted rank. rethren then repaired to the parish church, where g service was celebrated, the musical portions ich were efficiently rendered by the parish choir oydon, which was augumented by a contingent oir boys, headed by Bro. Stedman. The church e and anthems were exquisitely sung, and the render- the solos by Master Eddie Busby elicited unqualified and commendation. An eloquent sermon was ed by Bro. the Rev. Herbert Turner, Rector of , Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, of which we append ll text:—

ur all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the -1 Peter ii. 17.

l specially pleased and grateful, brethren, because of the e thus accorded me of addressing you this afternoon as you thered together in such goodly numbers and goodly array, that this year our annual meeting is held in the Parish of n, where my own school work lay for 15 years; a parish hich we heartily welcome to-day our newly-obligated Deputy Master, as one well qualified to fill that post of honour in ion to our deeply-respected and deeply-regretted Bro. Chas. vood, who, since last we met, has received his summons to the Lodge above—not made with hands, eternal in the heavens— we know the G.A.O.T.U. will amply reward every true and l brother like him. Whilst further, to my delight, our is held in the Parish Church, where I was myself ordained, acious and beautiful Temple of the Most High God, towards npletion of which any contributions that you can presently ill be thankfully received and faithfully applied by the Vicar urchwardens, who have so readily met our wishes to worship -day; and I may say that the Surrey Masons (with the nce of others) would do well to commemorate the Royal —which, by a happy coincidence, is also the Jubilee of our Grand Lodge—by helping to place the last pinnacle on the N.W. of the sacred edifice. Casting about for a useful theme on to discourse in the short space allotted to your Chaplain on casion, I know not what better subject, or what more suitable ke to our present times in general and our Masonic principles in ular, I could choose than that which is given you in these four entences of the great Apostle. For, as you see, they enjoin s (1) reverence towards all men, the honour of humanity, charity towards our fellow creatures, as such. *Honour all men.* verence in a closer sphere, loving and tender regard towards r fellow members of the Church of God. *Love the Brotherhood.* evout reverence—not abject slavish dread—but trusting child- ubmission to, and dependence on, our Father which is in ; holy and reverend is His name. *Fear God.* And (4) reverence civil and political aspect, loyalty and obedience towards law- onstituted authority, respect for the powers that be. *Honour ing.* Now, in dealing with these, I shall begin by saying the restless thought and hasty opinion of the present day, oes seem a decided and growing tendency towards irreverence subordination.

A gentle and patient disposition,
A tender and unselfish heart,

ostration of the soul towards the God who gave it and who it; the self-restraining, law-abiding temper of loyal citizen- All these (which St. Peter here insists upon) are too slow, too too dependent for this impetuous and fast period of ours. It eriod of much progress, of surprising activity, of vast acqui- ; but do you not agree with me when I say, seriously and fully, that, for all the outward display of enthusiastic loyalty e have lately seen and shared in (out of which may God bring ruit to the glory and stability of old England), this is not ally an age of unselfishness and humility, and not an age of nce and obedience to authority? Every man for himself— is rather too much of that cry just now. Be independent, we ld; and, in one sense, independence is good, but it stands now ten for self-assertion and self-will. I might illustrate what I in many ways did time allow—*e.g.*, we find the traffic of our disturbed, and even our very peace menaced, by agitators and ists, who openly declare their intention of setting law and order iance. We hear of noisy speakers, who create disturbances in or country by collecting together, on pretence of some fancied nce, a crowd of people more ignorant than themselves; or who, f they have some real grievance, refuse to endeavour to get it lied in lawful ways, but try to override the law and carry their by the violence and dictation of a mob. Thus, again, in our honseholds we see young people and servants giving them- strange airs, and children disobedient and wanting in respect ds their parents and others who may be set in authority over ; and many appear to have forgotten, or never really to have

consequence there is a wide-spread sense of uneasiness and irritatio a desire for change, a longing to see and hear some new thin and a disinclination for steady, persevering work, and the peace and firm fulfilment of daily duties to God and man. I pass from the general remarks, which may or may not commend themselves to yo and indeed I should be only too glad to know that your observati of the temper and manners of this age led you to a different conc sion—to look a bit closer into the four-fold division of my te (1) Honour all men—how can that be followed out? you m well ask. For, unhappily, in the travels and turns of our life come to know men whom we cannot respect without losing resp for ourselves. Well, clearly here, honour cannot be meant in more limited sense, for that we are told to render only where i due; but I take St. Peter's words to point to our fulfilment of golden rule, infinitely precious to every true brother amon us—"Do unto others as you would they should do unto yo And so, brethren, I should say that we are thus tau the avoidance of any habit of ill-natured talk or hasty ju ment, one concerning another. We are taught how unobrist is that tone which shews itself in disdainful thoughts and c temptuous names of any, however mean and worthless they m seem. Remember always, God created man in his own image, Christ died for all; and so try to discover the good in all, instead showing up the evil; try to impute good motives instead of bad on in short—in all your conversations and all your dealings—if would know what is meant by "honour all men," you must se you are gaining that charity divine, which like its sister me blesses both him that gives and him that receives, and which

Loves not the faults of others to reveal,
But spreads the truth, which scandal would conceal;
Bears with a brother; hides the faults she sees,
Believes in all redeeming qualities;
Hopes for all merits (though as yet unknown),
Endures all faults, as though they were her own.

And then—Love the Brotherhood. This is a command which bears o yet holier bond of reverence than that of our common humanity. S St. John, "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one anothe Says St. Paul: "While we have time, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith." This is topic on which every preacher, by the very vow of his ordination bound frequently to dwell; but at present, all that time will all me to say is *this*:—In the Church, generally—as the one body, not to be captious, but exhibit filial love; try not to lay stress personal tastes and preferences, but let even minor matters be ru by the great motives of love for the Church, and desire for the gl of Him who is the Church's one foundation. Love the Brotherhoo for truly the Church needs all your loyalty and support just now. A as to individual members, try to fulfil what the Son of Man said "That his true disciples would be known by their love one another;" and in particular as to all poor and distressed brethren remember that as their need of help and kindness is greater, so their claim; and your attitude towards them, and your treatment them, the Lord Jesus takes as shewn unto himself. For good or (he tells us), inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least of th my brethren, ye did it unto ME. Our third command is—to fear G not (as I said) with servile terror, regarding Him as a h task master, extreme to mark what is done amiss, for l casteth out such fear as this, but St. Peter means the fear of h joy and humble faith, and none can so rely on Him as those w leaning not on their own intellect and will, mingle reverence obedience with their affection and trust. May this fear be alw with us, ruling and colouring all that we do or say or think; mak us humble in our lives, and devout in our worship. And, as Mas let us be thankful that, in the face of bold atheism, blind unbel our ancient and noble Craft—now by allegory and symbol, now by o enunciation of principles divine—continually teaches us so to hon God's Holy Name, and bow before His attributes and His Laws. Masons let us remember that still in this age, which boasts itsel exceeding wise, that which is written in the volume of the Su Law for ever holds true, "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; an depart from evil, that is understanding." We reach the fourth of cluster of precepts, which must (I am sure) address itself to us with peculiar emphasis as we are holding our solemn assembly in this great and glorious Jubilee year. Fear God. *Honour the K* Certainly it is well for us, thus passing as it were through the ter of the Most High to the palace of the Queen, to be forcibly remin of what, alas! so many now forget, that civil duties can neve rightly understood, nor rightly performed, if they are separated f religious duties. Christianity indeed is not concerned with form government and social rank, and Christian faith is independen earthly states and human institutions. The Gospel is not an companiment of monarchies or republics, but a mighty powe God unto salvation; touching, converting, sanctifying the so man; quite irrespective of all outward surroundings. There Christians are bidden to recommend their religion to others good behaviour, by obedience to law, and respect for the powers be, so that even of heathen laws and authorities St. Peter wr "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man, both to the kin supreme power, whatever it be, and its representatives, for the L sake." Into the wide question of the grounds and nature of Chri loyalty I cannot enter now, but I could not forbear on such an o sion as this—in such a time of our national history—to remind of your duty generally; a duty which may bring you now and as all duties do, some difficulty, and especially so in revoluti and self-seeking times. One thing, however, dear brethren, we

ill anywhere be found than those who belong to our
r, headed as it is by the Prince of Wales himself, and
n its ranks, besides our M.W.G.M., a son and a grandson
eloved Queen. Mindful then—now and always—of the
g principles of our Craft, which, age after age, have
rethren to fear God and work righteousness, and have set
ver and beauty—yes, and the true liberty too—of rever-
yalty and social order; let us, before we leave this
rn our hearty thanks to the Great Architect of the
o has made us subjects in this ancient and illustrious
kings and queens plight their troth by solemn sanction-
in the Christian faith in its purest form, and let us pray
His mercies and blessings (temporal and eternal) may
be showered on our Sovereign's anointed head. And as
man people, when on a new Emperor's accession they
him well, used to select the examples of two of his best
predecessors, and shout, with a nation's voice, "Mayest
prosperous than Augustus, more virtuous than Trajan;"
come, will English people on similar occasions have
o unite both such wishes in one, and cry to our future
yest thou be even more prosperous and more virtuous
. God save the Queen! God preserve the Craft!

nquet was held in the evening, at the Greyhound
d proved a great success, but we regret that,
nusual pressure on our space, we are compelled
ur report. The speeches were interspersed by
lent songs, &c., by Bros. Fryer, De Lacey and

ROYAL ARCH.

UPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

RTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand
apter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London,
sday, the 3rd day of August next, at six o'clock in
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BUSINESS.

ites of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for
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RT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

preme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

mittee of General Purposes beg to report that they have
he accounts from the 20th April to the 19th July 1887,
ve, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
and Chap-				Disbursements during			
- -	478	11	6	the quarter -	240	18	6
propriated				Balance - -	560	4	9
ount -	207	2	7	„ Unappropriated			
Receipts-	324	1	9	Account -	208	12	7
	£1009	15	10		£1009	15	10

nces are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

n Comps. John Scrivener Palmer as Z., John Potts as H.,
rescott as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached
rwell Lodge, No. 599, Banbury, to be called the Cherwell
nd to meet at the Masonic Hall, Banbury, in the county of

om Comps. William Watson as Z., John Purser Griffin as
s Watson as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached
ndulph Lodge, No. 1050, Rochester, to be called the
Chapter, and to meet at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester,
nty of Kent.

om Comps. Thomas Mathews as Z., Edward William
s H., Henry White as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be
to the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff, to be called the Sir
lliot Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Working
rdiff, South Wales (Eastern Division).

om Comps. William Long as Z., Thomas Barnes as H.,
ames Scoones as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be
to the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, Clevedon, to be called
Chapter, and to meet at Regent House, Clevedon, in the
Somerset.

om Comps. the Rev. William Mortimer Heath, P.G A. Soj.,
n Mowlem Burt as H., Henry James Mason as J., and seven
a Chapter to be attached to the De Moulham Lodge,
Swanage, to be called the De Moulham Chapter, and to
he Town Hall, Swanage, in the county of Dorset.

om Comps. James Douglas Christie as Z., Francis William
H., Thomas Edwin Cocker as J., and seven others for a
to be attached to the Star of Southern China Lodge,
Canton, China, to be called the Jubilee Chapter, and to
Canton, China.

100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer ther
granted.

The Committee have further received a memorial, with ext
minutes, on the removal of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, fr
Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant.

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

(Signed) ROBERT GREY P.A.G. Soj.
Presid

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
19th July 1887.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF SURR

ON Wednesday Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey m
the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, prior to the a
bling of Prov. Grand Lodge, and was attended by a
number of Companions, under the presidency of the
Worshipful Companion General J. Studholme Brown
C.B., Grand Superintendent. The roll of the Chapte
the Province was called over, and all were repres
The report of the Finance and Audit Committee wa
mitted, and received, as being of a highly satisfa
character. Companion George Price was unanim
re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, with thanks for hi
services. The following were appointed as Prov. G
Officers for the year:—

Comp. J. West	... ...	H.
C. H. Woodward	... ...	J.
George Price...	... ...	Treasurer
C. Greenwood	... ...	Scribe E.
Colonel Dundas	... ...	Scribe N.
C. T. W. Rogers	... ...	Registrar
T. Hooke ...	... ...	Principal Sojourne
E. H. Morrison	... ...	1st Assistant Sojou
J. D. Langton	... ...	2nd Assistant Sojo
Major Gordon	... ...	Sword Bearer
H. J. Larduer	... ...	Standard Bearer
George Payne	... ...	Director of Ceremo
J. W. Morrison	... ...	Assistant D.C.
F. Cambridge	... ...	Organist
Robert Potter	... ...	Janitor

Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the
panions shortly afterwards assisted in the proceedi
Prov. Grand Lodge, which will be found fully rep
elsewhere.

One of the features in connection with the su
banquet of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, is the sou
supplied by the photographic art, in the shape of "gro
of the party and the surroundings of the locale.
year the aid of Bros. H. and R. Stiles, the well-k
photographers, of 8 High Street, Kensington, was
called in, and it must be admitted by all who were a
Kempton Park Jubilee picnic, on Tuesday last week
the result is more satisfactory than ever. We have b
us two views—one taken directly in front of the
Stand, and the other from the side. In each cas
figures in the idyllic group are splendidly brough
and there is no difficulty in recognising the many
known forms and faces of those who are included i
pictures. We should like in the "front view" to
seen a little more top margin, for the sake of general e
but, after all, the portraits are the most important p
the affair, and in this respect the photos are the be
have seen of this kind for many a long day. Much dep
of course, in efforts of this sort upon the grouping o
company, and here again Bros. Stiles show themselve
fect masters of their profession. The clock in the
denotes the hour—seven o'clock—when one at least
groups was taken, and this may account for the
mellow tone of the picture. It is hardly too mu
anticipate that these groups will be eagerly sought
by members of the Lodge and their many friends who
present; at any rate, they only want to see these bea
works of art to make them desirous of securing copies

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...ughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their ...
... of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those ...
...re verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 30th JULY.

...anchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
...ercy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
...tar, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
...insbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
...arl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
...ccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
...hiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
...hapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

...rince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
...harncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
...astes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 1st AUGUST.

...nchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
...robity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
...nanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
...armony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
...nanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
...armony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
...oyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
...elson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
...ope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
...rince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
...armony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
...hree Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
...t. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
...ope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
...udor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
...t. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
...nity, Masonic Hall, Southport

...t. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
...riendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
...tamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
...undulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
...ilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
...oyal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
...orward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
...oderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
...entworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
...eptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
...e Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
...kelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
...bert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
...egiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
...radoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
...ive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
...erlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
... Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
...on, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
...ackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
...—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
...—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
...—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
...-Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
...—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
...kelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

... Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
...onstitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
...osperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
...ith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
...ity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
...matic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
...ona, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
...phrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
...rborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
...nce Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)

...y of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
...housie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
...sbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
...ndsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
...blematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
...ars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
...yal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
...nnington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
...unt Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
...ngton, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
...ley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
...aucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
...w Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
...ke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
...xton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
...tan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
...-Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
...—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
...—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst).
... John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
...ufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
...adian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
...rquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
...nt Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
...ms, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
...e Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
...evolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
...al Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
...nbrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
... David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
... James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
... Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
... Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
...nple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
... John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
...desborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
...ers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
...narvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
...escue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon

1344—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manches...
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 734—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd 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, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 ...
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. (Instruc...
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instr...
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc...
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (I...
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (I...
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (In...
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John. Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-T...
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
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1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruc...
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s of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
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l, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
and of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
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y and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
ool Railway, Station, Welchpool
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ester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
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ive Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
ury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
f Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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one of the greatest "factors," though not one, in the "revival" so to say of English since the time that Lord Zetland first took e good ship "The Craft," has been the happy dvance of æstheticism amongst us, in respect ir Lodge ceremonial and our Lodge assem-vae, how well some of us can remember the Masonic work was of the roughest, and our ntation of the poorest. We often seemed o meet any where and any how. Too often as wont to assemble in some little room, d from the noise of the bar or the sounds a "public." We appeared to consider that of time, thought, and money to attend e dignity of our Lodge work, or the pro-ven the decorum of a properly arranged Many a worthy man, in consequence know, has been kept out of Free-e associations which then prevailed, and the ion of Freemasons and Freemasonry which ent in society. Many a mind abounding in in-rations and rich in archæological lore has been the "light of Masonry," simply on account dge and assurance that he could neither, in ents or habits of the Lodge, in the general of its customary tendencies and proclivities, congenial to his tastes, or in harmony with es. Too often, and far too often, did the nerate into a mere "symposium," without rder, or moderation. Now, happily, all is e do not habitually congregate in rooms th nothing but the accompaniments of a a house of entertainment, but when we enter to-day, we behold for the most part on every stic tokens and befitting furniture, the many ays needful and often artistic, both of and Masonic symbolism.

are now duly arranged and carefully orna-old vulgarity of common and unmeaning acces-ished, and with that befitting solemnity and ich our ceremonies ever deserve and demand, rites are duly celebrated, and our time-ciples are effectively proclaimed, surrounded table and graceful illustrations and wit-er of our archaic mysteries, or our well-rreta."

ways something improving, elevating, and in our Masonic ritual, honestly set forth and ciated. There is nothing hollow, unmean-ic about it, in any measure, in any way. om first to last is characterised by the happily predominant utterances of sensibility and lity and common sense.

ven the old words we have heard so often, so familiar to us, seem invested for us all light, grace and eloquence. Certainly, no minds are unfitted for the reception of their appropriate application.

On this head we owe a great debt of gratitude to our older brethren. They have handed down to us, with scrupulous fidelity, the legends, the traditions, the ritual they received from others. If there be slight local differences in verbiage and colouring; if variations exist in particular Lodges or Provincial circles; if some special minutiæ are clung to with affectionate reverence here and there, they all practically tend to the same end, and proclaim the same truths.

Indeed these very divergencies rather point to the essential truth of Masonic tradition, than would be the case if we had, as is sometimes proposed, a dull and leaden uniformity.

We cannot too much commend the wisdom and forbearance of Grand Lodge, which has never insisted on stereotyped uniformity, knowing well what evils would inevitably follow from any such commonplace identity of oral utterances, and how speedily it would react perniciously on all Masonic instruction, and eventually assuredly sap the vitality and reality of Masonic life and work amongst us!

Masonic Halls—the outcome of this revived taste for Masonic care, decency, and ceremonial—have been a great help and blessing to English and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and are destined, we fancy, to play a still more prominent part in the Masonry of the future. For not only are they very acceptable to Masonic minds generally, but they seem best to represent the peculiar needs and claims of Masonry, on the interest of the thoughtful, and the sympathies of the cultured. They point to other necessities and further consequences, which we feel sure, as time runs on, will be more and more appreciated and sanctioned by an intelligent and educated Fraternity. Of course, there are difficulties attendant on such a change; but none which zeal and forethought cannot overcome. In all cases where they have hitherto been tried under favourable circumstances, they have succeeded, and tend largely to the comfort and edification of the Brotherhood. Where they have failed, there have been failures, such failure has mostly arisen from secondary causes, often deeply regrettable, often very provoking, because a little common sense and energy might have prevented them. Masonic Halls have too often been the "outcome" of well-meaning enthusiasm, but of limited experience, and those who initiated them had hardly counted the cost, or realised what they meant to do, and above all what they entailed on the Lodge and themselves. Still, let us rejoice on the progress that has been made, and yet is making, on a matter certainly of no little delicacy, and difficulty, and let us hope, as we may rest assured, that the future will undoubtedly uphold and validate the self-imposed sacrifices, the praiseworthy labours to this good end of our Brother Masons, both of the present and of the past.

HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.

CHILDREN of one family, I wish to speak to you to-day of a subject that is the highest that can be considered by men—that of the Universal Human Brother-

ceptable to the truth. Before we may know the truth we must know what is false. When we know that, then in our hearts we discover that this is a great truth. That is not human brotherhood that thinks we must roll a steam roller of mankind over people and says, "you ought to be my brother; you must be my brother." That will never do. Never will it be possible to bind all human beings together with anything that generates in man's mind.

The one great practical idea of human brotherhood is that it teaches men to do unto others as they would have others do unto them. It is not universal brotherhood that has one fixed standard of man. There can be no standard found in any one man that gives the high ideal that is desired by all men. There is a safe principle of which there can be no question. If we only knew the complete destiny of man we could tell just how far human brotherhood goes. It is not the forcing into man of the idea which he must follow out, but it is interpreting to man what he himself is, in order to diffuse this doctrine of universal brotherhood the world must first be at peace. It is impossible to have it unless there is an absence of hostile feelings. But, again, we must remember that men must not be forced to accept it. They must seek it. Jesus said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He did not call those who were contented with their lot. The little incidents in the life of Jesus show how universal brotherhood is to be worked out in the lives of men.

What is the duty of those who believe in this doctrine toward those who do not believe in it? It is plainly their duty to interpret to these men their destiny. It should be their object to show these people what it is to be men. We must show them their duty as man to man. If we recognise at the beginning that this universal brotherhood is not a fact, not a human invention, then we have gone a great way in the right direction. If a man says, "I love myself first, then I love my family, then my city, then my State, then my country, &c., &c., that is not human brotherhood. It is very true that we are to save our souls. But what is that soul that we are saving? Universal brotherhood is nothing more nor less than harmony with the whole universe. That harmony cannot be gained unless a man loses sight of himself. It is only gained by a complete self-surrender. It is true that all men are sons of God. We are sons of God, and yet we are not such unless we accept that right. There can be no relation between the individual and the universal, unless the individual loses sight of himself and of the individuality of the universe, and views only the grand whole. When a man accepts all these conditions he will always do right. If he follows those principles he will not do wrong. This universal brotherhood is the true religion, for it is made up of the underlying principles of all other religions."—*Babu Mohini M. Chatterji.*

RASH JUDGMENTS.

THERE is nothing in life more valueless than those decisive judgments which most of us so glibly pronounce from hour to hour on men and things. With many people, conversation is a continual expression of conclusions founded largely upon sudden impressions, if not upon complete ignorance. One must be really courageous who would suspend judgment on any matter in these days. Whatever topic happens to come to the front instantly stimulates people, not to search the libraries for information, or to seek solitude for quiet thought, but to quick and comprehensive expression of opinion. Most of these judgments are not only worthless, they are ludicrous and they are evil. They not only involve habitual injustice to the persons and things passed upon, but they vitiate and demoralize the intellectual life. People who have had no art training, and have no data for reaching intelligent decisions, will look at Rembrandt's "Gilder" for ten minutes or less, and forthwith decide upon its merits and

cipal occupation is to sit in judgment upon
bours, and to publish their decisions far and
fact that they know absolutely nothing about
which impel certain actions, or of the ends to
actions are directed, does not deter them in t
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greater conciseness and certainty. Nothing
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ought never to be touched without ful
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really knows anything about character and life
there is nothing more difficult to judge
than the action of another. To give si
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which is rarely attainable. A wise and ju
leave his neighbours affairs and character
will be slow to form an opinion of other
still slower to express it; he will feel kee
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understand that for the most part he is here t
not to sit as a judge; and he will be content
knowledge, insight, and a thorough understa
perplexed and baffling life in which he has his c
part to play.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on the 28th ul
Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, when th
brethren were present:—The R.W. P.G. Mark
Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, J. Reeve, L.
Terry, E. C. Knight, C. W. Guille, F. W.
Carr, J. R. Wilmer, F. D. Bull, W. H. Pike, T
Revill, W. H. Robinson, W. L. Harnett, C.
McCubbin, Bernard T. Fountain, F. R. Harnet
G. B. Valentine, H. King, H. Roberts, C. A.
Bonser, C. F. Matier Assistant Grand Secret
After the preliminary business, the Prov. Grand
Bro. J. Williams, was unanimously re-elected.
ing brethren were appointed and invested as
the year ensuing:—

Bro. L. Cooper	... ...	S.W.
C. Terry	... .	J.W.
E. Knight	... ...	M.O.
C. W. Guille	... ...	S.O.
F. D. Bull	... ...	J.O.
Rev. T. Oliver	... ...	Chaplains
Rev. F. R. Harnett	... ...	
E. Carr	... ...	Registrar of
J. Williams	... .	Treasurer
J. R. Wilmer	... ...	Secretary
W. H. Pike	... ...	S.D.
W. R. Parrott	... ...	J.D.
R. King	... ...	Superintende
T. Taylor	... ...	Director of Ce
E. Revill	... ...	Assistant Dir.
J. Line	... ...	Sword Bearer
J. Gladwell	... ...	Standard Bea
G. H. Charsley	... ...	Inner Guard
J. E. Bowen	... ...	Stewards
Henry King	... ...	

The Prov. Grand Mark Secretary expressed
of the following brethren for their enforced ab
McDowall, J. Williams, W. R. Parrott, R. Ki
Rev. — Oliver, G. H. Charsley, and J. E.
very excellent banquet was provided by Bro.
the customary loyal, patriotic and Masonic
given, the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master,
felicitous manner, making marked allusion to th

ıcial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the
'ight was held at Ringwood, on Wednesday,
ınder the presidency of the P.G.M. the Rev.
The Treasurer's account was submitted.
satisfactory in its character, and Bro. Ras-
bsequently unanimously re-elected. The
presented his report on the business of the
he past year, from which it appeared that
5 members as against 310 last year; fifty-
ı had been held compared with fifty-six in
welvemonth; and thirty-five advancements
ed in comparison with thirty-nine last year.
ed to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and £4 4s
odge towards defraying the expenses of en-
Provincial Grand Lodge for the day. The
thren were next appointed for the ensuing

ın 381	... ...	Senior Warden
ıs 125	... ..	Junior Warden
lead 349	... ...	M.O.
Child 320	... ...	S.O.
...	... ...	J.O.
Clers 63	... ...	Chaplains
Walker 63	... ...	
ok 62	... ...	Treasurer
40 ...	... ...	Registrar
63 ...	... ...	Secretary
7 ...	... ...	Senior Deacon
ı 62...	... ...	Junior Deacon
pson 54	... ...	Inspector of Works
20 ...	... ...	Director of Ceremonies
...	... ...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
y 17...	... ...	Sword Bearer
ıton 17	... ...	Standard Bearer
ın. 320	... ..	Organist
rd 140	... ...	Inner Guard

RUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

22nd July 1887, at the Masonic Hall, Great Queen
ndon, W.C., the Fraters assembled at a Special Con-
ob the Quarterly Communication was merged. There
aters Roy M. of the T. Hon. 8°, T. C. Walls Deputy
ıgene Thiellay I.P.M. of the T. Hon. 8°, Wm. Robert
M. Treasurer, W. Wynn Westcott 8° Secretary and
rge Lambert 8° P.M. of the T., Thomas Massa
L. McGregor Mathers 8°, J. J. Thomas, Eugene
T. W. Lemon, H. H. Shirley, William Lake,
any other Fraters, and George Harrison Assist.
The M. of the T. having opened the Temple and
stic Circle, the chair was taken by the Supreme
ı. Robert Woodman, M.D., and a Special Convocation
ian Society of England was constituted. The follow-
siting Fraters were admitted and saluted in solemn
Charles E. Meyer 9° S.M. of the United States,
8°, Charles W. Packer 8°, John L. Young 8°, John
. J. Hughan 9° Past S.S.M. England, C. F. Matier
land, J. D. Murray a P.M. of Lancashire, Theodore H.
. of New York, and H. Lovegrove representing the
The minutes of the meeting on 14th April were read
The Secretary notified the receipt of 135 apologies
d special letters of regret from R.W. Frater T. B.
ef Adept of Yorkshire, Robert Harwood Chief Adept
F. Irwin Chief Adept of Somersetshire, Brookbank
pt of Lancashire, Brown Past Chief Adept of Scotland,
s Burdett, H. G. Buss, J. Ellison Macartney, Magnus
H. Bulmer Chief Adept of Australia, Felix Gottlieb,
Captain Hunter Representative of Scotland, Jas.
J.S.M., Cuthbert Peek S.S.M., and others. V.W.
Roy, M. of the T., then rehearsed the ceremony of
ı the Zelatorship, Frater N. Frye acting as Candidate,
. L. M. Mathers acting as C. of N.'s, and Fraters
Thomas, Street and Murray acting as the Four
W. Frater Rev. T. W. Lemon acted as Chaplain and
e S.M. of the United States expressed his great com-
he skilful and eloquent performance of the Ritual by
Robert Roy, in which sentiment every one present
l. R.W. Fraters George Lambert and Eugene Thiellay
d to the chair, and received jewels of honour as Past
e Temple, and each expressed his gratitude at the
The Supreme Magus then conferred the Honorary
upon M.W. Frater C. E. Meyer S.M. U.S.A., Charles
U.S.A., Alfred F. Chapman S.S.M. U.S.A., Thomas J.
urer Gen., Charles T. McClenachan Secretary Gen.;
ary Eighth Degree upon V.W. Fraters John Sartain,
Daniel Sutter, and Charles W. Packer.
C. E. Meyer, in returning thanks, gave an eloquent
e Order in America, and each of the visitors in turn

the Holborn Restaurant. A long list of toasts was honoured, and there was much discussion of topics of Rosicrucian interest.

Amongst the various uses to which the bicycle is applied, and their name appears to be legion, is the easy means of covering distances by members of the photographic profession. Many of us can recollect, not so long ago, when an order was given by the country Squire to "take" his mansion or a picnic party in groups it involved the employment of a cumbrous van and no end of paraphernalia for the artist to fulfil the task. Of course, photography has made great advances since that time, and so as the "wheel world;" thus, at a few hours' notice, the photographer can pack his *impedimenta* on a machine, and trundle his way to the point aimed at, in about as many minutes as it formerly took hours. Prominent amongst these knights of the lens and camera is Bro. J. Bertolle, of 268 Caledonian-road, N., of whose efforts we have several excellent and highly finished specimens of photography. That of the grand historical church of Chingford, with its ivy mantled tower and walls, and quaint old churchyard, is a unique and splendid work of art. It is useful to know such a professional aide as Bro. Bertolle in cases where groups or special photographs are wanted, without the trouble and expense of providing long beforehand, and we recommend all who may be entrusted in such matters to cultivate the acquaintance of our friend in the Caledonian-road.

In the Church of St. Mark's, Deptford, a beginning has been made, as a Jubilee offering, in the stained glass east windows, with a work from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners Street. The subject is "Christ Disputing," forming one of a series to be eventually carried out.

Obituary.

MRS. HENRY POVEY.

THE sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Povey, wife of Bro. Henry Povey, P.M. and Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, a Founder and Dir. of Cers. of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, will be received with profound sorrow by a very wide circle of Masonic friends. By the active exertions he has made in promoting the interests of both the Lodges named, and more especially in the cause of benevolence, Bro. Povey has earned for himself no mean distinction; and it is well known to every one who has been brought into contact with him that his efforts were most earnestly seconded and stimulated by his wife, who has been taken from him at so early an age. Many brethren will cherish pleasant recollections of the manner in which the late estimable lady exerted herself to make them happy and comfortable when Bro. Povey invited a party of Masonic friends to partake of his hospitality at his residence at Hornsey, and of how much her affability and charming manners were appreciated by the guests on all such occasions. Mrs. Povey, however, had for upwards of two years been suffering from phthisis, to which insidious disease she succumbed, on Saturday last, to the great grief of her relatives and friends. We sincerely sympathise with Bro. Povey in this fresh affliction, his wife having now followed all the children of the family—three girls—to that "Bright Sphere Above." Our condolences will, we are certain, be shared by a very wide circle of our readers, both within and outside the pale of Masonry, amongst whom Bro. Povey has been for many years known as a most assiduous worker, and a genial and hospitable friend.

BRO. GROVE ELLIS.

JUST as we go to press the tidings reach us of the death of this well known brother. Bro. Ellis had been in a sad state of health for the past five years, but his ailments only reached a critical stage some three or four months since. He was a member of the Jopps Lodge, No. 188.

I cited over a question of discipline, which threatens to bring about a bitter and prolonged Masonic war. The trouble arose through the refusal of the officers and members of Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, to obey one of the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. This regulation provided for a change in the manner of performing a particular part of the secret work, and, though slight, brought the practice of Connecticut Masons upon this point into conformity with the practice of the fraternity in Massachusetts and other jurisdictions. While the question in dispute is of minor importance, and has caused needless dissension among the Connecticut brethren, the matter has now been carried so far that it has become of more than local importance on account of the principles involved.

Hiram Lodge of New Haven is the oldest Masonic body in Connecticut, its charter having been granted under date of 12th August 1750, by Thomas Oxnard, Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston, which derived its authority from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England. Consequently, for nearly 137 years Hiram Lodge has upheld the standard of Freemasonry in Connecticut. It is the largest Lodge in the State, and has over 700 members, among whom are many prominent citizens in political and business circles. The warrant for its charter was granted upon the application of Capt., and afterwards Gen. David Wooster, of revolutionary fame, and other New Haven brethren. It was dated at Boston, 12th Nov., 1750. David Wooster was the first Worshipful Master. The following is a copy of the original warrant:

[Seal.] To all and every. The Rt. Worsh. Brothers and Fellows of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons now residing at or about New Haven, in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, or that may hereafter reside there; Thomas Oxnard, Esq, of Boston, in New England, Provincial Grand Master of North America, sendeth greeting.

Whereas, application hath been made to us by our worthy and well-beloved brother, Capt. David Wooster, and divers others, worthy brothers now residing in or about the said New Haven, praying that we would impower them to congregate and form themselves into a regular Lodge of Masons,

Now know Ye: That in Consideration thereof, and by Virtue of the Power Committed to us by the Rt. Honourable and Rt. Worshipful Grand Master of England, We do hereby Appoint and Impower Our True and Faithful Bro. Capt. David Wooster to be the First Master of the First Lodge in New Haven aforesaid, and do hereby Order that he summon (as soon as may be) all the Free and Accepted Masons in or about the said Colony of Connecticut (taking especial care that they have been or shall be Regularly made) to meet and together make Choice of Two Wardens, that to them may seem meet, and that the said Lodge shall meet in a convenient place in New Haven aforesaid on such Days as shall be most Convenient, and that the said Lodge do Annually on the Lodge night immediately preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, choose from among their members, one Master and two Wardens to rule the said Lodge, with other Officers necessary to the good order thereof, and further that they strictly keep and observe all and every the Rules and Regulations as contained in the printed book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communications), with such other as they may receive from us, or our Deputy Grand Master, or from the Grand Master and his Deputy for the time being, and that the Master and Wardens of said Lodge do transmit to us in writing a list of the members of said Lodge, with the place of their abode and the Stated Days and Place of Meeting. Given under our Hands and Seal this Twelfth Day of November, A.D. 1750, and of Masonry 5750.

By the Grand Master's Command.

CHAS. PELHAM, G.S.

HUGH M. DANIELS, D.G.M.
BENJ. HALLOWELL, S.G.W.
JOHN BOX, J.G.W.
Registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
JOHN MIX, G. Sec'ry.

Under this Charter, Hiram Lodge acted until 8th July 1789, when she united with the other Lodges in the State and formed the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Pierpont Edwards of Hiram Lodge was the first Grand Master. The other Lodges which were formed before the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and which united in forming that body, were St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Middletown; St. John's, No. 3, Bridgeport; St. John's, No. 4, Hartford; Union, No. 5, Stamford; St. John's, No. 6, Norwalk; King Solomon, No. 7, Woodbury; St. John's, No. 8, Stratford; Compass, No. 9, Wallingford; Wooster, No. 10, Colchester; St. Paul's, No. 11, Litchfield; King Hiram, No. 12, Birmingham; and Montgomery, No. 13, Lime Rock. These Lodges received their charters from Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, but have never questioned the authority of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Although formed prior to the organisation of the Grand Lodge, they were re-chartered by that body, and thus became amendable to its laws. Hiram Lodge surrendered its charter to the new Grand Lodge, as was necessary, thus expressly placing itself under the control of the state body. But the members asked that they might be permitted to retain their ancient charter under which they had worked for so many years. As a matter of courtesy, this seemingly reasonable request was granted, after the document had been endorsed by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, through John Mix, First Grand Secretary of Connecticut. This act of courtesy on

work should be performed. This regulation was in similar regulations adopted by the Grand Lodges in ol tions, and which were there obeyed without question. Lodges in Connecticut were already working in the mann by the Grand Lodge, and it is also stated that the youn of Hiram Lodge were in favour of conforming to the reg ferring the new work to the old. But the older memb have been a unit against it, and, as they were in a m ideas were adopted. Atherton L. Barnes was the Worsh of Hiram Lodge when the regulation was adopted, and h the new work into the Lodge. Though satisfactory to al members, the older members were very much opposed deavoured to have the Officers return to the old work this, at the next annual election they succeeded in havi of Officers elected, dropping several who were fairly in motion. The new Officers were: F. M. Wiser, Worshi John R. Hutchinson, Senior Warden; and Newell F. B Warden. The new Officers returned to the old work disregarded the instructions of the Grand Lodge.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, l ford, 19th of January 1887, the matter came up. The f engrafted into his annual address by Grand Master Her of Danielsonville:

"Information has reached me from a reliable source th elected Officers of Hiram Lodge No. 1, are openly violat of the Grand Lodge," referring to the regulation befor

This statement of the Grand Master, together with the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge, in answer to a the Grand Master for information in regard to the ma the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand M New Haven district, that "I recommend prompt action o the Grand Lodge, to the end that the dignity of the gra be fully maintained," were referred to a special committ of Past Grand Masters John H. Barlow, Edward B. Row McCormack. This Committee recommended that the Se Junior Warden and Treasurer of Hiram Lodge be depos an election be ordered by the most Worshipful Grand the vacancies thereby caused. These Officers were Joh inson, Newell F. Burritt, and George E. Frisbie, Senic Wardens and Treasurer of Hiram Lodge, who had act and Wardens of the Lodge upon the occasion of a visit of Deputy Grand Master, C. E. Prince, of New Haven, and h the work in defiance of the regulation of the Grand Committee also reported a resolution carrying these recor into effect

Hon. H. Lynde Harrison, of New Haven, a membe Lodge, who was present as a proxy for its Worshipful Ma ously opposed the adoption of this resolution, and en have action deferred until the next annual meeting. Af able discussion the resolution was adopted, and Messrs. Burritt and Frisbie declared deposed from office.

This action precipitated the conflict which previous only a possibility. Notwithstanding the action of the G the Officers of the Newhaven body declined to conside deposed, and went on as usual performing the work and the Lodge business; and in this they were upheld by the a majority of the members of the Lodge. A very bitter to be developed, and early in the dispute it became appa leaders in Hiram Lodge were ready to repudiate all aut Grand Lodge, and to ignore all its regulations and edicts. became so manifest, and was so openly expressed in the and otherwise, that the Grand Lodge was obliged to t the matter. Soon after the Session of the Grand Lodge, Officers of Hiram Lodge were deposed, the Grand Mas order to Hiram Lodge, authorising and instructing th new election. A copy of this order was served upon and Secretary of the Lodge. This order was read in but the Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge refused notice of it. Consequently, at the time named in t election was held. Upon receipt of information regardi of the Lodge, the Grand Master directed the Junior G to have charges preferred against the Worshipful Maste These charges were served upon Wiser, and on 18th was deposed from office by the Grand Master. Having b by members of Hiram Lodge that the vacancies would b Lodge was given an opportunity, the Grand Master i notice ordering an election to be held on the evening As there were no Officers, the Grand Master informed of the Lodge that he would be present, and preside. Hiram Lodge had taken a firm stand. The Secretary, instructions from the Master, informed the Grand Mas that all communications must be addressed to the Wors of Hiram Lodge (who had already been deposed) or no be taken of them. The following resolutions, passe Lodge, were also transmitted to the Grand Master:—

Whereas the Grand Lodge of the State of Connect passed an edict without notice of having changed the du third degree as always given in Hiram Lodge No. 1 one of the ancient landmarks of the Order; and

Whereas the Grand Lodge, at its last annual Sessi appoint a committee to hear evidence and arguments s gate the question whether either or both of the forms

el "old Hiram" to conform to their edict of 1885, is hange a required landmark and hereby violating its n and the contract and obligation solemnly entered tween the Grand Lodge and Hiram Lodge No. 1, ted to the formation of a Grand Lodge—to wit, "that the power of any man or body of men to change the rks of the Order;" "carefully regarding the old ch are on no account to be removed or defaced;" and ard in question is one of the old and original land- rder as exemplified for 135 years by Hiram Lodge t the action of the Grand Lodge in refusing to inves- suming that the only question involved is whether as violated an edict of the Grand Lodge, no matter t may be, is a dangerous precedent, and subversive of ts of Freemasonry throughout the State; that if this power is correct, then there are no landmarks or any- reemasonry, however ancient or venerated, which may l at will by the Grand Lodge, and the Blue Lodges at Hiram Lodge has never delegated any such power body of men, and that in the opinion of the members m" here assembled we believe ourselves unjustly Grand Lodge, that we will stand by her Officers duly ast annual meeting of this Lodge.

pondence was had between the Grand Master and the ster and the Secretary of Hiram, the letters of the ials being exceedingly sharp, and explicitly defying ge and its presiding Officer.

named in the second order for an election to be held ge, the Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Marshal, y Grand Master F. E. Prince, and Past Grand Master w, visited Newhaven. After a conference with some s of the Lodge—when the opinion was expressed that ge was right, but that the members must go with ight or wrong—the Officers named above presented the ante-room of Hiram Lodge. They found the door ur men, who volunteered the information that none f the Lodge would be admitted. Later in the evening aster was waited upon by H. Lynde Harrison, Julius mes D. Dewell, and personally invited to visit the e Lodge was opened in due form, with the deposed chairs, this was, of course, refused. An effort seems nade to get the Grand Master into a trap by opening fore he arrived, with the deposed Officers occupying e stations. In this way it was hoped to entrap the into recognising the deposed Officers. But the scheme and the Grand Master, with his suite, remained in the tenting themselves with sending a verbal demand for of the Charter of the Lodge. The meeting of the pt up until a late hour, and speeches were made in ding out against the authority of the Grand Lodge the matter to the bitter end.

ove was a summons issued by the Grand Lodge to s a body, and also to F. M. Wiser, John R. Hutchinson, rritt, George E. Frisbie, William A. Beers, James D. W. Twiss, and H. Lynde Harrison, members of the appear before the Grand Lodge and show cause why ould not be revoked, and the recalcitrant members be the Order. These charges were served upon those sheriff, and were to be answered to at a special com- the Grand Lodge to be held at Hartford, 20th April. ges were preferred, as follows:—Hiram Lodge was nmasonic conduct and with wilful disobedience of the rand Lodge and edict of the Grand Master, and using nd defiant language toward the Grand Lodge and and Master, with passing resolutions defying the Grand refusing to surrender its Charter when lawfully th holding communications when its Charter was s Master and Wardens deposed, with holding a com- h February with the deposed Officers in their chairs, itting violent and abusive language against the Grand inst the Grand Master to be published in the news- Haven without protest, together with reports of inter- ding and influential members of the Lodge. Hutchinson, risbie were charged with wilfully disobeying an order odge by occupying their chairs after they had been with assenting to the passage of certain resolutions rand Lodge. Wiser was charged with wilfully dis- ter of the Grand Master ordering a new election for Treasurer, with presiding after having been deposed, ther deposed Officers to act, and with sending a letter laster containing abusive, contemptuous and unmasonic ers, the Secretary of the Lodge, was charged with order of the Grand Master, and with writing to him in nd unmasonic language. Harrison, Twiss and Dewell with supporting Hiram Lodge in its defiance of the y word and by vote; with advising the Lodge to main- attitude, with threatening to form a new Grand Lodge, ing the publication of various documents which con- and abusive and unmasonic language. The Lodge and named were summoned to appear at Hartford, 20th w cause why Hiram's Charter should not be revoked, ited, and its members suspended or expelled.

a full meeting on 18th April, and voted unanimously

by pioneers of the Order in America, handed down from generation to generation, and sanctioned by many years of use, not only in the Blue Lodges, but also in the Grand Lodge itself." Hiram Lodge relies "upon the established and fundamental principle that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to change an ancient landmark of the Order." The Lodge emphatically declines to consider herself amenable to either trial or punishment by the Grand Lodge, holding that all the action of that body in regard to the matter was "illegal and unconstitutional." In this, Hiram Lodge claims to be opposing the Grand Lodge "as a matter of duty to herself, as well as to the Order generally." The circular states that similar regulations of the Grand Lodge have in the past been disregarded with impunity by other Lodges; and that the singling out of the Lodge for punishment is an unjust and arbitrary assumption of power. The authority of the subordinate Lodges is exalted by the circular at the expense of the Grand Lodge. The charge is made that the action of the Grand Lodge is due to the influence of the life members of that body, and as this is an important point bearing upon the dispute, the extract relating to it is given entire:—

"It is fitting that attention should be called to a peculiar feature of the composition of the Grand Lodge of our State which may possibly serve as an explanation of the rapid strides toward arbitrary and unlimited power which this body has lately taken. There has grown up in its midst an element so strong as to be at the present time almost, if not absolutely, its ruling power, which is non-representative and at the same time irresponsible. Possessing a life tenure, representing nobody but themselves, and responsible to nobody, the men composing this element have managed to secure so potential an influence in the body as to make it at all times practically subservient to their wishes. Against the rule of an oligarchy Hiram Lodge will ever protest, and it now insists that the successful future of Masonry in Connecticut depends upon a more conservative administration of its affairs, and that to this end it is essential that such administration shall be entrusted to a Grand Lodge, acting at all times within its constitutional restrictions and with a purely representative membership, directly responsible to the Blue Lodges of the State." The growth of the powers of the Grand Lodge is severely commented upon, and the present powers compared with those granted by the original constitution. The question at issue is then clearly stated as "whether the Grand Lodge or the Blue Lodges constitute Masonry; whether the creator should in all things become the humble and submissive slave of the creat d." In closing, Hiram Lodge claims that in seeking to maintain her own right against the encroachments of the Grand Lodge, she is fighting the battle of every Blue Lodge in the State."

In thus ignoring the authority of the Grand Lodge, and especially in the publication of such a disrespectful circular, it is claimed that Hiram Lodge and its members committed a grievous breach of discipline, and that the Grand Lodge could do no less than take decisive action thereon. Nor was the Grand Lodge at all backward in accepting the gage thus thrown out. The action of the Grand Lodge was prompt and decisive. The Special Communication called by the Grand Master was held at Masonic Hall, Hartford, 20th April. There were present nineteen Grand Officers, seven District Deputy G. Masters, nine Permanent Members, and 256 Masters and Wardens of Lodges or their proxies. An address was delivered by the Grand Master, which briefly stated all the facts relating to the case, contained the correspondence, and the action of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge in each instance. He quoted the universal Masonic practice in regard to the formation of new Lodges, but made no recommendations or suggestions as to the action of the Grand Lodge. The charges against Hiram Lodge and the various members against whom charges had been preferred were read, and each in turn called upon to answer. Answers were made in writing, and after a full hearing, all were declared guilty. The following resolutions were passed in regard to the Lodge:

Resolved that the charter of Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, be and it is hereby revoked.

Resolved, that all Masonic intercourse be and the same is hereby forbidden with any member of said Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, until he declare his allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and promise obedience thereto. Such declaration and promise must be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, who is hereby authorised to issue a certificate of such filing, and the production of said certificate shall be sufficient evidence of compliance with the resolution.

Resolved, that in the event that a sufficient number of the members of Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, shall present to the Grand Master satisfactory evidence of their loyalty and obedience to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and shall request a dispensation for the opening of the Lodge in New Haven in place of Hiram Lodge No. 1, the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorised to issue such dispensation, which shall remain in force until the next session of the Grand Lodge, unless sooner revoked.

The members against whom charges had been preferred were all declared guilty, and expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, except George E. Frisbie, whose case was continued until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on account of certain mitigating circumstances. The charter of Hiram Lodge was revoked by the decisive votes of 221 to 23, while the members were expelled by equally decisive votes, though smaller. Immediately following this action of the Grand Lodge, Hiram Lodge passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, that any member of Hiram Lodge who has or shall

assed a vote sustaining the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in its action. The Grand Master of New York took very strong ground in his annual ddress in regard to the matter, claiming that the action of Hiram odge would be destructive of all discipline, if upheld. Massachuetts has also taken action, and at the last Quarterly Communication he following resolution was passed, after a full presentation of he case.

"That all Masonic intercourse be and is hereby forbidden between he Lodges of this jurisdiction of Massachussets, or the members hereof, and Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, Ct., formerly under he jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of that state, he charter of which was revoked by that Grand Lodge at a Special Communication held on the 20th day of April last. It is further rdered that no Masonic intercourse be held between the brethren of his jurisdiction of Massachusetts and any person claiming affiliation with said Hiram Lodge, and that no visitor claiming by, through, r under that former Lodge, be admitted to any Lodge in this jurisdiction of Massachusetts, unless he first produce a certificate from he Grand Lodge of Connecticut that he has renewed his allegiance o that Grand Lodge, and promised obedience thereto."

The members of Hiram Lodge have been refused admission into he Commandery in New Haven, and in many ways the edict of non-intercourse has already been felt. It is universally held in this country that "when three or more Lodges that have been formed in any unoccupied territory, even if chartered by different Grand Lodges, decide to sever their connection with their parent Grand Lodge and form a Grand Lodge of their own, that such Grand Lodge has then exclusive jurisdiction of all the Lodges in such territory, and all other Grand Lodges are precluded from exercising any Masonic authority within the said territory." This view is also held by the Grand Lodge of England. A similar case is cited of three Lodges in the Province of Quebec, who refuse to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that Province, but claim to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. Most of the Grand Lodges in the United States have declared non-intercourse with the three offending Lodges until they acknowledge the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It will be seen, therefore, that Hiram Lodge is resting upon a very slim chance of being recognised by the Grand Lodges of other States while under the ban of its own Grand Lodge. The latest move in the matter is the announcement that two members of Hiram Lodge and two of those recently expelled by Grand Lodge have secured a lease of the present Masonic Temple in New Haven, and that consequently the three other Lodges in the city, with the Chapter, Council, Commandery and Scottish Rite bodies, are to seek other quarters, being unwilling to remain as tenants of Hiram Lodge. Another point of interest is as to the standing of the expelled members of Hiram Lodge in the Masonic Relief Association. Acting upon legal advice, the President of that Association has decided that the members, being still in good standing in their blue Lodge, are still in good standing in the Relief Association, the vote of expulsion of the Grand Lodge having no effect upon their standing there under its Bye-laws. The dispute has attracted wide attention in Connecticut on account of the age and importance of the Lodge, and also on account of the standing, politically and socially, of the expelled members.—*Boston Herald.*

THE "OLD PEOPLE'S" SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT.

A NUMEROUS company of brethren and ladies visited the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when the Annual Summer Entertainment was given to the inmates of the Home. Special saloon carriages were provided by the South Eastern Company, at Cannon-street, and as the day was brilliantly fine, the journey, though brief, was most enjoyable. The "Old Folks," looking the very picture of happiness and contentment, were on the tip-toe of expectation, and on the arrival of the visitors there were the usual interchanges of thanks on behalf of the inmates, and of kindly inquiries on the part of the guests, who had been invited to participate in the affair by Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable and much loved Secretary of the Institution. After paying their customary "rounds of visits" to the snug and cosy apartments of the old people, the visitors partook of tea, their comforts and enjoyment being admirably ministered to by Miss Norris, the matron. Then more visits were paid to the annuitants, to whom were given packets of tea and tobacco, presented by the Supreme Council and other friends. The festivities wound up with an excellent entertainment, presided over by Brother John A. Farnfield, given by members of the Savage Club, under Bro. Geoffrey Thorn, interspersed with music, singing, and recitations by many of the visitors. Amongst those who contributed to the pleasures of the evening were Mr. A. M. Barnard, Miss Newton, Bro. J. J. Berry, Miss J. Terry, Mr. James Bain, Mr. Odell, Mr. Lovett King, Mr. P. Wilder, and Mr. J. Wilder. The entertainment passed off most successfully, light refreshments being dispensed during the intervals. At its close cordial thanks were tendered to the Chairman, to Bro. Terry, the "founder of the feast," and those who had assisted him; soon after which the Visitors returned to the station for home, after having wished hearty "good-

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PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The amusing and characteristi Bro. Jacob Norton, in your last issue, calls for a few rem myself, who had the great temerity to express any opinion on a question which has some interest for Masonic students I have long been one, even before Bro. Norton took up t improve and enlighten us all round.

I confess that in my first letter I was not so precise as I m been, but in my letter in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of I ventured to point out what seemed to me to be the only al now to which we are historically and critically reduced.

Either, I said, Letter B is correct, and that in 1731 s took place *outside* Coxe's Patent, and which was partially c what Franklin in 1731 terms the "privileges" of "annual or the *Gazette* was correct, and an election took place in 17 might either have been inside or outside Coxe's Patent. Bro. Norton says that Bro. Gould and I are "wide apart" "issue" involved. But are we?

Bro. Gould and myself quite agree that Coxe's Patent w but that there is "no evidence" of his "exercise" of its po date.

Does Bro. Norton agree as to the original issue of Coxe's all? I should like a distinct answer to this.

I follow Bro. Norton in his averment of doubt as to a kno 1732 of a Patent issued in 1730, but I equally agree wit Gould that the Constitution Book of 1738 must have been America in due course, and there never has been any repu these two statements that Coxe received a Patent from th Norfolk in 1730, and that in 1731 at a meeting of Grand returned thanks as the Provincial Grand Master appoin that Patent.

Of course, if the Philadelphian Freemasons, the only br the three Provinces availing themselves of these privile the original Patent, elected in 1732, after the expiration Patent a Provincial Grand Master for the first time, the naturally is, that they knew of, and acted under Coxe's Pat ever reason Coxe had for ignoring his own powers, if ignore them.

But if, on the contrary, they elected, as Liber B says Grand Master or Grand Master in 1731, then they did Coxe's Patent, and it is quite clear they either acted in ignorance of it, or as completely passed it by. When I not set much store on the entry of 1731, taken by itself, because in my researches in Parochial Registers and t know how often entries are posted up after date, and hence the errata and anachronisms which occur. It is, of course *quantum valet*, and has to be taken into account, as it wi unless further evidence turns up. I quite lean to Bro. McC of the present state of the question, as contained in the 11th June, as it seems to m , since Bro. Gould's very able up of the question, we are perforce compelled to go fur altogether.

If the meeting took place in 1731, then assuming Frankl do not in any sense in 1734 refer to Coxe's Patent, and involved in "any other year," and that he was still in ig it; then, as a natural consequence, he refers to previous e previous "privileges of annual election."

Whence did they come?

To this point I will devote myself in another letter.

One more remark. Bro. Norton fails apparently to se gist of Franklin's letter to Price was his universal America as opposed to limited ones, and I venture to think, *pace* Br that if Franklin did know anything of Coxe's Limited P would very reasonably indeed write to Price, whose pow seemingly unlimited.

Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S H

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your paper, containing a letter above heading, by "A Student of Bro. Gould's History," of reached me on the evening of 12th July. On the next day leave for New York, and in hurry I omitted something shall now supply. My unknown opponent said:—

"The passage in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of the 26th of seems to show that the [Philadelphia] brethren knew of t [of Daniel Coxe] and acted under it."

I, however, merely denied that there was anything in *sylvania Gazette* to indicate that the said brethren either k thing about Coxe's Patent or that they acted under it. No the paragraph from the *Pennsylvania Gazette* above refe viz:—

"Saturday last being St. John's Day, a Grand Lodge of th and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons w the Sun Tavern, in Water Street, when, after a handsome

an tell. To me, however, it seems that the above only fails to furnish a shadow of evidence that the Masons of 1732 knew anything of Coxe's Patent, but it that they did not act under it, as the following quota-'s Patent will show, viz.:—

that we have nominated, ordained, constituted, and do by these Presents nominate, ordain, constitute and ight Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, the said rovincial Grand Master of the said Provinces of New sey, and Pennsylvania, with full power and authority and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand e space of two years from the feast of St. John the xt ensuing [that is, from the 24th of June 1730] after is our will and pleasure, and do hereby ordain, that who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside, in all said Provinces, shall, and they are hereby empowered r [the italicising is mine] on the feast of St. John elect a Provincial Grand Master, who shall have the nating and appointing his Deputy Grand Master and s."

that Coxe was appointed Prov. Grand Master of the Provinces for two years; his time expired 24th June s well as his successors, was empowered to appoint ve Deputy Grand Masters as well as their Grand the paragraph in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th ws that the Wardens were not appointed by the then but were "chosen for the ensuing year;" hence they e acted under Coxe's Patent. But that is not all. Deputation the election of the Grand Master was to t every year, but "every other year," or every second appointment was for two years, and his successors serve for two years, but the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 2, informs us that "William Allen, Esq., was unani-Grand * * for the ensuing year." Indeed, their that their elections for Grand Officers were invariably the paragraph in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 26th ually proves that the Philadelphia Masons of 1732 did e's Deputation.

refore, upon the "Philadelphia Claim" from every hink that it is now high time to bury that claim side he thousand and one other absurd claims which have ff by Masonic dreamers and unscrupulous charlatans lity of the Masonic Fraternity, from the period when Poem was written, down to the last Masonic lecture ro. Rob Morris.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

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wing is copied from an Oration delivered before odge of New Jersey, at its Centennial Celebra-enry R. Cann P.G.M., and refers to the Lodge of 1731:—

no evidence, however, that this Lodge obtained its Bro. Cox. Had this been the case, Bro. Benjamin d not have had occasion, as was the fact, to seek for of its authority from Bro. Coxe's successor in office." ew Jersey Proceedings, 1887.)

Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thurs-imo, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., rley Cross W.M., E. Austin S.W., G. Higginson J.W., nt P.M. Secretary, A. Hardy S.D., F. Craggs J.D., ward, L. Cox I.G.; Bros. T. C. Edmonds, Purdue, Child, receptor, Wiles, Marsh, Hagan, Coombs, Head, Sansom, rs, P. J. Davies, &c. Lodge was opened, and the vious meeting read and confirmed. The first and third e first lecture were worked by the brethren. The cere-tion was rehearsed, Bro. Edmonds candidate. Brother lected a member.

ay, 21st ultimo, Bros. E. Austin W.M., G. Higgin-H. Wood J.W., W. H. Chalfont P.M. Secretary, C. ., Jennings J.D., Cavers Steward, Wiles I.G., Sims P.M., R. H. Rogers P.M., Jno. Davies Preceptor, nd, Cox, Benton, L. Cox, Woodard, Breitbart, Sansom, nd Stonnill. Lodge was opened, and the minutes read d. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the was worked. Lodge resumed to first degree, when the and fourth sections were worked. Bro. E. Cox, of the Lodge, was elected a member.

OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing proper-edicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken in-he Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly en influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest

A VERY important question in the annals of the A. and A. S. Rite arises out of this great landmark in its history, and also in respect of the vexed question of the High Grades. The common view of the High Grade History has long since been exploded by the labours of the Authentic School.

Masonic writers have failed really to give the subject fair treat-ment, and have egregiously blundered, for some reason or another, when they have affected to deal with its history and its develop-ment in the world of Masonry.

A priori, it might have struck them, despite their obvious party spirit, and ignorance of the facts of the case, that this sudden rise of a world-wide system was due to some antecedent causes of which they had not found the clue.

The more the subject has been calmly investigated, the earlier do we find traces of the Scottish Rite, though a veil of mystery still hangs over its actual birth and early origin.

The old worn-out theory, which ascribed everything to Ramsay, must now be given up, as it is all but certain that he left Masonry in 1737, and, dying in 1743, certainly had little, and most probably nothing to do with the "Ecossais" movement. Indeed, it is somewhat doubt-ful now whether he ever delivered the famous so-called Oration at all, and if this be so, a whole superstructure of charming nonsense crumbles away at once. Hence we are thrown back on the "Ecossais" and on "Ecossisme," and it is in this respect that Stephen Morin's Patent becomes so important when we seek to master the true history of the Chivalric Grades.

For if in 1762 the system was so formed as to be truly represented by the Patent in question, it throws back the High Grades by the common laws of evidence to a period synchronous with the early beginning of modern Craft Masonry, the history of which is still in great confusion, and even probably to an earlier period of Hermeticism and Occultism.

One grand difficulty at starting we have to contend with is, the absence of the original Patent. Several incorrect copies since 1812 have been given of it, notably Thory's, and even Kloss's, but the most reliable one undoubtedly is the one certified in 1877 by our eminent Bro. Albert Pike, from Delahogue's copy at Charleston, in the pos-session of the Supreme Council of the Southern States of America, and even remarks have been made, on Delahogue's copy, but which it is needless here to allude to.

This seems to be the most exact copy of the original, and this copy differs from all others hitherto published, both as to names and verbiage.

And here comes in the real point in dispute, which though appa-rently trifling in itself, is very important when we seek to write a history of the A. and A. S. Rite.

From what body did this Patent emanate?

There is no doubt that a Patent did emanate to Stephen or Etienne Morin from some body.

Some say, as Findel and Kloss and Thory, from the Grand Lodge of France. Some of our later French writers from the Grand Lodge of France and the "Conseil des Empereurs." Others, like Daruty, from a High Grade Lodge of Perfection, the Respectable Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, the foundation on which the "Conseil des Empereurs" was built up.

Kloss, misled by an entry in the Minute Book of a Lodge at Frankfort, assumes, as Thory propounds, that the "Ecossais" had got the upper hand in the Grand Lodge de France, and hence in 1762 this Patent, when a Prince of the Blood, the Comte de Clermont, was Grand Master. But the use of the Grand Master's name is one thing, the fact that it issued from the Grand Lodge of France quite another.

That Grand Lodge over and over again alike protested against the "Ecossais," and declared simply for the Three Degrees. Both early and late it used the same words, and never by any chance called itself the Respectable Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, but always La Grand Loge de France.

The code of laws mentioned by Kloss is "sealed by the myste-rious seal of the Loge Ecossaise," which ought to have put him on his guard, but he was misled by the idea of Thory's—the domination of the Grand Lodge of France by the "Ecossais," and to which K[illegible] himself alludes somewhat sceptically in one passage. The G.L. of France had its own seal, and never sealed with any other. In 1757 the Conseil des Empereurs based itself on "the Grande et Souveraine Loge de St. Jean de Jerusalem etablie à l'Orient de Paris;" but this was an amplification of the body formed in 175[illegible] which Thory mistakenly declares to be the Grand Lodge of France.

Kloss reading a 1761 version of these rules in the Lodge Bund [illegible] de Treue Warheit, at Frankfort, adopts Thory's views, and makes them the laws of the Grand Lodge of France, whereas they are only the laws of the Respectable Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, a purely High Grade body, self-existent and self-governed. There is no known (so far) any other French copy of these rules in existence, and both in their idea, framework, and tendencies they are purely "Ecossais," and have nothing to do with the Grand Lodge of France.

To account for the existence of the High Grades, Thory has ingeniously put forth this idea of the predominance of the Ecossais element and the Grand Lodge. The wording of the Patent shows the contrary to this, as I will point out in another paper, and I will only add to-day [illegible] Daubertin, who signs the Patent, not a

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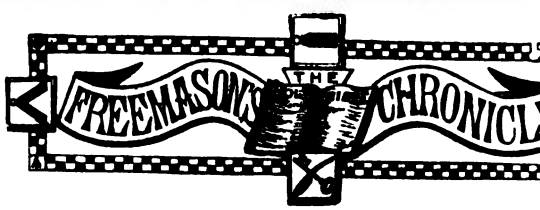

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

ON Wednesday evening last the Quarterly Comm
tion of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Roy
Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall

Report of the General Purposes Committee, which appeared in our columns last week, motion of the President, Comp. R. Grey, Comp. Letchworth, adopted, and ordered to the minutes. Petitions for Chapters to be six Lodges—viz., at Banbury, Rochester, omerset), Swanage, Canton (China), and granted, and the Comps. of the Chapter of . 124, Durham, were authorised to wear a wel, that Chapter having proved an uninter- ence of 100 years. The memorial for the he Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, from Free- to the Holborn Restaurant, was also agreed Col. Shadwell H. Clerke reminded the Comps. cent Jubilee Commemoration Gathering at the H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of s pleased to grant special rank of honour on a r of Officers. As First Grand Principal of and Chapter of England, H.R.H. had now to declare that those brethren appointed as Craft Officers should have Past Grand rank in ter, provided, of course, that they were duly ording to Royal Arch regulations. He then by His Royal Highness's command, the names those Companions on whom he had conferred rank, as follows :—

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THE BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter took place on Thursday, 14th July, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, City. Companions J. Wyer M.E.Z., Seaman H., Bolton J., Bond P.Z. S.E., Hakeman P.S., H. Thompson P.Z., Pridmore P.Z., and Visitor Companions Beaufort 1624 and Wills 2; besides several other Companions. There were two propositions for exaltation upon the agenda, both members of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, but these candidates were unfortunately prevented from attending. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Convocation were read by the S.E. and confirmed. Two additional propositions for exaltation at the next Convocation having been made, and there being no other business, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banqueting room, the M.E.Z. presiding. The fare provided by Companions Wood and Romain was of the usual quality, and well served. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual Royal and Arch toasts were given and responded to. Companion Bond P.Z. S.E., in proposing the health of Companion Wyer M.E.Z., said it was to be regretted that they had not had the opportunity of seeing his working in the exaltation of the two candidates whose names appeared on the summons, but, unfortunately, one of them was away on a journey, while the other was prevented from being present from other causes; but at the next meeting it would be seen that his hand had not lost its cunning, as he would have to exalt four Candidates into Royal Arch Masonry. He (Companion Bond) hoped that the day was very far distant when they should miss his genial and happy face from their assemblies, for his heart and soul was always in Freemasonry. The M.E.Z. thanked the Companions for the very hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast proposed by Companion Bond, and he thanked him for the very kind words he had used in making that proposition. He was sorry for the absence of the exaltees, but at the next meeting there was no doubt they would be present. The next toast was that of the Principals H. and J., and the Past Principals of the Chapter. Companion Seaman returned thanks on behalf of the Principals H. and J., and Companion Thompson was called upon to reply on behalf of the P.Z.'s. He said he regretted that Companion Seaman had not been called upon to return thanks for this toast, as he was the senior P.Z. present; but that night he had temporarily occupied a different character, and had spoken for the acting Principals. At the same time he (Companion Thompson) begged most gratefully to acknowledge the kind words in which the M.E.Z. had been pleased to propose his health. He had also to thank the Companions most sincerely for the manner in which they had endorsed his observations. From various causes, and amongst them an illness of the most serious character, he had been prevented from coming amongst them to return personally his grateful thanks for the uniform kindness he had always received at their hands, and finally for the high honour which they had been pleased to confer upon him by placing him upon that list which he looked upon as to be highly valued by whoever might be put in a position to receive it. At their initiation, on being invested with the Masonic badge, they were reminded of several honourable distinctions; but he believed that they faded into insignificance to that honour which he had received at the hands of the Companions of the Beadon Chapter. Although he had been many years a Mason, and during that time had occupied the position of Master of two Lodges, he could sincerely and conscientiously say that during the whole of that time he had never received more of that true and real brotherly affection than he had always received from the members of the Beadon Chapter. He had the honour of following Companion Wyer, their present M.E.Z., in the chair, and it afforded him great pleasure to see him again occupy a similar position. Without detaining them longer, from the bottom of his heart he thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him. In reply for the toast of his health, Companion Bond S.E. said he would do everything in his power to bring back the Beadon Chapter to its former position. Some other toasts were given, and a most harmonious meeting was brought to a close in the usual manner.

A typographical error occurred in our report of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey, held last week, at Croydon. In the list of Prov. Grand Officers, the name of Major Gordon appeared as having been appointed Grand Sword Bearer. It should have been Major Godson Godson (late 4th Batt. D.C.O. Middlesex Regt.), P.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 69, and of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362, and J. of the Dorking Chapter.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

THE rules, regulations, and list of members of the Ancient and accepted Rite for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, corrected to the end of last month, have just been issued from the office of the Secretary General, 33 Golden Square, W. The rules, &c., are for the Government of the Degrees from the 4th to 32nd inclusive, under the Supreme Council 33°. Designations are given of the several Degrees, as well as the bye-laws of the Degrees from the Fourth to the Twenty-Ninth inclusive, together

showing that the Rite is keeping pace proportionately with other sections of the Masonic Fraternity. Full lists are appended of the members of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, London, and of the various Chapters in the Provinces, as well as an alphabetical list of the members of the several Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as copied from the Register. The work is well got up, in a cover of red and gold, and contains all the information necessary for the use of members.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

MINUTES have been published of a Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, held at the Masonic Hall, Shangai, on the 3rd of March last, when there was a large attendance, under the presidency of Right Worshipful Bro. J. I. Miller. The Brethren and Visitors having assembled in their respective places in the Lodge, the District Grand Master, accompanied by Bros. C. Thorne P.D.G.M Northern China, C. H. Dallas, P.D.G.M. Japan, and a goodly array of District Grand Officers, entered, and was received with honours. After the usual formalities, the circular of the Pro. Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, regarding Her Majesty's Jubilee, was read, and the District Grand Officer, in reply, reminded the brethren that, on taking leave of them at their last regular Communication, he wished them all health, happiness, and prosperity till they met again. He did not then expect the event would so soon occur, but the importance of the circular which had been just read led him to call them together that evening. They were not only in heart, but by their obligation, true and loyal subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and that feeling towards the Sovereign met a ready response in all their breasts. At their last meeting the D.J.G. Deacon Bro. Wingrove proposed that an Address should be drawn up to congratulate Her Majesty on the occasion of the Jubilee of her reign. A Committee was appointed, and that Committee had not been indolent, having made progress in carrying out the resolution. He (the speaker) thought that they who were so far distant from their native land should gladly unite in responding to the suggestion of the Pro Grand Master, and thus be in accord with their brethren in other parts of the world in testifying their sympathy with the event which it was proposed to commemorate. He did not then propose to bring forward any resolution, his object in convening the meeting being to call their attention to the circular be had read, so that the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges in the District might lay the matter before their brethren as early as possible. Referring to the then contemplated gathering of English Freemasons at the Albert Hall, he said they in China would not have the opportunity of attending that meeting, but they could testify their common feeling with that assembly by recording their names and contributing to the proposed Imperial Institute; and he was sure every brother would be proud to wear the medal commemorating the Jubilee of our Sovereign's reign. He mentioned that the subscriptions were limited to one guinea, which placed it within the power of every brother to contribute, which he was certain would be freely done with cheerful hearts. Bro. C. Thorne P.D.G.M. thought they should all feel gratified that the Pro Grand Master had addressed his letter to them, so that they as members of English Freemasonry might have an opportunity of joining with their brethren under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England in showing their earnestness to commemorate the Jubilee of the Queen. He was sure they would willingly unite in the manner the Earl of Carnavon had suggested, as by so doing they would also comply with the desire of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in assisting to establish an Imperial Institute, which would not only mark the Jubilee, but tend to bind closely India and the Colonies to the Mother Country. The appeal from the Pro Grand Master was not addressed to the Lodges, but to individual members, and no doubt it would be enthusiastically responded to. They were told that the lists containing the names of subscribers on this interesting occasion would be bound together and placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England; that might therefore induce some of them to inscribe their names upon those lists. From his knowledge of the Freemasons of Northern China, he was certain they would be amongst the foremost in the expression of loyalty to their beloved Queen. The Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Kingswell, said he had attended an emergency meeting of the Doric Lodge at Chinkiang, where the letter from the Pro Grand Master had been most cordially received and subscribed to by nearly all the members of the Lodge. At the present meeting, and in the absence of Bro. Wingrove, whom he had been asked to represent, he might say that already one Shanghai Lodge had already taken the matter in hand. Bro. G. M. Hart W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, said his Lodge had taken the matter into consideration, but there was an idea amongst some of the members that the resolution passed at the last meeting of the District Grand Lodge relative to a congratulatory address to Her Majesty might be abandoned, and it was decided to defer further proceedings until after this present meeting had been held. The District Grand Master reminded all brethren that the record of that resolution had already gone home, and it would show that even in that far-off land the great event of the year had already occupied their thoughts. He requested all Masters of Lodges to impress upon the brethren working under their direction that the matter brought before them that evening was

Gracious Majesty's reign. Bro. Baird S.W. of the Tuscan No. 1027, promised that the two proposals should be brought that Lodge at an early date. The District Grand Master agr and said the proposal of the Pro Grand Master was urgent, the regular meetings of the Royal Sussex and the Tuscan Lod not occur for some time, he would suggest the advisab their calling emergency meetings, as if the matter were not t promptly they would cool in the good work. The Doric Le acted with praiseworthy promptitude. Bro. Thorne pointed this special commemoration, wherein they joined with t England, should not supersede, or in any way interfere w intention they had already expressed—to prepare a separate of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to be for from the Fraternity working under the English Constitution District of Northern China. It was probable there might b amongst them who, although at the time were not sub members to any Lodge, might wish to show their feeling of by joining in this Address, and he thought that they, where might be invited to do so. Bro. Lalcaca P.D.G.W. observed would take a long time to get a reply from the Tientsin Lod asked if steps had been taken to lay the matter before them District Grand Secretary, Bro. G. M. Hart, said he had forwar papers by the first steamer, considering that the most exp and best means of getting them to Tientsin at the earliest date. Bro. C. H. Dallas P.D.G.M. of Japan, speaking as a member of the District Grand Lodge, said he was sure al agree with the remarks of the District Grand Master. The under discussion was one for individual members, and he hop Masters of Lodges would not confine their attention only t members who should attend the meetings, emergency or oth at which the Pro Grand Master's letter was considered. He great credit was due to the Master of the Royal Sussex L having gone round and called on the members; and those not take part in the Address, &c. would regret it afterwards. letters from brethren, regretting their inability to attend th munication, were read, and District Grand Lodge was closed form, with prayer.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENDON LOD No. 2206.

THE consecration of this Lodge took place on Saturday 30th ult., at the Welsh Harp, Hendon. Bro. James P.G.S.B., &c., in the unavoidable absence of Col. Shadwell G. Sec., through illness, was the Consecrating Officer. Bro Terry was accompanied by Brothers Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C., Lord John Taylour D.P.G.M. Hants, R. J. Simpa Chaplain, J. L. Mather P.G.D.C. and James Willing P.M. 1 Punctually at 3·30 the Consecrating Officer entered the Lodg warmly received by a large number of brethren. Bro. Terry proceeded with the work, in grand style, being ably assisted other Grand Officers, Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson de the oration in a very masterly and effective manner. At th clusion of the ceremony Brother W. A. Scurrah, Past Maste P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex, W.M. designate, was duly installed in t of K.S. by Bro. Terry, in his well-known and faultless styl W.M. in turn appointed and invested the Officers, as fo Bros. J. Thom S.W., Fraser 1604 J.W., Lewis S.D., A. Nott J.D., Langley I.G., A. Hearne D.C., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1 Treasurer, A. H. Scurrah 2048 Secretary, Whiting P.M. Tyl the conclusion of the work a hearty vote of thanks was acc Bro. Terry and the other Grand Officers for their attendan assistance; regret, at the same time, being expressed at the of the Grand Secretary. Several gentlemen were proposed tiation and one for joining. Nothing further offering, the Lod closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the table, where an excellent dinner had been provided by the and esteemed host, Brother W. P. Warner. The usual Lo Masonic toasts were duly and enthusiastically honoured. Terry proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Th was warmly received and enthusiastically honoured. Bro. S in reply, said Bro. Terry has stated that I am a very young that is quite true. When I entered the Craft I resolved to thing thoroughly, for I do not believe in being half-hearted thing, and I well weighed in my mind what I was going to termining that I would do my duty towards the Craft. I belie hope all of you believe, that Freemasonry is the greatest Ins under the sun; it brings its members together, and binds bonds of affection, or it should do, and I believe it does in th majority of our brethren. We have three great Institutions all good Masons should be proud of, and which we should support. I have always done the best I could to support thes Institutions, of which we are so proud, and I shall not be ba in this respect in forthcoming years. Brethren, I thank y heartily and sincerely for your kind expressions, and I can you that so long as life lasts, and health permits, I will ende do my best for the Hendon Lodge, and I trust we shall nev any one say that it was a mistake it was ever founded. W heard it stated that the founders had good judgment and fo and that they were right in their surmises that the Hendon would be one of the most successful ever formed: I hope prove so. Other toasts followed, the W.M. taking the opp

; appropriate style. The founder's jewel, by Bro. of the prettiest we have seen, bearing the arms and t patria) of the W.M., supported on each side by the The arrangements made by the host were excellent, on being expressed. The brethren separated at an having spent a most enjoyable evening. The Lodge, ngest in the Craft, bids fair to be a successful one.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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he run of good fortune that has attended the produc- ie of late is not likely to receive a check from "The re." Care is invariably exhibited by the Brothers eir plays as complete as possible, and this latest exception to the rule. The mounting is of the best, scenes are intensely realistic. The drama, in four Henry Pettitt and Sydney Grundy, is built on the old Adelphi productions, the ideas being anything but uthors have written the piece so well that it keeps ained. The first and second acts are very conven- hird, the scene of which lies in America, is more al act is the weakest; too much time is taken up s rights are satisfactorily established. This is a ld be amended without loss of time. Another objec- rge is, the lack of female parts. In neither of the uch scope for the ladies, while in one the heroine at all. The comic business is fairly good, but the iece will, we are assured, result from the third act. Beresford, as straightforward and kind-hearted a could desire to meet, is suddenly told by stee that the old Manor House has been mortgaged e, and that a London financier is about to realise. red on our hero on the morning the play opens, and arewell to the villagers, Frank departs for London f getting a living. After a time he returns to Hasle- ot with no luck in The Great City. During his squire, John Silkstone, has not been idle. He has ents in the village, with a view to win favour; never- iversally disliked. Moreover, he has made Matthew iller, believe that it was Frank's fault that Mary was engaged to the miller, had left the village so e real cause, however, being that she had recognised former husband, long since reported dead. During Haslemere, Evelyn Brookfield, who had refused him sed him rich, promises to marry him. Among visitors is a Captain Vere, who hearing of Frank wanting a him one, to go to America, there to buy goods to ship rank eagerly accepts this offer, not knowing the out to represent is a kind of "long firm," designing American bills. Act III takes us to a planta- ca, where Frank is busily engaged buying and Here also is Haslemere's comic blacksmith, who has Frank; also John Silkstone, who is trying to make is a swindler; and Captain Vere, who is watching how working. Our hero is staying at the house of an ose daughter, Norah, tries to make up to Frank, but e to his love in England. When the mail arrives, rged bills to pay the accounts, Frank innocently gives nters, who in due course discover they are forgeries. ush for Frank, and try to lynch him, but with the and an old negro he escapes. After a long journey the fugitive arrives at a place known as the Cane e finds Captain Vere dying. From him he learns that eed on his property is a forgery. Leaving Vere for es to find his way out of the swamp, but, stricken with he point of giving way, when he hears two pistol shots, he is seen on board the steamer that is to save him. l to suppose that by this means he is rescued. This on to such a strong act is to be regretted; something ial than a mere shot is wanted to bring the act ry close. Once more in England, we find Silkstone h Thorndyke, who has helped him to his present high ring that Frank is back, Silkstone gives information ho go in search of him. Silkstone also encounters Mary threatens to give explanations in regard to a certain committed. Silkstone, not to be outdone, tries to to the stream, but is discovered by Frank. He then Manor House, where Thorndyke is awaiting him. about dividing the rents that have been collected, ts Silkstone. Captain Vere, who was found by some vamp and rescued, turns Queen's evidence, with the rank obtains his rights. The acting of Mr. William hero was both manly and vigorous. His soliquory in was given with force and feeling. Mr. Charles Cart- fresh colouring to a commonplace scoundrel, while eridge (John Silkstone) and Mr. John Beauchamp

Comedy.—The revival of Mr. F. C. Burnand's comedy, "The Colonel," which lately took place, was not productive of much that may be considered noteworthy. The piece is in no way altered from when it was last played. The worn out æsthetic style still prevails throughout. This is a mistake; not only have people got tired of such absurdities, but were greatly pleased they had been dropped. Still, we have "The Colonel" again amongst us, with the ridiculous attitudes, and we are afraid the piece will be the means of once more making the æsthetic style popular, not, however, to such an extent as before. On Monday Mr. Burnand's comedy went with plenty of spirit, but was marred by the faults mentioned. Why not have dropped the æsthetic style altogether? But one member of the original company takes part in the revival; Mr. Edgar Bruce, however, has portrayed Colonel Woodd before. He makes the part exactly what it should be, viz., a cool American gentleman, not serious, but at all times ready for fun when unaccompanied by danger. Mr. William Herbert assumes his original part of Mr. Forrester, with credit to himself. Mr. Bassett Roe's interpretation of Lambert Streyke is hardly the correct one; nevertheless he is effective. Mr. Frank Wyatt did well in the small part of Romelli, Mr. Cecil Crofton made but an indifferent lover, while Mr. Sidney Harcourt was out of his element as Giorgione Basil. The best of the ladies was Miss Helen Layton, as Mrs. Forrester. This lady wore her æsthetic dresses well, while her attitudes and melancholy behaviour were capitally developed. Miss Susie Vaughan was weak as Lady Tompkins, but Miss Agnes Verity made a vivacious Nellie. Miss Violet Melnotte has yet to learn how to command her voice, while her style is entirely unsuited to the part of Mrs. Blythe. Other parts were taken by Mr. Harry Charles (Parker), Mr. Philip Cuningham (Mullins), and Miss Maud Merrill (Goodall). The calls at the conclusion were hearty, but we hardly think "The Colonel" will attract during the hot weather now prevalent.

Professor Crocker's Equirationals, a troupe of sixteen trained Arabian horses will appear at the Avenue Theatre, on Monday, 15th August, under the management of Mr. W. W. Kelly. The animals are said to be the most advanced, in respect of intelligence, ever exhibited in public, or known in private.

On Tuesday the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England, presented the address of congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of her Jubilee, which was passed at the Meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, the 13th June last. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. the Earl of Lathom Dep. G.M., Prince Albert Victor of Wales S.G.W., Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*) G.D. of C.; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and Isle of Wight will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Portsmouth, on Monday, 15th instant, at 1·30 p.m., and at 4 p.m. a banquet will take place.

Bro. Æ. D. McKay, an old member of No. 27, Hamilton, has returned from Central America, where he has been for the past four years. He says the Craft is now in a prosperous condition there. A large number of Lodges, both black and white, are working under the English Grand Registry.

On Monday evening, 30th May, the brethren of Bismarck, Ontario, dedicated their new hall. It is a very neat room, and well furnished. R.W. Bro. R. M. Stuart, with the assistance of W. Bros. Anderson, Payne, Middleditch, and Bros. Broderick and Thatcher, from Ridgetown, and other Visiting brethren, dedicated the hall. Bro. Payne exemplified the third degree in a very attractive and skilful manner. A banquet followed.

The Cross is not distinctively a Christian symbol. It has been found on all the oldest remains of the works of man.

A meeting of the joint committee appointed by the various Masonic Lodges of Hamilton, in response to a request by the managers of the Queen's Jubilee Celebration, was held on the 3rd June. After due consideration, it was deemed inexpedient for the Order, as such, to participate in the procession. At the same time the Fraternity wished every success to the celebration. Hundreds of their number doubtless took part in it as members of the volunteer force, as school trustees, aldermen and members of other public bodies.

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SATURDAY, 6th AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 8th AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1593—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 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, 9th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill; at 8 (Instruction)

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert ... Rooms, Sankey, Greenall Street, Warrington

M.M. 16—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th AUGUST.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8
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. (Instr
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Ins
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instr
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.3
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (In
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (In
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Ins
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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
286—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
463—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 11th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instr
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (In
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instr
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruct
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Ro
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruc
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (In
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instr
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instr
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (In.
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruct
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (co Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1632—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruc
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instructi
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (
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

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.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manch
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, ...

yal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
Hotel, Coleshill
ng's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
reeter's Hall, Whitstable
Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
stle Inn, Coventry
Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 12th AUGUST

Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In.)
k and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
a. Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
ocess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
n, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In.)
Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
ngers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
rd, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
e Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
ury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
f Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
ss, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
ar C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
chmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
addington, W. (Improvement)
rown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
blic Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
der, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
r and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
d Clare, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
ssembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
nstruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
rk, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
ox, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
emasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 13th AUGUST.

Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In.)
Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
ellis, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
rk, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
nd, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
rown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
Lion, Leytonstone
ndsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
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King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
row
asonic Hall, Leeds
e, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

GLEANINGS.

in Masonry are coming to the front. A P.M., who hair in 1888, tells us that at least two of his initiates or do sit in the chair of K.S. This shows a good and rit.

being "a peculiar system of morality veiled in al. lustrated by symbols" it behoves every brother to nted with the truth symbolised, and to learn how and e veil of allegory.

rethren learn that the *power* of blackballing does not of doing so? I *can* steal, but I *should* not. Use the necessary, but do not abuse it.

LD ALMANAC.—Longworth's American Almanac for rk: David Longworth), contains five pages of Masonic ng the following: R.W. Grand Lodge of the State of The M.W. the Hon. De Witt Clinton, Mayor of the City , Grand Master. Rising Sun Encampment, No. 1. risdiction of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, lias Dob, M.E.G.M.; J. Benson, Gen.; Wm. Lee, M. Hughs, Treasurer; Thomas Durry, Recorder. Thus mpment of Knights Templars of New York was war. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.—*Keystone.*

hould always be addressed as "Worshipful Master," ipful Sir," unless by a Past Master, who may use the

ting, if a Lodge is open in the F.C. or M.M. degree, in chair always work up with the steps and salutations of egrees.

hould be careful to give all signs and salutations in ; i.e., as instructed on their initiation, passing, or rais- as is too often done, carelessly.

to the ballot is undoubted; the use of the ballot is abuse of the ballot is perjury.

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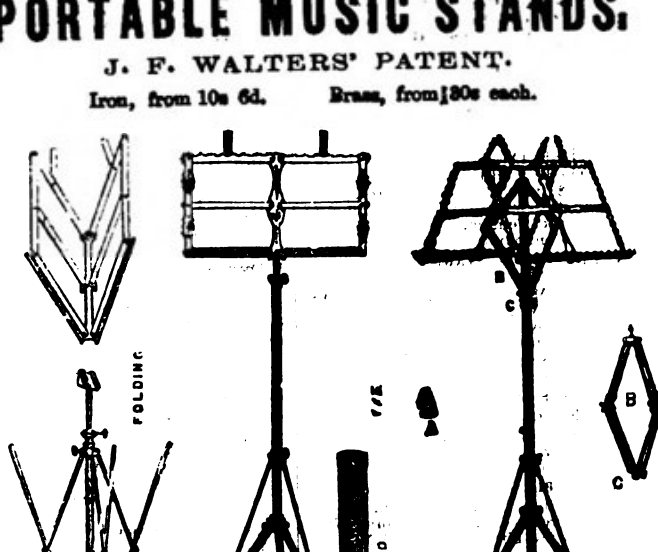

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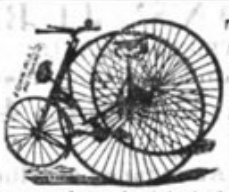

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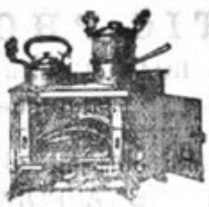

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ny charitable Institutions in the metropolis, which claim our best support, and merit fullest equality with the most valued and the most valu- able, the most needed and the most practical.

For they appeal to the best feelings of the Mason, and the warmest sympathies of the man. They bring home relief and solace to the old, the weary, the forlorn, and the unfortunate.

Old and young alike indeed come under their discriminating comprehension, and are materially and personally relieved by their ample largesse. They seek to bring up those little children whom death has deprived of parental care, or to whom disease in its inevitable assaults has closed the possibility of befitting education, whether as little girls or little boys, within the control, the instruction, the comfort, the shelter of a home. For them, God knows, life often begins roughly and sadly enough.

Those who bask in the sunshine of domestic brightness and happiness, those who share in the comforts and luxuries of a well-appointed family circle, those whose infant steps are superintended and guided by the concern and reality of parental vigilance, often little know indeed what are the sorrows, the trials, the temptations, which beset the young, especially when fallen from a better estate, and often surrounded necessarily, from their earliest hours, with the sounds and sights of vice and even depravity.

The warm heartedness and liberality of English Freemasons have rescued, humanly speaking, many poor Masons' daughters from ignorance, from danger, and from disgrace.

How many old Masonians will gladly recall in after hours, let us hope of unfailing prosperity, the for them happy, peaceful, and improving hours spent by them in our Masonic Boys' School, whence they made their start in this uneven world, and began the often hard battle of life, with the kindly help, the sound instruction, and the warmest sympathies of the good Brotherhood of Freemasonry.

The old men we aid in decay of powers, and in the wants of declining years, are very often the comrades of happy years of bygone Lodge work and Lodge association. For them our fraternal efforts are justly made; for them our truest sympathy is properly invoked. Their widows they seem to leave to us as a legacy for brotherly sympathy and care to watch over. "As widow's sons" ourselves, we are bound on every ground of humanity and Fraternity, to give our mite ever and anon for the poor widows of Brother Freemasons.

Can Freemasons then spend their money more wisely? or compass a truer result? or carry out a better work than is exemplified and developed by these great Institutions?

We trow not! And therefore to-day, remembering gladly the labours of the past, and looking with pride on the efforts of the present, let us continue to anticipate with hope and assurance that the progress and prosperity of these remarkable and praiseworthy Charities of our great Order will yet receive commensurate support, encouragement, and hearty maintenance in the future of English Freemasonry.

MASONIC SOCIALITY.

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tion of the higher teachings and virtues which are the great lessons of Masonry. Still there is danger that the really essential inculcations of the Lodge-room, may, by infelicity of communication, by frequency of iteration, or by the necessary restraints of the Lodge for purposes of order and seemliness, become dull and insipid and lose that vitality of interest and address which will give them entrance to the heart. And, again, upon the other side, the Mason may go to his meeting so cumbered with the cares and trials of business or with the solicitudes of social and domestic life that he is not in the frame of mind to receive didactic instruction, either by direct address or through any merely dramatic presentation.

But when men and Masons come together in the frank and hearty intercourse of a proper sociality, the walls of partition and seclusion that are built up around the soul as a protection against unlawful intrusion upon the private life, gradually melt away, the heart unburdens itself to its sympathetic fellow, and by sharing with him its griefs and trials, as Lord Bacon says, halves them, and by giving to its participation his joys and successes, doubles them. All legitimate sociality everywhere, and eminently Masonic sociality, should have this effect to diminish sorrows and magnify joys, with no unpleasant reflections or memories to succeed.

Those two portions of Masonic culture, the instructional and the social should always go and grow together in orderly and becoming proportions, each as a complement and helper of the other, and then the work they do on either hand for humanity will be a large and influential one, and always effective in the interests of rational and manly growth. These will be better both from the instructions of the Lodge work and the felicitations of the Lodge Society, and will return to the anxieties of home and the struggles of business with affections and thoughts better attuned to duty, and grasping success with a firmer and more courageous hand.

In many of our Lodges, and it is not invidious to say, eminently in the Lodges in our rural districts, this sociality of frankness and clearness of manly exchange and mutual sharing of life's experiences is beautifully realised, and because of it the home has a lovelier cheer, community a brighter citizen, business a more industrious worker, the church a more temperate Christian, and the State a wiser patriot.

And now with this honest and full eulogium of Masonic sociality, we refuse to be thought austere, when we call attention to certain phases of Masonic sociality which either have already crept in, or are plainly fast creeping into some other of the Lodges of the jurisdictions, and for fairness sake, we add, into some of the Grand Bodies of the Rite.

Our cities and thickly settled places are fast being honeycombed with clubs, social, political, artistic, literary and others. In all of which the social feature is the chain of union. And there is a natural liability that this characteristic, prevalent here, should extend and pervade the Masonic gatherings, which are very different in origin, character and purpose.

Those societies as already intimated are widely in contrast with the Masonic Lodge, because for the most part they have no avowed or esoteric purpose of inculcating the higher virtues of man, much less the wisdom and obligation of a divine manliness. They are associations for purely selfish and sensual enjoyments, or for such conferences and collocations as may promote some outside and political or other selfish purpose. They are equipped with the appliances for these precise ends, the refectory, the gaming rooms, smoking rooms, and so forth.

Not so the Lodge; its ends are higher than self-indulgence; it has no participancy in political or religious or any sectarian interests, and no legitimate occasion for the use of their machinery or methods, and so no need for the usages and materialities which smooth the road for mellow agreements and combinations.

Instruction, to ennoble and refine man is the prime and principal purpose of the Masonic Lodge, and all things and all thoughts that may distract or disturb the Masonic

"amiable, discreet, and virtuous conduct" of its m
mankind may be convinced of the goodness
Institution.

That Masonry, therefore, whose chief interest
in the esoteric degrees of eating and drinking, an
Masons, if any such there be, who are punctual and
at the table and the sideboard, but are seldom seen
Lodge-room, and more seldom taking active and int
part in its labours, or giving encouragement and sy
to the working officers,—and those Masons who
and indulge the sensual appetite in public places oth
the Lodge, or perhaps in private apartments near th
precincts of the Lodge-room, and are practising and
raging a Masonic sociality which is wholly prejud
the true interests and health of Masons, setting a del
and unsafe example to young Masons, and wholly re
the order and scheme of Masonic life and enjoym
making it, instead of a Lodge where men assemble
the higher lessons of life, and fit themselves by
conflicts and conversations for the better perform
the duties those lessons teach, the relief of the distre
the comfort of the broken-hearted, are becoming
into a social club that has no higher purpose t
indulgence and the preferments of selfish aims.

If the characteristics and practices hinted at
where realised, or the tendency of the Masonic life
Lodge or any place is making haste in that directi
we submit, it is the part of "wisdom, temperance, p
and justice," that a stop should be called, and th
men should everywhere unite to stay if not to for
threatened evil.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

MASONRY'S SILENT WORK.

*An Oration delivered by Bro. George S. Hallmar
Master of Masons in Florida.*

BRETHREN, what are the benefits of Masonr
of its forms? This question, like all other re
ones, is entitled to a fair and candid answer. Ma
due allowance for the very secrecy of its opera
certainly has the best right to become the inter
its own actions and the expounder of its own p
and motives.

That it has some objects and purposes to carr
plainly self-evident, for the simple reason that wit
aims or ends to accomplish, it would be but an as
of pitiful idiots, unworthy of respectable contemp
of *Pons asinorum*, that would only lead to bedla
devil.

That its objects must be good is equally clear,
simple fact that a secret association for bad
purposes would soon become fit subjects for crimin
cution and would speedily fall to pieces by its ow
and its own villainy. How can we conceive of an
tion of good men all over the world, and clinging
through lapse of centuries, banded together for no
at all, or for a mischievous one which they ha
attempted to carry out, and coming down to us u
and without reproach through ages of time. S
absurdity is too monstrous, even for a fool. Th
lies the good? We answer: 1st, in the objects
These are, in the first place, the moral instruc
culture of its members. Masonry is, indeed, a
symbolic morality.

It takes the simple implements of its craft of
Operative Masonry and converts them into em
sublime and holy teaching, so that every object ar
Lodge and in the most secret seclusion becomes a
wholesome instruction and sacred admonition. Th
level, square, gavel, compass and trowel, are
monitors, preaching beautiful lessons with silent e
These lessons are there enforced by the most so
impressive ceremonials and rituals, whose imp
never wear off, and whose teachings will never be
so that the first great benefit is to the Mason hims

from the innate depravity of the subject and
e fault of the institution. From the initial
Entered Apprentice, to the full honours of a
on, there is a deepening impression and en-
f influence and motive, and augmentation of
directing the mind to a higher and better life.
h Ashlar will not receive the polish of the
and the fitting instrument, it only demonstrates
iness of the material, and not the incompetency
ect, but the worthy and true, the refining and
cesses of Masonry are surely a benediction and
l all over the land are thousands of bright and
nples of its beneficent influences in the eleva-
nature and the refinement of human character.
fact: it is a great law in nature that the
rces in her realm operate silently and unseen.
dous power of gravitation that moves all
holds the universe in its grasp, operates
and obscurely that its very existence
suspected, except by those who comprehend
mystery. So Masonry has gone on from
performing her own silent mission of good to
often unseen and unrecognised, only by those
elt the genial influence of her secret power. If
is to be blazoned in glowing statistics, or pro-
th Pharisaic pretensions at the street corners
ing trumpets, then she modestly declines the
test; but if the silent inscriptions, written in a
aithful heart, a genuine and manly character,
whose aims were nurtured in a school of truth
chings of virtue; if these are the criterions of
nt, then may she proudly hold up her head, and
oble Roman matron with her children around
m in the face of her enemies, "These are my
But to complete the answer to the question,
does Masonry do? We turn now to another
t which Masonry proposes. This is embraced
formula, brotherly love, relief and truth, or in
ure phrase, "Faith, Hope and Charity." Faith
pe in Immortality, Charity to All Men. Nobler,
notives than these, no man can entertain; no
expound. But does Masonry carry them out?
nly reply that they are certainly her vital prin-
the practice of them is her highest object.
e untrue men everywhere. "Traitors in every
ack sheep in every flock. Foul birds in every
pocrites in every church." So in every Lodge
be deceivers, untrue to their fraternal ties and
o their obligations, but these are not the
of any cause.

heart of all true and genuine manhood, these ties
ations are doubly sacred. They appeal to the
d noblest sensibilities of his nature. To relieve
brother or his family in distress, to aid him in the
truggle and danger, to ward off the evils and
urden from his life, becomes a pleasure as well as
If to do this even for the stranger in a strange
pen the heart of sympathy, to stretch the hand
, to right the wrongs of a distressed brother, to
s character and protect his home and loved ones,
him in sickness, to soothe and comfort his dying
d to watch over the bereaved and sorrowing ones
s behind; if all this be doing good, then does
do it in many ways and many instances. True she
flaunt her deeds of charity in the face of the
or sound the trumpets in the streets; but far
an this, she writes her record in silent eloquence
mes she cheers and the heart she blesses. Her
ed deeds of benevolence are among the secrets
l in her own bosom. Her mission to the world is
iet and unobtrusive good, like a gentle stream in
t whose sources are hidden from the eyes of men,
e refreshing waters carry fertility and blessings
they flow. This silent mission she performs, if
lavish hands, at least with true and faithful heart,
s through the flight of years and the march of
, she has pursued her even, onward course, with
d quiet steps, seeking no applause from the world
eward from men, save the noble reward of duty
d inspired by no ambition save the sublime hope

I AM very sorry of being so dull of comprehension a not to understand Bro. Lane. I beg, however, t assure him that before I saw his book, and his article i the *Freemason* of the 15th January last, informatio reached Boston that he had made some mistake about th unfortunate No. 79; and after reading his *dictum* tha No. 79 was warranted for America, I could not help believin that he had imbibed Bro. McCalla's notion of the Phila delphia Masonic Mothership, and his subsequent answers t my remarks convinced even Bro. McCalla that Bro. Lan was an advocate of his theory. So far, therefore, I wa not mistaken. True, Bro. Lane has thrown overboard hi original theory that No. 79 was warranted for America but he still cannot bring himself to my belief that th Grand Lodge of England had never issued more than on Charter with No. 79 thereon, which Lodge was constitute in 1731, at the Castle, in Highgate. He still repeats:—

"That there was a Lodge (he does not know where i was located) having the No. 79 prior to the Lodge in High gate in 1732."

Now, early in 1731, an order was issued by the Gran Lodge of England to all her Lodges, requiring them t send to the Grand Secretary the names of their respectiv members, to be recorded in a book for that especial pur pose. A number of the Lodges complied with the Gran Lodge request, among them was Lodge 79, at the Castle in Highgate. On page 50 of Bro. Gould's "Four Ol Lodges," the reader will find a copy of the said Lodg List, minus the names of the members, and the dates of th origins of the said Lodges. I shall now give the number of all the Lodges which were constituted in 1731, an supply their respective dates, as given in Pine's Officia Engraved Lodge List of 1734, viz.:—

77. Black Lyon, in Jockey Fields	11th January	173
78. Fountain, in Bury St. Edmunds		173
79. Castle, in Highgate		
80. Angel, in Macclesfield, in Cheshire		
81. Fleece, Bury St. Edmunds, in Norfolk ...	1st November	173
82. Three Tuns, in Newgate Street...	21st October	173
83. Three Tuns, in Smithfield	17th December	173
84. Daniel's Coffee House, Lombard Street ...	23rd December	173

There is evidently a mistake in either a date or numbe of either 81 or 82, for the November Lodge has a highe number than the one of 21st October. But be that as i may, it is certain that eight Lodges were constituted i 1731, and that No. 79 was the third Lodge chartered tha year. Now, assuming that it was constituted in June o July, there was certainly ample time for the then Gran Secretary to have recorded the said Lodge before the yea 1731 expired. If such was the case (and I can see n reason to suppose otherwise), then I have no more reaso to doubt that No. 77 was constituted in the "Black Lyon in Jockey Fields," or that the last Lodge, No. 84, was con stituted in Daniel's Coffee House, in Lombard Street," tha I have reason to doubt of No. 79 having been constitute in 1731 at the Castle, in Highgate. What reason the has Bro. Lane for believing "That there was a Lodge [an neither himself nor any one else knows where it wa located] having the No. 79, prior to the Lodge in Highgat in 1732?" he has so far offered only two reasons—first, th fallacious authority of the Dublin Pocket Companion 1735; and, second, which is not only fallacious, but als flimsy—viz., because the Castle and Highgate Lodge di not pay for its Charter before late in 1732. The las argument would no more be received as evidence by a impartial jury, that the 1731 registered No. 79 at th Castle in Highgate was a 1732 Lodge, than the evidenc of the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735, that No. 79 wa a Philadelphia Lodge.

I shall therefore only add, that unless Bro. Lane is i possession of more satisfactory testimony to sustain h peculiar notion that the Grand Lodge of England ha warranted two successive seventy-niner Lodges, I think tha he would do better in future to stick to his former resolu tion, and write no more letters about Lodge No. 79.

BOSTON, U.S., 27th July 1887.

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LODGE HIRAM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The question to which your long extract from the *Boston Herald* calls your readers' attention, involves some peculiarly nice, difficult and delicate points of law, which it is not very easy to decide upon, and about which opinions will doubtless vary greatly. The old legal adage, "cessante ratione cessat lex," may apply to this serious question of the Charters very forcibly indeed. The Charter of Recognition by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut of 1789 being withdrawn or cancelled, how does that act affect the undoubtedly legal authority of Oxnard's original Charter?

Is it revived thereby?

Does the surrender of 1789 do away entirely with the clear rights under the Charter of 1750?

Or if the 1789 Charter is out of the way, is the Charter of 1750 good again?

These questions will assuredly be raised out of this difficulty, and they each and all require attention and answer.

It is no use seeking by high falutin', or angry decrees of excommunication and non-intercourse, to silence all pleas and difficulties once for all by "Force Majeure." But the matter requires very serious consideration, not only in the interests of Hiram Lodge, but of universal Freemasonry. The *Boston Herald* is utterly wrong in saying that the English Grand Lodge endorses entirely the American doctrine of State Grand Lodge supremacy. There is a great difference between Warranted Lodges, at the time of Grand Lodge Recognition, and of new Lodges to be warranted subsequently. In the case of Canada, the Grand Lodge of England reserved, and the Grand Lodge of Canada acknowledged, the rights and status of the Montreal Lodges, and the Grand Lodge of England has by an unanimous vote refused to compel them to disavow their parent Grand Lodge, and properly so. Indeed, on this question there is by no means universal agreement in America itself.

It will be, therefore, a very neat little puzzle for Masonic students and jurists, how far, ipso facto, and from the necessity of the case, the rights of an original lawful Charter revive or not from the cancelling of a Charter of Recognition, &c. I confess, according to my understanding of Masonic law, precedent, and custom, nothing the Grand Lodge of Connecticut can do, can legally take away the originally inherent rights of Hiram Lodge, or its Lodge life, and work under an admittedly lawful Charter.

That Charter may have been absorbed, *pro tanto*, in the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, as long as the compact existed; for there is a compact, let us always remember, as between the two parties; but if the compact ceases, the original Charter comes to life again. As an illustration, supposing the Grand Lodge of Connecticut dissolved itself, does any one mean to contend that Hiram Lodge could not work under Oxnard's Charter?

Yours fraternally.

LEX.

PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not see that Bro. Norton's letter in your columns of the 6th much affects the question at issue.

The choosing of the two Wardens is not necessarily in opposition to appointing the Deputy Grand Master, though it may be so. They were loose in their terminology in those old days. Indeed, as I view the question historically and actually, it matters little to Philadelphia which solution of the puzzle be correct, since in nothing after all is the Philadelphian Primacy shaken or affected.

It is quite possible that Franklin was in ignorance of Coxe's Patent, and that his words refer to anterior customs and privileges even.

But if so, that only throws us back on immemorial usage or special privileges existing in some form and in some way. But whence? How? Here is the enigma; and until we answer these questions the actual origin of Pennsylvanian Masonry must remain in doubt and debate.

If the Election in 1731 was only the repetition of a previous act, then it is clear we must seek somewhere else for the first beginnings of Masonic life in Philadelphia, and not go to Coxe's Patent at all. It will be curious if in consequence of this discussion of Bro. Norton's criticisms, it should result in placing the claims of Philadelphia on a firmer basis than ever.

One more remark. What does Bro. Norton mean by his last words? Does he really mean us to understand that he considers the writer, or transcriber, whoever he may have been, of the Masonic psean in 1390, and of which similar passages are found in well-known manuscripts of 1420 and 1450, &c., a charlatan, or to whom does he refer?

I really cannot understand what he means by such a sentence.

I SAID before that the question of the Patent itself wa serious, nay peculiar difficulty.

Indeed the facts in themselves constitute a climax of criti culty.

For Delahogue's copy is a translation into French fron Register, which must have been translated into English fr original Patent.

De Grasse's copy is a somewhat careless copy, appar Delahogue's; and this copy has been followed by Dazard, Kloss, Vassal, and many more.

Daruty, however, prefers very sensibly the certified copy Albert Pike 1877, of Delahogue's translation, and which d some points from those which are often quoted in controvers relied apparently on Dazard's copy, which as I have said b not quite correct.

Remarks have been not unnaturally made on such a con affairs, and some have gone so far as to question Stephen Patent altogether. And yet though it is not proven where the is, or if it exists, and there is so far no corroborative eviden issue in France, the minutes of the Conseil des Empereu apparently lost and unheard of for years, yet no good author all has ventured to call in question the genuineness and auth of the Patent.

It has been objected to by some, rashly and cursorily, but n of any authority, as far as I can remember, actually gives i

It is accepted as real and historical by Dazard and Vass and Besuchet, Kloss and Findel, Rebold and Ragon, Mac Gould, Jouaust and Thevenot, Goodall and Pike. Thory says en possedens une piece Manuscrite qui en est emanée in 1761. speaks here of the Patent of the Conseil des Empereurs, bu not apparently realise that he was dealing with a translat the English of the original Patent.

He took his copy from Dazard, who published it in a work Dazard took his, as I said before, from a copy copied by De or certified by De Grasse.

Rebold finds the Patent "tout a fois authentique et serieu Jouaust terms it "ce singulier document Maconnique dont pensons pas cetendant que l'authenticite peut etre re doute."

Thevenot is of opinion, "c'est la seule piece non suspect Kloss treats it as an historical piece of great importance.

What then does this Patent enjoin, disclose, and establis

To that I will direct myself in my next paper.

DEVONSHIRE MASONIC KNIGHTS TEM

THE Masonic Knights Templar of the Province of D held the Annual Meeting of their Provincial Priory o inst., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, under the banner of Brunswick Preceptory, Frater J. H. Keats E.P. The princ ness was to instal the V.E. Provincial Prior Designate, E. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 degree. There was a large a of Fraters, including Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Adair, M Provincial Grand Master, G. Superintendent of Somersets Mark Junior Warden of England, P. Great Constable of En Wales, and one of the nine members of the Supreme Cou 33 degree, Lieutenant-Colonel William Long G.S.E. of shire, Rev. J. Chanter, Rector of Parracombe, North Devo Trinity in Unity Preceptory, Rev. T. W. Lemon P.P.G. W. Whittley P.P. Holy Cross, Major G. C. Davie P.P. Unity, John Brewer Provincial Grand Chev., George Whit G.V. Chev., William Derry Marshall Holy Cross, F. B. P.P.G.T., John Lane Marshal Royal Sussex, E. Aith P.P.G.V. Chan., G. S. Strode-Lowe C.L. Holy Cross, W P.G. Sub. Marshal, H. Stocker P.G. Almoner, J. M. Hiff 1st Ex., G. R. Barrett 2nd Captain Royal Veterans, J. H. Loyal Brunswick, P. B. Clemens P.P. Royal Sussex, J Exp. Royal Veterans, J. Griffin, R. Pengelly P.P. Holy Cr Westcott E.P. Holy Cross, D. Cross Reg. Loyal Brunswick, P.P. Holy Cross, Jas. Gidley Guard, W. H. Phillips. Prov. Prior Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Adair, who opened incial Priory, presided and conducted the installations. apology for non-attendance were read from Fraters L. Past Prov. G. Prior (who from age and ill-health was unable which be regretted, and expressed warm wishes for Frate prosperity in the Office of Provincial Prior), W. Vicary Prior, J. Stocker the Treasurer, T. S. Bayly P.P.G.T. The of the installation commenced with the Acting Registrar muster roll of the Preceptories of the Province, the whol were found to be represented. The minutes of the Last Grand Priory held in the Province, at Exeter in April 1885, and confirmed. The Director of Ceremonies then announc Provincial Grand Prior nominate was without, and claimed to be installed into the charge of his Province. The Instal directed the admission of Frater T. W. Lemon, who passe the arch of steel, preceded by his Sword Bearer and follo Standard Bearer, carrying his banner furled. The patent ment of the new Provincial Prior under the hand and seal of Lathom, the Grand Prior of England and Wales, was the

R. Barrett, acting as P.G. Herald, then pro-
ation of the new Prior, who received the usual
from the Fraters. The Treasurer's report was
as stated would show a balance in hand of about
The Treasurer, Frater John Stocker, was re-
then invested the following Fraters as the

	... ...	Prov. Sub-Prior
anter	... ...	Prelate
or	... ...	Chancellor
C. Davie	...	Constable
ke	... ...	Marshal
	... ...	Treasurer .
	... ...	Registrar
	... ...	Vice-Chancellor
re	... ...	Sub-Marshal
arner	... ...	Almoner and Chaplain
	... ...	Warden of Regalia
	... ...	Herald
	... ...	1st St. B.
ick	... ...	2nd St. B.
	... ...	Priors B.B.
	... ...	D.C.
	... ...	A.D.C.
	... ...	Chamberlain
ott	... ...	C.G.
ds, Mus. Doct.	...	Organist
-Lowe	... ...	S.B.
y	... ...	Equerry

n-Davies, J. B. Gover, R. Pengelly, were elected
eral Purposes. Fifteen guineas was voted to the
for Girls, the sum to be placed on the list of the
ov. Prior. A letter of condolence was directed to
dow of the late Prior Sir Kt. Lieutenant-Colonel
ressing also the great regret of the Fraters at the
ble services, and their high appreciation of his
f thanks was also tendered to Lieutenant-Colonel
ess in coming from Somersetshire to instal Sir Kt.
rov. Prior of Devonshire. Colonel Adair, in ac-
ompliment, said it had afforded him much pleasure
ney, and the Fraters should remember that although
nerset it was on the borders of Devonshire,
n for twenty-three years one of their county
Rev. G. Prior then presented to the Loyal
mpment a copy of the picture representing
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Eminent and
aster, by the Grand Conclave of Knights Templars,
It was handsomely framed, and bore the follow-
its panels:—"Presented to the Loyal Brunswick
24, by the V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon,
nstallation as Very Eminent Prov. Grand Prior of
ugust 1887." The presentation was accepted and
edged by Frater J. H. Keats, the E.P. of the
the evening the Fraters dined together at Bro.
Hotel. The V.E.P.G. Prior presided.

ORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

of this Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, St.
e, York, on Monday evening, the 8th inst., when
nt Bros. Wm. Brown W.M., W. B. Dyson S.W.,
, G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, Jas. Kay Secretary,
. Pearson Assistant Steward, J. Hall Tyler, T. B.
., G. Simpson P.M., M. Millington P.M., F. W.
. Vaughan, J. Smith, E. Wilkinson, T. Milner, H.
Pook, and W. Sharp. Visitors: Bros. H. Scott 236,
n P.M. 1991, and G. Manton 1991. Mr. S. Scott, an
ate, was initiated, and Bro. T. Milner was raised to
ee by the W.M., Bro. Millington P.M. giving the
y in the Third Degree. Bro. Whytehead presented
n behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan, copies of "Hos-
llection of Masonic songs with music by Gandry,
ber of other works; also a copy of the "Transactions
ege of Rosicrucians," on behalf of the college. Bro.
M. presented a framed photograph of himself in
g, to be added to the portrait gallery of the Lodge,
head presented copies of Monnier's Essay on the
he Freemasons with the French Revolution (1801)
story of Freemasonry" (1804), the latter containing
ter to Laurie from Thory, the author of "Acta Lato-
volumes being emblematically bound; also a copy of
"Masonic Sonnets." Votes of thanks were passed,
lose of the Lodge, the brethren met in concord and
ked the pipe of peace.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

cy Meeting of this Lodge was held at Brixton Hall,
, Brixton, last Saturday. There were present Bros.
W.M., J. C. Hughworth S.W., Dr. Griffiths J.W.,

fully recovered his strength, Bro. Thomas P.M. passed Bro. Masson. Mr. William H. Asheuden having been unanimously elected was then initiated by the Worshipful Master. Subsequently it was resolved "That the best thanks of the Lodge are due, and are hereby cordially accorded, to Bro. Sir Thomas Lucas Bart., for the courteous and hospitable reception extended by him and his family to the members of the Lodge and their friends on the occasion of their visit to Ashtead Park on 9th of July;" "That the thanks of the Lodge be tendered to the Directors, and to Chas. Scotter, Esq., the General Manager of the South Western Railway Company, for the admirable facilities provided for the members of the Lodge and other Masonic friends on the occasion of their annual picnic on the 9th of July." Bro. Sir Thomas Lucas, on the motion of the Worshipful Master, was elected an honorary member of the Lodge. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren partook of some slight refreshment. The Worshipful Master proposed in appropriate terms "The Health of the Initiate," who briefly acknowledged his cordial reception by the brethren. Bro. Bussey next proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," whom they were all very pleased to see improving in health, and again able to preside over the Lodge. Bro. Goldsmith W.M., in responding, said that the anxious solicitude the brethren had shown for him during his recent illness had already assisted his recovery, and he should never forget the kindness the brethren one and all had extended to him during that period of weakness and prostration. "The Health of Bros. Albery, Wright and Perkins," the three active members of the Picnic Committee, were also drunk, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

ETHELBERT LODGE, No. 2099.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Beach-street, Herne Bay on Tuesday, 9th instant. Bros. E. Ayre W.M., E. C. Fenoulhet S.W., H. C. Jones J.W., F. A. Pullen Treasurer, F. Rothschild Secretary, J. S. White S.D., E. A. C. Larkin J.D., C. Salari I.G., C. W. Welby Steward, W. T. England Tyler, W. T. Benton P.M. 521, F. H. Wilbee, C. Hill, L. J. Adams, E. Lee, W. J. Flower, W. Hutton, W. Holness, E. T. J. Adams, J. P. Fenoulhet, W. J. Hellyar, A. S. Ingleton, G. Farley, H. Turner, and J. Ellam. The following Visitors were also present:—Bros. W. H. Perryman Grand Pursuivant 3, Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B., G. Barton P.M. P.G.D.C., T. H. Blamiers I.P.M. 1449, F. Hill S.W. 1563, E. Cockersell W.M. 1449, T. Beckett J.D. 1449, G. Sewell P.M. 1457, H. J. Capon P.M. 1900, R. Blake P.M. 972 P.P.A.G.D.C., J. S. Reeves P.M. 1915 P.P.A.G.D.C. F. W. Porter S.D. 1715, S. R. Lovett J.D. 3, G. Wallace P.M. 907, Stapleton Payn P.M. 133, Thos. Goode P.M. 1288, W. Ashenden W.M. 31. After the opening of the Lodge, Bro. J. Ellam was passed to the second degree. The ceremony of installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. C. Fenoulhet, was ably and impressively performed by Bro. F. Rothschild, Bro. F. A. Pullen being Director of Ceremonies. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, viz.:—Bros. H. C. Jones S.W., J. S. White J.W., E. A. C. Larkin S.D., C. Celari J.D., C. W. Welby I.G., T. E. Dilnot and E. Lee Stewards, G. Griggs Tyler. A banquet at the Pier Pavilion closed the proceedings.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last; Brother W. Roebuck, Trustee and Vice-Patron presiding. There were also present Bros. F. Richardson, Dr. Morris, A. Williams, F. Adlard, C. H. Webb, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Burgess, R. Eve Grand Treasurer, W. Maple, F. Binckes (Secretary), &c. The minutes of previous meeting having been verified, those of the Quarterly Court on the 9th July and of the House Committee (special and ordinary) were read, and the report of the Audit Committee presented, adopted and entered on the minutes. Of two petitions presented, one was accepted, and the name ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for election in April next; the other was deferred. Six applications from ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained—one conditionally on the verification of the statements made in its support. The proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. Edgar Bowyer in the chair; he was supported by Bros. J. E. Dawson, James Brett P.G.P., F. West, C. H. Webb, Hugh Cotter, W. Belchamber, L. Stean, T. Cubitt P.G.P., A. Forsyth, Charles Kempton, R. W. Stewart P.G.D., C. H. Driver, J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C., F. Adlard, W. Hilton, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., and J. Mason (acting as Secretary). The minutes

the Chairman signing cheques having been voted, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, at Exeter. The business commenced with a meeting of the Committee of Petitions at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-street, at noon. Bro. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee, presided. There were also present Bros. the Rev. W. Whittley P.G.D. of England and P.P.S.G.W., the London Representative of the Committee; J. Brewer Provincial Grand Secretary, J. B. Gover P.P.A.G.D.C., the Honorary Secretary of the Committee; D. Cross Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the following representatives of the Lodges:—

Bros. John Stocker P.P.G.T. 39, R. Pengelley P.P.A.G.D.C. 70, M. Emdon Prov. G.J.D. 105, W. L. Cocks 106, S. Jones P.P.G.J.W. 112, H. J. Tretheway 159, Rev. T. W. Lemon P.P.G. Chaplain 189, H. Welch P.P.G.P. 202, W. Browning P.P.G.D.C. 223, R. Cawsey P.P.G.J.D. 230, T. W. Atherton 248, Major G. C. Davie P.P.G.J.W. 251, G. Merrifield P.P.G. Supt. of Works 282, J. S. Kersteman P.P.G.R. 303, W. Taylor 328, Rev. F. King P.P.G. Chaplain 421, H. D. Thomas P.P.G.S.D. 444, H. F. Ascott 489, A. P. Reece 494, G. Alexander 666, G. C. Searle 710, J. S. Swann P.P.G.S.B. 647, C. Watson 954, H. Cole P.P.G.S.D. 1091, E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G. Supt. of Works 1099, T. Ford P.G. Secretary 1125, W. Vicary P.P.G.R. 1138, G. Evans P.P.G.S.D. 1181, W. Powell P.G. Steward 1205, A. J. Watts 1212, J. R. Lord P.P.G.S.B. 1247, E. T. Fulford P.P.G.T. 1254, S. B. Harvey 1255, W. E. Warren P.P.G.O. 1358, John Lane 1402, G. B. Avant 1443, J. G. Kevern 1550, R. Hambly 1885, and James Griffin P.P.G.J.D. 2025.

The Secretary reported that the number of votes received from the Province had been 817 boys', 230 girls', 566 men's, and 600 widows' votes, an increase over last year of 39 boys' votes and 56 widows' votes, and a decrease of 208 girls' and 22 mens' votes. The total number of votes was 2213, a decrease of 135 votes; but there was a loss of about 230 girls' votes from there having been no election in April, all the candidates being entered. The real voting power of the Province was 3,100 votes; of these the committee got about 2,400. The balance (say 700) were lost in various ways, many brethren disposing of their own votes outside the county, whilst many other votes were lost through the want of interest or attention. Five Lodges—328 Torquay, 494 Axminster, 1138 Newton Abbot, 1332 Crediton, and 1486 Kingsbridge—and one Chapter—444 Starcross—had not sent in their votes. The London representative, the Rev. William Whittley, reported that when he entered on the work the Province owed 4435 votes. In October 1886 there were 649 votes repaid. In February last the claim of Bro. Matier was met by the payment of £21 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in lieu of 365 votes. In April last, owing to the Committee of the Girls' Institution making as many vacancies as there were candidates, no girls' votes were issued. This was a great loss to Devon, inasmuch as there were no votes to help to liquidate the debt. For the election of boys in the same month, 400 votes were received from the Province and 70 from other sources, so that 470 votes were then repaid. At the election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May last there were received from the Province 1161 votes, viz., 562 men's and 597 widows'. From other sources 45 votes, so that 1206 votes were repaid, making a total of 2690 votes repaid, leaving a balance against Devon of 1745. The thanks of the Committee were due to the Lodges, Chapters and Subscribers for their ready response to the appeal made for their votes by the London representative in March last, when a circular letter was sent to every known subscriber in the Province. The number of votes received in April and May last was exceedingly gratifying, and if that concentration in strength in behalf of the Province were continued, Devon would be greatly benefitted. Their representative took that opportunity of announcing his intention to act as Steward on behalf

and of the year of the Provincial Grand Master sidency, and thus secure to the Province greatly inc voting power. There were four petitions for relief. first three petitioners were, a brother from Lodg residing at Appledore, aged 49, who had been four y Mason; a widow aged 38, who resided at Newton A and whose husband was a member of Lodge 1443, an been twelve years a Mason; a widow aged 45, who r at Devonport, and whose husband was a member of 1212, and had been a Mason eighteen years. In e these cases £5 was voted to the applicant, and a fu sum of £5 each recommended to be given by the Pro Grand Lodge. The fourth case was that of a brothe 57, a member of Lodge 39, who had been ten y Mason, and resided at Exeter. Ten pounds was mended to be granted to him. After deducting grants about £110 balance remained. Of this recommended that 100 guineas should be given Boys' School, as shown in the Committee's report, was suggested to recommend that five guineas sho given to Bro. Blanchard, Provincial Grand Ty enable him, by a change of scene, to recruit his This closed the business of the Committee, an brethren adjourned to the Rougemont Hotel.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1 Bro. W. C. Rogers D.P.G.M. The attendance wa large, not fewer than 600 brethren being present. Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. arrived about two coming straight from his Parliamentary duties, to he was obliged to return directly the Lodge b was over, and thus could not attend the banquet.

The Committee's report included also the recomm tions which it had resolved upon at its previous m and which were unanimously adopted by Provincial Lodge. The Secretary reported that there were members in the Province against 2604 the previou an increase of 34. The Treasurer's report was very factory, and gave the balance as previously stated Committee of Petitions. The Committee of Petiti ported that the number of votes received this ye been satisfactory, although five Lodges and one C had not sent in their votes. The Committee called at to the fact that many Lodges in the Province forg existence of the great Charities. The disproportion b the annual amount drawn from them (nearly £120 the amount subscribed to them (less than £400) w creditable to Devon. In accordance with the bye-law Provincial Grand Lodge, the Committee recomm that one hundred guineas, the balance of the funds able, should be given to the Royal Masonic Institut Boys. Bro Henry Stocker was unanimously Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Gregory 1254 and Fulford were elected Au The brethren then adjourned, and proceeded in proces full regalia, with band and banners, to attend service at the Cathedral. About 600 members too in the procession, which was the largest ever seen Province, with the exception of the one on the occa the Prince of Wales's opening of the Plymouth Gu The nave of the Cathedral was crowded. The p was Bro. the Rev. T. King, vicar of Southmolton Wood played the National Anthem on the organ close of the service, and an inspiriting voluntary w brethren marched out of the Cathedral. The band the procession back to the Rougemont Hotel, th being lined with the spectators. At the hotel the by Bro. Lynn 230—

That at every annual meeting of Provincial Grand L W.M. of each Lodge shall report to the Provincial Grand L number of members in his Lodge, the number initiated du year, the number of votes to Masonic Charities held by th and its members, and the amount voted from the Lodge fun different Charities during the year,

was negatived. Bro. John Stocker pointed out present there were only four annuitants on the Fo Fund, whilst its annual income was sufficient to m six, if not seven. He gave notice that if there was increase of annuitants during the year he should

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...y has thus prepared us, compassion easily drinking the nauseous waters of affliction. She bids us to carry to them the medicine of consolation; bids us to cherish and sustain them; directs us to remove the tattered rags from their cold limbs and replace them with warmer raiment; she bids us to pour some cordial drops into their cup and liberally to bestow upon them more palatable, more invigorating sustenance. She now conducts us to a gloomy cell, and bids us to behold a sorrowful and disconsolate being; prosperity once smiled upon him, and then his eye was never turned away from any fellow-mortal that wanted his assistance; his hand was never shut against him; as far as he was able he poured comfort into the hearts of those whom misery had bruised; he has known the luscious sweets of plenty. Alas, how changed! misfortune has dragged him down to what we now behold him. Oh quickly try and speak words of comfort to his despairing soul; Charity urges us to do so; the true Freemason always does as Charity directs. By inspiring gladness into hearts oppressed with want we are but carrying out the solemn instruction of our ritual that Charity blesses him that gives as well as him that receives, for the best way to enlarge our happiness is by communicating it to others; the true Mason will always find a tear of tenderness ready to shed for the unfortunate; his hands are never shut when benevolence commands them to be opened.

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mber along the coast-line past Yarmouth, Lowes- to the Nore; through the Straits, by Ramsgate ose sands are ever teeming with visitors in the Brighton and Hastings, on to the Isle of Wight; aters of the Solent, and on to Bournemouth and ng under the beetling cliffs of Portland, and over est Bay, as straight as the crow would fly, to lovely sandstone cliffs pierced by numerous tunnels, and ed for miles by the line of railway; down to sunny amidst its forest of villas; around the Start, to and a hundred other visions, conjured up from of memory, came crowding in upon us as we bade night, with an engagement to catch "The Dutch- ing at Paddington, on our way to the West.

oute monster is my ideal of railway travelling, for arrangements of the Great Western Company of many other lines of railway I could mention, but ore courteous and civil than some of their compeers, of travelling is a luxury only surpassed by the cosy nous old broad-gauge system. Nine o'clock, there- sconsed in *vis-à-vis* corners of a first-class carriage, e whirling with tremendous velocity away from don skies, past green fields and acres of golden corn, ld family mansions nestling amidst wooded knolls, meadows where cattle and sheep were drowsily tenour of their way—eating, drinking and sleep- he panting, rushing trains which passed them so h glad holiday-folk on pleasure bent. Less than ed to bring us to Exeter, after which the pace rumstance, by the way, not to be regretted, inas- ed us an opportunity of gazing upon one of the finest to be found anywhere along the English coasts. r, whose waves ripple in soft, slumbrous rhythm -right up to our carriage wheels—the white terraces seen reposing under Orcombe Hill, with a shadowy ds beyond, then a broad expanse of heaving sea, and ged coast indented by dark coombes. The sandstone ured by Nature in a variety of grotesque forms, and he Parson and Clerk," is pointed out by the natives y, whose attention is naturally attracted to that al formation. Out to sea the Thatcher and Oreston d and immovable, as they have done for centuries tting of many a storm; while up and down the silent Channel glide big ships which do business on the d nearer shore the fishing and pleasure boats, each d in their respective vocations. Even for this fine scenery alone, from Starcross to Teignmouth, it is le of a journey into Devonshire to see.

g and changing, and division of the train at Newton een satisfactorily accomplished, a quarter of an hour Torquay, at which delightful resort Bro. S—— and spend our holiday. Despatching our luggage per l, we stroll along by the sea wall towards the town, more than a mile distant. Could anything be more the scene which here bursts upon the view? The y is moved by the ruffle of a gentle breeze, before nged yachts scud along like majestic swans, bathed hine, while inshore smaller craft and rowing boats l directions, freighted with people who, like ourselves, n on their holiday tours. Before us are gigantic hills l fantastically-shaped sides, and one stops to wonder e occupants of those stately villas which range along ever manage to perform the operation of getting into ok again. They seem perched up so high that they n carried there, ready-made, and planted by some ocess, and that the same means must be adopted for with the tradespeople and the inhabitants far below u grow wiser as you proceed, and find that well- riage-ways—of a circuitous fashion, certainly—render sitions quite easy of access and pleasant to traverse. he cliff are nattily laid-out shrubberies, dazzling with entifully supplied with garden seats, where visitors and read, and gaze upon the rapturous seascape that r feet. On the right, just beyond the railway station, Head, a huge block of conglomerate, jutting out into ld inhabitants will tell you that years ago this was es of fertile land, which have long since been washed croachments of the tide. Beyond this is the quaint Paignton, of which, however, little can be seen except ouses along the Esplanade, and a curious Oriental r the fashion of a fortified castle in Calcutta or ce, stretching along for miles, are corn-clad hills. to the furthermost point, Berry Head, close under ham, famous for its "trawlers" and the excellent t sends daily to the London markets. On our left is rbour, whose brawny arms are thrown out seaward, yachting fleet, so frequently seen westward in the anchorage, and every convenience their owners can

to tear yourself away from a prospect so charmingly tranquil, but the unfortunate gnawings of appetite yron has somewhere said, that man,

hen hungry, just then would take,
ke Esau, for his birthright, a beefsteak."

er on, under the shadow of huge Waldron Hill, whose shed by a castle, and along whose ridge runs the whether we are not still in London, after all; but the illusion is soon dispelled. The soft cadences of an Italian band fall gratefully on the ears of the elegantly-attired throng of people who meander up and down, looking into the shops along the Strand and Victoria Parade, many of which would not discredit our own Regent or Oxford Street; and long before we arrive at Bro. Bolt's splendidly appointed hotel, "The Royal," we have come to the conclusion that nowhere, except at this "Queen of Watering-places," can there be found so magnificent a promenade as that which lies between his famous old hostelry and the railway station we quitted just two hours before. It was at "The Royal" that, more than half-a-century ago, the Duchess of Kent, with her daughter—our present Queen, then Princess Victoria—stayed whilst visiting Torquay; and it is recorded that the youthful Princess appeared on the balcony and "addressed her future subjects in a few well-chosen words." What a transformation in Torquay since that time; what changes both in the town and its environs! But I digress; are they not all written in the chronicles of the local historian, White, whose name, both as a journalist and a "snapper-up of unconsidered trifles," will go down to a long and honoured posterity?

It would be superfluous to say more than that Bro. Bolt's hotel, with its superior arrangements and—what is a great thing in these depressed times—economy, is *par excellence*. No wonder that so many distinguished visitors' names appear in the local weekly journals as staying at "The Royal." In the evening we had time to stroll along the Parade, and mounting Beacon Hill, just to peep into the Bath Saloons—the home of the music-loving folk—and pious meeting-going people too, for that matter; the votaries of the "poetic motion" of skating and dancing in the winter; and of sea bathers all the year round, for it is notorious that some *do* bathe in the open sea, even at Christmas-time, when other parts of the country are snow and ice bound. I have seen them do it, and therefore I know.

Ten minutes more brought us up to "Land's End," so named, I suppose, because the sequestered little roadway is abruptly barred by a stone wall, which says "Thus far shalt thou go and no further." But, peering over the stone wall aforesaid, you obtain a glimpse of a natural arch, locally named "London Bridge." Why it was so designated nobody seems to know, for though a quaint and interesting geographical formation, it has not the slightest resemblance to that busy artery which spans the Thames! At your feet, some fathoms down, and reached by a flight of uneven steps, is the bathing-place for men, and here advantage is freely taken of the excellent accommodation provided by the Local Board of Health. To the right, near the Bath Saloon, is the ladies' bathing cove, and here may be seen diurnally scores of fair swimmers disporting themselves like so many mermaids, laughing and chatting, as is the wont of the female kind when engaged in exercises of natation. Between these two points, on the side of the hill, is the Imperial Hotel, a leviathan establishment of aristocratic luxury and refinement, presided over by Bro. G. Hussey. Here royal and other distinguished personages take up their quarters, and after discussing the incomparable excellence of the interior economy of the mansion, they are enabled from splendidly laid-out terraced gardens to sit and revel in the glories of the Bay, to which even that of Naples has been described as diminutive in beauty. But we have no time to loiter. Back again to the main road, and up a steep ascent, turning to the left, and then again to the right, we emerge upon Daddy Hole Plain, a plateau of considerable altitude above the sea level, and as we gaze over its rugged and precipitous cliffs the mind is led to speculate upon the terrific volcanic disturbances which at some time or other have produced those yawning chasms, and pitchforked those colossal boulders of stone into such fantastic attitudes. The view from this point is simply sublime, and on mounting the rising ground to the left you command a grand expanse of scenery from Hesketh Crescent, a stately alignment of houses, in their own grounds, along the Meadfoot Beach and the promenade that fringes it, right away to Ilsham Valley—in itself a theme for the poet or the artist. Beyond this is Hope's Nose, which forms the termination of the eastern arc of Torbay; and about a mile or more outside are the Thatcher and the Orestone—or "Big Rock" as we called it when I was a boy—round which there is some capital pollack and conger fishing in due season. As the evening shadows were closing we found ourselves smoking a quiet pipe on one of the seats placed along the "New Cut"—rather different from the secluded thoroughfare known by that name in the Waterloo Road!—and with the gathering darkness seaward, shutting out the forms of passing vessels going up or coming down Channel, and the rosy sunlet to our right, the panorama is one of miraculous grandeur and sublimity. A sunset such as is so often seen in Torbay is a sight to behold, and on this evening Old Sol looked really as though he were on fire with rage and disappointment at being compelled to leave, even for a few hours, such a magnificent scene as he had been smiling upon since dawn. A ramble home through Wellswood Park to our hotel finished the day's work, and those who know anything about the place will believe us when we say we did not allow much grass to grow under our feet. The band was playing in the Hotels Square till late in the evening, and crowds of happy listeners lingered about until after "The Midnight Echoes" had reverberated over the harbour and rebounded against the hills; but before midnight they had all gone home, and the pretty town lay hushed in the slumber of a peaceful lullaby.

Next morning we were up betimes, for a dip in the briny is part and parcel of a seaside trip. This having been satisfactorily achieved, and breakfast over, our route lay through the Torwood Gardens on the way to Babbacombe, one of the most unique and lovely spots in England. Just before arriving at the Bishop's Palace, as it used to be called on account of its being the residence of the then Bishop of Exeter—Philpott, I believe—is a pathway leading through a coppice,

to be in the olden times. On arriving at the end of the path-, there lies spread at your feet Anstis' Cove, suggestive of picnic ies, boating and bathing, for which every facility is provided at moderate tariff. The Cove is shut in by a precipitous range of s, the summit of which forms a gigantic natural amphitheatre, the view from here is expansive and exquisite. We ascend the by a jagged pathway leading from the main road, and taking not to topple into any of the volcanic crevices which here abound, pass over the shooting ranges of the local Rifle Volunteers, who proudly amongst the First Battalion organised—under the late or Rodway—at the sound of "Riflemen, form!" That was long re the Volunteer movement, as it is now understood, was even gnised by the Government, and the enthusiastic and gallant nders were then twitted with being "alarmists," and laughed at Daddy Hole Sharpshooters!" Over the undulating plateau, from heights of which can be seen Teignmouth, Dawlish, and other es we noted as we were travelling down, and Babbacombe Beach es into view with its long line of white pebbles studded with s, and the huts and shanties of the local fishermen. Here also, well as on the adjoining beach at Oddicombe, boating and bathing articles of staple amusement, and at the famous inn, the Cary s—better known as "Gasking's," owing to its having been kept venerable individual of that name—refreshments are provided, visitors love to linger in the arbours and upon the lawn, whence a grand view is obtained. Flanking the beach is a mountainous plentifully shrouded with trees and undergrowth; and to reach top you have need of stout knees and sound wind, for the ag roadways, under a wealth of overhanging and dense verdure, a regular "bellows to mend." On this height is the coastguard ion, and from the Point the fishermen watch for "schools" of kerel or any other signs of piscatorial harvest that may present mselves. The regatta-day is the great carnival here, for on the rrence of that annual festival Babbacombe divests itself of all ateness and quiet respectability, and goes in for fun both fast and ous. From the cliff-ridge the yachting competitions and aquatic rts—which are the chief fun to most people who attend regattas holiday—can be seen to the utmost advantage. However, we st press on through the sleepy and little-changed town of St. ry Church—I beg pardon, it has now a Town Hall, a Local rd, and a Coffee Palace!—and must just stop to have a look at Parish Church, which is an imposing and fine specimen of archi-ture, the interior especially, with its shafts and pillars of Devon-e marble and carved work, admired by thousands of visitors. We e no time to call at the famous Terra Cotta Works, which we pass he left, and spend an hour at Watcombe, under the shadow of Giant Rock. "Here the ordinary processes of Nature extend-over geological ages have precipitated the red sandstone rocks ward into fantastic shapes, now covered with rare lichens, mosses ferns, and hung with festoons of clematis." So says cal guide, and I quote the description because it is brief. I could te a volume, if I had a desk perched upon Watcombe heights; I am bound to observe the editorial injunction to be concise. have seen enough in one long morning's ramble, and so we take onveyance and drive by way of the Cricket Ground—the scene of nty matches in the summer, and Gun Club exploits in the winter—g the Teignmouth-road, home. Dinner was exceedingly welcome r such a round, and it being now only half-past-five o'clock, we e advantage of the excursions that are arranged by the family Browns, around the Bay in a yacht. It is here, after all, that obtain the best view of Torquay, with its tiers of villas rising one ve the other, most of them in sheltered nooks, in "grounds" of r own, others perched on dizzy heights, and nearly all of them ded by verandahs and framed in foilage. Towering high above rest we were pointed out the residence of the Duchess of Suther-l, on the Warberry Hill, where the Prince and Princess of les and their family recently stayed during a brief sojourn in quay. On our return voyage the lights in the houses on hills, and lower down along the parades, blossom one by into glow-worm light; until the whole is a vast and ex-ite illumination, such as could not be rivalled by any of late Jubilee displays in London. For fear of wearying you and r readers, I will forbear saying anything about the gratification derived from our visit to the Rosery, a magnificently cultivated , or of the ramble we had through the Cockington-lanes to the ch and residence of the popular Member of Parliament for Tor-y, Mr. R. Mallock. We must leave the ancient and time-honoured nues and Torre Abbey alone, for the same reason, nor may we ribe the weird tales that are told of the ruinous old church on apel Hill," near Torre Station. There are so many spots of rest in and around Torquay that it is impossible to do justice to n in one brief sketch, and I have tried to be as "bird's-eye" as uld in this.

at, as something must inevitably be said, on visiting a watering-e, as to its climate, sanitary arrangements, and so forth, it is to Torquay to say, in these respects it stands far above any other of its class in the kingdom. A very general—and very stupid—ession used to prevail that Torquay was tropical in the summer, so enervating that nobody but the natives could endure it. It was ght that the Italian softness of the atmosphere was conducive he comfort of pulmonary patients, who might be seen limping the streets, or being drawn in Bath chairs, wrapped up to their in shawls! That idea, prompted obvio sly by rival and jealous ors, has long since exploded, and it is now known that the equable erature of Torquay is a reason why visitors flock into it all the

Arcadia, and that you and the other brethren whom we know enjoying yourselves as well as it is possible in that huge bakeho London, I must say adieu, and hope to give you some further de of our trip—at sea and on shore—later on.

ADAM, THE DEVIL AND THE TYLER.

A Masonic Legend.

Air—Fine Old English Gentleman.

Let us join together, Brethren, in a chorus long and loud,
About Masonic glories, of which we are so proud,
And in the noble catalogue Montgomery leads the van—
The Lodge whose record can be found when early time began.
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

And when this Lodge first saw the light, old Adam filled the c
He wore the hat and swung the gavel with a true Masonic air,
He made his Deacons toe the mark, kept his Wardens in
stations,
And at the Banquets always took his full Masonic rations.
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

One dark and stormy winter night old Adam's work was done,
He closed the Lodge, took several drinks, and started off for h
His form a little out of Plumb, his step not truly Level,
And on the way he chanced to meet his majesty the Devil.
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

"Hallo!" says Satan, "who is this? I think he is a Mason;
Now here's a chance to get the word of that foul combination.'
And in the road he placed himself, while Adam stood undaunte
And thus his majesty began to seek for what he wanted.
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

"Now tell me, friend, how shall I get within a Lodge of Maso
For I am anxious to become one of that noble congregation,
And if you will the secret tell, so I can pass the Tyler,
In Hades you shall have the post of foremost brimstone boiler.
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

"All right," says Adam, "I will show how you can pass
portal,
And take your seat within the Lodge, like members who are mo
This word you speak, this sign you throw, this step just li
canter,
And, don't forget your tail to show, without it you can't enter
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentlem

Off started Satan, full of glee, resolved the Lodge to visit;
And soon he stood before the door, and tried to enter in it.
The step he took, the sign he threw, the word he interjected,
His tail he shook at the Tyler's head, like one who was demen
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

The Tyler stared and rubbed his eyes, while Satan cut his cap
But soon he spied the cloven foot, and smell'd the sulphur vap
His trusty sword was in his hand, 'twas never known to fail,
And with a quick and mighty stroke he lopped off Satan's tail
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

Old Nick ran howling down to hell, a clipped and battered Sa
And swore he'd never try again to fool an ancient Mason,
While Adam and his Tyler lived nine hundred years or more,
And as a trophy Satan's tail hung on the outer door.
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

Here's good health to Adam's sons, wherever is their station,
Throughout the world, in every clime, or language, or of natic
And in that great Fraternity the brightest lights are seen,
In lustre undiminished, of Montgomery, old Nineteen.
This fine old Lodge, this ancient Lodge of Masonic Gentle

—*Keystone.*

Brooklyn's Temple.—Our brethren of the City of Churches business. They have purchased a church on Bedford Avenue they propose altering to suit the necessary working of n degrees from Entered Apprentice, through Scottish Rite, Ch Commandery and Shrine included. They have organised Aurora Gra a Association, Ill. Bro. Wayland Trask, 33°, as pres and a good corps of active brethren as additional Officers Trustees. With them "there no such word as fail." The bound that Brooklyn shall take rank with Cincinnati in ha Cathedral Home, where the beauties of all degrees can be br out and exemplified to the fullest.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment.—Notable Facts.—Summer heats au the annoyances of skin disease, and encourage the development of febri orders, wherefore they should, as they may, be removed by these de and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, pa spasms of the bowels, Holloway's Ointment well rubbed over the affect immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and infl m *checks the threatening diarrhœa and averts incipient cholera.* The poorer inha of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friends when an lence rages, or when from unknown causes eruptions, boils, abscesses

nd prosperity; white is the colour and
n. The white ball approves. In all ages,
ll nations, white has been regarded as par
olour of colours; and yet it is not strictly
composition of all the colours. An object
osorbs all the rays of light. The diamond,
ones, is white when purest, and it is a
Light itself, at its utmost intensity, is
ite stone was of old a mark of good fortune.
o it in this connection in his Satires. The
nced sentence of acquittal by depositing a
Among the Romans the *tessera hospitalis*, or
was highly prized. It was a small cube of
hich was divided into two parts, the host
name upon one, and the guest his name
and then these two parts were exchanged,
retained as a perpetual token of good will
lying, "what you have done for me, I will
The Roman guilds gave these *tessera* to
to ensure them fraternal reception and
their fellows. Then, besides, the *tessera*
rding to Plautus, admitted to the heavenly
net of the gods.
nd reverence for white as a colour may be
rior to the Greek and Roman eras. The
of the Hindoos was the dwelling-place of
immortal man. Osiris, the head of the great
ty of deities—Osiris, Isis and Horus, is re-
earing a white crown. The Egyptian High
ound his neck, suspended by a golden chain,
engraved with an image of Ma, the goddess
the Urim, which the Hebrew High Priest
is breastplate of twelve gems, is said to have
d, and symbolic of Light, as the Thummim
of Truth—the two thus being symbolic of
uth. Among the American Indians white
as a holy colour. Their sacred birds were
. Among the Ojibwas, a large white bird
as a sacred symbol of the Sun, the source
life. The North-west tribes believed that
re carried to the happy hunting grounds of
a white stone canoe. Many Algonkin words,
n and light, are from a root signifying white.
, of Central America, had a legend that the
ere white, and lived a white life beyond the

g now an object around which cluster some
est thoughts and words of Freemasons,
us, in his "Antiquities," that "Solomon's
built with stones which were white and
in his "Wars of the Jews" he says:—"The
ared to strangers, when they were at a dis-
mountain covered with snow, for as to those
which were not gilt, they were exceeding
may say, then, that the Masonic Temple is
white, but the symbolism does not end here.
e that enters it—what is he? The word
literally signifies "clothed in white." The
haracter must be "white," that is, blameless,
t, or he cannot be allowed to enter the tyled
how is his entrance secured? By the deposit
—*all* white balls. White, as a colour, is thus
nic significance.
n now to its Scriptural use and meaning.
was transfigured, St. Matthew tell us, "His
white as the light." But it was reserved for
the "Revelation," to give us the highest and
nces to the colour white, and the white stone.
list saw, in his vision at Patmos, "a great
." "And I looked, and behold a white cloud,
cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man."
it said to the Churches, "To him that over-
I give * * * a white stone, and in the stone
written, which no man knoweth save he that
There are several analogies which the Mark
on and Royal Arch Mason will be led to

ked with a white stone are days of pleasure,
emembered, days to be duplicated if possible.
used a white stone, or piece of chalk, to mark

receives? It is the endearing name of "Brother," by which he is ever afterwards addressed and recognised.

When age overtakes a Brother he is crowned with the crown of Osiris—his hair, though once it was raven, is changed to white. Is not this to fit him symbolically as a candidate for the realm of immortality? He is clothed in white, to appear before the great white throne, there to receive a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth save he that receiveth it. Thenceforth his is

"A soul as white as heaven."

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—Taking into consideration the success that attended the production of "Devil Caresfoot" at a matinée some three or four weeks since, it is not to be wondered at the work has thus been early transferred to an evening bill. The task of adapting the piece from Mr. Rider Haggard's "Dawn" was undertaken by Messrs. C. Haddon Chambers and J. Stanley Little, and these gentlemen, if they have not given us a thoroughly good piece, have given us one that is interesting throughout. Undoubtedly much more might have been made out of the book, but the authors have done fairly well. The plot of the piece is by this time known to the majority of theatre goers, so we shall not give even an outline. Several alterations have been made since the first performance, and these have certainly improved the piece. The third Act is still the strongest, while the last could yet be greatly improved on. The audience are asked to "suppose" too much, a fault in this particular instance that could be easily remedied. Luckily, most of the ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the success of the piece at the matinée are available. Mr. C. Charrington gives a most powerful interpretation of George, otherwise Devil Caresfoot. His earlier scenes are well conceived, while his acting in the third and fourth Acts is exceedingly good. Mr. Royce Carleton is gentlemanly, though severe, as Philip Caresfoot; Mr. Fuller Mellish shows improvement on most of his previous efforts as the lover, Arthur Beaumont; his parting was natural, while his manly bearing after his return was well conceived. Mr. Charles Dodsworth was good as the suspicious Sir John Bellamy; Mr. Eric Lewis made a capital Lord Minster, while Mr. John Tresahar gives a quiet rendering of Mr. Fraser. The great improvement shown by Miss Janet Achurch since her first appearance in the part of Angela warrants the assumption of selecting her for the impersonation. Her earlier scenes are given in a quiet and affable mode, while later on her emotional powers are fully brought out. The recognition of her lover, who she supposes dead, was very realistic, while her pleas to be heard in explanation were simply heartrending. Miss Achurch is to be complimented on a careful and really artistic rendering of the part. Miss Carlotta Addison was a refined Lady Bellamy, while Miss Lottie Venne made a fascinating Mrs. Carr. Mrs. John Carter was called upon at the last moment to play her original part of the old servant Piggott, and well indeed she acquitted herself. After the usual calls for artistes, the author and the adapters were summoned.

We are asked to state that Professor Crooker's Educated Horses, having admirably borne the sea journey, arrived safely in London on Monday last, and will make their first public appearance at the Avenue Theatre on the evening of the 22nd instant, instead of the 15th, as already announced.

Mrs. James Brown Potter will appear, for the first time, in a romantic play entitled "Loyal Love," at the Gaiety to-night (Saturday). The work is in four acts, and has been written by Ross Neil. Mrs. Potter will be supported by Messrs. Kyrle Bellew and Mr. E. S. Willard. The play will be produced under the direction of Mr. Charles Warner.

WHAT IS A MASON?

"What is a Mason? Not the clod
Whose thoughts ne'er rise above the sod,
Whose best ambition is—to know
What joys that from the senses grow.
What is a Mason? Not the slave
To passions, that will dig his grave,
Nor yet the miser, hard and cold,
Who shuts his heart to all but gold.
What is a Mason? Not the hound
That boldly treads on holy ground,
At woman's honour dares to sneer,
At truth divine to mock and jeer.
A Mason, worthy of the name,
Can never stoop to guilt or shame,
His honour is his dearest care,
Fidelity, his jewel rare."

Liberal Freemason.

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MARRIAGE.

RENDELL—DAVIS.—On Saturday, the 6th instant, at St. Mary's, Somerset

s of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 13th AUGUST.

-Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
-Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
-Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
-Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
-Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
-Eccleston Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
-Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
-Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

-Unity, Harrow
-Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
-George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 15th AUGUST.

-Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (instruction)
-Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
-Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
-St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
-Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
-Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
-Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
-Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
-Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
-Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
-Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
-Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
-West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
-Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
-St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
-Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
-Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
-Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

-Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
-York, Masonic Hall, York
-True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
-Phœnix Public Room, Truro
-Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
-Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
-Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
-Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
-Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
-Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
-Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
-Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
-Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
-Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
-Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
-Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
28—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 16th AUGUST.

l of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
-Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
-Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
-Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
-Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
-Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
-Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
-Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
-Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
-Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
-Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
-Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
-Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
-Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
-Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
politan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
04—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at (Inst.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
8 2—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 17th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instr
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Ins
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Ins
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (I
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, 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, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (In
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 18th AUGUST.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instr
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instructi
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (In
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instr
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instructi
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New R
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruc
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (In
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instr
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instr
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (In
1654—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, a
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruct
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (co Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instru
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30).
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruc
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (

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
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruc

RIDAY, 19th AUGUST.

nprovement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
ortland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
ess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
ar and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
ells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
ead, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
rtugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
gers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
adbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
y Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
mprovement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
. Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
mond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
dington, W. (Improvement)
wn and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

sons' Hall, Manchester
e Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Hotel, Stowmarket
emasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
lway Hotel, Levenshulme
Wellington Hall, Deal
lic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
c Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
Town Hall, Pendleton
nic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
Hotel, Chingford
truction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
er of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
emasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
shire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

ATURDAY, 20th AUGUST.

rkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
armers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
s, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
l, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
rey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
wn and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
dsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
provement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
n Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

Royal Pavilion, Brighton
n Hotel, Hampton
yal Hotel, Kirkburton
, Lion Hotel, Hampton
y, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

GLEANINGS.

win of Steinbach, A.D. 1275, is mentioned as the angement of the Compasses, Square and letter G in

niversary of the opening of the Home for Free and s of Pennsylvania, was observed with appropriate

here are eight Grand Lodges, situated as follows: one in Hamburg, one at Bayreuth, one at Leipsic, and another at Darmstadt.

nry is nearly 400 years old. The influence of the reat.

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sylum was founded at Stockholm in 1753, by an esenting the Swedish Masonic Lodges. A few years m received an endowment of some 25,000 dollars, e other gifts have been made to the institution. The n now makes an annual bestowal of several thousand e good work of the asylum.

an has produced a pack of "Royal Masonic Playing h he represents the king as Grand Master; the queen, of Wales; and the knave (with apologies to H.R.H.), r of the Royal Family; and others, the Craft. The ellished with Masonic emblems. We see about as n such a display as there would be in hanging the npasses in front of a drinking-saloon.

notice that, no matter how quietly and stealthily a into the house on his return from his Lodge, his wife up and ask what he means by disturbing the whole ? And yet he can get up in the morning, build fires, covers around, and prance through the place from and she will sleep on as soundly as though there was et sound within five miles of her. Why is this thus ? ocate.

needs a revival. Not in the way of recruits, but in backsliders. It is a noble institution, but it has been led in the house of its friends.

from Oakland how which side of their bread is buttered.

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Bro. Stafford, of Brooklyn Lodge, is so well pleased with the recent demonstration at Historical Hall that he thinks that Brooklyn must have another one. Next time he will secure a Hall large enough to accommodate all the Brethren of his district.

To keep debt, dirt and the devil out of one's home, is an alliteration in the right direction.

Every Freemason should have clear views of the reality of a hereafter. Death to him should not be a sleep, hiatus, finis, liquidation, but merely passing through a door into another room of our Father's House. We may know much of the future if we seek for light. The Mason who doubts this should receive the Third Degree over again.

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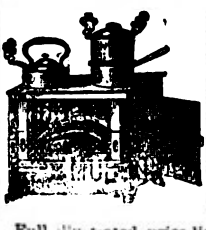

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AND CHAPTER SUPPORT OF E MASONIC CHARITIES.

attention last week to the general question great Metropolitan Institutions, which are de and ornament of our Benevolent Order, think it well to invoke consideration to a connected with that active and individual n is so needful and all important for the constitutes such an admirable reflection on Masonic professions of goodwill to others, of oncern for the welfare of our Brotherhood.

ort of the Charity Committee of the Provin- dge of Devonshire, in our columns last week, pregnant sentence, full of meaning and r all well-wishers to the Charities, and which fact, in plain and unmistakable terms, if erance, which all who have studied the tion know, alas! is too well founded.

hat many Lodges seem to ignore the existence Charities altogether. Now, if instead of disagreeable fact and befitting complaint to ovince of Devonshire, we said *all Provinces and abroad, District Grand Lodges no less al*, we should only be stating what is alike and absolutely incontestable. Yes, the one in a generous upholding of our great he absence of official, as contrasted with the s individual support.

ee Secretaries will testify to the good which if all Lodges and Chapters made a point of nual subscription, proportionately of course aeir means, so that year by year the Secretaries a regular income from Lodges and Chapters, of what the zeal and good-heartedness of the ild return at the Festivals. Some Lodges s year by year, some most liberally and estify, at every Festival, how deeply in- feel in the financial prosperity, the steady l the thorough efficiency of the Charities, e so well of all loyal and large-hearted

per contra, the official support, so to say, is irate alike with the excellency of the cause, f certain Lodges and Chapters, or the actual the case. There are some Lodges and ch never have given anything, we fear, to any es. There are not a few which every now perfunctory manner, do just contrive to put nce, but what an appearance after all?

large number which seem, as the Devonshire ly and pointedly puts it, to ignore the Cha- per, while again there is a few, we forbear hich markedly take all they can out of the d pay back as little as they possibly are eak severely, but we speak sincerely. We thanks to the Devonshire Charity Committee, lasting interest of the Charities, has spoken to ly, and fully, these "naked words of truth," acceptable in this world of ours to many, relcomed by Freemasons, one of whose great

All Lodges are not so prosperous as others. Some Lodges are in debt to their Treasurers. Not a few are paying far too much attention to the requirements of the social circle, so that they have no spare cash for charity. And then a vast majority are relying on the generous initiation and kindly efforts of individual Stewards, many of whose efforts and returns year by year are as creditable to themselves as they are helpful alike to the grand cause of charity, and the prevailing interests of our excellent and invaluable Institution.

In old days, before the charity movement happily took such large proportions, bearing however always in mind what we owe to individual efforts and personal munificence of successive Stewards, very many Lodges made a small collection once a year, as each brother could afford, which was sent up in the name of the Worshipful Master for one or all of the Masonic Charities.

The practical outcome of our remarks to-day would be then simply and fraternally to call the attention of our brethren to this seasonable warning and reminder of the Devonshire Charity Committee, and to urge upon all our readers, and friends everywhere, that in their Lodges and Chapters they should seek to induce their Brethren and Companions one and all never to forget the annual needs of our Charities, but every year, and year by year, to send up a Lodge and Chapter payment, an official subscription, be it large or be it small, thus showing that they are, happily, by no means amongst those who are amenable to such a censure, in that they *never forget* the existence of the useful and admirable Charities of English Freemasonry.

ARCHITECTURE.

An Address by Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Chapter of New York, 2nd Feb. 1887.

MAN stands upon the earth the master-work of creation. In design and finish he is the special building of the architect of all being. He is upright in form, that he may aspire to Him that made him. And this visible order of his being is the channel through which he conveys to the inner self the meaning and use, the interpetration and suggestion of the material world about him. His eye is not only the splendid organism of sight, but the august instrument to bring to the spirit the knowledge of nature for its development and mental culture. His hand is not only for personal service, but is the more grand agent to mould learning or philosophy, poetry or wisdom for the benefit of the society, and to direct the marvellous industries which elevate and enlarge the ages. In his outward conformation he is the dwelling place for mind, the home of spirit which allies him to the Creator. And as he thus stands upon the earth, with more than chiselled sculpture of form and the splendour of mind, he is the highest architecture of God.

On looking at man as he is, at what he has done, we find three great prevailing types which mark the race into special divisions, and which, by their characteristic traits, modify or give glory to Art in its forms of sculpture, painting and architecture.

by the restless washing of the tides. He has no insight into the laws, or philosophies, or principles which are enclosed in all the events of facts which are manifest to the eye. He has not moulded material things into abiding, artistic form. He gives no visible outline to the thoughts of mind, and so holds imagination in restraint that it ceases to be a creative power. From him have come no ideals of grace and beauty; nothing that calls forth into magnificent shape the poetry or grandeur that awaits birth in the more cultured and larger souls of men. He has not sculptured the marble into the image of himself, nor touched the canvas till it burns but is unconsumed with the flame of the sun, nor marshalled the stones of the quarry into majestic architecture. He is now as he was in the unwritten centuries of the past, and his buildings for shelter are the likeness of the lines of his own countenance—the embodiment of a nature unideal, unartistic and unprogressive from age to age.

Then history shows us the man of China or Japan, the man of the farthest East. He is a man of larger mental culture than the first, but yet with the higher faculties of the mind but partially developed. His face is the reflection of his nature, and, in its upward curve, indicates a temperament whose law is jesting or insincerity. The world above or around him is never suggestive of artistic form for building or painting. His pictures, having no background, are fantastic or grotesque. He traces the most exquisite leaf or flower on wood or stone, but never calls from the rude marble its wondrous possibilities in the almost breathing statue of man. He has not reached the more graceful and noble conceptions of art, the achievements which shed lustre along the ages, or the real grandeur of architecture. And his pagodas and temples, the structures which educate his race, have their stone or wooden covering bent upwards as a likeness of an intellect destitute of the richness of the cultured and most thoughtful spirits.

But, close about us, there is the dominant man, the flower and perfection of humanity. His face is long and oval; its colour is white and its lines are arched. The dome of his head is reflected in his architecture, and impresses a mark on that architecture which places it among the most powerful and the most beautiful of the works of man's mind and hand. His history is the history of constant advancement; the culture of poetry, of eloquence, of knowledge, of art. It is from development to development; from strength to strength; from refinement to refinement; from proportion to proportion; an ever ascending progress to grander conceptions, truer ideals and aspirations in all noble things. It is reason cultivated and employed for better uses; it is the artistic more fully conceived and set forth; it is taste quickened and formed on the most splendid shapes of the imagination. From this man have come the subtle and delicate skill; the wisdom which designs and the power which achieves; the picture which images man or landscape; the statue which holds in it the travail of strength and grace and passes on a perpetual influence; the architecture which represents ages and history; the civilization and culture, the moral and spiritual needs of a people or nation.

He employs the best conceptions of the other types of man in his architecture. On the building of the man from the farthest East he sets the pointed roof of the dark savage, and by the combination of both makes a home more suited to his needs. But he advances to a higher perfection; and as a reflection of his own type of being bridges valleys and streams, forms aqueducts and arches, until, in them, he gives the pattern for the truest symbol of strength and power in all architecture.

Man, therefore, in his race peculiarity is in himself the history of the differences which mark his work. His face is the interpretation of the great family to which he belongs. His architecture is a prophet ever interpreting the mind that is embodied in it; for architecture is speech, not for the ear, but for the eye in outward and visible form.

Masonry, which is a moral architecture and social structure, in its widest reach and truest meaning, has two great

a relationship to the higher world of mind, and t
might fill it with the work of his hands, all nature
a gallery of art. Sunlight and shadow, flower
cloud and raindrop, mountain and valley, star a
of grass, were all one suggestion for man to imag
own work. The universe has become a teacher, a
and beauty, force and tenderness, strength and si
have answered to like forces within man, and, su
by these suggestions, he has shaped the mate
useful or superb creations. He has added to t
splendour or grace of intellect, and painted the p
speak to the eye with its mute lips; moulded t
into immortal sculpture; or built the stately
pillared dome, to lift the thoughts of men as an in
and a power, and by the august labour of mind a
given to humanity larger, nobler and more sublime
life.

Among the earliest of his achievements in these
of art is architecture in its varied forms. Archi
not the mere fashioning in special order of wood,
or stone; this is the result of energy, pers
mechanical skill and obedience to the outward law
struction. Architecture is mind revealing
visible form. It is art, and like all art it is a sc
a philosophy. In its largest sense it compreh
illustrates the mental, the moral, the religious
man. It is sentiment, poetry, eloquence, feeling
harmonizing, and typing themselves in stone
mingled strength and beauty, the flower and fol
visible structures, it is art inspired. It is the s
of high thought, of splendid suggestion, of ideal
into fruitage, the expressive prophecy of greater
come. Its forests of sculptured shafts in cat
temple, its vaulted space, its arches, its stones t
the hand of genius have taken into themselves th
the forces that move with constant play in all gree
and emotion, and made the outward matter in th
stone to the seeing eye and the feeling heart the
of the purest and most refined sentiment of th
spirit of man. Building is the outward shaped
architecture is the calm genius within, which c
moulds all into beautiful proportion. It is the spi
on its royal throne and directing the hand until
cities arise, and civilization with its temples a
its cathedrals and spires, touch the waste p
grandeur.

In architecture, as in the noblest conceptions
and sculpture, there is style. In the classic la
Greece, it passes into beautiful method or orde
achievement of mind people widely differ.
above others for their real magnificence, and the
ing and refreshing power which flows like a
the lights and shadows of many civilisations fo
of humanity. Some only give records of dead
kings; of facts which spring from no great pri
cords which bring with them no influence, no ed
the race. So it is with the people of the fart
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a people, or moulds and enlarges ideas. In t
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in architecture. Their noblest structures are
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visible ideal of intellect. But architecture in Gr
out in splendid contrast; shaped into majestic
a finer thought and moulded by the laws of
proportion unrevealed to the lower and more ser
of the East. The thought of the thinkers of
Rome abides, while the weaker expressions of t
of China or India is lost as in the presence of s
and conquering force. That thought has becon
all the later civilization, and is an inspiration in
lous industries of modern life. Greece and Ro
contributions to modern art, to poetry and e
philosophy and letters, are to-day a transformi
and practical power, though they, as nations,

ual and spiritual history. It is the outward
the fellowship of man. But it is the centre
all the arts gather and lend their perfection
and lift it into order and the greatness and
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give themselves airs when their errors are

pact was erroneous. It is not many years ago that Bro. Hughan was very certain that the Royal Arch Degree formed formerly a part of the Master Mason's Degree; but now he believes it no longer. I might give many other instances of the same nature, but suffice it to say that I myself once believed in "lots of stuff," which I am not ashamed to acknowledge I no longer credit.

Our Bro. McCalla, of Philadelphia, was cast in an orthodox mould, and, therefore, naturally is inclined to believe in old "cock and bull" stories. Now, he must have known in 1874 that I had written a number of articles in the *American Freemason* and in the *Freemason* of London about Henry Price, &c. I was, therefore, surprised to find in an article by Bro. McCalla, in the January Number of the *Masonic Magazine*, 1874, wherein he repeated the old Boston stories about Henry Price's Deputation causing the establishment of Lodges in Philadelphia, South Carolina, &c. My comments on the said article were printed in the ensuing April Number of the *Masonic Magazine* (p 322), in which I called his attention to the letter of Franklin of 1734, that when Franklin applied to Price in 1734 for "some authority," he was already a Grand Master, &c. Indeed, my reading in 1860 in "Hyneman's Register," Franklin's letter of 1734, and the extract from the Philadelphia paper of 26th June 1732, that some Masonic show took place there on St. John's Day, left an impression on my mind that the true history of Masonry was still unknown. However, my hints in the *Masonic Magazine* alone would not suffice to wean Bro. MacCalla from his error. But State pride materially aided in uprooting his old belief. Thenceforth the old traditional 1734 Father of Philadelphia Masonry was discarded, and a new untraditional 1730 Father was adopted. The Henry Bell letter, and the subsequently discovered 1735 Dublin Pocket Companion, further aided the delusion, and the rank and file of American and English Masonic writers became converts to the new Philadelphia theory, and even Bro. Lane was lately caught in the trap. The discovery of the 1731 Masonic Account Book or "Liber B." proved, however, that Allen was Grand Master a year before Coxe's time expired. "Ah!" replied Bro. MacCalla, "that is nothing, for Daniel Coxe undoubtedly delegated his authority to Allen in 1731." Discussion, however, served to modify and change the views of many of the former believers.*

Thus Bro. Gould rendered his verdict clean against MacCalla and Co. "A Student of Bro. Gould's History," in the Freemason's Chronicle, of 16th July, says:—"Personally I set little store by the Bell letter or the theory of a delegated authority" [by Coxe to Allen in 1731]. Bro. Hughan, on page 13 of the (Exhibition) Catalogue for Devon and Cornwall, acknowledges that Lodge No. 79 was never a Philadelphian. And in his before-mentioned review of Bro. Gould's History, he seemingly threw overboard his old belief in the Philadelphia Cox theory altogether, and now, even Bro. Lane acknowledges that he does not know for where or for what part of the universe No. 79 was warranted. As far as the Philadelphia question is concerned, there is no issue now between Bro. Lane and myself. But as he maintains that the members of Lodge No. 79, of 1831 and 1732, were composed of two entire distinct bodies, or, in other words, that an entire new Lodge was chartered in 1732, which received the number of an extinct Lodge that was chartered for (he knows not where) in 1731 the issue now between us is confined to the question as to whether the Grand Lodge of England had ever knowingly and wilfully sanctioned the violation of its law of 1727, that the precedency of Lodges was grounded on seniority of their constitutions, and the law of 1735, that when a Lodge ceased to meet for a year it should not be restored to its old rank and number. Now, in the first place, I ask all who feel interested in the question at issue to read Bro. Gould's History (Vol. VI., pp 441-2); and second, in Vol. IV. of the same history (p 441), referring to

* At the New Jersey Grand Lodge Centennial Celebration, last January, Past Grand Master Henry R. Cannon said about the Philadelphia Lodge of 1731:—

"There is no evidence, however, that this Lodge obtained its warrant from Bro. Coxe. Had this been the case Bro. Benjamin Franklin would

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thus:—Bro. Cowen, Master of Lodge No. 37, proposed to pay one guinea into the Grand Lodge Fund for No. 6 (now vacant). This proposition was accepted, and the brethren of No. 37 are to rank as No. 6 for ye future."

We see now that while Bro. Gould believes that the practice of assigning the numbers of extinct Lodges to new ones originated among the Ancients in 1754, Brother Lane says that the practice originated among the Moderns as early as 1732. "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?"

With regard to the question of erased Lodges and restored Lodges, Bro. Gould says that between 4th June 1742 and 30th November 1752 forty-five Lodges were erased in London, four surrendered their charters, besides which another London Lodge was erased in 1752, and at the same time no less than twenty-one country Lodges were blotted out from the list; three of these were afterwards restored, for reasons which will be given hereafter. Bro. Gould, however, did not notice that within the first four months of 1737 no less than fourteen Lodges were erased, three of which were restored before 1740. Now, my reason for supposing that some of the Lodges erased in 1737 were not erased for violating the law of 1735, but were punished for disobedience, was based upon the fact that the Grand Lodge meeting of 11th December 1735 broke up in a regular row. Hence it is not improbable that the three Lodges were erased in 1737, and were restored before 1740 may have been erased for rebellion, and not for violating the law of 24th December 1735. And to show further that the said law of February 1735 was not a dead letter, I will give the following, from Bro. Lane's own book. He, after quoting the said law in full, viz, that when a Lodge ceased to meet for twelve successive months, its rank and old number should never be restored to it, goes on to say—

"Apparently this decision was acted upon in many cases, but some Lodges that were erased were reinstated in their old positions. A distinct case of refusal to do this was recorded in the Grand Lodge minutes of 16th of March 1752, when No. 83 * * * prayed to be restored. On debate it was moved that the law made on the 24th day of February 1734 [Old style] might be read, and the same being read, and it thereby appearing that a Lodge erased must lose its former rank and submit to a new Constitution,—Ordered that the said petition be rejected."

Bro. Gould gives some interesting information about four erased Lodges. 1st. Original Lodge No. 4, of 1717, was successively changed, in 1729 and 1740, into No. 3 and No. 2—

"On 3rd April 1747 [says Bro. Gould] it was erased from the List for non-attendance at the Quarterly Communications, but was restored to its place 4th September 1751. According to official records Bro. Lediard informed the brethren that the Rt. Wor. Bro. Payne, late Grand Master, and several other members of the Lodge, lately held at the Horn, Palace Yard, Westminster, had been very successful in their endeavours to serve the said Lodge, and that they were ready to pay two guineas to the use of the Grand Charity, and therefore moved that out of respect to Bro. Payne (who was then present) and several other Past Grand Masters who were members thereof, the said Lodge might be restored, and have its former rank and place in the List of Lodges; which was ordered accordingly." (Gould's History, Vol. IV., pp 343-4).

Here was a decided violation of the law of 24th February 1735, but no one will feel surprised thereat, and no one will disapprove of the action of the Grand Lodge, when all things are taken into consideration, but this departure from the old rule proves that the old rule was in full force, and that the Horn Lodge restoration was simply a solitary exception to that rule, and the next case of the same nature confirms my belief, that the Grand Lodge of England was opposed to assign to a new organization the number of an extinct Lodge. It seems that, encouraged by the success of the original No. 4 Lodge in 1751, a number of brethren undertook to have themselves established as

rejected." Vol. IV., p 340.

Bro. Gould gives but two more Lodges that wer viz.: No. 9, erased 25th March 1745, was res March 1747. It appearing that the non-atten occasioned by mistake, and No. 54, erased 21st 1745, was restored 4th September 1751. It that their not meeting regularly, had been occ unavoidable accidents. Vol. IV., p 399.

If I understand rightly, the above are the onl explained in the Records as to why and wher Lodges were restored, and why some were refus tion, and thus far I find no intimation of an Lodge having had an old number of an ext assigned to it by the Grand Lodge.

"But," says Bro. Lane, "if Bro. Norton will the preface to the 'Masonic Records' (pp xvii be will discover several instances of this very th give here one only:—

"An entire new Lodge at Wolverhampton pai £2 2s in 1768 for its Warrant, the number of w have been 433, but influences operated to pr the No. 77, which had then recently been va Gateshead Lodge, whereby this new Lodge, not until 5th November 1768, thenceforth took the position of a Lodge of 8th March 1735."

Now, my good Bro. Lane, I beg to inform between 1756 and 1767, the latter part of February 1735 law, which debarred the Grand restoring to its original rank and number a ceased to meet for twelve months, was struc instead thereof the following was substituted, v

"And if they [the members of the Lodge] p again inserted and owned as a regular Lodge, t paying two guineas for a Constitution and to the Public Charity, be admitted into their f and rank for presidency."

Now, with the above law, Bro. Lane's puzzl be solved. It is highly probable that, in Wolverhampton Masons were ambitious of an old Lodge; they heard of the erasure of th Lodge, and as there was a means of having i was agreed between the parties interested fo head brethren to petition the Grand Lodge fo tion, and for the Wolverhampton Masons to for the Charter and Charity Fund. This accomplished, Lodge No. 77 was opened by its when seven brethren were unanimously admi bers; the Lodge then went into an election of Of Officers were unanimously chosen from the ne a vote was next taken to remove the Lodg hampton, which was carried unanimously. members then resigned, but yet the members were the legal continuators of the old Lod material whether all the members—old an conjointly affiliated members of the Lodge or for an hour, as long as they were once li in membership, it legally continued the sam the old members left it, and its removal to W made the Lodge no more *new* than if it removed from Gateshead. The new charter confirmatory warrant, it healed the gap th between its closing and re-opening; by su thirty other Lodges may have been reinstat providing that the *members of the Lodge pet restoration.*

Bro. Lane, in the pages of his "Masonic referred me to furnishes many instances made by Lodge List makers, where, ov ignorance or mistakes about certain mont tionable as to whether they belonged to one y Hence, a Lodge constituted, say in January 1 been placed as a 1729 Lodge, or *vice versa.* were caused by a Lodge constituted by a Pr Master in America, which was not reported t after it was constituted; but he has nowhe an old number of an extinct Lodge was upon an entire new body of Masons, eitl 1735 law, was enacted, or during the contir

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PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

the ancient regulations of Masonry that have e down to us of the present day is one requiring ure of a Worshipful Master-elect with an official wn as the Past Master's Degree, at or previous llation as Worshipful Master of a Lodge. This is still adhered to and maintained by Grand nerally, although a few have discarded it. It be therefore, an open question whether this f formally seating a Worshipful Master-elect in ntal chair" should be continued or not. That ld be uniformity of practice in this regard all y admit, and also that there should be no from long-established usage unless for good There must have been some cause for making a prerequisite to the installation of a Worshipful the first place, and for the continuance of such on through so many successive generations. Is now removed, so that a necessity for this cere- nger exists? Is it removed in certain localities others, so that Illinois may discard this cere- le Indiana retains it?

, we must confess that we never gave any serious the importance of the Past Master's Degree, or ecessity for it as a prerequisite to installation as l Master until recently, and we presume the same aid of Masons generally. We found it among gs as we advanced in Masonry and took it for nat it was all right and essential in its place. gnised and made essential by the Grand Lodge a, we have during the last twenty-five years conferred it in the usual manner, thus enabling o comply with the law. With this experience tunities for estimating its value, in a practical been numerous, and have demonstrated to our n that but little, if any, benefit is derived from it. ect of this degree, it is generally understood, is to lify a Worshipful Master-elect for the responsible e is about to assume, as the presiding Officer of a f this be the purpose it is certainly a laudable one; is charged with this important trust? While g the degree, the Grand Lodge nor any subordinate any control over the conferring of it. Any three ers may meet at any time or place that may suit enience, and confer it. They are not required to ir action to any Masonic body, and the brother m the degree is conferred has no knowledge that uthorised to administer the obligations that he is to take, or to impart such instruction as he then What binding force is there in an obligation inistered without official authority? There is t we can discover. More than that, every Wor- Master at his installation is required to give his the Ancient Regulations, which point out his y as Master of a Lodge, and to pledge himself in ge that he will faithfully support them. In addi- is he takes a solemn obligation, administered by uthority, that he will, to the best of his ability, the duties of the office with which he is about sted. There is a binding force in this obligation vers the whole ground of his duties, and makes horised obligations of the Past Master's Degree us.

as regards the instructions given in the Past Degree, they are only such information as should unicated to every member of a Lodge. A know- the proper use of the gavel is no benefit to the unless equally understood by all the members. structions should be given him fully at his in- in the presence of the Lodge. The Master would only know how and when to use the gavel, Officers and members would also know how and obey. There are no secrets connected with the dignified Masonic body that a Mason would expect to enter. A Worshipful Master-elect is often compelled to travel a long distance, at a sacrifice of time and money, to obtain the degree, and is thus put to a needless expense for what is of no benefit to him. In view of all these facts we are inclined to the opinion that the Past Master's Degree is not essential in Masonry, and that Grand Lodges which have discarded it have acted wisely.—*Masonic Advocate.*

LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

THAT was a most happy and yet natural thought which originally associated labour and refreshment as constituent elements of all formal Masonic meetings. As Past Grand Master Bro. Rob Morris has remarked: "Labour and refreshment elegantly express the whole course of Masonic action." It is not difficult to trace back the history of this association. Our operative brethren of ancient fame intermitted their manual labour each day at the hour of high twelve, and enjoyed an hour of social intercourse while partaking of their noontide meal. The Freemasons of to-day follow as nearly as they can the example of their ancestors, the cathedral builders of the middle ages, and intermit their work for the purpose of enjoying Masonic refreshment. Our illustrious predecessors laboured with their minds and hands—we labour with our minds only; but we both of us adopt the suggestion of nature itself, to have refreshment follow labour.

In the old English guilds there was a common meal—every month the members assembled at a banquet. In the early days of our speculative Masonry, it seems that this common meal, with smoking and song accompanying it, was had in the Lodge room itself, so that the calling off from labour to refreshment was then in every respect literally true; while now the Lodge room is employed only for actual labour and technical refreshment, while the adjacent banquet-room is set apart for the observance of actual refreshment. We think the setting apart of separate rooms for the observance of actual labour and actual refreshment a decided advantage for all Masonic purposes. Labour can best be performed in an apartment from which the odour of viands and the fumes of tobacco are excluded, and refreshment can be best enjoyed "around the mahogany," when the labour of the evening has been concluded, and naught remains to be done except to "harmonise in the light" of the banquet hall, and then "part upon the square."

The Masonic bodies which habitually exclude the banquet from their curriculum make a serious mistake. Of course it is possible to abuse the banquet, but it is not usual, and such arrangements should be made as to assuredly guard against every form of excess. To our view the *law of hospitality* demands that Freemasons should statedly welcome their visiting brethren to the banquet-board. We are all of us brethren, and hence all friends. We are members of one family. We have no private Lodge labour or refreshment. All are welcome, or should be, and there is no place where sociability can be so readily developed or enjoyed as at refreshment around the social board. When banquets become antiquated in Masonry, Masonry itself will be antiquated, and nearly ready for sepulture.

We said it was a happy thought which associated refreshment with labour. It was more than that—it was a philosophic thought. Labour and refreshment represent respectively the head and the heart—intellect and feeling, sobriety and hilarity, work and rest. The law of nature indicates that the two should be joined together, never to be put asunder. They are complements of each other. One supplies the deficiencies of the other. When the two are united nothing is wanting.

Masonic tradition attributes to Tubal Cain the invention of the Plumb, the Level and the Square. The First Great Light in Masonry attributes to him also the invention of musical instruments, and Mahommedan tradition the art of expressing the juice of the grape and making wine.

joy? —*Keystone.*

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PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fear that I shall draw down upon my devoted head the wrath of Bro. Jacob Norton when I say that a close study for some days of all the evidence in respect of the two Patents granted to Coxe and Price has not only convinced me of their absolute correctness, but has confirmed me in an idea which has been gradually impressed upon my mind, that Philadelphian Freemasonry goes, so to say, behind Coxe altogether.

As regards Price, I cannot see how Bro. Gould's argument can be resisted, that Price undoubtedly did receive a Patent from Grand Master Montagu, and certainly hold that the original argument of Grand Master Gardner is really and truly incontestable.

Our lamented Brothers Gray Clarke and John Hervey, Grand Secretaries, seem to have put the matter clearly when they say it was not astonishing that no record existed, as the appointment of Provincial Grand Master was the prerogative of the Grand Master.

The early minutes of the Grand Lodge of England are further proofs of the carelessness with which such matters were then conducted. There are many affairs on which now we should like to know much, about which we are compelled to remain in absolute uncertainty, owing to the lâches of those who ought to have kept correct minutes of proceedings, and a careful record of letters and replies.

If Price's Deputation was a forgery, all I can say is successive Grand Secretaries and Grand Masters in England must be a party to it.

There may have been some little rivalry, not unfriendly, as between Boston and Philadelphia. Price may have had some of the weaknesses of our kind; "we are all mortals;" as the French say, "nous sommes tous mortels," and he may have come to consider himself the senior Provincial Grand Master in America.

When he says his was the first Patent issued to North America, as Brother Gould points out, he is so clearly incorrect that it barely requires the trouble of confutation; in that Daniel Coxe was appointed Provincial Grand Master in 1730 by the Duke of Norfolk, was not only recognised as such in the English Grand Lodge in 1731, when he was present in person, but the fact is so certain, that no one can doubt but that Coxe's Deputation is the first issued to any part of North America.

Why he did not exercise it is indeed a puzzle.

Thanks to Bro. Gould, we now know that Price was a member of No. 75, England, 17th July 1730, so that this fact is now before us that Governor Belcher, Coxe, and Price were all English Masons, Coxe being member of No. 8; where Governor Belcher was made in 1704 not being yet clear.

Coming then to this conclusion, that the Patent both of Coxe and Price are undoubtedly genuine, we have the evidence of Price in Boston at work 31st August 1733, his Patent, dated 30th April 1733, three years after Coxe's, 5th June 1730.

Liber B proves that in 1731 a Lodge at Philadelphia was at work, and here comes in the grave question,—under what authority?

That Price constituted a Lodge at Philadelphia in 1734, with Bro. Gould, I hold to be an error, which has probably arisen from Franklin's letter, and therefore, *pace* Bro. Norton, we are thrown back, as both Bros. MacCalla and Gould see now, on even an anterior authority to Coxe, unless indeed any proof of Coxe's exercise of authority turns up. But can that be found?

Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The *Liberal Freemason* of Boston, U.S.A., in its June number has the following:—

"The History of Freemasonry—∴ ∴ John C. Yorston and Co., Publishers. This title page ∴ is followed by another, telling us that the work is by Robert Freke Gould ∴ assisted by William J. Hughan ∴ Rev. A. F. A. Woodford ∴ David Murray Lyon ∴ Enoch T. Carson, Deputy of Northern Supreme Council, 33°, for Ohio, and Past Grand Com. K.T. of Ohio; Josiah H. Drummond P.G.M. of Maine, and P.G. Com. Northern Supreme Council of the United States; T. S. Parvin P.G.M. of Iowa, and Grand Recorder G.E.K.T. of the United States. This is a formidable array of talent, and suggestive of the fact that great care has been exercised in bringing out an American edition of Gould's History."

Permit me to state that the edition is a piratical one, and that if issued with "with great care," it has been brought out with

Yours fraternally,

R. F.

The Jubilee address to the Queen from the Gra
of South Australia, signed by Bro. Chief Just
M.W.G.M., H. E. Downer, M.P., D.G.M., an
Cunningham G. Secretary, was presented to his E
the Governor for transmission to Her Majesty.
beautifully engraved and illuminated, the seal of t
Lodge being affixed, and it was enclosed in an
case in dark morocco with purple ribbons and gol
The Governor expressed his admiration of the Add
promised it should be forwarded at once.

The following poem was written for the C
Celebration of the Introduction of Freemaso
Maryland. It was composed especially for the oc
Bro. Brewer, who read it at the meeting:—

Time pauses to-day with his sickle at rest,
Having garnered a cycle of years,
And looks to the future, but points to the past,
With hope in the first, and with pride in the last,
For a moment suspending his cares;
For his work has been fruitful, his harvest sublime,
In the field which has hardly yet entered its prime.

He points to the glories and triumphs of years,
To a century's marvellous hoard,
The pathway of Progress, the tributes of tears,
The monuments mighty, the hopes and the fears
Of the millions with trowel and sword,
Whose patience and pain made that era sublime,
The proudest and best of the epochs of Time.

He points to the haze at the dawn of the age,
When our land took its first lease of life,
When Liberty, seeking war's wounds to assuage,
With the Angel of Peace agreed to engage
In removing the traces of strife,
And summoned from Heaven the mystical three,
Faith, Hope, and—the greatest of all—Charity.

Thus the cycle began, the brightest of all
The centuries labelled by Time.
And Commerce and Industry, Science and Art,
Invention and Learning and Justice in part,
Formed a congress of virtues sublime,
To guide a republic, a continent span,
Dedicated to GOD, to Freedom and Man.

In that hundred years what a story is told
Of the triumphs of sickle and sword!
Of steam and the wonders the magnets unfold,
Of an empire builded of iron and gold,
Firmly wrought by the hand of the Lord!
A century rising in blinding array
From the gloom of its dawn to the glare of to-day.

He points to the past with a finger of pride,
For he knows all the treasures behind;
He looks to the future, so long and so wide,
With a hope and an aim that to him were denied,
When our birthday a future outlined,
As he stalked up the hill of the century steep,
Surprised at the field he was destined to reap.

Oh, Brothers, from Time take a lesson discreet,
Turn your eyes to the future and wait,
The past is a memory, grand and complete,
The future is trodden by angelic feet
Leading up through the highway of Fate;
And terraced with triumph each decade appears,
To crown with their splendours the next hundred y

A new Lodge is shortly to be consecrated
vince of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, to be
Farnborough and North Camp Lodge, No. 220
P.M. 1331, Past Provincial Grand Standard Be
Worshipful Master designate.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming inc
cholera and diarrhœa should be a warning to every one to sub
irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills shou
household, to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy
overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler t
tions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficaci
ing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredien
is the best physic during the summer season, when decayi
wholesome vegetables are frequently deranging the bowels, an

asons in Alabama, delivered before the Grand at Jurisdiction, at the Annual Session, held r 1886.

oncluding this address I beg leave to call attention, painful though it may be to me, re to be flagrant violations of our rules, regu- nciples.

d that some Subordinate Lodges within this etain members who profane the name of o blaspheme the name of that God in whom in the most solemn manner to "put our trust." t tolerates such conduct is at variance with amental principles and doctrines of the Order. o properly regards his Masonic character will himself as to speak lightly of that Divine n we are reminded when within the walls of . Profanity is wrong in any man, but in a crime.

shington, first President of these United or many years Worshipful Master of a e in Virginia, while commanding the army tion, observing that profanity was prevalent ops, on the 3rd day of August 1776, issued eference thereto, in which he said: "It is a and low, without any temptation, that every and character detested and despised it." Mason who has so far forgotten his allegiance his Benefactor, and his first entrance into a hurl into the face of the Almighty blas- s and epithets? What has become of his manhood, his nobility, his plighted faith? nged from that Book, the Holy Writings, y lies upon the alter of the Lodge room, the was issued amid the thundering of Sinai: not take the name of the Lord thy God in h needs no compound oath to make it more nd chaste language elevates and refines; it to manhood, and tone to character; without ic life is a fraud, and Masonic character a

nother vice to some extent prevalent, and I reant to duty, were I not to raise my voice nd warn the brethren of its consequences. re satisfied this monstrous evil is on the it is still amongst us. I allude to intemper- nkenness. It is a vice that carries with it n—ruin socially, ruin morally, ruin intellect- financially, and therefore ruin Masonically. men should put an enemy into their mouths their brains; that we should with joy, gaiety, plause transform ourselves into beasts, when ate cup is unblest and every ingredient is a ike from a man his good reputation, and he is strength. Drunkenness dwarfs manhood, son, destroys character, while our obligations t the moderate, temperate use of ardent spirits, prohibit most stringently the excessive use oxicating drink. Whatever our individual opinions may be in reference to the icating beverages, Masonry restricts only erate use of them. Drunkenness is in unequivocal violation of our precepts and drunkard, therefore, should be retained as a ny Lodge. I do not believe it would be authority for the Grand Master to arrest of any Lodge that tolerates profanity or among its members.

ve cannot be too cautious, too circumspect. ise the standard of Masonry too high, morally. norals, emanating from a Divine source and through the ages unimpaired, should be served and rigidly enforced. Her members en of spotless reputation. It is not wealth, or honour, nor learning that constitutes the , but character unimpeached and unimpeach- umblest citizen is on a level with the highest of the nation. Hence, our Order knows no

the last fraternal effort is made to reclaim and has proven futile, then be just and fear not, applying the rule of discipline according to the Constitution, laws and edicts of the Order.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

Gaiety.—We may well commend Mrs. James Brown Potter's courage as she rings up the curtain once more, and this time to give us a blank verse tragedy, with the cup of cold poison of the fourth act turned into a sleeping draught, and the hero and heroine made happy ever after. The verse is at its best when it suggests some of our favourite Shakspearian quotations. The story of the romantic young prince, who loves the lowly maiden and secretly weds her; the ambitious old king his father, who would insist on a royal alliance; the wicked Gonzales, counsellor and favourite of the king, who would supplant Prince Pedro, and offers his bride the alternative of death or the renunciation of her bridegroom; these personages are conventional enough, though the caustic intensity of Mr. Willard, as Gonzales, gave individuality and substance to what else would have been unreal enough. Mr. Kyrle Bellew looked an ideal prince, charming; he rose to passionate sincerity, saving the play at several critical moments, when the verdict seemed likely to mean swift condemnation. To Mr. E. S. Willard also was due the thanks of authoress and management; all adverse voices were hushed when he held the stage. Mrs. Brown Potter, as Inez, in one or two passages was really powerful, and grasped the reality of tragic passion, but she is strangely unequal; sinking ever now and again into almost grotesque triviality of gesture and intonation. She is evidently intelligent, but as yet has but a very intermittent command of her powers, especially she need overcome those ungraceful noddings of her head, and a tendency to almost constant restlessness. The scenery is somewhat too brilliant in colour for the background of effective stage pictures. The dresses are tasteful, especially those worn by Mr. Kyrle Bellew; these are exquisite studies of colour. Mr. Mark Kingborne deserves an especial word of praise for his earnest rendering of a small part, that of a cowed and injured retainer—a kind of King John Hubert. The rest of the company scarcely call for remark. On the first night, when the curtain fell there were loud and persistent calls for the authoress, Rosa Neil, but with wise discretion that lady decided not to appear.

Criterion.—The revival on Saturday last of the late Mr. H. J. Byron's most popular comedy, "Our Boys," was well received at the above theatre by an appreciative audience. The piece went with considerable spirit, and caused quite as hearty laughter as heretofore, although the lines are slightly altered—just to keep pace with the times. Mr. David James sustains his reputation in the part he has created, Perkyn Middlewick. He develops his old quaintness, and was most warmly received by the audience. Mr. George Giddins, as Talbot Champneys, played in his usual light manner, and was deservedly complimented. Miss E. Vining, as Belinda, although not approaching Miss Cicely Richards, the original representative of this character, acquitted herself well. Mr. Sidney Brough deserves considerable praise for the way he impersonates Charles Middlewick. Mr. Brandon Thomas, as Sir Geoffrey Champneys, fails to make the most of the part. Miss May Scarlett is a good Violet Melrose, while Miss Rose Saker, as Mary, displayed much spirit and vivacity. The piece is well mounted and doubtless will adequately fulfil its purpose.

INSTALLATION

OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,

As the M.W.G.M. of England,

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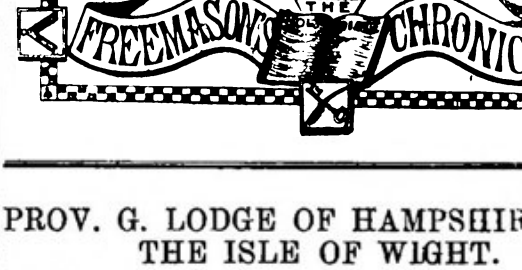

PROV. G. LODGE OF HAMPSHIR THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Hampshire and the Isle of Wight wa Monday afternoon, the 15th instant, in the Vi Southsea, where there was a large muster of the Craft from different parts of the Province. the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Be was supported by the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. J. E. and a number of Provincial Officers Past an The platform was decorated with plants, and hall were displayed the banners of most of represented. After the Lodge had been ope customary manner, the business on the agenda proceeded with, and the accounts of the P.G. Bro. R. J. Rastrick, having been submitted, Le Feuvre moved that they be passed, remark was a source of gratification that although, o fact of their Prov. Grand Master having presided tival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutio voted 250 guineas to its funds, they had a £240 11s 8d. Fifty guineas had been paid accounts were printed to the other Institutions, now had a balance at the bank of £190. B Grand Treasurer of England, seconded the which was carried, and Bro. R. J. Rastrick mously re-elected. The adoption of the report mittee on the Charities, which was read by the Secretary, Bro. Edgar Goble, was moved by Le Feuvre, who said that the result of the ele Girls' School could not but be highly satisfac Province, for last April they had three girls the School. The result of their operations ha during the year they had succeeded in ensuri tion of four girls, two boys, and two widows to of their Masonic Charities. He submitted was not an unsatisfactory state of things to their annual meeting, and he trusted circumstances should require it during twelve months their success at Freem would be as great as it had been during th Some complaints were made last year that the Province had not come in so well as could hav for. But he thought that with the present result they might congratulate the Lodges having supported to the utmost the candidate the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee. was adopted. The Provincial Grand Maste customary for Masons to congratulate a attained a high office, and he thought that w connected with their own county it was matter for congratulation. He wished to prop congratulation to an eminent member of the C just received the highest dignity in the cou was in the power of the Sovereign to bestow to their Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Ca had been appointed Lord Lieutenant of Hamp knew the eminent services he had rendered

bey had every reason to hope that he would so
ose duties as to meet with general approbation.
re he would do his utmost to deserve the con-
ch had been reposed in him, and that he would
h his talent and impartiality to well discharge
f the very high office which had been entrusted
They all regretted the death of the Marquis of
, who had for so many years fulfilled the high
rd Lieutenant in a manner which gave general

But as a vacancy had occurred, he was sure
e them great pleasure to agree to a vote of con-
to their eminent brother the Earl of Carnarvon,
ing to the position. Bro. Wyatt, in seconding,
hat their Provincial Grand Master initiated the
rnarvon into Freemasonry. Bro. Le Feuvre, in
the resolution, said the Earl of Carnarvon was
all of them as Pro Grand Master and occupy-
high position in the county, and he hoped
lordship was leaving for another latitude, to
health, he would return before many months in
health. The resolution was carried. The Pro-
and Master then appointed and invested the
d Officers for the ensuing year, as follows :—

Feuvre 180	... ...	D.P.G.M.
lliams 257	... ...	S.W.
Mortimer 1112	... ...	J.W.
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. Wilton 1873	... ...	
lbrook 309	... ...	Registrar
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nd 35 ...	... ...	Organist
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atcher 694	... ...	Pursuivant
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closing Grand Lodge the Provincial Grand
gratulated the brethren on the success which had
reemasonry in that Province during the present
thanked the brethren of the province most
and heartily for the very liberal assistance which
given him when presiding at the Festival of the
t Institution. They had not a great length of
they came forward in such a loyal and liberal
t the amount of subscriptions at the Festival was
n had ever been known before, and therefore he
here was every reason to congratulate the province
very liberal way in which it had come forward,
the very handsome way in which it had rallied
on that occasion. He also congratulated them
anner in which Freemasonry was flourishing. It
eat responsibility for a Provincial Grand Master
ed to recommend new Lodges. He thought it
dvisable for Masons to be in too great a hurry to
new Lodges, unless they were perfectly sure
d good grounds for believing they would
They should start new Lodges not merely for
of holding office, but with a desire to propagate
ntages of Freemasonry. He hoped they would
er such a matter as that, and not take action
ey believed it would be to the advantage of the
le took a little time to consider these applications,
ght it right to make full inquiry and to satisfy
n these points, and he hoped they would give him

only hope that the constitution of new Lodges would not encourage the admission of those who were not likely to be a credit to the Order. It was desirable that only those should be recommended who would be of advantage to the Craft and likely to become valuable and zealous members of their Order. He urged the brethren of the various Lodges not to be in too great a hurry to add to their numbers, but to be careful to add to the efficiency of the members. He heartily congratulated them upon the manner in which Freemasonry was progressing in that Province, as it was in the country in general.

The banquet, which followed, was presided over by the P.G.M., who was supported by a number of his Officers and Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, the visiting brethren including Bro. Edwin Low, an old P.M. of the Phœnix Lodge. The catering was entrusted to Bro. T. W. Scaddan, of the Grosvenor Hotel, Southsea, who provided an excellent bill of fare, and the repast was admirably served under his supervision, the wines being of superior quality. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and Bro. Eve, in responding for Grand Lodge, warmly thanked the brethren of Hampshire for having rendered such valuable assistance in returning him as Grand Treasurer of England.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.—TORQUAY.

(Continued from page 106).

IN fulfilment of my promise last week, let me give you a few more jottings from this delightful spot, the very *ne plus ultra* of quiet and healthful pleasure. Before starting from town, happening to mention to an acquaintance where we intended going, he raised his hands in something like dismay, and exclaimed "What! Torquay in the summer time! Never heard of such a thing. My dear fellows, don't go; you'll be broiled," and a lot more of the same rubbish. But the "dear fellows" did go, and here they are still, the only regret being that each day brings us nearer to the unkind fate of having to say good-bye to holiday for another year. Talk of being "broiled," why the "Frying-pan row," as Fleet-street is locally called, is not nearly so scorching as its namesake in London where "gentlemen of the Press" mostly do congregate, and the pavements of which are sometimes so hot that it is no exaggeration to say you could cook an omelette on them.

I mentioned in my last a singular proclivity of the Torquay folk for christening their streets and public places after those most familiar to us in London. Not that there is much appropriateness in the nomenclature, for the Pimlico of Torquay is a slum compared with that on the Thames-side; "London-bridge" and the "New Cut" do not at all resemble their prototypes; Fleet-street and the Strand are more in keeping, inasmuch as they form a continuous line, as do our own thoroughfares of those names; Belgravia is the fashionable quarter of the town, and is thus aptly named; and there are a great many other localities, most of which were "cockneyised" in name long before Torquay assumed the stately and "Queen"-like dimensions it has now attained. I should like, before recounting any more of our adventures, to say a word about the town itself, and the sort of people who are in it, so far as a visitor is able to judge from a temporary sojourn. Well, then, I am bound to say that although Torquay, like many other seaside resorts, depends largely for its trade and general prosperity upon visitors, there is none of that combination on the part of the natives to "fleece" strangers such as we find at some other places. I declare I have paid five and six guineas weekly for apartments at Ramsgate and Margate, the comfort and convenience of which were not to be compared with that we are enjoying here at one-quarter the amount. Although we found everything at "the Royal" first-rate, hotel bills run up, and so we were guided by sentiments of economy to engage apartments, with which we are immensely pleased. The tradesmen do not "stick it on" to visitors, nor charge them an extra twopence or threepence per pound for meat, and advanced prices *prô rata* for all the other commodities that are necessary to existence. So I can say from personal experience—which is corroborated by that of others who have remained here longer than we have—that Torquay, whilst possessing the unrivalled charms that have been so lavished upon her by nature, with a climate which is most equable all the year round, perfect sanitary arrangements, abundant means of "getting about," and an ever changing round of amusement and relaxation, is rendered still more enjoyable by the fact which I have considered it my duty to relate that, with respect to lodging and living, one can exist here most economically, without fear of being "fleeced" by exacting tradesmen, or eaten up by the "lodging-house cat."

Sauntering the other afternoon around the lovely terraced gardens of the Imperial Hotel, from which the whole sweep of Torbay can be commanded at a glance, Bro. S—— and I were discussing the next trip that we should select from amongst the many attractions of the neighbourhood. Not being quite able to arrive at a decisive conclusion, it bethought us to test the quality of Bro. Hussey's catering

between the cuisine at the "Imperial" and our more familiar Holborn Restaurant, or any of the great feeding-places of the metropolis, would be absurd. It is sufficient to note that, whilst the staff under the constant personal superintendence of Bro. and Mrs. Hussey are selected from amongst the pick of their respective professions, not the minutest detail is allowed to escape observation which can in any way conduce to the comfort and enjoyment of those who select the "Imperial" as their place of sojourning. With a full knowlege of the completeness of the arrangements in that establishment, combined with reasonable tariff, we are enabled confidently to recommend any of our friends who purpose having a look at the most beautiful of English watering-places to spend a portion of their time, at least, at the "Imperial."

With these reflections, and under the soothing influences of an excellent dinner, and a bottle of good wine, we wandered away down the hill to the pier-head, where enthusiastic anglers were busy with rod and line, trying perseveringly, and not without success, to hook small whiting and pollack, a fry of which we were assured are very "sweet" eating. The Pier is not much of a promenade, and is seldom used as a fashionable walk; the only time at which it is populous being when the resident inhabitants leave church or chapel on Sunday evenings, and seek appetite for supper by a stroll along the sea wall. Splendidly-appointed yachts ride at their moorings within the harbour, their owners, no doubt, paying "calls" upon aristocratic acquaintances, or lounging at the Club, or indulging in smart, physical exercises at the Racquet Court. There was a gentle ripple on the water, and beneath the fanning breeze pleasure-boats slanted gracefully as they plashed merrily over the wavelets, with a "feather" at their bows. At the extreme end of the Pier was a steam launch, piping up for passengers; and, tempted by the glorious weather and prospects of a pleasant trip, we embarked on board this trim-built wherry for Paignton, lying snugly at the foot of a range of hills on the other side of the Bay. As the "Queen of Watering-places" receded in the distance—like as one looking through a telescope reversed—the picture suggested a parterre of white forget-me-nots embedded in a setting of deep green moss, the villas rearing above each other in tiers, each in its own luxuriant shrubbery. In a quarter of an hour or so the two and a-half miles voyage which intersects the lovely Bay is over, and we heave gently alongside the promenade pier which, with its handsome pavilion, stands out some 750 feet from one of the finest and most extensive esplanades in the kingdom. The growth of Paignton, and its increasing popularity as a sea-side resort, are astonishing to those who knew it a quarter of a century ago. There is no marked improvement in the "town" itself, albeit they say there is a "tidy little bit o' trade" done by the old-fashioned and steady-going shopkeepers, many of whose family names have been handed down for generations. But in the outskirts a perfect transformation scene has taken place. The Green, erstwhile an unkempt and shaggy piece of waste, fringing the marshes and the osier beds between the town and the sea, has been converted from a howling wilderness into a select and dignified park, whilst the fame of Paignton Sands as a safe bathing-place, and the salubrity of the climate of the neighbourhood, are spoken of far and wide.

The Green, which has been placed under the control of the Local Board in trust for ever as a recreation ground, is faced by an esplanade, presenting a boldness and extent of marine frontage which may well excite the envy of rival sea-side resorts. Around it have sprung up, with almost mushroom-like rapidity, handsome villas and terraces of houses, which tell of a growing popular favour in behalf of Paignton as a place of residence; whilst on the hillsides and nearer the town building operations are in full swing, testifying to the gradual development of what is to become one of the most favourite spots along the whole line of the British coast.

What a breadth and beauty of natural loveliness stretches out beneath the gaze as we sit under the shadow of the Pavilion, whence comes music stealing the whole day long. Throwing its arms wide apart on either side is the lovely Bay, and along the horizon formed by the English Channel big ships travel over the trackless pathway of the sea, bound for distant shores, or returning laden with the products of sunny isles and warmer climes. At the southern extremity of the Bay stand the frowning cliffs of Berry Head, once—according to the chroniclers—a Roman camp, and more recently a garrison, when Devonshire folk were in a chronic state of panic lest "Old Boney" should come with his legions and pay them an unpleasant visit. Nestling in an adjacent gorge are the town and harbour of Brixham, half-hidden by a forest of tawny sails; but in an hour or so, if the wind freshens, those hardy trawlers will be far away in the offing, adding to the general aspect of gaiety afloat. Carrying the range of your binocular round the arc, you see the frequent indentations of the coast, where at low tide there are clear shallow pools lined with sea mosses and lichens of red and russet and green, and here the visitor with leisure on his hands can find ample store for his aquaria amongst the anemones and the "flowers of the sea" with which these shores abound. Broadsands and Goodrington are suggestive of leisure and recreation for the inhabitants of the outlying districts, whose undulating heights beyond are mapped out in patches of wheat and barley fast ripening unto harvest. In the soft light the heaving uplands afford a rich gradation of colour as the fleecy clouds roll by and throw their moving shadows upon hill and dale; while here and there the browsing cattle add to a pastoral scene that is typical of Devon. Completing the arc, the eye wanders along the sandstone cliffs, which lend a peculiar charm to this part of the country, and between whose rough-hewn headlands hide pretty coves, the haunts of the tourist and the painter; beyond these rise the villa-bespangled

rocks out to sea. Ashore the fishermen are busy with t nets and seines, whilst pleasure yachts and boats scud ove face of the Bay like butterflies amongst the flowers. The laughter and the merry conversation of those on board are e the circling gulls overhead, and the other "wild sea birds t through the air;" and all around speaks of happy and leisure.

Every watering-place has its special feature, and Paignt own, too. Here you will find no rollicking horseplay and fun such as you may have been accustomed to on Ramsga or at Margate; the welkin is not made to ring with t clamour of "day trippers" who flock to the marine pr which can be reached by the "specials" down from Lond Midlands. Paignton prefers to be select, dignified, and and yet there are not wanting abundant means of e Concerts and organ recitals are given daily in the Pavilion well attended. In place of the peripatetic minstrelsy, t teas, and high jinks which form the staple amusement promenade piers, everything here is quiet and refined. C tender years, and those of "larger growth," gyrate wit roller skates along the smooth floor of the pier, as a variati pleasures which are in plenty upon the Sands; whilst staid minded folk look with subdued pleasure on the innocent mi younger and more agile. Even the dances on the Pier are with the utmost decorum—not to say gravity. I have see and lasses at Cleethorpes, Bridlington, and elsewhere bug other cheek by jowl as they whirled frantically in the polka to the strain of bands whose quality paled beneath and quantity of the music supplied; but here they dance regard to etiquette and the most profound observance of resp Thus from morn till night the round of gaiety and animat Pier is sustained, forming one great factor in its well-ea as a "place to spend a happy day."

And what shall be said of the Sands, whose tawny brea bare for a full mile on either side? Simply that they proachable by any that the sea-side tourist has seen be us stroll along the northern arm of the Sands and watch fishermen hauling in their seine. Slow, heavy, toilsome and the harvest not too plentiful after many hours spent sea. The calm, still water is at length ruffled by the p finny prisoners within the net, and the "bit o' veesh" converted into cash at the hands of the hawkers. A strik of interest in this ramble is the oriental-looking build grounds abut on the Sands, and is known as Redcli Passengers by the launches inquire curiously as to this p structure, with its round battlemented tower and dome-tip and liken it to palaces that figure in the illustrations t Asiatic or Indian travel. From a distance, the sea wall w the boundary of the lawn gives the impression of a fortres with mimic guns; and altogether the pile forms a han interesting ornament to this part of the coast line.

Returning to the sea-wall, and facing in a westerly di see the many characteristic features of a life of leisure side. The sun shines down from a blue unclouded sky, a is bathed in a flood of glorious light. But, there is a fre crispness in the temperature here, when stirred by the br the sea, which make Paignton the envy of many other places. Here on the ruddy sands, whose brow is decked wi of shells, we see every attitude of agreeable idleness and joyment. The youngsters dig all day, and perform astoundi engineering skill with their tiny spades, in the constructio forts and miniature castles, paddling knee deep in the cool lave the shores, returning at eventide to enjoy their well-ear repose, and to recapitulate in dreams the pleasantries of t they have found at Paignton. We will return too, not b scene is tiring, but because the twilight deepens and the being lit along the Esplanade. We prefer to walk ho challenge any one to give a more charming three-mile r that between Paignton and Torquay. I know of no pr than that of Torquay from the roadway as you mount the hill by Livermead, passing Corbyn's Head. The aspect o with gloaming lights along the harbour and the Strand, a villas on the slopes, glinting in the deepening twilight, lik Aladdin's cave, is strikingly beautiful. There is much t leave unsaid, on account of space at disposal, but I ma by saying he must be a man hard to please who is not charmed with the exquisite variety of scenery and th means for recreation and enjoyment that are to be found i picturesque Paignton.

FROM LONDON TO MARGATE.

(Communicated).

FINDING I wanted a change of air and a brief respite ness routine, I had not much hesitation in selecting a locale where health is to be benefitted and the phys recruited. Accordingly, we made up a little party, and selves at Fenchurch-street Station at a quarter past t Three-quarters of an hour later we were stepping gaily on of the old-favourite Margate steamer, at Tilbury, *The* manded by Bro. W. Cotton. It was not many minutes befo his stentorian voice proclaim "Go a-head," a welcome s who were bound for a few days' relaxation and enjoyment nised in our gallant Captain the whilom popular comma

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of self and others, it would be difficult to find a better
aise is due, and was paid, to him for his attention
excellence of his arrangements; the viands were all
desired as to quantity and quality, the tariff
ces and spirits of the best, and the dining-
an artistic manner. Harry White, the head waiter,
to make the saloon party comfortable, and suc-
the utmost satisfaction. After a decidedly pleasant
ded safe and sound at Margate, where we met Mr.
of the Navigation Company, looking after the interests
d, as is his wont. Having decided to "put up" at
d Hotel, High-street, we repaired thither, and were
ived by Bro. Thomas Pearce and his estimable wife,
ment affords the greatest comfort and convenience.
bly surprised to find that an extra building, with large
been erected, consisting of hotel, restaurant, refresh-
rd rooms, all facing the sea, and the whole of the
elaborately furnished and decorated. The town,
is at the present time in a perfectly healthy condi-
urning to London, we had the gratification of
the new boat, *The Halcyon*, or the "baby
manded by Bro. Captain F. H. Fishenden. This
new, having been launched about a month
strongly built, and has a noble appearance.
9 feet, with a beam of 26 feet. The saloon is mag-
ed, with all the latest improvements, and is all that
o far as convenience and accommodation is concerned.
reading rooms are also well appointed, and it is
ly or expense has been spared by the Company to
as perfect as possible. *The Halcyon* was initiated on
July, when she made her first trip, under Captain
she continues to do her work as satisfactorily as
rself on that occasion, and remains under the same
she will soon be able to assert herself as a Grand
The Steward, Bro. W. H. Wood, is a Mason whose
by brother may be pleased to make; his tariff is
the articles are supplied *ad lib.* A vote of thanks
to the Captain for the attention shown to the
cially to the ladies. The journey back to Tilbury
ery pleasant by agreeable company, amongst whom
M. Stiles P.M. and P.Z. and his father, Bro. J. H.
other brethren.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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GEORGE PRICE LODGE, 2096.

A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound
ydon, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when there were
dpath W.M., Hobbs P.P.G.S.D. I.P.M., Samuel S.W.,
. E. D. Lennox Harvey Prov. G. Chap. Chaplain, J. D.
P.G.J.W. Secretary, Goode S.D., Cambridge P.P.G.O.
h acting I.G.; also H. H. Aston, R. W. Wilson, and
The Visitors present were Bros. Frederick Carter 14,
2041, R. H. Ranson 1790, Blackman J.W. 359, Reed
ge was opened in the first degree and the minutes of
meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. stated
ceived a request from the W.M. of the West Kent
, to the effect that Bro. Alfred J. Heath should be
gree of F.C. The W.M. said he had much pleasure
th that request. Brother Heath then answered the
and retired from the Lodge. The Lodge was
cond degree, and Bro. Heath was duly raised to the
Mr. E. J. Prior having been proposed for initiation,
siness transacted, the Lodge was closed. The
t down to dinner, under the presidency of the W.M.
Loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, the W.M.
alth of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past,
name of the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Lennox
itably replied. The toasts of the W.M. and I.P.M.
ven, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors,
onded to by Bros. Ranson and Heath. The latter
unity to thank the members of the George Price
g allowed him to be passed in their Lodge. The
retary and Officers followed, and during the evening
by the W.M. and Bro. Dr. Wilson, Bro. Cambridge
pianoforte.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th inst.,
h Harp (Bro. W. P. Warner's). Bro. W. A. Scurrah
supported by the following brethren:—Bros. W. M.
acting I.P.M., Thom S.W., Fraser J.W., A. Scurrah
s S.D., Nottingham J.D., Langley I.G., Whiting
Organist, and other members and Visitors. The
ed in due form, and the minutes of the Consecration
ead and confirmed. The W.M. announced that he

The W.M. was then pleased to appoint and invest with his collar and badge the Organist of the Lodge (Bro. Wheeler), who was unavoidably absent from the previous meeting. The ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen:—Messrs. W. B. Parsons, A. M. Parsons, C. H. Watts, F. W. Hearn, and M. Powell, and was found to be in their favour. Messrs. W. B. Parsons, A. M. Parsons, C. H. Watts and M. Powell being in attendance, were initiated into the ancient mysteries in due form; the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. and his Officers. The name of one gentleman was proposed for initiation, and another for joining; and nothing further offering the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards assembled at the banquet table, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Warner had, as usual, provided an admirable menu. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In responding to the toast of the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah said:—This is the first time I have had the honour to respond to this toast, for we do not look upon the Consecration Meeting as a regular or ordinary meeting of the Lodge. I am very pleased to be at the head of this Lodge. We have had a little trouble to form it, but the establishment of the Lodge has rewarded me for the labour I have, with others, had to undergo. I see a bright prospect for our Lodge, and I will do my best during my year of office to maintain the integrity of the Lodge, and I will certainly do all I can to ensure its success. I am sure that our Wardens and the other Officers who are coming on will do all they can to assist me in that object. As to our Wardens, I am bound to say that they are quite as capable of performing the duties of W.M. as I am sure they will spare no labour to assist in making the Hendon Lodge a thorough success. I thank you very much for the kind way in which you have received and responded to this toast. I trust that we shall be united for many years to come. The W.M. next gave the toast of the initiates, in very happy terms. Bros. W. B. and A. M. Parsons, C. H. Watt and M. Powell severally responded. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Bro. Burgess S.D. 2084, and other brethren. The proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music Bro. Wheeler Organist ably presiding at the piano. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 11th instant, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, W. Present:—Bros. Charles Coombes Worshipful Master, Child Past Master Senior Warden, Higginson J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, C. R. Cross S.D., Woodard J.D., Cavers Steward, F. Cox I.G., Jno. Davies Preceptor; Past Masters Bros. Spiegel and Sims; Bros. Jennings, Cotton, Stanley, Craggs, Larter, Wright, Hardinge, Breitbart, and P. J. Davies. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spiegel P.M. candidate. The 2nd section was worked by Bro. Jno. Davies, assisted by the brethren; also the 3rd and 4th sections. Bro. Child P.M. was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bros. F. Stanley, F. N. Hardinge, and G. S. Wright were elected members.

MINERVA CHAPTER, No. 250.

THIS Chapter held its meeting on Wednesday, 17th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull, when the following Principals were installed:—Comps. Thomas Oates M.E.Z., Walter C. Whiteside H., Frederick Blackburn J. The First Principal invested his Officers, as under:—Companions Walter Reynolds P.Z. Treasurer, M. C. Peck P.Z. Scribe E, William Coysh Scribe N., Randolph R. Hawley Principal Sojourner, John T. Towler First Assistant, L. E. Stephenson Second Assistant, Lars Brekke Director of Ceremonies, V. King Organist, J. Terrington Gibson Sword Bearer, William Johnston Standard Bearer, W. Clayton Janitor. The installation ceremonies were ably and efficiently performed by Companion Walter Reynolds P.Z., whose services on like occasions are not only cheerfully given in North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, but also in the neighbouring Province of Lincolnshire. The Companions then adjourned to supper. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts an enjoyable evening was spent.

MUST HAVE A CERTIFICATE.—The Grand Lodge of California demands that a visitor to one of its subordinates, as an evidence of his own standing prior to his examination, shall furnish the Committee with a certificate of membership from his Lodge duly authenticated.

NEW MASONIC HALL.—A new Masonic Hall was recently dedicated at Hamilton, Ohio, by Grand Master Williams.

The man who has no faith in anything, who looks upon all men as scoundrels, can never really become a good Mason.

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The School Teachers have presented a very rich Rose Window,

that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 20th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (I...)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

TUESDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 24th 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, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
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. (Instruc.
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
1724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-stre

THURSDAY, 25th AUGUST.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.3
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (In
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (In
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instru
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruc
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge,
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Inst
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6
1854—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberw
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool 5 Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell.
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., a
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (In
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerken
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Inst
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's W

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruc
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton,
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Inst
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instructio
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields

FRIDAY, 26th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Stre
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8.
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Bake
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instr
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instru
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonb
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruct
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instru
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instru
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Str
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Green
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (I
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cle Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (In

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birm
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, L
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Suss

SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Co
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instru
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Inst
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruc
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., a
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammers
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent St

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

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£20.—Tobacconists Commencing.—An illustrated guid

during the past year.

MMY.—Freemasons will be glad to hear of the
y in Egypt, by Professor Maspero, of a tomb quite
ie defiling and pilfering Arabs, in which a square, a
s, and other implements, have been found alongside
dead man man was an architect, builder, and carver
having control of one quarter of the cemetery at
nb was very comfortably furnished, with linen chests,
tatuettes, and other articles of use or luxury, and
ledges for the transport of mummies and sarcophagi.

self-righteousness is blacker in the eyes of God than
oses to cover.—*Hebrew Standard.*

ty, self-control, kindness, are simple and practicable
sy are the very foundations of character, on which
l fine and noble qualities, all generous enthusiasm,
unselfish heroism, all patriotic and philanthropic

ist do is to make the actual possibilities of life our
in human life not to construct the godlike, but to
d thus gain it.

our punishment are sown at the time we commit the

rrors which no wise man will treat with rudeness,
a probability that they may be the refraction of some
ow the horizon.

the earliest days to inure your principles against the
le; you can no more exercise your reason if you live
; dread of laughter, than you can enjoy your life if you
tant terror of death.

are happier for having been happy, so that, if you
ppy now, you make happy twenty years hence by the

aster in one of the Western jurisdictions is just now
criticism because of the following paragraph which
annual address lately published: "If the writer would
lf the trouble he devotes to writing, and just look into
n and code, nine to one, I wager, he would find there
vered." The *Illinois Freemason* says: "'Nine to one,
be elegant for the bar-room, passable in common con-
it is execrable for a Grand Master in giving a formal
stewardship to the body of the Craft."

olism of Masonry is the soul of Masonry. Every
Blue Lodge is a religious teacher—the mute teacher
s and philosophy. It is in its ancient symbols, and in
e of their true meanings, that the pre-eminence of
all other Orders consist."

d the opportunity several times of late to see the con-
Order of the Red Cross and the Temple, according to
pted at the last Triennial of the Grand Encampment.
pted form is not very different from that which has
al use in this section, albeit there are some changes
d, a few of which do not appear to us as improvements.
thing to secure uniformity, however, and if the new
ure this result we should not complain if now and then
ade which does not seem altogether for the better. As
the *Masonic Advance*, remarks, "If the food is whole-
a matter of etiquette whether it be eaten with a knife
he substance is there in either case, and will produce
lt every time."—*Freemasons' Repository.*

ETERANS OF ILLINOIS.—The Masonic Veteran Associa-
s has published its first annual report, giving a history
ation since its organisation 13th January 1886, and up
il 1887. The headquarters of the Association are in
meetings are held in that city in April, October, and
mbers are eligible twenty-one years after initiation.
been so far one hundred and twelve members. The
Venerable Chief, seven Assistant Chiefs, Secretary and
egister, with Chaplains, Marshals, Stewards and Guard.
ert W. Barnard is the Secretary and Treasurer, and
C. Cregier Venerable Chief.—*Mercury.*

FORK DEGREE.—Those Masons who take more delight
ments of the banquet than in the labours of the Lodge,
ire Masonry only for its social aspect, are ironically said
ers of the Knife and Fork Degree." The sarcasm was
by Dermott, when he said, in his *Ahiman Rezon*, p 36,
the Moderns, that "it was also thought expedient to
old custom of studying geometry in the Lodge; and
young brethren made it appear that a good knife and
hands of a dexterous brother, over proper materials,
reater satisfaction and add more to the rotundity of the
he best scale and compass in Europe.—*McClenachan's*
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H.—If the women are not good enough to belong to the
d a fair one, with pouting lips, the other day, "will you
why?" My dear, that is the very trouble. You are
The necessity for [illegible] membership does not exist.

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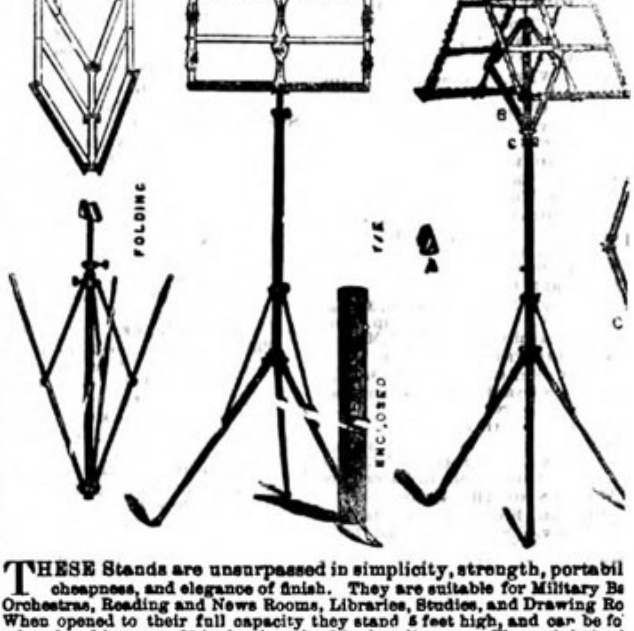

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everybody remembers the old fable in which g, having committed suicide by roasting him- carving knife and fork into his back, and ran crowd, calling upon them to "come and eat o not expect in our own days to find bene-, however solicitous they may be of doing g up and down our streets, chinking sovereigns kets and inviting all who consider themselves oney to come and participate in them. It is arent that, in spite of all that is being done d private beneficence, there yet remains a rty and distress amongst our fellow-creatures lutely "past finding out." And the great the part of those who do, and would still themselves to the mitigation of human woe, ied without doubt that their charity is finding the proper channels, and is not unwittingly m the source of their good intentions. effectually is next to impossible, and we ntent to expect that a certain margin of find its way into the pockets of the Better this by far than that one should be hose case merits our attention, and whose dition demands our sympathy and com- Yet we have reason to fear that, notwith- admitted carefulness and anxiety to carry out inculcated in Freemasonry—the unbounded members to give practical illustration of those h teach them to see that no needy brother relieved—there are sometimes golden oppor- h we allow to slip through our fingers, the f which leaves but the bitterness of regret.

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he saddest are—"It might have been!"

ermonising on the matter, it may be well to or two reasons why the virtue of benevolence t all. Genuine charity—the real article, and em—is born of a spirit of true human tender- passion, and is seldom heard to sing its own ish even to hear its name whispered by others. ntle "going about doing good," without the ard or expectation of praise. We fear, how- e but the nuggets that are found so "few and " amongst the sand, the almost imperceptible old from the great bulk of quartz. All the s, therefore; and it is a joy to know that in there is a rich vein of it, though undiscover- ntraceable, running through the exhaustless nevolence that underlie our system. Others principle that by so doing they may hope some conped, in the event of adversity overtaking hen they are no longer able to help themselves. here is a vast difference between this kind of that which is prompted by solely disinterested motives, it is impossible to deprecate those forethought and thrift which are so frequently n us from the pulpit and the platform. It is, w, inconsistent with the teachings of Free- practise its "distinguishing characteristic" gainsay that, amongst the thousands who range under our banner, there is not a goodly per centage who work hard and give largely in the fond hope and expectation of gaining personal recognition and of securing, either present or ulterior advantage—or both? Such men as these should enrol themselves as "financial" members of some good benefit society, from whom, should the time of trouble come, they would be able to claim—as a right, and not as a charity—those benefits for which they had insured.

There is, moreover, another class which, though extremely useful in their way, must, in the opinion of thoroughly conscientious people, occupy a lower standpoint. These are they who give simply and solely for the purposes of notoriety and self aggrandisement. "Perhaps, sir," said the treasurer of a county hospital, in thanking the manager of a theatre for the results of a benefit night, "perhaps you would like to have this put in the papers?" "Like to!" rejoined the other; "Why, you idiot, what else do you think I did it for?" Is there a society or institution—not even excepting our own—in which examples may be found of assuming a virtue though we have it not—of putting into use that worldly-wise axiom, "throw a sprat to catch a mackerel?" From an ordinary business point of view this may be, and is, considered shrewd and commendable; but we do not expect to see much credit attached to it when considering the true principles of the Craft. There are many instances known—and the present day is no less remarkable in this respect than were the bygone times—of people who will give from their affluence thousands of pounds towards the erection of a church, an hospital, or a drinking fountain, but would grind down to the uttermost their dependents in the household, on the farm, or the poor whom we have "always with us." The reason is not far to seek. In the former case the deed of munificence is blazoned forth in the columns of the newspapers, it is enlarged upon at public meetings, and the donor is held up to the very highest point of adulation. In the other the deed is unwritten and unpublished—unknown save to a grateful heart which feels the warmth of the alms bestowed; but there is no immediate recompence except in the consciousness of having done a simple act of duty.

Opportunities of doing good are missed sometimes through inadvertency, and at other times through neglect. We said at the outset of this article, it is not to be expected for a moment that the large-hearted will advertise for applicants for the relief he is wishful to dispense; and it is equally true that there are many to whom the gnawings of hunger have become painfully familiar, but who shrink timorously from looking even askance at the hand of Charity. It is morally impossible to bring these two classes together, so that the negative and positive poles may touch with mutual relief, for Charity "blesseth him who gives as well as him who receives." There are, however, cases in which we have seen distress so palpable and real as to irresistibly attract attention, and yet those deserving objects of commiseration have been allowed to glide away to their graves, worn out with the "hope deferred that maketh the heart sick." It is the constant boast and the just pride of the Masonic body that no suppliant for aid shall lift his eyes and voice in vain, that it is impossible for any weary one to sink amidst the

it is no exaggeration to aver such cases have happened. It may be—and was in the instance brought under our own observation—that the lapse occurred through individual carelessness or absent-mindedness. The Secretary might have been "too busy to attend to the applicant just now," or "the Almoner was not present," or something of the kind. Once in our experience the Secretary, who was a Past Master of his Lodge, was apprised of a distressed brother waiting outside the door of the banquet-room, and tardily, after being several times reminded of the fact, he proceeded to "investigate the matter." He returned to the festive board, and said "the man was undoubtedly all right," and so forth; but he did not relieve him, and the shivering, hungry wretch slid out into the wintry sleet and slush, downcast and despairing, before some who had overheard the conversation could capture him, as they tried to do. Out upon such exponents of Masonic charity! An hour after, and the same worthy Past Master was "tossing" with one or two other brethren for "drinks round!" From this brief narration it may be set down that the Lodge was not a very distinguished one; but it was a Masonic Lodge, after all, and the conduct referred to speaks for itself. Here was an opportunity, not lost but culpably thrown away, though we still believe the responsibility rested alone with the should-have-been Almoner, and was unknown to the rest of the Lodge. We have seen also another class of opportunity lost in consequence of sheer indifference—of a brother upon whose countenance Death had placed his mark, and whose tottering limbs had for months been scarce able to carry him about. It is no plea that the brethren of his Lodge were not apprised of the facts of the case, and no excuse that the half paralysed brother who had been prevented by pecuniary reverses from subscribing to the funds of his Lodge for some years previously. He was still a brother; yet he was allowed to pass away to the Silent Land without a helping hand to cheer his last moments, except for extraneous efforts made successfully to provide him a few necessaries and comforts in his last illness. This sounds like a commentary upon "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth;" but there is no reason why it should be concealed, or that while we so proudly and justly point to the vast benefits conferred upon humanity by the Masonic Craft, little flaws in our almost perfect system should not be pointed out with a view to prevent their recurrence. "All that glitters is not gold;" and although cases like those we have cited are happily of such rare occurrence that they strike us with overpowering force, yet it is no less true that opportunities are sometimes lost which might have placed yet other jewels in the Masonic diadem. As a rule, in all dispensations of Charity the whining, undeserving, but practised applicant succeeds the best, while many a poor fellow with one foot in the grave is allowed to want simply from the fact that he has not the temerity of his more experienced rivals. The lesson to be drawn is, that there are always opportunities cropping up around us of detecting sham and imposture, and of relieving the really necessitous, and that neither the one nor the other should be lost, or regarded with indifference.

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dubious paternity. Cole put out, in 1751, and s
than one copy of his ordinary edition. In 1794
masons' Magazine contained a copy of Cole's MS
In this century, beginning with Dowland 1815,
publications here and there, Hughan, in 1872,
his really great work. Mr. Halliwell—we may
ing on,—had published the Masonic Poem about
Matthew Cooke the Additional MS. about 1865-
may truly be said to Bro. Hughan's publication, i
owe to-day the great interest and importance
the subject has become naturally invested fo
students. Since that great epoch in the histo
Legends fresh discoveries of the Guild Leg
been made, and their number vastly increased.

It is probable that we have not even yet exh
MSS., and we certainly are not yet able defi
sum up the result of our researches. The inte
said before, now accruing to the whole subject
reality of the Legends has been ascertained,
archaic claims recognised by students, has led so
as often happens, rather hastily to assume that
present in a position, though confessedly on
data, to divide the MSS. into families or group
nounce, moreover, hastily on their comparative
give special praise to some forms, to depreciate
even "to start a hare," that a few of them ha
the tokens of a fictitious assumption of date or
either fortuitously or for a set purpose. We
no more inexpert view, (indeed a thoroughly
one), of the matter has ever been propounded.

In the first place, we are not yet in a positio
not be for some time, arbitrarily or dogmatic
case may be, to separate the various MSS. into
groups; and, in the second place, a much cl
as between manuscripts and evidences,
epoch, custom or terminology, must be give
before we can rightly or judiciously seek to ar
such conclusions.

We should announce that in this way we
ing old MSS., real and valuable "codices"
our modern views, from our acquired knowle
they are in themselves and by themselves, and
only from our own special "fads" to-day
emerged from one era of uncriticism, we seem
another equally hurtful, and are yielding our
"post hoc propter hoc" assumptions alone.

So we may say then, unchallenged we think,
MSS. have a value; all exist *bonâ fide*; som
are clearer than others; and some possess m
points of contact than others, but all deserve
sideration and study. To exalt the age
lower the age of another, because one an
not accord with certain modern notions and fa
own, as we before pointed out is the reality of
of uncritical weakness, and is certain to reac
studies, and shake the opinion by experts of
value of Masonic criticism and Masonic eruditi
said this by way of friendly warning, a wa
deem from certain recent utterances much
beg to add that we hail gladly all fellow
this most interesting branch of Masonic
and welcome all contributions to the sub
tend in some way or another to diffuse
and promote discussion, and experts can pick
of wheat from the bushel of chaff. There alwa
always will be, differences and divergencies

entions.

are as "wide as the poles asunder," as to the luction even, and the conclusions we respect- at, and the only fear sometimes is, lest in our or mistaken zeal for this side or the other of , we substitute *subjective* for *objective* truth, or an ingenious hypothesis as if it were a proved ontestable verity. So long as we confine our- pathway of reasonable induction, so long as irselves by the legitimate canons of criticism all is well. It is only when we strive to "idea" as "father to the thought," or a special gs for the exact facts of the case, that we are isleading others, as well as ourselves.

ice, some critics seem to forget that with such ose we have to deal with, similarity of expres- lways necessarily actual identity, and that the common origin as regards MSS. always must mere use even of identical verbiage on these ves often very little indeed, and nothing is so so deceiving, because MS. A. agrees with efore to assume that they are necessarily copies er. On the other hand, we must not allow n a possible common origin to blind us to at one MS. may be after all only a trans- nother.

lowne and Dowland no doubt had a common o had many more.

MS. and the Harleian MS. 1942 agree so er, especially as regards the new articles, that all unreasonable or unnatural to say that S. is probably a copy of the Harleian.

be variations, they probably are simply nd arise from carelessness, haste, or unskil- nderson saw a copy of the MS., and e may have been a common original, we to treat the Harleian as the product of the period, based, no doubt, on older records, but new departure, and therefore to some extent

egends depend on certain landmarks, points have in common, but which in some are nent than in others, and, according to experts, liminish their value.

ot quite certain that experts are right in this, o hold that MSS. must be taken for what they be. The Antiquity MS. has that reliable clause which greatly adds to the value of its nd it is more than probable that a good deal rn up about Wray and Padgett which will light on the earlier history of "Old Antiquity." Gould's original history be laid down a canon l acceptance as to MSS. not a little arbitrary, y Masonic students only received, so to say, st. And for this reason. Such a canon affects and value of MSS. of the highest antiquity and t value, such as the Masonic Poem, Cooke wo Harleian, the two Sloane, the Lansdowne d, Lechmere, Papworth and the Golden Square Wood, Inigo Jones, &c., and raises above them most modern and some of the least valuable.

n, in addition to this, we have a new theory , that certain MSS. are doubtful because they with certain theories of our own, and that even a "Franspia" may rest on some MSS. of the dy, the clearest integrity and the greatest al value, in the ingenious—may we not add per- verness of some critics, we can only regret nsound views should prevail.

ave this consolation. There is no such thing *lity* in human knowledge or even in Masonic , and we feel convinced that in the long run f actual and intellectual truth will prevail, how- tched the amusing speculations we have to owever critically unsound the propositions and we have to consider.

An Address by Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Chapter of New York, 2nd Feb. 1887.

(Continued from page 115).

CHINESE architecture like Chinese development advanced to a certain point, and then like her civilization became seemingly transfixed and advanced no more. It is art in an undeveloped form. It is not the rude skill which marks the earliest exhibitions of art, and which may be combined with some grandeur of conception and beauty of detail; but it is the growth of a taste which is alike hostile to culture and purity of design and the grace of true proportion. Its architecture is light and airy, but is not the expression of the highest thought and the home of a faith that vivifies the individual and the nation.

Hindoo architecture is grotesque and fanciful. It seeks to blend the stronger form of man with the delicacy of the woman; but it is weird and gloomy in its details, and harmonised by no refined and cultured taste. It is not the outgrowth of reverent ideas, and like its dark caves, is inspired by no hope. It is not the shrine where man nourishes his yearning after immortality.

Egyptian architecture was more grand in its symbolism. It was colossal in its magnitude, and inspired a sense of awe by the darkness and massiveness of its temples. But though marked by strength and adherence to the law of construction, there is no chastened purity of conception like that which is manifested in the works of Greece. As a monument of the learning and thought of Egypt, it is, as its withered mummies, a dead record of a dead past. Its most wondrous structure is the mausoleum or the tomb, for the thought of death was the one dominant thought of the Egyptian. Life was only a passing shadow, not the magnificent gift to enlarge and make more glorious by its achievements, and so fit it for the higher life to come. If the Egyptian looked for immortality beyond, he always looked down to the physical, and sought to perpetuate life by preserving in death the outward, visible frame, and thus his faith, his thought, his science ended in the death of the body, and his most stupendous architecture partook of his gloomy visions, and was but the temple and tomb for the dead.

Grecian architecture in grace and delicacy of conception was altogether a higher order than that of Egypt or the distant East. The far seeing Greek mind, the poetic genius, the cultured reason, the power that developed the human form into nobler stature, uttered itself in what was refined, majestic and beautiful. The art of the East, with its fantastic grace, its marvellous blending of grandeur and delicacy, was regenerated and brought to full perfection as it was touched by the Greek intellect, for Greece, ennobled by her philosophy, enriched by her splendid ideals and made graceful by the inspiration of beauty all that other nations contributed for art or use. The sculptured friezes of her temples, the wildest conceptions of Eastern or Egyptian fancy were chastened and transfigured, as they expressed themselves in the Grecian temple. The Greek artist gave to architecture order, proportion and beauty. His public buildings were the incarnation of richness and grace, delicacy and grandeur. By marvellous design and rarest sculpture, he immortalized those models of art which have glorified the artistic life of Greece and sent forth a standard of perfection for all ages. Into her three great orders of architecture he moulded and fashioned the majesty and elegance, the refinement and splendour, which are the inspiration for man on his buildings for learning or worship.

The first great order of Grecian architecture is the Doric. This is marked by the majesty of simplicity and the majesty of power. It combines the grandeur of the Egyptian with the strength and finely cultured taste of the Greek. Unlike the Egyptian, it is suggestive of intellectual force. It is simple, but never fantastic; plain, but never destitute of grace. It is severe in its proportion, but always characterised by dignity, and its temples are the embodiment of the largest conceptions of the supreme force and the magnificence of Greek thought.

The Ionic or second great order of architecture arose in the Asiatic colonies of Greece, and partook, in a measure of the rich and more languid climate of the East. The

of the Corinthian. Though not a higher order of architecture than these, it was the manifestation of a graceful artist culture. The wealth and luxury of the city in which it arose and which it adorned, clustered around it, and while taking from it, the severe grandeur of the Doric made it more beautiful in proportion than the Eastern Ionic. Its pillars, with capital and flowing leaf, were more lofty and slender. Its entablatures, which distinguish Grecian architecture from the true Roman, were more finely wrought; its friezes and its cornices, taking to themselves the characteristics of the Doric and Ionic, made it in rare beauty and majesty the embodiment of the three great orders of Grecian architecture.

The Doric, the Ionic and the Corinthian, each with its own special genius, was great in its generation. Strong, solemn, tender, harmonious, the precious legacy of Greece to mankind, they abide through the ages, a monument of man's power over matter, the school of high thought and the seminary of splendid culture.

Greece and Etruria transferred their art, their philosophy and gods to Rome; and Rome appropriated to herself the arts and treasures of the peoples that she conquered. Her physical power was beautified by the rich spoils of learning or science of the members of the nationalities she incorporated into her own. But she so impressed herself on her dependencies that each portion of her wide domain felt her power as if it was its own as an integral part of the kingdom. As from a great central heart there flowed into every colony or subdued principality the life-blood that made it a living member of the great empire, and therefore Roman art and Roman architecture are found as monuments of her greatness in the East and West. The splendid architecture of Baalbec and Palmyra attest the power of Rome, and the magnificent buildings in Spain are monuments of Roman influence as strong as the noblest structures on the Tiber. Rome sought not alone to conquer, but to civilize humanity and impress upon it the truth that peace is grander in its effects than war. In the greatness of her idea of government all faiths were allowed to worship and build temples and enjoy the freedom of the empire under the outspread wings of her eagles, the symbol of universal dominion.

Roman architecture, as the name indicated, denoted strength. While in its manifold details it is the repetition of the cultured thought of Greece, it is also the expression of law. Rome was the fountain of law; the well-spring of that wisdom which manifests itself in right and the forms of human government. Law and morality raised and sustained the vast fabric of her imperial commonwealth. The will of man was the ruling power. It passed along and was woven like a line of thick gold into all her civil and martial history. Her greatness was power; her nationality was world-wide dominion. The eternal city was to be the capital, not of the kingdom, but of the habitable earth. This was her ruling idea rather than to carve in marble or build in stone her artistic conceptions. This spirit pervaded and filled the remotest land over which her eagles flew, with the same fullness as in the royal city itself. And it was only after centuries, therefore, of waiting that art became a moving power in the empire and broke into full splendour under the dominion of the Cæsars. Then art passed East and West, and, to-day, the enduring monuments of her skill and greatness attest the victory of Roman spirit and Roman power.

Her architecture everywhere witnesses her far-reaching influence. If she followed Greece in the construction of her temples, she had also an architecture profoundly her own. The amphitheatre and cloaca, the aqueducts and baths are Roman in design and completion. Her baths are the monumental expression of the wealth and grandeur of the strong character of her people. In all these structures Rome was revealed, and whatever beauty might be perpetuated in them, they were always the superscription of abiding strength, the symbol of a commanding will.

But Rome added to Grecian architecture, and in the emblem of power and union which she revived or brought to larger application, she opened, in the arch, a new history for art. Grecian architecture was the architecture of the

were joined together. Fluted columns, broad space, arch and dome and poised roof draw the eye until Rome impresses herself as a world influence—power joined with material grandeur.

But Roman architecture gave way to another felt that there was more spiritual force on the material dominion. A new faith had come to throne of empire, and to set up its author spiritual and moral nature of man. Its cros symbol of a world-wide victory. It was the vi in the heavens, that by it man should conquer with a new power, a more splendid purpose, a work among men until nations that owned its the nations that moved with the lustre and achi the higher civilizations. With the stillness grandest force, it was to conquer and posse stately fabrics of human government were to before it, to rise as the instruments of a purer m man, and on a new mission for the spread of and law. It was the revelation of man to him God, and the destiny to which he aspires, and fr it was a power struggling amid hostile forces t to his true position. The work that he did th centuries of travail is the impeachable witness which animated him and by which he toiled. with truer conceptions of government than e potism were erected out of the paganism of A Rome and the barbaric hosts that swept with over ancient civilizations. And not only are witnesses of the marvellous power of the new r the growth of empires to this hour, but the struct rose as the home of faith, bear large witn unrivalled skill of the builders who piled in thought and agonies, the conflict and aspirati belief in Jesus Christ.

Christianity, catching gleams of beauty a from the classic grandeur of the immortal ages and Rome, gave birth to a new architecture, i religion and consecrated by spirituality. It o ideals to architecture, and the artist gave forth tions not alone in the strength of granite, but ness and colour of painting. Christiani regenerating and quickening power, and elevat a new meaning to what it touched. The pillar spread over the shrine of a marble god grew int form of stone and adorned the sanctuary of the universe. The chiselled vine that spoke only orgies was lifted into a higher use, and became of a sacred ordinance. Greek and Roman t were voiced for stone idols were transformed b of its intelligent faith into the temples of the li

But the new faith brought an order and gre own in architecture. At first solid and firm architecture of the rounded arch, the symbol but by the slower growth of centuries it de the pointed arch, the symbol of aspiring eff aspiration of its faith. The Romanesque in Roman architecture developed and the Lomb the true expression of the new religion, and w and out of harmony with its solemn and ever- Out of these grew the Gothic, the noblest de human architecture, the Temple of the faith t earth, and is drawing all nations to itself. Spain the Gothic took an Eastern character, a with Moorish type and the richness of Arabic in France and Britain and Germany it dev truer, purer shape, as the home of religion an of the revelation of God, the Father of All.

Symbols are greater in their meaning and ex and more spiritual thought, as they aspire. therefore, of the architecture of Greece an way to height in the Gothic. For the new fai freedom and power; it was not bound b system of heathen gods. It was not the hom idol, but its cathedrals the shrine and sanc one infinite God. And as He was the Creator the house for His worship was to be all bea the inspiration to lift the soul upwards and vision of high art to the eye. The clustered

it suggestion of the aspirations and spiritual
f the adoration of God.
ere the true Gothic is characterised by refined
id its power of raising the spirit in worship.
without, its houses of stone; the buttress hold-
strength; the spire lifting itself up a constant
ie arch poised to meet the sky; the foliage
carved pillar; the windows reflecting the light
lours, or pictured with the form of martyr or
the mind upward from the material temple to
not made with hands. And not the Prophylæa
rith its chiselled stone; not the Parthenon with
of Pentellicus, rising from the Acropolis; not
of Theseus with its friezes trembling under the
:es of Centaurs and Lapithæ; not the academies
hy with their pillared halls, awake such lofty
express the grandeur of faith when it aspires
the Gothic temples instinct with religion and
rith the dreams of a consecrated imagination.
lone cannot reach its sublime meaning, and the
d in reading the letters of its refined decorations.
ian architecture there was the design, the heat,
of living humanity, and this gave it the power
g the mind. In Roman architecture there was
mark of will and strength, and so it appealed to
er emotions and forces of man; but Gothic
e embodied dramatic action, the conflict between
rror, and answered to every spiritual feeling of
It is grander therefore than all, because the
ture of man is grander than intellect or passion
The Gothic temple is not alone the revelation
t of spirit; and the deep yearning after immortal
iad been chilled into profound stillness in Greek
architecture, breaks forth into flower on every
grand arch in the consecrated structure. The
res and teaches man to aspire. It is ever point-
ds, drawing the vision onwards as if for new
of faith and hope, until the clouds open, and
temple of faith and aspiration is seen in its

with its Royal Arch is the architecture of a
social structure. It is not less real because its
e not seen. Its various degrees rise like the
of the great temples of the world, until it stands
a finished structure, a constant aspiration.
degrees are not lost or destroyed, they are not
t aside, but only consummated and brought in
ng and purpose to loftier altitudes by the higher
They are left by them, as the foundation of the
left, that it may be trusted with largest
and most confident pressure when the super-
farthest from it.

(To be continued).

UR MASONIC POSTERITY.

sire to invoke the interest of our readers in
alf of the good name and fair fame of our and
ic posterity. Freemasons are ever ready to
praises of their forefathers in the Craft. For
sand years King Solomon has been liberally
a man and a Mason, and King Hiram of Tyre
arded a place only second to Bro. Solomon's;
that early era down to a period comparatively
f the workers in the Craft have been accorded
out end. In our country and jurisdiction all
with the honour bestowed on the memory of
aniel Coxe, the Father of Freemasonry in
nd rightly bestowed. We would not detract
m the praise which is the just reward of all of
nic worthies. True, we never sat in a Lodge
but we honour them all the same, and are glad
e to honour them in our day, rather than in
they possibly were not so famous. Another
ave for self-gratulation is that we are nearer to
age of our Masonic posterity, the millennium of
which is future, not past. Remember, we
rich Masonic vocabulary that would almost require a Webster's Dictionary to contain it. Let us, then, cease for a moment to pay tribute to the virtues of our great-grandfathers in Freemasonry, and speak kindly and generously, by way of anticipation, of our great-great-grandchildren (so to speak) in the Fraternity.

We do not anticipate that any Brother will satirically remark, "*We* do not *owe* posterity anything—what has *posterity*, done for us?" This affords a splendid opportunity for the display of the most disinterested liberality. We have never seen our Masonic posterity, and hence can give an unbiassed opinion of them. They have never voted for or against us for any office, and hence our praise of them will not be misconstrued as given for personal reasons. And we cannot blame them on *any* account, since we know not a thing to their disadvantage, whilst we *must* praise them, because they will be bone of our Masonic bone, and heirs of all our property—real, personal and mixed, in Masonry. Had we not lived, they never could live. We are the cause of their being—we are to make them, every one.

In obtaining this millennial view of Freemasonry we have used a Masonic telescope of wondrous power, and are happy to announce that we have found not a spot on the sun. In the past there is something to regret; in the far-away future nothing. Whilst we feel thankful that as Masons we live now, instead of two thousand years ago, how much are we inclined to wish that we were to live two thousand years hence! O! happy day! O fortunate Freemasons! O! glorious Craft!

We are conscious of this truth: that all varieties of Masonry cannot be right, and we see clearly in the future that there will be but one rite, with no rival bodies in Masonry, no excommunication of Brother by Brother, no harsh and unfraternal edicts, no, not even a suspension or expulsion. Don't you wish you were there? How unpleasant it is, every December, to lop off the unprofitable branches in the Craft. Brother Tom Jones suspended for non-payment of dues! Possibly he deserves it—but possibly not. We cannot put ourselves exactly in his place. In A.D. 3887; A.L. 7887, no question of this sort will arise. Every Brother will pay his dues; every Brother will be prosperous, and willing and able to square his Masonic accounts. The millennium of the Craft will then have arrived, and the good new times will far exceed in glory the good old ones. "Ring out the old, ring in the new."

Old St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, of A.D. 1731, was a noble Masonic body, with a membership of which as Masons we are justly proud; but what if Brother William Allen, afterwards Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, and Brother Benjamin Franklin, afterwards everything that was honourable in the loftiest political stations in Pennsylania and in the United States, were members of that old Lodge? Look at the St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, of A.D. 3887! A membership of a thousand, and every member a scientific, social, political, or religious magnate! The Lodge with no debt, no dues, no Labour without Refreshment. The initiation fee is large, and these fees, in connection with freewill gifts from the Brethren, pay all expenses. And the largest expense is for ever-blessed Charity! How Brother Benjamin Franklin would like to visit St. John's Lodge at this new era! And we are not sure that he will not. The interstellar spaces may be bridged over by that time, and the abodes of the just may be opened for the departure of their inmates to revisit the homes of their youth. Our telescope did not reveal this, but reasoning from what we have seen through it, we may infer as much.

The astronomers of our day have discovered that there are more worlds than one, and surmised that the suns and systems, which are but points of light to us, are inhabited globes, as useful and possibly more beautiful than ours. On all of these globes of light there must be "Sons of Light." Freemasonry is for all time and all worlds. Two thousand years hence the Grand Lodge of Saturn may be recognised by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and one of the former's rings may decorate and designate its Representative near this Grand Lodge!

Who would not voice his admiration of such a Masonic posterity? The universality of Masonry an accomplished fact, the supremacy of Masonic law and the absolute unity

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era, to then assimilate our customs to theirs, and reduce all of the best Masonic theories, which are so lovely in themselves, to every day practice, to absolute Masonic facts.—*Keystone.*

PROGRESS IN MASONRY.

PROGRESS is a word that ought to be stamped upon life taken as a whole. The path of noble and worthy human living always points forward and upward. The call is to advance, to resist and overcome obstacles, to march on to better things, to rise, even

> "On the stepping stones
> Of our dead selves."

to the heights whereon the brightness rests that most attracts our souls.

What is true progress in life? Ruskin says: "He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, and whose spirit is entering into living peace." It is not all outward, in the things that help to material advantage and worldly distinctions; rather is it an inward development, a larger and more accurate comprehension of truth, the disciplining and ennobling of the moral being, and the attainment of a fullness of life by the use of right means—by unwearied activities and struggles. This only is that manly progress which brings the best results to deserving souls.

If true progress in a general sense is defined and applied, we are helped to understand what progress in Freemasonry implies. It means more than the taking of many degrees. A brother may advance rapidly in opening door after door leading to Masonic secrets, and acquiring membership in various organisations representing the Craft, yet he may not be making great progress. He may move forward altogether too rapidly in taking degrees and orders; he may be careless or presumptuous and consequently fail to appreciate the lessons in which he has been instructed or obtain much profit therefrom. He may belong to all the bodies that claim the Masonic name, but after all his real Masonic progress does not reach very far, and he has no great reason to boast of his hurried advance from Lodge to Chapter, from Chapter to Commandery, and so on until the end is reached. Masonic progress means more than the attainment of official positions and honours. In the common view the obtaining of office in subordinate and Grand Bodies puts the stamp of success upon a brother's efforts to advance. He enters upon a progressive career as he wins official honours; he goes forward as these honours are multiplied; he reaches the heights only when the last degree is taken and the highest official position secured.

This is the common judgment; but it falls far short of an accurate estimate of what constitutes the best progress in Freemasonry. For that progress it is essential that there should be an understanding of the Masonic system—a knowledge of its history and philosophy—a comprehension of its principles and teachings. He who has never studied the mysteries of the Craft or their purport, who cannot explain the symbolism of the foundation degrees, or comprehend historic and personal references in the work—is such an one entitled to rank among progressive Masons? Suppose even that he has been advanced to high places of official distinction, does it follow as a matter of course that he has made extraordinary progress along those paths which are the brightest in Masonic fields and the most fruitful of good? The highest and best progress must be witnessed in other ways. The progressive brother is always a learner. He never thinks that he has completed his education as a Craftsman. He studies the ritual, the ceremony and the symbolism which belong to the various degrees and orders he has taken, and seeks constantly to get the right view of the Institution from the right sources. He is faithful in whatever station he occupies, doing his best always to serve his brethren and the interests of any organisation to which he may be attached. He appreciates Freemasonry in its social, intellectual and moral bearings, and in its giving life and usefulness along those well-defined lines finds sympathetically and actively the way of progress always opening

gress in Masonry. He makes advances along brightening way. He gathers new acquisit Masonic study and experience as the years go b for the Institution deepens, and he counts duty and a privilege to labour in its behalf opportunity.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE DORSETSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire at Swanage on Thursday, the 18th inst., presidency of the R.W P.G.M. Bro. Montagu G announcement was made that the Dep. Prov. Hambro, M.P., having received Jubilee honours, his Provincial office in the hands of the P. appointed in his stead Bro. W. E. Brymer, la Dorchester. The P.G. Chaplain delivered a le uncommonly able and bold character, contrastin English rite some marvellous realistic ceremoni by foreign Masonic bodies. The P.G.M., in his the general state of his Province, said the p satisfactory. He commented with approval on who had performed 21 out of 22 ceremonies, an his successor, and this brother, who already hel of Registrar, was promoted to be Prov. S.G brother, it appeared, had attended a Jubilee ce Masonic clothing, but he was said to be only old. The Treasurer's account, showing a bala £30 on the year, Bro. L. H. Ruegg P.P.S.G.W that 20 guineas should be voted to Bro. Rev. Prov. G.C., who is a Steward for the Girls' thi the suggestion was acted on. The Provinc Charity has now a fund of over £2,200, and i tioned by Bro. George Burt, the Chairman, that in addition to grants of money for the relief o had lately voted sums for the education of the poor brethren. The following appointments we

Bro. W. E. Brymer P.M. 417	D.P.G.M.
J. Trevor Davies P.M. 1168 ...	S.W.
J. Shearman W.M. 1146	J.W.
Rev. Arthur Hill, D.D., P.M. 170 ...	Chaplain
R. D. Thornton 1037 (re-elected) ...	Treasurer
H. F. Harvey, P.M. 622	Registrar
R. Case P.M. 417 (re-appointed) ...	Secretary
F. Turner P.M. 707	Senior Deac
Allan McLean W.M. 170	Junior Deac
W. H. Kerb y P.M. 665	Superintend
F. Budden W.M. 622	Director of
J. W. Tribbett W.M. 386	Assist. Dir.
J. Stewart W.M. 1266	Sword Bear
W. T. W. Robinson P.M. 1266 ...	Organist
C. Roberts W.M. 472	Pursuivant
F. A. Sharp	Stewards
S. Whettam	
C. Tinsley	
J. E. Hill	
J. F. Hatchard	
R. Tucker jun.	
F. Long	Tyler

The brethren afterwards dined together, presidency of Bro. George Burt P.P.S.G.W Sheriff of London.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Mast monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the p Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. The programme of the September Quarterly Communication havi before the Board of Masters, the Board of confirmed recommendations to the amount of at the July meeting. There were twenty-si tioners, a smaller list than has been present time. These were relieved with a total sum of was made up as follows:—One recommendati Lodge for £150, one for £100, and three fo two recommendations to the Grand Master f and six for £30 each; while four grants were

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PHILADELPHIAN CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AND BROTHER,—I should not have troubled you again, ably promised in one of my letters to you to point to what explanation of the Philadelphian status as the mother ican Freemasonry.

ill in a fog, and shall be unless Liber A. turns up, as to e position of Freemasonry in Philadelphia before 1731.

act of the meeting in 1731, if we look at its actuality st lead to the conclusion that there was an anterior sonic life and existence there. Of course all is now hazy, d in great uncertainty, and I can only speak hesitatingly atically.

y was working in Philadelphia early in the eighteenth ame from somewhere.

ion was peculiar certainly, for despite his Patent of 1730 ing. The Philadelphian claims for primacy are inde- Coxe altogether.

hen did these "Privileges" emanate of which Franklin 34?

d treats all the annals of Freemasonry in Philadelphia as pre-historic. Perhaps he is right, but as there is no nt a cause, what was the original nature and motive lladelphian Freemasonry?

never surprise me if subsequent researches led to the hat the early settlers brought probably a Scottish form nry, and that with the peculiar laxity of those days, nts were unheeded, opened a Lodge, claimed immemorial eventually chose a Grand Master, whatever meaning y gave to the term in those days. They say often in tters one suggestion is as good as another, and therefore what it is worth, and having done so, I have had my say, subscribe myself,

ar Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

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ve been requested to insert the following com- ation.

HE GREAT QUESTION SETTLED.

To the Editor of the MASONIC HOME JOURNAL.

t,—The infinite ease with which Editor McCalla, of the *Keystone*, kicks over all of his laboured statements of ars' iteration, that Philadelphia had the first regular dge in America, by reason of the same having been y Daniel Coxe in 1731, he has made evident in his paper inst.

om being now bound in any manner by the Henry Bell y of his own previous asseverations, on sight of the English ould's sixth volume, he incontinently sheds the whole load ments, by which he had deluded the Masons of Pennsyl- t to swear by him, as easily as a snake sheds his worn- d swallows it, and at once adopts the English author's e Tun Tavern Lodge of Philadelphia was of origin similar ne four old Lodges which met at the Goose and Gridiron d there resolved, &c. Or, in other words, that the Tun ge was entirely regular, by virtue of its being self-con- s was the York (England) Lodge of all England, with oe of which, however, he takes no notice, that the York ad the charter of York as their authority, while the ans had no charter at all, and, by reason of their al" character, did not want one, until in 1734 Benjamin ien their Grand Master, so made by immemorial authority, that they did, and therefore applied to Henry Price for

Bro. McCalla can take rank as the great Masonic Hermanus tor-in-chief. He has no more use for Daniel Coxe or his r's Henry Bell letter, whether real or forged, as he knows was, and the more so as the name of Henry Bell is not ne subject of any *Liber B* "stock" account. Nor does find *Liber A* (though Bro. Gould would like to see it), t the all-knowing Mever say there is nothing in it but accounts, and of course he knows. On the contrary, s now all the authority he ever can desire for the regu- ne Tun Tavern Lodge. Indeed so much so is this the fact t really now proved in a court of justice that Coxe did t Lodge, and helped to make Franklin in it in February said he would prove, and has, as it were, sworn in past nd on both these positions with a foot on each, as if they nd and sea of the angel of the apocalypse, or the two es of the harbour of Rhodes, he would now reject both her and prouder authority of such Lodge being instituted met at the Hoop Tavern, Philadelphia, in those early times, are it like manner kicked over by Bro. McCalla, as irrelevant and useless "I don't want these or any other form of evidence whatever," he exclaims. "Immemorial authority!" that is the ticket that counts and why I was such an ass to let Gould first think of it, I just fee like wiping the floor with myself for!

Immemorial authority! I thank thee for that word, O Jew! I has cut the Gordian knot, and let me out triumphantly.

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Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2706. Part I. 1887.

THE first part has appeared of the promised Transactions of this Student Lodge, and reflects great credit, not only on the contributors, but on Bro. G. W. Speth, who has acted as Editor of the same. We can quite understand the reason why so many subscribing members to the "Correspondence Circle" have announced themselves, and we certainly think Lodges and bodies, as well as Student Masons, cannot better invest their money than in support of this intellectual

will assimilate well and seasonably with mental digestio

Bro. Woodford, who contributes the original consecr also contributes a paper on a subject which just now l tion for many,—The Connection between Freemason meticism.

Bro. Woodford offers the paper as a *tentamen* merely like himself, as a suggestion for those who care for suc at present at any rate "nomen illis legio non est," as be filled up, as he says, by abler hands and later writ subject is more ventilated, when the matter is more when the coincidences, which are many, and the fa numerous, and all bearing on a neglected subject, shall the attention and the realisation they so fairly deserve.

By one of those peculiarities of thought and feeling all human pursuits, all the studies of the wise, al quarrels of controversialists, Hermeticism, a branch archæology, has been unwisely neglected, or contemptu Bro. Gould was the first who paid any attention matter, and he after all was able only to look upon it, will, we think, in the future receive more attention, will amply justify Bro. Woodford's cautious and studi of inquiry, verification, and appreciation.

Bro. Gould contributes, *more suo*, a very characteristi paper. It is marked by many salient proofs of language and powers of condensation, by his forcib epigrammatic style, and by a very fair, calm a statement of the points he wishes to urge, the conclusio establish.

Whether he or his distinguished predecessor in branch of study and contention, Bro. D. M. Lyon, or retiring *confrère*, Bro. W. J. Hughan, have hit u solution of the Scottish grade system, is a matter on w may be permitted, like a great Chancellor, still to have t

It would almost seem as if Bro. Simpson was r J.W. of the Quatuor Coronati, when he suggested that existed between the Scottish Lodges or trade-guilds, an Lodges as Domatic Masons, if we express ourselves Schaw Statutes clearly refer in the main to the trad nowhere appears that any such rules and regulation Lodges,—*quâ* speculative Lodges as we understand the

Bro. Gould lays great stress, and fairly so, on the an universal use of the third degree.

But that fact may be accounted for in various ways.

Both at York and in London the giving of the third originally allowed to the private Lodges.

In London, not until January 1725 formally, and is a very late example of the ceremony in the Grand L

No doubt as Lodges grew more numerous, and increased, it was impossible to restrict this grade to body, and as the Grand Lodge had ceased to be ambul become stationary and central, the reason for the old r

In Scotland it is more than probable that the mo younger bodies kept the giving of the three degrees and the fact of "Masters' Lodges," in which apparen were kept, has surrounded the whole question with di it is now all but impossible apparently to speak dogm

If there was really any essential difference betwee working and Mary Chapel, it was not mentioned visit; the minutes of that old Lodge are quite is no hint or sign given of any such change, or of the entire Scottish system, for that is involved; and to be established is that where Lodges gradually, claimed independently of their Mother Lodges the ri grade they did so.

Substitute the other Lodges in Scotland for Gr England, and we have, we think, one explanation of t there was clearly a separate entering ceremony, formal only, matters little. There is no *d priori* separate ceremony for the third degree should not exi

Bro. Gould's paper deserves the careful perusal of a valuable contribution to a most difficult subject, question on which there are and probably always sides, it merits alike from those who agree as well as agree, the admiration and respect it is fully entitled to

Bro. Speth's contribution to the history of the distinguished by his wonted ability and clearness. I deliberate impeachment of the theories of Fallou and of Findel. Fallou no doubt has greatly enlarged both scope of Heidelhoff's remarks, and has built upon a fo seems as brittle as sand.

Conceded that the Steinmetzen may have had Mon and leaders, it cannot as yet be conceded that any pro Masonic ceremonial. The Steinmetzen usages were the roughest kind, and it is difficult to say positively had an esoteric teaching or an esoteric system of an are traces here and there, and statements here and th to intimate that all the Steinmetzen were either n level, or in the same category, and that there were b visual tokens in use, if not universally, if not nece rate in some centres and in some Lodges.

The peculiar poem in the old "Platt Deutsch," o Steinmetzen, would seem to point to some my Masonically preserved, in some Lodges, and no nicated to the "Gesellen," "Pallires," and the "

lmud," a work which cannot now be identified in any form, duced most erroneous views of the antiquity of the third

a is, scientifically and archæologically speaking, the third eally the oldest portion of our ceremonial. Bro. Hayter-er proved this,—that in the fifteenth century the tradi-iown, and if known to the commentator, why not to the s Bro. Speth tersely and conclusively puts it, the old was,—the legend was not heard of until early in the century, (though that assertion is clearly inadmissible by and therefore was most incorrect.

ent it is proved to be ancient, it is then asserted it was at all, a fact which is equally disproved. Bro. Lewis's furnish a basis for further inquiries and further disqui-loubt.

ant and distinguished W.M., Sir C. Warren, concludes the ' the Transactions with a very able and recondite paper on tion of Temples. It is a subject on which much can be which important minutiæ of difference may exist amongst entalists.

with Sir Charles in holding that a Phœnician influence ing has affected all Masonic traditions, and we are ble to his idea of a connection as between the Mysteries sonic system.

es to lean to Oliver's views of pure systems, and pt ones; there may be truth in the position, but it is a very e, for many patent reasons, to elaborate and prove. It ne best rather shady, and certainly does not accord with and belief of the authentic school.

t know if that able writer has ever studied the Abbe Lamy's t on the Temple. We think there is evidence of side north and south, as our traditions assert, and in one of aborate drawings they undoubtedly exist. But as the s yet to be further discussed by Bro. Simpson and others, re to-day.

t all students will applaud the resolution of the Quatuor publish their Transactions yearly, as well as rare Masonic ther in MS. or print, and we feel sure we shall chime in ith the feelings of all our readers, when we reiterate essed and hearty good wishes for the onward progress of r Coronati Lodge.

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reign Lady Queen Victoria; her Life and Jubilee. By Archer, F.R.H.S. Vol. I. London: Blackie and Son, Pub-Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Dublin.

easant task to glance over the pages of this finely-executed we see in its completion a fitting sequel to all the rejoicings ities which have marked the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's eign. Great as was the magnitude and splendour of those tions of loyalty and patriotism, they are now engraven e tablet of memory; it remains for the historian to hand down to future generations, and to stamp permanently on al archives the events which the past few months have o us. Into no abler hands could this duty have fallen than he well-known author of "Pictures and Royal Portraits, of English and Scottish History," "Fifty Years of Social cal Progress," and still more recently a series of articles r in Egypt and the Soudan. Power of graphic description, rch, and a well-balanced estimate of political influences and re characteristics of this author's work, and they are again emplified in the volume now under consideration. In his ages the writer, whilst recognising the fact that the present mark an epoch in the social and domestic, as well as the istory of Great Britain, observes that the occasion was one r, not merely because the Queen has reigned for fifty years, her reign has been marked in a high degree by national nd prosperity, but also for the reason that the Sovereign ved those personal and household virtues which are dear to e, with whom she has ever manifested sincere, and it may aid familiar, sympathy. This is a key-note of the whole the writer seems never to tire whilst speaking of the nd public excellencies of the monarch who sways so wisely ell the destinies of this mighty Empire. And thus we are possession of the *raison d'être* of this series of volumes, " to provide a complete and worthy Life of our Sovereign a fitting memorial of the personal regard and affection this year found such abundant expression from every class ajesty's loyal subjects. Quoting from the introductory f the author, "The forthcoming narrative will present a al rather than a historical record—a record, faithful, g, and well illustrated, of the Royal Family and of the Sovereign Lady rather than as Sovereign Ruler. It is o be a complete and consecutive account, derived from the worthy sources, of the life story of the revered and beloved whom we owe more than ordinary allegiance; and it will ermanent record of the celebrations by which the year has nguished." Such a work, it is almost unnecessary to appeals to all classes of English readers, and its historical be readily admitted. How many of us can recollect how hours of our childhood were beguiled by pictures represent-battles and historical events, which were treasured up by

electric telegraphs to flash the message to remote regions of the world, nor railways to carry it swiftly to distant towns and villages in the United Kingdom, yet as the news spread it awakened deep interest among thoughtful people, not only in England but on the Continent of Europe. Step by step is traced the early training and education of the young Princess, for whom there appeared to be little immediate prospect of succeeding to the throne. Though peculiar circumstances had placed the royal authority in the hands of the Prince Regent, who was fifty-seven years old, this necessarily involves a retrospect of the House of Hanover, and considerable attention is bestowed upon the private life and the historical events that marked the successive eras of the Georges. Space does not permit of even a cursory outline of this survey, which is presented in a readable and highly interesting way; and we must pass over the description given of the parents of our Queen, the excellencies of their private and public lives, and many other subjects in which the reader will discover an infinite fund of entertainment and instruction. The "new princess" was declared to be a beautiful baby, and it was no flattery to say so; that was the universal conclusion. At the christening, which took place at Kensington Palace, a month after the date of her birth, the Duke of Kent is reported to have said, with a kind of subdued delight, "Look at her well, for she will be Queen of England." It is not surprising therefore, that the christening was an event which caused a little excitement and was made of some importance. The circumstances of this ceremony are described, and then come other matters of domestic nature, such as the vaccination which "took well," the maternal care of the Duchess of Kent, who not only "nursed" her baby, but then, and long afterwards, personally attended to a daily bathing and the tiny toilette. The writer says, "These may appear to be small matters to record, but they have a very definite relation to the sound health which Her Majesty has enjoyed, and for the strength which has enabled her cheerfully to fulfil her duties to the State under very trying conditions." A startling incident in the Queen's infant life occurred when she was taken to spend part of the winter in the milder climate of Devonshire. At the quiet abode selected, at Sidmouth, a careless boy, who had contrived to get hold of a gun, and went out to shoot any small birds that he could find, carried his sport so close to the Duke's cottage that he fired through the nursery window. The glass was shattered, and some of the shot passed close to the head of the child in the nurse's arms. The delinquent was captured and brought before the Duke, who with the Duchess had been seriously alarmed; but perhaps not more alarmed than the culprit himself, who, however, escaped with a solemn warning and reprimand on promising to be more careful in future. Soon after this the Queen's father died, and the Duchess was for the second time a widow. The accession of the Prince Regent as George IV. was little more than a formal proclamation, for he had been practically on the throne for ten years, and was himself seriously ill with a cold, which ended in a similar disorder to that of which his brother the Duke of Kent had died. The child-life of the princess is recorded as "well ordered," and though we can fancy a sense of loneliness when the rosy, plump child, or later, the little girl, with much capacity for fun and social pleasures, broke the rather subdued echoes of the old galleries and rooms with the sound of her flying feet, or loitered sometimes to gaze at the pictures or scan the portraits, some of them of rather puffy-faced juveniles, representing members of the previous royal families, there was some compensation in the hours spent out-of-doors. On one of those occasions, when taking exercise in her miniature phaeton in Kensington Gardens, an alarming accident occurred, which, but for the quickness and presence of mind of a private soldier who was passing, might have had a very serious result. The pony was being led by a page; a lady—presumably the Duchess—walked on one side, and a young woman beside the chaise. A large water-dog gambolling on the road got between the legs of the pony and caused it to plunge, bringing the wheels of the carriage on to the pathway. The child was falling out, and the carriage appeared to be toppling over upon her, when, before she reached the ground, head foremost, the soldier, whose name was Maloney, caught her by the dress and swung her upwards into his arms. After restoring her to the lady, amidst the congratulations of the few people assembled, he was told to follow the carriage to the Palace, where he received a guinea, and the very fervent thanks of the Duchess; and it is said that he was afterwards not lost sight of. A great many more anecdotes of the Queen's child-life, her amusements, her running and jumping in the gardens, and the notice with which she was honoured by all around her, are described with much vivacity, the recital being interspersed by the record of events then occurring at home and abroad, the celebrities who left their impress upon that period, &c. Interesting chapters tell us of the imparting to the young Princess the information as to her succession to the Throne, and recognition of the position by Parliament; the festivites at Court, and the political excitement caused by the news; leading up to the death of William IV., and the accession and coronation of Victoria. Again much space—too much perhaps—is occupied in relating the agitation which moved the country during the advocacy of the Reform Bill and other political matters; and readers will be more interested in the romantic portion of the work, devoted to the history of Prince Albert, his training and subsequent Queen's "love match," the crowning point of which was the Royal Wedding at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, which brings us to the end of the present volume. Taking this as a sample of what we may expect in the three other volumes that are to follow, we shall eagerly look forward to the development of a history so admirably written and so carefully worked out. The work is got up in the highest style of the typograph

It would seem to me inadvisable to set out here, at full length, the Patent in French, the more so as it has been often printed, though the copy supplied by Daruty, page 194, and certified by Bro. Albert Pike, is undoubtedly the most correct, and has the two original attestations which I give below, besides Bro. Pike's Certificate. As I before remarked, it is moreover only the translation of a translation, and though there is no reason to doubt either its genuineness or authenticity, it has necessarily not the authority of the original Patent. A little difficulty has arisen from the fact that Delahogue used certain abbreviations, which seem to prove the fact of a copy, though on the other hand they have led to the liberties certain transcribers have taken both with phrases and even names. It has been suggested that the original Patent was in Latin; if so, that would explain many of the anomalies of the case.

It has been affirmed that this document, important to the history of the High Grades, was issued to Morin conjointly by the Grand Lodge of France and the "Conseil des Empereurs," but this seems to be a complete mistake.

It is in truth an emanation, not from the Grand Lodge of France, but from the Grand and Sovereign Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem, established at the Orient of Paris, and the Perfect Grand Masters of the Grand Conseil of the regular Lodges, under the protection of the Grand Sovereign Lodge, under the numbers sacred and mysterious. Now this is a formula of which no precedent exists as used by the Grand Lodge of France.

It is signed by some High Grade personages, and by Daubertin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, (that is, of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem) and of the Sublime Council of Prince Masons in France.

The Comte de Clermont was Protector, as he is termed, of all Orders and Grades in France and Lodges of every kind.

This document is sealed with the seal of the Grand Master, and of the Grand Lodge and Sovereign Council, not with the seal of the Grand Lodge of France.

Some writers interpolate after Grande Loge (de France), but that nowhere occurs in the original document, and the Grand Loge is clearly, that with whatever name the Patent begins, the Grand Lodge of Perfection, of Sublime and Perfect Masonry.

It is very important to keep this before us.

The following is Delahogue's Certificate:—

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J. Bte. Mis Delahogue.
Adrx. Frois De Grasse.

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Albert Pike 33°,
Or of Charleston, So. Carolina, 20 September 1877.

Some reflections and comments on what I have now noted for students I reserve for my next note.

Spero.

2.—The Inigo Jones MS.

As some questions have arisen about this so-called MS., it seems desirable to supplement my former note on the subject.

The Inigo Jones MS., so-called for convenience sake, and one or two circumstances attendant on its discovery and peculiarities, is undoubtedly a pre 1700 MS.

Everything about it points to that conclusion,—paper, binding, chirography; and that it can in any sense be an eighteenth century MS. can only be attributed to an unexpert appreciation of the facts of the case.

It was assumed originally, both at Messrs. Puttick's sale and in Mr. Pickering's catalogue, that the drawing was by Inigo Jones himself, but that is not necessarily the case.

The endorsement at the foot of the drawing may only mean, after all, when fully considered, that the original drawing was by Inigo Jones, of which the undoubtedly bad "replica" has been made.

As the one decisive proof of its real antiquity is wanting, and cannot now we fear be discovered, we must be content with an expert approximation of its date, which is from 1680 to 1685-90. But certainly pre 1700. An argument has been

copied from the MS., than that the transcriber of the
from Anderson.

As regards the argument from Josephus, that fails eve
Inigo Jones.

The first edition in English of Josephus, by Lodg
lished in folio in 1602.

There was a fine copy of his works in Greek, with
volumes, royal folio, by J. Hudson, published in 1726, wh
Josephus first edition of the standard edition in English
late as 1737, one volume folio.

I cannot see then how such an argument can be p
further. It appears to me utterly "out of court."

There is no possibility of the so-called Inigo Jon
arranged for the purpose of deception.

Nothing was known of it until about 1881, and
come before Masonic students at all.

It was advertised by Puttick and Simpson, re-a
Mr. Pickering, purchased by Bro. Woodford, and is r
stand, at Kidderminster.

Its history was truly given originally in the *Fr*
Masonic Magazine, and the moment it was discovered
assigned to it by its original advertisers could not be
was so announced, and the date was reduced from 1606
Of its earlier history nothing it seems is known.

THE SWALLOW-TAILED COAT

Oh, for the old-fashioned days of our sires,
When Craftsmen were judged by their measure o
When worth superseded ambitious desires,
And Masons were Masons in letter and spirit.
In those days the clothing that one wore to meetin
His standard of excellence did not denote,
And a Brother was sure of a Brotherly greeting,
Although not togged out in a swallow-tailed coa

Then the rich and the poor, the mighty and lonely,
All met together, with one common care;
To propitiate friendship their purpose was wholly,
And to meet on the Level and part on the Squar
Then the humble mechanic, without being invited,
Could to visiting Lodges his evenings devote,
And be cordially welcomed, and never be slighted,
By some elderly dude in a swallow-tailed coat.

And yet, after all, 'mongst these swallow-tailed Br
Are some of the best that the Craft ever knew;
They consider the Lodge a society gathering,
And merely conform to the prevalent view.
But others, who come to the Lodge thus attired,
Are striving their own selfish ends to promote,
And think they were born to be praised and admir
Because they have borrowed a swallow-tailed coa

There are hundreds of Brethren in prominent static
With hearts of pure gold and intelligence rare,
That have not been accustomed to fashion's dictati
Regarding the style of the clothes they should w
And names have the pages of history brightened,
Of more than one soldier and statesman of note
Who, though battles they fought and the world the
Would feel out of place in a swallow-tailed coat.

Then reserve evening dress for society rackets,
The wedding reception, or "Upper-ten" ball,
And let Brotherly Love, and true Friendship to ba
Prevail in the Lodge-room among one and all.
Don't be too high-toned; but, without hesitation,
To your humbler Brother your talents devote;
Don't recall to his mind his inferior station
By parading around in a swallow-tailed coat.

Teetotal Lodges.—We cannot understand the idi
brings about this idea in the minds of Masons. Are
that require reclaiming? or are we gentlemen tha
behave decently and in order? Surely we have not fo
the most prominent teachings of our good old Craft,
ance chasten you." How familiar does the grand old
and how useful is it to remember! not only in the m
drinks. It would be a poor thing to say it should st
temperance chasten you in *all things*, Brethren; that
to be conveyed. Act as intelligent and educated men,
control over your minds and bodies; do your du
Succour the widow and the fatherless, and *keep yours*
from the world, and you will not require Teetotal Lod
Freemason.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Counsel for the de
whom the changeable temperature is a protracted period of
the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good he
ing Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the mos
for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey
sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis,
ing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and

.G.D. P.M., Jno. Noyes P.P.G.P. P.M., Wm. Lewis Prov. [.P.M., W. Gilbert P.P.G.W. P.M., J. Robinson P.P.G.W. Knight P.P.G.S.Wks. P.M., S. Jacobs P.P.G.P. P.M., a P.M. and P.P.G.P. Essex, J. Fisher P.P.G.S.B. P.M., worth W.M. Elect S.W., F. M. Bilby J.W., E. West P.M. and Treasurer, T. Reilly P.P.G.P. P.M. and Secre-. Blackmore J.D., W. Edwards I.G., A. G. Young O.G., arst S., J. Howlett A.S., E. J. Watkins, Chas. W. Ford, , D. J. Whitte, H. Ramsden, Hy. Trask, G. H. Burgam, . J. Priddle, H. Peacock, W. Metcalf, G. S. Metcalf, kel, J. Crockett, J. Mark, J. H. Maxfield, C. Broadbury, Herbert E. Smith, Thos. Welsh, B. Goodale, R. Stables, . Robin, Chas. Phipps, J. Maycock, C. W. Wiggs, Jas. P. Aldridge. Visitors:—Bros. George Wyatt Oriental s. Long Lodge No. 1445, Jas. Gaskell P.M. 1076, United Grand Lodge, W. J. Bassett W.M. 212, J. Truman Sargeant 1987, H. W. Stanley 1472, W. J. Musto P.M. Dicks 1437, W. G. Bailey 1276, Wm. Mavor 1309. The opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting nfirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. A. Sproat P.P.G.S. Elect Bro. George Holdsworth having been obligated in the by Bro. W. A. Sproat, the ceremony of installing him air of K.S. was very ably performed by Bro. J. Robinson Afterwards the W.M. invested his Officers in the follow-:—Bro. W. A. Sproat I.P.M., F. M. Bilby S.W., tmore J.W., Edward West Treasurer, T. Reilly Secretary, ls S.D., J. Howlett J.D., W. Gilbert D.C., D. Medcalf R. Middlehurst I.G., W. Bickel S., W. Metcalf A.S., g Tyler. The charges to the Officers and brethren were cessively rendered by the immediate Past Master at. After which the Worshipful Master Bro. George addressed the meeting, and on behalf of the Lodge pre-. Sproat with a very handsome and valuable Past Master's ognition of the eminent services rendered by him during office, which has been one of the most successful in the of this Lodge, both financially and in the unanimity pre-ngst its members. A gentleman was proposed for initia-allot to be taken at the next meeting. After some other e Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned ens of the establishment for a short time, and later on ed in the banquet room, where a most excellent repast em. The tables were beautifully decorated, the various re of the choicest, the dessert magnificent, and the wines The whole of the arrangements reflected great credit on host, Bro. J. Tydeman, and his staff. The various Loyal ic toasts were proposed, drank and responded to. That of ipful Master Bro. Geo. Holdsworth was acknowledged by able terms. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for nce shown in electing him to the proud position of Master Harold Lodge; it had prospered in the past year, and ind assistance of his Past Masters and Officers he trusted ccess of the Lodge would continue. They all had reason d of their Lodge; it was the largest in the Province of ontributed more than any other to the funds of Provincial ge, and was foremost in help to the Masonic Charities. He w how to thank them sufficiently for the kind way in ealth had been proposed, and the hearty way in which all nded to it. In replying to the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. at expressed thanks for the kindness shown him by the d every member during his year; it had been a gloriously prosperous one. He thanked them again for the band-entation jewel, and for drinking his health in the hearty ey had. He hoped they would all rally round their new o. Holdsworth, and support him well during the next year. rt responded on behalf of the Past Masters. He congratu-W.M. upon his elevation to the chair, and thanked him on all the Past Masters for the kind expressions used in to them, and on their behalf promised whatever support afford. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. W. J. Bassett Musto P.M. 1349, J. Long 1445, and Bro. Dr. Mavor res-Bro. Mavor remarked that the hospitality afforded the as so hearty and everything so good at the King Harold t he enjoyed himself so well that if again invited he would endeavour to attend. He felt assured all the Visitors had y enjoyed themselves. The health of the initiate was res-by Bro. W. P. Aldridge, who thanked the W.M. and or admitting him a member of such a noble Order. His of Masonry was but little at present; he had, however, favourable opinion of its principles, and his first endeavours to become a worthy and good Mason. Several brethren the enjoyment of the evening by some excellent singing. satisfactory meeting was brought to a close.

on Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, , at the Wheat Sheaf, Goldhawk Road, W. Present:—hild P.M. W.M., G. Higginson S.W., T. Wood J.W., W. H. P.M. Secretary, Chas Coombs S.D., Jennings J.D., G., John Davies Preceptor; Past Masters Bros. J. Ion ms, Cochrane; also Bros. Larter, Chatwin, Wright, Gilbert, ann, Cragge, P. J. Davies, Johnston, L. Cox. After pre-, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chatwin

goer was talking about the Henley regatta tableau at the Standard now all will be speaking admiringly of the lifeboat scene, which most interesting and realistic. Still, notwithstanding this grea effect, we are afraid "The Royal Mail" will prove too weak an commonplace to repay the management for the great trouble the have been put to in staging the piece. The drama is in a prologu and three acts, and is written by the authors of "A Dark Secret and "Daybreak." The period is described as the Burmese War, an the prologue opens at a besieged fort on the banks of the Irrawadd This enables Mr. R. Douglass to give us one of those realistic picture for which the Standard is noted. The people in the garrison hav built a raft, and try to escape down the river. They are attacke by the enemy, but a relief party arrives in time to save them. Th picture would do credit to any West-end house. Later on we have Royal Mail cart robbed, an attempt to poison the heroine, and the comes the great scene of the play—A Wreck off Mumbles Head, wit a real lifeboat, built by Messrs. Wolfe and Sons, returning from th rescue. From this it will easily be seen that the piece does not lac excitement, but then excitement will not "make" a piece. Th support is hardly as good as usual at this house, if we accept Mi Amy Steinberg, who is always a good and sincere heroine. M Richard Hunter is certainly a fair doctor, while Mr. Richard Purdo is amusing as a comical scoundrel; but Mr. G. W. Cockburn lack force as the villain. Messrs. Hugh Marston, George Byrne, Charl Marklew, Stanley Pringle, the Misses Marie St. John, Stella Leig and Kate Leslie are the other principals. Every one should pay visit to the Standard, if only to see the two latest stage pictures b Mr. Richard Douglass, to whom all praise is due.

Avenue.—If any there be who are in doubt as to the horse bein a noble and intelligent animal, the opportunity just now is offered witnessing one of the cleverest—we may say the cleverest—troop of horses ever seen in England. If scepticism should still asse itself, we think the individuals concerned must indeed be very ha to convince. The troupe of horses now under notice is that exhibite by Professor E. K. Crooker. From this gentleman we learn th his troupe understand over 500 different commands, comprising vocabulary of over 2,000 words. They know their own names, also those of their companions. That they understand what is sa to them is evident, for the Professor never seems to fail in conveyi his meaning. Among the cleverest feats performed by these equi wonders, we may mention their military drill. Here twelve hors march and counter march in twos and fours with the greate precision. One horse there is that can distinguish colours, and told to pick out a certain handkerchief from among others, does without the slightest mistake. The Professor has also a horse th can sit without first lying down, while one of the funniest things the great court scene, with judge, jury, lawyers, and prisoner, repr sented by horses. The programme concludes with a battle, and he the horses discharge mortars and cannon, and in the end fire t enemy's forts. As remarked on the programme "it must be see to be understood, let alone appreciated." The above is only a few the tricks Professor Crooker's puts his troupe of horses through, do not however wish it to be understood because we have on mentioned a few that the other tricks are not worth seeing. F from it, they are all considerably above the average, and reflect t greatest credit on the teacher, who must be possessed of an exce tional amount of patience. That the exhibition will prove a succe we feel assured, but if a few variety artistes were introduced duri the waits—which occupy half an hour in a two hours' entertainme —the public would be more inclined to pay the charge for admissi viz.: the West End Theatre scale.

Covent Garden.—The present season of Promenade Concer is proving quite as successful as the previous ones. Mr. Freem Thomas has had the house decorated with fairy lamps, which ha a very pretty effect. On Tuesday last there was a good house, wh the singing and instrumental numbers were quite up to the old for Mr. A. Gwyllym Crowe conducted the orchestra through seve pieces. These were all rendered in perfect style, one or two ite having to be repeated. Madame Rose Hersee made her fi appearance here this season, and was in splendid voice. She re dered in perfect style "Nobil Signor" and "I dreamt that I dwel Madame Enriquez gave "Rose, softly blooming," and for an enco "For Ever and For Ever." Later in the evening she gave "Ang Macdonald." Mr. Henry Piercy received an encore for "T Soldier's Grave," when he sang "Tom Bowling." This gentlem was also encored for his rendering of "The Death of Nelson." O of the most enjoyable items on the programme was Mr. Crow latest vocal waltz, "Gypsies." The composer has written a brig and pretty tune, and one that we feel sure will become as popular his previous efforts. Mr. Stedman's excellent choir of boys and gi are once more engaged, and acquit themselves admirably. The pe fect tune they keep helps to send the work along in merry sty These young performers keep up the reputation Mr. Stedman has justly earned; this he is certainly entitled to. It is needless to s that an encore was demanded and granted. Mr. Howard Reynold cornet solo, "The Lost Chord," was given in this gentleman's almo unapproachable style, while Mr. Julian Egerton's clarionet solo w equally well received.

The Promenade Concerts at Her Majesty's Theatre have exceedingly well arranged refreshment department, under the perienced management of Messrs. Spiers and Pond. It is alwa

Days of meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

MONDAY, 29th AUGUST.

29—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 30th AUGUST.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
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
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hal , 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
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight

WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)

...—Tuscan, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Inst)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall,
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (I
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (I
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Inst
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.,
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instru
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhit
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge,
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E.,
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (In
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.3
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camb
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell.
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E.,
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (I
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerken
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., N
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, n
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Gri
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich

ity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
ohn, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
ohn, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
gwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
enix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
mer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
nnia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. - t 8.3
ge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
urns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In
s, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
ilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
s, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
fred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
n, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
nke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
tan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
ishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
hip Hotel, Greenwich
tandard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
rvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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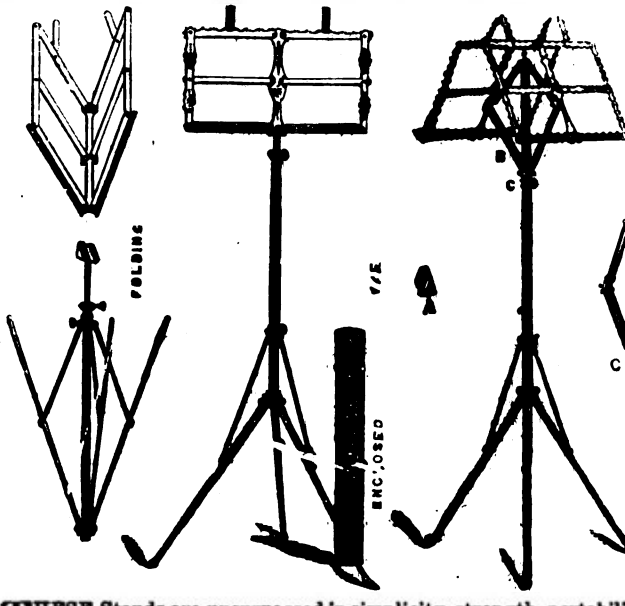

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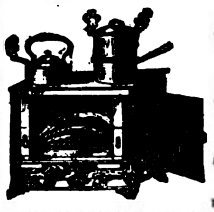

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RETURNING TO LABOUR.

month of partridges" has set in once more upon nd though the report of the "frequent gun" is rd on moorland and in covert, yet in business is generally regarded that with the advent of the holiday season is practically over, and that be expected to settle down again into a steady ntial groove. With the approach of the summer associated a programme of alluring trips and into the country, or to the seaside, when a n the monotony of every-day life can be enjoyed, hysical powers fortified for the stern duties to nust ere long return. And were it not for these ant breaks in the journey, life would indeed be ation of Mr. Mantalini's sage opinion that it is dem'd horrid grind." Parliament is tardy this ing from its labours, and the dusky partridges rom the poulterers' hooks must be tantalising to vorked members as they make their way un- Westminster, when they would fain be blazing heir respective "bits o' shooting." They will turn by-and-bye, when the ordinary holiday spun out his too brief excursion, and has ome with the reflection that he cannot eat his ave it too. The season of the hop-harvest pro- eans of pleasant outing to a section of townsfolk "bins" more for the health-giving relaxation han for the pecuniary result of their exertions; w many of the familiar Kentish resorts are fre- well-to-do strangers, as well as the nomads fields and Bethnal-green. Here, amid the tonic the hop-garden, it is said to be good for the ut on working attire and labour for some hours bin. It is even held by hygeinic authorities andle the vine and its fragrant flowers is ubstitute for the whilom Bass or Allsopp. hatever shape or form the holiday months passed, people will be returning shortly various avocations, and the remark equally our Masonic Lodges, in which a resump- k has already began to be apparent. It may portune, on the eve of brethren re-assembling ive exercise of their Masonic calling, to offer a ks upon the events that are passed and those be awaiting us. As far as our experience has g the year, nothing has happened to evoke any of feeling but that of satisfaction; as regards g year that is dawning upon us, though it is power of any one to outline for himself with he near future, he may nevertheless, by com- umstances one with another, hazard a tolerably ss as to whether the outlook is promising or . The work that has been done on behalf of our during the past eventful year has been of raiseworthy description. In spite of the depres- de, which has produced a painful effect upon of our fellow-countrymen, and has proved to the well-being and usefulness of some of the institutions of the kingdom. Masonic charity capital, but throughout every portion of the Empire; and the stress upon private generosity and patriotic enthusiasm was everywhere very severe. But, notwithstanding all this, a very large number of brethren gallantly undertook the somewhat thankless duties of Stewards, and the handsome totals realised at our three Festivals prove the growing strength and solidity of the support that is accorded to our Charities. If these results are to be taken as a criterion, the satisfactory assurance is afforded us that, come what may, in the shape of fluctuation of trade, the uncertainty of our political or commercial relations at home or abroad, the three Masonic Institutions are certain to receive that sustenance which we all desire for them, and so be maintained in the highest efficiency as proud landmarks of the Order. We have seen during the year, in connection with the Jubilee, one of the most numerous and distinguished assemblages of English Masons the country has ever witnessed, if we except the Installation of our Most Worshipful Grand Master; and the appropriation of the gross proceeds of that Commemoration Festival—over six thousand pounds—to the Charities was a tangible expression of Masonic loyality and devotion, apart from the Address which was formulated there, and afterwards presented to the Queen by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. This fillip to the funds of the Institutions, supplemented as it was by liberal grants from the Grand Lodge, so strengthened the hands of the Executive of each that they were able to make substantial additions to the amount of benefit they would otherwise have been able to bestow. All our establishments have broadened their bases and enlarged their responsibilities during the last twelve months; and it will be well for us all to remember that these responsibilities admit of no retrogression, and the sphere of usefulness attained by the managing bodies must be unflinchingly maintained. From the observations passed at meetings of Provincial Grand Lodges we have attended in different parts of England we are glad to learn that Masonry is steadily increasing in numbers and, what is still more important, improving in quality; whilst the invariable exordium from Provincial Grand Masters and their Officers is, that the cause of Charity should be fully and steadfastly kept always in view. Thus it is a happiness to find that throughout the country the most perfect harmony and accord pervades the Craft, and that the increase in the number of our Lodges has brought with it a corresponding augmentation of our Benevolent Funds. That this may continue to be the case in the coming year is the hope of every one who has the true interests of Freemasonry at heart.

Looking forward to the Session which will shortly open, there are many matters that must early engage the attention of the brethren, in addition to their personal share in the working of their respective Lodges. In a week or two we shall welcome back again our many brethren who have been enjoying their well-earned repose, amidst green fields and smiling landscapes, or upon the coasts; and there will be mutual hand-shaking of congratulation upon their improved spirits and appearance. Then, with that smoothness and harmony which characterise every well-regulated Lodge, the Officers and members will settle down to work, and go forward again, together along the paths of our favourite

considerate Tylers; the lights will re-appear, and the brethren will again repair to their respective homes—for where can the word "home" find such thorough and perfect exemplification as within the precincts of a Masonic Lodge? In pleasant recollection of the evenings we have spent together in this way we can only repeat, "Happy may we meet again." One thing is certain; the same joyous faces, the same impulses of hearty good fellowship and fraternal greeting will soon once more adorn the haunts of "ye mystic tie," when with heart and hand our friends and neighbours will cheer the winter, and dissipate for another year the inaction which inevitably accompanies the recess through which we have nearly passed. We venture to hope that in the months that are usually designated "the dull season" Masters of Lodges have not been entirely unmindful of the work which will devolve upon them in the approaching Session. From experience we know that, in many cases, this period of leisure is made the most of by the rulers of Lodges for maturing and developing some new scheme for the edification and improvement of the brethren. Nor do we see that the present year should be any exception to the rule. They will recollect that next year brings with it the Centenary of the Girls' School, when great things will be expected from the Craft in celebration of the one hundredth year of the existence of our oldest Charity. Great things will be done, undoubtedly, in connection with that event, and already Stewards are busy in that direction; but care must be exercised by Stewards for the other Institutions that the year's charity is not monopolised by the Centennial Institution. It is obvious that, whatever exertion the past year has shown, equal labour will devolve upon the Lodges next year, and this will be one of the first questions which the members of the Craft will have to take into consideration on the re-assembling of their Lodges. It may be early yet to speak of the Festivals of 1888, but we would remind our readers that it will be an exceptional year, in which every nerve and muscle will have to be strained in order to maintain the prestige and efficiency of our grand Institutions. We firmly believe they will brace themselves up for the effort, and that the result will be another glorious vindication of the principles and practice of Freemasonry. One word more, and it is this. If it be in the power of Masters to improve the programme in their Lodges so as to relieve the occasional monotony that is felt, we think the result would be very salutary. The remark applies as much, if not more, to Lodges of Instruction, where the iteration of the same phrases week by week and year by year becomes wearisome, and the real work of edification aimed at is missed. We sincerely trust that as the season progresses we may have the pleasure of participating in much of the harmony and enjoyment of which Masonry is so largely made up, and that prosperity and peace may be the lot of every Lodge during the working year which is "shortly about to commence."

THE PRESENT POSITION OF FREEMASONRY.

No. III.

THERE is a remarkable feature in the present aspect and outcome of our English Jurisdiction, and of others we may say it equally, which deserves noting and consideration, namely, the great change which has been effected in the literary wants, aims and tastes of our Fraternity.

Time was, and has not altogether, we fear, quite passed away, when students were few and readers fewer; when even anything tending to inquiry or study of Freemasonry, its history and antiquities, was rather discouraged than favoured, silently obstructed if not even actually frowned upon. Certain stereotyped views, and we fear we must say fables, were to the fore, and it was then hardly considered "good form," if not partly unorthodox, to question their coherency or doubt their accuracy.

Our Grand Lodge even was not precisely correct, or historically warranted in some statements as regards archaic

Dr. Oliver, with the best intentions in the
in truth done a great deal of harm to Mas
and students.

Under his auspices what we may without o
an Oliverian literary epoch had set in, which
native talent, ignored or obscured all the labo
thinkers and other schools, especially the Ger
might have helped to lead English students
and safe path.

Dr. Oliver was, moreover, not consistent, o
theories he propounded or the conclusions he a

His later avowals, for instance, are not con
his earlier, and in consequence gravely reacte
who commenced their Masonic studies in absol
the assertions and contentions of the good
A man of great industry and wide reading, un
pursuit of illustrations, and remarkably able i
ings, often picturesquely so, of ideas and wo
conspicuous unfortunately for one or two defec
and scientifically, which rendered his serious l
paratively useless, and caused his undoubte
learning to act almost as a foil to his too rash
his habitual inaccuracy, and his want of a di
decision as to the actual value of isolated fa
bearing on the case generally. Added to this, h
careless appreciation of the force and meaning
per se, and his eager grasping at apparent
rendered him an unsafe guide to follow, and e
lucubrations are unsound bases for the studies
of all students of history, fact, and authenticit

Take for instance his oft-repeated assertion,
tain brethren, whom he conspicuously names,
the ritual, the actuality of the Grand Lodge i
owing. With the sheep-walking of a later da
greatly by himself, this statement was repeated
of certainty and fact, though Anderson in 17
tically given students evidence as to the real
case.

It was happily reserved to Bro. Gould to
his History that these brethren so named, and
ously commended, were those who were a
Hampton Court Palace, to initiate Frederic
Wales, and some of whom, there is little dou
Freemasons in 1717.

Countless other assertions of our excellent
are familiar to Masonic students which are n
doubted and denied, but given up, as hopeless
altogether.

Dr. Oliver, in his many able works, led
through so many fields of study, up to so ma
speculations, until they actually became bew
the accretions and intensity of such a system
study, and evidence, and many were alarmed
away from subjects and researches that re
learning to master and greater knowledge to n

Accordingly after a little time Masonic liter
a comparatively low level, and we can re
period when outside Oliver there was little
those who wished to impart an intellectual ch
normal existence of our Lodges or the rout
life and Lodge work amongst us.

The authentic school has happily now
aspect of affairs, and has completely weigh
balance.

The skits at Masonic literature, beliefs, an
passed utterly away in the outer world. Fr
no longer to it a quasi or tolerant benefit
childish ceremonies and convivial symposia, l
both to Masonic and non-Masonic students,
interesting archaic and world-wide system.

It is now clearly seen to be bound up with
and mysteries, the speculative and occult socie
buried past, with the mystical confraternities
sodalities of history, and has to be probed
matured and realized, if we wish ever to dis
really is that this quaint and universal syste
whether made up of Adepts, Brethren, The
or Craftsmen, has been enabled to endure th
the world, and outlive the lapse of centuries.

libraries, museums, and collections, in the
our now accorded to Masonic studies and stu
ppears to them as if Freemasonry in England
ere is rising to its own higher level, and passing
in unity, loyalty, zeal and charity, adapting
e changed condition of life and society to-day,
preparing itself to fulfil its useful, its intel-
improving and beneficent mission, to its brother-
o mankind.

HER EDUCATIONAL TRIUMPH.

more a gratifying statement reaches us, testify-
to the superiority of the education imparted to
at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. For
s past now we have been accustomed to look
or excellent results as the outcome of University
examinations in which the girls under tuition at
rsea-rise establishment are entered; and it has
ently our happy privilege to note that these
re favourable comparison with those of any other
institution in the country. This year is no excep-
rule; on the contrary, our readers will receive with
tisfaction the intelligence that, "all round," "our
e acquitted themselves in a manner that not only
edit on their own application and industry but
infinitely to that of the Head Mistress Miss
nd the staff of assistants by whom she is
d. The official report was published a few days
ve have received, through the courtesy of Brother
hardson—who, as is well known, has for a great
years evinced an active personal interest in the
ool—a résumé of the results of the last examina-
he Department of Science and Art. From these
that of the sixty-three pupils who went up in
phy forty-three have passed; and in geology the
the thirty-eight students who entered the list
wenty-four in the first-class and the remainder in
d. From these figures we derive the most genuine
on, for no other girls' academy can show such
proportionate results. That the Royal Masonic
n for Girls should again maintain its position at
of England" is a matter upon which the friends
establishment have just reason to congratulate
es. Of course, the brunt of the work of prepara-
been upon the shoulders of those who are officially
le for the educational training of the students,
hem belong the grateful encomiums which will
be showered upon them by the Craft generally.
equally a source of satisfaction to all who have
d to the Institution, or feel the slightest interest
elfare, that so pre-eminent a success should have
ieved. To them it is a fresh and convincing proof
"sinews of war" they so ungrudgingly provide
"faithfully applied" as they are "thankfully
" and that the money placed at the hands of the
e is productive of substantial profit. We rejoice
that such is the case, for it will be an additional
to those brethren who have already accepted
ships, or who propose doing so in anticipation of
Festival, to make the Centenary an event worthy
; emblazoned in letters of gold on the annals of
endidly conducted Institution. It is unnecessary
ore upon a subject which must inevitably engage
the thoughtful attention of the Craft between now
t May, when the Centenary will be celebrated;
gain convey to the Committee and all more imme-
concerned in the education of "our girls" our own
ulations, and those of the entire Masonic body, upon
excellent results we are here enabled to announce.

ARCHITECTURE.

ress by Rev. James Byron Murray, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter of New York, 2nd Feb. 1887.

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IR structure rests on truth, the truth that there is

ance which have vanquished difficulties and the hatred o
opposition; the zeal that cherishes morality and the obedi
ence that follows law. It is the fine enthusiasm of th
humanity in man; the richness and breadth and large
sympathies of human nature; and it has grown as th
truest architecture has grown into fulness and richness o
finish. Written into it, as with sculptor's chisel, ar
aspiration and faith; beautifully and majestically a
nations have written their history and discoveries an
precious feelings in their art. Like the great cathedral, i
is a suggestion of what might be and will be, rather tha
a clear definition of any one thought or spiritual emotion
The walls of its building are adorned by prudence an
fortitude, by temperance and justice. Its arches ar
emblems of morality and sustained by the richly carve
pillars of wisdom, strength and beauty, and the light tha
transfigures and consecrates all is the light of truth.

The structure is social. Man lives in nations, cities
towns, communities, families. He desires the sympath
that flows from association. Joy is increased by sharing i
with others; grief is lessened because other spirits ente
into it. Society pushes man to improvement; to cultivat
art and science; to bring his powers into operation fo
the good of mankind; to contribute to the progress o
humanity. It gives scope to the special virtues which ar
at once its own glory and adornment. Out of the yearn
ing for this have come varied orders and institutions wit
their manifold character and ministers of good. An
among them Masonry rises up as a social institution, t
develop friendship, to quicken sympathy, to enlarge an
give to the world the magnificent truth and order o
human brotherhood.

In it, as in the richest and most exalted structures o
art, there is a beautiful symbolism. Its rites and cere
monies hold in them facts, principles, history, as the dew
drop holds in it the light and heat of the sun. Symbolism i
the poetry, the voice, the felt touch of architecture. Lik
figures of speech, it is a grand means of conveying to th
mind truths which in their deeper and more philosophi
aspect could not be so fully made clear to the understand
ing of man. It is a necessary thing in all departments o
life, and is of greatest value to all who can answer to it
appeals. An education to the ignorant, it is a source o
pleasure to the thoughtful; a fountain lifting a strea
clear and free for all to use. From its sparkling water
there flows the noble, the true, the pure and the good; th
force that refines, the beauty that delights. Meeting th
senses, it is vision for the eye, sound for the ear, teachin
the inner man by the outer man, and as it enshrines th
truth, guiding the spirit to the wisdom which transform
and the knowledge which exalts.

And from the symbolism of Masonry have come forth
most practical power and a beautiful influence. As th
marble statues of Greece, leaving their niches in the templ
of fame, have moved through the ages, scattering fro
their hands ideals of beauty and grandeur, suggestions fo
the highest art, so the genius of Masonry, moving from it
shrine, has passed through the generations, the thought
the activities of man, casting from her generous han
moral beauty, ministries of charity, inspiration for true
brotherhood. For Masonry rises up among the mos
magnificent and precious of human institutions. Th
spirit which informs it is kindness. Love, finding in it
true fulfilment, sends forth a charity like that which fe
from the lips and hand of the holiest of all. Its work i
witnessed as the expression in the acts grandly human ye
divinely beautiful; in the bread given to the hungry; i
the cup of cold water to the parched and fevered lip; i
the sick tended through days of weariness and nights o
unrest; in the wants of the needy supplied; in the dea
reverently sepulchred. And for its work there shall be
higher witness still, when all the members of the Orde
shall stand to receive the consecration which makes ther
immortal: "I was hungry and ye fed me; I was thirst
and ye gave me drink; naked and ye clothed me; sick an
ye came unto me." And when they shall answer, "Whe
saw we thee hungry and fed thee, or thirsty and gave the
drink, or naked and clothed thee, or sick and came unt
thee?" the Master shall say, "Inasmuch as ye did unto th
least of one of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

n its number carving there is the name of the true
ficer who received the title of father for his noble deeds.
master and artist he is enshrined in the most sacred
nory; but he stands forth the embodiment of fidelity to
t, of faithfulness even to death for the work committed
im. But he illustrates in splendid parable a truth
erlying all Masonry, and which reconciles man to death,
there is a life beyond in which man shall appear in a
ner form. Amid the manifold changes, amid the pass-
of the spirit from the body, God who made man in His
likeness, shall preserve man's personality. The life
succeeds this life shall be a measureless progress, a
eless approach to the stature and Being of Him who
ted man and raised him from the dead. The body
ch sinks into dust and in which man has wrought his
k; which has been imbued with thought and glorified
ne temple of spirit, shall have in its refined and spiritual
s a deathless reality. For man's life shall not be broken
shattered into nothingless by death, but made complete
passes from perfection to perfection. The burden that
ghed down and hindered the growth of his divinely
n powers shall fall away and his personality be clothed
immortal beauty and rejoice in immortal youth.

yre sent skilled workmen for the fashioning of the
ple in Jerusalem. The Tyrians were the Anglo-Saxons
ne East. Great in manufactures, great in the arts that
ne and benefit mankind, they raised their city to a
ndid position in eastern life. They trafficked with all
s, receiving the burdens and sending out the products
heir industry North and South, East and West. Their
bours were thronged with ships, by which are kept in
tant motion the currents of commercial life. Forests
masts rise out of the waters like trees, and straight from
r shores to the open sea vessels carry the rich freightage
continent. Along the coasts of the Mediterranean
founded colonies, and overcoming the dangers of
el, they push to the farthest lines of the known world
ne West and leave an impress of their life which abides
nodern times. And this rich history of the past is our
onic memory in that heroic worker who has set the
ern of true Masonic work. But it is ours in the com-
ce which illustrates the law of brotherhood and is a
nt agent in all higher civilisations, for commerce is the
ression of the will and purpose of man, the visible
growth of his hopes and trust. In the interchange of
s, of the commodities, the inventions, the wealth and
ession of a people, it is a means of binding nations
ther as sustaining their own interests in sustaining the
rests of others. In its felt and subtile movements, it
vs the various tribes of mankind into one, and establishes
cultivates the great Masonic truth, the brotherhood of

n the word "widow" there is a world of meaning.
re is the desolation in the bonds that are dearer than
broken by separation and death. In ancient times
widow was dependent on the kindness of relatives, but
e especially on the oldest son. And, through her, how
law of charity has penetrated and given lustre to the
onic Order, in the wants of the widow supplied; in
son and the orphans ministered to in their necessities.
nd it shows that the Royal Order recognises the power
woman in society. Though not permitted to enter the
teries of Masonry, still she has, by her relationship with
large and enduring influence. As in society, so in
onry, much of its strength and purity lies in the hand
oman. Apart from the religious fervour which inspired
Crusades, it was woman that gave energy and brought
splendid action the powers of a nobler manhood.
ples and nations were quickened, and the flower of
alry went forth for conflict and new forces arose to
nerate the world. Political, social, industrial and
mercial life was changed. The tyranny of false
ions was broken in pieces, and a way opened for the
blishment of laws that were not for one kingdom, but
all the commonwealths of man. The energy set in
ion sent navigators, each a new Columbus, over wide
in search of other lands, until another continent was
overed, in which new civilisations and new forces should
k for human liberty and human development. The
the marvellous achievements of to-day, the noblest nation
of modern life. A humane and civilizing influence wa
introduced, which shines with new lustre in the deeds an
discoveries, the literature and inventions of the splendi
pageantry and progress of humanity.

And that word, as it is revealed to the toiling or waitin
craftsman, is an inspiration to manliness and to a large
respect for woman. And as this inspiration finds generou
reception in the hearts, it will shape a nobler form of ma
hood and of courage, of charity and esteem for woma
until the Mason goes forth an influence and a power to li
up and adorn society.

Then we have the message of Masonry sent to us.
is not alone the work and skill of Hiram, but it is th
assertion of the mission of Masonry. In its principles an
teachings it is a perpetual witness for him who made th
worlds. Its philosophy is the philosophy of truth, and
teaches the Mason to study the beauty and the order, th
harmony of this marvellous architecture of the univers
"From nature, it leads up to nature's God," and urg
reverence to him as due from the created to the Creato
It moves among men a law to restrain the passions;
guide the temper, and to harmonise the discordant interes
of society. Its mission is to hold out like the dove ov
the seething and angry waters, the olive branch of peace
Had its mission been recognised, its message heard,
brotherhood understood and followed, doubtless the da
blot of human servitude and degradation would have be
cleansed and left the nation free. The wounds would n
have been made; the blood would not have flowed; a
the conflicts that marred the land would not have arise
and the flag that floats—the symbol of this magnifice
union of States—would have floated without the smoke
battle or the stains of a brother's blood in all its folds.

It is a great message to men. And like that brief wo
"to," which may be a thousand times repeated and
thousand times forgotten, it is a binding force. As
moments and minutes bind the days and weeks and mon
and years, so this message of Masonry binds the Order
alone to the past, but to the present and future, and m
to man, brother to brother in unseen but splendid fellowsh
To an eastern mind greatness combined and found
best expression in a Monarch. But in that Temple t
furnishes the parable and pattern for the Order,
Monarch had a high and sacred meaning. It was the fi
name for the Supreme Being as the Ruler of Israel. A
when it was transferred to man it came with great author
as claiming the honour and the obedience of the subj
for the Monarch stood as the visible representative
Jehovah. He was set apart and anointed as Ruler.
every man is a Monarch when, in the fullness of his m
hood, he consecrates himself to the control of his bei
the mastery of his passions and the development of
powers. He is the ruler of man when by his inventi
and discoveries, by his learning and genius, he sets fo
the arts that culture a people and make it prosperous
strong. He has the divine right of a King, more gran
its influence than the mere Cæsar who sits in empire.
it has been said: "Let us make man after Our image;
let him have dominion over the works of Our hands."
To the Mason, he who built the Temple of Jerusa
is, in the purest parts of his life, ever a teacher. Endo
with wisdom more than other men, clothed with autho
gifted with wealth, he had the wisdom to design,
wealth to furnish, and the power to build the temple u
it stood in Mount Zion a home of faith, the imperial sh
for a nation's worship.

Architects and builders have their place in this m
temple of Masonry, and in that inner sanctuary of the b
where the message of Masonry is striving to work into
outer life, its mission instinct with moral beauty, st
with law as a supreme force, and where the Keystone t
its place in that rounded arch which holds the struc
together as firmly and grandly as the visible firma
which overarches the race of man.

From the squared and sculptured stones of the quar
our inner being, the Great Architect of the Univer
ever suggesting that we build living shrines to His n
And these shrines shall be more beautiful in their pr

ing faith, the best and purest things of this marvel of
arvels—life. There can be nothing in it that defiles,
ng that destroys its sanctity, or places unhallowed
upon the altar of its offering; but only that which
ts the divine beauty and bears likeness to the Highest.
then from tesselated flower to poised arch; from
sculptured portal to the veiled holy of holies, there
rise only the incense of adoration to the Creator, and
will be heard, by the pure spirit within, the sacred
onies and the voice of that strain that is heard in the
of heaven.

this structure there will be in visible form the pointed
which is the arch of aspiration, for the living arch
only on the inner manhood. The foot that is to walk
rands of mercy is placed to foot, on the solid founda-
f fellowship, the hand on wrist that pulse may beat
lse in sympathy, and raised in poised dome, the
l of the nobler strength, of the union with the
st, and all is consecrated by the name which is above
name.

the arched temple is for the expression of worship and
ction in divine things, so the arched temple of
ic manhood is for reverence of the divine name and
ost sacred use of speech. The living arch is therefore
olemn witness of speech, that magnificent endowment
an. Language is the mark of the Creator on His
res. By speech man clothes the unseen meditations,
cret thoughts of his mind with form and gives them
ite shape and reality. Heart utters itself to heart,
thy reveals itself to sympathy by speech, and the
y, the manly graces which dignify character are
ed in the words of the mouth; in the right conversa-
hich sanctifies the hours of life, which enlarges the
s of mind, unfolds the treasures which are stored
spirit. But there is the wrong conversation where
voice and unseemly words manifest that brood of
ings which lurks in the secret places of man's
. The living arch is the silent call, therefore, to the
uses of speech which attests the reverence due to the
or; the solemn protest, time after time, against the
ords that stain the life and dash with their hoarse
s against the hallowed shrines in the temple of
al manhood.

n, the work of his Creator, needs something greater
himself. He needs something on which he can rest
e satisfied; something to meet and give divine reality
aspirations. A building of God, he must go back to
or a higher power, a larger consecration, a fuller de-
nent of his manhood. His life is, therefore, a journey
pilgrimage through the wilderness towards a more
ful end. The way is ever before him, bright at night
re or shadowed in the day with clouds, for his guidance
ne, and the lustre of a sacred light illumines his path
akes the way, whether he moves with freedom or
low and painful step, at last a way of peace and hope.
travelling on that journey his architecture is as a
acle in the desert, a passing structure to rise into a
building still. Veils and toils and perplexities curtain
th and hide for a time the vision that transforms him
glory to glory. But he moves onward with resolute
nfaltering steps. He passes the veil of blue by the
ord of his integrity—the blue, the colour of the over-
g heavens; the truth which shaped his character.
ever brings to its possessor sorrow, the purple
marks the agony of self-sacrifice; but by it he
to the scarlet which bears witness to the zeal
rt. Truth brings not only self-denial but conflict—
nflict which leads to victory; and through the scarlet
f ardour and spiritual contest, he reaches the white
at opens to end the toil and crown the conflict with
shable reward. The toils and veils that hindered
bscured his way have vanished; the blood of the
t is washed away, and he stands the splendid archi-
e that abides; the manhood made immortal by
ing the King in his beauty and transfigured by the
f the open vision of the face of God.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

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nderstand that the old-established paper, the *British Mer-*

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in G
Lodge on Wednesday, 7th September 1887, at
7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st
for confirmation.

2. Report of the special meeting at the Royal Albert Hall o
13th June.

3. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will propose that the t
of Grand Lodge be given to the R... Brother Sir Albert W. W
C.B., Garter, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, for his eff
arrangements for the Masonic meeting at the Royal Albert Ha
the 13th June last, to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee, and
the V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of Ge
Purposes, for his valuable assistance on the occasion.

4. Communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master

It having been represented to the Most Worshipful G
Master that some Provincial and District Grand M
are desirous of commemorating the Jubilee year of
Majesty's reign by conferring Past Provincial or Di
Grand rank on brethren in their Provinces and Dist
and that Article 87 of the Book of Constitutions
have to be specially suspended by Grand Lodge b
any such appointments could be legally made,

His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master now submit
matter for the consideration of Grand Lodge, wit
suggestion that, if it be thought proper to sanct
suspension of the law, the number of appoint
authorised should not exceed one for every six Lodg
the Province or District, with one additional if the b
number exceeds three.

5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quart
which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London	£75
The Widow of a Brother of the Salem Lodge, No. 1443, Dawlish	75
The Widow of a Brother of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, London	50
A Brother of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough	50
The Widow of a Brother of the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Mon.	50
The Widow of a Brother of the Union Lodge, No. 127, Margate	50
A Brother of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, London	100
The Widow of a Brother of the Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, Maidstone	100
A Brother of the Lodge of Perfect Friendship, No. 876, Ipswich	100
A Brother of the Keystone Lodge, No. 363, Whitworth	50
A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham	50
A Brother of the Mount Alexander Lodge, No. 692, Castlemain, Victoria	50
The Widow of a Brother of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, London	150

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Mas
England.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in March
upon the motion of Brother William Nicholl P.M. No. 317,
chester, it was resolved—

1st.—"That Past Masters shall be entitled to wear a distin
collar."

2nd.—"That Past Masters duly qualified as members of
Lodge shall be entitled to wear such collar
occasions when Craft clothing may be worn."

3rd.—"That the Board of General Purposes be and are h
authorised and empowered to determine whether
distinction shall be silver cord in the centre, or wh
it should be cord or braid or lace on the edges, an
they re-arrange Article 307 accordingly."

4th.—"That the Board of General Purposes be request
re-draft Article 308 accordingly."

5th.—"That Article 75 of the Book of Constitutions be ref
to the Board of General Purposes for the purp
ascertaining, if it is possible, to remodel and simplif
render it more workable as to the mode of rec
and counting the votes in Grand Lodge."

The Board have taken into consideration the matters thus re
to them, and beg to recommend the following alterations in the
of Constitutions:—

That a Rule be introduced after Rule 306, to be numbered
porarily 306A, to the following effect:—

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i respect to Rule 75, the Board recommend that the mode of ng the Votes on a Division be left to the discretion of the Director of Ceremonies, and that, therefore, all the words in ule after the word "conducted" be erased, and the following substituted—"under the direction of the Grand Director of onies."

the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge nts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on , the 12th day of August inst., showing a balance in the Bank land (Western Branch) of £5,007 6s 3d, and in the hands Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £25 6s 3d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

EMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th August 1887.

Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, dated 20th May will be laid before Grand Lodge.

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st of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last terly Communication of Grand Lodge.

2205—The Pegasus Lodge, Gravesend, Kent.
2206—The Hendon Lodge, Hendon.
2207—The Blackall Lodge, Blackall, Queensland.
2208—The Horsa Lodge, Bournemouth, Hampshire.
2209—The Brighton Lodge, Brighton, Victoria.
2210—The Star of the East Lodge of Omeo, Omeo, Victoria.
2211—The Albert Victor Lodge, Clifton Hill, Victoria.
2212—The Rupanyup Lodge, Rupanyup, Victoria.
2213—The Daylesford Lodge of St. George, Daylesford, Victoria.
2214—The Josiah Wedgford Lodge, Etruria, Staffordshire.

.B.—The Revised Edition of the Book of Consti- ons, 1884, may be obtained at the Grand Secretary's ce, in 8vo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

he "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1887 be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' l, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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THE PATENT OF STEPHEN MORIN.

HE result of much consideration on this topic seems then to be that Stephen Morin's Patent was the "output" of a pure High de movement, and in no way mixed up with the movements or assions, internal or external, of the "Grande Loge de France." he Patent emanated from a Grand and Sovereign Lodge of John, and the so-called "Conseil des Empereurs." hory, Kloss, and Findel have undoubtedly referred to the Grand e de France what was simply the act of a High Grade Body. writer in the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review," so far back as 3, all but fifty years ago, thus places the matter carefully and rically in a few clear words before us:—

At this time a violent schism arose between those brethren who isted in adhering to Ancient Masonry, and those who, having iv.d the Higher Grades, claimed for themselves a preeminent : in the Order. The Grand Lodge, in which the adherents of ient Masonry were the most numerous, declared in favour of the abolical Order, and declared that it did not acknowledge any rank ve that of Master Mason.

But a self-established 'Supreme Tribunal' of the High Grades lly asserted its own majesty and honour, without producing any ot.

Somewhat before this decision of the Grand Lodge, there had been hism among the members of the Higher Grades, and the two ncils which governed the contending parties virulently opposed another, under the titles, 'Conseil des Empereurs,' &c., and nseil des Chevaliers,' &c.

For a very long time this contest continued.

At this period the degrees of Masonry were divided into seven ses or orders, which constituted as it was called 'Le Rite cien,' and two side orders, it was said by Frederick II. of Prussia; this monarch, though generally asserted to have been the otector' of the Supreme Classes, had, in the opinion of many nent authors, no connection with them."

only quote the words of this anonymous and able writer, who te so far back, under the pseudonym Latomus, to point out : Kl ss's view has not been always adopted. The writer was riendly to the High Grades, and favourable to the Symbolical matters and means a good deal.

The history of the A. and A. S. Rite, for instance, has travestied and twisted by so many writers, that it is almost now possible to follow it.

But it is a very important fact to establish, historically and actu that in 1761 the high Grades were self-governed in fact, as this certainty throws back its history necessarily and naturally t early epoch in the eighteenth century.

All these Grades, very curious in themselves, and not a few archaic, take us back to a greater antiquity than is generally ceded from that more common view of the history of the Grades, therefore deserve to be studied by all students of the auth school.

SPE

THE HARLEIAN MS. 1942.

FOR various reasons this most interesting and valuable legend, as Bro. Hughan well and truly says, one of the valuable we possess, just now is the subject of some discussion criticism. It is undoubtedly either the original or replic Roberts' publication in 1722, and Anderson had seen a transcript in 1738, as he quotes undeniably a portion of it. It is a fine M a peculiar and clear hand, and is written on paper akin to a deal which has the paper mark of the contemporary epoch.

Of the history of this MS. in the British Museum nothing is kn apparently except that it has been there since the Harleian C tion came there. That collection was made, as our readers are bably aware, by Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, hence so-called times the Harley MSS. also, toward the end of the seventeenth century, and consists of many thousand MSS. Among them Masonic MSS. or Guild legends are found, Harleian 1942 and well known to Masonic students. The peculiar interest to us of particular MS., independently of its Guild Legend value, is to be in what are termed in it "the new articles." Roberts says they agreed on at a General Assembly, 8th December 1663. Anders the 1738 Constitution declares at the Feast of St. John's 27th December 1663.

Of this fact we have so far no independent testimony, and ne Roberts nor Anderson say where the meeting took place, th Anderson declares Lord St. Albans was then Grand Master Roberts' edition there is a blank for the "locus in quo" or pla assembly.

Some objection has been taken to these statements, and t special terminology of the new articles, and their modern idea expressions. I venture to think much of this special criticism is placed, inasmuch as towards the end of the seventeenth centur English language was rapidly changing and modernising, and not think we need pay much attention to such objections, if were the only ones.

But some writers have gone further; they have expressed d both as to the *bona fides* of the MS. itself, and seem to look upo in some respects a "pious fraud." I cannot see on what po grounds any such allegations can properly be made, muc stand.

If the MS. had come out of late Masonic custody, had been os tiously or improperly used to establish any point of Masonic disc or Masonic archaism as the occasion arose, something might perh said for such a contention. But the MS. comes from a compara unsuspected source; as a document in the British Muse has been for a long period there, and there can b possible reason, humanly speaking, why any one should tak trouble to invent, for instance, the "new articles," and so anti and prepare for an abstruse discussion, which is of so specif minute a nature that even now it has, and can only have, any i for a handful of enthusiastic Masonic Students. That sc insinuation should have been made shows us how hardly pu some worthy critics are when they seek to invalidate the evid such an interesting witness by suggestions of *mala fid* even worse! In my opinion this idea is so essentially absurd hardly deserves notice. This is not criticism; it is simply t adage of the Bar, "Abuse the plaintiff's attorney." Everyt in favour of the originality, the archaism, and the reality of t It is in a public collection, unamenable to any possibility of int use, and without the slightest taint of possible collusion. written on paper of the very period it professes to date from, in the opinion of all experts who have studied it and coll a pre 1700 MS. distinctly, and probably actually represents t it claims to set out.

Of its antiquity and verity as a MS., the writer of this, in c with a distinguished expert, many years ago, formed a most opinion, from which he can never depart, and, therefore, he re see others falling into the temptation of a very prevailing " trying to modernize all such documents for no conceivable re good. Bro. Hughan seems to think that it may be the cop older original, and that is quite possible, indeed Roberts' Ma and it may have had a common origin. Anderson also m seen it as Roberts' copy, or another transcript of the which is now non-extant at any rate; but all these probabili possibilities do not affect the main question.

The Harleian 1942 is there for the inspection and study of S it well deserves all the attention they can give it, as one of t valuable of our Masonic evidences, and, in my humble one of the most reliable documents we have for the illustra

...ld themselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor-...ents.

...s must bear the name and address of the Writer, not ...rily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

...t undertake to return rejected communications.

...O. GOULD'S LITERARY TREATMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

...IR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Gould's letter in your issue of the ...deserves immediate notice by all Freemasons as a gross injus...oself, as the laborious author of a great work, and as a serious ...the customary principles of Masonic courtesy and honour. ...tain, I apprehend, that neither Bro. W. J. Hughan nor ...dford, in England, have anything to do with the matter, and ...the extraordinary prospectus mentioned by Bro. Gould is ...gonistic in itself to Masonic verity, as proclaiming to the ...audacious untruth.

...possible but that thinking brethren, alike in America and ...must regard with grief and displeasure such an infraction ...io "good form," such as the latest development of a new ...morality.

...are so many high-minded brethren, alike in the United ...d in Canada, that they will, I feel sure, not hesitate to ...such a peculiar forgetfulness of the unchanging dictates of ...ood feeling and fair play.

...se, it is an undeniable fact that there is, unfortunately, no ...nal copyright between this country and the United States, ...fore legally no one can claim to stand between the author ...nerican publisher.

...rally, Masonically, what shall we say?

...no comity amongst Freemasons?

...or does it not exist?

...o, must it not be asked again, is such a *comity* compatible ...act that two American *Past Grand Masters* are giving their ...istance to the publishers of a work taken without leave ...English Masonic writer?

...spectus alluded to is a very remarkable prod...ction, both for ...ressio veri" and its "suggestio falsi." For instance, can ...n Masonic author who writes and finishes a work be said to ...*assisted* by persons in America, whose so-called aid he only ...rom the prospectus title page of a piratical work?

...lready said I feel sure that Bro. Hughan and Bro. Woodford ...iate the use of their names.

...here is then no formality in such matters, could it be held ...ally *justifiable* if Mackey's great work, or Fort's charming ...were brought out in England with the remark, "assisted by ...n, Jones and Robinson," or any names unscrupulously ...pro hâc vice," *invented* to try and push the sale?

...e can hardly believe it possible that the three eminent ...Masons mentioned, literary brethren and students, could ...ented to lend their names to the publishers without ...t necessary to give the author the slightest intimation of ...tion. For the sake of universal and international Free... hope we may at once receive a disclaimer.

Yours fraternally,

LEX.

...HE GREAT QUESTION SETTLED.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

...R AND BROTHER,—The letter signed "J. FLETCHER ...in your last issue, and "published by request" as you ...rly tell your readers, is one hardly calculated to advance ...of that undoubtedly able brother to literary distinction, or ...one a fair and befitting commentary on a recent notable

...ked, I feel compelled to say, neither by a kind apprecia... ...). Clifford MacCalla's prominent claims to respect, good ...regard, nor by a desire to avoid that unfailing stumbling ...l Masonic discussions especially, the subjective views of ...even daring personality.

...g a brother as Bro. Brennan need not surely attack Bro. ...for a little "change of front," for a "shifting of the ...which he builds up an "edifice of argument or reasoning," ...has said.

...odeed be put forward that the writer is only "chaffing" ...alla, but there is a little more in the letter than deals ...ere pleasantry of fair "chaff."

...s "mala fides," and an utter recklessness of opinion to ...specific view, alike to him and our eminent Brother ...r.

...an old student, I consider this very unfair in itself, ...risable in the best interests of Masonic literature. ...n hope Bro. Brennan may yet admit courteously he has ...done justice to a worthy Mason and a keen Masonic ...whose studies and investigations the universal Anglo-Saxon ...great debt of gratitude.

...nan should remember that in the confused state in which ...s of the authentic school found all Masonic evidences a ...ago, many positions and many views have, as the clouds ...cleared away, been successively given up and abandoned

...cular question of Price constitutes a most difficult "crux" ...and make clear.

...Patent, but apparently did not use it, and on this head

Bro. Jacob Norton has, no doubt, with his customary vigour, bee... hammering away at what he terms (sometimes not without reason ... our Masonic superstitions, but Bro. MacCalla had the support an... sympathies of those who had looked into the question up to a certai... date.

Bro. Gould gave forth, in his admirably argued history of America... Masonry, a view which had not altogether escaped the notice ... some Masonic students, who had for some time been puzzled wit... Coxe's know-nothingness, do-nothingness, as was becoming cleare... day by day, and especially since the publication of Liber B. made th... earlier version very doubtful indeed. But it was reserved t... Bro. Gould, with his great powers of language, to set the matt... clearly before thinkers and readers.

Instead of blaming, or making sarcastic pleasantry at Broth... MacCalla's expense, we ought to praise him, inasmuch as he has onl... properly yielded to an accumulation of facts, to the force of ev... dence, and sought to place the history of Freemasonry in Phil... delphia on a surer basis, on safer grounds.

I trust that Bro. Brennan, whose abilities I thoroughly recogniz... may be induced on reconsideration to take my humble view of th... matter, and admit that if there is any value in Masonic researche... any good whatever in Masonic investigation, the facts we collec... the proofs we heap up, it is, that untenable grounds may be g... dually surrendered, and the one real right aim of the true Mason... historian and student be furthered and realised, namely, Mason... truth and historical accuracy, however unpalatable to the few or th... many.

Yours fraternally,

PHILADELPHOS.

THE SO-CALLED PHILADELPHIA CLAIMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of 2nd July, "A Studen... of Bro. Gould's History" asserts that "The passage in the *Penn... sylvania Gazette*, of 26th June 1732, seems to show that th... [Pennsylvania] brethren knew of the [Coxe] Patent, and acte... under it. I, however, laid the passage of the *Pennsylvania Gazett...* before your readers, which proved conclusively that it did not seem to show that they knew of Coxe's Patent, and they certainly did no... act under it, because the Patent required them to elect their Gran... Master every second year, and it authorised the Grand Master t... appoint his Wardens; but the Pennsylvanians in 1732 elected thei... Grand Master for "the ensuing year" only, and the wardens were no... appointed, but chosen, or, in other words, they were elected. I... your issue of 13th August my opponent says:—

"The choosing the two Wardens is not necessarily in oppositio... to appointing the Deputy Grand Master, though it may be so. The... were loose in their terminology in those days."

I confess that I do not understand the meaning of the above... remarks: "The choosing of the Wardens was not necessarily i... opposition to the appointing of a Deputy Grand Master." Who say... it was? I maintain, however, that the choosing of the Warden... was in opposition to the requirement of Coxe's Patent. Again, h... says, "They were loose in their terminology in those days." If h... meant thereby that Franklin by mistake wrote "chosen" instead o... 'appointed," I think my opponent is decidedly mistaken, for in Bro... MacCalla's pamphlet—viz., "Dr. Franklin's Newspaper Account o... Freemasonry" (p 33), Bro. MacCalla, in the first place, says... "William Allen, the first elected Grand Master in 1731 and 1732."... While my opponent's theory is, or was, that the 1731 election of Alle... as Grand Master was a mistake of the scribe; and that Franklin di... not make a mistake in his terminology may be inferred from hi... repeating the word 'chosen' in his *Pennsylvania Gazette* o... 28th June 1733—viz.:

"Monday last, a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Hon. Society... of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Tun Tavern in Wate... Street, when Humphrey Murray, Esq., was elected Grand Maste... for the year ensuing, who appointed Mr. Thomas Hart his Deputy... and Mr. Peter Cuff and Mr. James Bingham were chosen Wardens."

With regard to the new theory that the Philadelphians derive... their Masonic privileges from "time immemorial," that is, tha... Philadelphia Masonry originated beyond the memory of Messrs... Button, Allen Franklin and Co.: all I have to say about it is, that i... is a pure conceit—it is sheer nonsense—it is even more absurd tha... Bro. MacCalla's "Coxe Philadelphia mother theory," for there is no... a particle of evidence that the very word "Freemasonry" was... known in Philadelphia before 1730. In January 1731 eleven men... opened a Lodge in Philadelphia, and no man of common sense ca... doubt that Benjamin Franklin was acquainted with every one of th... originators of Masonry there. So much for "Time immemorial" theory.

With regard to the phrase "Masonic charlatans and dreamers," I shall only say, that all our Masonic traditions that are not tru... including the Euclid and Athelstan traditions, must have first be... promulgated either by a knave or by a credulous fool, and as th... said Euclid and Athelstan stories made their first appearance, as fa... as I know, in the Halliwell Poem, the author must have been eithe... the inventor of those stories or a believer, hence the word charlata... or dreamer was not misapplied to the said author.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston 23rd Aug. 1887.

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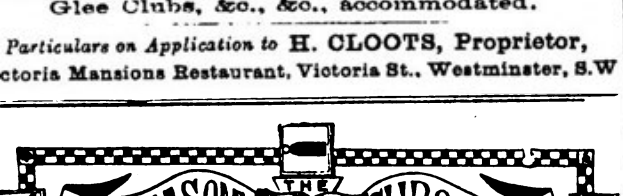

MASONIC RECORDS" AND BROTHER JACOB NORTON ONCE MORE

By Bro. John Lane.

FROM the concluding portion of Bro. Norton's "Few more words to Brother Lane" in the Chronicle f 13th August, I felt assured that he had done with me ltogether, but in the issue for the 20th August he returns o "slay the slain," evidently under the impression that n what he designates his "Recent Tussle with Bro. Lane" e had not achieved the victory he desired.

The methods Bro. Norton has adopted in this controversy ender it necessary for me to use some rather plain words, n order to convince him that he should not indulge so argely in misrepresentation, but confine himself to facts. t is quite possible my book is far from being perfect; I never expected it to be; but the statements I make in it re based on reliable data, and I endeavoured to bring to he discharge of my task, not only honest intentions but ll the care and discrimination I could command in my lesire to record nothing but the truth.

First of all, let me assure Bro. Norton that he is quite wrong when he assumes that "as far as the Philadelphia question is concerned there is no issue between" us. I have *not* thrown overboard what he was pleased to designate my original theory; but, on the contrary, in my very last article, I reiterated and confirmed my opinions, which are fully set out in the Chronicle of 19th February last, and am quite content to leave the issue (as to the fairest and most reasonable interpretation of the ascertained facts) to

reference to that matter. Bros. Hughan, Gould, W ford, MacCalla, and others are in the field, and the quite strong enough to discuss that subject. My pur however, must be to endeavour to convince Bro. Nort the possibility (at any rate) that notwithstanding B is said to be the "hub of the universe" all wisdom knowledge are not concentrated at, and do not em from, that renowned city, and that at least some cred critical research and honest labour, together with an es endeavour to ascertain what is true and reliable, fairly be conceded to students of Masonic History o side of the water also.

Bro. Norton has challenged the accuracy of my ments in reference to the Lodge at Wolverhampto having been one of the entire new Lodges to whic granted the number of a Lodge that had ceased to To put the matter plainly before the readers o Chronicle in general, and Bro. Norton in particular, be my present task.

Let me cite the Grand Lodge regulations at the out and in doing so I would inform Bro. Norton that previously well acquainted with the alteration of th as recorded in the Constitutions of 1767.

In 1727 the Grand Lodge ordered that it shou referred to the Grand Master and Grand Warde inquire into the precedency of the Lodges, and to thereon to the next Quarterly Communication, in that the List of Lodges might be finally settled.

In 1729 it was enacted that every new Lodge f future should pay two guineas for their Constitut the General Charity.

On 24th February 1784-5 it was Resolved "That Lodge for the future within the Bills of Mortality sh regularly meet for the space of one year such Lodg be erased out of the Book of Lodges, and in case the afterwards be desirous of meeting again as a Lodg shall loose (*sic*) their former Rank and submitt ther to a new Constitution." The same regulation is als in the Book of Constitutions of 1738, but with some tion of verbiage, viz.: "If any Lodge within the Mortality shall cease to meet regularly duri months successive its name and place shall be er blotted out of the Grand Lodge Book and Engraver And if they petition to be again inserted and ow a regular Lodge it must lose its former place and I Precedency and submit to a New Constitution."

During the same year 1735, that Resolution wa to include not only the London Lodges, or Lodges the Bills of Mortality, but all other Lodges in E which should neither meet, nor send in their Char attend Quarterly Communication within the space year.

Then the Constitutions of 1767 (Art. V. pag tell us that instead of Lodges losing precedency been enacted that "if they petition to be again and owned as a regular Lodge, [they] shall on pay guineas for Constitution, and two guineas to th Charity, be admitted into their former place and Precedency."

I quote these at length to avoid any misappre and now proceed to Bro. Norton's indictment in re the Wolverhampton Lodge. In the Preface to " Records" (page xviii), I say that "an entire Lodge at Wolverhampton paid the usual £2 2s in its warrant, the number of which should have b but influences operated to procure for it the nu which had then recently been vacated by a G Lodge (No. 143 of 8th March 1735-6) whereby Lodge, not warranted until 5th Nov. 1768, wa forward designated as of the date 8th March 173 Norton says, No! Bro. Lane is puzzled! Bro ignorant of the law of 1767! The Grand Lodge possibly do such an act! &c., &c., and then affirms, without the shadow of evidence or pro kind, that not only am I wrong in my statement I have "nowhere proved that an old number of a Lodge was ever conferred upon an entire new

orton's theory, in reference to the formation of this rhampton Lodge, is so wild and visionary, and his ents so utterly groundless and without the least tion of truth, that one almost wonders whether he does want to elicit the facts, or whether he does not prefer the fictions and fancies of his own creation. for the facts. The Lodge constituted at Gateshead, larch 1735-6, then No. 77, was erased on 27th y 1768, being one of the Nineteen Lodges which "ceased to meet, or neglected to conform to the f this society, were erased out of the list."

r on in the year 1768—viz., on 22nd November— tirely new Lodge at Wolverhampton was erected. e this statement with all due care and deliberation. £2 2s for its Constitution, in pursuance of the law 9, already cited, and appears in the Engraved List e following year (1769) as of the date 8 March

Warrant of this old Lodge has been lost, but its Minute Book is, fortunately, still in existence, and the following extract is made :—

all it may at any time concern. Be it known that this Lodge gally constituted on the 22 day of November 1768, under hority of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge bearing date the of November 1768 and in the year of Masonry 5768. His Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Marquis and Earl of ter, Earl of Glamorgan, Viscount Grosmont, Baron Herbert, Raglan, Chepstow, and Gower in Monmouthshire, also Baron t, of Caldicott Castle, Grand Master; the Worshipful Charles D.G.M., Thos. French G.S., nominating the Right Hon. John t Dudley and Ward, Baron of Birmingham, Grand Master *(sic)*, Gilbert Stewart Senior Warden, James Fieldhouse Junior , John Smith Stevens Secretary, and John Jesson Treasurer, ning the said Lodge and for such further time as shall be proper by the brethren thereof.

Dec. 1768, Revd. James Marsh initiated (being the first te) on the first step in Masonry."

s is, in my judgment, very substantial and convincing ce, the best that can be obtained at this remote , to prove most conclusively and satisfactorily that as an entirely new Lodge, the brethren named in the nt not being members of the Gateshead Lodge, but ginators of a new Lodge in quite another part of the y ; and that this Wolverhampton Lodge was actually uted by Charter from the Grand Lodge, and ly received the number of an old Lodge which had recently erased. If Bro. Norton thinks these facts t in harmony with the laws of Grand Lodge, then ntroversy must be with those who transgressed the ut not with me. Bro. Norton should deal with the *s facts*, and not try to explain them away in his ly probable" manner. For his suggestions that the rhampton Masons procured their Warrant through ervention of the Gateshead brethren, and that four s were paid by the Wolverhampton Masons for the r and Charity Fund, together with all the other so circumstantially narrated, are but shallow inven- by Bro. Norton, and lack entirely the only element ould make them serve his purpose—viz., a basis of

not think it necessary to go further into the origin Lodge, which was constituted on payment of the ibed sum for a New Lodge, contenting myself with ning the statement that "influences operated to pro- r it the number 77, which had then recently been d by a Gateshead Lodge." I may, however, say that inion was formed after a due consideration of the stances I have quoted—viz., that the first Master in the Warrant for this new Lodge was Lord nt Dudley and Ward, who (as the Hon. John Ward) Grand Warden in 1733 and 1734, and who (as John Ward, Baron of Birmingham) was Grand Master 27th April 1742 to 2nd May 1744. There was evi- no occasion for him to go to Gateshead to procure l number that was vacant.

I will now go further back, and produce another ce of this nature, which took place during the period the law of 1735 was operative. On 19th January (1738-9) a Lodge was constituted at the Flower Pot, sgate Street, London, as No. 178, and on the January in the same year three members attended Lodge, and paid the then customary and prescribed

[sign of] Flower Pot, Bishopsgate Street, 2d and Friday 19th Jan. 1738." Its position and surroundi prove this to be of the year 1738-9. In the 1740 and 1 Engraved Lists it is numbered 165, the numbers hav been closed up during the former year. In the List 1741 the Lodge is crossed out in ink, and against its n on the opposite page are written the significant wo "*Never attended since the Constitution.*" Notice was to this Lodge, by order of the Grand Lodge, on February 1743, and on the 9th April 1743 it was ord that the seven Lodges therein named, including No. " at the Flower Pot, in Bishopsgate-street, should be im diately erazed out of the List of Regular Lodges for attending the Grand Master in Quarterly Communicat pursuant to several Notices sent them respectively;" they were erased accordingly.

I go now a step further. In the Engraved List for 1 (official copy) the number 165 is blank, save the entry MS., "Hare and Hounds, Parsonag Lane, Manches 1 & 3 Monday," the List for 1745 having regul engraved "165 [sign of] Hare and Hounds, Parson Lane, Manchester, 1 & 3 Monday 1738." This Lo ("Masonic Records," p 48) "appears to have been stituted by the Prov. Grand Master, but not returne Grand Lodge at the time. Hence it is not in the L until 1744, when it had assigned to it the place and n ber of the vacant No. 165."

Will not this suffice to convince Bro. Norton that t could have been no possible amalgamation of member these two Lodges, and that there was no succession f one Lodge to the other? or will he suggest that member the London Lodge went to Manchester and joined the Lo there, for the purpose of obtaining a renewal of the Warrant? Such an assumption, like Bro. Nort "highly probable" theory in relation to the Wol hampton Lodge, would be utterly worthless, and would contradicted on every hand by the undoubted and unc trovertible *facts*.

Other instances might be adduced, but these two sh satisfy Bro. Norton that I have proved "that an number of an extinct Lodge was [in both these cases] ferred upon an entire new body of Masons," and "the law of 27th Dec. 1727 (viz., that the precedenc Lodges is grounded on the seniority of their Constituti was [in the case of the Wolverhampton Lodge] knowin and wilfully violated with the sanction of the Gr Lodge."

Before closing this article I would ask Bro. Norton earnestly to see the desirability of carefully ascertain the accuracy of the statements he puts forward as fa He does not hesitate to point out what he considers t the mistakes of others, but is apparently oblivious of own. In former articles I have had to point out s glaring misstatements. There is another now before of so serious a character (viewed historically), that not hesitate to point out its inaccuracy, so that it may be hereafter quoted as authentic.

In his first notice of my Book, which appeared in FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 12th February last, referrin No. 79, Bro. Norton, "For the information of the gen reader" explains "that in 1735 was published 'Smi Freemason's Pocket Companion,' containing a List of a 125 Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Engl In those days Lodges had no names, each line in the Lo List began with the number of the Lodge, followed by name of the public house wherein the Lodge used to m the days of its meetings, and last by the date or year o Constitution. One line on the said List (Bro. Norton s differed, however, from the rest. On that line it be with 79 *and ended with* 1730, but the intervening s was blank. There was no place of meeting or day meetings indicated in the List. Consequently, no could learn from that List in what part of the w Lodge No. 79 was located."

This is set forth with such an apparent air of rea and such a resemblance to a truthfully compiled staetm that the general reader, for whose sake it was writ would naturally conclude it was veritably true, especi as a little further on in the same article Bro. Norton re again to "the empty space on the Lodge List *between* *and* 1730." From such statements one would be led

it in opposition to Bro. Norton's unreliable allegation, so at "the general reader" may judge which is correct. The following is a literal extract from the Book itself :—

"77. Black Lion, Jockey-Fields, 1st and 3d Monday, Jan. 11, 1731.
78. Fountain in Bury St. Edmonds, 2d and 4th Tuesday, 1731.
79.
80. Angel in Macclesfield, Cheshire.
81. Fleece in Bury St. Edmonds, 1st and 3d Thursday, Nov. 1, 1731."

From the foregoing "the general reader" will see there no date whatever to No. 79, and may safely conclude at a statement which asserts that the line "began with *and ended with* 1730" is grossly inaccurate. From the eories he has propounded, one can but conjecture as to ro. Norton's motive in saying that "1730" was put ter the number of a Lodge which is in the midst of others at were all of the year 1731, but whatever that motive ay have been we are bound to believe that when Bro. orton wrote his article, published on the 12th February, either *did, or did not, know* there was no date whatever that List on the same line as the number 79. If he did ot know it, he certainly ought to have known, and that ing the case it will probably convince the "general ader" that Bro. Norton is a very unsafe and untrustorthy guide, that his many inaccuracies make it extremely ifficult for the ordinary student to know when he is riting facts or otherwise, and that his criticisms as well his general assertions have to be taken *cum grano salis*. I leave Bro. Norton to extricate himself, if he can, from ne dilemma in which he has placed himself, and recommend im to become more fully acquainted with well-known cts and reliable information before venturing to write so ogmatically on the subject of Masonic History.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Opera Comique.—Mr. John A. Stevens' four-act play, A Secret Foe," produced at this house last Saturday, cannot claim be a work that will do credit to its author. The piece is nothing nore nor less than the old story of two men wanting to gain the ffections of the same lady, with the result that the disappointed ne does all in his power to cause a separation between the now appy man and wife. Mr. Stevens has secured one or two ood situations, but then there is too much that is absurd and mpossible in the piece to make it in its entirety acceptable. Again, he sympathy of the audience, we suppose, ought to be with the usband, but certainly he behaves badly towards his young wife, to ay nothing of his being a conspirator. The third act, where he tells is wife that he is connected with the Nihilists, is the strongest; vhilst the second would be better for a little toning. The story, aid in St. Petersburg, may briefly be told. Olga Markoff, while out riving, meets with an accident, and is rescued by two Russian oblemen—Count Ivan Demidoff and Count Fedor Petrovick. Olga alls desperately in love with the former, and when, six weeks later, he two noblemen call on her, the latter to make dishonourable roposals, he is instantly dismissed, whilst Count Demidoff is the ccepted lover. This enrages Count Petrovick, and he vows engeance. In the second act we see the principals at a ball; Demidoff is intoxicated, and has lost heavily at cards. Later on 'etrovick, who is still friendly with Olga, tells her of a meeting of he members of the "Old Guard Club," to take place after the ball, nd amongst those concerned is her husband and some very doubtful ladies." Olga determines to be present, and this Petrovick anages to contrive. Olga there hears her husband make her the ubject of a wager, after which she takes off the veil she wears, nuch to the discomfiture of her spouse. The following morning, hen husband and wife meet, he makes a lame excuse, and requests er to give him her jewels to help some Nihilists to get away from he police, who are in possession of some condemnatory papers. Olga refuses; she meanwhile having given them to Petrovick, vho has told her her husband is indebted to him a large sum of money. After this Petrovick manages to get Olga to his castle, where she refuses to dishonour her marriage vow, and attempts to kill him. Demidoff arrives at the nick of time, and puts an end to he struggle. Demidoff at first refuses to listen to his wife, but when he tells him she has attempted to kill her would-be betrayer, he believes her. Demidoff next sets about killing Petrovick in a duel, this he manages to do, and the curtain falls, leaving us to believe Demidoff has gets over his difficulties and lives happy ever after with his wife. From this outline it will readily be seen that there is nothing new in the play, and but for the finished acting on the first night we are afraid the verdict would not have been favourable. Mr. John A. Stevens made a mistake when he consented to perform in his own piece. His accent, coupled with a somewhat peculiar mannerism, did fell flat. As Olga, Miss Dorothy Dene was pretty and e This lady at times came well to the fore, at others she show further study would prove beneficial. Her first scene was gi happy vein, but afterward the task seemed too weighty Miss Carlotta Leclercq was provided with a small part, bu well conceived. The others engaged call for no special menti

Olympic.—Miss Agnes Hewitt, the lessee and manag this newly-decorated theatre, opened her season on Monday new and original drama, in a prologue and three acts, entitle Pointsman." This drama, by Messrs. R. C. Carton an Raleigh, can undoubtedly claim to be, in many instances, while the interest is fairly sustained to the end. The present us with a villain who stops at nothing to attain h but they have altogether omitted to provide the piece heroine. That a heroine is missed we cannot say; there female parts, and both call for our sympathy. If the intere at any stage it is hardly perceptible, and then only to gi force to a good situation. The dialogue is considerably ab ordinary melodrama type, and skill has been shown in bringin the different situations. The authors do not rely much upon w known as "curtains," and, perhaps, this is a fault. For i after the railway collision, in the second act, which take "off," a change of scenery shows us the wreck and the rem the injured. Here was a good "curtain," but, not conte authors go in for cursings from the husband, who thi wife false. The piece is necessarily of a complicated ch and to describe it at full would take up more space at our disposal, but the following may be taken as the p line of action. Dick Dugdale, landlord of the Blue Tavern, Gravesend, has had a hard day at the races, and wits end to know what to do for money. His landlord thre put the brokers in if the rent is not paid on the morrow. Afte ing this from Lizzie, a woman who has been living with hi casts her adrift. At this time two strangers, just arrived f Diamond Fields at the Cape, are brought in, they being in s a night's lodging. They have landed at this part of the rive to one of them being stricken with fever, and his companion to get him ashore with the idea that a sleep would do him good hearing that the travellers possess diamonds asks the younger him a few just to help him over his difficulties. As a m course the traveller refuses, and Dick murders him; the co by name Tom Lidstone, being too unwell to lend his friend ass After the murder Tom is taken to a place near Chislehu placed on the roadside. Here he is found by Esther Hathern persuades her father to take him indoors and attend to hi On Tom recovering he has but a dim recollection of what ha place, but he knows full well that his friend has been murd but by whom, or where, he has not the slightest idea,—the di stolen, and that he is poorer than when he left England. now engaged as pointsman on the railway, and is married to After being thrown over by Dick, Lizzie returns to her father and is being courted by one Black George, who is ignoran past history. Dick meanwhile, in some unexplained man become connected with the firm of Fordyce and Co., merchants. He tries to win the hand of Miss Fordyce, but h Lizzie, and complications again arise. She is wearing a murdered man gave her, and Dick, frightened it might one identified, tries to secure it. This ring Lizzie refuses to pa and after she has married Black George—who turns out a scoundrel—Dick still follows her. One evening, lending ready ear to him, she drugs the brandy her hus drinking—he having left the signal box when the traffic arranged by the snow. Tom Lidstone finding George drun the brandy and goes to work the signals himself. lonely post, during the cold evening, he drinks the with the result that he is in too dazed a state to w points when the express passes. In the express is Tom's w is going to London to endeavour to rescue Lizzie fr clutches of Dick. The express dashes into some trucks on and, as a result, Esther is dragged from the débris ver injured. Tom suspects his wife is false to him, but the h justice are on the track of Dick; he is hunted down to t Anchor, where, having played his accomplice, Collins, fals duly shot by that worthy, just as the police come to arre Needless to say, Mr. E. S. Willard makes of Dick Dugdale o worst villains that could be conceived. His murder scene th held the audience, while his every action was watched keenest interest. His facial expression was something marv witness, and he never lost an opportunity to add colour to Mr. J. G. Grahame sustained the character of Tom Lidstone and easy style that thoroughly satisfied the audience Mr. F. Motley Wood well depicted the cowardice of D accomplice. Mr. J. P. Burnett made a good "character" p ex-detective, and Mr. Frank Wright was efficient as the brut George. Mr. Bernard Gould, as the murdered man, and M Darbishire, as Charles Franklin (of the firm of Fordyce fairly acquitted themselves. Miss Maud Milton showed con feeling and pathos as Lizzie, while Miss Agnes Hewitt was ing Esther. The other parts were in good hands. With suppression, "The Pointsman" can be made into a real drama, one that should repay Miss Hewitt for the trouble and she has been put to to make her patrons comfortable.

The popular musical comedy, "Fun on the Bristol," revived at the Gaiety on Monday next, when Mr. John Shor

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company of members and visitors assembled to do honour to . Chamberlain—no relation we believe whatever to the hero of acres and a cow!"—on his elevation to the chair of King on in succession to Bro. H. Seymour-Clarke, the esteemed of Romford Union. The brethren assembled soon after three , and the proceedings throughout were characterised by the harmony and good feeling. The chair was occupied by the g Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Seymour-Clarke, who was sup- by Bros. Chamberlain S.W. and W.M. elect, H. Winkley J.W., Myers P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Robson P.M. Secretary, F. J. West E. J. Haviland J.D., A. Bryant I.G., J. E. Jackson D.C., Ayres Organist, W. Toombes W.S., E. Watkins, F. W. Dines, Wahldeck, R. Goodman, G. A. Read, E. C. Bradshaw, J. G. son, J. Tyson, T. A. Bearcock, C. Smith, J. D. Bourne, W. G. son, W. J. Woidlaume, B. Toombs, Hales, J. J. Marsh, &c. sitors included Bros. J. G. Twinn W.M. 1306, G. W. Hart . Harbow 1227, G. H. Clark 1227, W. F. Brickdale W.M. elect C. S. Down 905, Albert Toombs 1259, G. J. King 1259, H. J. ett 1511, and others. Lodge was opened in form, and the s of the last regular meeting and the Lodge of Emergency were nd confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which the Lodge to be in a sound position, both numerically and ally, was adopted. The Worshipful Master elect was pre- by Bro. Twinn W.M. of Lodge 1306, and having assented to sponsibilities of office, a Board of Installed Masters ly constituted, and the ceremony of installation was performed masterly manner by Bro. W. H. Myers, one of the founders, "father" of the Lodge, whose eloquence created a most im- e effect upon all present. On the re-admission of the brethren, wly-installed Master invested his Officers for the year, as —Bros. H. Seymour-Clarke I.P.M., B. H. Winkley S.W., F. J. J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Robson Past Secretary, E. J. Haviland Senior Warden, A. Bryant Junior , J. E. Jackson I.G., G. A. Read Director of Ceremonies, rs Organist, W. Toombs Steward, P. Watkins A.S. The inves- was accompanied by a few appropriate words to each Officer nature of his duties, &c., and the charges to the Master, s and Brethren were delivered in a manner that elicited from resent the most unbounded expressions of approbation. A ne Past Master's jewel was presented, by the unanimous vote odge, to the retiring Master, and in affixing it to Bro. Clarke's Bro. Chamberlain referred to the happy and prosperous year other had enjoyed, and the valuable services he had rendered. arke briefly acknowedged the gift, and said he should continue uture, as he had done in the past, to do all he could to promote erests of the Prince Leopold Lodge. Hearty good wishes been expressed, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren ed to banquet, which was provided in Bro. East's best style, arrangements, under the personal supervision of Mr. W. elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction. During selections were played by Miss Thomas, in brilliant style on oforte, and subsequently this lady rendered efficient assistance mpanyist to the singers. The Worshipful Master proposed in terms the Queen and the Craft, alluding to the interest dis- by Her Majesty in the Institution, of which she was roness. The toast was loyally received, though a little occurred which elicited expressions of disapprobation en personal rebuke. Two brethren declined to stand the singing of the National Anthem, and very ly received the merited taunts of the rest of the . They were understood to "object on political grounds," I.P.M. observed that although politics were excluded from sonry, the toast of the Queen, as the Head of the Craft, had ical signification, and those who declined to honour it adopted "crafty" manner of exhibiting their spleen. The effect of py repartee was to turn a tittle of laughter on the shame- ouple of disloyalists. The health of the Most Worshipful Master and other rulers of the Craft were duly honoured, after he I.P.M. assumed the gavel, and said it afforded him much to propose the toast of their esteemed Worshipful Master. een his privilege to know Bro. Chamberlain for several years, ld testify that he had always been a hard-working member them, not only in the Lodge, but in all matters ed with Freemasonry. He had worked steadily up through ious offices, and well deserved the position into which been installed that day. It was their sincere wish that he ave good health, and a most prosperous and happy year of From the manner in which he invested his Officers they udge of the excellent working to be witnessed during the year, and it was evident that Bro. Chamberlain was equal to k he might be called upon to perform. They must all stick to him, shoulder to shoulder, and then the success and of the Lodge would be assured. The toast was cordially , and in response the W.M. said he thanked the brethren cerely for the manner in which he had been greeted. He proud of the position he now occupied; it was one to which ooked forward for years, though he did not anticipate, when d the Lodge, that he should attain to it so soon. He had the offices, with the exception of I.G., and he was now sorry not taken that also, as a Master should be practically con- with every part of the work. He thanked them most heartily kindness in electing him during his temporary absence from

of the Founders, to do all he could to promote the interests o Lodge, and he rejoiced to see the high position it had now atta At one time the number of members was reduced to nineteen threatened to become less; but since they moved their quarte the City their numbers had increased, and they had now a very pectable Lodge. It would always be a pleasure to him to per the installation ceremony, as he had done so many before; at the same time it was the duty of every M to instal his successor. Their I.P.M. would have don that evening, but his many other engagements prev his devoting that time to the work that was absolutely neces The Worshipful Master, in extending a welcome to the Visitors the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge were always glad t them, and "the more the merrier." The toast was received w capital "Leopold fire," and acknowledged by Bros. Twinn, B dale and King. The charity-box was then passed round, and amount announced by the Worshipful Master was £1 2s 9½d proposing the Initiate, the Worshipful Master said it was impo for a Lodge to go on without an infusion of new blood, and he h they would be successful in obtaining not only numbers, but m excellent qualities, so as to maintain and elevate the standard o Lodge. Bro. Marsh having sang the E.A. song, Bro. Wah thanked the brethren very much for the kindness they had sh him. It had been his ambition for some time to becom Freemason, for during the many years he had travelled he received abundant proof that Freemasonry was a good t He was glad the opportunity had come that his desire been realised, and was thankful to the brother who proposed It was a great honour to any man to belong to the Ma body. He should always endeavour to do his duty, and to comm respect as a brother Mason, and to be true to the Prince Leo Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters followed, and responses made by the I.P.M., Bro. Myers, the Secretary Bro. Robson, regretted the unavoidable absence of Bro. Macdonald, and by Lewis. Highly complimentary remarks were made by the spea respecting the perfect manner in which the installation ceremony performed by Bro. Myers. The Officers of the Lodge were recog in the customary way, and the toast was acknowledged by Winkley, West, Myers, Robson, and Watkins, all of whom expr their readiness to assist in every possible way in advancing prosperity of the Lodge. The enjoyment of the evening was enliv by some capital singing and recitations, and the utmost harmony good fellowship prevailed throughout.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1834.

ON Tuesday evening, 23rd August, Bro. Charles W. Bev Southsea, was installed as the W.M. of this Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, Landport. The ceremony of installation was formed in a highly impressive and efficient manner by the ret W.M., Bro. I. S. Gardner, who was supported by a large nu of the members of the local Lodges, including the following inst Masters of the Craft:—Bros. G. F. Lancaster P.P.G. Reg. (Secr Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Benevolent and Educat Institution), A. R. Holbrook P.G. Reg., Alderman Cudlipp P.P.G. S. R. Ellis P.P.G.D.C., J. Westaway P.G. Std. Br., Dr. C. Knott G. Farney Brown, W. A. Hill 309, W. Benttell 342, W. Dart P.P.G.S., W. J. Borrow 1958, J. Mitchell 1428, W. J. Smith G. T. Cunningham and J. J. Bascombe 104. Also the follo members of the Craft:—Bros. J. Moody J.P., T. A. Bramsdon, Blake, T. W. Quick, J. W. D. Pillow P.P.G. Organist, F. E. Fr J. W. Gardner, J. M. Godfrey, W. Miller, C. Holmes, W. E. Le E. G. Wright, J. Chipper, E. Hart and W. W. Slade, in additio the Officers of the Lodge, who were appointed by the W.M follows:—Bros. D. T. Rule S.W., G. T. Aylen J.W., J. W. West Treasurer, T. Cowd Secretary, R. G. Farlam S.D., C. F. Brown J. J. Shuter D.C., W. Francis I.G., R. J. Waterman and T. Stewards, J. Exell Tyler. A special vote of thanks was passe Bro. I. S. Gardner for the able manner in which he had carrie the duties of Installing Master, and Bro. S. R. Ellis was prese with a vote for the Hampshire Charity, in recognition of his serv as Treasurer of the Lodge since its formation. After the busi the W.M. presided at a banquet, which was served by the officia the club in excellent style. The usual Loyal and Masonic t were honoured, and the musical interpolations, under the dire of Mr. Pillow, were highly appreciated.

The Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, hel the Cock Tavern, Highbury, will resume its weekly m ings on Monday, 5th Sept., at 8.30, when Bro. J. Coc W.M. 1693, Treasurer, will rehearse the ceremonie initiation and raising.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequ upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particul

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

-Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
-Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
-Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
-Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
-Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
-Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
-Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Chapter of Improvement Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
5—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
4—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
74—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
0—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
8—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
75—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
25—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
45—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
99—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
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)
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
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
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
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 6th 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 Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, 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 (Inst.)
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, Woolwich
[illegible] High Street, at 8. (Instruction)

M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' [illegible]
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rh[illegible]
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street,
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 7th 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, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Inst
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8.
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.
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard,
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monm
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Ma
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
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
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instr
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1803—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Le
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 369—Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-F
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.3
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (In
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30 (In
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instr
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at
[illegible] Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7

ett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
ohn, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
xwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
e of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
nnaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
old, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
ugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of
eberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
nt Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
ecar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
ton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
aders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
on, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
gate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
oyal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
na, 85 High Street, Cowes
ine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
nnia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
ent Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
nerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
onic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
ers, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
l Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
nimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
y, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
dred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
can, Masonic Hall, Carolina Street, Longton, Stafford
Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
erance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
ngton, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
lgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
e of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
y, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
eorge, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
n, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
lity, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
avid, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
ichael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
n, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
t Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
hill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
ourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
t. Corbet Arms, Towyn
tality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
en, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
ndrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
ington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
a Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
tone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
erseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
erseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
ees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
rdson, Masonic Hall, Southport
hilanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
riendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

odge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
t Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
an's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
d Pilgrims. Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
mes, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
m Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
ugh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
politan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
on, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
narvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
e, 79 Kbury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
ure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
thagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
tern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
ly of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
dornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square,
Paddington, W. (Improvement)
Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
organ, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
ell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
ur, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
mouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
gate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
esert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
ld, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
ge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
lexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
e Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

ester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
ury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
f Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
t Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
ty, London [illegible] Churchyard Street

R.A. 1453—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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E PRESENT POSITION OF FREE-MASONRY.

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E charitable outcome and development of English Freemasonry during the last thirty years have been cause of admiration to friend and foe, and no doubt irly be held to account for the unexampled position English Craft as before the Masonic world, and to xtent at any rate for that quasi-grudging recog it has hitherto extorted from indifferent, sarcastic, en openly hostile bystanders. Certainly it is in itself st striking fact, a most commendable reality, ne which does the greatest credit both to otives and energy, the zeal and munificence se who have given, as well as to the ceaseless endea- nd labours of those who have organized and educed ving. From our first entrance into Freemasonry, ve impressed upon us the heaven-born grace, the ng duty of Charity, that great virtue which serves d a lustre on all things here, whether of earthly rity or worldly success. The things of earth, as we l know, perish with the using of them, one and all. ealth we create, and the possessions we heap up, only often very short-lived, but all pass away from me and in turn, and are only in themselves valuable l, are only turned to a good use, only in truth profit fructify rightly and duly, in so far and in so forth, are used for the welfare of others, as well as for n convenience, or pleasure, or comfort, as the case be. Freemasonry, in more than one didactic ition which we shall probably call to mind, warns adopted children, the "sons of the widow," that are countless inequalities of rank, condition, and in life, which make up the necessary gradations of though all are compacted as it were by golden and tine links.

of the ablest writers have pointed out that these ifferences and inequalities complete the motive of the higher attributes of the greater virtues, and sonry adds that always needful caution, that all ifts, and possessions, and positions, are at the best er accompanied by the greatest changeableness most striking uncertainty.

perity, for instance, shines upon us glad and t to-day; adversity meets us on the way with its blast to-morrow. Those who were basking in the e of glad hours and fair day dreams but as yes- may be the day after to-morrow, even by the sudden ften of fortune or fatality, reduced to the lowest ebb ty and distress. And therefore it is that our Masonic ity, our kindly Brotherhood has wisely realized that and certain teaching, and has sought to make n for those various ills which affect and afflict ty, and for which Freemasons, no more than others, free or exempt.

ir admirable Fund of Benevolence, and in its inating administration by a conscientious and Board, we seek to offer relief to numberless press-

(may their number and means yearly increase), we strive to meet and assuage many pressing applications for immediate aid and countenance.

In our great Charities, for great they are in every sense our benevolent Order once again desires to educate and watch over youth, and to relieve and compassionate the infirmities and needs of old age.

How well our Metropolitan Charities do this, and carry out the object of their origin and work, let their past and present history attest, and let others proclaim the undoubted and abounding benefits more fitly than ourselves, who support their efforts, and can testify to their utility. For it is an old complaint against Freemasons that they are too self-laudatory. No doubt, at times in their history and life, when Freemasonry was exposed to constant attacks and ceaseless antagonisms from those who, ignorant of its real teachings and aims, like all ignorant persons, were insolently aggressive, and boldly ridiculed its professions and maligned its practice, its defenders almost naturally fell, in their sense of the injustice meted out to it, into a constant vein of loyal eulogium.

But Freemasonry to-day, caring neither for praise nor blame, boldly adopts as a motto, "Si quæris circumspice." Nothing, as they tell us, "preaches like example," and the example of Freemasonry in the great and beneficent work of Charity, may fairly be held up as an example to all institutions and all bodies, whether civil or religious. It has indeed been hastily averred that its Charity is selfish at the best. But such an averment, by whomsoever made, is a mere paradox.

We do not relieve Freemasons simply because they are Freemasons, though the fact of their being all "brethren in Masonry" constitutes a passport to our Charitable funds and sympathies. But we relieve them because, being Freemasons, they make a fair claim on our Masonic Charity. On many occasions Grand Lodge and local bodies have made considerable and seasonable grants for special circumstances and claims altogether outside Freemasonry proper.

But as Charity is a characteristic embodiment of Masonic principles, we seek to help and relieve our own brethren, who properly apply to us in the pressing hour of their need.

And therefore, amid the many claims of Masonry to admiration just now, and its many evidences of usefulness and good, none we venture to submit are so patent or so decisive as its ceaseless, untiring, unselfish charitable efforts and results year by year.

For these are indeed, as we before remarked, both striking and effective, and are characterised in every respect by large-hearted munificence and true-hearted benevolence.

They proclaim loud-voicedly, even to our deafest opponents, that Freemasonry says what it means, and means what it says, and they serve, as we view it, moreover, to intimate to us all alike that whatever shall betide in onward career, and its present state of marvellous material prosperity, or affect its position and prestige before other Masonic jurisdictions, its Charities, useful, noble, and valuable as they are, must ever tend to increase the attachment of its own Brotherhood, and attract to

By Bro. J. Fletcher Brennan.

AFTER the publication, late in 1870, of his book on Freemasonry in New Jersey, by Grand Secretary Joseph Hough, it became generally known to American Freemasons that in June 1730, Daniel Coxe, then in London, had received the first Prov. G.M. Deputation ever granted by the Grand Lodge of England for any part or Province of America. The text of that Deputation had been obtained some seven years previously by Bro. Hough from the then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, and the same was embodied by Past Grand Master Whitehead, of New Jersey, in his Introduction, of some thirty-two pages, to Bro. Hough's volume, of more than seven hundred pages, published under the title "Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey, and the entire Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from its first organisation, A.L. 5786."

On the second page of this Introduction Bro. Whitehead stated that "Preston, in his 'Illustrated Masonry,' says that in 1730 he (the Duke of Norfolk) established a Grand Lodge, by Deputation at New Jersey, in America." Next, that "in the list of Prov. Grand Masters published by Calcott, in his 'Disquisitions,' Daniel Coxe is mentioned for New Jersey in 1730." Next, that "in an old history of Freemasonry, published in 1754," the same fact is mentioned. Next, that "Dr. Mitchell in his History of Masonry published in 1858 states that Anderson, in his History of Masonry, gives 1729 as the date of a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge in New Jersey in America."

The foregoing being all that at the time it was written, the same being prior to his sight of the text of Daniel Coxe's Deputation, was known to Bro. Whitehead, he went on to say, regarding it as a whole, "It will be seen from the above extracts that the information existing with reference to this subject was so shadowy and unsatisfactory as almost to amount to the vagueness of tradition." And it remained for the Historical Committee of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to clear up this vagueness in part by obtaining the copy mentioned of Daniel Coxe's Deputation, and which was done in 1863, by correspondence between the Grand Secretaries of England and New Jersey Grand Lodges, initiated by the latter, and the same presented in full on pages vii and viii of Provincial Grand Master Whitehead's Introduction to the work of Bro. Hough, published, as stated, in 1870.

Then for the first time publicly it was discovered that this Deputation was to remain in force two years from its date, and that it included with New Jersey the Provinces of New York and Pennsylvania, and thus it became known that Coxe was empowered to charter Lodges of Freemasons in either of those three Provinces for two years, when his authority should pass by election in his Provincial Grand Lodge to a member thereof, as his successor.* But notwithstanding the most earnest efforts by investigators, no evidence whatever was obtained, nor seemingly obtain-

* A curious similarity may be noticed between the provision here made for a successor, and that of L. Dermott's, or then Antrim Prov. Grand Lodge Warrant, as seen by the text of that granted to the brethren applying for the same in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1784, the latter being found at p 392 *et pass* of the Standard History of Freemasonry by Rebold and Brennan. As this was not the style of such document as issued by the (Modern) Grand Lodge of England's G.M. a very few years later than 1730, the question is presented: Was not this independent style of Prov. Grand Lodge Warrant changed from this, the original style, as were several other matters, and which changes formed the ground work for the Schism out of which grew the Antrim or Athol Grand Lodge of England, and secured it independent existence and much popularity for more than half a century? As may be seen, on p 367 of the same book, from the very first Prov. Grand Lodge Warrants granted by the Dermott Grand Lodge, as early as 1757, when that body commenced, with the Earl of Blessington as its Grand Master, to grant these documents, their subsequent independence was by such provision established, the language there being that the Officers specified in the Warrant should "nominate, chuse, and instal their successors, whom they are to invest with their power and dignity, &c.; and such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and instal their successors, &c., such installations to be upon or near St. John the Evangelist's day, during the continuance of this (Provincial Grand) Lodge for ever. Provided that (the Officers so elected and installed) such Officers shall and do pay all due respect to the R.W.G.L. of Ancient Masons, by whom these presents are granted." On p 424 of

until, almost exactly four years afterwards, he arri
took up his residence in Burlington, New Jersey,
Associate to the Chief Justice of that Province—s
which he filled until his death in April 1739.

Thus it will be seen this information, obtained f
text of the Deputation, afforded nothing more satis
and in 1873—for by that time all investigators ha
drawn from the field—left a fine opening for a bo
unscrupulous person to manufacture some pro
Coxe had in some way chartered at least one
within his tri-provincial territory, and Philadelph
city in which such Lodge must have been charter

It was well known that as early as 1731
delphia had a Lodge, self-constituted, of Masons, o
William Allen was first W.M., and who was succe
that office by Benjamin Franklin. The only me
this Lodge, however, was to be found contemporary
latter's *Pennsylvania Gazette*. In 1734 Franklin wa
of it, and signed his name to letters he addr
November of that year to Henry Price of Bo
"B. Franklin G.M. of Pennsylvania." The princip
of those letters was to request that Price do charter
Lodge by virtue of the larger authority he (Pri
caused to be published in Boston newspapers as
that year received, making him (Price) Prov. G
North America, and thus give to his (Franklin's)
that legitimacy, or, as Franklin expresses it,
authority from home" (England), such a charte
confer upon it. But although the original rec
Mass. G.L. state that Price had done so, subsequen
contradicted this record, and proved that he did n
those events further proved that no chartered Lod
extant in Philadelphia until the year 1749, w
September of that year Benjamin Franklin,
authority of a Prov. Grand Master's Deputation, h
summer previous received from the English-ap
D.G. Master for North America, Thomas Oxn
Boston, chartered and had organised such Lodge.

The year 1870 was memorable for its private an
contributions to the general enlightenment regardi
Masonic legitimacy in America. To settle the
raised after the death of her corresponding Grand
tary, Charles W. Moore, Esq., as to the actual appo
by the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of England
of Henry Price as Prov. Grand Master, the Gran
of Massachusetts authorised a Committee to in
the subject, and the Chairman of that Committ
Master Heard, went to England, and there he obt
the information possible, and which, however,
satisfactorily attest the affirmative of the subje
inquiry.

In the same year Bro. Jacob Norton, of Bostor
first time got access to the original Massachusetts
Records, and discovered that that book was not w
until the year 1751, and which was about eight
after the first transactions recorded in it took pla
on the one hand; while, on the other, nearly all th
memoranda used by the writers of this book in th
Henry Price, and doubtless under his direction, ha
lost or destroyed, this book alone remained to be r
as the original record. It may be here remarke
many years this record book was kept conceal
possession of the late C. W. Moore, and who,
Secretary for all the years from 1844, when he
said to take command of the Grand Lodge of Mass
until he was dethroned in 1867, did, if one m
be regarded as doing so, represent the Grand
Massachusetts, and spoke for it *ex cathedra* th
monthly publication, his *Freemasons' Magazine*.

The stupid mistakes* he in those years thus

* That those mistakes are being picked up even at the p
the following may be offered in evidence. In the F
Chronicle (London, Eng.) of 30th July 1887, the foll
appears:

"Dear Sir and Brother,—In my 6th volume, at
printed a statement of the late C. W. Moore, of Boston, Ma
which turns out to be incorrect. The statement in que
wise adopted as my own, but merely gave it as a citation
whose eminence in the Craft will, I think, amply justify—

sued as the Proceedings of that Grand Lodge for 1870,
71, under the direction of the then Grand Master, now
e, Wm. S. Gardner, is in evidence, and wherein may
ound, among other matters well worthy the reader's
the report of Provincial Grand Master Heard on what
iscovered in England. Bro. Jacob Norton's examina-
of the "original records" aforesaid, with his published
ts in 1870, were the beginnings of the discovery of
mistakes and exposé of the late Grand Secretary;
the principal affliction was his expression of opinion
Henry Price was at no time possessed of a Provincial
d Master's Deputation, in fact, while he was possessed
legitimate Lodge charter, and with it organised, in
on, in June 1733, the first Lodge ever legitimately
ded in America, and which Lodge was for many years
wards known as the "First Lodge."

daring an opinion as this, being at war with all pre-
eived and well-established Massachusetts belief, it
rally became intolerable, and Bro. Norton came to be
rded by even the most liberal and truth-loving
achusetts and other brethren as one whom it would
he correct thing to generally discountenance. Sir
es McIntosh related, as one of his experiences i
, that when he put into the hands of a Brahmin his
able microscope to examine the fruit the latter was
g, and prove that so far from it being an inanimate
tance, and ever had so been, it was teeming with life,
a moment's use the priest dashed the instrument
the pavement, and, with an imprecation, to Sir James
: "I was a happy man in my belief, and total
nence from eating anything which ever had life, until
accursed instrument enlightened me!"

he reader who has kindly followed me thus far will per-
what, in 1873, could be the motive for the crime of
h I have thus far given the history. He will see
in that year the Freemasons of Pennsylvania, and more
ially of Philadelphia, the same being completed, were
t to dedicate their new and exceedingly costly Masonic
ple, the third within the life of Masonry therein,
ed in that city, each increasing in grandeur and
iness over that of the other; and if there ever had
cause or a time in which to create an extra sensation
was the proper occasion. That sensation plainly was
llow the announcement by the orator of the claim of
adelphia for the legitimate Mother Lodgeship of America;
n the then condition of general historic knowledge
he subject, as gathered from all which up to that time
been published, it only required a bold man to manu-
re something that would—at least for the time being
undisputed as evidence of the condition then desired
he Philadelphia Masons—not the truth, possibly, but
they on such occasion wanted the truth to be.

he occasion demanded the man, and the man appeared
he occasion. As late as 12th March 1887, in the
adelphia *Keystone* of that date, over his own proper
ature of Charles E. Meyer, he has told the readers of
paper how it was done. How an extract, so-called,
a so-called letter, and since 1873 specified when spoken
the Henry Bell letter, this so-called extract, being so
n of such so-called letter as any living man has ever
was prepared and put into the hands of the orator for
dedication ceremonies, to be used by him to establish
laim of Philadelphia as the Mother City of legitimate
ered Freemasonry in America, and that it was so used,
e surprise of the great majority present, including the
r himself, and the delight of the remainder, as being
they desired the truth to be. That "extract" read
llows, the same assuming or pretending to be copied
a letter written by one Henry Bell, of Lancaster,
sylvania, 17th November 1754, to Thomas
vallader, M.D., of Philadelphia:—

[EXTRACT].

you well know, I was one of the originators of the first
ic Lodge in Philadelphia. A party of us used to meet at the
Tavern, in Water Street, and sometimes opened a Lodge there.
in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a Charter
regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of

not produce the original letter; and although, as he s
in his story of the Henry Bell letter, he directed the m
who made this extract to offer one hundred dollars for t
use of the letter long enough to have it photographed,
was positively denied in manner as he, Mr. Meyer,
mentioned in his aforesaid account of the matter,
account which has been stated by the lawyers who h
read it could not be taken in any Court of Justice as sat
factory, and this although he had thirteen years in whi
to prepare it!

In 1884, however, something took place which divert
the minds of those who until that time had absolut
nothing but the so-called extract with which to support
Philadelphia claim. This was a Lodge Book, so-called,
same being a book with entries of accounts of members
phraseology different from any Masonic Lodge Book know
of a Lodge supposed to be that which I have mentioned,
which Franklin was W.M. in 1734, and which continued
exist to 1738, when it ceased. This book, stated to be p
sented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania by Geo
T. Ingham, of Salem, New Jersey, on 8th November 18
was discovered in the library of that Society on the 2
February 1884 by Clifford P. MacCalla, then and now, a
for several years, away back to 1873, editor of the *Keyst*
a weekly Masonic and miscellaneous literary newspap
With this "Liber B." Lodge Book—in which, by the w
and much to the chagrin doubtless of the "extract" He
Bell producer, the name of Henry Bell, nor his acco
found no place—as his text, and the Henry Bell le
extract as his argument, this editor, C. P. MacCa
announced that now, beyond peradventure, it was pro
that Philadelphia was the Mother City of legitimat
chartered Freemasonry. Then, apparently not satis
that his paper would give this most important ma
circulation enough, he took the types of his *Keystone*,
them arranged in book pages, and published as a pamph
of forty odd pages, in manner as in March 1887 he did
his own latest story of Daniel Coxe, and Charles
Meyer's story of the Henry Bell letter.

So great an effect had this publication of 1884 upon
Freemasons of Pennsylvania, and especially those of P
adelphia in proving to them not the truth, but that wh
they wanted the truth to be, that in the autumn of 18
when the Washington monument, in Washington C
came to be dedicated, the delegation from Philadelp
stepped forward in answer to the Marshal's call for
representatives of the Mother City of Masonry in Amer
A pause, and some confusion ensuing, the delegation
informed that Masonic history did not support their cl
but that Boston, Massachusetts, according to that hist
should correctly claim the position, as, according to it,
first regularly chartered Lodge was established ther
Thereupon the Philadelphia delegation gave place to
Boston delegation. This was a damper, but doubtless w
they referred themselves to the authority upon which t
had depended, he privately informed them, as Cæsar
publicly those who were vanquished at the battle
Pharsalia, "Ye would have it so!" More appropriat
however, could he have hung, as a permanent fixture
his office desk, a sign similar to that found on the
above the piano in the concert-room of a mining villag
Colorado: "Don't shoot the girl at the piano; she is d
her level best to please you!"

Be this as it may, his final effort of last March exhau
his resources to establish the Daniel Coxe theory, while
disabling support at the same time afforded him by
ablest assistant in the controversy, as the true story of
Henry Bell letter, exploded that theory so effectively,
blew it so high that Gilderoy's famous kite will never re
it. When the early summer heats began to be felt,
author of that story, feeling himself badly broken
headed a pilgrimage of Knights Templars to England, t
possibly to endeavour to straighten his damaged charac
and satisfy those literary friends who erst had believe
him as a writer honest and honourable, and also in his
assistant the Editor aforesaid, whom he left behind.*

iladelphia, is at once adopted by the Editor of that paper. at decision is, that if the Brethren at Philadelphia had y authority for the establishment of their Lodge in 1731, must be held to have been by the immemorial right all asons had in those early days to organise Lodges at will. Their meetings," continues and concludes Bro. Gould, or all we know to the contrary, may have been ld before the era of Grand Lodges, and they certainly re before the influence of the earliest of these bodies had ade itself felt across the seas."

Thereupon Editor MacCalla, forgetful of his thirteen ars support of the Daniel Coxe theory, crawls abjectly fore this new idea—an idea by the way that has no pport, as there is no proof whatever that those men o subsequently fashioned it as such, as a Lodge, ever ld a meeting at the Tun Tavern, or any where else in iladelphia, before the year 1730, and delivers himself of s adhesion incontinent to it as follows:—

"One could not ask a better endorsement than the above the claim (considered by us previously to have been undantly authenticated and established) of Philadelphia be the *premier* city, the mother City of Masonry in merica. To say that (as Bro. Gould does say) "the raternity at Philadelphia in 1731 must be held to be as uch and as legally (lawfully we would say) a Grand odge as that of 'All England at York,' *is all that we uld wish.* * * No warrant from Provincial Grand aster Coxe, or from the Grand Lodge of England (whether ther was obtained or not) could have added to the *lawful* asonic character of this Lodge. *At that date* it was just lawful a body as any subordinate Lodge is to-day (!) ssessed of a warrant from a Grand Lodge. If there be y difference in rank it is in favour of the Philadelphia odge of 1730-31, since it existed *at and before* the era hen Grand Lodges were *first* formed, and *it was just such odges as it that in* 1717 formed *the first* Grand Lodge of ngland. Boston had no such Lodge in 1730-31, and nce Boston, according to Bro. Gould's just reasoning, can ot rightfully claim to have been the first home of a lawful odge on this continent, while Philadelphia may. We ank Bro. Gould for bringing out so clearly and so con-usively this phase of Philadelphia Masonry, and we trust ur Boston Brethren will make a note of it."

There; I hope Charles E. Meyer, after he has read the oregoing will feel that he is properly rewarded for his loss character in connection with his production of the Henry ell letter. I hope he will feel that his able coadjutor has ucceeded in out-heroding Herod in the statement above, hat in 1730 it was just as lawful for men calling themselves lasons to organise themselves into a Lodge as it was for he men who composed the Grand Lodge of all England at ork, England, to do so many years before the first Grand odge of England was organised at London; and that a harter from Daniel Coxe, which Charles E. Meyer com-itted a crime to prove they received, would not have dded in the slightest degree to the lawful character of heir Tun Tavern Lodge, and this though B. Franklin, its laster in 1734, has put himself on record as desiring that his Lodge be chartered by Henry Price, the only man in merica he then knew of, or believed to have power to o so.

Need I elaborate this history of a crime further? Can heir ever be a reader of it so lacking in common sense as ot to fully appreciate its every part and, as a whole, as aving no parallel within the present century in the history f English Freemasonry in America, or any other country? think not.

Honorary Commander of the American Knights Templars, and was resented with a magnificent gold jewel of his rank. Bro. Charles Hayer, of Philadelphia, made the presentation." As the CHRONICLE s usually very correct in its spelling of proper names, the reason for s conduct in this instance demands explanation; for there can be o doubt that "Bro. Charles Hayer" is no other than Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, 15th Aug. 1887.

LA FAYETTE'S OPINION OF FREEMASONRY.—"Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy, and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality."

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A QUESTION TO BRO. GOULD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I read Bro. Lane's star announcement, that in 1768, No. 77, a Lodge constituted in was assigned to an entire new Lodge at Wolverhampton, reminded of something of the kind which happened about the time, to which Bro. Gould referred in his History. At first I tho that Bro. Gould might have meant the Wolverhampton Lodge. this, however, I was mistaken. Briefly then, on page 341, Vol. Bro. Gould's History, Note 3, I find:—

"Minutes of George Lodge, No. 4—then meeting at the G and Dragon, Grafton Street, St. Ann's. In 1767, when remov the Sun and "Punch Bowle," its warrant was "sold or othe illegally disposed of" to certain brethren, who christened it "Fr ship," which name it still retains (now No. 6). Among the offe were the Duke of Beaufort and Thomas French, shortly after G Master and Grand Secretary respectively of England."

Now, I have no objection to exposing the misdoings of Masters and Grand Secretaries. If they did wrong, let it be k But the question is, was there any wrong done at all? The may have been transferred from one body of members to an body, without any violation of law; and if such could have bee case, unless there exists positive evidence to the contrary, we no right to assume that "its warrant was sold, or otherwise ill disposed of." I believe that I stated in a former paper, first a Lodge has an undoubted right to admit new members, and s that each member has a perfect right to resign his membership he has paid up all dues. Now, suppose that after a number members were regularly ballotted for and unanimously accep the then Lodge No. 4, which met at the Sun and Punch the old members afterwards voluntarily resigned membership, they had a right to do, hence I cannot see why the parties conc in the said transaction could be charged with acting illegally?

For instance, the "Lodge of Tranquility," now No. 185, w very low ebb in January 1849; the Lodge was in debt to the Lodge, and to the Hotel Keeper about £50; its membersh reduced to five individuals; it held no meeting since the pr month of April, and it would probably never have held a meeting. But, just in the right nick of time, ten Masons off join the said Lodge, and undertook to lend the Lodge the nec funds for the payment of its debts. The result was, the Lod on 24th January 1849, and the ten candidates for membership elected. Bro. John Constable, in his History of the Lo Tranquility, says:—

"An election then took place for W.M. and Treasurer, resul favour of Bros. Barnett Moss and Lewis Isaacs respectively."

Both of which new Officers were new members. On 19th Fe following the W.M. was installed, and he appointed Wardens, D and Secretary, also from the new members. Suppose no after the election, the five old members had resigned memb could any one assert that the Warrant of the Lodge of Tran was sold or otherwise illegally disposed of?

But I will go further, and suppose that there was a pre-a ment or a mutual agreement for the five old members to resig the new Officers were installed, what then? and who lost a by the arrangement? It is certain that if the transfer Lodge had not been effected the old members could no remained members of the Lodge for a very long time, in add which they would not have been able to pay off their d the Grand Lodge, nor to the Hotel Keeper for the supp had supplied them with, from which debts they were relieved new members; and, on the other hand, the revived "L Tranquility," under its new management, has ever since the tained a high reputation, for respectability and intelligenc members, for the charity it distributes annually, and generous welcome it invariably extends to worthy visitors.

Now, it is not at all impossible—indeed, it is highly pro that the transaction of Lodge No. 4, in 1767, was conducted same legal form as that of the Lodge of Tranquility was i for I cannot believe that a Masonic body ever resorted to illega when the object could have been attained by a regular legal Hence, unless Bro. Gould is in possession of positive evide the transaction of Lodge No. 4 in 1767 was illegal, the Beaufort, Thomas French, and other parties concerned in transaction, cannot reasonably or justly be charged with havi guilty of a Masonic offence.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB N...

Boston, U.S., 16th August 1887.

"RETURNING TO LABOUR."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under the above heading, leader of last Saturday's CHRONICLE, you refer to the o monotony and weariness felt in Lodges and Lodges of Ins

ave been given in many Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges amble efforts to expound the rituals of the symbolic degrees nry, I shall be very pleased to arrange with any Lodge or f Instruction, in London or the Provinces, for the delivery of my lectures during the ensuing Masonic season.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

en-street-place, E.C. 720, 1216, 1426.
th Sept. 1887.

RO. GOULD'S LITERARY TREATMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—Until Bro. Gould mentioned the subject had no idea necessarily of the unjust treatment he is with in the United States, in respect of his great work, an o our Craft and to our epoch.

hardly believe, knowing so well as I do the high tone and r of American Freemasons, that any such unjust, unfair and nic treatment will be dealt out, with their approval and to our very distinguished Masonic litterateur.

Fraternally yours,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

annual report of the directors of the Crystal Palace mpany, which will be presented to the proprietors at xt ordinary general meeting, to be held on the stant, is a very good one, and testifies to the con- able administration of the concern. Notwithstand- reduction in the price of gas to 2s 9d—which has the Lady day quarter, giving a benefit to the ers of about £950—the gas and meter rental for the ar has increased, as compared with the corresponding ar of 1886, £2,282. There is a slight increase in l amount paid for coal. The prices obtained for d tar during the half year have been very low, and derably quantity of tar has been used for fuel. dditional purifiers have been erected, being all that esent required on the works to meet the general ed consumption; and a larger main has been ted for a small one in the district. The call of pon the unpaid New Ordinary 7 per cent. shares in last produced £11,934, and the directors have to make a further call of about the same amount ayable during December next, taking dividend from uary 1888. They recommend the declaration of a d for the half year ended 30th June last, at the g rates per annum :—6 per cent. on the Preference 7 per cent. on the Ordinary 7 per cent. stock; cent. on the Ordinary 10 per cent. stock; and cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per cent. shares; ing to £13,003 14s 10d, less income tax of s 3d; and that the warrants for the net amount, 7 7s 7d, be forwarded by post to the proprietors, or thorised agents, before the 23rd September instant.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

e meeting of the Harmony Lodge, held at the Red Lion tel, on Thursday evening, the 1st instant, the Worshipful Bro. W. A. Hill), on behalf of the members of the Lodge and yal Arch Chapter connected therewith, presented an address tulation to Bro. Edgar Goble P.G. Sec. of Hampshire and the ight and a P.M. of the Lodge, on his appointment by H.R.H. e of Wales Grand Master, to the rank of P.G. Officer of the dge of England, and of the Supreme Grand Chapter. The ad been beautifully engrossed on vellum by Mr. J. Robertson, sea, and was enclosed in a frame surmounted with the crest dge. There was a large attendance to do honour to the amongst the visitors being the Deputy Provincial Grand f Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, o was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, in recogni- his valuable services to the Province and to the Craft

r's PILLS.—Weak Stomach.—The wisest cannot enumerate one the distressing symptoms arising from imperfect or disordered digest- f which can be relieved by these admirable Pills. They remove ste from the mouth, flatulency, and constipation. Holloway's Pills stomach, every other organ, thereby bringing digestion to

this College took place at Newark on Friday, the 26th Augu The distance from York, the working centre of the College, was v considerable, but the knowledge that many attractions existed th for the archæologist induced a fairly good muster of members. T York contingent left that city by the 10 a.m. train, and were join at Doncaster by the Leeds and West Riding fratres; here a carriage was provided, which was detached at Newark, where party landed and were driven to the Clinton Arms to lunch. H they were met by the members from Nottingham, Leicester, more southerly places, and by a distinguished visitor, Frater Wynn Westcott, Sec. General of the Order, who had taken the opp tunity of the southern visit of the northern College to honour it w an official visit. Lunch over, the party found a drag waiting them in the old-fashioned inn yard, and were driven through pleasant country surrounding the old town of Newark, p villages scented with ripening apricots, and interesting with fashioned timber-frame houses, to the ancient town of Southw formerly a favourite resort of the Archbishops of York, and conta ing one of the most exquisite examples of ecclesiastical architect in the kingdom. Dismounting, the party were conducted over Minster by Frater E. C. Patchitt (Nottingham), who showed the m points of interesting detail. Before leaving the Minster the pa were kindly taken into the library of Canon Browne, who show them the parchment records of the re-endowment of the Church Philip and Mary, and the old parchment Chapter Act books, dat from the twelfth century. Once more mounting the drag, the frat were rapidly whirled back to Newark, catching a glimpse as th passed of the ruined palace of the Archbishops, and were fina deposited at the door of the Lodge room of the Newton Lod No. 1661, which, with its furniture, had been fraternally placed at disposal of the fratres by its W.M. and brethren. Here the M was formed, there being present Fratres T. B. Whytehead C. Ade W. F. Tomlinson (Leeds) Celebrant, Wm. Brown (York) Sec., R. Dore (Huddersfield) Q.A., Wm. Flockton (Leeds) Precept Major MacGachen (York) Herald, W. H. B. Atkinson (Pontefra Med., E. C. Patchitt (Nottingham), Wm. Scott (Halifax), R. Cr (Leeds), Ben Stocks (Huddersfield), A. T. B. Turner (York), C. Lane (Hartlepool), G. Chapman (Nottingham), and Dr. W. Wy Westcott (London) Sec. Gen. Successful ballots were taken for following candidates: T. H. Pattison 1545, J. R. Welsman P.M. 6 T. M. Watson P.M. 97, T. J. Armstrong P.M. 406, T. M. Wilkin P.M. 297, H. Jekyll 297, Allan Haigh 448, J. Toplis P.M. 47, E. Kip P.M. 1531, H. T. Gardiner P.M. 458, and W N. Cheeseman W 566, Bros. Allan Haigh, John Toplis, Edward Kipps, and W Cheeseman, were then duly inducted by the Celebrant, and took th seats among the fraters. Frater John Toplis, himself an emin numismatist, submitted for the inspection of the members a select of siege pieces struck at Newark, Pontefract, and Scarborough dur the periods of the seigers of their castles in the civil war, with ot rare coins illustrating the History of Newark, as also tracts publish at the same times, and early and rare editions of books. Very cord votes of thanks were accorded to Fratres Patchitt and Toplis for th most interesting and valuable contributions to the knowledge of members, and their papers were ordered to be printed in the Trans tions of the College. On behalf of the Yorkshire members of Order, the Chief Adept expressed the pleasure afforded them by presence there of the Secretary General (Dr. Westcott), and the lat replied, thanking the College for its cordial reception of himself. cordial vote of thanks was also passed to the W.M. and members the Newton Lodge for the use of the room. The M.C having b dissolved, the fratres went to see the church of Newark, a structu full of points of remarkable interest, possessing many brass especially one, perhaps, the largest in the country, to the memory Alan Flemyng (1373). The rood screen is also very fine. One gr feature of this church was the number of chantries endowed there These embraced the St. Trinity Gild at the altar of St. Trinity, Ca well's at the same altar, Ferror's at the same altar, Foster's at same altar, Flemyng's at the altar of Corpus Christi, Isabell Caldwe at the same altar, Robert Caldwell's at the same altar, Surfleet's the altar of St. Mary Virgin and All Saints, De Bosco's at the a of St. Nicholas, Wanesey's at the altar of St. Katherine, Durant's the altar of St. James, Saucemer's at the altar of St. Lawrence, Ma Saucemer's at the same altar, and a chantry at the altar of St. Pet There was a most famous Gild in the town, named the St. Trin Gild, which had many of the presentations to these chantries, was virtually the governing body in Newark before the town incorporated. There was also another powerful Gild called Cor Christi. The visit of the members to the church was necessa brief, although most enjoyable, and they thence hurried to remains of the castle over-hanging the ruin, and the scene of so ma historic events. Beyond the underground casemated chamber, w a peculiar roof, and the deeply-embayed Tudor windows of the anci dining hall, there was not much to see, and the fratres presen returned to the Clinton Arms, where they sat down to a substan tea, and at 7.30 left the town by rail for their various homes, hav spent a most agreeable and profitable day. The scene of the n quarterly meeting was not absolutely fixed, but it seems prob that the rendezvous will be Halifax—of which place it used to said, "From Hull, Hell, and Halifax, Good Lord deliver us."

MASONIC LOYALTY. — "Masonry undermines the State; it essentially disloyal," says its enemies. Yet we find Washingt Jackson, Garfield and other Presidents members of the Fraterni The Prince of Wales, heir to the Throne of England, is Grand Mast

tion of the United Grand Lodge of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Thomas W. Tew P.G.D., v. G.M. West Yorkshire, officiating as M.W.G.M. . Hugh D. Sandeman P. District G.M. of Bengal acted Deputy G.M., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as S.G.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk as J.G.W. re was a large and influential attendance, upwards of hundred brethren being present. Grand Lodge having n opened in ample form, the Grand Secretary, Bro. onel Shadwell H. Clerke, read the minutes of the previous mmunication, which were unanimously confirmed. He n submitted the report of the Jubilee Commemoration sting at the Albert Hall, on 13th June, under the sidency of the M.W.G.M., at which an address of contulation was voted to Her Majesty on the completion of fiftieth year of her reign. The report was received l ordered to be entered on the minutes. The and Secretary added that he had the honour to nounce that a Deputation, consisting of His Royal ghness the M.W G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., Sir bert Woods, C.B. (Garter), G.D.C. and Col. Clerke ited upon Her Majesty the Queen, at Osborne, on l August, and presented the Address, which Her Majesty eived very graciously, and was pleased to reply thereto follows :—"I receive with great pleasure your loyal and tiful Address on the completion of the 50th year of my gn. I have observed that the Society of Freemasons reases in number and prosperity in proportion as the alth and prosperity of my empire increase, and I heartily preciate the efforts which have always distinguished ur Society. I heartily thank you for the devotion to my rone and person." On the motion of Bro. Tew, seconded Bro. Sandeman, it was resolved that this gracious ldress be incorporated with the minutes of the Grand dge. The Acting G.M. observed that, occupying the air, he felt it his duty to propose, on behalf of His Royal ighness the M.W.G.M., "that the best thanks of the rand Lodge are due, and are hereby given, to R.W. ro. Sir Albert W. Woods, C.B. (Garter), Past G. Warden ad Grand Director of Ceremonies, for his very able and fficient arrangements for the great Masonic meeting held the Royal Albert Hall on the 13th June 1887, in celebraon of the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen." Few words ere necessary from him in introducing this resolution, ecause he was sure all present who had had for a long eries of years the honour of Sir Albert Wood's rquaintance, and the pl asure of witnessing his courtesy, ould cordially agree that this resolution was most pplicable to him for his great services on the occasion eferred to. The motion was carried with acclamation; nd in reply Bro. Sir Albert Woods, who was loudly applauded, tendered his sincere thanks to the brethren for is vote of their appreciation of his humble services. It ad been his pride and pleasure for 33 years to hold the stinguished office he now filled. During that time he had, the best of his ability, performed those duties to their tisfaction, and he would only say he had performed them ith the most fervent desire of serving the Craft to which e belonged. He wished to convey to Bro. Thomas Fenn is grateful acknowledgments for the very efficient ssistance which he rendered on the occasion. On Brother enn alone did the duties of that day fall, and his (the peaker's) services were comparatively slight. He tendered Bro. Fenn publicly, in this Grand Lodge, his sincere anks for the able and efficient manner in which he acted n that occasion. The acting Grand Master then called ttention to the second part of the proposal of the Prince f Wales :—That the best thanks of this Grand Lodge are ne, and are hereby given, to V.W. Bro. Thos. Fenn, .G.D., the President of the Board of General Purposes, r his very valuable services and well-skilled assistance on e occasion of the great Masonic gathering at the Royal lbert Hall, on the 13th June 1887, in celebration of the ubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Amazing credit was ue to Bro. Fenn for his genius and tact in so ably ar-shalling so great an assemblage of brethren with such elerity into the Albert Hall, and the admirable manner in hich every brother got out at the conclusion of the

compliment paid him Bro. Fenn—who was [illegible]—said it would be idle for him to deny that t rangements referred to occupied a great deal o and attention. But having had somewhat similar to perform in 1875, he was relieved of all doub anxieties as to the success of those arrangement all undertakings success was the best reward a could desire; it was always gratifying, nevert to receive the openly acknowledged approbation brethren. He thanked Sir A. Woods for his eulogium upon the services he had rendered. H been associated with Sir Albert for about twenty years, and had assisted him on many occasions. The been no differences between them, and they had worked cordially together, he trusted to the satisfac the brethren. The Stewards on the last occasion w volunteers, who attended to their duties without a mu and great credit was due to them for the successful which those duties were carried out. He could not from mentioning Bro. H. Trueman Wood P.G.A.D.C relieved him from much physical labour by attend the arrangements in the Albert Hall, and seeing properly executed. His acquaintance with the Ha the officials was of great assistance to him. Nor m forget the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Surrey, who 'havi to superintend arrangements at the Albert Hall for years, was particularly fitted for the duties, wh carried out so successfully. It was agreed that the Secretary be instructed to engross those resoluti vellum, which having received the signature M.W.G.M. should be framed and presented in due f Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Thomas Fenn. Br Shadwell Clerke said it would afford him great plea carry out this resolution of Grand Lodge. Bro. Te read a communication from H.R.H. the Prince of (which was fully set forth in our columns last week respect to Past rank being conferred upon Provinc District Grand Officers. Bro. Fenn, in the absence Grand Registrar, moved "That, in commemoration Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign, Article 87 of the of Constitutions be suspended, for the special pur authorising Prov. and District Grand Masters to con the present year Past Prov. Grand Rank on breth their Provinces and Districts, in the proportion of every six Lodges in the Province or District, with ditional if the broken number exceeds three, and th authority be given to all Prov. and District Grand M accordingly." In the discussion which followed R. Eve, Grand Treasurer, suggested that the pro should be extended, and that the privilege sho allowed to Prov. Grand Masters of giving office Lodge in every four, instead of six, in cases wh number of Lodges should exceed thirty. This was ult agreed to. The report of the Board of Benevolence last quarter, and the grants recommended (also pu in our last), were submitted and agreed to. The re the Board of General Purposes, the full text of wh appeared in these columns, was moved by Bro. T and to it the following amendment was proposed J. Lawrence W.M. 1326 :—Past Masters of private so long as they continue to subscribe to some Lodg be entitled to wear their collar on all occasions whe clothing may be worn; but when visiting sister L scarlet rosette, three inches in diameter, m affixed to the collar on right breast. Past in a Lodge to wear purple rosettes." Th not seconded, but the original motion was duly Bro. Fenn said the next paragraph of the Report, 307 and 308 will then remain as they were December 1886, with the omission of the word Masters,' in the fourth line of 308," did not re resolution, so he would not put it as such. The Secretary was requested to make a minute of it respect to the succeeding paragraph of the Repo Rule 75, Bro. Fenn said the Board recommended mode of counting the votes on a division be lef discretion of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, a therefore, all the words in that rule after th "conducted," be erased, and the following wo

olton. This was the first Masonic meeting held in this new ere were present:—Bros. John Hardcastle W.M., Harry .W., Jas Jaylor J.W., James Newton (Prov. G. Assistant) Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank (Past G. Standard Bearer) , R. Nightingale S.D., Wm. Golding J.D., W. Forrest I.G., son, Thos. Murphy and J. W. Thompson Stewards, Thos. Prov. G. Tyler) Tyler; Jas. Walker P. Prov. J.G. Warden, is P. Prov. G. Superintendent of Works, E. G. Harwood G. Standard Bearer, F. W. Brookbank, T. P. Clarke, Thos. H. L. Hinnell, F. W. Broadbent, George E. Greenhalgh, erwood. Also as Visitors:—Bros. Jas. Walker W.M. 221, evenson 221, W. Altham 1723. The Lodge being opened, es were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported the ce the last meeting, of Bro. Rooke Pennington, a much P.M. of the Lodge, and it was resolved that a letter of e be sent to his bereaved widow. Bros. Brockbank and espectively addressed the brethren, congratulating the having, conjointly with the other four Bolton Lodges, been o secure such a splendid building for the working of the the town. All business being concluded, the Lodge was d the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a evening was spent. It may be stated that the building on the ground floor a large smoke-room, porter's room, d lavatories; on the first floor Masonic Hall, 45ft. by 25ft., uet room, 32ft. by 21½ft., separated from the Hall by shutters, so as to be able to form one large room for ary purposes. On this floor also are room for Lodge of n, ante-room, preparation room, and butler's pantry, com- g by a hoist with the kitchen in the story above, where he care-taker's rooms. The premises were erected from pared by Bro. M. Robinson, a member of the Anchor and ge, and reflect great credit on his taste and ability.

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land Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, the 5th inst. Bros. Cooper eley S.W., Stockall J.W., Stretch S.D., Hazel J.D., White vinnard Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, and numerous odge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last ere read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was Bro. Hammond (an Initiate of the Mother Lodge) acting ate. Bros. Hammond and Kildrake answered questions the second degree. Lodge was opened in the second, and , as candidate for raising, answered the questions. Lodge d in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, candidate. Bros. Hammond and Kildrake 1693, and Rowe dge, were elected members. Lodge closed in due form, ned till Monday, 12th September, when Bro. Forge P.M. 1693 will rehearse the ceremony of installation.

ROYAL ARCH.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

TING of this Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, August, at the Cups Hotel, Colchester. In the course of Ex. Comp, J. J. C. Turner Z. presented, on behalf of the o Ex. Comp. T. J. Ralling P.Z. and S.E., the clothing of a Officer, on the occasion of his receiving the rank of Past rd Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. The companied with a handsomely illuminated list of the sub- this testimonial, and also of those who subscribed on a sion (103 in number) when Comp. Ralling was presented othing of a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England. names was preceded by the following inscription:—

ted to W. Bro. Ralling P.M. and P.Z. 51, P.G. Secretary the following brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, and s of the Patriotic Chapter, together with a jewel of ld and Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing, upon ment to the offices of Past Assistant Grand Director of of the Grand Lodge of England and Past Grand Sword the Supreme Grand Chapter, and as a mark of respect , and in acknowledgment of his valuable services as nd Scribe E."

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 1326.

allation meeting of this Chapter was held on Saturday, rd inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Present— J. Marsh Prov. G.S.B. M.E.Z., H. Maunder Williams H., ond Treasurer, J. W. Hartley S.E., H. Hooper S.N., G. R. S., R. F. Potter 1st A.S., C. W. Fox P.Z., J. C. Woodrow ody P.Z., W. Hammond P.Z.; C. W. Baker, J. A. Wilson, Masters, T. Poore P.Z. Visitors—Comps. W. H. Lee P.Z Assist. S.E., J. Warner J. 1318, H. Forss Z. 1523, H. W. W. W. Lee 1524, J. H. Worstencroft A.S. 198. The having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Comp. installed Comps. H. Maunder Williams and J. W. Hartley irs of Z. and J. respectively. The following Officers were Comps. H. Hooper S.E., G. R. Langley S.N., R. F. Potter Baker 1st A.S., J. A. Wilson 2nd A.S. A hearty vote of accorded to Comp. W. H. Lee for his services as In- cer, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member. regret for non attendance were read from Comps.

WITH sincere regret we hear of the death of Bro. H. C. Bolt, proprietor of the "Royal" and other hotels in Torquay, which melancholy event occurred suddenly, a few days ago. Bro. Bolt was an active and zealous Mason, and the manner in which he catered for the entertainments of the local Lodges won for him the highest respect. For many years he held a foremost position amongst the hotel proprietors of that fashionable watering-place, and his demise, at a comparatively early age, is the source of wide-spread regret. The funeral took place at the Torquay Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. The *cortège*, consisting of a hearse and about twenty coaches, left the hotel at half-past eight in the morning, the Royal Italian band, which stood outside, playing the "Dead March" from "Saul." On arriving at the Cemetery, the funeral party were met by the Rev. E. P. Gregg, rector of Upton, who performed the burial service. The coffin was literally obscured by a profusion of beautiful wreaths and floral crosses, the last tribute of respect from friends and relatives of the deceased. In addition to the large number of personal friends, the funeral was attended by about thirty members of the local Masonic Lodges, who placed sprigs of acacia upon the bier. The outer coffin was of polished English oak, with brass furniture and brass raised breastplate, with the following inscription:—"Hugh Charles Bolt. Died 25th August 1887, aged 52 years."

BRO. J. PINKER.

The funeral of Bro. J. Pinker, of Bath, one of the victims of the recent yachting accident at Ilfracombe, took place on Wednesday last week at Locksbrook. A deep and wide-spread feeling of sympathy had been evoked, and the interment was witnessed by a large assemblage of friends, who attended to pay a last tribute of respect. The coffin was borne on an open hearse, and was covered with beautiful wreaths and crosses; the cortège was made up of several mourning and private carriages. A number of the employés of the deceased's firm followed, as also did the choir of St. John's, Weston, where Bro. Pinker was the Organist. At the Cemetery gates the funeral party was joined by a large body of Freemasons, members of the Bath City Band, the Floral Fête Committee, and members of the Bath Rowing Club, of which deceased was one of the promoters. The three local Masonic Lodges were represented as follows:—Royal Cumberland, No. 41: Bros. T. E. Wilton W.M., T. B. Moutrie P.M., J. Rubie P.M., S. G. Mitchell P.M., F. Wilkinson P.M., C. W. Radway P.M., R. B. Cater P.M.; E. J. B. Mercer P.M., R. L. Jervis J.D., J. Robinson, S. van Praag, James Stagg and S. Bigwood Tyler. Royal Sussex, No 53: Bros. Col. J. R. Ford P.M., Sondermann P.M., I. Sumsion. Royal Albert Edward, No. 906; Bros. F. Glover P.M., J. Knight P.M., W. H. Baker S.D., J. Banks. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. J. Stedman, vicar of St. John's, Lower Weston, and the Rev. F. J. Poynton, rector of Kilston. A large number of floral tributes were received from friends, amongst whom our deceased brother was well known and deservedly esteemed.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to a letter we have received from Bro. Jas. Stevens, which will be found in our correspondence columns. He refers to the remarks in our last week's issue under the heading of "Returning to Labour," and expresses his willingness to arrange for the delivery of his Lectures on Masonic Ritual during the ensuing season. We have had frequently to record the proceedings of numerous Lodges on occasions when Bro. Stevens has lectured during the past two years, and the "Tongue of good report" has always been heard on behalf of his lectures. We commend his letter to the attention of Lodges when work is "slack," and of Lodges of instruction at all times.

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ANNALS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

N voluminous and elegant form the Third Part of Volume X. of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa has just issued from he pen of Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary. Our transatlantic rethren are far in advance of us in the pains they take to preserve detailed record of their doings, and in the encouragement they give "fraternal correspondence;" and it may astonish some of our lasonic readers who do not have their attention drawn to these publiations to hear that the current issue extends over nearly six hundred ages of closely-printed matter, the whole being enclosed in a handome cover of blue and gold. It is a masterly work throughout, and eflects the highest credit not only upon the compiler, or "Reporter," s he prefers to style himself, but upon the brethren generally for the nterprise displayed in a work so comprehensive and full of valuable nformation. The Proceedings lead off with an account of laying the oundation stone of a new Masonic Temple in the City of Davenport, hen an emergent Grand Lodge was held in the halls of the Lodges n Monday, 6th June, under the presidency of Bro. W. P. Allen, I.W.G.M. There were present several "permanent members" of he Grand Lodge, a large number of representatives of Lodges in ttendance upon the "School of Instruction," and a numerous oncourse of Masons of the city and vicinity. A procession of the rait was formed under the direction of the Chief Marshal, Colonel n Bro. Henry Egbert, and his assistants, which paraded many of he principal thoroughfares, to the Temple foundation, where a platorm had been erected, "with a canvas covering (for the heat was nly 90 deg. in the shade)." Prayer having been offered by Grand Captain Garrett, the Sicilian hymn was sung, and a number of rticles were deposited in the cavity of the stone by Grand Treasurer Graves and Grand Secretary Parvin. The square, level, and plumb, with an explanation of their moral and Masonic uses, were applied by he Deputy Grand Master Bro. G. P. Wilson, and the Grand Wardens, Bros. J. E. Howe and Sidney Smith, after which the elements of conecration were scattered upon the stone by the Deputy Grand Master nd Grand Wardens in order, the quartette singing an appropriate erse at the close of each. The Assistant Grand Marshal, Bro. G. P. IcClelland then placed burning tapers of white, red, and blue ax upon the east, west, and the south of the stone, and the Grand tewards strewed blooming flowers upon its surface. After

delivered by Grand Secretary Parvin, at the conclusion of t
the grand chorus, "Old Hundredth," was sung by the brethren
the benediction was pronounced by the Grand Chaplain, thus cl
the exercises of the day, which had proved a grand success throug
The Grand Lodge then repaired to the hall, and was closed in a
form. A sketch of the proposed Temple, which is an imp
looking structure, appears upon the opening page of the report.

On the following day, the Forty-fourth Annual Communicat
the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held at Burtis Opera House, D
port, when the Grand Master Bro. Allen again presided, and
was a large attendance of Grand and other Officers and bret
An address of welcome to the Grand Master and Grand Lodg
delivered by Bro. C. M. Waterman, of Trinity Lodge, 208, in b
of the three Lodges and Masons of Davenport, and the Grand M
responded briefly, though in true Masonic terms, showing the
new Masonic Temple they were erecting, which would be an orn
to the city, and a home in which every Mason would be glad to
Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form, and the minutes o
last annual Communication were taken as read. On the motion
Grand Secretary it was resolved to have suitably draped, and p
on the dais, two chairs, *In Memoriam* of Past Grand Masters R
Mickel and Jerome Wright Wilson, deceased during the past
The Grand Master then read a lengthy address, in which he ga
brethren a fraternal welcome, as they surrounded the Grand
altar to begin the important work devolved upon them by thei
pective Lodges. As they united in the impressive ceremonies
day, let them reverently thank God for the substantial prosp
harmony and peace which had marked the past Masonic year
continued with a retrospect of Freemasonry in that jurisdiction
January 1844, when twelve delegates from the four Lodges t
work in Iowa met in "the little village of Iowa City; and, t
their number was not large enough to fill the Grand Office
created, proceeded by successive and judicious steps to organi
Grand Lodge of Iowa. They built upon a foundation which w
and stedfast. Those four Lodges and twelve delegates had ex
into over 440 working subordinates, entitled to more than
representatives. He believed but three of the twelve founders
Grand Lodge were now living; one of these, then, as since an
Grand Secretary Parvin, had been during all those stirring
conspicuous in their annals. Remembering the wonderfu
gressive growth their Grand Lodge had made, which in th
had been unaffected by the radical heresies of the age, he e
upon them to begin the labours of this Grand Communicati
renewed love for the Ancient Institution, for one branch of whi
had come there to legislate. Let them hold fast to the conse
ideas on which the Order was founded. Let them, as legisl
the Craft, refuse to entertain any and all entangling allianc
resolve that modernisms, no matter in what shape, they appr
them, should not be allowed to sway their acts. So should t
tinctive and beloved features of the royal Art, which ti
human prejudice had never been able to destroy, be delivered
successors unsullied by change, precisely as they were placed
custody by their predecessors. He then reviewed in detail the
had been called upon to defer in the course of the year just
and many points of the address are of more than local intere
relinquishing the gavel of command which they placed in hi
last year, he said:—"My conception of the ideal Grand M
that he is simply and temporarily constituted an elder
among you; one prompt to respond to the demands pertai
Masonic matters made upon him by brother Masons; one n
enough to imagine himself made of purer clay than are th
whom for a little while he is elected to rule; one, in short, w
understands that his statutory prerogatives are conferred u
office to be wisely used and never abused, and which
constitute him the exponent and administrator of th
The Grand Officers', Librarian's, and the various financial
occupied some time in consideration; and an invite to visit the
and library of the Academy of National Sciences having been
with thanks, Grand Lodge was called from labour. On re-ass
the report on credentials was read by Bro. Gamble, show
there were 426 chartered Lodges; seven under dispensati
chartered Lodges represented, of which 63 were represe
clusively by proxies; number of Lodges under dispensation rep
two. Total number of delegates 430. Past Grand Master
submitted report and draft of a new Constitution prepared by
as the special committee having that subject in charge. It
resolved at the previous Communication that the existing
tion (adopted in 1844) was inadequate to their present
committee should compile a new "Code of Masonic law," and
a report of a new Constitution. The code consists of nineteen
which were adopted. The Grand Secretary called the att
Grand Lodge to the fact that Past Grand Master Reuben M
deceased (been murdered) in Portland, Oregon, during t
spring, and in a feeling manner portrayed his worth as a
Mason. Reports were read of chartered Lodges, Lodges u
pensation, and foreign correspondence, the latter being refer
Committee on Jurisprudence. The report of the Comm
"grievances and appeals" presents some curious and in
features for the English reader, the expulsion of members
offences as embezzlement, collecting money belonging to
Mason and converting same to own use, keeping houses re
by women of bad character, adultery, seduction, and ot
Masonic conduct, numbering over thirty cases in all. Afte

afternoon, the Grand Officers for the year were elected as

C. Blackmar 318, Burlington	Master
F. Martin 292, Nevada	Senior Warden
W. Ball, 4 Iowa City	Junior Warden
E. Graves 125, Dubuque	Treasurer
S. Parvin 2, Cedar Rapids	Secretary

Rapids was selected as the next place of meeting of Grand the date fixed being the first Tuesday in June 1888. P.G.M. r was appointed custodian for the next six years in the room M. Guilbert, whose term had expired. The G. Secretary, in of Bros. Hastings, White, and Fisher, photographers, of ort, presented to Grand Lodge, to be placed in the library g, a finely-executed portrait of Oliver Cox (1) of Burlington, s the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. The gift was d with thanks. It was resolved to place a portrait of Grand chreiner over the doorway of the library proper, at the cost of

After some routine business, Grand Lodge again adjourned following day.

hird day's sitting was opened in the usual way, and after naries the Grand Master-elect announced the appointments d Officers for the year, in addition to those already mentioned. and Master elect, Bro. E. S. Blackmar, was then installed by Master Allen, and the remaining Grand Officers were invested M. Bro. Van Saun. The report of the Committee on G.L. Library d some time, and was ultimately adopted as satisfactory; ious amendments suggested to the new Constitution having d due consideration, the Grand Master declared the new ution, as amended, adopted. It was ordered, under the law, e same be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next annual nication for approval or rejection. The newly-installed Grand presided at the afternoon and closing sitting, at which the s was of a formal character. Thanks were tendered to Past Masters, to the Masons, citizens, Reception Committee, and f Devonport for the manner in which the Grand Lodge had eated, and to the railroads which gave reduced rates to the es. A Committee on Jurisprudence for the ensuing year was ed; and, there being no further business presented, the M., Bro. Blackmar, closed the Communication in ample form ce and harmony."

subsequent pages of the work before us are made up of es of Grand and subordinate Lodges, involving much actuarial memorial tablets to Past Grand Masters, and "honoured " who had passed away during the year; and a bulky report on nal correspondence," which, as we have stated, extends over ndred and fifty pages, and contains a vast amount of informa- only locally, but to Masonic readers generally. It appears herculean task to collaborate such an immense amount of and it is only due to the Grand Secretary to observe that, s we are able to judge, the work has been carried out in the instaking and masterly manner.

SECRATION OF THE JOSIAH WEDGWOOD LODGE, No. 2214.

'uesday, the 30th ult., there was a large gathering of Free- asons at Etruria for the purpose of witnessing the consecra- a new Lodge. The warrant had been granted by His Royal ss the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, and by his Deputy the Earl of Lathom, the date of it being the August. Bro. Richard Tooth P.M. 637 P.P.G.R. was named first Worshipful Master, with Bro. W. J. Carr P.M. 418, and Smith P.M. 637 P.G.J.D. as Senior and Junior Wardens re- ly. From the *Masonic Records* it appears that in 1803 a Lodge, named the Etruscan, was held at the Bridge Inn, which was a very small village at that time. The Etruscan oved to the Talbot Inn, Stoke, in 1807, and forty years later l to exist. The name "Etruscan" was subsequently appro- by the Longton Masons on the establishment of a Lodge in n. The newly-formed Lodge at Etruria has therefore to be y another name, and the brethren have decided to call it the Wedgwood, after the illustrious founder of the village. The n School-room has been secured as the place of meeting, e are the necessary ante-rooms in the same building. The M. Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor, who attended for the purpose of ting the Lodge, was accompanied by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Col. ough. The other P.G. Officers present were Bros. J. F. 82 S.W., E. H. Croydon 460 J.W., J. Bodenham 726 Treas., er 662 Registrar, E. H. Thorne 1838 Secretary, G. C. Kent stant Secretary, W. G. Lowe 624 S.D., D. Smith 637 J.D., n 347 Supt. Wks., G. H. Stanger 419 Dir. of Cers., W. T. 1942 S.B., J. H. Smith 539 S.B., J. T. Snape 460 S.B., W. rt 966 Pursuivant, E. T. Collins W.M. 696, J. Smith W.M. Villiams 539 Stewards. Amongst the other brethren who he Tyler's book were Bros. J. Bromley 418 P.P.G.S.W., T. 418 P.P.G.S.W., J. Webberley 546 P.P.G.R., Rev. E. D. n 418 P.P.G.C., F. W. Tomkinson 450 P.P.G.S.D, H. C. .P.G.J.D., A. G. Prince 546 P.P.G.J.D., F. W. Grove 1942 D., J. Ingamells 460 P.P.G.J.D., E. Roberts 1942 P.P.G.J.D.

The Provincial Grand Master having taken the chair, opene Lodge, and addressed the brethren with regard to the nature c meeting. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Thorne) rea petition for the new Lodge and the warrant for the same. brethren of the new Lodge signified their assent to the appoint of the Officers named in the warrant. The Rev. E. D. Boot P.P.G.C., in the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Cha then delivered an oration on the nature and principles o Order. He said he could not tell them more than he had done previous occasion with respect to Freemasonry. Its nature w the highest character, and its principles were based upon the foundation. He thought he might say it was because its princ might be considered eternal that the Institution had lasted so The Institution had passed through many vicissitudes, and principles of Freemasonry, "brotherly love, relief, and truth," never die. He heard a great man say once, "Principles live men die." Generations of men might pass away, but whils principles which were laid down as the foundation of their Order intact—that system of morality which was veiled in allegory illustrated by symbols—that system might endure and be a wherever their children were spread over the face of land and w It was a great pleasure to him whenever any of his friends w allow themselves to be enrolled as members of their Order. It a great feature in Masonry that they did not solicit men to join t and it was only fit and proper persons as a rule who were adm to be Masons. The mysteries of the Order were a bond of union a sign of the ancient character of the Institution. It was a g pleasure to him to take part in proceedings in connection with consecration of that Lodge, which he hoped would be influenti doing good in the village. Freemasonry in this country had al been the handmaid to progress and enlightenment, and trusted it would always be so. And he trusted that the Jo Wedgwood Lodge would bring together in the bond of union who ought to be united in the bonds of common sympathies aims, and that the Lodges of England would be strengthened by consecration of this Lodge. Masonry was an institution which words of his would enhance. He trusted that the allegories w be carefully worked and would be kept before the minds of brethren of the Craft, and that the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge w have a long and prosperous career. The interesting ceremony consecration was then proceeded with, the dedication prayer b followed by the invocation and reading of a portion of Script The Lodge board having been uncovered, the customary process followed, amidst solemn musical performances, Bro. F. Mount P.P.G.O. presiding at the harmonium. The installation of Bro. To as W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, Bro. J. Ingam having undertaken the duties of Installing Master, assisted Bros. Faram, E. B. Jackson and D. Smith. The following were Officers appointed, in addition to the Wardens already named R. Small Treasurer, G. A. Marsden Secretary, R. Small S.D., W Cowlinshaw J.D., E. B. Jackson D.C., T. Shore I.G., and A. Kings Tyler. After the Lodge had been closed, a banquet took place in Board School. It was provided by Bro. J. Munro, whose cater gave entire satisfaction. The Queen and the Craft was the toast, and it was followed by those of the Prince of Wales M.W.G. and the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lath R.W. D.G.M., and "the Grand Lodge of England," the latter propo by Bro. Bromley and acknowledged by Bro. Bodenham Past G.A. and Bro. Gough P.G.S.B. Bro. Tooth submitted the toast of R.W. Prov. G.M., which was cordially received. Bro. Col. Tudor reply, mentioned that the Josiah Wedgwood was the ninth Lo that he had consecrated in Staffordshire, a Province which had d its duty in every respect so far as Masonry was concerned. Brot Carr proposed the health of Bro. Col. Gough D.P.G.M., and P.G. Lodge of Staffordshire. In acknowledging the toast, Brot Gough said he intended to follow the same straightforward cou which he had followed in the past, relying on the intelligence, g sense, and truly Masonic spirit of the brethren in aiding him to the best he could for the welfare of the Province. It had affor him great delight to have been present in his official position at proceedings of that day. He rejoiced very much in the title wh they had adopted for their Lodge, because it was a name which wo live in the annals of the country for ages to come. He commen to their attention the perseverance of Josiah Wedgwood in spite innumerable difficulties which he had to contend with before achieved success. He pointed out that Freemasons could learn m lessons from the labours of Josiah Wedgwood, and suggested that lessons to be derived from Wedgwood's labours should be laid bef the brethren of the Lodge in the form of an essay. Bros. Swan and Thorne also responded. Bro. Gough, in complimentary ter proposed the health of Bro. Tooth, which was very cordially receiv and was duly acknowledged. Bro. David Smith proposed the he of Bro. J. Ingamells, Installing Master, who made an appropr acknowledgment. The following toasts were also drunk:— Visitors, proposed by Bro. Jackson, and responded to by Bro. E. Greatbach; the Officers of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge, proposed Bro. Faram, and acknowledged by Bros. Carr and D. Smith; Masonic Charities, submitted by Bro. T. Taylor, and replied to Bro. Windle; and the Tyler's toast. The Silverdale Glee Pa contributed some excellent music during the evening, and ther the enjoyment of the brethren.

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WHEN we consider this MS. more carefully in collation with others of a like bearing, we find that we can certainly establish certain points respecting it. Speaking "expertly," it comes out of "safe custody;" it represents an admitted existence real and unquestionable, as well as an admitted date, owing to the Collection it is in; at least a pre 1700 date, a fact hitherto overlooked by that able and acute writer Brother Gould. This fact, not appreciated sufficiently by some, has a great bearing on the entire controversy.

There is nothing about the MS. to lead any expert to doubt its genuineness or its authenticity. It was used for the first time apparently by Roberts, 1722, quite uncontroversially, and he would seem to have dealt with it, or a transcript of it, with entire faith in its reality and reliability, and in a way which serves to illustrate his belief in the perfect "bona fides" of the MS. Anderson also used it, or a transcript of it, probably, for he does not refer to it specifically, to establish a point as regards a date in which, curiously enough, he differs from Roberts. Roberts gives it the date of 8th December 1663. Anderson particularises thus:—"Feast of St. John's Day, December 27, 1663." This would almost seem to show that Anderson saw another transcript, as the MS. itself supplies no date, but these very minutiæ of discrepancy rather increase than diminish the fact of the honest testimony of the MS. itself. The Harleian 1942 therefore stands or falls by its own merits, and as Brother Hughan well put it in 1872, is a "most valuable and important MS."

Some objections latterly seem to have been raised to it, to which we will now give our attention.

1. As to its date. The fact of its being, as I before said, in the Harleian Collection, seems to close the door to any further useful discussion on that head.

2. It is urged that it says too much, that it is "too pat," as we put it, in regard of both questions and matter. But in saying this, objectors, I beg to observe, beg the whole question. We may indeed be apt to think, per contra, it says too much, because our minds are intent on later controversies, and recent studies and discussions. Nor can any such charge be really established against Harleian 1942, I venture to think, in any sense whatever, or in the remotest degree.

The whole discussion in fact centres round, and turns upon the "new articles;" if these were not there, the MS. would at once pass muster, and merely stand on the level of the Lodge of Hope and York 4 MSS.

But these new articles are in the way of certain later assumptions, theories, views, "fads," call them what you like, and therefore they must be got rid of, and so the whole MS. is impeached. It seems a very uncritical and unexpert way of proceeding, but so it is.

If the Harleian 1942 be, as it probably is, a Post Restoration MS., based on a MS. contemporaneous with York 4, but used for Post Restoration purposes and meetings of the Grand Assembly, there is nothing in what is alleged against it to invalidate its authority in any way.

Its language is no doubt modernized comparatively, but that is in itself not much to be astonished at towards the end of the seventeenth century, and is, as I say, easily explainable.

It possesses, let us note, the invaluable Apprentice Charge, possessed by only three, and would serve to tack it on in some form to York 4.

3. It is alleged that the use of the word certificate, for instance, is later much than 1663, and therefore seems to show that its real date must be coeval with a use of certificates.

No doubt the use of certificates is late, if the expression is referred to certificate in our more modern sense; but the very context shows it does not.

Not only are there "certificates and certificates," but the MS. simply alludes to a certificate of acceptation, which tallies with the oldest entries in some of the Swalwell Minutes, and even with the Scottish regulations of an earlier date as to "Entered Prenteissis."

Registration on a roll is clearly *not* modern, and points to a much older usage; and hence here again, if we make such an objection as this, in our knowledge of to-day, we are seeking to explain these earlier words and usages by the customs and usages and terminology of our modern body, so as to make them square with our preconceived or special views of what they must mean, as we think; a procedure altogether wrong, unexpert, and uncritical.

There is nothing in any way, therefore, whether we look at its established approximate date, its verbiage or its special claims, to warrant any distrust in its reality, or to invalidate its *bonâ fide* claim to be considered a pre 1700 MS.

It is surely unwise and idle in highest measure to go out of our way, because we cannot fully explain its witness, to start the "hare" of a fraudulent MS.

Fraudulent! What for? With what good or intent?

Assuming its date, as we may fairly do, to be pre 1700, from its existence in the Harleian Collection, how is it possible to affect it by our later contentions or questions?

We may not make it agree with our views to-day, but we cannot put it on one side.

Much of this new and wonderful theory of falsification of MSS. is based on Anderson's modernization of the old Guild Legends.

We shall all probably agree in this, that Anderson was most unwise in adopting the special Masonic terms of 1723 to describe the archaic history of Masons, as he deemed it preserved in the Guild Legends.

But while we all regret this fancy weakness of that hour, the tastes of an uncritical audience, how can Anders specific interpolations affect a MS. which simply articles" as many of the old Guild rules do also. See passim.

If there has been this falsification, where does it b does it end?

These are questions which we have a right to have we even affect to discuss what may be fairly set down and unscientific treatment of a very valuable MS. culties enough in Masonic study and for Masonic stu any of us who care for such things, increasing the labours of loyal students by encouraging, in any subtleties of intellectual amusement, which, though hi themselves, may tend, as they inevitably will, to the s of steady Masonic study, and the great disparage Masonic research.

One more point has to be educed. The quali custody and Masonic care as affecting the value of purely arbitrary, and certainly not expert. Indee would not be accepted at all, rather for obvious rea and even Masonically it is of little value as regar a MS.

For instance, let us take a late MS., transcribed b scribe. It could not rightly be said, that because custody, it was of any real value.

To experts it would be simply valueless.

THE ROSICRUCIANS.

A QUESTION has arisen, or rather has been modern students, whether the Rosicrucian l existed, or whether this idea of a Society was not the inner consciousness, whether of Valentin Hamburger Yung!

Kloss, at page 174 of his invaluable "Bibliograph 1884, in Chapter X., a list of 275 works *pro* and *co* body. This list, however, does not profess to Rosicrucian literature, and it could not be, as ma to Kloss have turned up since, and even mentione all of which he was not able to verify, undoubtedly

It seems *primâ facie* unaccountable in itself, and c to suppose, that all these treatises and books composed, all this mental labour gone through, for non-existent Society, which never had existed, (modern writers), and that those who defended i attacked it, were so foolish or so ill-informed as to time and trouble, space and thought, to a pure figu imagination.

Something may indeed be alleged for the conti mankind, but such an outcome of ignorantism combined surpasses anything we have ever rea anywhere, in any form, in any age, in any land.

From 1614 to 1620 (six years) there were no le published, both friendly and hostile; and even thi I said before, is not the full representation of that

It is to be observed here that 1614 seems to be date of a printed work in which mention of the Ro though earlier MSS. exist, and one notably in the Ashmole's MSS., before 1610. Kloss himself po difficulty in this discussion—namely, that there printed "answer" in 1613 to a work which profes in 1614. Either then there is an error in the dat or there is an earlier printed work than 161 Jesuitica," published at Prague in 1620, and Brussels originally in 1619, the existence of the C a matter of fact; true and false brethren are n writer admits charges brought against the making and magic even then, but he only a Rosicrucians, the "Philosophers, Medicinists, and

As this is a serious work, written by a religious b theology, comparing the Jesuits and the Rosicrucia as to actuality of evidence, which cannot be discusses the derivation of the name. There 1618, at Rostock, by a member of one of the re terms them "a new Arabic and Moorish Fraterni lished a confession, &c., at Cassel in 1614, and

The writer of "Rosa Jesuitica" mentions before 1619, and of these Kloss has verified fi unverified, "Rosa Florescens."

Surely, then, it is impossible and uncritical whole of this long array of writings and writers, appeared under gross ignorance, grave delusion, city, and the conclusion seems to be irresistible really and truly, that we have in these writing elusive evidence as to the existence of this Fr Croix!

Thus far we have not found the Rosicrucia older Hermetic writings, though there are hints

The old Hermetics only circulated rare works and illuminated, but when printing was estab MS. found their way into print.

The Rosicrucian Fraternity would almost see far, we cannot trace them earlier than 1600) the Hermetic Societies which we know existed in th other writers and evidences, and which as u

Drury Lane.—The national theatre opened its doors for the autumn season last Saturday, when there was produced, on a most elaborate scale, a grand spectacular comedy drama, "Pleasure," in six acts, by Messrs. Paul Meritt and Augustus Harris. The authors have based their ideas upon well-worn and time-honoured lines, with nothing especially striking to the beholder. The piece is weak and commonplace, and if it had not been for the magnificent tableaux provided by Mr. Harris, it would have been received with anything but favour. As it was, the verdict on Saturday was a doubtful one, and the authors could scarcely compliment themselves upon it. When the piece opens we are shown a very striking picture at Oxford, with the Sheldonian Theatre in the background. Here we meet Jack Lovel, an undergraduate, who has been promised a living by a rich relation if he can obtain his B.A. degree. This he has, however, failed to do, and, of course, is greatly disappointed when he learns that the living will be bestowed elsewhere. Foremost amongst those to console with Jack is a lady he is engaged to, named Jessie Newland. Jack has saved her life; they fall in love, and naturally an engagement arises. Another reason why Jack should marry Jessie,—he has seduced her. After a time, Major Randolph Lovel, Jack's cousin, arrives with the news that several of Jack's relations have been drowned, thus leaving him heir to a peerage. Naturally he is overjoyed; likewise is Randolph, for Jack is the only person now between him and the estates. If Jack can be made to give up Jessie, it is Randolph's hope he will take to drink, and by this means kill himself. Jack now makes up his mind to marry Jessie, but when he is told by Randolph that she is the cast-off mistress of a foreign Prince, and of other undergraduates, he resolves to desert her. This he does, and Randolph proposes that Jack and he shall go to Monte Carlo and Nice to spend a holiday. From this point we might truly say the story is at an end, for nothing now occurs which makes any material difference to the piece. We see Jack taking a prominent part in the battle of flowers, and, later on, he taunts Jessie—who has come to Monte Carlo, hoping she may induce Jack to marry her, He calls on Heaven to punish him if he has done Jessie any wrong. No sooner is this said, than the walls of his apartment seem to crack, and with a tremendous crash the whole of the building falls in, burying Jack with the debris. This is the great scene of the piece. Mr. Harris has attempted many marvellous tableaux, but has never realised one more naturally than that under notice. It is a masterpiece of stage mechanism, and the manager certainly deserved the call given him on Saturday. Jack is rescued and returns to England, where, much to the discomfiture of Randolph and a rascally land steward, he marries Jessie. The last act is so absurdly short that we doubt if many of those who see the piece will understand how all the difficulties are cleared up. However, the last act is not the only one that needs alteration. Mr. Harris has mounted the piece most lavishly, the battle of flowers is very realistic; the views of Monte Carlo are also excellent, and Mr. H. Emden, the painter, deserves great praise. Mr. Edward Gardiner worked hard over the part of Jack Lovel, but it was anything but a pleasant one, inasmuch as no one could tolerate the behaviour of such a man. Mr. Edward Sass scarcely displayed sufficient confidence as Major Randolph Lovel; he will do better. Mr. Lionel Rignold was amusing as a soap proprietor, while Mr. Victor Stevens was at times very effective as the land steward. As is usual at Drury Lane, the burden of the comic business falls to the lot of Mr. Harry Nicholls. The present piece is not an exception, and, as a friend of Jack's, Mr. Nicholls was very amusing. He was ably backed by Miss Fanny Brough, who is always amusing. Mr. Percy Lyndal, as the foreign prince, was all that could be desired, while Mr. James O'Brien was amusing as a servant. Miss Alma Murray, as Jessie, had some very unpleasant lines to speak; notwithstanding, this lady came well to the fore and scored a success. Her acting was both powerful and pathetic, while her lighter moments were happily conceived. The Misses Lilly Miska, Jenny Dawson, and Millicent Mildmay were good as leading personages at Monte Carlo.

Comedy.—Seldom does it happen that so thoroughly enjoyable a piece as that produced here last Tuesday comes under notice; still, when it does come, it is the more welcome. The piece in question is a farcical comedy by Messrs. George Manville Fenn and J. H. Darnley, entitled "The Barrister." The farce is brimming with fun, and contains some good quips and amusing situations, rendered the more acceptable by essentially novel treatment; the authors, therefore, deserve the more praise. To give an outline of the piece would be to spoil the enjoyment of those of our readers who may wish to see it; still we may say the fun is caused by a young barrister, who having late at night befriended a young lady, takes her bag and leaves his own in mistake. His bag contains the brief for an important law suit, which the barrister hopes to make a name with. The hunt for the bag, and consequent scenes of jealousy between two or three couples, lead to some excellent situations, which were heartily enjoyed. The difficult part of the barrister was undertaken by Mr. J. H. Darnley, who went through his task better than was expected. This youthful actor showed great promise, and but for his anxiety for the success of the piece, which he clearly displayed, his representation would have been better. As it was, it would have done credit to many older members of his profession. Mr. Fred Mervin was amusing as a Major, while Mr. Walter Everard cleverly displayed the eccentricities of a jealous lover. Mr. W. Cheesman received a good reception as the barrister's clerk, and Mr. Stephen Caffrey was seen to equal advantage as his servant. Mr. Prince Miller went in for a copy of Mr. Penley, while Mr. Milton was

Gaiety.—"Fun on the Bristol" was revived at Monday, before a good audience. Since we last saw the musical comedy has been revised and re-arra result that it contains but little of the old material. the part of the Widow O'Brien, yet affords Mr. Joh plenty of opportunities. Mr. Sheridan has played this 2,000 times, and from what we saw last Monday the has gained rather than lost by continued representati Livingston still maintains her old parts of Dora Mc Black Slavey. This lady is full of merriment, and sin songs in good style. Miss Edith Vane gives one or tw while serviceable aid is rendered by Messrs. E. C. Dunbar Mark Kinghorne, James E. Manning, and Thos. E. S concert given on board the "Bristol" was curtailed better. In this scene Mr. Sheridan makes up capitall but the St. Felix Sisters are not up to the Gaiety s laugh is still to be secured from the piece, and we r readers to renew its acquaintance.

Grand.—On Monday Mr. G. H. Macdermott prod first time in London, his so-called new and original dra With some good ideas, though perhaps not elaborat might be, Mr. Macdermott has written a drama that w become popular in the provinces. It is somewhat thin i but has some good situations. The moral to be lea drama is one we cannot recommend; notwithstanding has ruined more than one of the characters, they d repent, and they tell us that racing is the best spo indulged in. The story deals with how Theresa Trums Count de Beauville; he getting tired of her, employs Binks to drown her. This the latter thinks he has don is rescued and returns to her home, where she, wit consent disguises herself as her twin brother. How to marry a young lady named Mavis; how Theresa ri of the Derby, by that means ruining the Duke and seco for Mavis and her lover; and how, in the end, Binks Beauville to justice, we must leave our readers to Theresa, Miss Fanny Leslie has one of those characte in. In her portrayal of a boy this lady has perh Miss Leslie, though lacking the power to sho all times, in the race course scene, where sh dances, thoroughly delighted her audience. I Mr. G. H. Macdermott sings two songs, while the Messrs. Dermott and Doyle are intensely amusing. Roe, as Binks, is by far the best representative en powerful, but when driven into a corner shows the brandy drinking villain perfectly. His acting in fourth acts was the best; his confession being m rendered. Mr. Cyril Maude gave a capital o swell; Mr. G. B. Phillips was well fitted with the Truman, while Mr. F. Robson was capital as a broke Miss Amy McNeill was sympathetic and winning as M glad to note this young lady is taking great pains wit parts with which she is entrusted. Her grasp of invariably sound. Messrs. Henry Bagge, Julius Drinkwater, and J. E. Daniels were equal to what w them. "Racing" will be continued at the Grand duri

Crystal Palace.—On Saturday last, the final the grand open air ballet "The Sculptor's Vision This ballet, arranged by Madame Katti Lanner, and the directorship of Mr. Oscar Barrett, has been a d ever since it was introduced. At the conclusion of th Madame Lanner and Mr. Barrett were called, and deserved reception. The vocal portion of the ballet Mr. Stedman's well known choir, under his direction, t very satisfactory. Mr. Stedman is certainly to be com manner he has trained his youngsters. The grounds and tastefully illuminated, and a novel display of aq concluded a most enjoyable evening's amusement.

THE DANGERS OF THE STREE

THIS (Friday) morning a daring robbery was Muriel-street, an open and much frequented leading out of the Caledonian-road, Islington. Mr. Mor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, was proceeding to h ten o'clock, when he was pounced upon by two rough-l one of whom grabbed at his watch and chain. Th violent that the chain was broken, and the pendant por were left behind. The thieves decamped, and Mr. Mo a feeble state of health, was powerless to resist or t The watch was a valuable lever, and had been in the own over 20 years. Fortunately, the miscreants did n further violence, so that Mr. Morgan's purse was not notorious that the public streets of Islington and Pent with idlers and loafers, always on the look-out for plu it is scarcely safe for invalids or ladies to walk alone, daylight. The matter is in the hands of the po instituting inquiries.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1075—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
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
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
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
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 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, 13th 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 Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—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)
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)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)

284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warw
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, N
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croyd
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefie
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8.
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne B
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes St
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighle
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Sty
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate,
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, North
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. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, D

WEDNESDAY, 14th SEPTE

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Free
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30.
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street,
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Re
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Str
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruc
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Str
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchy
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent R
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street,
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victor
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamst
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Ma
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Chu
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (I
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, St. Botolph Chambers,
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Inst
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenha

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Roch
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolt
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bu
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaste
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dart
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (In
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, W
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salfor
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Ins
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street,
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamw
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instru
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcast
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxte
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, C
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Sta
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barn
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 Stanmor
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade,

THURSDAY, 15th SEPTE

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth,
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-stre
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Hol
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenh

1888—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1858—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1871—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1633—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1635—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 7 (Inst)
1738—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.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, 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
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Buralem
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
388—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
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1820—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1387—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1338—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1433—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1860—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, 16th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
35—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
968—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1856—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (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)
1732—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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 909—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 865—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
462—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1903—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
2006—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 21—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. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
R.A. 827—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, 17th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 185 New Cross-road, S.E. at 7. (Instruction)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Temperden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
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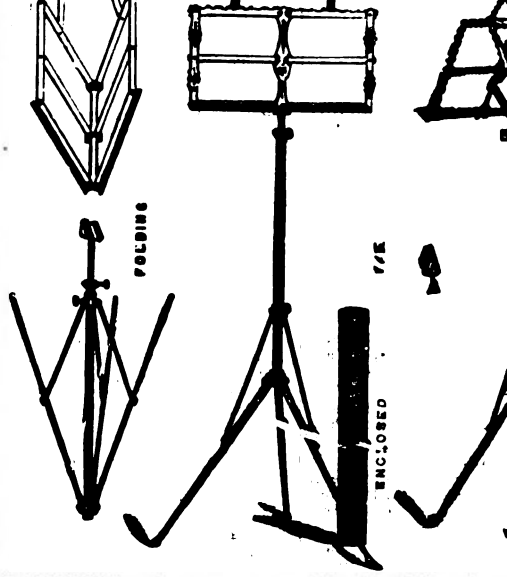

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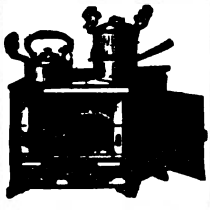

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THE OCTOBER ELECTION TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE half-yearly election of pupils for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place on Saturday, the 8th prox., when fifteen girls will be elected from an approved list of thirty candidates. It will be remembered that at the last Election, in April of the current year, the whole of the twenty-eight girls then eligible for the School were admitted without ballot, so that each of the candidates now seeking admission to the Institution are first application cases.

Four of them also make a final application on this occasion. No. 1, Mary Elizabeth Rowe, an only child dependent on a widowed mother, is the daughter of a late member of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 331, and the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1529, of which latter he was Junior Warden. The case is the only one from the Province of Cornwall, and will no doubt in consequence receive the official support of that district, in which event its success is all but assured. No. 3, Amy Harriett Turnell, is one of five fatherless children now dependent on their mother. The father was initiated in the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, West Yorkshire, in 1875. Here also the case is the only one from the late father's Province, and when this happens with such a well organised district as West Yorkshire, the success of the child almost becomes a certainty. We hope that in this instance nothing will occur to upset this view of the candidate's prospects. No. 22, Amy Henrietta Smith, is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother. The father died in June of last year, after having been a member of his Lodge for upwards of seven years. He was initiated in the Royal Sussex of Emulation, No. 355, Wiltshire, and the child who now seeks admission to the Girls' School has the advantage of being—as is the case with the other last applications to which we have referred—the only case from her father's Province. Let us hope that in consequence she will receive such support as will entitle her to a place in the school. The other last application is a London case, No. 28, Elsie Caroline Matthews, daughter of an old member of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180. Both her parents are living, but there are six children now dependent on them for support. We think sufficient has been said to show that each of these cases has a fair prospect of success, but it would be well for brethren who consider that children whose age precludes them from taking part in another contest should have preference to all others to make inquiry before parting with votes which, in their opinion, by right belong to "aged" candidates.

Another section—and, to our mind, an equally deserving one—is composed of children who have neither parent living. Three of those on the present list are so placed, and we feel that each of these children has a claim on the subscribers of the Charity for which they are now candidates which should prove almost irresistible. No. 7, Jane Edmunds, is one of four orphans dependent on friends. The father was affiliated to the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 671, South Wales (West Division), in 1866,

the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, in Oct and died within a twelvemonth, leaving hi dependent on friends and relatives. Let us ho Masonic brethren may deserve to be classed former. No. 5, Georgina Balch, is the other candidate. She and one other child are dep friends, except that one is partially provided for had a sister in the Institution for which she candidate, and is accredited to the Province of shire, her father having been initiated in Clarence Lodge, No. 976, in 1877, subscribing th the time of his death, in 1880.

We have thus disposed of seven of the candi the remaining twenty three five are accredited and one to Norfolk and London jointly. No. 8, Freeman, has a brother in the Boys' School. Both are living, and there are eight children depend whom is, however, partially provided for. Th a P.M. of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, wher initiated in 1870. No. 13, Sarah Bissett, is children dependent. The father was initiated the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 8 remained a member thereof until his death, whi at sea, where he was lost "between 1881 a No. 14, Henrietta Ada Staff, is one of six chil the care of a widowed mother. Her father w in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, in Novembe only survived his initiation ten months; in time, however, he became a contributor to the Institution, a fact which should have some ef number of votes recorded for his daughter n No. 19, Elsie Maudslay James, is one of tw dependent on the widow of a very old member o He was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, far back as February 1853, subsequently Britannic, No. 33; in these he subscribed for 24 was a Life Governor to all the Charities, and did his share in winning for his Lodges the rep benevolence they now enjoy. May his genero Craft be now repaid on behalf of his orphan No. 30, Maud Alice Walker, is one of nine children. The father was initiated in the W Lodge, No. 1044, in 1877, and subscribed there death, eight years later. The case accredited i and London jointly is No. 15, Olga Katinka one of three dependent children, of whom one provided for. She has a brother in the Boys' we hope we may ere long hear that she is en place in the sister Institution. The father was the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, in 1865, and su joined the Metropolitan, No. 1507. He show membership of fourteen years.

The other cases are accredited as follows: Province of Devonshire, two to Dorsetshire, an to Cambridgeshire, Cumberland and Westmorel Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Hertfordsh Northumberland, Suffolk, Sussex, South Wal and one to the District of Victoria.

There are no doubt many who will regret the is not in a position to throw its doors open to th these candidates, as it was enabled to do in Ap we think there is much to be thankful for whe

PERHAPS one of the most distinguishing badges of our Masonic profession in this good English Craft of ours, and one of the most availing factors in respect of its general recognition and prestige at this hour, is to be found in its laudable declaration of complete and universal toleration. Some we know object to the use of this word altogether. They say, that it is a disgrace to civilisation, to reason, and to religion, that such a word should be needed, that such an expression should have to be employed, that such terminology should ever be adopted as toleration, tolerant, and tolerated.

Abstractedly that may be so, and we do not quarrel with any such intelligent and right-thinking persons who so contend, who so demur.

But in the concrete it is very difficult indeed to find a word which so fitly and fully represents the idea we seek to convey, the feeling we are so anxious to represent, the truth we are so wishful to establish.

Since 1717, when English Freemasonry was revived into active work and distinct organization, this feature has been its great characteristic, and still more so since the happy union of 1813 has a neutral programme of complete, and peaceful, and kindly toleration been its standing order and its distinguishing feature.

There are those probably who may have desiderated for it a more direct continuation with the declaratory averments of the earlier guilds.

Much was left in this respect to Lodges themselves in the last century, and even at this hour Grand Lodge very wisely interferes as little as possible with ancient customs or cherished forms.

But it stands to reason that if, as in our English Freemasonry, we admit all within our Lodge portals who, according to the old Regulations, are neither atheists nor libertines, the form of prayer now generally in use, since and about 1730, at any rate more or less, best proclaims the toleration of opinion we openly avow. The Grand Lodge is undoubtedly right in strictly prohibiting all controversial or political discussions, and for this good reason, first and foremost, that as the ages come and go, they have not hitherto been distinguished by the demonstration or development of an equal ratio of sympathy, concern, respect, and affection for those who differ from us in this or in that.

Indeed, there have been times in the often painful annals of our race, and the cruel records of the past, when just as they persecuted and destroyed with every surrounding circumstance of cruelty and horror poor doting old women, whom they termed witches, so too there have been epochs when in the full fierce glare of the fires of a so-called religious persecution, unoffending persons, old and young, of all creeds and of both sexes, have been "dragooned" or "handed over to the secular arm," or committed to the flames of the terrible stake, or the "auto da fé" of the Inquisition. These facts are indelibly impressed on the stereotyped pages of history, never to be forgotten, rather ever to be remembered for warning and instruction by us, who are still but ever mortal here, surrounded and permeated by the indwelling weaknesses and often degrading tendencies of human ignorance and human passion.

Even our own times have witnessed the savage outburst of persecution against the Hebrew race in many countries, a persecution so senseless and so shameless, being solely cruelty and plunder apparently combined, that these deeds of pitilessness and rapine have awakened the warm indignation of the entire civilized world.

An ingenious writer has contended that man is by nature and inclination a persecutor. Perhaps he is. And clear it is that under certain circumstances a spirit in man is apparently roused, whether by external or internal influences, or through some peculiarity in the development of our human psychology, by which instead of being the friend, the loving companion one of another, man becomes the persecutor and destroyer of his brother man.

We say nothing here to-day of those merely controversial quarrels or denominational animosities, which have so deformed the kindly offers and protestations of religion, so

tenances any denial of the abiding pr
charity, and brotherly goodwill.

On the contrary, lifting itself as it we
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It indeed enforces one limitation on
the candidates for its mysteries. It emp
the atheist, just as it ignores contro
But it enrols in its vast army of peace
who acknowledge a Divine Creator, Pr
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in the great Fatherhood of God and the
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When our Grand Lodge elected our v
volent Bro. Cama as Grand Treasurer,
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BRO. BRENNAN'S ATT
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BY BRO. W. J. HUGH

I AM exceedingly sorry to read in
CHRONICLE, of 10th Sept. 1887,
Fletcher Brennan, entitled "History of
Bro. Meyer is my oldest Masonic frie
I am his oldest friend in this country
for sufficient space to repudiate, with ut
tation, the hateful charge brought ag
Brennan. The article, after statin
demanded the man, and the man appear
and other similar references, proceeds
the early summer heats began to be felt
story [i.e., the "*Bell Letter*," &c.] feelin
Meyer] badly broken up, headed a pil
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honourable, and also in his able assista
said [Bro. C. MacCalla, Editor of the
left behind." The grave charge is also
"*Charles E. Meyer committed a crime*
Masons alluded to, of 1730, in Ph
"a Charter from Daniel Coxe."

Finally the writer asks, "Need I elab
a crime further?" and then virtually cl
so terms the matter, "as having no
present century in the history of Eng
America, or any other country."

evidences the justification for such a belief as respects the unreliable character of the epistle, but again I ask by what right has he charged Bro. Meyer with the abominable crime of Forgery?

Bro. Meyer, as Chairman of the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in that noble volume published in 1877 remarks, "The letter was exhibited in 1872, in the Grand Secretary's Office, Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street [Philadelphia], and then and there copied. It bore all the marks of being genuine, and we have no doubt of its being correct. *We, at the present time, under the circumstances, place only so much value on it as far as it is corroborated by other facts.*" The italics are mine. Now what could be fairer? Finding it impossible to get old of the original again, or what passed as the original of 1754 (which ever view is preferred), Bro. Meyer entirely dropped the letter in 1877, save so far as other evidence favoured the statement.

I have long corresponded with Bro. J. F. Brennan, and cheerfully recognise the value of his labours as the Translator of "Rebold's History of Freemasonry," and the author of many important additions thereto, as also as Editor of the *American Freemason*. He has done good service to Masonic criticism, beyond question, and therefore in speaking plainly now, I am not depreciating the extent and value of his labours. But no services, however distinguished, can be admitted to warrant the present attack, and I trust, for the sake of his own position as a Masonic author and publisher, he will withdraw the hateful charge, and whilst condemning the "Bell Letter" to any extent he may think necessary, he will not declare Bro. Meyer to be the fabricator. I believe him to be incapable of such a foul deed, and feel persuaded that his numerous friends in Great Britain and America take the same view of the matter, and will alike regret Bro. Brennan's accusation.

The question of the origin of Freemasonry in North America can now be considered in the light of recent evidences and facts, thanks to Bros. Gould, Lane, MacCalla, Woodford, Brennan, Norton, Meyer, and others, but unless we all keep to the facts that are authenticated, and together do our best to unravel perplexing points; *above all*, refrain from calling each other names and imputing motives, crimes, &c., it will be much better to drop the inquiry entirely.

"A QUESTION TO BRO. GOULD."

By Bro. R. F. Gould.

IN a letter under the above heading, in the Chronicle of 10th September, Bro. Jacob Norton quotes from my History of Freemasonry (II., 341) and expresses a belief that I have fallen into an error with regard to the manner in which the Warrant or "Constitution" of Lodge No. 3 changed owners in 1767. If, however, Bro. Norton will take a second look at the work cited (II., 471) he will find in the same volume from which he gives an extract in the Chronicle of last week, the particulars of the transfer, as recorded in the minutes of the Committee of Charity, or Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of England, the functions of which body corresponded very closely with those of the Stewards' Lodge under the schismatics or Ancients, and are discharged at the present day by the Board of General Purposes.

The minutes of the George Lodge, No. 4—afterwards Friendship, No. 3—begin 16th January 1755, and end 15th October 1761. The Lodge met for the first time at the Sun and Punch Bowl, 21st August 1760, and was apparently inactive or dormant (as the proceedings of no meetings are recorded) between 1761 and 1767.

The minutes of this old Lodge present some curious features, of which the following extracts are specimens:—

"Jan. ye 16, 1755. The Lodge being opend in due form, the R.W.M. pas'd an Examination beteen ye Wardens and assistence.

Jan. ye 30th. Being Masters Night, Brothers Bourkheart and Eckstain were Raised Masters.

March ye 5. Br Foursans was made a Mason, and pay'd his foy.

raised a Master Mason and pay'd their several foys.

Sepr. 14th, 1756. It was ordered that the Tyler S Lodge to Elect a Master for the next Qr Ensuing.

March 16, 1758. It being Election Night, the Senr the Chair, the Junr Wardn S.W., ye Secretary Br Poitier Br J. Anderson was Elected Secretary.

March 6, 1760. Visiting Brethren, Bror Green, M Fox and Goose; Bror Dobson, St Johns.

The fee for making (including the second degr was one guinea in 1756, was raised to twenty-fiv in 1760. The word "foy" appears to have b where substituted for "fee." "Foy" is Bailey (Dict. Brit. 1730) as "a treat given to those going on a journey," and the Rev. describing some of the Scottish customs in vogu time when James I. succeeded Queen Elizab English throne, observes:—*

"When a young member of a family was proceeding to for the city or a foreign shore, he received his foy (*feu-d* is, his father handed him a sum of money for the ente his companions."

OUR CHARITABLE RETUR

BRO. James Terry's interesting speech at th Cornwall Lodge, last Saturday, will be great satisfaction and encouragement to the friends of our Masonic Charities.

By the remarks of our energetic brother it wo that in all probability 1887 will witness retu Charities to the unprecedented amount of £60,0

Of this large sum total, the Royal Masonic Institution up to date had received £24,350; School had obtained £17,000, and the Boys' Sch now very largely needs support on every groun

In all £56,350. As Bro. Terry remarked, th three months of the year unexpired, and his es probable £60,000 is, we feel sure, not over indeed it is just possible it may even be exceede

This is in itself a marvellous return, and reflects the greatest credit on our benevol Indeed, such a return, unexampled and start in its reality, is a fact of which every Fr England may well be proud.

When we note how very valuable and needf rities have now become; when we realize hov and young, are awaiting with anxious hearts a aspirations to participate in their abnormal a benefits, we feel pretty certain that our benev will not relax in their praiseworthy efforts, but trary will zealously strive as ever to make our Returns testify still more markedly and vivi meaning and vitality of Masonic professions.

THE SOCIAL FEATURES OF MA

IT is my deliberate conviction that the gre non-affiliation is the neglect of the social Masonry by the Lodges. The institution is co character. While upon the one hand its chief confidence of mankind is its beautiful "system veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," other hand we must remember that it is a soc hood. From all parts of the jurisdiction the arises that Masons take so little interest in the their Lodges.

Many Lodges decline, become dormant and the monthly gatherings are not made more The repetition of the ritual, not always partic done, the reading of the minutes, the repor delinquents and a speedy adjournment, probab be attraction enough to tempt brethren in the ride eight or ten miles to the Lodge room, or town to forsake home or club or theatre or tions, but so weak is human nature somehow always do it.

Far be it from me to advise that the Lod

many instances. The stomach and not the heart is the real seat of the affections. In country Lodges, after the conclusion of the proceedings, an informal farmers' club and general discussion upon agricultural matters might well be held, and it would do no harm to have good men in the neighbourhood, who were not Masons, to attend these. The result would be that most of them would soon be in the Lodge.

In towns and villages a lecture or talk upon some topic of contemporary interest, a recitation, a song, or story, might well be given, either in connection with or as a substitute for a supper. The amount of interest, amusement or instruction which may be dug out of the material of any fairly representative Lodge in North Carolina would really surprise its own members.

If there be one noticeable want in the social system of North Carolina, it is a want of proper relaxation and amusement; and so true is this that I am sure the recommendation just given will seem to many as a useless innovation upon the serious observance of Masonry, because even the capacity for social enjoyment in many has become atrophied and withered from lack of use.—*G.M. of North Carolina.*

THE UNIVERSALITY OF FREE-MASONRY.

IT is no exaggeration to say that in every civilised nation on the face of the earth, and in almost every part of the dominions of each, remote as well as near, a Masonic Lodge may be found. The language spoken therein may be English, German, Spanish, French, Italian, Norwegian, or, perchance, that of some other tongue, and yet there is Freemasonry, and there are Freemasons. Of course, ignorance of the spoken language in the very nature of things is a hindrance to the speedy acceptance and acknowledgment of a visiting brother, but not necessarily an insuperable one. Freemasonry itself possesses a universal language, which every Craftsman knows. In this language he may communicate in any nation, with any brother. A Freemason may always and everywhere prove himself to be a Freemason. Not only in time of dire peril, but during the hours of social enjoyment, one may readily discover himself to a brother, or discover a brother in a stranger. Freemasonry thus possesses the quality of universality in the most important particulars—it is everywhere practised, and a skilled brother may make himself everywhere "at home."

It is not to be inferred that because a Freemason may always and everywhere, at pleasure, disclose his Masonic character to another brother, that Freemasonry is everywhere and always precisely the same. Just as St. Paul said to the Corinthians, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord"—so the experienced brother knows that in Masonry there are differences of administration and of ritual; but these are not so different as to be unrelated and distinct. All Freemasonry is one, whether authoritatively recognised as such or not. The travelling brother discovers this to his joy. It may be that his mother jurisdiction fails to accord to the foreign body the fraternal recognition that is customary among equals in the Craft, and yet the individual Masons of all obediences are usually more liberal than their parent bodies. It is fortunate for the wandering brother that it is so, since, if it were not, a Freemason might not find in every country a brother, and in every land a home.

In connection with the admitted fact of differences of administration and of ritual in the several Masonic jurisdictions, we may recall to the reader's mind a related fact, which he cannot have failed to note in visiting different Lodges in the same jurisdiction—to wit, that while exact uniformity of work is greatly to be desired, and always to be sought, it is rarely found. In the same city, in

forms in the same Masonry.

We do not anticipate that the time will
in all nations speaking the same langua
nations speaking different languages, Fre
administered after precisely the same met
be "uses" in Masonry as there are in
could not be otherwise in a cosmopolita
very comprehensiveness compels it.
after all, but men. Even Freemasons
everything. The thoughtful Freemason
it. He recognises the fact that it is
should agree in material matters, and disag
ones, and still constitute one Body, the con
of which fraternally recognise each othe
should be schisms in the Craft, throug
recognition of one Body by another, an
the publication of an edict of non-intercou
Those who are of the "household of faith"
are our Brethren, and in accordance with
of Brotherhood should be covered by the
love.—*Keystone.*

The Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instructi
resume its meetings at the Mitre, Ch
Wednesday next, the 21st inst., at 8 o'clo

Bro. John Lane P.M. 1402 installed
Brother Thomas Prust, as Master of t
No. 1402, Torquay, on Tuesday, the 13th
a large Board of Installed Masters, all of
pleased with the excellent and perfect
Bro. Lane discharged his duty. He
second degree on a candidate.

The members of the Jordan Lodge,
mously re-elected Bro. John Lane as C
the Lodge, and representative of the Com
for Devon, and it was announced in the
ceedings that our gifted brother inte
Steward for the Royal Masonic Institu
1888, in which year the R.W. Bro. Lord
Grand Master of Devon is to be the Cha

A unique feature in the way of a me
list was produced at the Jubilee banqu
held at the Royal Hotel, Torquay, on T
several toasts were interspersed by "se
all of which are singularly appropria
Bro. John Lane P.M. is no less an exper
the dry compilation of "Masonic Record
"best of the bunch" is that associated
toast, which runs thus:—

> "All health to our brethren, of every d
> Dispersed round the globe, or by land
> Preserve them, ye powers, their virtu
> When we part from this world may w

MISTAKEN IDEAS OF MASONRY.—The followi
of a widow in the State of Michigan, whose h
of a Lodge up the lake shore, who moved awa
some years paid no dues to his Lodge. He
died, and was buried by the Masonic Lodge i
died, and the Lodge sent the bill for the expen
the deceased brother belonged, and they paid
pended the brother for non-payment of his due
this the widow moved back to their former ho
Lodge for assistance. A committee waited on
what she wanted. She informed them tha
500 dollars would do her with what she had
property left her by her late husband, whi
4,500 dols., and she was much surprised whe
could not comply with her request. She

The Chevalier Ramsay.

As we often hear of this olden brother, a distinguished man in many ways in his day, it seems well to collect together what we positively know of him, as much that is incorrect has been attributed to him, and there are certain points in his life and works which require close attention, especially in his connection with Freemasonry. Andrew Michael Ramsay, the son of a younger branch of the distinguished Scottish family of Ramsay, seems to have been born in Ayr, N.B., in 1686, and to have been partly educated at Edinburgh, and partly at St. Andrew's Universities. He is also said to have studied at Leyden, in Holland, at that time much frequented by students, and there to have come under the influence of a certain mystic divine and teacher, Pierre Poiret, who is held to have affected much his views and his career.

In 1710, Fenelon, the well known Archbishop of Cambrai, in France, is said to have converted him to Roman Catholicism, and to him Ramsay seems to have been much devoted.

Ramsay then became tutor to several of the highest nobility, and in 1724 he was for a short time also at Rome as tutor in the family of the exiled Stuarts.

For some reason he seems to have left Rome in 1725, and is said to have returned to Scotland, and to have been sheltered in the family of the Duke of Argyle. Bro. Gould suggests, perhaps in a house near Twickenham, where the Duke then lived, but if he went to Scotland a very curious question would arise as to where he was made a Freemason.

Up to date that is not known for certain. Some have suggested Paris. Undoubtedly is it that he was a member of our Order, as it will be seen later that he so distinctly avers himself to be.

It would seem doubtful at first sight if Ramsay, a well-known adherent of the Stuarts, could have been received into the family of the Duke of Argyle at that special date, but Rose's "New General Biographical Dictionary" is very carefully written.

A Lodge was formed at Inverary, close to the Duke's Castle, 1747, and in the petition it is said to have existed for "some time past," as Bro. D. M. Lyon kindly informs me.

This period, therefore, of his life requires close attention, as a good deal may turn upon it which would explain several matters in the history of Freemasonry now in complete obscurity.

In 1730 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Law, at Oxford, and he was then alleged to have returned to France.

He was appointed soon after this intendant of his large estates, by his former pupil the Prince of Turenne, Duke of Bouillon, and is said to have lived at one of the Prince's seats, Pontoise, until he retired to St. Germains, where he died in 1743.

Beyond this very little else, so far, seems known for certain concerning him—not even, as I said before, where he was made a Mason, and how far he was really mixed up in what is termed the High Grade movement. This is still a subject of the greatest uncertainty and much debate.

He was certainly in Paris in 1737, and he was then a member of our Fraternity and an apparently active one.

One biography of him (un-Masonic) calls him "Grand Chancellor of the Order," and declares he wrote a "Dissertation on Freemasonry." Daruty gives us, in his useful work, two letters from him to Cardinal Fleury—respectively dated 20th and 22nd March 1737.

They are found in the "History of the Regency and Monarchy of Louis XV.," &c., a work published by P. G. Lemontey, Paris, 1832, and are probably still in the French State Paper Office.

The print runs thus :—

20th March 1737.

Be good enough, your Excellency, to support the Society of Freemasons in the great views which they propose to themselves, and your Excellency will render your name much more glorious by such a tradition than even Cardinal Richelieu did by the foundation of the French Academy. The object of the one is more extended than that of the other.

To encourage a Society which only aims at uniting all nations, by a love of the truth, and the fine arts, is an action worthy of a great minister,—of a father of the Church,—of a holy Bishop.

As I must read my discourse to-morrow, at a general assembly of the Order, and give it on Monday morning to the Examiner of the "Chancellerie," I would beg your Excellency to send it back to me to-morrow before noon by an express messenger. You will infinitely oblige a person who is heartily devoted to you.

March 22.

I learn that the assemblies of the Freemasons displease your Excellency.

I have never frequented them but with the view of spreading there the maxims which, little by little, would have rendered incredulity ridiculous, vice odious, and ignorance shameful. I am persuaded that if wise persons, chosen by your Excellency, were judiciously placed at the head of these assemblies, they would become very useful to Religion, the State, and to Letters. This is a matter o which I think I could convince your Excellency if you would deign to grant me a brief interview, at Issey.

Awaiting this happy moment I beg your Excellency to inform me if I ought to return to these assemblies, and I will conform to the wishes of the King with illimitable docility.

As Daruty remarks on these letters, if Ramsay, whose views on Freemasonry we know by these letters, kept the promise by which he ends his second letter (which is quite admissible), as he disappeared as quickly from the Masonic scene, he was bound from that

Several important points arise out of these letters

The address alluded to is no doubt that famous have been delivered in 1740, by which Ramsay is given to French Freemasonry a desire for a Crusad Origin, and to have paved the way for the High Gra

But all this is now rendered very doubtful.

First of all, if he delivered the address at all, 1 1737, and a grave question comes on,—did he delive

It is just possible that this very address is still in Paper Office, with Cardinal Fleury's correspondei some day may be ascertained.

There seems to be evidence that, so early as 174 the effect above mentioned was published in Fra delivered at the election of a Grand Master, by Ra Frater. Ramsay, it is said by a French writer, was and one French biography says he was "much lang for his pedantry and his affectation of learning bef gallantry before ladies.

It is possible that he therefore published, or all lished in his lifetime, what he had been forbidden to to the Order.

The Dissertation on Freemasonry alluded to herew well known oration, or the Dissertation burnt at Ro Dublin, which formerly was held to be his, a so generally believed to be his.

Beyond this we know of nothing Masonic else p though he issued many non-Masonic works, the be the "Voyages of Cyrus" and the "Life of Marshal T

If he really was in Scotland between 1725 and 1 been made a Freemason in a Scottish Lodge after al would be thrown on that strange use of the word France, which up to the present has never been satisfa

If the Lodge at Inverary was really in existence it years before, Ramsay may have been made there. doubtful.

That Ramsay, as has been alleged, was the "Faut Freemasonry is a very dubious suggestion indeed ; good deal more light on his life, and Masonic procee before we can safely speak one way or the other.

If Pierre Poiret was a Rosicrusian as well as a My he may have introduced Ramsay into Freemasonry.

NOTICES OF MEETING

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 2

EMERGENCY Meetings in connection with this go Lodge are not the listless "off nights" usuall the term, for the brethren invariably meet in goodly work of the various degrees is gone through with t Such was the case on Tuesday last, when an Emerg for the purpose of raising Bro. Joseph Withers, departure for abroad. There was a very satisfact under the presidency of Bro. F. T. Bennett W.M., wh by Bros. Alfred Withers P.M., Usher Back P.M., Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Hentsch P Orlton Cooper I.G., Banks Tyler; W. W. Morgan P.M P.M., Joseph Withers, Dyer, Nash, &c. The visitor Geo. King P.M. and Sec. 174, Spiegel P.M. 188, Everett 1507, Wynman 188, and others. Lodge wa form, when the Worshipful Master announced th Emergency Meeting; and, having advanced to th Joseph Withers, the candidate to be raised, answ questions, and was entrusted. After the candida Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Withers was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being mos by the Worshipful Master, who gave the traditional explanation of the tracing board. Resuming in the the invitation of the Worshipful Master Bro. Us proposed, in a few well-chosen sentences, that this time the banner voted by the brethren had been rais to the memory of their departed Bro. Charles Greenwo be duly recorded on the minutes. This was secon Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, and carried unanimously. a very elegant though neat one, bearing the Lodge, the Square and Compasses, and "Bro. Ch P.M. In Memoriam 1886," with the crest of Some matters of a formal nature were disposed there was the usual interchange of hearty frate Business concluded, the brethren and Visitors partook supper, under the genial presidency of Bro. Bennet ceedings were throughout of the most harmonious description. The Worshipful Master, with commen gave the prefatory toasts, associating with the Queen the names of the Grand Officers. He would simpl Masons were actuated by one sentiment, which was Throne and Devotion to the Craft. This having received, Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. rose and said, in their I.P.M. Bro. Pearce having taken to himself whom he was at present in the country, it devolved u pose the health of their Worshipful Master, which he sincere pleasure. The St. Michael's was well

the work that had devolved upon the Worshipful Master had been more than ordinarily heavy. Bro. Bennett, however, had proved himself fully equal to the task on all occasions. That evening they had a goodly attendance, considering that more than half their members were taking holiday, but soon they might hope to see well-remembered faces again. He concluded by expressing the hope that the remainder of Bro. Bennett's year of office might be equally as successful as the opening portion of it had been, and that the same unanimity and harmony which now pervaded the Lodge might long continue. The Worshipful Master, who was heartily received on rising to respond, said he thoroughly appreciated the kind words which had been spoken by Bro. Morgan. He assured them he esteemed it a great honour to occupy the chair of an old Lodge like the St. Michael's. Although it might exercise the privilege of old age, and take things easy, it really set a good example to younger Lodges; its Past Masters were always in their seats, ready and willing to support and assist the Master in the chair, and to help in sustaining the position of the Lodge. In a month like this, when most of them were anxious to be amongst the partridges, or somewhere away from London, it was exceedingly kind of them to meet in such goodly numbers, and to assist him in the performance of his duties. He trusted they would continue to do so, and to make his year of office as pleasant as possible. He did not think any former Master of the St. Michael's had had so many meetings to preside over as had fallen to his share this year, and it was a source of the utmost gratification to him to witness the healthy and robust condition of the Lodge. Brother Bennett then humorously informed the brethren that directly he became a Freemason he began to compose his speech as W.M., for even then he was determined to do the best he could, and he had always endeavoured to do so. It was necessary that a Master should be *au fait* in all the work of his Lodge, and he had striven to the utmost of his ability to become so. He again thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and for their assurances of satisfaction with his efforts to carry out the affairs of the Lodge efficiently. In proposing the Visitors, the W.M. said this was a toast always well received in the St. Michael's Lodge. Nothing pleased them better than to see their friends around them, and he took it as a special compliment that so many visitors had assembled on an off-night, when they were not tempted to do so by the dainties of a banquet. Bro. King, in responding, said he was very much obliged to the W.M. for the welcome he had given to the visitors, and the manner in which his remarks had been received by the brethren. This was not the first time he had had the distinguished pleasure of meeting the brethren of the St. Michael's, and he hoped it might not be the last, for the reception given to the Visitors was indeed highly gratifying. He assured them that if at any time he could be of assistance to the Lodge, his services were at their disposal. The manner in which the work of the Lodge had been done was most creditable to the Master and all concerned. Bros. Spiegel, Slaughter, Norton, Wynman and Everett also responded. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was an exceptional one, and under the circumstances he thought he was justified in taking it somewhat out of its turn. They had amongst them two brethren, one of whom had just returned to them, while the other was shortly about to take his departure from this country. One brother (Nash) had been wandering in the Provinces, but the members of the St. Michael's Lodge rather prided themselves upon the affectionate feeling which existed amongst them; and although Bro. Nash had been away, he might rest assured he had not been forgotten, and if during the last three or four years he had been absent in person he was present in spirit. He also wished to express their good feeling towards Bro. Joseph Withers, who was about to leave them. He had just taken his third degree, so that he went forth on his journeyings a full-fledged Mason. He felt sure the impression made upon the mind of Bro. Withers would be deep and lasting, and he might recollect that the brethren would ever think of him when he was far away. Bro. Withers responded in a brief, though facetious speech, expressing the interest he had taken in Masonry so far, and hoping to advance in the science as time went on. Bro. Nash said it was like coming home to receive such a welcome from the brethren; he felt sure that welcome came not merely from their lips but from their hearts. In spite of any levity imparted into this toast, the reception he had met at the hands of the members of his Lodge had made a deep impression upon him. The Worshipful Master, in giving the health of the Past Masters, said it was a trite remark that they were the backbone of their Lodge, whose welfare very greatly depended upon those who had previously passed the chair. It was especially pleasing to him to see Bro. Lavers at this emergency meeting; it would be superfluous were he to dilate upon the admirable services the Past Masters rendered generally to the Lodge, when the value of those services was so well known and appreciated. Brother Lavers, in the course of his response, said it was excessively gratifying to any one who had passed the chair of this Lodge to witness the great respect in which its Worshipful Master was always held. He was now getting an old man, but as long as he had health and strength he hoped to do all he could to uphold the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and to promote the welfare of the St. Michael's Lodge. Brother Usher Bach also responded, and in doing so said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without expressing his deep sympathy—which he felt sure was felt by every member of the St. Michael's Lodge and the Craft generally—in connection with the ruffianly

some capital singing and recitations.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE

WITH the Installation Meeting of this L associate the opening of the Masonic seas "Grand Officers' Mess" is really the first sympt Freemasons' Tavern in the way of "resuming labo Cornwall installation betokens the actual ope politan Lodges for the ensuing winter. Thus on was a very respectable muster of members Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, to do hon tion of Bro. Henry Cattermole, who had acted so Warden during the last twelve months. Lodg after three o'clock, under the presidency of the Master, Bro. A. Williams, who was supported by S.W. and W.M. elect, W. B. Marcus J.W., and Officers and members. Advancing to the third was raised, the impressive rite being administere by the retiring W.M.; who in like manner, on res passed Bro. Walker to F.C., the work being ad Bro. H. Cattermole was then presented as the W the usual formalities a Board of Installed Mast and the ceremony of installation was perform Master with an impressiveness that had charac efforts. On the re-admission of the brethren, Worshipful Master was saluted in the three deg ceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as Williams I.P.M., W. B. Marcus S.W., A. H. Jaki P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secreta J. T. Williams J.D., J. Culver D.C., H. S. Trego I.G., H. B. Garrett Steward, T. Bowler Tyler. Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered Past Master with striking effect, and evoked exp tion from all present. Lodge was resumed in t Master was afforded an opportunity of displayin all knew he possessed; and the manner in Mr. F. N. Keyzar and Mr. H. Davidson created impression. Bro. C. H. Barstow, who was for the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, but who, from deemed it expedient to sever his connection wit elected a joining member, and was heartily wel Past Master's jewel was presented, by the un Lodge, to Bro. A. Williams I.P.M., on his retire as a mark of esteem and in recognition of t he had rendered to the Lodge. Those service eulogistic terms by the Worshipful Master, who, brethren, expressed the hope that Bro. William and happiness, and be long spared to give the and assistance which had already earned for affection of the general body of the members. T acknowledged, Bro. Williams assuring the breth had passed into the ranks of the Past Masters, h the future, as he had done in the past, to take interest in all that concerned the welfare of t Lodge. Business having been concluded, amidst the members and Visitors partook of a sumptuou in the style for which Messrs. Spiers and Pond reputation, and the arrangements of Bro. Madell in every respect admirable. In introducing t W.M. said this was the first time he had been c that of the Queen and the Craft. He was an ar present occupier of the Throne, but so much had of Her Majesty during this Jubilee year that it him to enlarge upon the toast. Long may supreme in the affections of her subjects. Sp Worshipful the Grand Master, he observed that i Her Majesty as the first lady in the land, they w the Prince of Wales, who was unquestionably t the land. With him, amidst all his multifarious held a foremost place. His Royal Highness bro efforts to bear upon his work, but always disp which belonged to an active and efficient Mas Studholme Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplain on behalf of the Grand Officers, assuring the manner in which the W.M. performed the c to-day had afforded him the utmost satisfaction I.P.M., in giving the toast of the Worshipful M slight twinge of regret at having to relinquish so kindly entrusted to him a year ago, but pleasure that he handed it to Bro. Cattermo himself eminently qualified to discharge the dut had passed through the minor offices in the L himself and satisfaction to the members, so that pared to expect excellent work from him. Tho the W.M.'s working for the first time that day the conviction that the reputation of the Duke o suffer at his hands, but would the rather be addition to his geniality of manner, he was heart; one whose hand was guided by justice, expanded by benevolence. In rising to respond

office to do everything he could that would conduce to the well-being of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren. He had looked forward to the attainment of that position for four or five years, and he could not call to mind any moment of his life which afforded him so much pride or gratification. He trusted he might be well supported by his Officers, and that the brethren might look with forbearance upon any shortcomings they might detect in his work. Bro. Brooke P.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Officer, in very eulogistic terms. He felt great pleasure in discharging the duty which had been entrusted to him, for it would be universally conceded that Bro. Williams had given abundant satisfaction to the Lodge in the performance of his duties. The speaker alluded in feeling terms to the domestic bereavement suffered by their excellent brother last year, when he was proposed for the Mastership of this Lodge, he having lost two of his children. In addition to this he had the misfortune to meet with a very serious accident himself, and it was only upon the assurance of the full co-operation of the Past Masters and the brethren generally that he was prevailed upon to accept the responsibilities of office. However, the manner in which he had acquitted himself was before them, and could be spoken of in no other terms than those of unqualified praise. Bro. A. Williams I.P.M. had two especial reasons for being brief in acknowledgment of this toast, which had been so kindly proposed and received. In the first place, he somewhat felt they had already had enough of his voice; secondly, they had before them an excellent programme, with the attractions of which no remarks of his could vie. As Bro. Brooke observed, he had entered upon the duties of the chair with some reluctance, in consequence of the misfortune that had overtaken his family and himself, for at that time he entertained great doubts as to whether he could discharge the duties efficiently. But having, by the kindly persuasion of friends and assurance of their co-operation, accepted, he entered office, and as time progressed and circumstances altered, he felt on quitting the chair he had only to express his gratitude to the brethren of the Lodge for their kindly sympathy during the year. He was very proud of the position he now occupied, and of the handsome jewel with which he had been presented; it was a source of great pride and gratification, and he looked upon this evening as an epoch in his life. The W.M. in proposing the Initiates remarked that Bro. Keyzar was a personal friend of his, and that from what he had heard of Bro. Davidson he was convinced he would equally prove a valuable acquisition to their roll of members. Bro. Keyzar in reply said he had for a long period looked forward to becoming a member of this Ancient and Honourable Institution; his expectations had been more than realised that evening. Bro. Davidson was likewise highly gratified with the evening's work, which had made a deep and lasting impression on his mind. He should strive to do his best to acquire a thorough knowledge of Freemasonry, and become a useful member of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. The W.M. then expressed the pleasure it afforded him to welcome the Visitors present, and assured them that satisfaction was shared by every member of the Lodge. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. J. Terry P.G. Std. Br., R. Townsend W.M. 1984, and A. G. Dodson P.M. 188. Bro. Terry, speaking of the work of the Lodge, said he had seen one of their first initiates leave the chair in a manner that would do credit to an old installing officer. Then there was a W.M. who, had he filled a similar position before, could not have done the work better; and who showed that he could rule the brethren, not with a rod of iron, but with firmness, gentleness, and unselfishness. With respect to the banquet, Freemasons' Tavern had excelled itself on this occasion, and it was well known that if they satisfied the Duke of Cornwall Lodge they could satisfy any one. The toast of the Past Masters was heartily received, and Bro. Williams responded in a few words, leaving the other P.M.'s to speak for themselves. Bro. Corpe replied in humorous fashion, embellishing his response with a "sketchy" outline of popular speakers. He added that he was glad to see so many Past Masters amongst them on the occasion, and for his own part he should always endeavour to merit the confidence and kindness of the brethren, such as he had hitherto enjoyed. Bro. Dewsnap said, after the exhaustive way in which the toast had been acknowledged, he need only add a few words, to the effect that he was always ready and pleased to do what he could to promote the welfare of the Lodge. To this end he thought all the Past Masters had done their level best, and would continue to do so. In a fervent and practical speech, Brother J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution responded on behalf of the Masonic Charities. He referred to the unprecedented success which had attended the present year's history of our three Institutions. At the annual Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February last more than £19,250 was brought in for that Charity upon that night alone. This amount had been supplemented by Grand Lodge with £3000, and a sum of £2100 for its share of the receipts for tickets of admission to the Masonic Jubilee meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, on 13th June. The aggregate contributions, therefore, to this Institution alone amounted to £25,350. The Girls' School Festival in May produced more than £13,000, which, together with £4000 from Grand Lodge and the Jubilee Commemoration Gathering, made up a total exceeding £17,000. The Boys' School, at its Festival in June, received upwards of £11,000, which, with £4000 from Grand Lodge and the Jubilee meeting, swelled its total to over £15,000. The total sum, in round numbers, was £56,350, but as there were yet three months of the year unexpired, it was expected that when the accounts were made up to the 31st December, with additional donations and subscriptions as well as interest on funded capital, the total would exceed £15,000 a year, which had to be raised, and he vent that either the Worshipful Master or some other promin of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge would be induced to Steward at the next Festival. The Officers of the represented by Bros. Marcus S.W. and Jakins J.W., and t mally closed the list. An agreeable evening was varied b of music, under the direction of Bro. H. Stafford Treg (Oxon), Organist of the Lodge, assisted by Mr. C. Bernar Curtis, Mr. Henri G. Riviere and Mr. Fredk. Banhoff, as r the Mendelssohn Quartette. The following is a list of the Bros. W. Cattermole 1663, H. T. Bing P.M. 1597, R W.M. 1984, W. T. Whittington 1984, Thos. Baxter S J. Terry P.M. 228 P.G.S.B., Jas. Cattermole 1808, J. W 134, Max Mendelssohn 212, L. B. Harris P.M. 538, S. H A. Guartin Secretary 1622, F. B. Blake 585, A. J. Dodso &c. Bros. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg and Col. were also present.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No.

A MEETING of the above Lodge took place on the 8th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great In the absence of Bro. Sir C. Warren W.M., Bro. Woodf chair. Two new joining members were elected, and ciates of the Correspondence circle. The election fo Treasurer then proceeded, when Bro. R. F. Gould was elected W.M., and Bro. Besant Treasurer and P.M Treasurer. Bro. W. Wynn Westcott, M.B., then read the Religion of Freemasonry, illuminated by the teac Thabbalah. Our able brother delivered a very eloq on this, a favourite subject of his own, and introduced a occult learning to justify his positions and propositions. elaborate discussion followed, in which Bros. Gould, Sim man, L. Mathers, and G. W. Speth took part. The W.M. up, before putting the vote of thanks, duly moved and sec meeting, pointed out that though he greatly admired and ability displayed by the lecturer, he could not, honestly accept his conclusions, though there was a g originality in what was advanced, and of freshness and illustrations. It was impossible he (Bro. Woodford) th admitting an Hebraic colouring, as well as an old H on the one hand, to overlook various other co-existent Masonic symbolism and ceremonial on the other. Occulti paratively as yet a new factor in the question, and we con how far, except as mixed up with latter Hermeticism cianism, it could have had any effect on Freemasonry. percolation no doubt of many older forms of Theosophy thr traditions, but we must not overlook countervailing balancing influences as Christian Hermeticism and the W.M. had recently alluded to a Phœnician colouring thought their W.M. was right, and that in this Fre did connect itself with the primeval mysteries and the as Anderson pointed out nearly 160 years ago. He hims all studies and researches into various lines of addition schools of philosophy, and even widely divergent rem bolism and mystic teaching on Masonry. Their lectures so technical a groove as to become uninteresting to th and if they became uninteresting they were rendered n object in view. The brethren then adjourned to the soc

Royal Commemoration Lodge of I No. 1585.—The first meeting of the winter season Monday, at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Bros. Sinn S.W., Langley J.W., Bond (Treasurer) S.D., Grundy Se Collick Dir. of Cers., Dare I.G., W. Carter P.M., &c opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, candidate. On a suggestion of Bro. Grundy it was pro Martin, and seconded by Bro. Langley, that the Secreta to secure a lecturer for the first Monday in October, a for the first Monday in each month, so as generall the popularity and usefulness of this Lodge of Instruct Martin was elected W.M. for next week, and with cor Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Mond

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 16 Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, the 12th ins Bros. Cascley W.M., Stockhall S.W., Stretch J.W., Hazell J.D., Clark I.G., Collingridge Secretary, Preceptor, and several others. Lodge was opened i and the minutes of last meeting were read an The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. For date. Bro. Hammond answered the questions leading degree. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bryden candidate. B was elected a member. Bro. Stockhall W.M. elect 167 the chair on Monday, 19th September. Lodge was form and adjourned.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WILTSHIRE.

THE Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall Salisbury, on Wednesday, the 7th instant, the Grand Superintendent, Lord Harry F. Thynne, being supported by Companions T. S. Futcher P.G.H., Robert Stokes P.P.G.H. as J., William Nott P.G. Treasurer, Henry C. Tombs P.G.A.Soj. Eng. P.G.S.E., Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.G.Reg, Jno. V. Toone P.G.P.Soj., Alfred Parry P.G.A.Soj., John Chandler P.P.G.H. D.C., &c. &c. The Roll having been called and the usual routine business completed, the report of the Charity Committee, adopted at a meeting held the same morning, was read. This Committee recommended the acceptance of the offer of Companion W. J. Mann, of Chapter 632, Devizes, to act as Steward for the Royal Arch Province of Wiltshire, at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and that a grant be made from the Provincial Charity Fund of £21, to be placed on his list. These recommendations were, on the proposition of Comp. Futcher, seconded by Comp. Stokes, adopted unanimously. Companion J. Chandler, as one of the Auditors, reported a satisfactory audit of the Treasurer's accounts. Companion the Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.G.Reg. read his report as Registrar, from which it appeared that Arch Masonry in Wiltshire still continued to flourish, the number of members having increased to 122 (constituting 5 Chapters), the principal increase being in the Chapter of Harmony, No. 632, Devizes. The proportion of Chapters to Lodges, and of Arch to Craft Masons, was in both cases above that in England generally. In reference to this report Companion Tombs having been called to the consequences of neglect, it would not again occur. Com P.G.S.E. presented the report of the Comm last year, as to the Revision of the Provi The Committee had gone thoroughly into th view to bringing about an accordance w Regulations of the Order, and with what the requirements of the Province, and had Bye Laws which it now recommended to b Chapter. A discussion took place, and eve Laws as presented, with a slight amend detail, were unanimously adopted, on th Companion Futcher, seconded by Compani H F. Thynne, the Grand Superintendent, c Companions on the facts brought befo Registrar in his report, and also upon t having been no loss through death duri He also congratulated the Devizes Chapter condition, and, alluding to a wish of Companions to have a Chapter in that been expressed to him, he stated that he indeed to hear of it, but that neither could he intendent, nor could Grand Chapter, do m until it had been formally brought bef Companions locally interested. He concl the M.E.Z. and members of Chapter N 586, the receiving Chapter, for their co Provincial Grand Chapter that day. He offices vacant. Lord Harry F. Thynne th Companion Dr. Ringer seconded the re- William Nott as Treasurer. This was ca tion, and Companion Nott suitably thanke for this renewal of their confidence. Th tendent then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, the foll complete list:—

Comp. James Sparks 632	...	... H
Ambrose Tucker 586	...	... J.
H. C. Tombs 355 (re-appointed)	...	S
John V. Toone 1478	...	... S
William Nott 632 (re-elected)	...	T
Rev. J. A. Lloyd 1533 (re-appointed)		R
Dr. Theobald Ringer 1533	...	P
E. E. Bartlett 586	...	...
John Chandler 355 (re-appointed)	...	2
W. S. Bambridge 1533 (re-appointed)		G
John Savory 355 (re-appointed)	...	J

The usual collection of alms was made, devoted to the Salisbury Infirmary. Chapter was closed, the Companions adjo at the White Hart Hotel.

MASONIC RECEPTION TO LORD

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand South Australian Constitution, was h 20th July, when the Chief Justice (Hon. S Master, "called off" till Tuesday evening, 26 brethren an opportunity of meeting Lord Car the Grand Lodge of England. Accordingly, about 200 brethren, representing every degr including that of Master Mason, assembled in Flinders Street, and formed together a br Lordship, upon entering the Grand Lodge, ceremony, and conducted by the Grand Ste right of the Grand Master. The Grand Secreta ham) read the following address:—

"To His Excellency the Right Honourabl G.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New South Wales, Past Senior Grand Ward Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of En please your Lordship—We, the members of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons unde Grand Lodge of South Australia, in Grand Lod offer your Lordship a cordial and fraternal we of your visit to this colony. As British subje Lordship's public career in England; as colo skill and ability with which your Lordship of Governor of New South Wales; but as M proud of your Lordship's high rank in the G of your services to the English Constitution you have always manifested for the welfare Although as South Australian Masons we a jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England,

Lodge of which your Lordship is so distinguished an ornament. The present also is the happy occasion of our welcoming to your Lordship's person the most eminent English Mason who has honoured our Grand Lodge with a fraternal visit. Offering your Lordship our warmest wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Lady Carrington, and your children, we subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Australia,

Your Lordship's most obedient servants and brethren,

S. J. WAY, Grand Master,
J. H. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Secretary."

The Grand Master said—I am sure you will all agree with me that the incident of this evening is one of the most interesting that has happened in the history of South Australian Masonry. We all appreciate it as a high honour that we are able to welcome to this Grand Lodge a nobleman and statesman of high rank, the great and able Governor of the neighbouring colony of New South Wales, and a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of England. I think I may add that our interest in the proceedings of this evening is heightened by the fact that this is the first time we have had the opportunity of expressing to a member of the Grand Lodge of England in person the fraternal sentiments which we entertain towards that Grand Lodge. We no longer owe allegiance to, and we are no longer under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, but we are bound to it by the much more inseparable and indissoluble ties of fraternity and of affection. I have no doubt that all the brethren present will recall the fact that the cordiality of our recognition by the Grand Lodge of England was accentuated by the recent incident in your Lordship's colony of New South Wales—the greatest event in the history of Australasia—when the world learned from the patriotic action of the colonists of New South Wales that the loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen in Australia claimed to have a share in the defence of the Empire. On the occasion on which recognition was granted to us, the Acting Grand Master was the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick. That noble Lord was good enough to express the opinion that this Grand Lodge was "a promising addition to the Grand Lodges of the world," and he further went on to say that the Masons of South Australia, under the South Australian Constitution, "might be trusted to maintain and uphold the great traditions of English Freemasonry." It is not for me, representing the Grand Lodge of South Australia, to say that that promise has been fulfilled, but I may venture to assure your Lordship, and to ask your Lordship to assure your brethren in the Grand Lodge of England, that the Grand Lodge of South Australia is earnestly striving to maintain the great traditions of English Masonry. Is loyalty to the Crown one of those traditions? Then I venture to say that Her Majesty in her wide dominions has no more loyal subjects than the Masonic adherents of the South Australian Constitution, and certainly her Jubilee was not more gratefully celebrated in any part of the British Empire than by South Australian Masons. Is purity of ritual another of the great traditions of British Masonry? Then I am able to inform your Lordship that if you had had the opportunities which I have had of visiting Lodges within the wide territory of the Grand Lodge of South Australia—500 or 600 miles apart—not merely Metropolitan Lodges, but Lodges so far distant as Port Augusta and some of the towns in the Northern Areas and Mount Gambier in the South East, you would find the Masonic ritual carried out with the same faithfulness, with the same accuracy, as are witnessed in the best of the English Lodges. And looking at the substance which underlies all ritual, it will be a source of satisfaction to your Lordship and to your brethren of the Grand Lodge of England to be assured that we take care in the South Australian Lodges to secure that none but true and worthy men are admitted into our Brotherhood. Is brotherly love one of the great traditions of English Masonry? Then, my Lord, in South Australian Masonry I present to you a united brotherhood. The serenity of our Lodges has not been disturbed by the slightest difference or schism. If I may be pardoned for giving you a single instance of that brotherly affection to which I refer you will find it in the kind forbearance and the affectionate loyalty with which I have been supported in the high office to which I have been undeservedly called by the suffrages of my brethren, and which so many of the Brotherhood are so much better fitted than I am to fill. Is charity another of the great traditions of English Masonry? Then I beg to assure your Lordship that charity is dispensed to distressed Masons from the private Lodges and from the Benevolent Fund which forms one of the institutions of our Grand Lodge, and in the distribution of that charity we look only to the fact that the recipient is a Mason. No matter whether he be under the English, Irish, or Scotch Constitution, he has the same consideration as Masons belonging to the South Australian Constitution. We all read with pride of the magnificent demonstration in the Albert Hall in London last month, when an address was signed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Queen, congratulating her upon the completion of her Jubilee. The result of that Grand Masonic gathering was the addition of £6,000 to the funds of those great Masonic Charities which are the glory of English Masonry. In this colony we cannot claim that our charities are on anything like so extensive a scale, but we also are determined to mark the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee by the establishment of a permanent Benevolent Fund, and by the erection of homes for indigent Masons and their families, which will be a permanent memorial to us of the glad event of this Jubilee year. I think I may also assert that Masonic union is one of the great traditions of English Masonry. Perhaps it is not so much talked about in England as in Australia, as Masonic union was consummated in the mother country more than seventy years ago, and it is only three years since that union was consummated in South Australia. To-day I am glad to present you, my Lord, to the

in Scotland, and in South Australia, "a great harm
Your career in Australia has already become inco
Australian history. Since your arrival we have marke
the tact, the sympathy, the courage, the firmness, t
patriotism, and the adherence to constitutional princi
all required to make a good and wise Governor. During
of your visit to South Australia we have had an opportu
ing acquainted with those personal and social qualities
endeared you to the people of New South Wales.
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heart all receiving an added grace from adherenc
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South Australia are already your attached personal
this evening we who are here present bear towards
relationship, for are we not united in the same Br
assure your Lordship that all here present are your lo
I have now the pleasure of handing to you the Addr
perfectly expresses the feelings of the Masons of So
towards your Lordship. I assure you that every one
you with much stronger feelings than those which th
presses, or which I have been able to express in the
words which I have addressed to you on behalf of the
Grand Lodge of South Australia. The Deputy Grand
H. E. Downer, M.P., added some complimentary r
Lordship and to the Grand Master. The Grand Mast
sponded, and added—I may be permitted to mention o
gives me personally very great pleasure in connection w
this Grand Lodge of Lord Carrington. It is the circu
have been honoured by the Grand Lodge of Engl
appointed their Representative near this Grand Lodge
will sympathise with me when I say that next to the k
of my brethren in electing me by their suffrages to the
Grand Master, I valued this mark of confidence on
Grand Lodge of England. I never enter this Grand
wearing the jewel which, on the suggestion of H.R.H
Wales, was sent out to this colony to be worn by the
of the Grand Lodge of England here. That jewel be
with the arms of the Grand Lodge of England, the arm
tinguished Prince and Mason, Lord Carrington's own p
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. L
said in response—Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rig
Brethren, and Brethren: I beg to return you my m
thanks for the cordial and fraternal welcome you have
to accord to me on my first visit to the colony of South
receive, with satisfaction, and I am very grateful fo
which this Address has been tendered to me, not only i
as a brother Mason, but as a representative of Her
Majesty in the neighbouring colony of New South Wale
with pleasure the affectionate feelings and the cordial
you entertain towards the Grand Lodge of England,
earnest hope and fervent prayer that the Great Ar
Universe will ever continue to watch over and preserv
of our Craft. I beg further with great respect to than
for the kind way in which you have introduced the n
Carrington and our children. I think it would be unbe
if, after the cordial, kind, and flattering remarks wh
Worshipful Brother has uttered to you about mys
attempt in the few feeble words that I can at this mon
offer to you grateful thanks for the very gracious comp
the brethren have been pleased to pay me this eveni
idea when I arrived to-night that I should be so highly
feel it deeply. This is an evening which, to the end of m
never forget. I feel most strongly the kind words w
Worshipful Grand Master has spoken about me, and
and fraternal way in which he has referred to the unh
which at present exist among Freemasons in the colony
Wales. It would not be right for me to say one word o
except to express the hope that these divisions may so
that we may presently find ourselves in the happy
condition in which you now are in South Australia. Th
clusion can only be brought about by the blessing
Architect of the Universe and by our own individua
and it is my earnest hope and fervent prayer that
brethren of New South Wales united and enjoying as t
as my brethren in the South Australian Constitution
evening assembled here. The Grand Director of Cer
G. C. Knight) who had charge of the ceremonial during
then directed the brethren to accord the Grand Mas
Carrington special Masonic honours. The two distingu
then left to attend the Governor's ball, and the Mas
proceeded. On the motion of the V.W. Grand Chap
Rev. J. W. Owen, B.A.), seconded by V.W. J.G.W. B
burn, M.P., it was decided to forward a letter of co
sympathy to the widow and orphans of the late Gr
(Bro. Rev. C. G. Taplin), and a recognition of his past s
Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge was closed in ampl
D.G.M. (Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P.)—*South Australian*

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"HISTORY OF A CRIME."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me to express in your columns the extreme regret with which, in common with many friends of Bro. C. E. Meyer of Philadelphia, in this country, I have perused Bro. Brennan's serious and vehement incrimination of that excellent and able brother in your last issue, and to enter a protest against his utterly unwarranted assertions. The great front of Bro. Meyer's offending seems to be, (exaggerated into the foolish use of the word "Crime,") the production of a portion of the well-known and oft-debated Bell Letter in 1874. Whether or no that Letter is good or valid evidence to the point it purports to establish, whether it has any evidential force or importance, is a matter about which, fairly enough, arguments might arise and opinions vary.

But there is not the slightest evidence of any kind, in effect or by implication, to show that Bro. C. E. Meyer did not receive and use that letter perfectly *bonâ fide*, and the attempt to fasten on Bro. Meyer in 1887 a charge of *mala fides*, of fraudulent intent in supplying tainted or fictitious evidence to establish a moot point and supplement historical controversies, is as disingenuous as it is un-Masonic, as unfounded as it is unworthy.

To all Bro. Meyer's friends in this country such a protest will be quite needless, but as many of your readers may not know him, I have thought it well here, (having expressed myself more fully elsewhere), to ask you to print this Masonic "caveat" against unbrotherly animadversions and utterly unfounded asseverations.

It is truly a most melancholy fact to realise that hardly any Masonic controversy has arisen which I can remember, and I am now an old man, but that hurtful development of pernicious personality is pretty sure sooner or later to crop up.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE NEW PHILADELPHIA THEORY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Judging from the manner "A Student of Bro. Gould's History," assumes to settle questions at issue, he seems to be a judge, who is accustomed to lay down the law without troubling himself further. In the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 20th of August my opponent writes:—

* * * "I say that a close study for some days of all the evidence in respect of the two Patents granted to Coxe and Price has not only convinced me of their absolute correctness, but has confirmed me in an idea which has been gradually impressed upon my mind, that Philadelphian Freemasonry goes, so to say, behind Coxe's Deputation."

I heartily congratulate my opponent on having settled at last his new creed, viz.: that Philadelphia Masonry is older than Coxe's Patent. But mere saying so will not satisy me; for if even the Lord Chancellor had been the author of the above paragraph, I would have said to him, My Lord, if it had been a question of law, I would have bowed to your decision, but as it is a question of history, your Lordship's mere opinion is insufficient to establish the fact. I agree with your Lordship, that Coxe's Patent was authentic, and I never entertained any doubt about it. But with regard to Price's Patent of 1733, Bro. Findel, to whom we are indebted for the knowledge of many Masonic facts—in short, he may be called the first truthful Masonic historian we ever had—in the last two editions of his History of Freemasonry, has given his verdict against Price's Grand Mastership. Bro. Joseph Robbins, of Illinois, who is a most impartial and unbiassed Masonic writer, reviewed the Henry Price controversy in the Illinois Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1872, and he also came to a conclusion against Price's claims. Bro. Gou'd, though he admits the possibility of Price's claim for a Deputation in 1733, at the same time rejects Price's pretensions to having received a second Deputation in 1734; he also agrees with me, that Franklin did not see Price's Deputation when he was in Boston in 1733. *That point itself is significant.*

Again, the petition to Price in 1733 distinctly states, that Price's Deputation bore the date of "the 13th day of April 1733." Had Pelham copied the Deputation in 1751 from the original document, he would not have dated it, "the Thirtieth Day of April." Still again, had Price been in possession of the original document in 1767, he would not have sent to England a copy thereof, taken from the Boston Record. But, aha! say some of Price's apologists, "perhaps the original Patent was destroyed before 1767," but in the first place, Price did not say that it was destroyed; and second, if it had been destroyed, he would have requested Charles Pelham to testify that he had copied the said Deputation, in 1751, from the original authentic document. These facts, when combined with Price's other unfounded assertions, more especially his pretension to having received a second Deputation in 1734; his urging in 1755 to have Gridley appointed Grand Master for all America, and his claim in 1767 to never having resigned his own Grand Mastership for all America. These, and other propensities to exaggeration and untruthfulness on the part of Price, which I have shown in former

ment that the Pennsylvania Gazette of 26th of June
show that the [Pennsylvanian] brethren knew of [C
acted under it," be now himself admits to have
asserting that they acted by an authority which was
Patent. Again, his statement, that "If Price's
forgery, all I can say is, successive Grand Ma
Secretaries in England, must have been a party
illogical, for Price may have been guilty, while t
Officers were guiltless of any complicity with P
there are other mistaken assertions and suggestio
before me, which it is not worth while to notice, s
newly discovered belief that Pennsylvanian Masonry
Patent of 24th June 1730, which, for several rea
doubt whether he can furnish evidence to prove.

If, however, my good Brother can supply under
this effect, then, in the name and on behalf of
brethren, I ask him to make haste and produce it
the precise year when the first Masonic Lodge
Philadelphia. The Pennsylvanian Masons have be
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Bro. Gould's History (Vol. VI. p 430) informs us
persons still living who took part in a solemn Cent
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BOSTON, U.S., 2nd Sept. 1887.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Had William Alle
and those who with him did so, any right to i
Lodge on the 24th of February 1731, under the cl
(time immemorial) right every body of Masons h
work without a warrant? Dr. Mackey, in his Ency
masonry inferentially denies that they had. In
"Ancient Masons" he says:—"For some years
Ancients appear to have worked on the independen
the original right which every body of Masons h
work without a warrant . . . But this right ha
by the four Lodges, when they organised the Gr
. . . This, however, the Ancients maintained w
sation, because, they said, five Lodges were req
Grand Lodge. But this was a mere assertion, wi
support it. So finding they must do so, they
Grand Lodge, with the Earl of Blessington as thei

This on the one hand. On the other Dr. Mack
his above mentioned work to be the original codifie
of Freemasonry, and which he extends in the sam
number, gives, as his ninth landmark, "The nece
congregate in Lodges," that is to say, hold w
occasional Lodges for special purposes, without
such congregation, but when circumstances migh
cludes his specification of this his ninth landm
warrants of constitution, by-laws, permanent O
arrears (by which I presume is meant annual
innovations, *wholly outside the landmarks*, and
on the special enactments of a comparatively rece
we must probably understand to be the organi
subsequent legislation.

Now as he admits that this organisation's act
subsequent exercise of the principal feature of
and thus rendered it for ev r matter null and void, ce
had no more right to exercise under its conditions
colony than they had in 1739 and afterward
Metropolis of Great Britain; and doing so by t
unmasonic, and to be so determined by all law
rather than by such be at any time regarded as a

In America, as well as in Pennsylvania, as in
Dr. Mackey has been regarded as the great Ma
his Encyclopædia, being his final work, except i
and places wherein his knowledge has been fo
contains his final and matured thoughts on every
If this his decision then regarding this ninth
the Lodge which by Bro. Mc Calla is claimed to g
title to be regarded as the Mother City of Fre
was not only a self-constituted Lodge, but at t
doubly so, as its institution as a regular Lodge, th

And further, if these conditions are correct, Bro. Gould's claim, and upon which Bro. McCalla has retired for his now entire support, that St. John's Lodge of 1731 in Philadelphia had as much right to be self-constituted as did the Lodge of York, England, is plainly an error, because of the radical change which had taken place in the laws and government of Freemasonry between the institution of the Lodges at York and Philadelphia respectively.

Fraternally yours,

J. FLETCHER BRENNAN.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, U.S.A., 27th Aug. 1880.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Lyceum.—So lately has the greatest living tragic actress trod the boards of the Lyceum, and so lately was Sarah Bernhardt preceded by the farewell words of Henry Irving, that when the curtain rises on their successors, unconsciously we judge them by the highest standard of excellence. That Mary Anderson should most completely realise all the tender, happy girlish grace, the idyllic innocence of sweet Perdita, that we all anticipated; that she should rise to the royal dignity, the Madonna saintliness of Hermione, the insulted queen and outraged mother, for this her warmest friends must have had misgivings—misgivings that, notwithstanding her moments of inspiration, notably in the trial scene, have been realised. When Hermione first enters with Leontes, despite her gracefulness, there is a jarring note of too easy a familiarity of bearing. We find here the royal lady and proud mother of future kings—sweet and winning, and most divinely fair; but not Hermione, as she shapes herself in the imagination of those to whom Shakespeare is dear. In the trial scene Miss Anderson's quiet sympathies and intelligence make up for the something lacking. She has one moment of inspiration, when she rises to the tragedy of the situation, her frame quivering with passion, her lips white, and with uplifted right hand she calls on the gods to justify her. Then, again, in the icy horror of the moment when she is stricken speechless by news of her son's death, she lifts the end of her trailing white pallium above her head, then falls like one struck by lightning prone on the ground. The house felt the thrill of true passion here; the studied graces, and carefully-elaborated attitudes, which so often excite our resentment while we admire, all were forgotten here, and warm applause followed the fall of the curtain. The warmest applause, however—"pity 'tis 'tis true"—is reserved for the delighful dance of shepherds in the fourth act, and here we find our Perdita as blithe and sunny with innocent joy as a butterfly in the sunshine. She dances with the rustics, laughs and jests with Mopsa and Dorcas, with no air of conscious superiority. In the last act, where the closed curtains open to disclose the breathing statue, Mary Anderson was well advised to give to this embodiment of cruel wrong a marked shadowing of much sorrow, the poignancy of unshed tears. The beauty and pathos of the presentment were very touching. Alas! that when the statue speaks, something too much of the spell is broken. Miss Anderson has still much to learn in the modulation of her voice, and no less to overcome in provincialism of accent, which in tragedy and blank verse is strangely irritating. Of Mr. Forbes Robertson, as Leontes, we have nothing but praise; his interpretation has all the refinement of a scholar, whilst his sincerity and quiet dignity ennoble a character which less sympathetically rendered is apt to excite only aversion and contempt. Assuredly, in the expression of the virile passions and emotions of maturer life, Mr. Forbes Robertson will find the best field for the exercise of his gifts. As the young lover he fails to convince us, but here in a turmoil of suspicion, jealousy, hate, remorse, he lifts the veil from the hidden recesses of the heart of humanity. Mr. Collette as Autolycus is very clever, very amusing, but too self-conscious, and too desperately determined to make his points. Mr. J. Anderson deserves praise for his clown. The Mopsa of Miss Tilbury was a pleasant bit of rustic blithness. We regret we cannot more heartily praise clever Miss Sophie Eyre. Why does she outscold Paulina's self, and why speak in such jerky sentences, all staccato? Surely Paulina should have more composed dignity, she the chosen friend of gentle Hermione. The scenery is as beautiful as anything the Lyceum stage has seen; the dresses are lovely studies of classic form and colour.

Toole's. — During the building of the New Court, Mr. John Clayton is occupying the above theatre, with Dandy Dick. The smart writing of Mr. Pinero has once more won for him the high opinion of lovers of laughter-making pieces, for not only is Dandy Dick humorous, but it is free from offence of any kind. Each time you see this piece something original and cleverly conceived is elaborated. Two alterations have taken place in the cast, namely, Mr. Alfred Bishop, a good character actor, in place of Mr. Arthur Cecil, and Miss Eva Wilson, a happy and vivacious follower to Miss Norreys. Mr. John Clayton has perfected his representation of the Rev. Augustin Jedd, while Mrs. John Wood's Georgiana Tidman could not be better. Messrs. F. Kerr and H. Eversfield have toned their military bearing somewhat, and Mr. Edmund Maurice is still good as Sir Tristram Mardon. Mr. W. H. Denny and Miss Laura Linden still

and contains some very amusing dialogue. The ... by Miss Cudmore, as Mrs. Woodleaf; Mrs. Percy, the si... Roche; and Mr. F. Kerr as Mr. Woodleaf; are represen... and were well received. Judging from the way in... piece was accepted, Mr. Clayton will not require to ch... while he has possession of the little house in King Willia...

Novelty.—This unfortunate theatre once more ... doors on Monday, when Miss Harriet Jay took up th... management. Various kinds of entertainment have ... here, but up to the present time comedy-drama has not be... to. Naturally, then, Miss Jay's opening piece was bu... lines, and calling in the aid of Mr. Robert Buchanan, thi... has given us a work in five acts, entitled "The Blue Bells o... The author, in a note, acknowledges that some of the ch... situations have been already used in the prose romance, "... Nature," while some of the earlier scenes are founded on ... withstanding, the play is weak, commonplace and un... dwelling mainly on the harshness of a landlord in Sc... evicts his tenants if they do not pay their rent. The... good situations in the piece, thoroughly melodramatic i... but we are afraid the author will not add to his rep... "The Blue Bells of Scotland." The scene opens at a Sc... by the sea. Here we find Peter Dalston, stewar... Arranmore's estates, persecuting the tenants, who hav... champion Graham Macdonald. There arrives, during a ... Arranmore, under an assumed name. His yacht has be... Mina Macdonald, to whom Arranmore becomes attached, a... her to accompany him on his yacht. Once on board, ... takes place; this, later on, Arranmore says is illegal; but ... to be formal. In London Mina realizes her situation, and ... leaving her in charge of his steward, goes to Burma... regiment. Mina is befriended by Ethel Gordon, a la... engaged to Arranmore; she is taken back to the Highl... Graham, bent on revenge, joins the same regiment as ... However, he avoids an encounter until, by the fortune ... are driven into the jungle. Here Graham challenges ... During the duel which is about to take place the enem... them, and they agree to oppose him back to back. Arran... tally wounded, but Graham is rescued by a party ... On his arrival home, Lady Gordon proposes marriage to G... excuse for making herself the suitor being that it is leap y... end Graham comes into the titles and estates of Arra... what is in store for Mina is not shown. The acting all ro... Mr. Henry Neville is manly and vigorous as Graham ... Mr. Arthur Ellwood is hardly expressive enough as Lord A... while Mr. G. Canninge was fierce as Peter Dalston. Mr. ... was amusing as the Hon. Sam Gordon, while Mr. Ear... made a good Sergeant Milligan. Miss Fortescue was ... and winning as Mina, while Miss Harriet Jay was a fair L... Miss Marie Stuart made a lively Scotch lassie. The High... dance was capitally performed by the Misses Nellie M... Rosie Hall. The scenery is excellent, but the small ... encumbers the action of the piece.

In consequence of the continued success of "Shadows ... City," at the Princess's Theatre, a morning performance ... will be given on Saturday, 24th instant, and upon every ... Saturday till further notice. On Thursday morning, 2... the Princess's company will appear at the Crystal P... they will present their successful drama for the second ti...

The monthly meeting of the Committee of M... of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution too... Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Edga... P.G. Std. Br. and Treasurer of the Institution pr... there were present Bros. Albert Fish, W. B. Da... Bulmer, James Brett P.G.P., John Newton, A. ... shall, Alex. Forsyth, Jabez Hogg P.G.D... Hogard, Charles Kempton, Joseph Freeman, A... George Mickley, Hugh Cotter, John J. Berr... White P.G.P., and James Terry P.G.S.B. ... After the minutes of the previous meeting had ... and verified, the Secretary reported the deat... annuitants (three male and one widow). The ... report for the past month having been subm... Secretary read a letter enclosing a cheque from ... Secretary for £2,107, being one-third part of the ... money to the Royal Albert Hall on the occas... Masonic Jubilee meeting on the 13th June last. ... cation from the widow of a late annuitant for h... late husband's annuity having been granted, th... ing terminated with the usual vote of than... Chairman.

That popular singer, well known to ma... readers, Madame Worrell, announces that h... evening concert will take place at Brixton Hall, ...

that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1597—Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
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)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manch...
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. (Instructi...
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, N...
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugele...
2046—Wharton, Willesden
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchar...
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sund...
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverham...
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basing...
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTE...

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30...
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8.
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, ...
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Re...
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Str...
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruc...
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, ...
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Str...
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchy...
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Par...
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt ...
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent ...
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, ...
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victo...
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthams...
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, M...
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New ...
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent ...
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Chu...
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (I...
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Inst...

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, ...
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, ...
342—Royal Susex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial ...
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drovers Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (In...
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instr...
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, ...
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Roch...
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birming...
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, W...
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1083—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, ...
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Str...
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Bri...
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liver...
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N...
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmon...
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North West...
R.A. 817—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Ho...
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 22nd SEPTE...

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at ...
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, ...
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, ...
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, ...
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at ...
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at ...
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-stre...
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London ...

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1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
179—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick W[illiam], Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, [illegible]ington House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruct
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1325—[illegible]ley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Jotapur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1893—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 293—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 394—Jordord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 443—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 753—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 23rd 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)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
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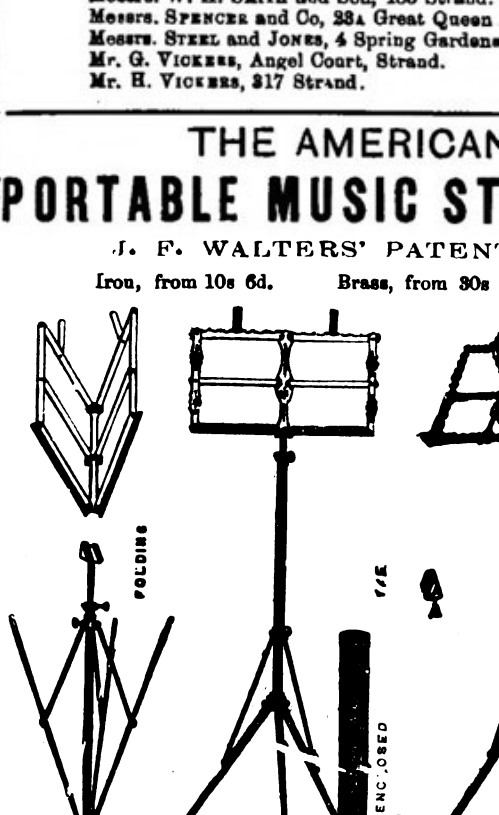

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THE OCTOBER ELECTION TO THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

AS usual, the balloting paper for the Boys' School election presents a very different aspect to that of the sister Institution, to which we referred last week. Then we had occasion to be thankful that no less than half the number of candidates would become entitled to admission after the poll on the 8th prox.; but now, in reviewing the list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, we are only able to record eleven vacancies, with fifty-four candidates eligible to fill them, so that only one in five of those who go to the poll can be admitted.

Of these fifty-four candidates no less than thirty-seven now appear on the list for the first time; seven have each made one previous application, four have applied twice, one on three occasions, one on four, and one on six. This latter, No. 1, George Cannon, will be ineligible, on account of age, if not admitted next month. He is an only child dependent on his mother, who was left a widow in 1881; her husband had been a subscribing member of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Northumberland, for the preceding thirteen years. The lad brings forward 92 votes from the six elections in which he has taken part, and we need hardly say will have to receive very different support at the coming contest to have even a chance of success. No. 9, Cyril Courtenay Couch, is the next last application case. His widowed mother has five children dependent on her, of whom one is partially provided for. Her husband was a member of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Cornwall, for twenty-three years, and served therein the office of Worshipful Master; 258 votes have already been recorded on behalf of this lad, who was a candidate at the April election of the present year. No. 17, Ewart Gilbert McCoy, has had similar experience in regard to previous elections, the number of votes recorded on his behalf in April being 208. His father was a member of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, London, from 1874 until his death, in 1886. He was an occasional subscriber to the Institution, and served the office of J.D. in his Lodge. There are three children dependent on his widow. No. 36, Frederick Charles Boulter, is one of four dependent children. His father was a member of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, Somerset, and died in February of the present year. No. 37, Bertram Elford, is one of seven left to the care of a widowed mother. His father was initiated in the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, Cornwall, and subsequently joined the Brent Lodge, No. 1284, Devon. The last case on the list must also be included among the "aged." No. 54, Reginald Herbert Mason, is one of four children left to the care of their mother. The father was initiated in the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Warwickshire, in 1882, and remained a member of that Lodge until his death, in May last. We hope that in each of these cases such support may be accorded as will secure to each candidate the assistance he deserves.

There are two candidates who are parentless, and both of them now apply for the first time. No. 43, Charles Irwin Mossop, is one of two children of a late member of the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Cumber-

initiated in the Phœnix Lodge, No. 904, West remaining a member thereof for close on tw during which period he passed the chair of Both of these particularly unfortunate orphan districts noted for their benevolence, and we each of them secure an early place in the at Wood Green.

Thirteen of the remaining candidates brin votes from one or more previous elections, alth are fourteen who have previously competed, or however, has not yet received any support. F regard to number of votes brought forward is N William Ewart Cable, on whose behalf 1262 recorded in April. He is one of five childre mother's care. The father was initiated in the Lodge, No. 1638, Surrey, and subscribed theret death in February 1885. No. 12, Francis Le did well at the last election, when 1046 votes for him. He is one of four children left by a la of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538 No. 2, Joseph Wood, brings forward 843 votes fr four contests. He is one of six children depende mother. The father was initiated in the Finsb No. 861, London. No. 13, Charles Ball, was last April, and on that occasion 747 votes wer his favour. He is one of six children now de their mother, the widow of an old member of t borough Lodge, No. 1681, London. 700 vote the credit of No. 14, Edward John Pitt, o dependent children, both of whose parents are father, an initiate of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, i a lunatic; this renders the case particularly of sympathy. No. 3, Harold Gray, an o dependent on a widowed mother, comes fo the fourth time, with 505 votes already re his favour. His father was initiated in the Briti rian Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, and office of Secretary and Junior Warden therein F. P. Turner, is another only child, dependent on mother. His father was initiated in the City Lodge, No. 901, London, and subscribed thereto time of his death. 243 votes have already been r support of this lad's candidature. No. 5, Charle Green, one of two fatherless children, comes Province of Essex, where his father was initia St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024. The lad has alre part in two elections, and goes to the poll on thi with 150 votes to his credit. No. 7, Frederic John Scott, comes next in order. He is one children dependent on a widowed mother, and ward with 113 votes to his credit, the outcom previous elections. His father was initiated in and subsequently joined the St. John's Lodge, Cape of Good Hope. No. 15, Samuel Henry Fursey, is one of six children left to the care of a mother; he has 104 votes already to his credi been a candidate in April last. His father wa in the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829, Sussex, and re subscribing member thereof until his death in 188 Edgar Holmes Burgess, one of three fatherless has taken part in two previous elections, and no

the Friendship Lodge, No. 100, Norfolk. 8 votes were recorded on this lad's behalf in April last.

No. 4, John Crossman, is the other case brought forward. This lad has taken part in two previous elections, but so far no votes have been recorded on his behalf. He is one of two left to a mother's care, and is accredited jointly to the Provinces of Cornwall and Devon, the father having been initiated in the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, and subsequently joined the St. John, No. 70.

All of the remaining cases are first applications, and each presents some feature which calls for special sympathy, that it is not possible to accord this to the fullest extent, desired is the source of much regret, but while the applications for the benefits of the School are so numerous, it is impossible to do as much for all of them as we could wish. That so many children can be provided for as now find a home in the Institution proves much for the sincerity of Freemasons.

THE MEETING AND PARTING OF MASONS.

OUR Brethren will soon be re-assembling after the "long vacation," and in many cases shortly the Master's summons will collect some well-known forms and faces under the old Banner of a time-honoured Lodge, or in all the greatness and glitter even of a new venture. At such a time, whether we will or no, some thoughts and associations will intrude themselves, like unbidden guests in our social circle; will supervene whether we like it or no, a truth and a fact which it may not be amiss for us to-day if we seek to realise and master.

The meeting of friends always inevitably and perforce seems to whisper to us of their parting too. Life is so short and so uncertain that its best present gifts to man, health, happiness, prosperity, all seem at times to vanish away, suddenly and unexpectedly to crumble up, even when we least expect it, and we often are doomed to witness daily a sudden transition, as some one has poetically put it, from "sunshine to shade, from smiles to tears," and often, thunderstruck and awe struck, we behold one of those unaccountable changes in the aspect and personal routine of the passing hour, which often invests our earthly lot with sombre hues and saddest memories.

There is an old and favourite classic story which represents the Harpies, the three fabled monsters of ancient authors, watching the gay hours and festive gatherings of contented mortals, and suddenly appearing in the moment of anticipated or supreme enjoyment, to touch and taint the viands, and send the gay assembly hungry and lamenting away. So in the same way we too are often sensible, very sensible, how much change and chance have to do even with our Masonic life, and with the normal programme of that Lodge to which we have vowed, perhaps, the faithful attachment and confidence of years.

It is affecting often to look over old Masonic records of work and sociality, and note how few survive, alas! after a very few years, often at the best, who once were foremost and famous in their day for Masonic work; who once were hailed with heartiest greetings; who gladdened many a gay scene with their pleasant presence, or cheery wit; who once could minister to the delight of others in the harmony of song, who were able to "set the table on a roar," and who were the trustiest of friends, the kindest of comrades, the stay, the pride, and the ornament of our good old Lodge. We look back a few years sometimes, and we realise sadly how few still remain with us, who started in Masonic life side by side with us, and who now have either dropped out of the course, or failed and fainted by the way; who no longer answer to the "roll call," whose place in the Lodge knows them no more. How many pleasant faces we must miss, as fond memory recalls the [illegible] and refreshment hours of "Auld Lang Syne."—

merrier days of old, when we formed a gla company, and let the ascetic or anchorite which we can still recall, with pleasura as some of our "best things," and "happ

How much, we make bold to say her find then in that ancient sociality and and honest goodwill to help us along life and to bid us move on serenely and ch fully breast the waves as they rolled in s from a boisterous sea of care, and sorrow

We shall, never probably, be able or a the same pleasant days again. We can find mates as blithe, as true, as kind. L later years may bring to us other plea grace the scene or cheer the board, bu should be the most ungrateful of m affected to class the new with the old, that are past, and the friends who are n

Even each opening year of Masonic suggests to us many changes in our L which it is painful to realise, and hard some little emotion.

The Lodge companions we parted wi June or July we do not always again November.

Each week, almost, in its obituary memento, reminds us of some well-k confrère who has "joined the Grand Ca fore when next we all meet in Lodg value more than ever our great priv union, concord, and amity, and let us g ourselves this truth, that we belong ha whose highest aim is to increase our own by the happiness and welfare of oth labours would be useless, our teaching incomplete, unless we succeeded in Brotherhood what we feel so truly and selves.

ORNAMENTS OF A MASO

A CANDIDATE being instructed his attention called during the p to the ornamental parts of the Lodge Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Tesse Star. He is told that the first for represents the ground floor of King So that about the floor there was a rich sk work denominated the indented tessel to which frequent reference is made. T the blazing star in the centre, which, a special reference, being commemorat appeared to guide the wise men of th our Saviour's nativity.

These symbols, that constitute an ornamentation of a Masonic Lodge, b alike beautiful and significant. Indee differently applied and understood who treat on the subject. As comm Mosaic pavement is said to be embl checked with good and evil; the tesse those blessings that a worthy craftsm by a firm reliance on Divine Provid represented by the blazing star.

All this symbolic instruction is in teachings of Freemasonry. It is val we connect the Lodge ornamentatio King Solomon; and it is not importa any change in the established ritual p of Masonic work. Nevertheless ev desires to be informed as to the references and statements set fort degrees, that he may not accept which rest only on a legendary or t

Now in regard to the Mosaic pa

pavement seems altogether probable. The hall of judgment, called in the Hebrew *Gabbatha*, undoubtedly had a Mosaic floor. The Hebrew term designating the place, and its Greek and Latin equivalents, indicate a pavement such as the words Mosaic and tessellated might well describe. It should be kept in mind, however, that this hall of judgment, designated by so suggestive a word, was outside the prætorium, being a sort of elevated platform or terrace which was decorated in an elaborate and peculiar manner. Some writers have sought to trace an etymological connection between *Gabbatha* and *Gagith*, the last named being the designation of the hall in the Temple where the Sanhedrim held their sessions; but the more general opinion is that the apartment so named was paved with smooth and square flagstones both before and after the time of Herod.

We make no question that in some parts of the Temple as it stood at the beginning of the Christian era there were rich specimens of Mosaic ornamention. Jerusalem was then in Roman hands, and skilled decorators from Italy were doubtless employed to inlay some of the floors and walls of that great structure on which Herod expended a vast sum in the way of restoration and embellishment. There are specimens of ancient work in Mosaic at Rome which have an age of nearly two thousand years. The pavement of the old Church of St. Lawrence, dating back to the time of Adrian the First, and also that of the Church of St. Martin, belonging to the reign of Constantine, are fine remains of the ancient decorative art in which the Italians so much excelled. We may well believe that skilled workmen went to Jerusalem in Herod's reign to treat certain parts of the Temple to this form of ornamentation. But in Solomon's day work in Mosaic was hardly known or practised, certainly not at all in Jerusalem and the adjacent regions, and it seems therefore a mere assumption to say that the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple had a Mosaic ornamentation such as the common description gives to it. Historic accuracy does not justify the conclusion.

As already hinted the traditional reference may stand without doing harm; it is the moral import of the emblems which is of the chief consequence. Thus may the Mosaic pavement signify the varied experiences of man in this mortal state, where joy and sorrow alternate like the differently coloured bits of glass and stone that were set together in the ancient decorations. And so the border and the star may bring their added lessons, suggestive of human faith and dependence, and of a trust in the Infinite One who is guiding all things to the wisest and best ends.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

MUCH has been done in later years to unfold in due order and precision the curious annals of the Craft, and to rescue them from that chaotic state of confusion and unrealism combined, into which, through apathy and ignorance, and in the lapse of time, they had drifted. We owe a great deal to-day, for their praiseworthy exertions in the good cause of Masonic study and literary progress, to Kloss and Findel, to Macoy and Mackay, to MacCalla and Fort, to Speth and Rylands, to Daruty and Thevenot, to D. M. Lyon and Hughan, and though last not least, to R. F. Gould. We should not, moreover, forget altogether the earlier labours of Anderson, Hutchinson, Preston, and Oliver, Thory and Krause, Heideloff and Schauberg, Ragon, Besuchet, Clavel, and other friendly students; nor should we overlook the criticisms of Jacob Norton, nor the seasonable contributions of non-Masonic writers like George Godwin, and J. O. Halliwell Phillips.

If to-day the normal history of Freemasonry, long encumbered with the accretions of years in the shape of exaggerated evidences, misused documents, uncollated assertions, and tranquil sheep-walking, appears to us to a great extent free from those drawbacks and deficiencies, we owe it almost entirely to the writers just named, with some few other zealous students. Yes, we are indebted to the labourers of the "authentic school" of Masonic thinkers Mr. Hallam, in equal measure. This small, but gable band of students here at home, and in Am sought to give dignity to the averments, fideli traditions, reality to the chronology, and certain records of Freemasonry.

And they have to a great extent succeede have explored highways and byways, th searched out long-forgotten documents, they have a new version on hastily-accredited statements, endeavoured to touch with the magic wand legend, and myth, and tradition alike, and ha them to yield the kernel of reality, hidden bene husks of outer roughness and displacement, an adjacent debris.

Masonic history is now assuming the happier satisfactory appearance of continuous existence sistent identity. Of course, there are difficulties encountered, cruxes yet to be matured, dubiou still to be probed, and devious tangled pathways opened out, before that the arduous labours of o Masonic pioneers can overcome prevailing obsta crowned with legitimate success.

We cannot help to-day sighing at times "incuria," the "lâches" in this respect of Masonic forefathers. Old letters have been records have vanished, books have been par minutes have been lost, which to us now, for man would be of priceless value.

There is much, we fear, which has been made which can now never be recovered, of the greate ance to the student of Masonic History.

There is, however, we equally feel sure, a stowed away, which we hope one day may see though at present beyond our reach and ken.

And it is this fact, for fact it is, which le peculiar interest to Masonic investigation and di this hour, and which also imparts such an air of incompleteness and uncertainty to our most tributions, to our most valuable researches. For do we establish one point than we have to surrend and our labours, like those of Ixion, are ces unchanging.

We, as yet, have not *all* the facts of the case and hence one great danger arises for stude peculiar epoch, in our studies and compilation lest we should be tempted to dogmatise, e unwillingness to wait for more light, or from valuing the evidences we do possess, on partial on limited data.

Let us take two illustrations of what we are point out to our readers.

Thus far we have little to link on the Free 1717 with the Freemasonry described, for in Dr. Plot, a non-Masonic writer, as existing in 1686.

We have evidence of Lodges composed speculative Masons, working in 1646, 1670, 1690, but how they are connected with t admittedly existing in 1717, we as yet precisely.

There are, indeed, traces, evidences, which w to of catechisms, legends, regulations, and the all seem to tend in one and the same directi that substantially of the Masonic Revival of 171 than that none of us at present can say.

So, too, the history of the meeting and movem itself has yet to be found out and written.

Thus far we have no actual contemporar whether of the events which preceded it, or t stances which attended it, or even of the drama in their entirety who then played their parts o Anderson, our earliest historian, was probably witness of the events he first related in 173 Grand Lodge Minutes, such as they are, onl 1723. Anderson therefore must have relied i ability on the accounts of others for the tra 1717, which he first gives us in 1738. Why tell his story in 1723, we have yet to learn. be some reason for his silence then.

It is clear, from "Multa Paucis," that there

tious hour, or by some unexpected clue, may yet reveal to us what has been so long sought, but so far has not been discovered.

Another difficulty we have to contend with is the persistence, the endurance of error.

Statements are repeated, week by week, which research has shown to be idle fable. Twice slain, as some cherished "fads" are, their survival is sometimes almost too provoking.

We publish elsewhere a contribution, written 12 years ago, by Bro. D. M. Lyon, the very able Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which happily deals with an old "myth," once very often propounded with almost reckless audacity, and not altogether exploded yet.

We refer our readers to it. Bro. D. M. Lyon, in his clear and succinct verbiage, disposes once and for ever of the oft-repeated allegation, that "Old Mother Kilwinning" ever was in any form the "fautor" of "founder of the Templar movement, or any High Grade movement emanating therefrom. It will be seen from his veracious statement how a Craft Lodge, admittedly warranted by Mother Kilwinning only as a Craft Lodge, took upon itself to grant High Grade Warrants of different kinds and certificates, &c. Let us hope and trust then, despite errors and difficulties of all kinds, that Masonic History will hold its own, and continue to be History, not a chaotic conglomeration of ill assorted and even contradictory myths.

MASONRY AND THE AGE.

IS it permissible to declare that the prime truths of all proper morals are involved in the recognised teachings of Ancient Craft Masonry? Manifestly, they are, or they are not. If they are, they must of necessity be the veritable chief good of all that is to be found in the Craft of the Lodge; however excellent in their kind may be the other things which are parts of Masonry. If they are not, or, being found there, if they do not hold the highest place, then Masonry itself lacks the essential element of any system which can justly claim that it is doing something for humanity. If this is not its claim, does it then claim to do anything for the benefit of its own votaries? And if it does this, what is it?

We all know that the claim of Masonry is not only to teach the highest truths known to the whole circle of sublime morality, but to inculcate them by means of lessons contrived to be of greater simplicity and more lasting force than are to be found elsewhere. It is claimed that its symbolic representations, as set forth with terse and wisely ordered discourse, possess a silent, but finally more impressive influence on the hearts and minds of those who come to understand them, than aught which can be communicated by exhortation, precept or injunction, through the living voice or written page.

Indeed, if there is anything in which many Masonic champions are strong, they are men of might in sounding before the procession the trumpet of Masonic righteousness. It is not in the least intended by this to insinuate that hypocrites, ancient and modern, have furnished notable examples in this very exercise, and have received the recompense which the common sentiment of the human family awards to those who run where they are not called; nor yet that there is any such purpose in view as with those who proclaim their own wares in places where things are brought to sell, however much it may appear so to a censorious world.

Doubtless most that we hear and read in praise of our good deeds is sincerely uttered, for being effusive on behalf of a good fraternity is not sufficient evidence of bad intent—even in an insinuation "founded in geometry." But every such claim in its own behalf made earnestly or falsely by any institution, or its members, is part of the universal testimony of the entire race of mankind, ancient and modern, to this, that truth, virtue, and righteousness, and their kindred excellencies—even however lacking in the particular instance—constitute the great and proper

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welfare must perish from every land; let
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visible Lodge building, or Temple of initiation. It is because of this higher signification which belongs to the Fellow Craft, that they are jewels of the Lodge itself.

The lesson of these ashlars, therefore, is that those truths only which are substantial and of enduring value are worthy to be first securely placed in the Temple of the mind—these are the truths of moral life—the truths which being cultivated (wrought) as the perfect ashlars, may be trusted under every strain and pressure when things of wood and stubble crush and fall.

Now, consider whether or not society at the present time (including Masons and all others) is not casting away the great truths which the world through all time has tested—the "precious corner-stones" of all wisely ordered structures of social life; amid the inconsiderate clamour for mere intellectual or scientific development, and that chiefly in such special directions as shall contribute most toward what are called practical results, a line of progress which shall allow neither time nor place nor yet a desire for my philosophy or ethics, either of life or law or government or social existence. Are we not all putting our trust too much in nervous activity, the forcing of the brains and blood of youth into undue excitement and exhaustion in the cramming process of secular instruction; carried on so continuously that the teacher of moral or religious principles can secure no attention from the overtaxed mind? Is not the real and indispensable education of the man, for the purpose of making him a man indeed, of full and noble moral stature, sacrificed to the project of making him more useful for the time being in the army of secular sappers and miners who are hurried to the front in the service of gain and power; not for themselves so much as for the combinations or syndicates who are taking the place of ancient oligarchies in appropriating to their own disposal all things of earth and of man? Is not the heart of the people being set by a thousand influences toward making headway in the general scramble for the baubles and vanities of mere wealth and station, and in the good graces of those who have been more successful than others, at any cost of labour and pains, or sacrifice of sterling independence and manly integrity? Every one knows that this is what is going on throughout the community at large, and through all its parts.

Of what stuff are the ashlars now being prepared? What are the unserviceable simultations which are being moulded and ornamented by "improved machinery" to appear externally as the chosen stones tested at the quarries and wrought to perfect and orderly design, which are to maintain the integrity of the social and moral edifice? There is no answer; only society calls more loudly for sticks and stucco and paint and varnish and putty, and everything which can be wrought into a sham; and for artificers skilled in placing and using them for temporary purposes.

Science, with those who have the least of it, seems now to be regarded as the panacea for all the recognised ills of society and the body politic; it is to make wise men of simpletons, and moral heroes of the servile; it will fill the legislative halls with Roman senators, the courts with upright jurists, the pulpits and platforms with apostles of humanity and heaven, the desks of the press with champions of order, and liberty and justice; and church and state, city and village and rural dwellings and merchant palaces and boards of stock and gold brokers, and consultation rooms of speculators and caucus chambers of politicians shall be the chosen places of justice, charity, concord and veneration of God and love of the race. Only give us science and all things shall be added unto us. Give us science and good salaries and a chance for speculation. Never mind the quality of the ashlars, only hurry them up, handling with care.

All this is "comforming to the spirit of the age", such as it is, and such as beyond doubt it never was before. This is a glimpse at the out-door melee. What is going on in the Lodge? Well, a good deal that is better than we see outside; but the modes and processes are similar. Carelessness, hurry—laying aside the valuables to make room for substitutes and imitations; or else casting them entirely

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in these respects. Neither can any help
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Masonry cannot afford to be seen with its aut
made the "headquarters" of ward committees
pious modes of carrying on an election for
Aldermen; as has been seen in the case of
church of a great denomination not long since.

Masonry asks no favours of church or state,
parties under any disguise; nor any odds agai
sinister and jealous minds whose love of hy
dominion instigates their parading under the
title of an anti-Masonic "Congress." Let ther
to advertise themselves when and wherever th
time and space for that purpose, which they
learned how to better employ.

But Masonry must hasten back to her landi
prepare to exhibit and exert reinvigorated m
according to the demands of the day and hour.
put forth the sublime energy inliving in the vit
be found in her magazine of principles; which
brighter in the fires of their purification.—*Voice o*

The installation meeting of the Kingsla
No. 1693, will take place on Tuesday, the 4t
at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when Bro. Sn
installed as Worshipful Master.

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inclined to think that civilization hinges on their special calling. The fact is that all the great pursuits of civilized communities are of nearly equal importance. Each supplies an essential want. Each is a gem in the crown of civilization and helps to make its composite beauty.

Now Masonry recognizes the fact that it is one of these co-ordinates in society, and therefore takes special care never to put itself in antagonism with the religious belief, political bias or social status of any member. The only question entertained is he fit to be a co-worker along our special line of usefulness?

But Masonry specially benefits society by selecting and grouping the best and most suitable elements for social, moral and benevolent purposes according to natural law. It may be defined as a combination springing from natural selection, and based on reason, designed to improve the social, moral and material interests of its members, and through them of society at large. It claims no divinity further than this definition confers. The social element of this combination is based on humanity itself. It discards all considerations of rank, wealth or social standing, and considers the man alone. Is he worthy to be a Mason? In comparison with the dignity of being a worthy man, all the fortuitous circumstances of his surroundings are lost sight of in their insignificance. Nature has created man so far superior to circumstances that, in the equation of manhood against manhood, these circumstantial factors may be practically disregarded, and the problem remains correct. The social element of Masonry is then in accordance with the laws of nature. The ethics of Masonry teach morality also, according to natural laws. It holds out no hopes of future reward or future punishment as incentives for doing right; neither does it seek special revelations to demonstrate what right is. It teaches man to do right because it is right. To do right he must live in strict conformity with the laws which govern the universe, and thereby escape the sure and swift penalty of their transgression. These are made too manifest by their operations to need illuminated finger boards, and their powers are too fearfully ever-present to need a future eternity to realize their force. Selecting certain implements made use of in avocations based on natural laws, it deduces from their several uses a moral application for living in accordance with the same; thus keeping before the initiate constantly a tangible guide for action. As the square and the compass, the level and the plumb are demanded in rearing a perfect edifice, so do their moral precepts assist in making life a like perfect and finished work. How can man be better taught how to do right?—*Lancaster Examiner.*

Among the few useful results of the Jubilee craze of the present year may be mentioned the "Islington Jubilee Fund," which is being raised on behalf of the Great Northern Hospital, an Institution which has done well in years past, and promises to be of greater benefit to the northern district of London in the future. Among the foremost promoters of this Fund may be found brethren who have won laurels in the cause of Masonic charity, thus proving that a good Mason can also be a good citizen. It would exhaust too much of our space to detail the varied means which have been adopted to increase the "Islington Jubilee Fund;" but there is one now before the public which will, we hope, lead to a considerable addition. Bro. Herbert Sprake, the proprietor of Collins's Music Hall, has kindly set apart the evening of Thursday, the 29th inst., for a benefit, the proceeds of which will be given to the Fund. This being the only benefit which has taken place at the Hall for many years, we hope it will produce a considerable sum, more especially as we know that Bro. Sprake takes considerable interest in the object for which he has given the use of his Hall.

The cornerstone of the Bennington monument, Vermont, is to be laid with masonic ceremonies.

DEATH.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communicat

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BRO. C. E. MEYER AND BRO. J. F.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having seen Bro. statement in last week's FREEMASON'S CHRONICL "ditto" to it, in every way, in every sentiment protest.

I hope Bro. Brennan will, on reflection, Masonic has done Bro. Meyer grave injustice, and as a good once apologise for an hasty ebullition, for a sin insinuation.

I have already said fully much to the same eff forcibly as Bro. Hughan has put it, and I will only regret, that what might be a fair and open di characterised by such illogical and such unwarran

Fraternally yours,

A. E

MASONIC LANDMARK

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CH

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the "Proceedi Lodge of Iowa for the current year (p 198), there ing passage, being the criticism of Past Grand Ma observations of Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Sec on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Sout

"Our brother holds to the observance of the la which is all well enough if he knows what they a can enlighten us as to what are the landmarks, be found, we will extend to him our hearty thank search of them for, lo, these many years, and a list of them presented by Dr. Mackey, of his any one else in the land, including Pennsylvania list ever varying and changing, as the moon. S landmark in one jurisdiction are totally repudiat are a few, and a very few, that are universally re to them we can most heartily give our assent, landmarks so commonly referred to. To the d no allegiance.

Your

22nd Sept. 1887.

Notes for Masonic S

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HARLEIAN MS. 1942.

A POINT has to be considered in referenc tampering with Masonic MSS. to suit c which I should have noticed in my last pap make it too long. A great deal of the theory MSS. seems to rest curiously enough on alle "Exempli gratia," it is averred that, by i "Grand" before "Master," &c., in the New 1738, he falsified the Harleian 1942 if he copied words and a serious accusation, and deserve ou the old proverb tells us well, "hard words b "soft words butter no parsnips," yet I think t undeserved, hasty and unreasonable. The ar effect, if Anderson did one thing, he might might do the same.

The whole contention is reduced, when suppositious afterthought, for what after a sionately and critically, did Anderson really d

If Anderson did not see another transcript no doubt if he professed to copy the Harleian, he put in the word "Grand" before Master.

It is most important always to copy docu one has a right to profess to give us a true co he has altered himself.

But I think still, as I have always thought is a venial one.

He gave to the older form of 1663 what the person intended by the word "Master" fifth clause, or rather as mentioned in the He

By text and context it is clear the Master is meant, not the Master of a Lodge, but th Assembly, under whatever term he is known

Anderson terms him "Grand Master," understood it, that the presiding officer of th Grand Master or General Master.

I do not think he was right in using thes ing why he did so; but I cannot see that h

Preston, who alone so far has seen these documents or Minute Book, was not a critical scholar.

If he translated Præses into President, it is not necessarily the right translation.

Præses in Latin is equivalent to a Presiding officer in English, and if these documents turn up we shall probably find that the words cited in Latin are equivalent to Magister, and Summus Magister, Chief Master or Head Master; we might even translate it Grand Master in the Guild usage.

Grand Master and Grand Lodge were then often used for Master and Lodge, and vice versâ, and we need not to-day lay too much stress on slipshod manners of expression, or inaccurate terminology as we should deem it.

I do not see how anything admitted or conceded, anything that has been as yet advanced, gives the slightest colour to the idea or suspicion that the Guild Legends referred to are not bonâ fide documents in every respect. I am sorry to see such a suggestion to the contrary.

W.

A QUERY?

CAN any reader of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE give me an account of Stephen or Etienne Morin 1762, or refer me to a biography? There was an Etienne Morin, a Protestant Minister at Caen, Normandy, France, who, at the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, settled at Amsterdam, after having been at Leyden. He was Professor of Oriental Languages, and wrote some curious antiquarian Tracts.

He died in 1700.

He had a son, Henry, who was born in 1655, became a Roman Catholic, was a member of the Academy of Inscriptions, Paris, wrote several able treatises, and died in 1728.

Was Etienne Morin in 1762 his son or grandson?

SPERO.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Haymarket.—The great pit question at this theatre has at last been settled, with satisfaction, if we may judge from the attitude of the audience that assembled to welcome Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree to his new home. A good curtain-raiser has been found in "The Ballad Monger," which has been adapted from Theodore de Banville's "Gringoire," by Messrs. Walter Besant and Walter Pollock. Several versions of this story have already appeared on the English stage, with more or less success. The present one is well written, and is likely to suit all classes of playgoers. Mr. Tree undertakes the part of the ballad monger, Gringoire, and comes out well. His reciting of "The King's Orchard" was capital, while the manly bearing of the half-starved poet was well conceived. Mr. Tree was terribly nervous on the first night, but this has worn off, and he will be able to add to his already masterly performance. Mr. C. H. Brookfield, made up "after" Mr. Irving, was good as the king, but Mr. Charles Allen was too haughty as the barber. Miss Marion Terry was a pleasing Loyse, while Mr. Stewart Dawson and Miss Esther Hayland were fair respectively as the city merchant and his sister. "The Red Lamp" followed, and proved to be as attractive as before, albeit the faults we pointed out when it was first produced have not been altered in any material way. Mr. Tree was as subtle and mysterious as ever as Demetrius, while Messrs. Cautley, Sugden, Pateman, and the Misses Rosina Filippi and Marion Terry proved equally efficient. An important change in the caste is that of Mrs. Tree as Princess Claudia Morakoff. This lady has thoroughly studied the character, and she came out well in the most difficult parts. In the scene at the house of the mine, Mrs. Tree surpassed herself. Taking it all round, the performance was essentially a painstaking one, and fully deserved the applause bestowed upon it. At the conclusion, Mr. Tree was called for, and complimented. Thus has he started his season with every sign of future success.

Globe.—Ever looking after the comforts of his earlier patrons, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey produced last Saturday a new one-act play, by Mr. Charles Thorne. This is a pretty and sympathetic little piece, capitally written and fairly well constructed. The story is somewhat simple, but is nevertheless attractive. Kate Cunliffe is in love with a poor artist. One day Mrs. Cunliffe tells Kate they are poor, and that she must marry Lord Ambleby, who has money. This Kate at first refuses to do, but on being pressed by her mother reluctantly consents. The artist, however, at this time learns his pictures have been accepted, and that he has a bright future before him. Lord Ambleby, for the first time hearing that the young couple love, gives up all claim to Kate's hand, thus leaving her free to marry the artist. This little piece is fairly well acted by Messrs. Graham Wentworth, A. G. Andrews, Norman Bent, and the Misses Millicent Mildmay, Cissy Grahame, G. Goetze. Since the first night, Mr. Burnand's "The Doctor" has been touched up, to advantage. The second act now goes with much spirit, while the jokes and smart sayings seem to "catch" much better than they did formerly.

Princess's.—Since the production of "Shadows of a Great City," several changes in the caste have taken place. Notwithstanding, the drama goes as well, it not better, than when we first saw it. The piece now wants closer, the artistes have got used to their parts,

Mr. Forbes Dawson is good as the detective Ark[le]; J. H. Barnes, Harry Parker, W. L. Abingdon, and M[r] still present excellent portrayals.

A very successful smoking concert was given on [T]house of Bro. E. Woodman, The Globe, Tollington [P]the occasion being the inauguration of the "Globe [L]We recognised a large number of Bro. Woodman's present to support him, and among those who [c]enjoyment of the company were Bros. John Probert, King, &c. Those who know Bro. Woodman as a wo[rk] as a contributor to an evening's festivities, can form ability as a host. He certainly filled this part well [a] deserves the success we hope is in store for him in hi[s]

The fourth of the series of Crystal Palace Saturday will be given on Saturday, the 29th October, will be of from the fact that the day will be the 100th anniver performance of Mozart's immortal masterpiece, "I[l] which was first given at Vienna, 29th October 1787. of this its principal solos and ensemble pieces will [be] the concert. Among the artistes who will appear on Miss Annie Marriott, Miss Thudichum, Mdlle. Elvi[na] Bros. John Probert, Egbert Roberts, Brereton, and [H] will be supported by the full orchestra of the Saturd[ays]

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☞ It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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A CENTRE OF THE HIGH DEGREES I

From unpublished Notes on Mother Kilwinning
Lyon, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of

IN April 1779 there existed in Dublin masons, designating themselves "The Templars of Ireland Lodge," and professin formed "many years" prior to that date.

In accordance with a custom of the period meant to infer the practice of Knight Tem the frequenters of this Lodge was a medical George Augustus Cunningham, who had become resident in the Irish metropolis, and living in Scotland been a member and Mother Kilwinning—having served first as in 1766 7, and then as Depute Master seems in his intercourse with the High K Lodge to have revived in their minds the tr of Kilwinning as the ancient source of M have reanimated them with the old desire "the reall and the only Antient Lodge at l the credentials of a regularly constituted and Accepted Masons. Matters having Dr. Cunningham was made the medium o between the Mother Lodge and the a Charter. A private letter from one of its the petition itself, was fifteen days later f Doctor to a friend in Irvine for presentatio ments, with the letter in which they were follows :—

"Thomas Arthur, Esq., Irvine.

"Dear Sir,—I send to your care the two enc strongly solicited by a very respectable and worth who several years ago formed themselves into a of the High Knights Templars, as every Lodge i by some particular denomination. Upon finding our Antient Mother Lodge Kilwinning they tol been desirous of holding their origin and a Chart as they had always heard and lookt upon it to b Antient Lodge, at least in Britain.

"They therefore wish that through my ap receive their inclosed request; and they promis of Breetherin, to put into my hands five guinea expenses upon their receiving said Charter, and w of a Brother will transmit to Scotland for the us Lodge. If this request is granted, may I desire that you will take care to have it done in as el manner as possible, and properly signed by ou Wardens, etc. I think if our Brother Haddow applied to he would gett it done in the best m Seale appended thereto. You will see I am a honour done to the Lodge, as well as to my Scot

"Mr. Rainsford's letter wishes only that in Lodge knowing that this one holds of Kilwinn coming from this place or from Ireland—as ma this may fix in different parts of this kingdo have the honour of applying to you for future they will at all times be answerable for payme said Charters. . . .

"Your sincere friend and affectionate

"GEO. A

"Dublin, April 26, 1779."

"Dr. George Augustus Cunningham.

"Sir and Brother,—I take the liberty of a you our letter to the Lodge of Kilwinning, whi prevented my doing earlier. It is unaddress'd whom to direct it, therefore left that with the care. I have no doubt of succeeding thro' yo be glad to obtain along with it a copy (if there of Regulations and an account of their Records not too much trouble, and shall only add that such a manner as to establish us Provincia without hurting the Mother Lodge, it would m if it cannot, at all events to have the Charter versation with you I have every reason to ho

Kilwinning.

"Brethren,—Studious to follow Free Masonry on the justest principles of the Ancient Craft, and willing to derive an authority from the First Source, a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held in Dublin, have been long desirous to obtain a character from their esteemed Brethren the Ancient Lodge of Kilwinning, as they are fully satisfied of their just title of primogeniture. Anxiously solicitous after the attainment of this much desired object, but at a loss to whom to turn for advice or where to apply, they count it a fortunate æra their meeting with their much beloved Brother George Cunningham, Esq., whose friendship has pointed out a clue to lead them out of their labryuth of doubt. Under his auspices therefore they apply for a Charter from you to hold a Lodge to be called the High Knight Templars Lodge of Ireland, and hope ever to walk worthy of their vocation and the high favour you will confer on them by granting it.

"We remain with the greatest respect, wishing you the salutation of peace, love, and harmony, your truly affect. Brethren,

"Henry Wheeler, Master.
"Peter Grant, Senr. Wdn.
"Robt. Colville, Jun. W.

"Richd. Gaudry, Secy.

"Dublin, April 1779."

The petitioners, not satisfied with taking the title of a mere Dublin Lodge, arrogated to themselves a national character and title, and this they wished to get confirmed in their charter; for their request to be constituted "Provincial or Deputy" no doubt indicates that even at that early stage they contemplated the assumption of the prerogatives of a Supreme body. The petition and accompanying documents were laid before the Committee of the Mother Lodge on 10th May 1779. While there was but one opinion as to the power of the Committee to issue the charter, it was ruled to be "incompetent for the Lodge to delegate to any other the power of granting charters without the sense of the brethren at a general meeting," and the point was never afterwards raised. In order to give eclat to the erection of a daughter Lodge in Ireland, the brethren appointed two years previously to procure a suitable seal for Mother Kilwinning were urged to have it finished in time to allow of its first impression being affixed to the Dublin charter. The anxiety of the Committee to have the warrant executed in a superior style was no doubt increased by the promised donation of five guineas by the petitioners in addition to the ordinary fees. When completed, the Charter was produced and confirmed at a communication of the Lodge on 27th October 1799, of which the following is the minute:—

"This day a regular meeting of the Mother Lodge having met to consider a Petition presented by certain Masons in the Kingdom of Ireland praying for a Charter of Constitution from our Ancient Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, that they may meet with authority and erect themselves into a regular Lodge and Society under the designation of the High Knight Templars Lodge of Ireland; and the Brethren present, representing the Mother Lodge, grant the request upon payment of the usual fees, and half a guinea for the Seal as a precedent in future, and subjecting themselves to the rules and regulations of the Mother Lodge. Tenor and copy of the Charter as follows:—

"'We, Archibald Earl of Eglintoune, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, having taken into consideration the request of certain Masons in the City of Dublin in Ireland, praying our authority to be formed into a regular Lodge or Society—being well assured of their moral character and of their inclination to promote the good of Masonry—we, with consent of our Wardens and other Brethren, do constitute and erect them into a regular Lodge by the name of the High Knight Templars of Ireland Kilwinning Lodge. And we grant them all powers and privileges which now are or for any time past may have been legally enjoyed by any other Lodge of our creating; the same to be always holden of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning and his successors in office, upon the yearly payment of one merk Scots money [13¼d sterling] at the Anniversary Meeting of the Mother Lodge in December, and upon the attendance of one of their members if required at said meeting.

"'Given at Kilwinning the 8th of October 1779.

"'Robt. Laughlen.'"

The following letters accompanied the transmission of the Charter to Ireland, care being taken, it will be observed, to impress the Brethren with the pains that had been bestowed on its embellishment, and with the beauty, antique design, and appropriateness of the seal. The statement in regard to Lord Buchan having been Master of the Mother Lodge in the fourteenth century cannot, it

to raise more money. I beg you will obtain the C
five guineas promised. I have ordered the bearer to
the Charter (enclosed first in a tin box and lastly int
to you, and to receive from you the money. . . .

"The Charter was written in the Herald Office
under Bro. Hadow's inspection. The Seal has cost
having ransacked many curious Antiques, which
obscurity for many years. It has been costly, too, for
been obliged to raise the Charter dues.

"That you may be prepared to speak upon and expl
which I prefer to laying down in writing—to ou
Daughter, and that you may satisfy their good opin
member's capacity in antiquity.

"The general field is charged with the Masons
Castles (only ours are nearly rectangular), placed an
Square and Compass. Betwixt the legs of the Com
the top of them is the Arms of the Monastery attache
remote period when a third son of Robert the 2d (E
married a daughter of the Lyle family, and were princi
to building the Monastery and towers; and the Earl
then Master of the Mother Lodge, at that time in so
the middle is an Eye, looking to the Eglintoune C
patrons in every Æra to the Society; and from th
bestowing so generous donations, he is appointed G
Life. I make no doubt, but you'll blason these
purpose. . . .

"Yours, &c.,

"Robt. Lau

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, War
Brethren of the High Knight Templars of
Mother Kilwinning Lodge.

"Brethren,—Having considered your petition trans
our Worthy Brother George Augustus Cunningham,
we have granted you a Charter of Constitution, ere
legitimate daughter of the Mother Kilwinning Lo
name and title of the High Knight Templars of Irel
Lodge, and with it accept the blessing of the Mothe
affection of maternal love. Wishing you eminent in
the social virtues, even as the Mother is pre-eminen
ture, and being an antient source of Masonry, we h
pains in embellishing your Charter; and the Seal app
engraven by the first artist in this kingdom, who
enlarged it with accuracy from a small original, and
the most antique Masonic Seal extant. As our
exhausted by erecting and finishing a new Mother L
an elegant and expensive design, as well as by suppo
of distressed brethren, we earnestly request that
pleased to return by the bearer (who has care of
Charter) a guinea and a half as Charter dues; and
kind as proffer us five guineas on receiving your Cha
tion to the Mother Lodge, the dues, and whatever yo
contribute, will be gratefully received, and for whi
honoured in being placed with those daughters who h
to rear the mouldering ruins of her antient head, a
are to be recorded and written in letters of gold, to de
of the hoary Matron.

"Wishing you Brotherly love, unanimity, peace, a

"I remain, Brethren,

"Yours affectionately,

"Robt. Laug

"By order, and in presence of the Depute-Grand Master, Wardens, &c., met at Kilwinning, 27th October 1779."

(To be continued).

We owe our esteemed Brother the Rev.
Editor of the *Freemasons' Repository*, an
quoted an article from his journal in our
27th August—viz., "Progress in Masonry"—
not give him credit for. We trust he wil
apparent lack of courtesy, and accept this c
of regret at the omission.

At the Southampton Lodge No. 394, ov
Tilling presides, on Thursday, the 15th ins
five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic
Girls, and a vote of condolence was passed to
the late Worshipful Bro. Cooper, who was
Master of the Lodge. Deceased bequeathe
£200 to the Lodge.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improveme
its meetings, at the "White Hart," corne
Lane and Cannon Street, E.C., on Tuesday, 4
half-past six o'clock. This Chapter of Imp

The Isiac Tablet of Cardinal Bembo; its History and Occult Signification. By Bro. W. WYNN WESTCOTT, M.B. Bath: M. H. Fryar.

Our able Bro. W. Wynn Westcott has recently edited a volume containing a copy of the curious Tablet termed the Isiac, with a convenient and appropriate commentary upon the same. The Isiac Tablet, termed also Tabula Bembina, Mensa Isiaca, was for some time in the possession of Cardinal Bembo; hence its secondary appellation. Its history is most singular and striking.

As Bro. Westcott well puts it, "mysterious in its conception, and of unknown origin," it "merits examination and research."

It is now in Turin, though it has passed through various startling vicissitudes.

It was at Rome when the Constable Bourbon stormed and sacked the Eternal City.

It was then sold to Cardinal Bembo, and at his death came into the possession of the Duke of Mantua.

When Mantua was besieged and taken, and plundered by the army of the Emperor Ferdinand II., it fell into the hands of Cardinal Pava, who presented it to the Duke of Savoy.

It is, as we said before, at Turin, in the Royal Palace, and is now described as a "pretty large copper plate, with silver imagery inlaid amid other steel enamel."

Another description of it is as follows:—

The Isiac Tablet is of bronze, the designs are inlaid upon its upper surface, and are composed partly of silver, and partly of a dark covered enamel, which has somewhat of the tint of steel, niello work.

It is 50 inches in length by 30 inches in breadth.

The earliest writer by whom it is mentioned in print would seem to be, as Bro. Westcott points out, Laurentius Pignorius, of Padua, who published an account of it, with a reduced drawing, at Venice in 1605.

A drawing of it, without any explanatory letter-press, was indeed published at Venice in 1559, by Æneas de Vico, and a second edition was also published at Venice in 1600 by Jacques Franco. Other copies of it have since appeared, but none since that by Montfaucon in 1717, it is believed, until the present edition.

We may add the drawing of the Tablet was made by Brother Westcott himself, many years ago, and strikes us as exceedingly skilful, artistic, and accurate. This curious relic of the past has occupied the attention and student-labours of very many learned men, amongst whom may be cited such as Pignorius, Montfaucon, Shuckford, Kircher, Warburton, Keysler, Caylus, Chifflet, the Abbe Banier, the Abbe Pluche, Jablonski, Wilkinson, Eliphaz Levi, Bonwick and others.

About its age opinions have differed much, some believing it to be a very early specimen, some say of Roman art, while others accept it as a genuine relic of an Egyptian Temple, though its actual date is not quite so clear.

We gather from Bro. Westcott's words that Egyptologists are not "at one" on this subject.

Sir Gardner Wilkinson pronounces it a palpable forgery. M. Pierret, Keeper of the Antiquities of the Louvre, says it is purely Roman in art and ides, and not Egyptian at all, and executed in the time of Hadrian, while the learned Winkelmann declares "this monument has all the character of the most ancient Egyptian art."

It is undoubtedly in itself a most interesting specimen of the graving art, whether Italian or Egyptian, and whether it in truth hails from the land of the Pharaohs, or is an early Roman Tablet in honour of Isis; and it seems, therefore, to call for the candid consideration and close study of student-archæologists, whether Masonic or non-Masonic.

It is, no doubt, certain that when the "Religiones Peregrinæ" established themselves at Rome, the cult of Isis, like that of Mithras, seems to have been largely patronised by indigenous and foreign votaries.

On the whole, the probability is, we think, clearly educed, that the Tablet represents, as Kircher has it (he is not, we know, a safe guide to follow), a Temple Tablet from one or other of the Egyptian shrines, deposited there, or suspended there, in honour and in veneration of Isis.

What it really represents is quite another and very difficult matter to decide or explain.

It may be, as some one has suggested, a mystical Calendar of the Seasons, or it may represent one of many Egyptian forms of occult meaning and Hieratic teaching.

It may, on the other hand, be nothing but a simple Egyptian tributary tablet to Isis, or even Neith.

It may have reference to secret ceremonies, or even to the mysteries, of which the Greek and Latin use was the reflex expression; it may even have some connection with a portion of the mysterious ritual of the Book of the Dead.

It certainly seems, when it is studied carefully, by what we yet know of the Egyptian hidden belief and mythology, to cover ground reserved for esoteric doctrines and ritual "aporreta."

There must be some meaning attached to this artistic and peculiar grouping of figures, emblems, and hieroglyphics. On this point we confess Bro. Westcott's explanations do not seem to us as clear as they might be.

It is said, for instance, that the hieroglyphics are not readable by Egyptologists, and that they were formed by one who neither under-

from an older writer, "Lector quisquis es, aut perl
perpende et intellige, aut abstine a censura."

The moment we touch upon occultism we reach
which the greatest dimness, as well as the highest tr
reign supreme.

We cannot make an incursus into its "marvellous
domain," without feeling at once how true was th
wise adage, that we are like children playing wit
sea-shore; all before us seems obscurity, uncertainty

We are as trembling neophytes halting at the
shrouded adytum.

We seem to seek to raise—half alarmedly, half
intervening veil.

The students of occultism have been compara
subject is immense, and is still, to a great extent,
plored.

It is indeed an "undiscovered country," exce
Eliphaz Levi, perhaps its latest and most striking
us this, amidst many very significative explanati
dogmata, that the old Isiac sentence still is to the
will ever remain so:—"I am Isis, and no mortal h
drawn my veil."

It is indeed possible that that remarkable write
occultism was right when he said that he saw in t
Hermetic, a mystic explanation of the lost Book of
means the key in fact to the alphabet of that fable
cable wisdom of primæval epochs, whether found bu
Hermes or unfolded in the quaint terminology, the
the cryptic learning of Hermetic sages and Theosop
and mystagogues. This percolating through Orie
the various mysteries, Hebraic Kabbala, and Chri
cianism, the sagas and legends of the Sanct Graal,
tive legends forms an esoteric doctrine ever weird
has possessed and still possesses a most lively inte
student," the thinking mind of all those who like
in the remains of primitive ages, and seek to
portals of the hidden wisdom and higher aspir
Having said thus much, we prefer to leave Bro.
own tale, which he does with equal lucidity and m

The students of the occult school seem increasi
to them all we commend the perusal of this very
fully compiled contribution.

We thank much Bro. Westcott for this his latest
he deals with con amore and in such a workma
we trust it will not by any means be the last c
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NOTICES OF MEETI

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GROVE LODGE, No. 4

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was he
Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, 3rd inst
ful Master, Bro. H. J. F. Dumas presided, suppor
Dumas as S.W., Geo. White J.W., A. C. Gre
Potter junior. Visitor—Bro. Hugh C. Dumas
opened in form, and the minutes of the previo
confirmed; after which it was advanced, and
Greenwood and William Etty Potter were ra
degree, the ceremony being performed in very
the Worshipful Master. Subsequently a letter
Charles Greenwood P.P.G.R., Prov.G.S., tendering
Secretaryship of the Lodge, an office which he
The reason assigned was, that in consequence of n
engagements and Masonic duties in connection w
as Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial
Surrey, he was unable to devote such time t
wished and considered necessary. He expressed r
of that connection with the Grove Lodge which h
but he should continue to take an interest in i
amongst them as often as possible. The announ
with regret, and Bro. Greenwood's services
Secretary were spoken of in the most eulogistic
ful Master then invested Bro. Alfred Craven Gr
Secretary, asking him to convey the request to
in office as Secretary until the next installati
not consider it would be to the interest of the Lod
arrangements at an ordinary regular meeting.
having been disposed of, Lodge was closed
brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous
customary Masonic and other toasts were hon
evening enjoyed.

LODGE OF LOYALTY, N

THE annual installation meeting of this
though assuredly progressive Lodge, w

Horscroft 211, Parker 1386, Taylor P.G.O. 2000, Green 1604, Stagg P.M. and Sec. 1441, Manton 1541, Eedle S.W. 1441, Clark J.D. 1679, Thompson P.M. 742, J. A. Brown 1672, Whiting 174, Johns 860. The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. elect (Bro. Cushing) was inducted into the chair in a highly creditable manner by the outgoing Master (Bro. Large). The W.M. then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, prefacing each investment with an appropriate address. The new Officers are Bros. Large I.P.M., Clark S.W., Holsworth J.W., F. Brown P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, Halford S.D., Hattersley J.D., Rose I.G., Bacon D.C., Webb P.M. S., Darnell P.M. Assistant S., A. T. Large Organist, Very Tyler. The newly installed Master, in a manner highly to his credit then initiated two gentlemen into the Order, and after announcing his intention of representing the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the Aged, the Lodge was closed with the usual hearty good wishes from the visitors. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, and after dinner the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen," the "Grand Master," &c., &c., which were accepted in cordial manner. The I.P.M. Bro. Large, then proposed the health of the newly installed Worshipful Master, which being heartily responded to, Bro. Cushing, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed his earnest hope that the Lodge would continue its steady progress, and when his year of office terminated he trusted that the confidence bestowed in him by the Brethren would not be found to have been misplaced. The toast of "the Initiates" was next submitted by the Worshipful Master; he tendered his thanks that the Lodge had found him some work to do, and expressed the hope that the initiates might find as great a satisfaction in their admission to the Order as the Lodge experienced in its welcome to them. Bros. Denny and Denham having gracefully replied, the Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the I.P.M., and paid a high tribute to the outgoing Master for his zeal and interest in the Lodge, and in the Craft generally, and handed to him, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome jewel, as a token of the regard and esteem in which he was held. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Large responded. The Masonic Institutions, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers and the Tyler's toasts were all honoured with characteristic heartiness. During the evening a capital selection of glees and part songs was rendered by Bros. Horscroft, Taylor and Plater, under the able direction of Bro. A. J. Brown. The brethren separated at a late hour after a most enjoyable evening.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—Resumed its meetings at eight o'clock, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. Bros. Potter W.M., Dixie S.W., Barnett J.W., Weeden Treasurer, Cordell Secretary, Powell J.D., Wild I.G.; P.M.'s C. Weeden acting Preceptor and Harper, with several other brethren who signed the attendance book. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wild candidate. Bro. Dixie S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. This was also the meeting night of the Benevolent Association. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday evening, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, W., Bros. Purdue P.M. W.M., Altman S.W., Cross J.W., Austin Treas., Craggs Sec. *pro tem*, Coombs S.D., Hagan J.D., Spiegel P.M. Preceptor, Walker I.G., P.M.'s Cochrane, Child, Sims, Raynham Stewart; also Bros. Cavers, Head, Sanson, Stonnill, Stroud. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hagan candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Altman was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and Bro. Raynham Stewart an hon. member.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 19th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Stockhall W.M., Stretch S.W., Garrod J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Hammond I.G., Dixie acting Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sheldrake candidate. Bros. Hammond and Sheldrake, two initiates of the mother Lodge, answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, 26th inst., when Bro. Stretch S.D. 1950 will preside.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, when the President, Bro. Robert Grey, occupied the chair. It was announced that the balance of income of the Benevolent Fund for the year was £12 0s 6d. The recommendations made at the last meeting, amounting to a total of £260, were confirmed. There were twenty petitioners on the new list, which was much shorter than usual. Two of these were dismissed, and five deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £255, which was made up as

known and in his day a popular Mason. Woodward, who for the past three years has health, died peacefully and in happy trus residence, Cranfield Lodge, Bexley Heath, 16th instant. A full record of Bro. Wood career was supplied by us in the sketch we ga Second Series of "Masonic Portraits," un "A Boon Companion," and to this volume w our readers who may desire particulars. A Bro. Woodward's portly presence and geni feature at many of our Metropolitan Mee associated with something like six or seven some three or four R.A. Chapters. The fu on Wednesday, at Kensal Green Cemeter those who attended to pay a last tribute noticed Bros. Lieutenant Wm. Coombes P.M Middlesex, W. J. Murlis P.M., J. Gillingha Morgan P.M., Bartle, Inspector Cripps; Coombes, Paxley, Doggett, Rapson, Simp funeral service was most impressively co Rev. Davis, an old friend and neighbour of

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Bro. J. G. CHANCELLOR.

AMONGST recent losses sustained by the M that caused by the demise of Bro. John Gy of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657. Our de had been an active worker in Freemasonry thirty years, and had filled the chairs in seve Chapters. He was also a Past Prov. Gr Surrey; a Vice President, and had served fo for the Boys' School, and had been a memb Committee from 1868 to 1880. He also ser wardships for the Girls' School, and having Vice-President, was made an honorary Vice sideration of the able manner in which he his duties as a member of the Audit Comm further constituted himself as a Life Gover served one Stewardship for, the Royal Maso Institution. His death, which occurred on 15th instant, at the age of 67 years, will be wide circle of his Masonic and other friend

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Bro. WILLIAM ROWE.

On Monday afternoon the remains of the la Rowe, who died at his residence, the Cotts Gosport, on Thursday evening, the 15th inst in Ann's Hill Cemetery, the funeral being large number of friends. The body was en covered by a massive polished oak coffin, fi mountings, and bearing a breast plate ha tion to the effect that the deceased was s age. The Washington car was followed b occupied by friends of the family, rel acquaintances, and fellow-townsmen, by wh during the whole of the thirty-five years the neighbourhood has been respected. Bro of the oldest inhabitants of Gosport. Befo tion of the Local Board of Health he was one governing the town and district, but has during recent years to take an active matters.

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that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
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
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Ins.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Ins).
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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst
1830—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans

K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 28th SEPTEMB[ER.]

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Inst
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (In
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Ins
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7.
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, a
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's W
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (In
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, a
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard,
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road,
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hack
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Inst
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow,
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fa
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road,
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchy
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instru
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instructio

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manches
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, L
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Mor
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instructio
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manch
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (In
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Man
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manches
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerb
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury,
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction).
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, B
1973—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somers
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Ke
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipsw
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, [illegible]
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 29th SEPTEMB[ER.]

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.,
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30.
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (I
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (In
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rother
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bri
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, [illegible]
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E.
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., a
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street,
1555—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, C
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverp[ool Road,] Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, [illegible]
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, [illegible]
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Cler
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shep
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's [illegible] at 8. (Instruction)
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, [illegible]
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, [illegible]
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, [illegible]
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter

1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
786—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
983—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1206—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1709—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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 860—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staidburn
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 343—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

SATURDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1286—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1684—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1940—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1233—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE (T.I.)

A MEETING of the above Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Thursday, the 8th instant. Bros. E. G. Harwood W.M., W. Wadeson S.W., N. Nicholson J.W., W. Court M.O., G. P. Brockbank P.G.W. Treasurer, W. Cooper Past Prov. G.D. Secretary, R. H. Phillips Conductor, J. Eckersley S.D., R. Jones J.D., Thomas Nightingale Timekeeper, W. H. Brown Steward, T. Higson Tyler, E. W. Brockbank, John Kenyon P.S.G.D., James Horrocks P.S.G.D., J. F. Skelton, John Hardcastle, Edward Gregory, William Wood, George Stirling, John Wolstenholme, J. W. Thompson, John Booth, T. H. Heyes, J. Hibbert, W. Green, R. Whees, R. W. Howe P.P.G.O. Hants and Isle of Wight Organist, R. Johnson, R. H. Swindlehurst, Thomas Murphy, George E. Greenhalgh, Thomas Morris P.M. Past Prov. G.S.B., Henry Critchley, John Whittaker, John Alcock P.M. Past Prov. G.S.B., Thomas Horner, Thomas Morris (Halliwell). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Brockbank announced that a petition to the Mark Benevolent Fund on behalf of the daughter of a deceased brother had been favourably received by the Board, who had placed her upon the foundation of the Institution, and granted her the requisite sum for education and clothing. Much gratification was expressed by the brethren at the result, which had been attained with great promptitude and attention on the part of the officials connected with the Mark degree. Three candidates, all members of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, were balloted for and elected; two being in attendance, viz., Bros. Murphy and G. E. Greenhalgh, were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason by Bro. Kenyon, who

banquet hall and partook of refreshments.

KING SOLOMON AS AN ART PAT

THE reign of David had been a brilliant period consolidation, of advance in civilisation, wealth and Solomon inherited a territory, a people, and an exc fell to the lot of no other ruler of the Jews. We, through the light cast on his character by the degrada years, find him a repulsive rather than an attractive ch his subjects this radiant and beautiful young king, sur gorgeous magnificence dear to the Oriental heart, and with unusual wit and wisdom, seemed to carry with hi of peace, magnificence, and prosperity. It was not o very beautiful in person, gracious in manner, brilli speech, that he inherited in a great measure his genius and love of music, but he devoted himself in an degree to the internal government of his kingdom, a to perfection the Hebrew talent for commerce. showed signs of the defects natural to men of his tem sensuousness of the Song of Songs betrays a char inclined to self-indulgence and luxury, and his mar daughter of the King of Egypt, contracted for reasons suggests that even in his youth he regarded the obliga lightly. The marriage was regarded with somethin surprise on the part of the Israelites, but it fulfille purpose by cementing peace with Egypt and promoti the linens and woollens of the Hebrews, who recei the Egyptian war horses and chariots which Solom Hebrew tradition, deemed essential to the mainte Some show of power was indeed necessary to secur city overflowing with gold and jewels, as Jerusa Solomon's later days; and that he restrained his p fare was rather because he placed a high value on pe he had no occasion for war. For he allowed a new to arise at Damascus, far more dangerous to Israel th which had been destroyed, and during his reign the Ed the whole of their territory with the exception of th so that he bequeathed to his successor an i and a kingdom surrounded by formidable enemie expended itself chiefly in personal learning, m policy, and commercial enterprise; for by his reforms he laid the foundations of a well-r and under him the commercial resources of the thoroughly developed. Hitherto the carrying t entirely in the hands of the Phœnicians, who, howeve selves to the Mediterranean; but the conquest of Ed Israelites with an opening to the Red Sea by way Akaba, and Solomon made the most of this tremen his powers. The Hebrews were ignorant of the arts and navigation, but the Phœnicians were willing enterprise, and they furnished builders for the fl mariners for the officers and superior seamen of th first voyage was one of discovery, for the region be was as yet unexplored, though it is probable that Sol thing of the products of Southern Asia before t expensive a work as the building and manning of The voyage of these vessels occupied three years down the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, and a Ocean, as far as Madras and Ceylon; and the ship with treasures, all rare, and many of them hithe Israel—gold, silver, precious stones, nard, aloes, san ivory, apes and peacocks, fantastic and beautiful cr the like had never been seen before. But, besides t vessels, Elath was the port for a great number of with the ports on the Red Sea, and probably it w that the Queen of Yemen or Sheba first heard o Solomon and of the splendour of his palaces. Fo traders took with them stories of the prosperity of the magnificence of her cities, and of the wisdom, w her poet king. South to Aden, east to Ceylon, th their story, and the overland traders of the Contine news in their caravans; so that the East still te and traditions of the learning of Solomon, his skill magnificence of his cities.—*F. Mabel Robinson, in "Art"* for September.

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OUR BRETHREN IN MONTREAL.

WE notice, with deep regret, the deliverances of certain American Grand Lodges and the allocutions of certain American Grand Masters, on the question of Masonic right and legality, and constitutional position, as between the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the one hand, and our Brethren of the three Montreal Lodges and the Grand Lodge of England on the other.

As we deem all such deliverances, and all such allocutions, not only in themselves "ultra vires," but fundamentally wrong, from a Masonic and constitutional point of view especially, we deem it right to call attention to the subject here to-day. What are the salient points in this untoward discussion?

What in short constitute the true facts of the case?

When the Canadian Lodges, by a large majority seceded from the Grand Lodge of England, Lord Zetland, then Grand Master, as a term of recognition of the new Grand Body, then formed, the Grand Lodge of Canada, specifically reserved the rights of all those English Lodges which adhering to their warranting and mother Grand Lodge, preferred still, as "grantees," to hold their Lodge charter from their original "grantor," the Grand Lodge of England.

Such a reservation of rights was admitted by the then authorities of the newly formed Grand Lodge to be perfectly reasonable, proper and Masonic; they acquiesced in it in the most unreserved and friendly manner, in the fullest and most unequivocal terms; and then and since, by a repeated public avowal, very much to their credit, have declared it to be binding in its fullest extent; the outcome, in fact, of a deliberate and honourable Masonic "concordat" and understanding.

Since the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada the number of Lodges so situated has been, we believe, reduced to three at Montreal, where a Prov. Grand Master, the venerable and respected Judge Badgeley, still remains, and for a long series of years the entire legality of their position in every way was conceded on all hands, and in fact was never doubted or questioned in any way.

Indeed, no Masonic jurist, as far as we are aware, none of any note or position, has ever sought to question the rightful existence of Lodges, long working under a lawful warrant of an acknowledged and competent jurisdictional authority, until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, a secession in turn from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and whose legal position, as before the Statute Law of Quebec, as a Province in the Dominion, is very doubtful indeed. Until then no question had ever been raised as to the force of the original agreement, or the Masonic position of the Montreal Lodges. It then occurred to some one to put forward an American doctrine of Masonic formality and etiquette, arising out of the political conformation of the United States, and the difficult and delicate question of State Rights. A great number of the American G. Lodges have arisen in the manner following. In unoccupied territory three or four Lodges have been warranted by different American Grand Lodges, far off or near. As each new State was added to the Union it became a Sovereign State. When these Lodges thought the time had come to form a Grand Lodge, delegates from three, four, five or six Lodges, as the case might be, met together, and constituted themselves the State Grand Lodge, each Lodge

It has been held in America, for many pat reasons, that when thus the territory is Masoni henceforward the Grand Lodge so formed is, "de jure," the sole and supreme Masonic au specific territory, and that all Lodges are bo der their old warrants, and take out new o ones from the then territorial and sovereign

But the practice in America has not alway or uniform, despite the apparent popularity "dictum." Cases have occurred, some are where this American theory is repudiated The idea and the practice are American purely and the English Grand Lodge has never yet right of a newly formed body, terming i Lodge, to demand as of right the surrend warrant issued, perhaps 100 years ago, by stituted and competent Masonic authority.

Indeed, our own Grand Lodge not long ag recognised the legality of the "status" of Lodges in every respect.

The movement in Quebec was, as we kn and very soon the legality of the position of Lodges was denied, and the surrender of th the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on this Am things, demanded, despite the original bindi able understanding between the Grand Lod and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

To these repeated solicitations, exhortation each in turn, the Montreal brethren have al and consistently replied, that they are perfec they are; that they have reasons of their ow particular, which make them prefer to ho connection with "mother country;" that t fectly united and prosperous body, and that s up their English relationship, which they hi will never willingly disavow, they still clai privilege, and position as lawful Lodg English Grand Lodge.

The English Grand Lodge is in honour b by faithful children of its own, who have offence save that of loyal attachment and ad Grand Lodge of England. Accordingly the of the Grand Lodge of England not proving the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it has proce Archbishop of Rheims, in the old Ingoldsby nificently "ore rotundo" to anathematise Lodges and the Grand Lodge of England.

Well may we say to day, as the playwrig "Risum teneatis Amici!"

If we may judge of the mental calibre of t encouraged and taken this childish step, if an opinion of their Masonic feelings by th and their temper, we are compelled to say out very badly, and are decidedly "below par. sorry, therefore, to see or hear some Am Lodges and some American Grand Masters unmanly and un-Masonic sentiments, and e bad law. Many distinguished bodies and masons in America have, on the contra very seasonable and good old-fashioned Ma sense on the subject, and have done honour by the clearness of their "dicta" and the reality of the constitutional position they h Nothing can be so antagonistic to Masonic g

We confess to be a little startled to find that in the United States, where our brethren are so acute as to the weight of Masonic precedence, and the bearing of Masonic principles, the force and meaning of honourable concordats, where above all they are so attached to in their own Lodges, they should be insensible in any measure to the firmness and courage, and true-hearted sympathy, with which that intelligent and well-educated and kind-hearted little band of brothers, has preferred to stand by the memories and traditions of "auld lang syne," have refused to *desert*, under any pretence whatever, whether seduced by allurements, or intimidated by threats, the time-honoured banner and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

We might say a great deal more, but think it well to pause.

We may perhaps return to the subject at some other convenient season.

A FEW MORE HINTS TO BRO. LANE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

BRO. LANE seems to be annoyed at my finding fault with his dictum that Lodge No. 79 "was warranted for America." I beg, however, to remind him that if it had not been for a succession of fault-finders, since man made his appearance on this globe, we should have all been to-day in a state of primitive savagedom. Without going very far back, it is well known that for many centuries European Christians had unbounded faith in the Pope's high discrimination and honest intentions, and hence they believed everything the Pope said. Luther, however, while not doubting the Pope's honest intentions, had some doubts about his discrimination, and, therefore, found fault with some dogmas. The mode of argument pursued by his opponent at last impelled Luther to disbelieve even in the Pope's honest intentions.

Later on, Galileo found fault with the Pope's belief that the world stood still, and here, again, the fault-finder was right. Freemasonry, for many years, had also its Popes, in whom the Fraternity had an unbounded faith, and as long as that faith continued peace prevailed among our Masonic writers; each could write with impunity any kind of nonsense he pleased, and others copied it with high praise, Masonic courtesy—that is, "you tickle me and I tickle you," was a Masonic rule, and fault-finding was then unknown. It was then the golden age for Masonic dreamers and humbugs; high degrees were manufactured wholesale, and Masonic Popedom ruled supreme. At last, some German Masons began to find fault; gradually a class of fault-finders successively appeared in England and in America. In short, the Masonic world began to move; the old orthodox luminaries violently denounced the *modern sceptics*; abuse, worthy of Billingsgate, was hurled at the new school,* and publishers of Masonic papers refused contributions from the more advanced writers, for fear of boycotting. Since then, however, though the old Masonic superstitions are not totally abolished, yet our dreamers find it rather difficult to increase the stock of Masonic nonsense, and an independent thinker is now, to a great extent, allowed to ask questions and to criticise theories. In short, the liberty of the Masonic press has been extended; henceforth, the best written Masonic book does not confer upon its author a licence to pervert even a single Masonic fact by his mere dictum. Bro. Lane must, therefore, make up his mind

* Bro. Findel was abused by several high degree luminaries. Here is a specimen, copied by C. W. Moore, from the *Keystone*, without comment, but with evident approbation. The then Philadelphia luminary of the *Keystone* said:—

"We always had great misgiving of this Findel. From what we have read of him, he appears to us a guttural, empty, self-conceited blockhead. The above history of Freemasonry in America will give to all his histories a weight, and authenticity, and value and worth

that the Henry Bell Letter proved n
statement in the Dublin 1735 Pocket
No. 79 was located in Philadelphia, was
cussed the said question with Bros. Hugh
in England, and opposed everywhere I
of that notion in America. I have alr
the Grand Lodge at Washington did n
Philadelphia Mothership, nor did the O
tennial believe in it at New Jersey.
satisfied that neither Bro. Woodford n
believe now in the connection of Coxe w
Masonry. And if Bros. Brennan and "F
rightly informed, it seems that my frier
has "changed front" too. Now, had
Gould's opinion upon the Philadelphia
first saw Bro. Lane's book, I shoul
refrained from calling attention to B
about No. 79, but being then unacqu
Gould's opinion, I asked Bro. Lane, as p
as to what information he was in po
the early history of Pennsylvania Mason
as to what he knew about No. 79
startled me with information, viz., that
there were three charters issued by the
each was No. 79. To this notion I
which of course gave additional offence
historic dictator.

Bro. Lane's method of argument is ex
his chief aim seems to be to throw dus
the eyes of his readers, in order to div
from the fact of his inability to prove
niner theory. So, after making profe
honesty of intentions, and of his "
nation," he next discharges a batte
against my veracity, my untrustworthir
mistake, which did not tend in the lea
question at issue, is magnified by him
falsehood. For instance, Anderson, i
List, appended to No. 79 the year 1731.
Lodge List, gave 1730 as the year of t
but in Smith's Pocket Companion of 1
year assigned at all. Now, in describi
from memory, I placed 1730 on the No.
Lane's article in this paper, of 3rd Septe
four columns, and nearly a whole colum
above mistake of mine. Such mistake
"glaring misstatements," and very se
readers about my untrustworthiness. H
to notice, that when in a subsequen
from a Lodge List the group of eight
that I did not then append any tim
No. 79.

Now, the most amusing part of
of indignation, against my "glaring
that the *infallible* Brother Lane hims
same blunder in his book; the o
I wrote 1730 at the end of th
wrote 1731 at the side of No. 7
all; Brother Lane asserts that in 173
constituted as No. 42, belonging to a
extinct for five years, and that in 173
constituted as No. 67, which number
that had been extinct since 1730; but
of evidence to prove his assertion ab
own book shows that No. 67 was
1735, and 1736; it was erased from th
but it met again at its old quarters
on page 36 of Bro. Lane's book, refe
hampton Lodge, No. 77, he says:—

"Paid £2 2s to procure the warr
the procedure of the Ancients" (the ital

Now if Bro. Lane had positively beli
Lodge (Moderns) gave away old numb
to entire new organisations in 1732, 1
how then could the same Grand
followed "the procedure of the A

moderns never did so; secondly, the law of 1727 provided that, "The precedency of Lodges is governed by the seniority of their Constitution"; thirdly, Bro. Gould informs us (Four Old Lodges, p 52, *note*), that since 1729, the engraved Lodge Lists were headed with a reminder of the 1727 law, viz.: "A list of Regular Lodges according to their seniority of Constitution"; fourth, I have shown that the Grand Lodge refused to grant No. 2 to a new organisation, and fifth, on page xix. of the Records, Bro. Lane says:—

"It is possible that some of the dates given in the text, in reference to places to which Lodges have from time to time removed, may not be absolutely correct."

Taking, therefore, the above reasons into consideration, I cannot be blamed for believing as I did.

With regard to the Wolverhampton Lodge of 1768, which received No. 77, originally belonging to a Lodge that had ceased to live at Gateshead; knowing that the said Lodge could have legally been transferred from Gateshead to Wolverhampton, and not knowing that Masons would try to acquire by favouritism what they could have got by legal procedure, and as Bro. Lane acknowledges that he may have made mistakes; and as I know that he did make mistakes; I supposed that the Wolverhampton Lodge charter was another of his mistakes. But be it remembered, that in describing the method as to how the Gateshead Lodge could have been removed to Wolverhampton in a legal manner, I did not assert it with the dictatorial pomposity of my opponent as a historic fact, but merely suggested it as "highly probable."

Having acknowledged my mistakes, and my ignorance, *if you please*, too; I now call upon Bro. Lane to answer the main question, without prefacing it with protestations of "honest intentions" on one side, nor with any "glaring misrepresentations" on the other. The question is, how does Bro. Lane know that No. 79 (the third Lodge constituted in 1731, as attested by an original record of that year in Freemasons' Hall) was not constituted in 1731, at the Castle, in Highgate?

Boston, U.S., 20th Sept. 1887.

BRO. CHARLES GREENWOOD.

—:o:—

Obit 28th September 1886.

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In Memoriam.

THE completion of the Albert Institute, Southwark, a scheme that was, in a great measure, projected and mainly encouraged by our late Bro. Charles Greenwood, and of which a full description appeared in the columns of the Freemason's Chronicle some months ago, is an object of more than local interest, and calls for passing notice. It is more especially in connection with the memory of our departed brother, who worked so assiduously to improve the social and moral condition of the parish of Christ Church, that we revert to this subject, and in doing so we need hardly remind those who knew the unwearying activity and exertion of Bro. Greenwood to point out that to his efforts the residents of that part of London "over the water" owe to him a debt of profound gratitude, as a benefactor and a friend. Happily, Bro. Greenwood has bequeathed to his successors a large share of the indomitable energy and capacity for useful work which he himself displayed, and thus, whether in connection with the Albert Institute, parochial affairs, or—still more interesting to us—Masonic work, the name of Greenwood remains amongst us, to perpetuate the memory of one who was universally beloved by every member of the Craft with whom he was in any way brought into contact. It was only a fortnight since, as mentioned in our report of the St. Michael's Lodge, that an elegant banner, "In Memoriam," was raised, in sorrowful remembrance and appreciation of one who had for many years rendered good suit and service

recollection that he who was one of the prin
has not lived to see the realisation of his
Nothing would have been more cheering or h
to Bro. Greenwood than to have seen the co
upon the superstructure the foundations of
and in the erection of which he enlisted the
so many of his personal friends and admir
witnessed the throwing open of the doors of
pile of building which now occupies the si
Bro. Greenwood spent so many years of his
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who are compelled by stern necessity to live i
and unsavoury neighbourhood, would have b
point in the history of a man whose chief a
been to shed rays of light into dark place
the standard of practical good wherever he c
hold for its reception. It was this zeal w
him, many years ago, to excite sympathy on
working classes of the district, and to de
their welfare, which have culminated in the
Albert Institute, with all its varied useful ap
the shape of an assembly room in which
entertainments are to be held; a club-room
men may enjoy quiet study and social i
away from the vitiating influences of the po
for those who are to be taught that "cleanli
godliness"; wash-houses for the women f
"washing-day" at home, in their stuffy littl
a day to be dreaded as one on which there
about the house"; decent living rooms for n
dormitories for single men, and so on. To
trated so many advantages under one roo
ment worthy the inception and constant a
worthy brother while he lived, and garnish
with a jewel far more brilliant than any he
breast during his long and distinguished
We have already described in these columns
solicitude for the health and comfort of
classes of his parishoners that was displa
Rev. Joseph Brown, Rector of Christ C
efforts be made in that direction by the esta
institution on a small scale in Gravel-lane
stone of which was laid by the lamente
philanthropist the late Earl of Sha
Lord Ashley. Some nine years ago, howe
ments of the railway adjoining led to nego
purchase of the site and building, and,
taneously with this, the appointment of Bro.
North as Architect to the Trustees. It
that not one of the gentlemen who acce
now remains, Bro. C. Greenwood, who, as
successfully overcoming the many difficult
and impeded the resuscitation of the schem
"gathered to his kindred dust" without
pletion of the institution for which he la
and disinterestedly. The new building
east side of Robert-street, Blackfriar
not only a valuable acquisition to the
practically elevating power of the distri
ornament, from an architectural point of v
intentions of the founders will be carried ou
scale. The basement of the new building
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Institute, on the left, consists of reading ro
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first floor, the principal staircase being
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portion of the block are situated five sets
each set consisting of dwelling apartme
scullery complete, with additional be
superintendent's office on the ground floor
the upper storey may be used as a dorm
men, or perhaps, if thought more
gymnasium.

It will be gathered from this brief

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who have shown their devotion to this excellent work should be mentioned the Rector of the parish, Rev. A. H. de Fontaine, Bro. Usher Back, Mr. J. K. Rennie, Bro. Cooper, Treasurer, Mr. J. T. Shand, Bro. J. P. Rickman, Mr. R. Downes, and Mr. W. B. Faulkner, the present Trustees. Brother Greenwood, in addition to his earnest promotion of this scheme, took an active part in the schools, the district board, and other parochial matters, and in recognition of the services he rendered in all these various spheres, the parishoners of Christchurch have testified their respect for his memory by placing a handsome memorial window in their church.

It was only natural that our late Brother, occupying so prominent a position in the Craft, should have had an eye to the comfort and convenience of the brethren who meet at so many Lodges and Lodges of Instruction on the Surrey side of the Thames. He contended that, with the exception of the Surrey Masonic Hall, which is situated in the rather distant region of Camberwell, there was no "home" at which the members of the Fraternity could meet for work and social intercourse, the consequence of which was that their meetings were invariably convened at one or other of the City hotels. To supply this felt deficiency, Bro Greenwood and the architect had in contemplation a measure by which a portion of the Albert Institute might be utilised for Masonic purposes, though we are unable to state whether that intention has been adhered to by his survivors. We trust it may be so, for there is a very general concensus of opinion amongst the Freemasons resident in and about Southwark, Rotherhithe and Bermondsey, that such a provision would be much appreciated, and be of great service to the Craft there. In this respect, however, we are sure the wishes of the father will not be overlooked or slighted by the son, Bro. Charles Greenwood, who has followed so worthily and successfully in the footsteps of his beloved sire as Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey. Bro. Greenwood is most deservedly esteemed by all those who know him, for his urbanity and zeal, and the perfection with which he carries out his onerous and important duties. When it is recollected that, besides his heavy Masonic responsibilities, which render necessary the most constant care and attention, he has built up for himself a substantial practice as a solicitor (as a member of the firm of Nye, Greenwood and Moreton, of Serjeant's Inn, Temple, and Brighton), and that his appointments include those of Vestry Clerk of Christchurch, Secretary to the Trustees of the Rectory of St. Saviour's, Hon. Treasurer of the Fund for the Restoration of Christchurch Parish Church, Secretary to the Institute now under notice,—we scarcely know what besides,—it is little wonder that all these combined responsibilities weigh heavily upon a young man who is now only in his thirty-second year, and it is excusable—we might say imperative—that he should desire to "lighten the cargo," where he can do so without detriment to those with whom he has hitherto been associated. His resignation, therefore, of the Secretaryship of the Grove Lodge, in which he has taken so much interest for many years, was well advised, for although the announcement was received with unfeigned and genuine regret, this was in a measure mitigated by the appointment of Bro. Alfred Craven Greenwood to the position his brother had long and honourably occupied. It remains only to congratulate all who have taken part in this laudable work for the public good upon the accomplishment of their object, and to join in the wishes so fervently expressed by others, that the Institute may prove of infinite advantage to the neighbourhood in which it is situated.

A complimentary dinner was recently given at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, when occasion was taken to present a testimonial to Mr. Thomas Simpson, ex-Churchwarden of the Parish of St. Sepulchre, London. Samuel George Lidstone, Esq, was the President, and George Gut, Esq., the Vice-President. The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character, and the arrangements

IT is the right of all good citizens a occasion, whether curiously, or co guests, to demand of us the meaning an pageant. It is your privilege, ladies and ge and it is our duty to answer, why we cam and belted as we are, encamped in your mi in your streets, with sword in hand, s symbols of peace on banner and breast.

I would not offend the good taste of a c by trying to explain the details of our ritua of our costume and decorations, or any o of our Order. That would be no less than tedious and unprofitable for you. B presented here to-day—a significant fact of unusual occurrence and of deep and To this *sign*, I would direct your attentio in explanation.

I. You see around you a band of Knig every part of the State, who, though n the representatives of many hundreds their homes to-day; representatives i thousands distributed among our Sta civilized world. Among them are many best of men—men respected and beloved wisdom, or their virtue; who as citiz reproach, and as Knights, spotless of disb to spur.

Whence came they? What wrangling do they represent? What creed do t what political platform do they stand? I assemblages of men the tenets of some of some sect, or some peculiar and exc bring people together in conventions, so each seeking its own ends, and often others. In the state, party thus strives a the peace of the commonwealth ruffle compatriots become foes. In the Chu sect; discordant bells ring out conflic those who should love as brethren turn an evil eye—and all because they do no religion.

While freedom of opinion and c allowed to all yet all must lament t diversity of thought should so alienat land with wordy and sometimes with The brotherhood of man! Does it not s phrase expresses but a poet's dream hyperbole of prophecy, or of hope?

But look around you to-day—cont before you. Here are men of every p in the land; and they are mingling t Yonder sits the Republican, and by his There a Stalwart's feather twines wit a Mugwump yonder smiles his broth Prohibitionist, who in return pledges libation of pure, cold water.

Here, the calm, calculating brow lifted benignly upon the honest face o and there the hardy grip of the artisan hand of the son of fortune. Whateve or station may be recognised by A have disappeared to-day, cordially an leaven of distrust. Christians of ev together. Even ecclesiastical walls ha of our trumpets. Churchmen and di Calvin, Knox and Campbell, here mee in one faith, one hope, and in mutual

Where else in all this distracted la be witnessed than among those whose to peace, and whose vows, pledging all, purge the heart of intolerance, and of friendship and love?

I would not suggest the thought th as ours *cannot* save men from proscri for opinion's sake. I would not insin of Jesus *cannot* shed abroad among a

be heard amid the discords of jarring sects and warring factions. It is well, therefore, that, amid the confusion, there should be some retreat where peace abides and strife can never enter, where differences of opinion, and the distinctions of rank and circumstance, engender no suspicion, destroy no friendship, chill no love.

The influence of Masonry, to encourage the culture and practice of such charity is due to no mystery of truth; it does not lay any claims to original discovery in the domain of spiritual knowledge.

It has not ventured to gain wisdom by any ruinous experience of its own. All it knows of truth and duty—of God and man's destiny—it has learned by faith from the Scripture—that inestimable gift of God to man. Without the arrogance of philosophy, without the boast of inspiration, without undue pride even in its own traditions—it proclaims to the world that all its light is borrowed from the Christian's Bible.

It is, however, somewhat peculiar and original in its methods of explaining and impressing truth, and in this regard it differs from the rostrum, the press, and the modern pulpit. But its power for doing good in the world lies also in the additional fact that, by the very principles of its organisation, it is able to exclude from its councils and pursuits the baneful influence of political, ecclesiastical and social discord.

Thus guarded by its fundamental principle, its votaries work in harmony—"among whom no contention exists, save that noble contention, or emulation rather, as to who can best work, and best agree."

The first lesson the Mason learns—and he learns it at the very threshold—is that he should never introduce among his brethren anything that might give offence. He must lay aside his party badge, his worldly rank and equipage; yea, if he be a prince, he must cast the purple from his shoulders, the diadem from his brow, and consent to sit as a man among men, as a brother among brethren, and be content to receive that honour which only manly worth may claim.

But let no one mistake the nature of the marvellous peace that pervades this brotherhood. It is not that we are indifferent to Church or State. It is not that we despise convictions, and set no value on opinions. It is rather because we respect and honour them in one another; it is because we esteem freedom of thought and conscience as the most sacred of human rights.

Against all tyranny, then, whether of kings or priests, of party or sect—against every form of intolerance and persecution for opinion's sake, the Knights of the Temple have ever lifted their protesting voice. Yea, in other days, when men have cried to them from dungeon and scaffold, they have not refused to draw the sword, whether the oppressor wore a mitre or a crown.

Masonry has thus always proved a foe to political and sectarian oppression. In every age and clime, it has quietly and properly encouraged self-respect and independence of thought in the people at large. With its own vital breath, it has sometimes, with perhaps too much zeal, fanned the spark of revolution, and inspired revolt of heart against the usurpation, or the abuse of power. It has seldom conspired; but it has taught and inculcated, and sent its spirit abroad in the land, till men have risen from despair and hurled despotism from its bloody throne.

And, to-day, its great heart beats with sympathy for the poor, down-trodden and long-suffering multitudes of men and women who sit under their willows in sackcloth or chains, and mourn their degradation. Hence Masonry is still odious to tyrants. Mark those in the past who have hurled their impotent thunder at our Order, and you will find them arrogant and oppressive. And mark those who still denounce us, and you will find them men of narrow and proscriptive feelings. Nothing so offends the heartless bigot, demagogue or aristocrat, as a broad-minded, pure-hearted charity. Such a sentiment rebukes their selfishness, and may justly alarm their fears.

Let the world understand, then, that Masonry, whether bearing the trowel or sword, is uncompromisingly set against every form of injustice and oppression, that against all such wrongs it will ever stand forth in the strength and with indifference upon the dissensions religious belief so frequently engender Order is pledged to defend religion; to mystic sword—a sword whose hilt is fai hope, and whose point is love; to defe scoffs of the infidel, the arts of the hyp tolerance of the bigot: defend Christia it is diversely formulated in dogmas, but in the cross and the empty tomb, and a in the sweet and beautiful earth life of ou

While such, we hold, is the duty of eve in whatever sect he may stand, yet we association of good men and true, lifted principles above the storms of contro to compose strife, and at the same time may do much to strengthen faith, and k love alive upon our altars.

But let no churchman look upon the tuous or obtrusive. The pirit of all Ma it boasts not against the Church, and it seek to rival the glory of that temple w are the apostles and prophets, and whos Christ Himself. Catching the spirit of and gemming its banner with the sa would move down through the ages in t Church, seeking to guard her from att from contention within.

II. But there is another mission to w Knight has consecrated himself, of whic speak.

Though Burke declared long ago t chivalry is gone, yet only its ancient fo away.

> "These are not the romantic times,
> So beautiful in Spenser's rhymes,
> So dazzling to the dreamy boy.
> Ours are the days of fact, not fable—
> Of Knights indeed, but not of the Roun

The mad struggle for wealth and power drive it from the marts and forums of me angel, the genius of chivalry, is ever sanctuary. Next to the lesson which teach reverence, practise and defend religion devotes his sword to her who was last a earliest at the grave. The distressed wid orphan and the innocent maiden are ever steel, the special object of our court thoughtful charity, and our most honoura

Centuries ago, in a lawless age, helpless only to the honour of rude men. Chivalry a catching inspiration from religion, went fo the champion of innocence and distress.

This noble institution passed away ami the church, and religion came forth f purified as by fire; and law, so long sile of arms, began to thunder from its Sina woman sometimes found a refuge in th some protection in the courts of justice may still look up from the distress of her from the wreck of her home, or from t peace, to the charity of the Church, or t of the law.

But with all the protection of our ci institutions, even in an age the most adv tion, and in a country distinguished above justness of its laws and the purity of its not, even now and here, need the guard Fraternity assumes?

Let us bear in mind that, in a popular ours, even a good law is a dead letter unl virtuous public sentiment. Law, with u the creator as the creature of public opin sometimes hasten to do good by prematur far in advance of the moral sense of the authority of the magistrate, unsupported i is powerless.

He, then, who rightly shades and d conscience, and gives a healthy moral to best strengthens the arm of government.

influence in her behalf. These brethren carry her welfare in their hearts not only as an organised body, but individually, as citizens, in all the professions and walks of life. They are distributed among you. They are on your judicial benches, in your legislative halls, in your pulpits, in your editors' and professors' chairs, among your rich, abroad in your fields, in your shops and counting rooms, and every where at your fireside. And in every heart of them there is a sealed vow, and in every mind a ready purpose, to espouse her cause whenever her distress, her wrongs, or her honour may appeal to him, and if occasion requires it the moral power of the entire Order may be invoked to protect her rights and redress her wrongs. But still, it may be asked, does woman to-day, especially in this land, need such protection as we offer? Are not her natural protectors, fathers and husbands, enough for her maintenance, enough for social prosperity? Alas! how many are fatherless! How many are husbandless! Alas! worse than husbandless! How many in what are called their homes, find only hells! How many whose fine natures crave and deserve respect, are crushed by coarseness and abuse! How often does pure sweet love flee from the scorn of home to the peace and refuge of the grave! Glance at your daily journals; note from week to week the sickening records of woman's misery and man's wrong; listen to the distressed widow calling for justice or relief; hear the helpless orphan pleading for bread, even in the face of gilded temptation; hear, from city streets and village walks, and from the very precincts of sacred home, the cries of honest maidens, or the sad, despairing moan of others, murdered in heart and hope and name by falsehood and perfidy!

And shall it not be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for many of the cities of our own fair land?

Well does the inspired James declare that the religion of his Master is a spotless life, and a courteous charity to the widow and the orphan in their distress.

Brethren, let us honour our profession by a true, knightly behaviour before men; let us vindicate our claim to be regarded as among the consistent defenders of the Cross, and the faithful champion of womanly purity and Truth.

Speed on them, faithful brothers, speed!
And blessings with you go;
Still aid the widow in her need,
The orphan in her woe.

Still by the heart-sick stranger's side
With words of kindness stay,
And bid the deep and troubled tide
Of sorrow pass away!

Ye generous band, long may you stand,
The graybeard and the youth;
Shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand,
In Honour, Virtue, Truth.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held its monthly meeting on Thursday, at Freemason's Hall, Bro. F. Richardson P.G.D. in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. J. H. Matthews, H. F. Nash, F. Adlard, Robert Grey, C. H. Webb, H. Massey, William Vincent, Arthur E. Gladwell, Robert Berridge, C. F. Matier, Colonel Peters, J. J. Caney, Alfred C. Spaull, Thomas Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, W. Lake, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, and the reading of the House Committee's minutes for information, grants, recommended by the House Committee, of £30 for apprenticing one pupil, and £40 for the further and higher education of another girl, were confirmed. The death of Florence Weber, a pupil of the Institution, was announced, and this has created an additional vacancy for the October election. Two girls were approved as candidates for election in April 1888. A very elaborate report was presented by the "Centenary Committee," who had been deputed to prepare a scheme

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the structure is to be devoted. It needs t
at the beginning whether an edifice is
warehouse, a dwelling, a theatre or a chur
be made accordingly to what the purpos
must be done in keeping with the design o

And so in regard to any institution or o
requisite that those who co-operate should
they are trying to build. Brethren who la
a Masonic Lodge on good foundation, and
fair and strong, need to realize what mani
enter upon. A Masonic Lodge sta
great principles and truths, and is to
of their representation. It is to open th
social privilege, but it is to be a great de
friendly club. It is to give the opportunit
blessed fellowship, and yet its full purpos
such fraternal communion. It is to
service—the doing of a beneficent work, su
the burdens of some hearts and lives, an
well as moral direction, to the hearts of
others on whom may fall the light and
noble an organization.

Having a right idea of the structure
follows naturally that special attention
to the material used in the construction
is not bricks and mortar that go into t
Masonic Lodge, but vital, intelligent, mat
earnest and strong men. We want men
large-minded, true-hearted brethren, t
living elements of our Masonic Lodges;
be builded stately and strong, with attrac
evident to all who look upon them. W
Strength, Pillars of Wisdom, and Pillars
Lodge—men who excel not in one
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There must be leaders, but these sh
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life; who are broad minded, tolerant an
withal positive and determined in supp
With such men at the front, recognize
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will be advanced and made prosperous i
contribute to its best life—its highest us

But more than good leadership is requi
up of a Masonic Lodge. There must
leaders, as we have stated, but there n
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brother must feel his responsibility and
that he can for the prosperity of his Lo
be harmony among the members so that
pull together for the desired end. The
Masonic organizations is that the membe
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would be! If Brethren would build up t
let them come very close together in thei
and purposes, uniting their efforts in
entered upon will surely reach the
accomplishments.—*Freemasons' Reposito*

On Thursday next Mr. Sydney Alport, the
Vaudeville Theatre, will take his annual be
will be played for the 417th time. Several
promised to give recitations and songs.

The Gaiety theatre will commence its s
(Saturday), when the new burlesque, "Miss H
A. C. Torr and Horace Mill, will be produce
is cast for the principal part. The burlesq
"Woodcock's Little Game."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The ala
from cholera and diarrhœa should be a warning to e
any irregularity tending toward disease. Hollow
every household to rectify all impure states of the b

application in many of our Masonic homes. We have seen Lodges started and worked in the earlier stages of their career with a zeal and energy that has startled some of the more sluggish or apathetic of those who took part in their formation, and many a time we have seen the impetuous and ofttimes bombastic pretender override or stultify the wise counsels and dignified examples set by the good men and true. On such occasions we have been reminded of a sensible remark we heard in an early stage of our Masonic career, to this effect:—Masonic Lodges are not for an hour or a year; they are for all time. The Lodge we are about to notice may be taken as an example. It was started in 1858, and amongst its founders, or amongst its earlier members, we may mention Bros. H. G. Buss Past Assistant Grand Secretary, the late Bros. Samuel May, John Rider, W. Clarkson, Montague, &c.; Bros. David James and Thomas Thorne were also members, and the Lodge had decidedly a "class" character. Concurrently with many other Lodges, it has had its "ups and downs," but though not at present displaying so large a muster roll as of yore, it could never boast, we are inclined to think, of being in a more sound or satisfactory financial position than at the present time. The installation meeting took place on Friday, the 23rd September, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, where the Lodge was opened by Bro. B. E. Blasby P.M. (acting as W.M., in consequence of the lamented death of Bro. W. Maton, who died during his year of Mastership). Bro. Blasby was supported by Bros. W. Hilton P.M. (Secretary), Littlewood P.M., Lloyd P.M., Beckett P.M., W. Coombs W.M. elect, and other Officers and members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. A. J. Mann 172, Henry Sapsworth J.W. 2032, J. P. Houghton W.M. 2032, G. H. Parsons 1612, H. Tyler W.M. 59, G. Gardner I.P.M. 2012, J. Terry P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.B.I., T. M. Francis 55, John Webb P.M. 1728, T. Butler 55, S. Roberts 901, G. Wright S.W. 1612, T. C. Davey P.M. 30, J. H. Lockhart 1540, W. H. Chalfont P.M. 1425, W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Bayley was passed; Bro. Holland was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Blasby then resumed the Lodge in the second degree, and Bro. W. Coombs, the W.M. elect was presented, obligated and entrusted, Bro. W. D. Beckett acting as Director of the Ceremonies. In due course, the Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Coombs was formally placed in the chair. On re-admission of the brethren who had been compelled to retire temporarily, the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, and the Officers for the year were appointed, as follows:—Bros. W. Rowe S.W., E. Cox J.W., W. Eydmann Treasurer, W. Hilton Secretary (19th year), J. Edwards S.D., J. Brooks J.D., S. D. Keech I.G., H. F. Underwood D.C., E. Eydmann Steward. Bro. Blasby then gave the customary addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren, and for the manner in which he had conducted the proceedings of the day received the cordial approval of all present. Routine work followed, and then Lodge was closed. The Banquet was served in the liberal and excellent fashion that prevails at Bro. John Brill's establishment, and gave every satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Coombs gave the recognised toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was received right loyally. In speaking of H.R.H. the Grand Master, Bro. Coombs remarked that most of those present recognised what a fervent and zealous Mason the Prince of Wales was. When he took any matter in hand, he strove might and main to carry it out successfully. It was gratifying also to the Craft to know that his eldest son was worthily following him; doubtless in the fullness of time we may expect the young Prince will make as equally energetic a grand Master. The next toast was that of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers; in proposing it, the Wor. Master referred to the intense gratification that had attended the substantial recognition—by the conferring of Past Grand rank on many worthy brethren—that had been made at the recent Jubilee meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. They had one present, Bro. James Terry, who had been a recipient on that occasion, and he (the W.M.) felt convinced the Grand Master's action would be endorsed by every one who was conversant with the excellent work contributed by Bro. Terry towards the best interests and welfare of Freemasonry generally. This compliment having been gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Terry, Bro. Blasby rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. After alluding to the sad loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Charles Maton, and explaining the circumstances that entailed the duty of complimenting their W.M. on him, Bro. Blasby remarked that Bro. Coombs was essentially an old member of their Lodge; one from whom the Past Masters anticipated happy results. Bro. Coombs had had opportunities of advancement before this, but he had not availed himself of them. Still, he was now in the chair of his mother Lodge, and the members felt sure he would strive to the best of his ability to advance its welfare. In reply, Bro. Coombs said he was gratified at having been placed in the chair; he fully appreciated the compliment that had been paid him, and would do all in his power to advance the interests of the members. The Masonic Institutions was the next toast brought under notice, and Bro. Terry, whose name was associated, made a most earnest appeal for continued support on behalf of each. He detailed their position, and eloquently pleaded on their behalf. His efforts were not disregarded; the W.M. consented to act as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the members present gave practical illustration that they concurred and sympathised with him

given on their behalf; and then Past Masters L
Lloyd and Beckett addressed a few words to t
claims of the other Officers were not overlooked,
the Tyler (Bro. John Gilbert) was summoned.
most agreeable throughout, were brought to a c
time, without that "scrambling" we have had to
gone by.

New Concord Lodge of Instructio

On Wednesday, the 21st September, at 8 p m., at
Tavern, Southgate-road, N., Bros. Dixie W.M
McNamara J.W., Weeden Treasurer, Cordell S
S.D., G. Clark I.G.; P.M.'s Galer, Powell, &c.
and the minutes of previous meeting read and
was opened to the third degree, and the ce
rehearsed, Bro. Langdale candidate. Lodge was
ceremony of passing rehearsed, with the same
McNamara was unanimously elected a member,
appointed to fill the chair at the next meeting. L
perfect harmony.

The Great City Lodge of Instructio

This Lodge of Instruction will resume its meetin
Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., at 6 30
next, the 6th October. The arrangements for t
have been made with a view to provide work, an
each occasion of meeting, and visiting brethre
welcomed both at and after labour. Bro. James
has consented to continue the Preceptorship, and
will officiate as Assistant Preceptor. The second
tion in connection with this Lodge of Instructio
and members can be enrolled next Thursday, or
meeting. A synopsis of the Masonic work fo
months will be forwarded to any brother on
Secretary, Bro. W. J. Ball, "Cothelstone," 1
Stamford Hill, N.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction wil
work on the second Thursday in Octob
Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C. at 5·30 p.m.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LO
WORCESTERSHIRE

THIS Prov. Grand Lodge was held on
14th Sept., at Halesowen, under th
Bro. the R.W. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechm
who was supported by Bro. W. H. Westw
as Deputy Prov. G.M., and about 140
Grand Lodge having been opened in
apology for unavoidable absence were read
being one from the Deputy Prov. Grand M
Godson, M.P. It was unanimously resolv
Address, congratulating Her Majesty the
fiftieth year of her accession to the Throne,
forwarded to Her Majesty by the Prov.
Worcestershire. Bro. A. Green was r
Grand Treasurer. A most satisfactory re
gress and present position of Freemasonry
was presented. The Officers for the ens
appointed, as follows:—

Bro. C. E. Bloomer	...	...	Senior W
W. Bachley	...	...	Junior W
W. E. Walker	...	...	Senior D
Harvey Preen	..	...	Junior D
T. Tromau	...	...	Organist
G. Taylor	...	...	Secretar
Rev. A. B. Timbrell	...	...	Chaplain
Rev. W. Wilshaw	...	...	Assistan
G. Brown	...	...	Pursuiva
W. Waldron	...	...	Director

Moseley, near Birmingham, was selected
hold the next meeting of the Prov. Grand
afternoon a special service was held at the
where an eloquent and appropriate sermo
by the Rev. A. B. Timbrell. At the close
made on behalf of the National Schools a
and the sum of fifteen guineas was realised
also decided to contribute towards the fund
of orphan children in the parish. A banqu

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BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Great Queen Street, W.C.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1887.

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LILY MARTIN,

(AGED 8 YEARS),

Daughter of the late Sergeant-Major Martin (late 10th Hussars and Cavalry Depot, Canterbury). He was initiated in the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, in February 1878, and continued a subscribing member until his decease, which took place after a few days' illness (pneumonia) on the 10th April 1887. He has left a widow and 5 children totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, and

*Bro. E. G. WILTSHIER P.M. 31 1449 P.P.G.S.W. Canterbury.
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*Bro. W. CARTER P.M. 1449 P.P.G.Std.B., Barracks, Canterbury.
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the G
scribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall
Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, L
8th October 1887, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the G
Institution, to receive and consider Reports and Notices
and to Elect 15 or (in the event of the undermentioned
16 girls into the School from a List of 30 approved Can
will commence at One o'Clock, or after the usual Busines

REPORTS.

Report of Committee, *Re* Alteration in Date of Election

Report of Centenary Committee, approved and refe
Committee with the recommendation "That the suggest
for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution be adop

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

On the presentation of the Report of the Centenary C
and recommended by the General Committee, by Bro.
Board of G.P., Vice-Patron:—

1. "That the Report be received."
2. "That Scheme A be adopted, and be referred to t
carry out at a cost not exceeding £2,000."
3. "That Scheme B be approved, and that the C
earnestly solicited to furnish the necessary fu
Centenary Festival to enable this Scheme
effect."
4. "That the windows of the Institution be inspec
view to the provision of a means of egress in
5. "That in addition to the Premium Votes conferre
24, every Steward at the Centenary Festi
Premium Votes in proportion to his person
viz.:—Two in consideration of the first Te
every Five Guineas beyond that sum."
6. "That for the purposes of the Centenary Festiva
suspended, and that in lieu of the "List"
under, every Steward at this Festival sh
Premium Votes for every Twenty Guineas
List."
7. "That in the case of Annual Subscriptions, com
Steward at the Centenary Festival, and con
less than 12 months, the completion o
subscribed shall entitle the contributor to
donation of £5 5s, paid in one sum, notwi
received Votes as an Annual Subscriber in
8. "That the 'Centenary' Premium Votes be so dis
printed List of Subscribers."
9. "That application be made for permission to w
as a Centenary jewel in perpetuity, and tha
selected for the occasion, to be submitte
approved of by the M.W. The Grand Maste

BY BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron:—
"That in consequence of the death of Florenc
Vacancy be declared for this Election, mad

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THE IRISH DAUGHTER LODGE OF MOTHER KILWINNING.

A CENTRE OF THE HIGH DEGREES IN IRELAND.

From unpublished Notes on Mother Kilwinning, by D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Scotland.

(Continued from page 202).

THUS far, the facts related have been drawn from manuscripts that are still preserved at Kilwinning. But it is from the "Transaction Book" of the Lodge itself, recently discovered by Brother Neilson, of Upper Mount-street, Dublin, P.M. of No. 620 (and kindly placed by him at our disposal for the purposes of this work), that we learn that it was constituted under its Scotch warrant on St. John's day 1779, at a "Grand Kilwinning Lodge" presided over by Dr. Cunningham," erroneously styled "Past Grand Master," who installed the principal office-bearers, and thereafter closed his grand communication. This was succeeded by the appointment and installation of the minor officers, the amendment of the Lodge's rules, a discourse on Masonry, and a lecture on the Entered Apprentice and Fellow-Craft Degrees. With the exception of the pretentious prefix "Early Grand," of which "E.G." is an abbreviation to the title of the Master and Warden, whose signatures are appended, the language of the minute is purely that of Freemasonry. It is as follows:—

"1779: Decr. 27. Lodge opened in due form . . . . High Noon, to celebrate the Feast of St. John. The Worshipful the Master in the chair. Lodge was visited by Bro. Edward Zimmerman and George Dillon, both members of Lodge 518. Call'd off to refreshment and dined. Call'd on to labour. Opened a Grand Kilwinning Lodge, Bro. George Augustus Cunningham, Esq., Ayr, Past Grand Master of said lodge, in the chair. Proceeded to constitute the Lodge under the new charter granted from the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning to the High Knights Templars of Ireland, when Bro. Robert Colvill was install'd Master, Bro. John Wheeler Senr. Warden, and Bro. Lewis Alley Junr. Warden, who were properly saluted with the all grand honours, and the Grand Lodge closed.

"GEO. AUGST. CUNNINGHAM, P.G.M.

"High Knight Templars Lodge open'd, the Worshipful in the chair. Proceeded to install Bro. Peter Grant Treasurer and Bro. John Cuthbert Secretary. The Worshipful appointed Bro. Sisson Darling to be Senior Deacon, and the Senior Warden appointed John Armor to be Junior Deacon. Had discourse on Masonry from our principal Instructor, and afterwards a lecture on the . . . . of the Enter'd Prentice and Fellow Craft Degrees. The rules which were amended, and the whole ended with the usual peace, love, and unanimity.

"R. COLVILLE, E.G.M.
"JNO. WHEELER, E.G.S.W."

No Degrees or Steps are specified in the Charter of 1779; but the "powers and privileges" conferred by it could only have reference to Masonry as practised by Mother Kilwinning, viz., that embraced in the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. It has been alledged that the Irish brethren subsequently erased from their Charter the word "Lodge" in their designation, and surreptitiously inserting "Encampment," began the practice of Black Masonry under warrant thus metamorphosed into one of Knight Templary. In the then disorganised condition of the so-called High Degrees such precaution was unnecessary; but to test the correctness of the statement, Brother Neilson has at our request carefully examined the original Charter, and no trace of having been tampered with appears on it.

The Irish Kilwinning was one of the few Lodges of the period imbued with a taste for "High Masonry" which kept a record of its transactions in respect to degrees beyond that of Master. Ample evidence, therefore, of its having not only practised the degrees of Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar, but even worked under its Kilwinning Warrants the Degree of Prince Mason Knight of the Red Cross, is to be found in the old minute-book to which we have referred, and which we regret to say is in very decayed condition, so much so indeed as to render portions of the MS. undecipherable. The minutes

direction succeeding at three weeks' inte
Lodge "raised" its Secretary to the De
Templar. The following are a few of th
of the same kind embraced within the pe
the record in the Lodge's original transactio
viz., from December 27, 1779, till August

"1780. Monday April 17. Lodge open'd in due
Peter Grant in the chair. A Master Mason's Lodg
a Master Mason's Lodge to a Royal Arch Lodg
Sisson Darling royally descended and ascended th
to a Master Mason's Lodge . . . . . ended in the

"1780. Monday May 1. Lodge opened in due
Peter Grant in the chair. A Master Mason's Lod
a Master Mason's Lodge to a Royal Arch Lodge.
Brothers Zimmerman and George Rainsford. Had
Step, and called off to a High Knights Templars
Sisson Darling to that Degree. Called off from
Master Mason's Lodge, and the whole ended in the

"Sunday, Decr. 24, 1780. An Entered App
Emergency opened in due form—the Worshipful i
visited by Brors. Dillon and Zimmerman, certify'
Lodge, when Mr. William Humphreys was initiat
of an Entered Apprentice and afterwards made a
the Blue Mason's Lodge was clos'd. Royal
Worshipful High Priest in the chair, when Bros. S
royally descended and ascended the Areh. Cal
Knights Templars Lodge—Wor. Early Grand Ma
when Bros. Steel and O'Flaherty were after a se
and valour raised to the Sublime Degree. An
with the usual harmony. Jno. Wheeler, E.G.M.
E.G.S.W.; Wm. Maclean, J.W. p. E.G. J.W.;
p. E.G. Sec."

"June 17, 1781. Kilwinning Lodge open'd—E
chair. Excellent and Super-excellent Lodge. E
Craig on the three Degrees in Blue Masonry, and
proceeded to raise him to the Degrees of Excellent
Mason. . . Was visited by Bro. Wade of the Roy
the whole ended in the usual harmony. W. Rains
S. Darling, E.G.S.W., Wm. M'Clean, E.G.J.W."

"1781. Decr. 2nd. Kilwinning Lodge opene
Bro. Rainsford in the chair. Were visited by Br.
and John Marsh, of the former Knight Templar
George Rainsford, late of 518, and Bro. John
Royal Arch Lodge—when Bro. Ford was made E
excellent, and afterwards royally descended and
and having sustained the usual tryals with beco
raised to the Degree of High Knight Templar
ended in piece, love and unanimity. W. Rainsf
S. Darling, E.G.S.W.; F. Heath, pro Secretary."

"Decr. 16, 1781. Kilwinning Lodge opened in
Mason's Lodge—Br. Wm. Rainsford, P.M. of this
Resolved unanimously that no Brother belongi
admitted to the Higher Degrees from this day for
proposed by a Brother of it left on the books a
ballotted for. Resolved unanimously that from t
Mason joining Lodge 584 and desirous of being init
Degrees pay half a guinea to this Kilwinning L
his admission to Lodge 584 as a Master Mason.
Br. Todderick, and Br. Dewitt to the Sublime D
and Super-excellent. Had a lecture on those
principal instructor, and the whole ended with harm
pro E.G.M.; F. Heath, pro Sec." [Byrne an
subsequently raised to the Arch and Templar Degr

"1782. Jan. 20. Kilwinning Lodge of Emerge
a Prince Mason Knt. of the Red Cross Lodge—
Paris] in the chair—when Brs. W. Rainsford,
Heath, G. Rainsford, J. Wheeler, and Joseph Byrn
Sublime Degree of Prince Mason Knight of the
Worshipful Br. Darling was by Br. Laurent investe
of Wise Sovereign Prince Mason with all the a
Resolved that as there are many necessary ma
and furniture for the room wanting in order to
full sublimity, that no other person be made till
provided. Resolved that it appears to these memb
is of such consequence that it is absolutely impossi
can receive it till he is sufficiently grounded in al
therefore the 12th rule of this Lodge must be most
Resolved that these members do meet from time
such further regulations as are necessary and
apparatus as is wanting. Resolved that they shal
necessary for the Brethren to pay who receive
shall be appropriated to defray the Lodge the ex
in providing such necessary apparatus, etc. R
smallest acknowledgment of the grateful sense o
favour Bro. Laurent has this evening conferre
elected Honorary Member of our Kilwinning L
leaves the Kingdom that he be presented with a
Lodge. And the whole ended with peace and
Laurent, Mr.; S.P.e Emanuel Zimmerman; S.P.e
S. Darling; S.P.e Frans. Heath; S.P.e Geo. R
Wheeler; S.P.e Jos. Byrne."

"1782. Feb. 7. A Prince Mason Lodge ass
[illegible] the Worshipful in the chair. Pro

convenient agreeable to said list summoned from day to day till all are made in turn, agreeable to the 12th rule. S.P. S. Darling; S.P.e W. Rainsford, Scribe."

"1782. Feby. 10. Kilwinning Lodge open'd in form—the Worshipful in the chair. . . . A motion made that a number of our pass'd Masters hold a conference as soon as convenient with the same number of the Royal Arch Lodge, for the purpose of making both Lodges alike in this Degree. Had an ample lecture on the Royal Arch from our principal instructor. . . . S. Darling, EGM; Franco. Heath, EGJW; Thos. Todderick; W. Rainsford."

"1782. June 23. Kilwinning Lodge open'd in ample form—the Worshipful in the chair; nine members present. Were visited by Bro. Fleury from Paris. A Prince Mason Lodge open'd, when Brs. Walter Wade & J. Dillon were admitted to said Degree in ample form. . . . W. Rainsford, Scribe."

"1782. Aug. 25. Kilwinning Lodge open'd in ample form—the Worshipful in the chair; nine members present. A Royal Arch Lodge open'd, when Bro. Bates, having gone through a most satisfactory examination, a High Knight Templars Lodge was open'd and he raised to that Sublime Degree with all accustomed trials of skill and valour. . . ."

"1782. Sept. 7. A Prince Mason Lodge assembled at Bro. W. Rainsford's: present, Brs. Geo. Rainsford, Darling, Heath, Wade, Zimmerman, and W. Rainsford. As the members of this Degree find that by some mistake their original intention of admitting none to the Degree without Ballot has been omitted in all their former transactions—1 Resolve that from the date hereof no person be admitted to this Degree otherwise than by ballot; one black bean to exclude; members to vote by proxy. 2 Resolved that after such members as are now belonging to our Kilwinning Lodge are admitted, no Mason be made in this Degree unless (as well as proving his skill in Masonry) he can vouch his being three years a regular member of this or some other Lodge. 3 Resolved that after such members as are now belonging to our Kilwinning Lodge are made, no one be admitted to this Degree under the price of one guinea for those who continue members, and guineas who do not continue contributing members; that after the Lodge 584 is reimbursed the sum borrowed and expended for preparation for this Degree, all admission money for it to be made a separate fund sacred to the use of this Degree alone. Ordered that a Lodge of this Degree be summon'd for Monday night next; the several pass'd Masters belonging to the Kilwinning Lodge (as per transaction of 7th Feb.) be summoned to be made. SP.e Geo. Rainsford, W.; SPe S. Darling, PS; SPe W. Rainsford, Scribe."

"1782 Sept 9 Kilwinning Lodge open'd in due form—the Worshipful in the chair. A Knight Templars Lodge open'd. Bro John Peree having gone through the examination required by the rules, a Prince Mason Lodge opened, when he was raised to this degree." [Prince Masonry is not again alluded to in the old minute book.]

"17 Feb 1796 Kilwinning Lodge of Ireland open'd a Grand Sublime Council in ample form—the Sublime Commander, Bro. Edward Semple, in the chair, when the following brethren were raised to that degree, viz., Rt Honble James Lord Kilmaine, Hon and Rev George Brown, Alexr Jeffrey, Esq, Michael Gavan, Esq, John Spiller, Esq Sublime Council closed in harmony. Edward Semple, SGC Present of this Lodge: J Little, S Darling, Rd Darling, Jno Fowler."

"Kilwinning Lodge of Ireland, No. 1, 13 May 1796. Chapter open'd in due form. Call'd up to a Knight Templars Encampment, when Bro. George Darling of this Lodge . . . John Hunt, late of Roman Eagle were after due form and ancient usage initiated into this most sublime degree. Edward Semple, EG . . ."

(To be continued.)

This current month of October will be a busy one for our good brethren of Northampton. On Monday, the 17th, Bro. the Earl of Euston will be installed as the Rt. Wor. the Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, in succession to the Duke of Manchester, K.P. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Northampton.

On Tuesday, the 18th instant, H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, Grand Senior Warden, will lay the Foundation Stone of the Jubilee Wing of the County Infirmary; he will be supported by Grand Lodge Officers, and the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master, with the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts.

The Annual Festival of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, and the installation of its W.M., will also take place on Tuesday, at the Masonic Hall, Northampton. Bro. Rev. T. C. Beasley P.P.G. Chaplain will instal his successor, Bro. T. Emery P.P.G.D.

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BRO. BRENNAN AND BRO.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CH

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—During a quarter o taken part in many warm discussions in connec matters, and have contributed to the rectifying been wrong in rival claims to precedence and the did I experience treatment such as that to whic recently subjected the distinguished writer to w in the claim of Boston to the honour of being legitimate chartered Freemasonry in America. many friends and admirers in Scotland, and they in his veracity. I ask to be permitted to say "di of my friends and fellow labourers in the field of Brothers Woodford and Hughan, which have FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Fraternally yours,

D. MURRAY LYON,

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THE NEW PHILADELPHIA A IMMEMORIAL THEOR

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CH

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As both Bro. Jacob Brennan run pretty much in the same groove same ground is covered by both combatants, wil

In re Jacob Norton.

My excellent and worthy antagonist cannot h words with his usual good spectacles. I never tise; I merely offered suggestions as regards a of a crux. At present, as it seems to me, speak decisively, much less dogmatically. A best is to theorise, and to offer the best we suggestiveness. My remarks originally about 1732 were therefore purely based on probabilit to-day we knew what they actually did do, an 1732, our Bro. Jacob Norton's cleverness and de humbler conservative tendencies would be valueless.

It is just because we do *not* know, that we dilemma so cleverly put before us by Bro. Coxe's case we have the evidence of a Pate "user"; in Price's we have evidence of "use the Patent. Bro. Gould, as I understand his issue of both Patents, though not in the "exten Crawford. Bro. J. Norton, "au contraire," now as a fact, but starts the theory of independen as he says, with the full knowledge of Fra Patent as regards Price, but accepts a Deput

But if there was no Patent, what is the evi to open a Lodge?

Where does Bro. Jacob Norton find the e cedure?

If the evidence for the Prov. Grand Master evidence of a Lodge Warrant, or a Deputatio Lodge?

Price's whole character and statements M by the worth of his allegations.

If he is not to be believed in these, h and asseverations, he cannot be believed in Bros. Norton nor Brennan seem to me to respect of veracity and truth, they place t in, in addition to Price, in all that relates t Mastership, by absolutely denying the issue o

One great difficulty, no doubt, is the absenc ment, and in having to deal with transcr evidences; but we can hardly, as Bro. Gou over the repeated declarations from variou and documents from Boston to England, an name was so long on the Grand Lodge List a for all North America, and Grand Secretar and the memoranda he quotes.

We cannot it is true to-day explain either evidence, or the "laches" of the office disappearance of all the original documents of deliberate mendacity on a whole sequence a very uncritical and unsound method of pro

I therefore adhere to the reality of the much difficulty, as if that is untrue the precisely in the same position for legality as t assuming that the meeting in 1731 was ont see it was,) Coxe's Patent altogether.

A Boston Lodge was on the Engli undoubtedly in 1734 without date, and a

whether Lodges were legal or not, outside the organisation of 1717, is practically set aside by that simple fact.

Suppose, for instance, some Scottish Brethren landed in America, and met together as a Lodge, Mackey is quite right in saying they were not established by any previous rules or regulations.

If you take the "New Articles" of 1663 as the law, they were only binding on the Lodges which accepted them, and the visiting "St. John's Masons" of later English Lodge meetings in the three first decades of the eighteenth century are only proofs of the existence of independent and unwarranted bodies, meeting under common consent, or by the fiat perhaps of a Master Mason. I therefore go with Bro. Gould fully when he says the Freemasons in Philadelphia who met together in the early part of the eighteenth century had just as good right to meet as the brethren who met in 1716-17.

Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY.

Notes for Masonic Students.

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THE INIGO JONES MS.

A SEARCH in the British Museum Library has resulted in the discovery of no copy of Lodge's edition of Josephus Englished of 1602, but one of 1655, in which the Letter of King Hiram to Solomon, &c., is the same identically in form and setting out as that in the edtion of 1670.

Watts sets out Editions of 1602, 1609, 1655, 1670.

I am now searching elsewhere for the first two editions.

SPERO.

We shall esteem it a favour if any of our readers who may have unpledged votes for the Girls' School or Boys' School Elections will forward them to us, addressed the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

GLEANINGS.

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AN INTERESTING MASONIC RELIC.—Recently Mr. Thomas Thistle of Whitby, whileattending a sale by auction in that town, had knocked down to him, for a nominal sum, a miscellaneous lot of old manuscripts, account books, apparently of little value. Upon examination, there was discovered among the collection the original minutes of the Britannia Lodge, constituted in 1772, and held in the Plough Inn, Church Street, Whitby. This Lodge was the first Masonic fraternity established in Whitby, and was the predecessor of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, to which Mr. Thistle has kindly presented these curious and interesting minutes, which will be preserved in the archives of the Lodge as a relic of Masonry in Whitby, England, in the olden times.

THE TWO PILLARS.—In the famous pillars placed at the entrance to King Solomon's Temple, it is supposed that Solomon had reference to the Pillars of Fire and of Cloud, and was the token of the Divine Providence which was ever over his people. The pillar on the left represented the Pillar of Fire, and on the right the Pillar of Cloud. The name of the former signifies "herein is strength," alluding either to the Divine promise of succour, or to the Ark, which was in the Temple, and called the "Strength of the Lord"; and the name of the latter signifies "He will Establish," intimating God's promise to establish the Throne of David and His people Israel.—*Calcott's Candid Disquisition.*

A curious relic in the shape of a glass bowl, has just been unearthed near the "Foro Traiano," in Rome. On one side can be seen the "Square," over which is a "blazing sun," and letters "J.N." Underneath the Square are two pillars on a Mosaic pavement. The bowl is in a good state of preservation. Was it a loving cup from which our ancient Brethren pledged each other?

MASONIC RELICS IN INDEPENDENCE HALL.—Independence Hall, Philadelphia, contains many articles of Masonic as well as patriotic interest, which are well worthy of the attention of Brethren. For example: There is Washington's Masonic Apron, which was presented by Bro. Jos. T. Thomas P.M. of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, of this city; the silver ink-stand from which the Declaration of Independence was signed—which ink-stand was purchased for the Speaker's table, 22nd August 1757, from Bro. Philip Syng (Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1741), who was a noted silversmith, and whose workmanship it was; and a handsome portrait of Chief Justice Bro. William Allen (Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1731-32).

The Masonic Fraternity at Clarion, Clarion county, Pa., has purchased a lot, and will erect a fine Lodge room in the near future.

Laland, the great astronomer, was a Freemason, and the author of the article on Freemasonry in the *Encyclopedie Methodique*, which

made four visits. Total seventy-eight visits; trave
Bro. Robertson is a model District Deputy.

AN ALLEGED FEMALE MASON. — The death
announced of the Countess Helen von Hadik, to wh
sentative of the ancient Hungarian family of Ba
the Emperor of Austria, as King of Hungary, had
rights and prerogatives of a man, and who was a
initiated in the Cassoria Lodge of Freemasons, tho
was not recognised by the authorities.

The establishment of another Royal Arch Chapte
that English Freemasonry is progressing there. Th
attached to Bulwer Lodge, of Cairo, No. 1068 o
United Grand Lodge of England, and was consec
29th April, with all the pomp and ceremony con
Royal Arch, after which the Officers of the new C
installed. On the conclusion of the business of
members and Visitors adjourned to the Hotel d'A
they were entertained at dinner. A meeting of
held the following day, when the degree was con
brethren, and the members and Visitors were agai
dinner by one of the hospitable members of the ne
a very pleasant evening was again spent.—*Egyptia*

COMMENDED BY AN EMPEROR.—The Emperor F
Austria, has a minister, M. Etienne Rakorszky,
Recently a cardinal, well known for his excessive
tested to the king against his employment. The
"I well know that M. Rakorszky is a Mason, but I r
man of high capacities, great loyalty and sin
Freemasonry has a good right to be proud of him.—

General Albert Pike says: "There is no wo
outside the United States, between which and ou
very great differences, the work in Pennsylvania
the main with that in England, and widely differing
other State."

The Past Masters' Association of San Francisco is
and has one hundred and forty members, all of
W.M.'s of Lodges.

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afford to be exclusive. It will not do to assume
always the best way, and that it matters not what o
Such a spirit is unwise, and unworthy the enlighte
the institution. As the representatives annually as
Lodge, by consultation and interchange of thought
become more enlightened Masons and more worthy
the attrition, so to speak, of personal contact remo
imperfections, so that all are more polished mate
edifice; so should Grand Lodges, by close observati
proceedings, difficulties, achievements and mistak
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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, 1st OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, 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)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
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)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden T
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton R (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C.,
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wands
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street,
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, C
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's S
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (In
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner,
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsb
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Stre
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brix
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Ca
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavemen
R.A. 1365—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
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elve
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street,
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdo
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place,
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croy
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-ro
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Glouce
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Qua
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leight
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street,
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermo
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldo
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexh
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruct
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sw
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
199 —Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings,
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liv
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall,
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgat
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompt
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kir

WEDNESDAY, 5th OCT

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Sq
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., a
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, B
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Stre
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street,
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Ins
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Ch
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Ke
1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Str
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds H
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.3
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Vi
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltha
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street,
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell N
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytons

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton

274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton

363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate

471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton

1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon

1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
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.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull

1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh

1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool

R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea

R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instuction)

147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
198—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)

538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)

754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand

1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)

1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)

1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)

1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank

1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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, [illegible] Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire

295—Combermere Union, [illegible]
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham

317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.

509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Tr[ent]
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Gri[msby]
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley

976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lon[sdale]
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.

1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1283—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington

1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padih[am]
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley

1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts. at 8. (I[nstruction)]
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isl[e of Man]

R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradf[ord]
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ashton

R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 7th OCTOBER

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 165 Fleet-st
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland S[treet]
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N

507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street,
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St.,
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (I[nstruction)]

834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Ins[truction)]
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.

1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Ca[nonbury]
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Inst
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum,
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (I[nstruction)]
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (In[struction)]
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Gr[eenwich]
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.

R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C.
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manc[hester]
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.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, [illegible]
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, New[bury]

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
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.

1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, [illegible]
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, [illegible]
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, [illegible]
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street,
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Sout[hampton]
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, L[incoln]

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176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY.

INDICATIONS are now before us of the elaborate and comprehensive arrangements that are in contemplation by which to celebrate the Centenary of this noble Institution, the oldest of the three benevolent establishments connected with the Masonic Craft. It is unnecessary for us to enter into minute details as to the origin of the Institution, which has, within the hundred years ending next year, conferred such inestimable benefits upon thousands of children of deceased or indigent Freemasons, upon families suddenly bereft of the bread-winner, or who had become reduced to low ebbs of poverty by circumstances over which they had no control. The history of the Girls' School has often been written, and it is with its present and future that just now we are most concerned. Masons everywhere have failed to conceal from each other that there is a "sneaking regard" for the Girls' Institution, or it may be better put as a sentimental kind of favouritism for an organisation which makes its special aim the care, maintenance, clothing and education of our "little daughters," to shield them from the disadvantages, and perhaps dangers, to which those who have been deprived of parental supervision might otherwise have become exposed, and not only prepare them for the stern realities of after life, but to watch that life, when they leave our School, with guardian solicitude and affection. Such an object could not possibly fail to enlist the cordial co-operation and support of every right-thinking individual, and there is little cause for surprise that the R.M. Institution for Girls has become the pride and boast of our Fraternity, as it is the admiration of the world. The extensive premises at Battersea Rise, which periodically attracts the attention and inspection of so many of our brethren and their ladies, may be described, without fear of contradiction, as the finest female academy in this or any other country. The pupils there are trained to such a degree of perfection that, no matter into what grade of society they may hereafter be called to move, they are in every respect fitted to discharge their duties and responsibilities, and to display those accomplishments which may be required of them. It is but natural that the wives and lady connections of Freemasons should be drawn with peculiar force into sympathy with such a movement, and probably that may account in some measure for the predilection which so many of the Craft display in favour of "Our Girls." It is truly a great and glorious sight to witness the assemblage, either at their work or recreation, of over two hundred and fifty young girls, happy in the possession of a home where every comfort is at hand, and where they are provided with the best means of present social and intellectual enjoyment, combined with such a system of tuition that must fortify them for the battle of life, when they have to meet it, outside the walls of the School.

We fear we should be tempted into a lengthy and unnecessary eulogium of this magnificent section of the Masonic enterprise but for the knowledge that the merits of the scheme are already fully known to, and appreciated by, those who so gladly contribute to its support. But if, in the present instance, we merely glance at that

that are being devised for celebrating the C all that enthusiasm and substantial s momentous an event demands and deserve present year, as is well known, the Execu exceptional efforts, and, aided nobly by the the funds, they were enabled to mark Her Majesty's reign by admitting to the Ins applicants upon their list, without a conte laudable achievement was hailed with univer amongst the brethren, though they may re foretaste of what is to be done next year, in Centenary of the Girls' School.

It will be recollected that some time ag Committee was appointed, to consider a comprehensive scheme for the celebration of Anniversary of the existence of the Insti gentlemen, with commendable promptitude to work, and have produced a number of sug will be submitted for approval at the Qua Court to be held to-day (Saturday), a Hall. There is not a shadow of doubt that which Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the B Purposes, has given notice will be unanimou the report of the Committee adopted. It before further alluding to these resolution concise an outline as we can from the rep before us, of what is intended to be done. T as a preliminary step, requested the House draw up a scheme for uniting Lyncombe premises recently purchased into an enlarged with one general frontage, and also for an improvements in the main building whic consider necessary, and the construction o and Gymnasium. The House Committee Sub-Committee for that purpose, availing the valuable professional services gratuitousl Bros. Clutton and Hunt, architects. The s the Centenary Committee "entirely conc Sub-Committee in strongly recommending," erection on part of the present site—in a l is now known as the "Alexandra Wing," or —of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium, to b "Centenary Hall," and for the re-building of the domestic offices, with large an additions, on part of the strip of lan about two years ago. Another scheme was pro it was found that although less costly, it carried out without virtually closing the Ins considerable time, and, as the result would opinion, incomplete and unsatisfactory, the C not recommend it. According to the approve suggested that the new kitchen and domestic be built first, on the strip of land abut Comyn Road, as already referred to. This cou out and completed without disturbing the o of the Institution, which is obviously most de enlargement permitted by the removal of th offices from their present position, between the and Play Room, would give accommodation f children in the main building, and at a future

and Report is appended to the document to be considered at the Quarterly General Court to-day, and sets forth that for some time past the opinion had been gradually growing upon him (the Medical Officer) that our dormitories were inconveniently crowded. To ascertain whether this were the case or not, he has lately taken measurements of all the dormitories in both Schools. He summarises what different authorities consider to be the proper amount of cubic and superficial space for an individual, and concludes by giving calculations to show our present dormitory accommodation is deficient in floor space. Of course, this is a matter of vital importance, and although we have not hitherto heard any serious complaints as to the general health of our children, yet any alterations which will bring about an improvement in this respect deserves every consideration. It is urged that the scheme recommended would remove those defects of the present building which have arisen from the additions made from time to time; it would give separate access to all parts, thus avoiding the necessity which now exists of passing through one room to another, obviously to the interruption and disturbance of the classes at work. It will also provide "much-needed facilities for egress in case of fire." That such means of escape at a time of conflagration—from which may the G.A.O.T.U. preserve us!—are needed, is a matter which comes painfully home to us after many recent events; and, at any rate, the subject is referred to by the Sub-Committee in their report on the defective condition of the windows, which, it is recommended, should be rectified at once; and they suggest that application be made at this Court for the necessary power to carry out that object. It appears that the windows, as at present arranged, are set in fixed iron frames, no part of which can be opened sufficiently wide to admit of the escape of a child, much less an adult! It is no wonder, therefore, the Committee recommend that the whole of the windows of the Institution be inspected, with a view to meet this difficulty. We should think so, too; and many of the brethren will share with us surprise that the "difficulty" has been allowed to be so long overlooked.

Probably, that which will be regarded by a majority of the subscribers as important is the provision of a Drill Hall and Gymnasium, an adjunct highly desirable to all public institutions, and especially to a ladies academy like that now under consideration. For years past this has been a felt want at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the present hall, not giving room, during calisthenic exercise, for more than about 160 children. Those who have witnessed the interesting evolutions at our School will be unanimous in their approval of any means by which the physical health and muscular development of our pupils may be improved, and to no better use could the "Centenary Hall" be devoted.

Should the report be carried, as there is every reason to believe it will be, the present Junior School and the two houses adjoining will be made into one large Junior School, with communications, &c., in accordance with plans prepared by Bros. Clutton and Hunt. By this scheme a large extra school-room, dining-room, play-room with lockers, extra dormitories to accommodate about thirty-five more children, greatly improved kitchen arrangements, enlarged lavatories, baths, bed-rooms for extra staff, will be obtained, at an approximate cost of under two thousand pounds, which includes drainage, water supply, ventilation, &c. This the sub-Committee recommend should be carried out at once, and Bro. Fenn will this afternoon move that the scheme be referred to the House Committee to carry out, at a cost not exceeding two thousand pounds.

The larger portion of the scheme (marked B on the plans), and which is recommended by the Committee, is for the removal of the whole of the domestic offices to a convenient building on the new ground lately purchased by the Institution, and bounded by the public road. The new building will contain :—

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If he excels Bro. Doctor Oliver, as we may fairly admit he does, in his marshalling of facts and his critical use of authorities, it is more than doubtful if he be in any respects equal to the good old Doctor in his knowledge and application of Masonic law.

Mackey, therefore, lucid and able as he is, cannot be deemed to be infallible, and his codification of the Landmarks, though interesting and ingenious, cannot be accepted, (outside America), as of determinate or binding authority in any respect. Indeed, it is very difficult to say, despite modern amplifications of the words, what Anderson originally meant by the term "Old Landmarks," for he was the first Masonic writer to use it, in 1723, as reproducing and commenting on the Charges, &c., of 1722.

In all probability, however, much as his terminology has been extended, he only then meant, what we may fairly term to-day, certain distinctive conditions of Freemasonry proper, which constitute the difference and severance between Freemasons and the popular world *not* Freemasons; and then, further, it is still more difficult for any of us to say what a supreme and sovereign Grand Lodge can or cannot do, even as regards these so-called Landmarks; what changes it may or may not effect; what alteration in this or that it may or may not ordain.

Certain it is that since Anderson penned these words in 1723 several changes, alterations, additions, subtractions have been duly made by the Grand Lodge of England, in G. Lodge assembled, and in what we should certainly suppose Anderson included in his term "Landmarks" in 1723.

The question of the well-known Hiram Lodge in America at this moment is a case in point. This Lodge complains that what it deems to be a "landmark" has been altered by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge affirms its right and power to do so, and calls on the Hiram Lodge to obey its alteration. Hiram Lodge refuses obedience, on the ground of a "landmark" being unalterable. We do not quite see clearly yet whether the Lodge denies any power by Grand Lodge of alteration at all, but only we fancy that such alteration *must* take place, if it takes place, by *unanimous* consent of Lodges under that Grand Lodge. Bro. Brennan's argument that because Mackey, on his sole "ipse dixit," places certain tokens and necessities of modern Lodge life and usage outside the Revival of 1717, and the laws and regulations thence emanating, first actually promulgated in any form publicly in 1723, therefore all Lodges outside the 1722-23 rules are illegal, seems to us, we humbly confess, to be so far-fetched and involved, as to be practically a pure "reductio ad absurdum."

Indeed, if anything, the argument, if it can be called an argument at all, if in fact any superstructure can be raised on Mackey's words, is really and truly, as we say, "the other way on." The Lodge at Philadelphia in 1730, or earlier, was just as legal as the Grand Lodge of York in 1704, as the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, as the Lodge of Antiquity, which has no warrant, and apparently never had one.

Of all the amusing arguments, alleged or fictitious, which this vexed question of Philadelphian Freemasonry has educed, this to us is the most original, as it is the most absurd. We can hardly suppose that Bro. Brennan is in earnest in using it, and we therefore are inclined to believe that he means it as a good joke, as good honest Masonic chaff for us in this "worn out" old country.

A great deal of nonsense, as Bro. Jacob Norton once said truly, has been written and spoken about the old "Landmarks."

They are often used as a sort of "Bogey" to frighten naughty "children of the widow," and to discountenance audacious student-inquirers and sceptics.

There are undoubtedly "Landmarks and Landmarks," and we quite agree with Bro. Parvin, while some are really old and never to be given up, there are several very modern in ide[illegible]verbiage which may at once be cheer-

point his "moral" or "adorn" his
really must be so very kind as to
the "Landmarks" actually are, which he
honestly, and Masonically believes in. Th
issue. But until then, the contest is o
asserts and we deny. He proclaims an infa
and that we absolutely reject. We know to-
authority or declaration to guide us safely
We can indeed gather for ourselves certain
from a careful study of our Old Charges, &c
son first published in 1723, and which appe
"Landmarks," but with Bro. Parvin, "wit
of a few, very few, universally recognize
which we, too, can "heartily give our asse
like to have a list of those, which without
everywhere admitted to be Masonically bin
olable.

The General Committee of the Royal
tion for Boys met at Freemasons' Hall, o
Bro. J. Joyce Murray in the chair. Othe
Bros. W. Roebuck, J. L. Mather, Dr. Ram
C. F. Hogard, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Ma
H. Venn, H. Massey, Stephen Richardso
C. H. Webb, W. H. Burgess, A. E. Gladwe
W. A. Scurrah, R. Berridge, H. Hacker, S
Edgar Bowyer, R. J. Taylor, W. M. Stile
G. Treas., G. P. Gillard, G. Mickley, and
retary). After the reading and confi
minutes of the August meeting, and the
minutes of House Committee for informat
dates were placed on the list for the Ap
A grant of £11 was made to one ex-pupil
tion, and the Secretary reported that h
through the Grand Secretary, a cheq
as the Boys' School proportion of the
mission to the Jubilee Celebration at the R
on the 13th June. He also reported that
sum into the bank, placing £1,650 to t
Building Fund, and £457 to the credit of
Fund. The agenda paper for the Quar
Monday, the 10th instant, was read, and i
recommend that 12 boys instead of 11 sh
into the School. The Secretary was dire
through the Grand Secretary, a letter of
cheque for £2,107. A vote of thanks to
the day closed the proceedings.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial
Middlesex has been pleased to confer Past
on the undermentioned brethren, in comme
Majesty's Jubilee:—

Bros. H. W. Roberts P.M. 1298	...	Junio
E. A. Hughes P.M. 1494	...	Regist
Colonel G. B. Clark P.M. 1871	...	
J. E. Fenn P.M. 778	...	Deaco
W. H. Lee P.M. 1897 ...	...	
Wm. Dodd P.M. 1194 ...	...	
J. M. Rudd P.M. 1579 ...	...	Direct
J. Woodmason P.M. 1637...	...	
W. C. Crick P.M. 1460 ...	...	Stand
H. J. Jones P.M. 1572 ...	...	

The Festival of the Hampshire and
Masonic Educational and Benevolent Inst
to take place at Southampton, on Monday
will be preceded by a Special Provincial G
which the R.W. Provincial Grand Master
Beach, M.P.) has signified his intention
number of Past Provincial Grand Officers,
memorate the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reig

A very pleasant meeting was held at
Lodge, No. 2082, on Tuesday last Th
attendance of members, and neighbour

By Bro. Jno. Lane.

"IN all labour there is profit;" so wrote the wise and Royal Solomon, but the labourer does not always obtain the reward of his toil. It often happens that one sows and another reaps. But the king's wise proverb has received confirmation now that Bro. Norton has opened his eyes to see the light, and consequently I already realise some of that reward which sweetens labour, for my endeavour to convince our Brother that my statements were founded on truth has had some success. We may reasonably hope that further thought and closer examination will result in a yet clearer perception of the facts, and of the natural and legitimate inferences to be drawn from them; and, if so, my labour will not have been without reward.

I wish, however, that Bro. Norton would clearly understand that in no way whatever do I claim any *infallibility*. I am too conscious of the many difficulties inseparable from the subject under discussion, as well as of my own shortcomings, to venture on such an injudicious course; and whilst having had occasion to point out the mistakes of others, I have never concealed from myself the possibility of others exercising a similar duty in regard to myself. But in the instances cited in the Freemason's Chronicle, of 1st October, Bro. Norton does me an injustice, his statement being alike ungenerous and unfair. When I found that possibly some persons might be misled by the date "1731" in my "Masonic Records," I *at once* wrote to the *Freemason* (15th January 1887) explaining that such date "did not appear in the Dublin List of 1735," and this I repeated in the Chronicle of 16th July last, adding there that I adhered to that date still, and this I reiterate to-day as being the year of origin of the first No. 79.

In relation to Bro. Norton's italicised quotation, in which he makes me say that the Lodge No. 77 "paid £2 2s to procure the Warrant No. 77, following the procedure of the Ancients," I prefer to be quoted correctly; my statement is, "paid £2 2s to purchase the *Vacant* No. 77, in 1768, following the procedure of the Ancients." The *Warrant* was not sold or purchased, but only the position and number of the extinct Lodge; and it should be plain, even to Bro. Norton, that my statement could only mean the *regular*, recognised and general course of procedure, and not an *exceptional* and, perhaps somewhat irregular, mode of action. Now, after the first and only closing up of their numbers, on 27th December 1752, it was the invariable and uniform practice of the Ancients to issue the numbers of old Warrants, either to existing or to such new Lodges as might require them, on payment of a sum of money; and this I call their "procedure." On the other hand, such was not the practice of the Moderns, whose *modus operandi* was to cancel the Warrants that had ceased to exist or were erased, and periodically to close up the numbers, and this I designate their mode of procedure; and, although there were exceptions to this rule, which have been pointed out over and over again, yet they cannot, by any reasonable use of language, be made to indicate that such exceptional treatment was general, or entitled to be considered the "procedure" of the Modern Grand Lodge It is refreshing, however, now to find Bro. Norton practically admitting that the evidences I have adduced have convinced him that what in the earlier part of the year he alleged the Grand Lodge never did, and which he stated he could not see and did not believe, are now become clear to his mind, and are accepted as veritable facts. So, recognising gratefully Bro. Norton's admission of his mistakes, and his implied appreciation of the value of the new light and knowledge, I pass on to his concluding question.

"The question is, how does Bro. Lane know that No 79 (the third Lodge constituted in 1731, as attested by an original record of that year in Freemasons' Hall) was not constituted in 1731 at the Castle in Highgate?"

as they were returned in the year
copied in the Grand Lodge Minu
(*Freemason*, 19th March 1887), as I
have dealt fully and at some length
only here reiterate my conclusion, bas
the list itself, that "the List was co
year 1731, and that it received additi
down to the end of 1732." This being
relied on at all for any satisfactory sol
for although the List undoubtedly c
No. 79, "Castle in Highgate," yet,
I have elsewhere furnished, it is ver
entry was not made until 1732.

If Bro. Norton would come over a
the List and Records, I feel confide
vinced that the List, so entered in th
which has been erroneously termed a
transcript of another list which had
1731 (not 1730), when Lord Lovell
and which after repeated alteration
finally copied into the blank leaves of
then discarded for the new "Large F
by the Duke of Norfolk, and whic
commences in May 1731. And ha
Freemason referred to, that the evid
List itself fully justifies the conclusio
on to the remainder of Bro. Norton's

The question he propounds (omitti
parenthesis) is, "How do I know th
constituted in 1731 at the Castle in H
I reply, that *absolute* knowledge on
the paucity of evidence, practicall
must therefore make the best use of th

In the Freemason's Chronicle of
I gave at some length my reasons for
at the Castle in Highgate to have bee
and to make my argument clear I rep
ments in reference to No. 79, viz.:

"(A) That the Lodge, *wherever*
located, that was originally warranted
for some cause or other disappeared
gether in 1732.

"(B) That late in the year 1732,
blank, a new Lodge was constitute
Highgate, to which the original No. 7
which I distinguish as 79*b*."

I based these *inferences* on the fact
the Warrant of No. 79 by the Lod
Highgate, was not made until 21st N
is the date of its first and *only* appea
the Grand Lodge Minutes. To say
would have been permitted to have s
and *without making any attendance*
about a year and a half, is to assume
the facts in relation to other Lodges.
on record, so far as I am aware, to jus
Usually, the Warrants were paid fo
date or within a brief period thereaf
not unaware that in the case of No. 7
1730, the Warrant was not paid fo
1731, and in the case of No. 77, date
the Warrant was not paid for until
same year, but in both these insta
registered as having attended Gra
several intervals,—in the first case
15th December 1730, as well as on t
its day of payment; and in the
January and 17th March 1731, as
December in the same year, when it pa
Now, it is a singular fact that in the
at Highgate," there is no mention of
21st November 1732, when it atter
paid for its Warrant, and like a met
a brief season, and then vanishes
never afterwards find any trace or
this Lodge No. 79, at the Castle in

Lodge Minute Book, viz.:

Thos. Moore Esq. Mar.
Mr. Thos. Crawford.
Dr. Philip Chandler.
Alexr. Chooke.
Nathanl. Blackerby.
James Smythe.
John Pollexen.
} Esqrs.
John Bridges.
Mr. Edwd. Price.
Mr. Humph. Primate.
Mr. John Plumert.
Mr. Henry Stonestreet.
Mr. Thos. Jeffreys.
Mr. Thos. Clypperton.
Mr. Rich. Bushby.
Claude Crespigny, Esq.
Vinall Taverner, Esq.
Shearwood, Esq.
Fage, Esq.
Mr. Richd. Baugh.
Mr. Harry Malthoe.
Mr. Joshua Lewis.
Dr. Colton.
John Pawlett, Esq.
Mr. Lester King.
Mr. Peter Wright.

Out of these twenty-six names I have traced 19 or 20 as members of other Lodges, and probably if all the Lists were complete (thirteen London Lodges being without member's names), the whole of them might be found to have had least a dual membership.

In the List of 1731-32, already alluded to, and from which the foregoing is extracted, Thos. Moore appears as a member of Nos. 64, 69, and 74; he was a Grand Steward in 1731. Thos. Crawford was a member of No. 63. Dr. Philip Chandler was a member of No. 19. Alexr. Chooke was a member of Nos. 5 and 62 in 1725 [neither of these Lodges have members registered in 1731-2], and was G.W. in 1726, and D.G.M. in 1727. Nathanl. Blackerby was also a member of No. 5 in 1725, G.W. in 1727, D.G.M. in 1728-30, and Grand Treasurer 1730-37. James Smythe was a Warden of No. 74 and member of No. 63, being *described in the List of members of that Lodge as Grand Warden.* [As he was not appointed Grand Warden until 19th April 1732, this supplies *additional* evidence that this portion of the list was not compiled until after April 1732]. John Pollexen [or Pollexfen] was a member of Nos. 64, 69 and 74, and was a Grand Steward in 1733. John Bridges was a member of No. 63 and Master of No. 74. Edwd. Price was Warden of No. 19 and member of No. 40. Humph. Primate was member of Nos. 19 and 53, and Master of No. 61. John Plumert [Plymert or Pluymert] was Warden of No. 19 and member of Nos. 53 and 61. Henry Stonestreet was member of Nos. 19 and 61. Thos. Jeffreys was Master of No. 19 and member of No. 40. He was also Grand Steward in 1737 and G.W. 1747-51. Claude Crespigny was Master of No. 8 and member of No. 63; also Grand Steward in 1732. Vinall Taverner was member of No. 63, and Warden of No. 74; also Grand Steward in 1732. Shearwood Esq. may be Brownlo Sherrard Esq., a member of No. 64. Fage Esq. is doubtless George Fage Esq., Master of No. 69. Richd. Baugh was member of Nos. 41 and 63, and Grand Steward in 1733. Harry Malthoe was member of Nos. 64 and 69 (in the latter as Harry Walthoe), and Joshua Lewis was Warden of No. 69.

Thus we have the Master of No. 8, the Master and both Wardens of No. 19, the Master of No. 61, the Master and one Warden of No. 69, and the Master and both Wardens of No. 74 as members of this No. 79, "Castle at Highgate," at the same period.

From the foregoing evidences I have no hesitation in stating my conviction that there could have been no necessity or cause for the non-payment for a Warrant of Constitution in 1731, if it was then applied for and granted. These men whose names I have cited, were most of them of good social position, and were not at all likely to run into arrear with Grand Lodge; neither is it reasonable to suppose that a Lodge composed of such members would not have been duly and adequately represented at the Grand Lodge meetings, according to the Regulations,

environments of this Lodge were ex
unique, and so, having referred to all th
obtainable, and having given to it a ca
and my best consideration, I am strengt
already expressed that there was a Lod
to this Lodge at the Castle at Highgat
Highgate, for the reasons and on the g
stated, I conclude was not constituted th

Further regret at the absence of c
information is unavailing. We must b
facts as are ascertained and capable of
the best of my ability I have given all
concealment or reservation. On them
opinions are based. If they are acceptab
well and good. If not, let him estima
they are worth. I have now done with
quite content to let time, with its unfo
clouds of error by making manifest the
veritas, et prævalebit.

TORQUAY, 7th October 1887.

MASONIC SOCIALI

WE take up our pen to-day to ca
subject, confessedly one of the
delicate which Masonic "litterateurs" ca
or handle; namely, the alleged too great
our social circles, objectionable as it is
every ground, whether of expediency
gations.

We stated at the outset that this is
difficult and delicate of questions, and it
lowing reasons:—

We impinge when we attempt to inte
subject matter which is altogether beyo
inasmuch as it is admittedly within the ri
of each Lodge alone, to settle and arrang
its own sense of its dignity, its comfo
venience.

It is doubtful whether any one outsid
Lodge has a "locus standi" to express a
even claim a hearing on a matter in whic
concern.

In the next place, we are trenching not
prerogative of others, as we have just
approaching a most delicate and vexed qu
tastes, particular ideas, particular views of

Now, as we all know, in such matters
and seem to agree to differ widely here.
for uniformity of taste, opinion, or habits
cerning which no objective standard of u
practice prevails, especially when we hav
requirements, the arrangements, the pr
social circle. What suits one body of men
accords with the tastes of another; wh
one little assembly, often as directly diss
What is in truth the "beau ideal" of
social gathering, is openly disapproved of
even what one good Lodge loudly praise
cibly condemns.

It is also, as we know full well from
impossible to affect to lay down a
"minimum" on all these things, since th
governed more by passing fancies and pre
tastes or idea, than by any thing else in t

In such personal and material concern
appeal to precedent or lay down sumptua
all of us in such things seem but to echo
going philosophy of the hour, which appe
with what we have to deal with, what we

"To-day is *alone* our own."

Now there are several views of what M
entails and demands, which we may do
realize.

There are those for instance who take a

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tion and demand abnormal treatment. They look forward to these meetings as to something rare and uncommon, and advocate the most enlarged views as to minute details and general expenditure.

There are those, on the other hand, who think, or say they think, which is all one, that all that is superfluous or excessive, and beyond what is strictly necessary in our "feasts of reason and flow of soul," should be restricted and curtailed, in order, as they put it, that a larger margin may remain, whether for Lodge æstheticism or charitable endeavour. While a third section there is of reformers, which objects to the Lodge funds being diverted in any way from strictly Lodge purposes, and would introduce a new system in the Metropolis, though long prevailing in the Provinces, by which the expenses should be borne in common by all who are present, as the occasion serves, and as each social assembly or little Parliament is holden.

We have thus three views before us, often propounded and often discussed just now, which there can be no unseasonableness or unsuitability in thoroughly considering.

If the last idea is to prevail, which has a great many warm adherents and supporters as to our social regulations having many claims to friendly consideration, we must bear in mind, (which some of us in our zeal are apt to forget), that our normal arrangements in the metropolis will have to be altered altogether, and a new "programme" will have to be introduced, which, perhaps, more in accordance, it is true, with older habits and a rougher state of things generally, may grate on the tastes and tendencies of contemporary Freemasonry, all pointing, as they are undoubtedly more and more, to the notions, the claims, the "fads" if you like, of refined habits and civilising æstheticism. We should bear in mind that all such changes will necessarily involve further changes, and will probably introduce inconveniences and incongruities which may not commend themselves, whether to modern tastes or old-fashioned habits. The Metropolitan system, on the other hand, so much and so long in vogue, aims at great simplicity of arrangement, the avoidance of any petty details as connected with the habits of a mere "symposium" in some friendly "hostel," and seeks to promote the general comfort and convenience of all present, even though it be admittedly somewhat expensive and exclusive in its mechanism and normal details. It may be doubted whether any other system will suit the great mass of our Metropolitan brethren better, or tend more to social harmony, good fellowship, and genial hospitality.

As a rule, we must keep before us the fact, in considering this matter, that our brethren hurry to their Lodge from Court or office, from business and duties of various kinds. They are weary, and want rest and refreshment. They are not disposed, after a hard day's work, for much serious thought or discussion of any kind.

They come to amuse and to be amused, to please and be pleased.

The normal Lodge work, the normal comfortable dinner, some strains of harmony, some pleasant chat, an agreeable "rencontre" with old mates and new associates, some short and crisp speeches, and they then depart, content with themselves, and content with one another.

More than this they deprecate; less than this they will hardly be content with.

But here we pause to-day. There are one or two other subsidiary points which will require consideration before we dismiss the subject, and to these we shall hope to return in an early issue.

In the meantime, not in any sense wishful to seem to "preach," or affect to "lay down the law" in any form whatever, very far from it, we commend our remarks to the thoughtful appreciation of our kindly readers.

Holloway's Pills.—With changing temperatures, the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent, unless the cause of

LODGE OF JOPPA,

THE first meeting of the season was held Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen St Bro. L. Wall, presided, supported by Bros. Isaac Botibol J.W., Gardner S.D., Coon S. J. Rocco Chaplain, P. E. Van Noorden also present Past Masters Spiegel, M. Alexand L. Lazarus (Sec.), L. Myers, Dodson, Ro Burnstein, Harward, Blaiberg, Weigel, H. Davies, S. N. Lyons, Saqui, Isaac, T G. Pluckrose, Lack, Joseph Joseph, Jacques CHRONICLE). Visitors: Bros. J. Pardoe P.M P.M. 1471, H. Beadell P.M. 1880, B. Ramc The Lodge was opened punctually at five o'clo form, and the minutes of the previous meetin firmed. The W.M., Bro. L. Wall, then initia and passed Bros. Pluckrose and Chamber Bros. Ansell, Cohen, Onken and Waller. The most impressively performed; indeed, it would more—the W.M. has certainly filled his Bro. Lazarus P.M. proposed that the Brethren have the privilege of introducing a lady to This was unanimously agreed to, and the dat meetings to be decided on a future occasion. Bro. Martin P.M., tendering his resignation, c This announcement was received with regr business had been disposed of, the W.M. recei from the Visitors, and Lodge was closed in du now adjourned to the dining-room, where a ca provided, under the supervision of Bro. M. Sil W.M. proposed the customary toasts. The l proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Dewsnap, and to. After a song, the toast of the Past M W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate, wh his cordial reception. Later on, the health of and to this Bros. Pardoe, Shurmur, Beac suitable reply. Capital songs were given by under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorde Miss Florence Lane Fox, Mr. Percy Palmer Noorden (pianist). During the banquet Bro a few "extra" pounds for a distressed temporarily assisted during the evening from

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KINGSLAND LODGE,

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was h inst., at the Railway Hotel, Highbury, Bro. R. P. Forge W.M., who was support members and Visitors. The Lodge having minutes confirmed, the Auditors' report was approval of the Lodge. Lodge having b Sheldrake, T. J. Paine and J. F. Hammond w Sproston was ballotted for, and the res his favour, he, with Mr. Elliott, was init resumed to the second degree, and Bro. G. was presented. He was duly installed by B this ceremony and the two which preced The following brethren were invested as S.W., Mayer J.W., A. W. Fenner P.M. Holden J.D. Atterton I.G., Whittell D.C., Hazell Stewards, and Bowley Tyler. Br Treasurer elect of the Lodge, was unfort attending, so that his investiture was pos again brought into requisition, this time Holder and Mr. J. Samuel Sheen, candidate case the result was unanimous, and the attendance, they were initiated in anc followed, at which Bro. Snook, the new presided. The customary toasts were p songs, &c. The Visitors were: Bros. W. Wright Organist 1897, D. M. Murrow J. Osborn P.M. 1612, R. W. Galer W.M. 1 C. Townley 2190, J. Jones 1278, E. Wood Middlesex, E. A. Beer 1471, S. Rashleigh R. B. Harding D.C. 1471, A. Coombes P.P.G.R. Middlesex, W. F. Wingham 13 A. Job 1471, C. Ross 1604, C. Dearing J.W

EBORACUM LODGE,

AN Emergency Meeting of this Lodge Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the of giving a Masonic welcome to M.W J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, ancient metropolis of the North. The Lo were present the following brethren and W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cum P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., W. B. Dyson

presence of so distinguished a Mason from America, and also at the number of members present from the Senior Sister Lodge at York. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. then gave an address, which he called "A Masonic Walk through York," in which he noticed the various houses of public entertainment in which the several Lodges held in York had held their meetings from the earliest recorded times, with current remarks on the various leaders of the Craft connected with the several bodies, and other matters pertinent to the subject, and he received the thanks of the Lodge for his interesting remarks. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the Lodge was closed, after which the Eboracums entertained their visitors at supper, and a very pleasant evening was passed, in the course of which the health of Bro. T. J. Shryock was most heartily drunk, and he made a most eloquent response, expressing his pleasure at finding himself amongst the Masons of the mother city of the Craft in the world. He also referred at length to the mission of Freemasonry in thus bringing together in close companionship members of many races and orders of society, and conducing to the formation of permanent bonds of brotherly love, which would do much to cement the friendship of nations and to destroy those international jealousies which had been responsible for much of the strife that had torn and divided the world in past ages. A most agreeable evening was spent in Masonic converse. Amongst the letters read during the evening was one from Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, speaking in the most cordial terms of Bro. Shryock and his Masonic services.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—On Monday, 3rd October, at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Bros. Featherstone W.M., Bugler S.W., Thompson J.W., Bond Treas., Grundy Sec., Radcliffe J.D., Radford D.C., Recknell I.G., Past Master Bro. Carter, Bros. Murnane, Spooner and Langley. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. The W.M. proposed working the third ceremony. Bro. Murnane offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony was duly rehearsed. The bye-laws were read. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were taken as read. Bros. Bond and Grundy were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively; Bros. Radford, Bugler and Langley were elected Auditors, and after hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 3rd October, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Snook W.M., Casely S.W., Oldis J.W., Stretch S.D., Hazel J.D., Spalding I.G., Collingridge Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and after preliminary work, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hammond candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Snook then practised the investiture of Officers of a Lodge. Bro. Spalding 1693 was elected a member. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday, 10th October, when Bro. Casely will preside.

Queen's Westminster and Marylebone Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly. Bros. E. D. Cox W.M., Fox S.W., Greenway J.W., C. P. Bellerby Secretary, J. R. Harnell S.D., Raymond J.D., W. Bellerby I.G., W. Cleghorn P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Woodruff P.M., Gunzell, E. H. Bellerby, R. J. Harnell jun., F. Smith, Parker, Reid, Fenelon, Harrington, Gedding, Artaud, Mundell, Ealey, Grassi, Rowe, Beaufort, Walters. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened to the third degree. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. B. H. Cleghorn. Lodge resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Fenelon offered himself as candidate to be raised; he was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The third section of the lecture was worked by Brother Cleghorn. Later on Bros. Beaufort W.M. 21, Harrington 1563, and Fenelon were elected members, Bro. Fox was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Cox for his able working as W.M., for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed. Brethren are invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction, which is under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Cleghorn P.M. 1289.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A meeting of the Educational and General Purposes Committee was held on Friday, 30th ult., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth. Bro. F. B. Westlake presided. The business was to receive applications from candidates, and to place such as were eligible on the list for the election in October; also to make necessary arrangements for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 25th October, when two children will be elected on the Fund. There was one candidate already on the list, a girl 7¾ years of age, the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge Charity, 223, Plymouth—votes brought forward, 251. Three new candidates were placed on the list—a girl, 6 years of age, both parents dead; her father was a member of Lodge St. Maurice, 1855, Plymouth; a girl, 10 years of age, the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge St. George, 112, Exeter; a girl, 8½ years of age, the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge Salem, 1445,

THE regular convocation of this steadily-increasful Chapter was held at the Abercorn H September, and was well attended. Four cand accepted on the ballot for exaltation, but one only the remainder will doubtless (with others who present at an emergency meeting, which, it is expe during the winter months. The Chapter was we Ex-Comp. J. Tickle M.E.Z., Comp. Bentley Comp. Dr. Rogers J.; Comps. C. Veal S.E., R. H C. H. Webb P.Z. as P.S., Jas S. Fraser P.Z., F. J. Best Second Assist. Soj., D. H. Jacobs P.Z. 619 and W. Wilson. Visitors: Comps. R. H. Pear 1196, B. T. Fountain P.Z. 948, J. Vincent P.Z. J. 1212, W. Wingham 25, H. Sprake 813, J. S. Brooks P.Z. 975 and M.E.Z. 95. The Chapter w form at 4·35, and after the minutes of the prev been duly confirmed, the chair of M.E.Z. was tak Brown P.Z., who, with the assistance of his Officer W. T. Buck P.M. of the Sub Urban Lodge, 1702, Royal Arch Mason. The ceremony was admirably new Companion may congratulate himself on see ceremony so ably carried out, in all its branches resuming the chair, a notice of motion by Comp. J the installation meeting be in future held in Sept July," was discussed, but its final consideration w the next meeting, that absent Companions migh tunity of being present. Various matters having and hearty good wishes duly tendered by the Visito closed with solemn prayer at 6·30. The Comp enjoyed a substantial dinner, ably presided over by gave the accustomed toasts with his usual abi feature was given to the toast of the Visitors, wh are accorded a hearty welcome at Stanmore. On they each complimented the Chapter on its effic fully confirmed the high encomiums passed by Sir K the last Provincial Grand Chapter, which was h Several Companions enlivened the evening with h the health of the Principals, Past Principals, Janitor's toast, a very agreeable evening was close

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTO

A CHAPTER of this Preceptory was held at St. Saviourgate, York, on Tuesday, the 27 there were present Fratres W. H. Cowper E.P., V ble, J. T. Seller Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. McGachen Sub Marshal, William Watson Captain Marshall P., George Simpson P., W. Lawton P., a lent Fratre T. J. Shryock Past Commander Beau more, U.S.A., was present, and received a hearty Fratres. A ballot having been taken for Compani 1611, that brother was received into the Order, th performed by Fratre T. B. Whytehead P. A numb read from Fratres expressing regret at non-atten cluded Fratres C. J. Banister Provincial Prior W. J. Hughan, C. Fendelow Provincial Prior Sc Cochrane Captain of Guards, W. H. Brittain, V Atherton, G. P. Brockbank, W. Rowley, J. Barker, others. After the close of the Chapter, the Fr refectory, and enjoyed a well-cooked supper an evening.

ROYAL VETERAN ENCAMPM

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Knights Te the 30th ult., at the Huyshe Temple, P William Trevenna presided. During the evening, Provincial Prior, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Encampment a handsome oil painting, repre Templar taking the oath, time of Richard I." elegant gilt frame bears the following inscription the Royal Veterans' Encampment, No. 10, by the the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st Degree, Very E Grand Prior of Devonshire, 30th September 1887." present was thankfully received, and a vote of t him, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. ordered to be hung on the walls of the Encampmen painted by H. Lynn.

THE TRUTHS OF MASONRY.—There is no controv be any, concerning the grand truths of Freem discussion can arise concerning the real tenets brotherly love, relief and truth—the "broad ma charity" may be sneered at, defiled with unholy h on with unholy feet; and over such desecration of divine substance the true Mason may deeply concerning that he will enter upon no controversy.

THE KIND TO BLACKBALL.—A narrow minded out of place in a Masonic Lodge as a butcher bird We warn our brethren to look well before they l

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS,

Grand Patron and President:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,

ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY 1888,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,800.

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B.
Secretary.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

FOUNDED 1788.
CENTENARY CELEBRATION 1888.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

LILY MARTIN,

(AGED 8 YEARS),

Daughter of the late Sergeant-Major Martin (late 10th Hussars and Cavalry Depot, Canterbury). He was initiated in the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, in February 1878, and continued a subscribing member until his decease, which took place after a few days' illness (pneumonia) on the 10th April 1887. He has left a widow and 5 children totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, and

*Bro. E. G. WILTSHIER P.M. 31 1449 P.P G.S.W. Canterbury.
*Bro. E. BEER P.M. 972 1449 P.P.G.D. Canterbury.
*Bro. W. CARTER P.M. 1449 P.P.G.Std.B., Barracks, Canterbury.
*Bro. H. T. NAYLOR P.M. 1449 P.P.G.S.B., Barracks, Canterbury.
*Bro. T. H. BLAMIRES P.M. 1449, 9 St. George's Terrace, Canterbury.
*Bro. E. COCKERSELL P.M. 1449 Canterbury.
*Bro. J. COWPER P.M. 503 Canterbury.

* *By whom Proxies will be thankfully received.*

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of
scribers of this Institution will be held in
Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fi
8th October 1887, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on
Institution, to receive and consider Reports and
and to Elect 15 or (in the event of the undermen
16 girls into the School from a List of 30 approve
will commence at One o'Clock, or after the usual

REPORTS.

Report of Committee, *Re* Alteration in Date of E

Report of Centenary Committee, approved a
Committee with the recommendation "That the
for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution

NOTICES OF MOTION

On the presentation of the Report of the Cente
and recommended by the General Committee, b
Board of G.P., Vice-Patron:—

1. "That the Report be received."
2. "That Scheme A be adopted, and be refer
carry out at a cost not exceeding £3,0
3. "That Scheme B be approved, and that
earnestly solicited to furnish the neces
Centenary Festival to enable this Sc
effect."
4. "That the windows of the Institution be
view to the provision of a means of eg
5. "That in addition to the Premium Votes c
24, every Steward at the Centenary
Premium Votes in proportion to his
viz.:—Two in consideration of the fi
every Five Guineas beyond that sum."
6. "That for the purposes of the Centenary F
suspended, and that in lieu of the "
under, every Steward at this Festiv
Premium Votes for every Twenty Gu
List."
7. "That in the case of Annual Subscription
Steward at the Centenary Festival, an
less than 12 months, the complet
subscribed shall entitle the contribut
donation of £5 5s, paid in one sum,
received Votes as an Annual Subscrib
8. "That the 'Centenary' Premium Votes be
printed List of Subscribers."
9. "That application be made for permission
as a Centenary jewel in perpetuity, an
selected for the occasion, to be subm
approved of by the M.W. The Grand

BY BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron:—
"That in consequence of the death of Fi
Vacancy be declared for this Election,

F.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.
1st October 1887.

Royal Masonic Institu

WOOD GREEN, LO

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE Q

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT
AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THIS INSTI
Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen
London, on Monday, the 10th day of October 18
ordinary business of the Institution:—

To receive a Report from the Joint Committe
sider the advisability of alteration in the dates
Election of Boys.

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By W. Bro. JOYCE MURRAY, V.-Patron, on beh
"That an additional vacancy be declared,
of an additional candidate, at the Quar
ber 1887."

To Elect Eleven, or—should the Notice of
be adopted—Twelve boys, from a List of Fifty
by the General Committee.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at no

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open a
General Business of the Court shall have termi
o'clock precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
1st October 1887.

THE NINETIETTH ANNIVER

WILL BE HELD

ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH

VISCOUNT EBRI

R.W. Provincial Grand Maste
in the Chair.

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THE Special Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge for the Installation of

BRO. the EARL OF EUSTON as RT. WOR. PROV. GRAND MASTER,

Will take place at the Town Hall, Northampton,

ON MONDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 1887.

The ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Right Worshipful General J. S. BROWNRIGG, C.B., Prov. Grand Master of Surrey; assisted by several Grand Lodge Officers. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at Two o'Clock.

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THE FREEMASONS CHRONICLE

THE IRISH DAUGHTER LODGE OF MOTHER KILWINNING.

A CENTRE OF THE HIGH DEGREES IN IRELAND.

From unpublished Notes on Mother Kilwinning, by D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Scotland.

(Continued from page 218).

"Thursday, May 22d, 1800. Present: J. Fowler, M., G. Darling, Br. Tighe, Br. Damoulin, Br. Waters, Jones, Richrd. M'Cowan, John M'Cowan, Br. D. Heffmann, Kilwinning Lodge open'd in due form as . . . H K T L. John Fowler, Sublime Commander, in the chair, when Br. Jones, Br. Waters, Br. Richard M'Cowan of this Lodge, and Bro. Edward Harvey of No. 2, were raised to the Sublime Degree of H K T . . . and duly admitted into Council. Lodge closed in the usual peace, love, & harmony. J. Fowler; John M'Cowan, Secy."

"Saturday June 26, 1802. Lodge open'd in due form a Master Masons Lodge, when Brs Hawksworth and Markby having passed the chair, the Lodge called up to the degree of Excellent Masonry, to which the aforesaid Brs were admitted in all due form. The lodge then called up to the degree of Super-excellent, to which they were admitted,—and then called up to Royal Arch Masonry, when said Brothers Hawksworth and Markby royally descended and ascended the Arch. Called up to an Encampment of High Knight Templars, when Br Molesworth of Lodge 198 and Br Maxwell of this lodge having been duly prepared were admitted to that degree. J Damoulin, Jno Fowler, pro Sec."

There can be no doubt of the fact that this body, which from its connection with Kilwinning had come to be regarded as a centre and source of the High Grades, issued Knight Templar Warrants. That granted in 1805, to Finea in the county of Westmeath, being No. 1, is preserved in the repositories of the Grand Conclave of Ireland. No. 4 Warrant was in possession of brethren in the Westmeath Militia in 1813. The original transaction book of the Lodge itself bears traces of its having granted written authority to Lodges to work the Royal Arch and Templar degrees. The first excerpt is illustrative of a custom whereby brethren joining the militia or the volunteers

Bror. Lieut.-Col. Heath, Capts. Trail and O'Brien, and act as Masons while absent from Dublin,—th to us of such members as they admit, and a retur officers they shall elect. They to pay for said Di and a crown to the Lodge . . . S. Darling E.G. Secy."

"1785. May 2. Kilwinning Lodge open'd—th chair. 6 members present. A proposal made ths to the members of this Lodge to assist in commu Degrees to the First Volunteer Lodge, and to gra for that purpose, which after some debate was meeting . . . J. G. O'Brien, E.G.M; W. Rainsford

"1785. May 30. Kilwinning Lodge open'd i Worshipful in the chair. 11 members present. Lodge open'd. Took into consideration the motio meeting, which after a most candid discussion agreed to, on the condition that the Volunteer Dispensation from this Lodge for the Degrees of excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templars . EGM; W. Rainsford, EGS."

That the Warant or Dispensation above accepted, may be inferred from the fact th Knight Templar was conferred on the bret Volunteer Lodge in circumstances o ostentatious character. A Sunday was ceremony, and the Lodge having been open on an open plain in the vicinity of Dubl by a chain of armed sentinels, the work was The event is thus recorded:

"1785. Sunday, Aug. 14. Kilwinning Lodge form—the Worshipful on his Throne. 7 members Knight Templars Lodge open'd by special summo in an encampment on the plains of Sandymount. the Degrees of Knight Templar on our brethren of Lodge, agreeable to transaction of May 30 . . . Molony, Boyer, Kildahl, Hughes, Lambert, Rig Killen, Byrn, P. Moore, Purcell, Dougherty, and First Volunteer Lodge; Bro. Keath of our own of No. 4; P. North of No. 4; Ward of No. 9 Bedford, No. 4; O'Farrell of No. 9, were all admitted to the Degree of High Knight Tem accustomed trials of skill and valour, which th becoming fortitude. 1 resolved that the thanks our Worshipful communicated in the most respe several Volunteer Masons of different lodges and so politely attended to keep guard while the Lo and conducted themselves with such masonic prop that any brother Royal Arch Mason who has assis arms shall be entitled to receive the Degree of Hi in either this or the First Volunteers. 3 contradicente that we will annually keep the 2nd as an anniversary of this meeting, by Knight properly clothed to hold a lodge in an encampme Free Masons under arms, and thus add to the sp Resolved that the thanks of this meeting be presen for his obliging accommodation of a piece of grou ment, and for his promise of the same annual business was over it was discovered that he was a that he be entitled to receive the Degree of Knig time he chooses in either this or the Volunteer whole ended in peace, love, and unanimity. Geo. S. Darling, EGSW; . . . EGJW; W. Rainsford, E

There is no evidence in the Kilwinning intercourse having been held between th and its Irish daughter during the six-a succeeding the issuing of the charter of 1 of jealousy which in the beginning of the existed between rival bodies of Irish Knig them to charge each other with the usurpa in the Order to which they had no legitima course of these recriminations the validity upon which the Kilwinning Chapter of Templars of Ireland based their claims w these circumstances this body asked to be Mother Lodge with "such documents as beyond doubt the authority and regularity as High Knight Templars":

"Suffolk Street, Dublin,

"Most Worshipful Sir & Brother,—I have th you that I am instructed by the Kilwinning Chapt Templars of Ireland, meeting under a Warrant Mother Lodge of Kilwinning granted to certain Br dated the eighth day of Octr. 1779, and to w Eglintoune is sign'd as Grand Master, to open

The arrears due by the Chapter to the Mother Lodge they will request Robt. Montgomery, Esq., of Irvine, to pay, who is well acquainted with the Br. thro whose medium I have the honour of transmitting this.

"The Brethren have further instructed me to say that want of information of the mode by which their address shou'd reach the Mother Lodge, discover'd by a lucky circumstance within these few days alone, delayed their communication.

"I have the honour to be, Most Worshipful Sir & Br., your obedt. humble servt.,

JOHN RIGBY.
Comr. of the Kilwinning Chaptr. of
High Knights Templars of Ireland
and S : P : R : C : ‡

(Seal)

"To —— Blair of Blair, Esq., Grand Masr. of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning."

The seal attached to this document is in the form of a delta, having "E. G. H. K. T. of Ireland" on its base. "FIRST VOLUNR. LODGE" is inscribed on the left-hand side of the triangle, while on the opposite line extending from the apex to the base there is what appears to be "INDEPENDT., DUBLIN." On each corner is a letter of the Hebrew alphabet —Cheth being at the left, and Daleth at the right and at the apex. In the centre there is a radiated shield resting upon crossed swords and bearing a skull and bones, and a serpent, above which are the letters "I H S," surmounted by a cross. Nearer the apex are three or four letters which are illegible. The motto, "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES," is borne on the shield, on the lower part of which are the figures "5785"—the date probably at which the Lodge began to work the Templar degrees, "1118" shown on the delta, is the alleged date of the institution of the Order. The seal was presented to the Volunteer Lodge in 1786 by Brother Rigby; but it is not now in its possession, nor had even an impression of it been preserved. It was only on the original of the above communication being sent by us for inspection to Dublin that the Lodge became acquainted with the design of its old seal, and a photograph was there taken of it for preservation as a relic of its early history. Since the foregoing was penned, we have through the courtesy of a Brother in Dublin, received a K.T. Certificate granted by the First Volunteer Lodge Encampment in 1837, the seal of which is a fac-simile of the one above described, with the exception that the date (1786) is omitted.

The nature of the reply which the preceding appeal would elicit, but of which there is no record at Kilwinning, may be inferred from the fact that on the passing of the Secret Societies Act of 1799 the Mother Lodge publicly repudiated the observance of any rites save those embraced in conferring the three degrees of Craft Masonry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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AMERICAN ANATHEMATA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much amused by seeing, after I had sent my article to you, an extract from a contemporary of yours, by which it appeared that a Companion Denison, presiding over the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, thought well to "announce that he had given orders for the issue of an edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter and Mark Grand Lodge of England on account of the disputes in Quebec." This act surely is, if correctly reported, not only the "ultima thule" of crass ignorance, but of impertinent impropriety. It is roundly a disgrace to American Royal Arch Masonry. In the first place, if Companion Denison has included the Grand Chapter of England in his awful denunciation, it is clear he has nearly "smashed up" that old and distinguished body; and in the next place he has shown his entire fitness for his becoming vocation, by being *utterly ignorant* of the position and teaching of the Grand Chapter of England. The Grand Chapter of England knows nothing of the Mark Degree or the Mark Grand Lodge qua the Mark Degree, or qua the Mark Grand Lodge. He assumes, following American and Canadian ritualism, that it has, and therefore he displays, from the great amount of his constitutional and ritual knowledge, how eminently qualified he is to act as a judge, and issue a decree of excommunication. Worthy imitator of the ancient Inquisition, and

and an admitted fact. It probably will care ve
edicts, but still all such proceedings are calmi
laughable farce, but will do great harm to Free
I hope to hear such an act of intolerance an
from America.

I am, fraternally yours,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE "OUR BRETH

J. FLETCHER BRENNAN TO PH

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CH

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your journal of
a very severe course of strictures upon me, by
himself "Philadelphos," in his notice of a lett
and published on 23rd June last in the *Louisvill
Journal*, and "by request" of some person unk
in your journal of a later date. Allow me spa
that Brother, who I apprehend is one w
Bro. Gould's History," and, if I am correct,
with the subject matter and manner of Bro. M
the Philadelphia Mother City of Masonry q
"settled."

Bro. "Philadelphos" recognises in Bro. MacC
Student," to whose studies, &c., the univers
owe a debt of gratitude, and broadly censures
with that degree of courtesy his great knowl
of that discussion, in which he has at length b
If it is evidence of keenness in dispute and hig
to put oneself on record, as it were, this yea
(that published by Bro. Kenning of London,
Mass., was the Mother City of Legitimate Fre
by reason of the facts of history so stating.
publishing in his own journal that Philade
city, and standing out for that change of base
thirteen years, with no reliable statement of
change of base upon, be evidence of keenness
ability in argument, I grant our Bro. Mac
attributes. But is it?

Bro. "Philadelphos" says that I impute "
"recklessness of opinion to advance a spec
(Bro. MacCalla) and our eminent Bro. Charle
answer those Brethren have made it imp
otherwise, and refer for my specifications to my
in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 10th Se
sufficient, I call upon Bro. "Philadelphos" t
the Henry Bell letter, which he will find told
over his own name in the *Keystone* of Phi
last, and add Bro. Gould's remarks concerni
6th volume.

The great desire of Bro. "Philadelphos" to
easy now after his thirteen years content
Masonry was legitimately established in 1
Philadelphia, and his now total repudiation of
of Bro. Gould's theory, while he (Bro. "Phil
but censure for those on this side of the wa
other side of the discussion, is very noticeabl

Bro. MacCalla may be gifted in an extraor
attributes most valuable to a fine and mas
confess that I know not anything which he h
of his editorial life to impress Bro. "Philadel
ideas of his literary talents, his keenness
ability in argument, so that any person w
before him, on account of these attribute
wanting in proper courtesy and even commo

Bro. Editor, I will occupy your space no
say that where, as a boy, I went to school, we
spelling book, and in it a tale with a mora
person, first try pelting him with grass (ch
calls it), and, if that is not effective, next
to the stones when Bro. MacCalla came down
by my side influenced him, but as he is down

Fraternally yo

J

CINCINNATI, OHIO, U.S.A., September 188

"A SILVER WEDD

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Next year o
Grand Master and his gracious Consort wi
Wedding. The Prince and Princess of W
selves to all within these realms, and w
interest in the forthcoming auspicious ev
celebrate it?

Fraternally

MASONIC LEC

KNOBS AND EXCR

BRO. JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z. is c
for the discovery of his LECTURE in METROPO
OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Solomon represented the pillars of Fire and the Cloud. But another interpretation has been given to them, that they represent the two pillars of brass and bricks which Josephus mentions, which our Guild Legends refer to, which were known to the old Freemasons, and were connected also with Hermeticism and Hermetic teaching. Josephus's words would seem to point to this idea.

SPERO.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Strand.—The success that undoubtedly has attended the revival of Mr. Alfred Cellier's "Sultan of Mocha" is hardly to be wondered at. Coming as it does in the middle of a long run of "Dorothy," lovers of comic opera who have been charmed by the pretty music of that piece will surely go to hear the music of the "Sultan;" not that the one can be compared in any way with that of Mr. Cellier's previous work, in the music of which there is nothing out of the common, nothing that would readily catch the ear. When Mr. Cellier wrote the score of the "Sultan of Mocha," he could not have been so well versed in such matters; several numbers lack the finish which is to be expected from Mr. Cellier's work as compared with his later efforts. When the opera was brought out in 1874 it was comparatively a failure, one of its chief faults being that the book was weak. That fault has now been partly atoned, and Mr. W. Lestocq, aided by topical allusions and jokes, has made it bright, we may say interesting. The story has not been altered in any way, so that we need not give it. A capital company has been secured to do the opera justice. Miss Violet Cameron shines well as the lass that loves a sailor. This lady plays vivaciously, while her singing is well-judged and ably rendered. Mr. Henry Bracy makes a jolly sailor. This gentleman's bright tenor voice is heard to advantage, especially in the "yawning" song. This is certainly the prettiest number in the opera. Mr. Charles Denny was funny as Captain Sneek, while the rest of the caste do ample justice to what is demanded of them. Mr. Charles Harris's finished stage management is clearly shown during the progress of the opera, while some pretty dances have been arranged by Madame Katti Lanner. Miss Lydia Thompson may be complimented on the way she has inaugurated her season at this house.

Opera Comique.—The Gaiety being required for other purposes, Mr. John Sheridan has had to seek a new home for his "Fun on the Bristol;" this he has done at the above house. Judicious "cuts" have been made in the piece since we saw it at the Gaiety, while the variety business in the second act has been done away with. A new song, "Peaceful Ireland," has been introduced for Mr. Sheridan, who sings it with great success. The Lauri family now contribute to the entertainment in the first part of the evening, with "The Sculptor and the Poodle," which causes considerable laughter. Taking the programme all round, it has undoubtedly been considerably strengthened.

Alhambra.—Among the numerous attractions at this house there is none more pleasing than the entertainment provided by Mdlle. Vanoni, who styles herself an international singer and dancer. This lady is captivating, her dancing is graceful, and her singing excellent. She is highly appreciated by the crowds that nightly greet her. She will become a great favourite. The two ballets "Algeria" and "Nadia" still keep the bill, and continue to draw forth the hearty applause of the audience.

Owing to insufficient rehearsals, the management of the Gaiety, on Saturday last, decided to postpone the production of "Miss Esmeralda;" it will, however, be produced to-night (Saturday). We wish Mr. G. Edwardes every success with his latest venture.

We are asked to announce that another trial will be given "The Witch" on Thursday afternoon, at the Princess's. This play was favourably received on the occasion of its first representation at this theatre, and Mr. C. Marsham Rae has now compressed the action into four acts. He has also devised a new termination for the piece, which will bring the fine situations of the German original into even stronger relief. Miss Sophie Eyre and Mrs. C. Marsham Rae will appear in the characters they created with so much success.

Monday, the 10th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Autumn Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

"THE WILL AND THE WAY."—As universally predicted by the public press, J. F. Smith's stories, "Minnigrey" and "Woman and Her Master," have proved a brilliant success, and the proprietors of the *London Journal* are wise in continuing the same policy. They now announce "The Will and the Way," from the same graphic pen. The opening chapters appear in No. 198, published Wednesday, 28th September, the novel being illustrated by the pencil of Sir John Gilbert, R.A. This grand story cannot fail to attract the countless readers of wholesome fiction at the present day.

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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 OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12
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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst.)
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
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
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 379—Tynte, 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, 11th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Ins.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instr
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clif
(Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, D
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street,
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, W
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. Jame
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth R
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Stre
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern,
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Canno
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, Eas
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane The
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Har
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pav

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Bosto
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street,
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple St
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel,
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmi
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, W
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenh
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbu
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, S
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, G
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surre
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildo
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Live
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, H
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Pri
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper St
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street,
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-und
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, L
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street,
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingh
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, C
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Stre
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak H

WEDNESDAY, 12th O

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutio
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury,
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham,
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, La
147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptfo
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall S
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Str
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portla
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett R
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-r
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fl
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Ald
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hote
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Uppe
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Wa
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Str
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, C
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viadu
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lin
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwe
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, R
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Pa
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cam
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hote
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8
34—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgat
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket S.

854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 360—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, 13th OCTOBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
44—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instuction)
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, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1706—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 96—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
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, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, 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—Bayard, Public Hall, Loughton

M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

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25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland S
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., B
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (In
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Inst
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7.
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.3
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Can
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instr
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1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Bi
R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whiteh
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
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R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salo

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1. In the first place, we shall note contentedly that by schemes A and B additional accommodation will be provided for 75 girls, besides giving additional dormitory space, which, as the Medical Report testifies, it is absolutely incumbent on the Committee to provide, as necessary for the present inmates.

2. In the next place, proper domestic offices will now be provided for the Institution, the present being, with little or no improvement, such as they were built, for 68 children, there being at the present moment 206 in the main building alone.

3. In the third place, a large hall, 105 feet by 42, will be provided for the School, and not provided, we beg to remark, a moment too soon. Once in possession of this most desirable and needful addition to the building, the Executive will be able to hold therein a *full* Stewards' meeting, instead of as now being obliged often to refuse half the applications for tickets, and even then not being able to pack in all who do go. It will also enable all the girls to be drilled together, which at present it is impossible to do. By this means the Alexandra Hall can be utilized as a dining hall, as is greatly needed; at present the children dine in two rooms.

4. Verily the name of the new hall will serve to commemorate the event, and fitly and becomingly to celebrate the happy result of one hundred years' scholastic and beneficial work.

5. One fact we ought we think to notice here, it is this, that the system of corridors and cloisters will redeem our Girls' School from the complaints arising necessarily

6. The inducements to Stewards to co
very great, and we think liberal, and, to
English, constitute an honourable com
Stewards, alike for their services and th
bring in. At the same time the perpetuity
Jewel of Stewardship will be a deco
duty and charity, which it will disting
wear.

There is very little fear, we anticip
Stewards will simply content themselves
ten guineas; but though of course lists
and greatly, we believe that a healthy compe
while the special claims of the Institution,
the most remarkable existing, will serve
as of old, to the sympathies and energies
loyal Stewards.

7. The Committee have been very prov
in endeavouring, through the attraction
List and the Centenary Celebration, to m
in annual subscriptions, by the privileges
annual subscribers, by which means, it
permanent annual provision may be made
increased number of girls which will be ult
to the School.

We confess we are very much struck
Hall idea, as not only will the scenic effe
very striking, imposing and memorable, b
vinced there are really no insurmountable
way.

Not only will the gathering be a very
one, but it cannot occur again for another

It is certain, we are assured, to be larg
very important to make due provision
increased number of our good sisters who
to be present on the very interesting occ
hope to hear, ere long, that this great
held at the Royal Albert Hall, on the la
scale contemplated, and under some ver
Presidency, so that the Centenary of our
long remain, to many now living, an "
intense reality, a striking Landmark to
those who come after us, in the useful and
of the Girls' School.

The Special Committee and Executive h
part, it now remains for the Craft to do th

We trust shortly to hear that the numbe
increasing rapidly, so rapidly in fact as to b
in the history of English Freemasonry.

This is a great effort, made in the mo
manner, by the authorities of the School, a
be rendered great in the realization of the
tradition handed down to them who com
worthy in every way of the cause it is so
the efforts it is desired to extend.

As we shall often have to refer to the s
pause here to-day.

We think it right to add, that we c
Executive, on the reception afforded to
and sensible proposals, and we trust Bro. He
from his friends and supporters, and fr
home and abroad, the material aid and the pr
he may with confidence look for, and whic

that I was in great doubt whether he would accept the challenge thrown down by Bro. Jacob Norton, and give us his reason for believing that the No. 79, on the Engraved List, was filled by some Lodge now unknown, before its assignment to that one recorded in the Register of the Grand Lodge as meeting at the Castle of Highgate in 1731 or 1732. This challenge, however, he has taken up, and though it is always a pleasure to read any observations by Bro. Lane on a subject which he has studied more minutely and with greater diligence than any other man, living or deceased, the freshness which he contrives to impart to a topic so much worn, combined with the vigour of his style, cannot fail to render the article more than ordinarily attractive, and there will be many, I apprehend, who, like myself, will regret the determination of the writer to make it his final essay of the series.

Bro. Lane argues with great power, but I think has confined himself within too narrow limits. Thus, to students of even a very few years standing, the No. 79 of 1731 is so much associated in the mind with the No. 79 of 1735, that it is quite impossible to think of one without the other.

Bro. Hughan, as we all know, discovered a singular entry in the Pocket Companion (Dublin) 1735, and casting about for an explanation, thought he had found it in the existence of a Philadelphia Lodge, at a date corresponding with that of the No. 79, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. With this of course most students are familiar, but the circumstance cannot be ignored when we leave, as it were, one end of the story, and take up the other. The microscopic examination of the early No. 79 only took place owing to the exigencies of the situation, and I put it to Bro. Lane himself, how many or how few Lodges of those (almost) pre-historic times does he believe could resist the formidable battery of criticism, which in like manner might be directed against what I may venture to term their external defences.

The inquiry, in short, cannot well, at least in my judgment, be restricted to the decision of a single issue. To all of us, the way Bro. Lane has of putting things will have a great attraction; but to some the limitations he prescribes to himself will recall, as it were, the features of a familiar play with certain of the leading rôles omitted; while to others—and here I speak of those to whom the subject is entirely new—it will seem that the value of the inquiry is wholly incommensurate to the labour bestowed upon it by Bro. Lane.

The case, as originally presented, rested on the supposition that a Lodge at Philadelphia obtained a footing in the English roll as No. 79 in 1730 or 1731; and against it there were a variety of objections,* to which, however, I shall only incidentally allude, because my object is not to gainsay what has been so ably and fairly stated by Bro. Lane, but to contend that he must widen the scope of the discussion, or, in other words, continue or resume it on the old lines if it is to have any practical effect.

Thus, for example, Bro. Lane's argument *against* the Lodge at the Castle, Highgate, being the original No. 79, seems to me to operate with even greater force in the case of the suppositious Lodge which he believes to have preceded it, as the latter was neither represented in Grand Lodge or paid for a constitution *at any time*. True, it may have been a foreign Lodge, but here we miss the other portion of the evidence, without which it is quite impossible to proceed with the inquiry.

An anecdote, which I have somewhere read, here occurs to my mind, and I shall conclude by relating it.

A game was being played, at which each player asked a question in turn, those persons who could not answer it paying a forfeit, and also the questioner himself if he failed to solve his own riddle. One of these questions was the following:—"How does the little ground squirrel make his nest in the ground, without leaving any dirt on the outside of the hole, at which he goes in"? Forfeits were paid all round, and the person who had put the riddle then gave

appearance of a Philadelphia Lodge
Companion of 1735. The first answ
closely with the ingenious hypothes
propounded several years ago, and
with, though in a mulitated for
Bro. Lane; while the final question
must occur to many minds when vie
as a whole, and endeavouring to ide
as the No. 79, than is shewn in the e
Grand Lodge of England.

BRO. BRENNAN'S

By Bro. Chas. E.

MY attention has been called to
the Freemason's Chronicle o
for which you gave the use of y
through nearly five columns of you
a history of a crime, yet it contains
support of the claim made by Bro.
dixit) that the Henry Bell letter wa
full of personal and libellous abuse
know me, know that I never have
Masonic world that I did not belie
throughout the various items I have
in relation to the "Henry Bell" le
than careful not to present any ma
after the strictest examination and
was worthy of and entitled to be
that from 1873, when the "Henry
made public by R.W. Bro. Robert
oration delivered at the dedicatio
Temple in Philadelphia, up to the
article of Brennan's, no one discov
forgery. It seems strange that unt
March 1887, in the *Keystone*, givi
"Bell letter," as far as I knew it,
nearly five months thereafter that
cry "forgery," and to brand the o
as its maker.

It seems strange that Brennan
this wild world to discover the
should rush in all haste as soon a
something over four thousand mile
find a Masonic paper that would pu

It is not my intention to discuss
even reply to the same, because in
to lower myself to his level; but I
and distinctly as possible, that w
regard to the "Henry Bell" lett
reiterate it, in every particular. I be
that Bro. Francis Blackburn copi
original letter. Bro. Blackburn w
word was ever to be relied upon.
Lamberton used the extract as mad
all confidence. When so publishe
oration, I used it in the Early Hist
of Pennsylvania, in the Dedication
before using it every means was
facts contained therein were tru
investigation, in which I was assist
mittee, especially by Bro. William
Librarian of the State of Pennsy
leading historians—as the result o
found:—

1st. There was a Henry Bell who live
ter county, Pa., 1750-1755.

2nd. That there was a Doctor Thoma
Philadelphia at that time.

3rd. That Dr. Thomas Cadwallader w
the Officers of Grand Lodge.

4th. That there was a Tun Tavern in

5th. That there were several Lodges

be substantiated by other and contemporaneous testimony. Brennan cannot prove aught to the contrary. It was never claimed that the Lodge referred to by Bell had any connection with the St. John's Lodge of Franklin.

In conclusion, I desire to say, that the charges as made by Brennan are false, prompted by motives known only to himself, and will fail in their intentions, as other attempts made by him to tear down the landmarks and ancient customs of Freemasonry have failed. There is only one part of his article worth repeating, and that I find so applicable, that it is a fitting epitaph to him. It is the concluding clause.—"Can there ever be a reader of it so lacking in common sense, as not to fully appreciate its every part, and, as a whole, as having no parallel within the present century in the history of English Freemasonry in America, or any other country. I think not."

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge for the Royal Order of Scotland, the subordinate of a Masonic body instituted nearly six hundred years ago by the King of Scotland, to show his appreciation of the services of Knights Templars who in the wars against the enemies of his country had assisted him, has been holding its annual sessions in Providence, R.I., the past month. On Monday, the 19th ultimo, a business session was held, during which nine new members were admitted, and Tuesday forenoon another session was held, at which seven were admitted. A special session is soon to be held in Washington, for the accommodation of candidates residing South, and to clear up any unfinished business. The membership of the Prov. G. Lodge of the Order in the United States is limited to 150, the present membership numbering 141. It was instituted in 1878, and holds its annual meetings every alternate year in Washington, D.C., and the other alternate year in the city where the Supreme Council, A. and A. S. Rite, N.M.J., may meet. The Grand Master of the Royal Order is the King of Scotland. There being no King of Scotland, the honour of the position falls to the King of England if he be a Mason. The mantle of the Grand Master is now worn by the Earl of Rosslyn. All the diplomas are issued from the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh, Scotland. The head of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States is Sir Albert Pike of Washington, D.C., but in his enforced absence, through illness, Sir Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, Me., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided over the deliberations of the session. The remaining Officers on the roster of this Provincial Grand Lodge are Sir John L. Stettinius Junior Grand Warden, William Oscar Roome Grand Secretary, Robert M. C. Graham Grand Treasurer, John Christie Sword Bearer, Vincent L. Harlbut Grand Standard Bearer, John Wilson Grand Marischal, Henry L. Palmer Deputy Grand Marischal, Charles Roome, James C. Batchelor, Charles E. Meyer and William S. Roose Grand Stewards, and John L. Roper Guarder. The office of Senior Grand Warden is vacant through the death of Sir Henry Buist.

On Wednesday evening, the 21st September, the annual banquet was served, under the direction of the Stewards, by mine host, L. H. Humphreys, in the Narragansett Hotel. Plates were laid for ninety around tables well spread with the choicest glass and china. Each of the four tables bore along the centre several large mounds of cut flowers, and the damask between the dishes was literally concealed by a profusion of long-stemmed roses and trailing smilax. At the head of the hall, in rear of the chair of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Josiah H. Drummond, was suspended the handsome banner of the Royal Order. It was nearly ten o'clock when the procession of members and their ladies and other guests costumed in full evening dress, took their places at the tables and commenced to discuss the viands set forth on the tasty menu arranged in the shape of a scroll of two leaves, one exhibiting the roster of Officers and the second the menu, and inclosed in a neat Japanese leather cover tied with a silken cord. The several courses having been deftly served, Deputy Grand Master Drummond opened the post prandial exercises with a pleasing speech, and proposed as the first toast the Health and Happiness of Provincial Grand Master Sir Albert Pike, who, on account of sickness, was absent. The toast was drank standing. Bros. Sir and Rev. Frederick S. Fisher responded to the Royal Order of Scotland, and Bro. Sir Hugh McCurdy to the sentiment to the Ladies. Bro. Nicholas Van Slyk, a guest of the evening, responded for the City of Providence, briefly, but eloquently. Among other guests there were present Bros. Newton D. Arnold, George M. Carpenter, Joseph O. Earle and J. Heathcote and wife, of Providence.

It was past midnight when the company arose and dispersed, each bearing from the table one of the unique bowls in which was served the Roman Punch and a supply of flowers as pleasant mementoes of a most delightful occasion. The dinner itself and its service was proclaimed by all to surpass anything of the kind ever served to this Provincial Grand Lodge, and reflected great credit upon the Narragansett Hotel, its courteous landlord and attachés.—*Boston Herald.*

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Royal

and the latter for the holding of an E
Grand Lodge, for the purpose of assisti
Albert Victor of Wales, Grand Senior
the foundation stone of the New Wing
while in the afternoon the members of t
Lodge will hold their annual meeting.
shipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Pr
entrusted Rt. Wor. Brother General J. S
rigg, C.B., with the duty of installing L
is anticipated that many Masons of the P
will attend and support their chief on th
doubtedly the Freemasons of Northamp
prepared to carry out their part in the
their royal and distinguished visitors, an
the inhabitants of the town and distri
enthusiastic. Altogether a very large
anticipated on both days. The Midland
announce cheap excursions from vario
line, a fact which will tend still furthe
number of visitors, and will afford many
exhibiting their loyalty to the member of
of England who will preside on the occa
that the London and North Western Rai
equally alive to the importance that will
these gatherings. They will run excursi
privilege tickets to Northampton from m
pal stations, and we recommend any o
purpose being present to avail themselve
offered.

The monthly meeting of the Committ
of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Insti
Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. H
Grand Standard Bearer, presiding. Th
sent Bros. James Brett, Thomas Cubitt
P.G.P.'s, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., J. E.
Alex. Forsyth, M.D., Hugh Cotter, C
Newton, Charles Lacey, C. F. Hogard,
ceval, J. M. Stedwell, Perryman G.P., D
L. Stean, C. H. Webb, W. J. Murlis,
shall, W. Bellchambers, J. Terry P.G.S.
The minutes of the previous meeting ha
confirmed, the death of a male annuit
The Warden's report for the past mo
and that of the Finance Committee a
to be entered on the minutes. An applic
for half her late husband's annuity wa
Committee proceeded to discuss the new
and 6 widows); they were ordered to b
for the Election in May next, with the
the widows, whose case was deferred for
The customary vote of thanks was passe

Bro. Seymour Smith's annual concert
the South Place Institute, South Place
E.C., on Saturday evening, 22nd ins
talented vocalists have promised the
Annie Matthews, Miss Meta Russell,
Winn, Miss Mary Belval, Bros. Lester,
White, Edward Dalzell, Messrs. James
(pupil of Bro. Seymour Smith), W.
Bro. Chaplin Henry. Amongst the i
Madame Brett and Miss Evelyn Seym
forte), Mr. Richard Blagrove (concer
Morrow (cornet). Conductors — Bro
and Seymour Smith. Tickets, reserved
unreserved seats 1s, may be obtained
Stewards, or of Bro. Seymour Smith,
Nunhead Lane, S E. Doors open at
mence at half past seven.

The installation meeting of the
No. 167, was held at the Jack Straw's C
stead, on Tuesday, 11th inst., when B
installed as Worshipful Master. A rep
will be given in our next.

the Horns, Kennington, during the rebuilding of that famous hostelry, returned to it on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when the first re-assembling was attended by a goodly muster of members and visitors. In the interval which has elapsed since their last meeting here special accommodation has been provided for Masonic gatherings; and, although not of a very elaborate or pretentious character, the facilities for carrying on the work have been very materially improved. Ascending the main staircase, to the first floor, the visitor enters the ante-room, the walls of which are painted in terra cotta, with chocolate dado, and string-courses and cornice in stencil work. The doors are painted in two shades of green, and the room is fitted with book-case, mirrors, and all the requisite receptacles for keeping books, regalia, &c. On the tables were a collection of choice flowers, and from the window an extensive view of the Park is commanded. The Lodge-room adjoining is lofty and well ventilated, with walls and dado coloured in keeping with those of the ante-room, but the cornice is embellished with medallions containing the monogram "V.R." surrounded by a garter with the motto, "Honi soit qui mal y pense." The pilasters are painted in dark green, and ornamented with Masonic emblems, whilst ample light is afforded by a chandelier with seven burners dependent from the centre, and two gas brackets at either end of the room. The seats, kneeling stools, and chairs are covered with crimson velvet, those of the Masters and Wardens having backs of antique carved oak. The floor is laid with a rich Brussels carpet, and on the mantelshelf is a bust of Shakspeare. The ceiling is divided into three panels painted in light cream colour, with enrichments border; and the furniture also includes an excellent American organ. On the "re-opening" night the Worshipful Master, Bro. R. La Feuillade, presided, supported by Bros. R. Lingley S.W., H. F. Foalé J.W., W. Stuart Secretary, W. W. Westley S.D., G. W. Ruffle J.D., G. F. Grover Organist, J. La Feuillade I.G., J. Plowman I.P.M.; P.M's H. G. Stanger, W. P. Webb, H. Higgins, J. Cockburn, C. H. Köbler, W. Cope, T. C. Walls, and others. The Visitors included Bros. the Hon. Jacob H. Webb D.G.M. Bahamas, Harry Nelson Price I.P.M. 177, J. Sadler Wood P.M. 2005, H. W. Kedgley P.M. 1614, W. Williams W.M. 2005, J. A. McCarthy 21, J. Hampton 145, G. Horton 72, R. Harvey W.M. 2012, J. H. Stunt W.M. 1641, J. Morris 100, W. Grummett 15, J. Hattersley 1607, and W. W. Lee 1897. Lodge was opened in form, and the usual preliminary business having been disposed of, was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. G. Milson was raised, the ceremony being performed in highly creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the first the ballot was opened for Messrs. A. C. Thorsley and W. W. Elisdon, who having been unanimously accepted, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, the working in this degree being also of the most meritorious description. A letter having been received from Bro. Cruse, tendering his resignation, in consequence of ill health, the Secretary was requested to forward him a letter accepting his resignation, with regret, and expressing a hope that the brother's health might at no distant, date be sufficiently restored as to enable him to resume his place in the Lodge. With an interchange of fraternal greetings Lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of a banquet at which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master referred, in a few well-chosen sentences, to the prosperity which the country had enjoyed during the fifty years of Her Majesty's benign sway, and spoke of the rejoicings with which the attainment of the Jubilee had this year been celebrated. The Queen ever evinced a deep interest in the Craft, and the fact that so many members of the Royal Family were members of it was a proof that she desired prosperity to the Order. He then gave the most Worshipful Grand Master, observing that His Royal Highness was an able, active, and zealous Mason, performing all the duties that were required of him with geniality, exactitude, and efficiency. He was not merely an ornamental member of Grand Lodge, but practically governed the illustrious body of which he was the elected head. A deserved tribute was paid to the Grand Officers for their zeal and ability in administering the affairs of the Craft, and the Worshipful Master congratulated the brethren present upon the circumstance that one Grand Officer had honoured them with his company on that occasion. It was gratifying to be able to associate with that toast the name of Bro. the Hon. Jacob H. Webb, District Grand Master of Bahamas, and brother of one of their respected Past Masters. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. the Hon. J. H. Webb, in the course of his response, thanked the brethren of the Kennington Lodge for the very warm and hearty welcome they had extended to him. There was an old adage which taught them there was a time to speak and a time to keep silent, and he should be very glad when his time for silence had arrived, for there were doubtless many around that table who could do more justice to the toast than he felt it in his power to do. They all knew, and were deeply sensible of, the excellencies of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, with the names of many of whom he was unacquainted; indeed, their qualifications for office, and the manner in which they performed their arduous duties, were better known to those who he was now addressing than to himself. It would, therefore, be only superfluous if he were to attempt to enlarge upon that subject. It had been said that Freemasonry was as old as Abraham, but, whether such was the case or not, it now held a high place in the estimation of the civilised world, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales could fill no nobler or more exalted office than that which he held as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the great

next proposed the Worshipful Master, and one that needed no words of commendation brethren to drink to it with all sincerity an in eulogistic terms of the manner in whic charged the functions of his office up to th he had performed the ceremonies of that ev passed by those who had preceded him in excellence of the work done in the Ken credit, not only upon their W.M., but also o such a Master. Bro. R. La Feuillade W thanks to his Immediate Past Master fo which the toast had been couched, and the reception they had given to it. It was a sou to him to witness so large an assembly at Lodge on its return to the old quarters, or, its new habitation. There could be littl come, that meeting would be set down as event in connection with the history of the of the parish in which "The Horns" h trusted they might be comfortable in thei the prosperity and prestige of the Lodge The Immediate Past Master had been ple W.M.'s) working, and although it did not ideas of perfection, yet, if the brethren w best reward, and it was most gratifying to fallen from Bro. Plowman in regard to that by the kindness of the brethren, he had fil of Worshipful Master, he had striven, to th uphold the prestige of the Lodge, and it sho to see that the office lost none of its lustre so that he might transmit it to his succes as he had received it. The next toast regarded as an important one in the Kenni was in all Masonic circles. He called upo sincerity to the Initiates. He had been ve goodly number of initiates, for up to the been so far successful as to have admitted Lodge. On the present occasion they had they would shine out some day, as other in Lodge had done. He felt sure the initia at having joined the Order, and he as never regret the step they had taken that e they felt a little strange, as was only natu with Freemasons, but they would become p *au fait* when they had progressed throug The toast was acknowledged by Bro. A. C. brethren for having admitted him into thei hope that he might so make the Masonic a to himself and to the Lodge. The Worsh hearty and fraternal welcome to the Visito to see so goodly a muster on this occasi been pleased with the working of the Lodg ment that had been provided for them. S by Bros. W. Williams W.M. 2005, J. H. Stu W.M. 2012, and J. McCarthy 21, all of who tion they had derived from the work done appreciation of the hospitality which ha W.M., in proposing the Past Masters, exp which he felt sure was shared by all the Everett had been prevented, by indisposit them on that occasion. They earnestly ho and Past Master, who was held in such amongst them, might be speedily restored to take his place amongst them again Bro. W. Cope responded on behalf of the were actuated by one common motive for of the Lodge and of its members. The re of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the whom the Worshipful Master spoke in the and thanked each and all of them for rendered him during his term of office. Secretary, and R. Lingley S.W. responded the usual manner by the Tyler. The pr able evening were varied by some exc Bro. Grover, Organist of the Lodge, offi the pianoforte.

THE GREAT CITY LO

THE Installation Meeting of this Lod 8th inst., at the City Terminus Ho the presidency of Bro. F. W. Potter W supported by Bros. H. J. Bertram Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chap., W. Stevens P.M., R. Fendick P.M., G. W. Bla R. Stanway P.M., J. Seex P.M., W. Wesley Org., H. F. Frost I.G., D. T. K Tyler. In addition to the ordinary busi the ceremony of initiation was perform who sought admission to the Lodge. impressive manner, and appeared to ap ritual of the first degree. Bro. J. R.

repaired to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast, the Worshipful Master Bro. Greening proceeded with the customary toasts. In submitting that of the Queen and the Craft, he expressed a hope that the reign of Her Majesty might extend over as long a period as did that of George III., while he also hoped that the Masonic Order would continue to prosper. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, he considered was a good man and a good Mason, worthy of respect and esteem at the hands of those he ruled over. The Grand Officers were next toasted; they had done well in the past and deserved the good wishes of every Craftsman. He hoped they would enjoy long life and happiness. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, who replied in a most interesting speech. The Worshipful Master, he said, had spoken briefly, but to the point, in submitting the leading toast that evening, while the brethren had toasted, with enthusiasm, the ruler of the country as well as their Masonic ruler, they had paid a similar compliment to what he might term the Masonic Ministers and understrappers, and to this toast he was called upon to reply; he did so with gratification. He considered it a pleasing feature of the Jubilee year that the Grand Lodge had been materially enlarged, and he hoped that in years to come there might be found some good and sufficient reason or cause for the yet further extension of the purple, so that the great and growing Lodges of Masonry might be adequately represented on the dais, thereby properly representing the rapid growth of Masonry. He remembered with gratification the many years during which he had had the happiness of holding the office of Chaplain in The Great City Lodge, and was proud of his association with it. He was pleased to see so many of the older members present. They must expect that death, trial and misfortune would cause changes in the respective Lodges, and for this reason he considered the attendance of eight Past Masters of the Lodge, to wish a prosperous year of office to the new Master, was something to be proud of. He felt all true brethren would agree with him when he said the older they grew the more they would feel the blessings which underlie the quaint beauties of the Masonic ceremonies and ritual. There were deep truths underlying the ceremonies of Freemasonry, which, as old age or trouble came upon them, they could more fully appreciate. Bro. Potter I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, wishing him a prosperous year of office, and referring to his past career in the Lodge, from the time of his initiation until that day, when they had seen him installed as their ruler for the year. Bro. Greening tendered his sincere thanks. The Immediate Past Master had forgotten to say how rapid had been his advancement in the Lodge, for although he had been a member of it for the past ten years, it was only very recently he had acted as one of its Officers; indeed, he felt he had not had sufficient experience to qualify him for the important position he now filled. When he was elected to the chair he was taken by surprise, still he hoped to make himself perfect in his duties, although family matters had recently prevented his doing all he could have wished in preparation for that day's gathering. The toast of the initiate was next given, the Worshipful Master explaining how he, and doubtless every other brother present, could sympathise with the initiate, from the fact that they had each had similar experience in years gone by to what their new brother had that evening gone through. The Worshipful Master hoped he might live to see the initiate of that day rise to the highest position in the Lodge. The initiate, in reply, expressed his pleasure in being present. He felt proud that he had been permitted to join them that day, and hoped he should be among them on many future occasions. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The Worshipful Master said the guests were not so numerous as usual, but there were sufficient among them to show that The Great City Lodge had not forgotten the claims of hospitality. Bro. Gibson was the first to reply, introducing some personal experiences, and cleverly applying them to the teachings of Freemasonry. He related, in proof of the universality of Freemasonry, how that, in a little town on the Hudson, in which he some time resided, a man arrived footsore, out of money, and sick. By chance he made himself known to a brother Mason, and at once he received every attention and all the skill that kindness could bestow. In spite of all this, he shortly after passed away, and then the Masons of the place afforded him the last rights of humanity. The physicians who attended him could hardly understand how that he, a stranger, and in such circumstances, could receive such treatment; they evinced so much respect for the Order which afforded it as to seek admission to its ranks. The lesson they learned at that time had borne good fruit, they being to-day amongst the best and truest members of the Order. Bro. Flack followed, relating his experiences as an Australian Mason. That day was the first occasion on which he had visited an English Lodge, but his experience had been sufficient to convince him he did not know all in connection with the ritual of Freemasonry. In Australia they pursued Freemasonry with all the ardour shown in England, and while he was prepared to concede they had something to learn in regard to working, he would not allow they were second to any on the point of hospitality. He wished all success and prosperity to the Lodge. Bros. Ockenden, Mendelssohn, Hudson and Rosling also replied, after which the W.M. gave the health of the I.P.M. The toasts, he said, appeared to increase in importance as they went on. What he was about to submit was certainly in advance of its predecessors. He considered the work of the evening had been gone through as well as it had ever been done since his association with the Lodge, and on this account he considered Bro. Potter well deserved the compliment which had been paid him in voting him the Past Master's jewel been pleased to present to him. The Past Masters the first to reply being Bro. James Stevens, who v at what he had witnessed that day. No doubt the of upholding the prestige of the Lodge, that each should be able to instal his successor, and that th should at least be able to introduce himself in a those present. This had certainly been the case t Blackie followed. He was much obliged for the t knew the interest he had taken in The Great C gone by. He might say that he had a hand in w link in their chain. He expressed himself as pe the way in which the work was being carried on. Fendick also responded, and then the Worshipfu the health of the Treasurer and Secretar they had not got their Treasurer with them that their Secretary, who was a host in himsel referred to the absence of Bro. Headon, the described as a living member of the Lodge, one th soon be with them again. Bro. Baber replied, double duty devolved on him, in the absence The good Brother Headon had done, and the showed to everything connected with the Lodg of all; there was therefore no need to refer fur to express regret at his absence that night; the first the history of the Lodge; at least, at its in Personally, he thanked them for the reception the Secretary. He hoped to start on his second yea benefit of the experience he had gained during months, and to carry out the duties required of had previously done. The toast of the Officers of given, and to this Bros. Bertram, Cook, and othe Tyler then gave the concluding toast, and the brought to a conclusion. Among the Visitors Gibson P.M. 450, New York, H. Maunder Wil W. T. Whittington 1984, W. H. Tomson 794, H. W. S. Tipson I.G. 206, J. Baston P.M. 186 (Melbourne), H. S. Mendelssohn 488, H. E. F. W. Ockenden W.M. 1656, James Chubb 170 A. J. Hudson W.M. 1627, &c.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 20

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place o the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Le large gathering, the occasion being a special one the W.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, had announced tha paper. The W.M. was surrounded by the follo Brethren of the Lodge:—Bros. Tudor Trevor P. Watson P.M. J.W., Robert Craig P.M. P.P.G. Abbott Treasurer, C. Middleton Secretary, Rev. J Scott Young S.D., J. J. Fretwell J.D., T. Atk Howarth Organist, Butterworth Steward, Hay Abbott, J. Wilton Jones, Smithson, Crossley, Cr All the other Leeds Lodges were fully represen including Bros. Bradford W.M. 1211, Flockton W W.M. 289, Brownfoot W.M. 304, Scriven P.M., D. Elliott P.M., Glover P.M., Williamson P.M., H. G. F. Carr 1542, Marshall 304, J. Bailey 304, 304, R. Jackson J.W. 289, and many others. The the selection of W.M. for the coming year, and t the unanimous voice of the brethren bestowed upo of the Founders of the Lodge, under whose genial a prosperous year of office may be expected. announcement was received with hearty applause, acknowledged by Bro Trevor. Bro. Abbott was votes of the brethren, again designated for the o able position of Treasurer. Brother Barrand Tyler. These necessary appointments having W.M. elect conveyed to Bro. Mason the hear brethren of Prudence Lodge for the kindness a had marked his rule of the Lodge. In very Bro. Trevor paid a high but well-deserved tribu who possesses to the full the admiration and estee brethren of his own Lodge, but of every Mason Bro. Fretwell moved a vote, expressive of the brethren to Bro. Pendleton, who has been compell leave Leeds, and earnestly hoping that he would b to health. This was seconded by Bro. Trevor telegram was next read from London, from Bro. the W.M. elect happiness in his new duties. I monsly decided on, at the next Lodge, to present P.M.'s jewel, of the Prudence pattern. Bro. Mas to read his paper, which was received with co approval from all who heard it, and at its concl hope was expressed that he would have it printed lation, and the announcement from Bro. Mason intention was received with loud applause. Th paper consisted of a record of the work done in the past year, and as this is a matter of interest circle, we shall content ourselves by remark record of good work, of which any Lodge Passing to the second part of his subject, masonry?" Brother Mason spoke as follows:

common interests and common aims, in mutual protection and advancement, of which the individual welfare of each was the best promoted and secured." Were I to attempt to answer fully and categorically this question—"What is Freemasonry?"—it would take more time than we have at our disposal this afternoon, and I must therefore only attempt to do it in part, in outline that is to say. If I asked any Brother in this room, "What is Freemasonry?" I should have the prompt reply, "A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." True, but it is evident that this condensed description of Freemasonry, though suitable enough for a short examination, does not profess to give (nor does it in effect give) a full solution of the query, "What is Freemasonry?" Freemasonry is best and most fitly described as a world-wide Guild, Fraternity or Brotherhood—bound together by certain leading principles, and fixed on an immutable basis, so that it is able to outlive the passing away of kingdoms and dynasties, "to survive the wreck of mighty empires, and resist the destroying hand of Time." Its abstract or foundation principles may be said to be—Fraternity, Human Sympathy, Love of Truth; while its concrete or active development is to be found in its respect for Law and Order, its toleration, its reverence for religion, its illimitable charity or Brotherly Love. In its Fraternity, it seeks to enrol a phalanx of persons of different countries, sects, opinions and colours, in one firm bond of living union and concord, for the great aim of "being happy and communicating happiness to others;" all permeated and influenced by good-will one to another, kindness and humanity for the children of dust, mutual respect, mutual confidence, mutual support, practical Brotherhood. Such a confederation has been objected to on various grounds. The Roman Catholic Church has formally excommunicated, not only Roman Catholic Freemasons, but all Freemasons, on the ground that by thus obliterating the limits of different denominations and ignoring sectional distinctions, a sort of natural religion is set up. Such is the idea and scope of the famous Bull of Clement in 1738, and such is the teaching of the Church of Rome to-day. There are others, of various bodies, who see in the non-use of Christian prayers, as in England, what they term a mere Theistic avowal. But such is not the case. In Scotland and Ireland Christian prayers are used. There is no law to prevent a Chaplain using a Christian prayer. But since 1730, and notably since 1813, universal prayers have been undoubtedly used, which, as we use them, are perfectly sound, enlightened, rational, reverential and charitable. There is, therefore, no valid objection to the basis on which Freemasonry rests; a band of good men and true, of different countries and denominations, all acknowledging, however, a Divine Creator; united in the noble cause of increasing the happiness, "relieving the distresses, soothing the afflictions," and succouring the necessities of one another. In its expressions of human sympathy, it would enforce what is really the great aim of life, as John Wesley put it, "to leave the world better than we found it," by infusing in all around, and extending on every side of us, those kindly and engaging sympathies of the human heart and affection, which always seem to remind us of a Divine Original, and which, when duly cultivated and religiously directed, tend more than anything else to the happiness of society, the welfare of our race, and the civilisation of mankind. In Love of Truth, Freemasonry proclaims the solemn reality—that there is such a thing as Truth; and that whether in its more dogmatic form or in its practical development by us, in a hatred of hypocrisy, of insincerity, and of treachery, it is one of the noblest characteristics of the human mind, and conduct. When we come to the concrete virtues or graces which Freemasonry professes to recommend to its votaries, time fails me, on the present occasion, to enlarge upon them fully. In its respect for Law and Order, Freemasonry in our favoured land declares loyalty to our Sovereign the first duty of every citizen and Freemason; forbids all participation in revolutionary societies (the enemies of true liberty), and while it enjoins obedience to the laws of our own country, enlightened and admirable as they are, also enjoins us to obey the laws of any land "which for a time may become the place of our residence or afford us its protection," as peaceful citizens, travellers or sojourners. In its toleration, it knows nothing of the controversies or the divergencies of the human mind, the often angry utterances of bitter partizans, or those unhappy divisions which seem to separate Brother from Brother. It bids all its members meet as Brethren, work as Brethren, be social as Brethren, part as Brethren, and to forget for a few peaceful hours all those inevitable and inherited severances, which in the world without often seem to divide us into contending hosts. Freemasonry, though not a religion in itself, is ever most reverent in respect of the undoubted claims of religion on man's best feelings, and ever ready to assist in all that tends to illuminate the minds, satisfy the needs, extend the benefits of culture and civilizing influences in all directions and among all classes. It may be remembered, to its praise, that it never begins or closes its work without prayer, and that the Bible, the "great light of Freemasonry," is ever open in our midst. All its utterances breathe a spirit of reverential piety and true morality, and are alike beautiful in precept, in purity, and religious feeling. Some of us remember those words spoken by the Marquis of Ripon, when Grand Master, in Grand Lodge, on the 4th o March 1874:—"Remember, the strength of our Order lies not in the number of our Lodges, or in the increasing roll of our members, but in the fraternal spirit by which the members are animated, and which lives and breathes in our Lodges." And what shall I say about its Charity? It is illimitable, in that it is expanding year by year, until it becomes a marvellous reality and a living proof of the true spirit which adorns, and we may truly say consecrates Freemasonry. It does good in countless ways. Take

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ST. MICHAEL'S LOD

A MEETING, the first of the new sess
11th inst., at the Albion, Aldersga
the W.M. presided, and was supported b
(Treasurer), W. Radcliffe (Secretary), A
monies), Usher Back, John Laver, Dr. W
Morgan, T. H. Peirce, &c., &c. There w
Pocock W.M. 265, C. Coombs W.M. 780, J
was opened, and the minutes of last
emergency meetings held during the rec
The Bye-laws were read. Bro. Harrison,
agenda as a candidate for the second
present. Some routine work was consi
wishes from the Visitors, Lodge was c
followed, and the after proceedings we
singing, Bros. Horscroft, Green, Hunt,
exerting themselves most successfully.

Royal Commemoration Lo
No. 1585.—On Monday, 10th insta
Putney, Bros. Bugler W.M., Sapswort
Treas., Grundy Sec., Radclyffe J.D.,
I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Featherston
minaries, the ceremony of initiation
candidate. The auditors' report was
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to witness the production of the new burlesque, "Miss Esmeralda," by Messrs. A. C. Torr and Horace Mills. If ever success was fairly secured it was on Saturday, for not only had the piece been thoroughly rehearsed and magnificently staged, but the "business" so essential to burlesque had been "worked up" for the first performance, not left to be "developed" later on, when half London might have been disappointed. Mr. Charles Harris's handiwork was everywhere to be seen; the stage management was perfect; the groupings picturesque, while the whole production reflected infinite praise. Another feature that helped to the success of the piece was the tuneful and bright music, composed by Meyer Lutz and Robert Martin. It is above the average of burlesque music, and is invariably pretty. The costumes, supplied by Auguste et Cie and Miss Fisher, designed by Mr. Percy Anderson, were beautiful mixtures of colour. Of the burlesque itself the authors have written an amusing story, hardly new, however, owing to so many changes that have already been rung on Victor Hugo's work. The puns and smart sayings were given with plenty of spirit, seldom, if ever, missing fire. All engaged worked with a will, and it is difficult to pick out who was best. Mr. E. J. Loonen has plenty of scope for his abilities as the monk, Claude Frollo. This gentleman's song, "Killaloo," in the second act, was greatly appreciated; he was recalled several times. "Killaloo" is on the lines of "Ballyhooley," and is very amusing. Miss Marion Hood made a charming Esmeralda, singing and dancing in her usual excellent style. Miss Fanny Leslie had but few opportunities as Captain Phœbus; her best effort was a song about soldiers, before the final set. Mr. Frank Thornton was amusing as the Hunchback of Notre Dame, while Mr. George Stone was equally successful as Grisgoire. Mr. Leo Stormont rendered well the one song allotted him, as the Gipsy King. Miss L. Lind's graceful dancing gained for her golden opinions. The Misses Ada and Addie Blanche showed plenty of spirit, and Miss Emily Miller was good as a middle-aged party. At the conclusion, the artistes and authors were called, after which Mr. C. Harris and Mr. George Edwardes were complimented on the success they undoubtedly had obtained. The burlesque was produced by "Woodstock's Little Game;" the "game," however, was a poor one.

In consequence of having to make room for the Avenue Company, on 15th October, Mr. W. W. Kelly has found another home for Professor Crocker's Educated Horses, at the Japanese Exhibition, Kensington Road, Hyde Park. He has secured the Exhibition for six months from 17th Oct. A large iron fireproof stage is now in course of erection in the centre of the building, wherein the horses will perform their extraordinary and amusing feats every afternoon and evening. Various other entertainments will be given in the side Hall. One shilling paid for admission to the Exhibition we are told covers all charges—including seats to the performances of the day. Fees of all kinds are to be entirely abolished.

Miss Grace Hawthorn will make her first appearance at the Princess's Theatre at a matinée performance on Saturday afternoon, 22nd inst., as "Zanetto" in the "Stroller," an adaptation from the French of "Le Passant," a one-act play made famous several years ago by Mme. Sarah Bernhardt. Miss Hawthorn will on this occasion be supported by Miss Mary Rooke, as Sylvia.

The one-hundredth performance of "Shadows of a Great City," at the Princess's Theatre, will be celebrated on Friday, 28th instant. The success of this piece continues unabated.

A NEW ART UNION.—With the objects of advancing water-colour art and of placing the institute on such a solid basis as to make it the permanent home of that art in this country, the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours have determined to establish an Art Union on a system similar to that followed for many years with such signal success by the Art Union of London. Already more than four hundred artists have promised to contribute pictures, the works exceeding one thousand in number and £11,000 in value. As many of the pictures promised have not yet reached the galleries of the institute, and as there will be in addition valuable works in sculpture and a large number of etchings, it is believed that the total value of the prizes will amount to upwards of £15,000, which is many thousands of pounds in excess of the prizes ever offered in any previous Art Union. Every subscriber will obtain a copy of a presentation plate, a reproduction by photogravure of the picture by Sir James D. Linton, P.R.I., entitled "The Declaration of War." Specimen copies of the plate may be seen at the chief booksellers of the United Kingdom and the Colonies, as well as at the Secretary's office, Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours; and at the offices of Messrs. Cassell and Company, Limited. The plate is now ready for delivery to subscribers, and will be distributed in the order of subscription. The terms of subscription are one, two, and three guineas, with one, two, and three chances in the ballot, and a copy, proof copy, and signed artist's proof of the plate respectively. Messrs. Cassell have undertaken the sale of the tickets and the distribution of the presentation plates.—*Daily News.*

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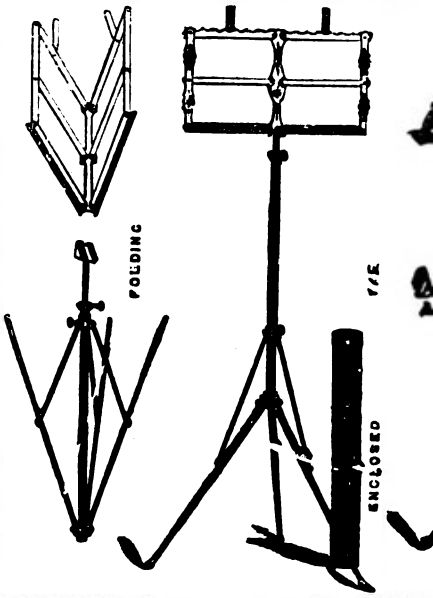

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BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COUR at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-Inn-Fie day, 8th October 1887,

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, J.P., Treasur

After the general business was disposed of, the proceeded to the Election by ballot, of 16 Girls i of 30 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the f ELECTED:—

No. on List		
28	Mathews, Elsie Caroline	...
29	Bexfield, Florence Eleanor	...
3	Tunnell, Amy Harriet ...	...
22	Smith, Amy Henrietta ...	...
1	Rowe, Mary Elizabeth ...	...
7	Edmunds, Jane ...	...
19	James, Elsie Maudslay	...
9	Spalding, Sybil ...	...
2	Woodbridge, Emma Edith	...
27	Chinneck, Winifred Emily	...
10	Ace, Francis Ann ...	...
4	Jolliffe, Ethel Clara ...	...
12	Luke, Kathleen Mabel ...	...
21	Baverstock, Mary ...	...
30	Walker, Maude Alice ...	...
29	Wilkinson, Ida ...	...

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V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron (Grand T

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWE LE of Forty-four Candidates, when the followin

SUCCESSFUL.

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1	35	Morgan, William Hen
2	36	Boulter, Frederick Ch
3	54	Mason, Reginald Herb
4	42	Hird, William Herbert
5	28	Tolson, Joe Ingram
6	47	Payne, Alfred Ernest
7	30	Barker, William Ernes
8	41	Albery, Irving James
9	20	Broad, Frederic John
10	14	Pitt, Edward John
11	27	Kelly, Frederick Fran
12	16	Edwards, Reginald

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT a meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, holden in the George Street Chapel Schools, Heckmondwike, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 2·30 p.m., under the banner of Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, there were present the following Prov. Grand Officers :—

Bros. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England, Master; Henry Smith Past Grand Deacon of England Deputy Master, John Booth as S.W., John Ambler J.W., Rev. J. J. Needham as Chaplain, Rev. Thomas Greenbury Chaplain, John William Fourness Treasurer, J. Kitson Ibbetson Registrar, Herbert G. E. Green Secretary, C. E. Rhodes and John Foster S.D.'s, G. E. Bennett J.D., B. P. Parker as Deacon, Reuben Castle Superintendent of Works, Joseph Dobson Director of Ceremonies, Thomas Denby Assistant Director of Ceremonies, William Stott Sword Bearer, Thomas M. Holmes and Edwin Lee Standard Bearers, William Ash Organist, Job Harling Pursuivant, Francis Smith, Lewis B. Brierley, John W. Turner, John Hobson and Edmund Lord Stewards, Samuel Barrand Tyler, Thomas Leighton Assistant Tyler, with many Past Provincial Grand Officers, and Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens and Brethren from Lodges in the Province. Several letters of apology for absence were announced. The following were present as Visitors:—Bros. John E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, M. C. Peck Provincial Grand Secretary North and East Yorkshire, John Chadwick P.G.S.B. Provincial Grand Secretary East Lancashire, James Terry P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London; James Etchells P.P.G.R. Norths and Hunts; John Petch and J. G. Cobb 1471, London, and — Schofield 967 Chester.

Bro. Thomas Wm. Tew, J.P., Prov. G.M., Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers entered at 2 30, and Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The R.W. Prov. G.M. and the W. D.P.G.M. were saluted according to ancient custom. The distinguished Visitors were separately saluted; the Roll of Lodges was called; the Roll of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers was called. The minutes of the meeting held at Huddersfield, on the 30th March 1887, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved that they be taken as read and confirmed. The R.W. Prov. G.M. then delivered the following address :—

BRETHREN,—Recent events of an important character to this Empire, and to Freemasonry, in connection with the celebration of the 50th year of the reign of our beloved Queen, have received their consummation in the metropolis and in every part of Her Most Gracious Majesty's dominions since this Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at Huddersfield in March. If any outward sign were wanting amongst Freemasons of the loyal appreciation in which Her Majesty and the W.M. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, are held, I have only to refer to the marvellous gatherings of the Craft at the Albert Hall, on Monday, the 13th day of June; at St. Peter's, Westminster Abbey, on the 21st June; and at the Exhibition Building at York, on the 14th July, of representatives of the Order from English Provinces and many diverse parts of the World. These

Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Grand Director of
Grand Secretary, and V.W. Bro. Fenn, Presid
General Purposes. The resolution of Grand
Provincial Grand Master, as Grand Master, ha
7th September, of occupying the chair of Gran
the thanks of the Craft towards these distinq
their admirable labours, were well and richly m
to-day, that this Provincial Grand Lodge wil
resolution, expressive of our gratitude to Lo
Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yo
of York, and to the "York" Lodge, No. 236, fo
at York, whereby many brethren who could no
demonstration in London, did avail themselves o
attend the Masonic Jubilee Service in York
your memories to these events to thank ever
brother in West Yorkshire for the generous m
one and all, supported your Provincial Grand M
there memorable occasions. So far as our West
60 Lodges were represented in London, and 2
York Jubilee Meeting, 61 Lodges were present
represented by 359 brethren, of whom 72 we
Prov. Grand Officers of this Province. Then, a
of the Boys' Festival, at the Crystal Palace, on
following the Albert Hall Gathering, you suppor
the President of that Festival, at which £
West Yorkshire contributing the handsome sum
the head of every other Province in the amount
and this, too, when we had raised for the Girls
pledged ourselves to £2100 as a special Jub
"Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and a
at its regular February Festival. Bro. Terry is
shall listen to him with attention. I may be al
ever a Chairman of a Festival was entitled to su
it was myself on the occasion of the Boys' Fe
called upon suddenly and unexpectedly to fi
onerous office. Truly did the Most Worshipful t
in the Albert Hall, that "Brotherly Love and
the principal tenets of our Order. The former
largely towards this office I have held, and the la
Further, I had the honour of transmitting,
Secretary, towards the Prince of Wales' schem
and Colonial Institute," the sum of £150, and
be considerably augmented, before the close of
Province. It affords me much pleasure to ann
the 13th June the M.W. the Grand Master confe
Grand Deacon of England upon V.W. Bro. He
Prov. Grand Master of this Province, and that
Bearer upon Bro. William H. Brittain, who had
for Freemasonry and for the Charities in this
out this precedent, the M.W. the Grand Master s
cation on the 7th September to Grand Lodge—
proper to suspend the Article 87 of the Boo
(which Grand Lodge did) "Provincial and Dis
desirous of commemorating the Jubilee Year of
might confer Past Provincial or District Grand
their respective Provinces or Districts." This
munication was extended and adopted in th
viz.:—"The number of appointments should
Lodges in the Province or District; where a P
contains more than thirty Lodges, such specia
be one for every four Lodges, with one add
number." I avail myself to-day of this welco
the services of most worthy brethren, by confer
rank upon eighteen Past Masters, out of 681 on
Masters of this Province. I trust, in the mo
most difficult and delicate duty, no Lodg
exercise of my prerogative with the slightest bi
personal selection. My regret is that I have n
but there will be next year no Lodge in West Y
Acting or Past Provincial Grand Officer. I
allow me to allude to this gathering to-day, by
Amphibious Lodge, No. 258. Two applica
Huddersfield—one from Mirfield Lodge,
other from 258. Mirfield Lodge is buildi
Hall, a handsome, commodious, and an a
and will reflect upon its projectors infinite c
early date, some steps may be taken to inau
manner, the opening of the Hall. After gra
invitation was accepted to come to He
Lodge, whose Warrant was signed by Bro.
16th June 1786, was opened at the Suttling Ho
Devon, 22nd August 1786, when James George
sworn, and invested the first Wor. Master. It
Military and Naval Lodge, for the Officers of bo
and water." It appears from the minutes to h
occurrence, if a person were what is called
(permanently on active service) to ballot for, ini
him on the same evening. Hence the n
"Amphibious." As a Yorkshire Lodge, the "Am
from 2nd May 1803. I had hoped to-day to
one-hundredth year on the centenary of the
Lodge, but nothing can be done until the year 1
from the Lodge Minute Books, and the Grand L

visited this place was on the 2nd January 1861. I mention these facts to show the importance and necessity of Lodges carefully preserving their minute books and ancient documentary records. This is the sixth time that "Amphibious" Lodge has received this Provincial Grand Lodge. With sixty-one members, it has twenty-four Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, only two other Lodges in this Province exceeding this number. We cordially acknowledge, therefore, the labours of the W.M. Bro. A. Macauley and his Officers for the preparations they have made for the conduct of the business of this Prov. Grand Lodge to-day. We wish this Lodge a continuation of prosperity and perpetuity, both on "land and water," and fervently trust that in 1903 it may enjoy its centenary from an unbroken continuity of working since 1803, and give proof of its uninterrupted existence for one hundred years, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions. After a reference to the meeting of the Charity Committee at Halifax on the 24th September, to consider a report of this Prov. Grand Lodge, the Prov. G.M. pointed out, from Col. Clerke's statistics, the growth of the Masonic Institutions during the past fifty years, and continued as follows:—With this financial and numerical increase in our Charities, the number of Lodges have also multiplied by 1565, during the same Jubileee period; and since the year 1875, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales became Grand Master of the Craft, 682 Lodges have been established, being nearly 40 more than existed altogether at the accession of Her Most Gracious Majesty in 1837. These figures illustrate in some degree the Loyalty, the Brotherly Love, and Charity of Freemasons, and I hope the next 50 years will exhibit, in these respects, a corresponding progression in magnitude of the Freemasons of England, and that of West Yorkshire will be in the van with its sympathies for the Charities, and its generosity and loyalty, as it has shown itself during this past brilliant period of our Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria's glorious reign. Briefly, Brethren, I have awakened in your memories Masonic progress in this country. It is representative of the Loyalty and Charity of our Order. It is for us to work out the perfection of Masonry, "when wars shall cease, and art shall prosper, and science thrive," and when trade and manufactures and agriculture, represented by personal activity, shall reach their triumphant consummation by turning the "whole human race into one vast Lodge, and make every man a brother." And may this gracious Lady who sits upon the Throne of England—

> "Through all this track of years,
> Wearing the white flower of a blameless life
> In that fierce light which beats upon a throne,—

who has witnessed so many changes, without lessening the esteem and affection of her subjects, long continue to govern a united, prosperous, and contented people, is the fervent aspiration to-day of every brother in this large gathering of the Craft, forming the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of West Yorkshire, so

> "May each day better others' happiness
> Until the heavens envying the Earth's good-hap,
> Add an immortal title to your Crown."

is the prayer of your Provincial Grand Master.

The D.P.G.M. in replying to his salutation gave the Brethren some very excellent advice. It was moved by Bro. J. K. Ibberson P.M 1102 Prov. G. Registrar, and seconded by Bro. John Booth P.M. 258 D.P.G.W., and resolved:—"That the best thanks of this Prov. Grand Lodge are due, and hereby given, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. Provincial Grand Master, to Lieut.-Col. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Past Grand Warden W. D.P.G.M. of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire; and to the Very Reverend the Dean of York, V.W. Bro. A. Purey-Cust, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, and the Worshipful Master and Officers of the York Lodge No. 236, for their very able and efficient arrangements at York, on Thursday the 14th July, A.L. 5887, for the Masonic Celebration of the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." Bro. M. C. Peck Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Y., briefly thanked the Brethren for the vote of thanks. The Treasurer to the "Jubilee Presentations Fund," stated that there was £1424 0s 0d in the Bank to the credit of the Fund, and there were promises amounting to £350, which, together with the donations from Prov. G. Lodge and Chapter, would bring it up within £10 of the amount required. Moved by the Chairman of the Charity Committee, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, and resolved, that authority be given to the Treasurer, to pay the Thousand Guineas when the agreement for the First Presentation is executed, and the Second in like manner on its completion; and that permission be obtained from the Trustees to fix a Brass Memorial Tablet in the Hall of the Institution at Croydon, the cost to be defrayed by Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. James Terry Past G. Sword Bearer, Sec. R.M.B.I., returned thanks for his hearty reception and salutation, and in thanking the Brethren for the gift of the two Presentations, said, he felt sure the Trustees would give permission to have the above-named Tablet fixed in their Institution. The Chairman of the Charity Committee said, that at the Elections in April and May, they had been successful in Electing all their Candidates, viz.: One Girl, Four Boys (including one presented), One Male and Four Widows. The List of Candidates for October Elections showed One Girl and Four Boys. He cordially thanked the Brethren and Charity Members for so punctually sending in their Voting Papers. He asked the R.W. Prov. G. M. to suspend Prov. By-Law No. 27, and he having complied, moved that the following grants for relief be made, viz.: Bro. J. L. 439, £10; Mrs. E. M. 290, £20; and J. L. 458, £25.

then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer was provided at the Masonic Hall, Market S which about 80 Brethren sat down, the R.W. presiding.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION

THE Quarterly Court of the Subscribers an on Saturday in the large hall of Freemas Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer reading and confirmation of the minutes, the re as to the alteration of the dates of the Quarterl A resolution proposed by Bro. J. A. Birch th the dates of election would necessarily involve Laws of the Institution, the Committee alrea their services until the alterations are effect Centenary Committee's report, which we de week, was taken as read, and on motion by seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, was ordere other motions of which notice had been given also adopted; with the exception of No. 3, al Bro. Fenn, on rising to move the adoption o given to understand that there might be some d third proposition, he would propose all the oth and leave No. 3 for discussion after the other Bro. Fenn, in calling on the brethren to cons would like a letter read which had been wr Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, to their Secret official capacity. He thought Bro. Tew coul its being read. His (Bro. Fenn's) name was and as certain imputations were cast upon th he (Bro. Fenn) was Chairman, he thought answered. There were misconceptions in t nary that if other brethren in the Province the same manner the Committee would have altogether, for they could not carry it out with Provinces. The Chairman said this was a ve he thought it should be read. Bro. J. A. Bi be establishing a very inconvenient practice at these Courts from brethren who happened did not attend. If they could not attend th confidence in those who did attend to leave tion. He believed it would be the initiation practice. He moved that the letter be no agreed as to the inconvenience of the course represented brethren of one of the larges and his remarks were of very great importa thought the difficulty of Bro. Birch wa Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, was not pre him that the D.P.G.M. was present, and he c Bro. Tew. Bro. Fenn then summarised wh ceptions of Bro. Tew. Bro. Tew, for whom I an old personal friend. He (Bro. Fenn) prote tion that they desired to push their report Committee, of which he had the honour to form certain duties which they were ask General Committee. They did so, and as c made their report on the first available opp no more, and in the discharge of their duty was not the fault of the General Committ that the General Committe met about one General Court. The Committee could not p it was made to the General Committee, number of them printed and in the Committee, and they were sent c the Provincial Grand Secretaries. Ther part of any one to force it through the Cour to bring under their notice meant very litt Court to spend £20,000; the matte another Quarterly Court, and therefore th Tew complained did not exist, and there w Bro. Tew wrote of the great cost of the buil to be pulled down wholesale—£63,000 (wi they proposing to pull down? The nor some £1,400. They also proposed to pull d useless sculleries and store rooms. The very little service, because it was built fo it had now to provide for over two hun staff. That cost perhaps another £1,400, be of one storey. There was no building ov cost of £63,000, if Bro. Tew knocked off found to be much nearer the mark. Tho buildings were to cost £30,000. There w justify that assumption. The sum ment went through the propositions of the Sub tion the various items which made up th there would be £12,000 extra. He (Bro. Bro. Tew got his £12,000. That was in which the Committee did not recomme recommendation of the Sub-Committee offices, with matron's room, cooking room, and servants' bed rooms be bui

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large school-room in the Alexandra Wing into a dining hall. That cost nothing. 3. Converting the present dining hall and cooking class-room into one large school-room, by removing the intermediate wall, and thus enlarging the dormitory over, and gaining space for eight more beds. 4. Building a new large school-room about 76 feet by 22 feet adjoining the last, with—5. Large dormitories over, capable of affording sleeping accommodation (with 45 feet superficial area to each) for seventy-six children, with the necessary lavatories, &c., &c. The estimated cost of all that was £5000. Then covering the present asphalte court with wide and airy passages, day lavatories, latrines, and boot-room; that would be a very great advantage, affording a covered connection with all parts of the building; that would cost £1400. The building of the Centenary Hall, under scheme B, would cost £5000. If the Committee had adopted scheme C, it would cost £7000, because the building would stand by itself and there would be certain architectural requirements which would add very considerably to the expense. He would now allude to the Medical Officer's Report, the principal part of which was in the hands of the brethren, and it showed the absolute necessity that something should be done. Now that the Report had been put before the Committee, it threw a vast responsibility upon them. The School was overcrowded; and if an epidemic should break out there, the Committee would be responsible after this notice had been given them. The School was crowded far more than any building under the direction of Government Officers, and of those who had the superintendence of those buildings. The Committee felt it was a great responsibility. It was therefore absolutely necessary to make the alterations, for unless they carried them out they would have to stop any more children coming into the school until they came down to such a number as to be within the requirements of the Medical Officers. These alterations amounted altogether to £19,000, so that they would see that Bro. Tew was far beyond the mark in his apprehensions. Bro. Tew also said the expense of £30,000 was to be incurred for an additional 75 girls; but this was another misleading statement, because it was really for over 100 children, which was reduced to 75 if you took 30 off to give the requisite space to be allowed to each child. Bro. J. A. Birch said it was £19,000, in addition to the £2000 for the Junior School. Bro. Fenn said that was so. He might say that although this scheme proposed the addition of bed-rooms and dormitories, it was not imperative on the Committee that these should be filled directly; it was only necessary that they should be filled as occasion might require. But having the future before them, and judging of it by the past, it seemed requisite to provide for extending the usefulness of the School as Masonry increased. It would be folly, while they were about it and had the means of increasing the dormitory accommodation, that they should neglect that opportunity. Of course they could do without the new dormitories proposed to be built over the school-room and where the kitchen was. But as it stood between the great hall and the other part of the building, the expense was so small that, as he said before, it would be folly in them not to avail themselves of the opportunity of building these two rooms. Just one more remark. He had heard some say that it would be a great deal better to remove the School further out into the country than to go to this expense at once. He hoped that no such suggestion would be made. He had been a member of this House Committee but a short time, but long enough to know how ably it conducted the affairs of the School, how devoted the members of the Committee were to the Institution's interest, running down on all occasions, on weekdays or Sundays; whenever they found a convenient moment they would go down there and see what was going on. The Chairman of the month was almost always there; he was at the beck and call of the matron, and Miss Davis, the head governess. Now it would be impossible to do this if the building were twenty miles away from London. The subscribers had the greatest security for the proper conduct of this School in the constant supervision of the House Committee. Moreover, why should the Institution go to the country? It was at present in the most healthy part of London; they could not have a more healthy place; it could not be enclosed any more than it was now, and there was plenty of room for the School, even in its expanded form. If it would meet the objection which had been made or shadowed forth by Bro. Tew, he and others might possibly feel more assured that the Committee were not rushing this report through the Quarterly Court, if he stated he had no objection to add to his motion the rider, "subject to any modification which after due consideration may be deemed desirable by a future Quarterly Court," so that no money might be spent without the consent of a future Quarterly Court, which could make any alteration in this scheme at a future date. It was brought on now because it was necessary at once to come before the Craft with some proposition for celebrating the Centenary of the Institution. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorks, submitted that it was for want of full information that the misconception which had been alluded to had risen in the provinces. Bro. Tew wrote a letter for information. He (Bro. H. Smith) did not come there to complain; on the contrary, he came to support the Committee in every possible way. The report was practically read because all items were referred to by Bro. Fenn. But it was impossible to understand the plan which was annexed to the report. He knew that the beds in the dormitories for years had been overcrowded, and that at least 30 ought to have come out. Therefore it was a very wise thing at this time when there was a chance of getting extra funds to take advantage of the opportunity to bring the present state of things into a satisfactory condition. The desire of the Committee should be to make the Institution equal if not superior to any other Institution in

with the whole circumstances. Eventually, might increase from time to time, at present exceed the amount asked. Bro. Frank Richa the proposition of Bro. Fenn, and after a fe brethren, the motion was seconded and carrie stated that there were four last applications on was told was safe. He should divide his 400 three. Scrutineers were next appointed, and girls out of a list of 30 candidates was pro those successful will be found on another p names of those unsuccessful, with the number

Name.			
Martin, Lily	...	...	...
Freeman, Maud Mary		...	...
Webster, Ruby Rosetta		...	...
Boning, Kate Lilian		...	...
Staff, Henrietta Ada		...	...
Tink, Mary Melita	...	...	...
Baloh, Georgina	...	...	...
Bruce, Mary Elisabeth		...	...
Bissett, Sarah	...	...	...
Geaob, Nora	...	...	...
Tetrenborn, Olga Katinka		...	...
Wilkinson, Jane Routledge		...	...
Campbell, Fanny Clark		...	...
Herratt, Mary Elisabeth		...	...

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTIO

THE October Quarterly Court was held on M Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve, G. Treasurer, p of the former Quarterly Court having bee summaries of the other Committees since th information. The report of the Committee o days of elections was also read. This r Quarterly Courts of the Boys' School should be in January, April, July, and October, and that the Girls' Institution should be held the day was adopted. Bro. J. A. Birch (Manchester) mittee already appointed be continued till the on the adoption of this report, which must b laws of the Institution, are made. The mot and carried. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standar Murray Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House "That an additional vacancy be declared, election of an additional candidate, at the 10th October 1887." Bro. McKay seconded carried. Bro. Binckes informed the Court th ing this motion forward was that a boy of who was elected two years ago, was taken ill and left on account of ill-health. He had his death was an occurrence daily expected. could be return to the School, and therefore a boy to occupy his place. The Scrutinee appointed, and the election of twelve boys on candidates was proceeded with. As in the ca we give the names of those unsuccessful, wit polled :—

Name.			F
Moscop, Charles Irwin	...	...	
Cheek, Henry Cecil	...	...	
Cable, David William Ewart		...	
Brown, Walter Herbert	...	...	
Le Gros, Francis	...	..	...
Davey, Arthur Ernest	...	...	
Gallott, George Louis Granville		...	
Ball, Charles	...	...	...
*McCoy, Ewart Gilbert	...	...	
Wood, Joseph	...	...	...
Chinneck, Robert Percy	...	...	
Staff, Henry James	...	...	
Turner, Francis Pater	...	...	
Gray, Harold	...	...	...
Lawrence, Harry	...	...	
Gaches, Vernon Peed	...	...	
Green, Charles William	...	...	
Baylis, Stanley	...	...	...
Crane, Arthur Hughes	...	...	
*Couch, Cyril Courtenay	...	...	
Carr, Samuel	...	...	...
Murley, Ernest	...	..	...
Bosco, Wallace Peter Charles		...	
Crompton, Arthur Oswald	...	...	
Kemp, Arthur Howard	...	...	
Grimsey, Arthur Henry	...	...	
Fursey, Samuel Henry Reginald		...	
*Cannon, George	...	...	...
Nankivell, Ernest William	...	...	
Burgess, Edgar Holmes	...	...	
Scott, Frederick William John		...	
Jennings, William John	...	...	
*Elford, Bertram	...	...	...
Siggers, Clement	...	...	

The remaining 8 candidates polled between

that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

1179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden

MONDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. 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
1206—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1289—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8, (Inst.)

R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Paveme
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Nottin
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, N
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, Kings' Arms Hotel, Cro
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier,
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manch
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1385—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruc
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingha
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street,
1961—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rug
2045—Wharton, Willesden
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orch
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Gre
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Corn
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 19th OC

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' H
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Bor
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Stre
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street,
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Inst
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's C
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubi
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 514 Old Ke
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Str
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.3
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Vic
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltha
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Stree
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell N
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regen
R.A. 193—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., a
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8.
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Re
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shored
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatha
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ry
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Sq
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-squa
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commerc
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (In
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, New
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Che
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Ro
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridg
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birm
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Working
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons Hall, Zetland-stree
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkd
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale

1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimty, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Markworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
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)
44—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
172—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)
753—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1871—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
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. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1513—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan 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, 21st 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)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
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—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, …
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, …
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Pl… Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E…
M.M. 176—Era, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pave…
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Waggon and Horses Hotel Tipton
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, …
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, …
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Le…
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instru…
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmin…
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manche…
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Str…
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hal…
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Rea…
R.A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-stre…
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, H…
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffie…

SATURDAY, 22nd OCTO…

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Totten…
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7…
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (…
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hack…
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Vi…
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, …
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Ha…
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Re…
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwel…
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

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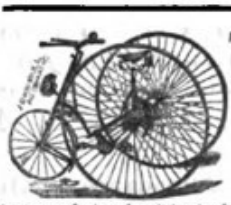

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THE INCREASE OF LODGES.

FREEMASONRY is extending on every side of us, under our genial English jurisdiction, and the question may fairly be asked, and as properly answered—is it for good? In reply to such a query, we feel very sanguine and certain that the increase of Lodges amongst us is both reasonable and advantageous, and even necessary for the Craft at large. There are those, we know, who take a comparatively contrary view of the matter. There are some good brethren of ours, (fault-finders, cavillers and cynics always exist), who deem the extension of our Lodge Roll, striking and rapid as it has been of late years, as matter for doubt and discussion. Indeed, we have heard such a policy openly questioned, and even blamed. We confess that we entirely dissent from any such views or conclusions, arguments we can hardly term them, as all such objectors base their criticism on most airy and impalpable reasons, and which, when tested or analysed, are found at once to be the veriest gossamer, both in texture, force and reality. Indeed, the objections to such Lodge increase are purely sentimental, and are met and confuted at once by numberless considerations, which demonstrate forcibly how safe, on the contrary, and how seasonable are such concessions to the wishes and wants of our Brotherhood, and how rational and salutary is that well-ordered increase of our Lodges which is going on in our English jurisdiction, as we think for the benefit of Freemasonry, and the welfare of the Craft.

We have heard, for instance, from time to time, such asseverations as the following, hastily made, but weakly urged, which have always appeared to us to be, (we say it in all deference to those who differ from us,) the quintessence of sciolism, as regards the facts and conditions of the case, in respect of the needs and wishes of the Craft on the one hand, and the exigencies and position of Freemasonry generally on the other.

Some of our readers, like ourselves, may have heard it said: "Some of our Lodges are weak; it is better to prop up old and weakly Lodges than create new ones."

It has been contended: "We are yielding to a special tendency, a vicious eagerness, to create new Lodges, to make office for particular and favoured personalities."

We have listened to grave assertions, "that we are undermining existing Lodges by the competition of younger bodies."

We have even heard it put forward, "that our Grand Lodge system is becoming cumbrous and far too large, and that we are giving too great an extension to an already unmanageable jurisdiction."

These averments appear to us, when we carefully consider them, to be after all nothing more, and nothing less, than hopeless platitudes. We have heard them over and over again, and the results have proved them to be one and all utterly pointless and groundless, while facts and figures have shown them to be unreasonable in themselves, and to rest on no solid foundation at all.

Indeed they come before us once and again as airy shadows, constituting that universal "output" of "circumlocution" and "red tape," all the world over; that good old manly resistance to advance, improvement and

These often cherished fallacies, "familia "as household words," "slain, twice slain," advance of right and civilization, still cro again as fresh as ever, and as the warfare i between crass ignorance and elevating edu error and truth, between darkness and barbarism and civilization, so we, in Fre have to meet the same resistant influenc changes of time, and the requirements imperatively demand. Yes, when we take al as it were, one by one; pull them to piec with logic's unfaltering and unfailing "sc out at once how nebulous and flimsy they re worth the labour of thought, certainly no vivacity of discussion, but simply dema dismission and happy forgetfulness.

Because a Lodge is weak, through som of its own, we are *therefore* to refuse to for active energetic body, is a representation transparent as not to deserve a moment o its confutation. When Lodges are so w cannot keep up their income, or do the work Fraternity, we may assume, as an undoubte the respect of the actual realities of the case pass out of active life and interested wo Brethren are indifferent to their support, belong to them, there is something ver where, something very faulty and ineff administration, their organisation and their o Lodges, failing Lodges, faltering Lodges, m of nature and Freemasonry, give place to ha real sappy offshoots from the Parent Tree. of Masonic nepotism is, we feel sure, unfoun cases no doubt there are, where from local or special reasons, brethren desire a certain who he may, to be placed at the head o venture. Has any one a right to blam thinking and acting? Surely they are the the matter! If not they, who can better be

In all cases, as a general and safe rule, a good reason for its selection of Bro. A, over them; and whether it strikes an outsi choice is not the question at all; it is simp selection so made, is for the harmony of th the welfare of the Lodge.

There is often, we beg to observe, fro rience, a great and seasonable necessity f or emigration, from an old and numero a new and promising body, especially to prosperity and numbers, all hopes preferment are very distant, and for yo young, active, zealous and well instructed M

As regards the competition between Lodges, we hold it in the nature of thin healthy and reasonable in Freemasonry as in in other matters. Brethren who do not get o may and probably do get on in another, a some and often absolutely necessary incre prevents anything like a Lodge "monop one danger the formation of a "ring" within a Lodge, which mostly acts as a

carefully attended to, more speedily answered and dealt with. Some of us who can still recall the complaints of "other days," the formidable "lâches" of older officials, the animadversions of the "Masonic Observer," or the din of somewhat angry controversies, rejoice to observe the peace and unity existing in our Order to-day, and the entire absence of any ground for complaint, in smallest measure; rather the uncontroverted prevalence of full-voiced and unanimous and hearty commendation.

In no language of adulation, as that would be unfitting and unwelcome here, we say the transaction of our Masonic business to-day reflects the highest credit on the Grand Secretary and his obliging and attentive staff. Thus it will be noted that we are entirely in favour of that striking, yet reasonable increase of Lodges which our present Masonic generation has witnessed. Believing in Freemasonry, holding its teaching to be sound, valuable and beneficial; observing how it speeds on its beneficent career in peace and Charity, toleration and goodwill to all, we hail every new Lodge as another little link in the great electric chain of Freemasonry, which will one day encompass the world with a loving message of Charity and Loyalty for the Brotherhood, and of sympathy and goodwill for mankind.

PHŒNICIAN INFLUENCE UPON FREEMASONRY.

BRO. Sir Charles Warren and the Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., recently intimated that traces of ancient Phœnician influence might be discerned in Freemasonry. We think the suggestion can be abundantly proved to be well-ofunded, and we invite our readers' attention to what we conceive to be evidence in support of this belief.

The traditions and lectures of the Craft allege the existence of Freemasonry since the earliest ages of the world, but expressly refer to the building of King Solomon's Temple as a remarkable event in fraternal achievement. We have never been of the number of those who attribute the origin of Masonry to Solomon, much less to any other personage at a later day. We credit too highly the Biblical statements and our Masonic traditions in this regard. Solomon said to Hiram, King of Tyre (1 Kings v. 6) "thou knowest that there is not among us any that have skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians." This was true, and the Jews, who were also unskilled in the working of metals and stone, without the aid of the Sidonians or Tyrians could never have built Solomon's Temple. Now who were these foreign Craftsmen? They were Phœnicians. And who were the Phœnicians? They were, according to Sir William Betham and other scholars, "the shrewdest and most acute of mankind, skilled in science, literature, and art," the inventors of the alphabet, of the art of navigation and of the science of astronomy. Pomponius relates that Phœnician navigators sailed the fleets of Solomon to Ophir (Arabia) and Tarshish (Spain). Italy was their first great colony, their monuments being found to-day in Etruria, and they sailed the seas over, settled Cyprus, Sicily and Sardinia, penetrated to all the coasts of the Mediterranean, founded Utica and Carthage in Africa, and Cadiz, in Spain, passed beyond the Pillars of Hercules, at Gibraltar, and colonised Great Britain and Ireland. As builders they were famous for their Cyclopean architecture, of which there are remains in Etruria and elsewhere. This was the charactar of the foundations of Solomon's Temple: "The foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits (fifteen feet) and eight cubits" (twelve feet). (1 Kings vii. 10). King Hiram's Cyclopean builders laid those foundations.

Among the Phœnicians were two classes of men gathered

tells us, concerning the Cabiri, Mysteries "the unity of the "certain symbols and signs by each other and held together." phers, builders, miners and nav as well as operatives." "Th Mysteries of Samothrace, by Di Freemasons still say of them asserted." The literary fragme thon," compiled by Philo in th us that the Phœnician priests of all the discoveries of learning writing, which the initiated and awe, and also the use of th Etruscan compass, with eight po at Florence. On it is this incri ters: "In the night voyage, pro

Count Di Cesnola, in his ex Cyprus, unearthed a number Phœnician tombs being several Phœnician city having perishe up, which in time silently enter suspecting that it reposed upon of the dead." Di Cesnola op tombs, and many of the Phœnic are now preserved in the Metro the Central Park of New York.

We will mention two leadi usages of to-day which the Phœnicians:—

Herodotus wrote, B.C. 518, t of Hercules at Tyre was built t years before his era. So muc the Phœnicians Freemasonry ap two famous Pillars, that stoo outer porch of King Solomon observance of the days now kno Baptist and St. John the Evang

(1) As to the two Pillars. Temple of Hercules at Tyre:—

"Being anxious to know certainty of these things, I sa because I had heard that in that to Hercules. I saw that Tem many magnificent donations, a *pillars, one of fine gold, the other*

Sir William Betham, in his "The existence of two pillars i Tyre, and the introduction of t Hiram the Tyrian, is striking accidental."

(2) As to the two St. John's of the Phœnician Hercules wer the summer and winter solstices and shortest. We, to-day, obse style them St. John the B Evangelist's Days. These obse century Freemasons with the Cabiri, of three thousand years

Another thought in this c Solomon's time Freemasonry simply Jewish, since it bou Tyrians. Here again we m catholicity of Masonry is tota feelings and prejudices. * * which embraces all mankinds been formed (alone) by a peop to all contact with Gentile str dispersion they did not prese selves. There is not even a tr

Still another thought. Ev the Solomonic era, Freemason membership both Speculative two traditional Grand Master Hiram, having been Specula

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celebrated at Byblos in Phœnicia, where according to one account the body of Osiris was found, and where a temple for the worship of Baal (the sun) was erected.

It is also fairly inferable that the Tyrian nation, at some earlier and purer stage of its history, was blessed with the favour of God. The prophet Ezekiel says (xxviii. 12, 15, 17): "Son of Man, take up a lamentation upon the King of Tyrus, and say unto him, * * * Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. * * * Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness." The Rev. Canon Trevor, in his "Ancient Egypt," informs us, that "The Tyrians, being Cushites, were nearly allied to the children of Mizraim; and it is remarkable that the ark and cherub with outstretched wings are found depicted among the early religious symbols of Egypt."

We trust we have written sufficient to establish the fact of a powerful early Phœnician influence upon Freemasonry, the cosmopolitan characteristics of the Craft even three thousand years ago, the union then of Speculative and Operative Masons, and of the Fraternity's possession at that early era of symbols and usages which have been exactly preserved in the Craft through millennials of history, notwithstanding the rise and fall of nations, and changes in the locality, nationality and constitutions of the Masonic Fraternity.—*Keystone.*

FREEMASONS AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

THE Lord Mayor (Past Grand Warden of England) entertained a large company of Freemasons at dinner at the Mansion House on Tuesday, to meet the Earl of Lathom (Deputy Grand Master) and the Grand Officers of the year. There were present, amongst others, Bros. the Earl of Jersey Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire; Colonel Sir F. Burdett Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Herts, Sir H. Williamson Provincial Grand Master Durham, T. W. Tew, J.P., Provincial Grand Master West Riding Yorks, H. D. Sandeman Past Grand Master Calcutta, Col. C. Lyne Provincial Grand Master Monmouthshire, Sir G. Elliott, M.P., Provincial Grand Master South Wales, Sir O. Wakeman Provincial Grand Master Shropshire, General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe P.G.W., Sir G. Goldney P.G.W., Rev. G. W. Weldon Grand Chaplain, Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth Grand Chaplain, Sir H. E. Knight, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Alderman Whitehead, Sir H. Isaacs, R. Eve Grand Treasurer, Sheriff Davies, Sheriff Higgs, Sir J. Monckton P.G.W., Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Dr. W. H. Russell, Edmund Yates, Colonel Edis, J. Aird, &c., &c. The brethren present wore Masonic clothing. The Lord Mayor gave the toast The Queen and the Craft, which was received with enthusiasm. In proposing the toast the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Lord Mayor said that he had in his possession a letter expressing the sympathy of the Prince of Wales with their gathering that evening. It was too much to look for the presence of His Royal Highness among them after the hard work which he had had to go through during the past year, but he was sure that all the Brethren wished him health, and especially renewed health to those members of his family who were suffering from a usual, but still a somewhat unpleasant, ailment. The toast was most cordially received, as was also that of The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon), the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Lord Mayor expressed the opinion that the interests of Masonry were perfectly safe in the hands of the Grand Officers, who would fulfil the duties of their offices for the good of Masonry and for the good of the whole world. Lord Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, replied, and expressed regret at the absence of the Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon. The Lord Mayor next proposed the toast of the Brethren below the Dais. He referred especially to the members of the Lodges with which he was connected, among them being the Bard of Avon Lodge. Bro. Edmund Yates, the Worshipful Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, responded, and, referring to the ceremony at Stratford-on-Avon, on Monday last, said that the good feeling which existed between the people of America and the people of this country might be traced in a certain sense to Masonry. The concluding toast, the Health of the Lord Mayor, was proposed by the Earl of Jersey, who spoke of the strength and influence of Masonry in this country. The Lord Mayor responded, and the company then separated.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe Street, York, on Friday, the 28th inst., at the invitation

PROV. G. MASTER CHES

THIS eminent and distinguished broth Masonic career extending over half a valuable service to the Craft, not only in but generally, expired on Wednesday Tabley House, Knutsford, in the 76th His Lordship was initiated into Fr Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, at O 1831, and subsequently filled the chai M.E.Z. in various Lodges and Chapt county. Of Provincial Grand Lodge he Grand Warden; the late Earl of Zetl Master, in 1859 conferring upon him th of England; and six years later, on the Combermere, he was appointed Provincia Cheshire. So great was his Lordship's assiduous his labours for the advancem that one-fourth of the Lodges now existi were constituted during the period of h 1868 he was appointed Grand Superin Arch Masons in Cheshire; and on the Prince of Wales as M.E. Grand Z. o Chapter in 1875, his Lordship was chos of Third Grand Principal. Lord De exertions in the cause of charity are t need recapitulation. He was one of th of the Cheshire Masonic Educational the best institutions of its kind in the P occupied the chair at the Festivals of he presided at the Boys' Festival in 186 Benevolent Institution in 1866. La sequence of failing health, he resig of Provincial Grand Master, which nobly for 21 years; and carried his retirement the respect and affectio he had ruled so wisely and so well. He of all our Institutions, and a Past Presid Masonic Educational Association. The had rendered such signal service to t branches, and more especially in the cau is one that cannot be regarded other tha misfortune.

Further particulars of Lord De career will be found in our "Masonic P

We tender our condolence to Bro. Geo 2012, on the death of his wife, which m place on Monday last. The deceased some months past, in a critical state, a recovery had been abandoned.

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GEORGE PRICE CHAPTER,

THE first regular meeting of this Chapter w hound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, the H. M. Hobbs P.P.G.A.D.C. Surrey Z., J. Surrey H., J. S. Fraser P.P.G.A.S. Essex J., Arthur Adams Treasurer, M. L. Levèy P.G. Organist Surrey, and Gordon Smith P.G.H. Surrey, George Price P.G. Treasurer Visitors—Comps. J. Hooke Z. 463 P.G.S. Su No. 1. The Chapter having been opened, a Convocation read and confirmed, the ballot candidates; two of them, Bros. D. Gnedalla a George Price Lodge, were duly exalted. The the Committee appointed for that purpose, Price P.G. Treasurer Surrey, after whom the unanimously elected an honorary member. expressed his wish to act as Steward next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for represent the Chapter on that occasion. Af been disposed of, the Chapter was closed, adjourned to the banquet table, where the us toasts were given, interspersed by some exc West, Leaver, and Gordon Smith.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 11th October at the Jack Straw's Castle Hotel, Hampstead Heath, under the presidency of Bro. H. E. Coffin W.M., who was supported by Bros. John Potter I.P.M., C. H. Fry S.W., F. Freeman J.W., J. T. Rowe P.M. Treas., Edwin Storr P.M. Sec., J. Ware P.M., J. G. Humphreys P.M., H. Hollis P.M., W. Wilkinson P.M., W. A. Scurrah P.M. S.D., A. Goodchild P.M. J.D., J. R. Thompson P.M. D.C., J. Hearsum I.G., A. W. Lane Steward, T. Bowler Tyler, and a numerous array of Visitors, among whom were Thomas Oakes 164, G. P. Nightingale S.W. 193, M. Lincoln I.G. 534, John Dale 1613, C. J. Coles, A. Clark S.W. 2191, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, Henry Reid S.W. 142, W. Bellamy S.D. 1627, J. Bellamy 1614, W. J. Coplestone J.W. 834, A. H. Scurrah Sec. 2206, R. W. Heney 809, G. Pritchard P.M. 167, J. Kew P.M. and Sec. 179, H. G. Hildreth W.M. 1185. The business of the day comprised the ceremonies of raising, passing and installation, there being one candidate for the third degree, and one for the second. Bro. C. H. Fry was installed as Worshipful Master, Bro. Edwin Storr performing the ceremony. At the conclusion of the work the brethren sat down to banquet, presided over by the Worshipful Master, who in due course gave the customary toasts. Bro. Coffin I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He trusted the brethren would find Bro. Fry a worthy occupant of the chair of the Lodge, and that he would fulfil the duties of his office with the same ability as had been displayed by his predecessors. He felt sure Bro. Fry would do his best to carry on the Lodge as it should be done, and that he would strive to merit the approval of its members. In reply, the Worshipful Master tendered his sincere thanks. He felt deeply the honour which had been bestowed upon him in electing him as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and appreciated the kind reception which had been accorded him. He felt he might not prove a first rate Master in the matter of ritual, but as having Masonry at heart, and for the desire of upholding the interests of that Lodge, he would yield to no one. He hoped his actions would be such as to ensure the success he desired. The toast of the Visitors was then given, Bro. Hildreth being the first to respond. He had experienced very great pleasure in attending that night, as he had seen two of his old friends appointed to office in the Lodge. He hoped they would go on until they reached the chair, and that the Lodge would also continue to progress. Bro. W. M. Stiles followed. He felt an especial pleasure to attend, as it had afforded him the opportunity of seeing one dear old friend installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by an even older friend. He was a frequent visitor at the St. John's Lodge, where visitors were always so heartily received as to make it an especial pleasure to attend. Brother Reid added a few words, complimenting the members on their thorough Masonic spirit—a great amount of discipline in the Lodge and a great amount of hilarity in the after proceedings. Bro. Kew spoke as a frequent Visitor during the past year, and also referred to the Centenary Meeting of the Lodge, an occasion which no doubt many of those then present could well remember. He felt the interest the Worshipful Master had displayed during the day was such as to convince them that the duties of his office would be satisfactorily carried out. Bros. Bellamy, Pritchard, Copestone, and others also responded, and then the Worshipful Master submitted the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Storr, who replied in the briefest manner possible. The toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge was next given. Brother Coffin tendered his thanks. He felt the brethren seemed to think almost as much of their Past Masters as they did of their Worshipful Master, judging from the hearty reception just accorded the toast. The jewel they had that night been good enough to make him a present of led him to believe he had done something to the satisfaction of the Lodge during the past year; he trusted such was really the case. He felt the present Master could not fail to get through his term of office satisfactorily, as he was sure of equal support to that which he had received during the past twelvemonths. Brothers Humphreys, Ware and Storr also replied. The latter brother expressed his gratification at the hearty thanks which had been accorded him that night for what he had done as Installing Master. He always felt it was impossible to do too much for Freemasonry, the members of which should work for the general good of the Order, whether their position was Installing Master or simply an ordinary member of a Lodge. The toast of the Officers was next given, and to this Bro. Scurrah replied, after which the Tyler gave the closing toast, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

EVIDENTLY, from the spirit of cordiality with which the Brethren of this good old Lodge entered upon their duties, after the recess, on Monday, 10th inst., there is not the slightest intention of relaxing those exertions for the welfare of Masonry for which its members have so long been proverbial. Not only was there a very respectable muster of the brethren present, but some good work on the agenda, which the Worshipful Master, Brother F. Silvester, performed in a manner which bore favourable comparison with that done by a long line of efficient predecessors. There seemed to be a unity and earnestness of purpose throughout the whole of the proceedings, and thus the evening was pervaded with profitable

Clark 1679, H. Friedlander 1446, and I
posing of the usual preliminaries, Lodge
degree, when Bro. E. Pennock was raise
being admirably rendered by the Worsh
Officers. Resuming in the first degree
Mr. George Barlow, resident engineer
had been nominated by Bro. W. Ric
Secretary. The voting was unanimously
was duly initiated into the mysteries an
this ceremony being likewise performe
the transaction of some business of n
closed in harmony, amidst a hearty in
and congratulation upon a "resumption
served in Bro. Clemow's invariably exc
clusion the usual Loyal and Masonic
Worshipful Master, in proposing the Q
that since their last meeting the Jubilee
been celebrated in a variety of ways thr
and by none of Her Majesty's subjects
loyally marked than by the Masonic C
illustrious Patroness. However, the ru
indulge in long speeches, and, therefore
asked them to drink Loyalty to the
Craft. The toast of the Most Worshipf
received amongst Masons with a great
them had the privilege of seeing his Ro
Commemoration Meeting at the Albert
the pleasure of seeing more of him in
Master said the next toast he should s
was welcomed in every Lodge—namely,
could not exist without a constant infu
pleased to say they had a good addition
the person of Bro. Barlow. He was su
which he had passed would have produce
on his mind, which impression would be
he proceeded further in his Masonic ex
given by Bro. S. J. Webb P.M., and the
characteristic of the brethren of the Co
in acknowledging the warmth of his re
for the kindly way in which they had
He should always endeavour to act as a
but on this occasion he pleaded obvi
them with a long speech. Bro. W. S
terms proposed the Worshipful Maste
the time that Bro. Silvester had occupi
position and performed the duties to t
member of the Lodge. It afforded t
see the way in which he conducted th
and to-day he had given them fresh pro
The Worshipful Master, in respondi
sincerely for the flattering terms in
brethren for the reception they had g
know that he deserved all the kind thi
but supposed he must accept them
hardly say he should endeavour to d
welfare of this Lodge and the good o
next toast was that of the Visitors, of
present as they were accustomed to
A good many of the brethren were stil
and probably the wet weather had
London from attending. However, h
he saw at the table that they were
wished them to see the working of t
his Officers a bit of advice as to whet
not. On the other hand, the brethr
other Lodges, so that they might pic
interchanges of visits showed the b
and should be encouraged in eve
expressed the gratification he felt at
in which the work had been carried ou
of Bro. Silvester. The ceremony in
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that was beautiful in the Masonic
significance unless it was delivered
some cases it was delivered as thou
little or no effect upon the Initiat
initiated by Henry Muggeridge, more
His was the Stability working, so he
on with it, although it was differen
Bro. Friedlander also briefly replied
very kindly received by the membe
that day had been carried out with th
delighted to have been present t
Master then proposed the Past Mast
was not such an array of them tha
been prevented from attending by
W. A. Cubitt P.M. could not divine
respond to this toast, unless it was t
rather too bashful, having made o
They had up to the present had a ve
and the work of the Lodge had bee

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speaker), as a junior, was glad to look up for support and guidance. He must say that during his own Mastership he received the greatest kindness and assistance from the Past Masters. Although his star was waning, he hoped to be able to render what assistance he could to the future occupants of the chair, and this he should only be too proud and happy to do at any time. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary came next, and the W.M., in proposing the toast, expressed regret that Brother Kershaw, their esteemed Treasurer, had been obliged to leave early. In their excellent Secretary, Bro. Shackell, they had one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge; always kind and genial towards the brethren, and therefore held very high in their esteem and affection. Bro. Shackell, in a brief response, expressed his gratitude for the very kindly manner in which the toast had been received, and promised that, as long as he was able, he would do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge and harmony amongst the brethren. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, paying a high compliment to each and all of them for the way in which they had assisted him in carrying out the work. Brother G. P. Nightingale Senior Warden after thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, said the Worshipful Master had spoken of the way in which the Officers had assisted him in the working of the Lodge. Individually, it gave him very great pleasure to do so, as far as he possibly could, and he hoped eventually to be called to that position now so worthily filled by Bro. Silvester. Should he be so fortunate as to be elected to that position, he assured them he should always do his best to please the brethren, and to promote the welfare of the Lodge generally. Bro. S. Smither J.W. also returned thanks for the kindly mention made of his Officers by the W.M. It had been his ambition, ever since he became a member of this Lodge, to aspire to the chair, and with that aim before him he had worked assiduously. He had been a regular attendant at the Lodge for some years; indeed, he had been absent from only one of its meetings, and that was when he was many miles away from town. If the Officers had been of any assistance in the work, he assured the W.M. they had received more than satisfaction from the kind and genial manner in which he had always treated them. He felt sure that when Bro. Silvester left the chair he would do so with honour to himself and credit to the Lodge. Bros. E. J. Davey S.D., W. A. Colyer I.G., and H. Clare Steward, severally responded, the latter in a characteristically humorous speech. Some excellent songs enhanced the pleasure of a very enjoyable réunion.

ROYAL MILITARY LODGE, No. 1449.

THIS flourishing Lodge held its installation meeting at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Monday, 10th October 1887. The W.M., Bro. Cockersell, was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. T. Blamiers I.P.M., A. Develin S.W., D. Waller W.M. 125 J.W., H. Mangham Chaplain, E. Plume P.M. Treasurer, W. Carter P.G.Sd.B. Sec., A. Abbs S.D., T. Beckett J.D., D. Hall D. of C., R. Simms I.G., J. Plant P.G.O. Org., W. Claydon and J. Naylor Stewards, R. Blake Tyler; H. T. Naylor P.P.G.S.B., J. E. Wilshier P.P.G.S. of W., D. Laing, J. Fermor, T. Wordley, G. Robinson, R. Geddes, H. Herbert, F. Clarke, A. Anderson, G. Jones, Major H. Maclean, T. Leech, G. Rupert, C. Nix, H. Barrett, F. Smith, W. Checkley, F. Kenning, J. Thorne, J. Ward, G. H. De Lasaux, G. Anderson, and the following Visitors—W. Price P.M. 972, H. Pringuer J.W. 972, R. Morley W.M. 429, H. Letts 31, S. Newman W.M. 972, S. Lound 31, T. Rossiter P.M. 972, W. Ladd I.G. 972, G. Young 31 P.M. 268, G. Potter 1437, G. Stratford 127, W. Mound 972, C. Iggleseden P.M. 1208. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Develin, was installed in the chair by Bro. H. T. Naylor P.P.G.S.B., Bro. E. Plume P.M. acting as D. of C. The Lodge having resumed, the W.M. invested the following Brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Major H. W. Maclean S.W., A. Abbs J.W., Rev. H. Mangham Chaplain, E. Plume P.M. Treasurer, W. Carter P.G.Sd.B. Secretary, T. Beckett S.D., W. Claydon J.D., J. Plant P.G.O. Organist, D. Laing I.G., J. Naylor D. of C., G. Rupert A.D.C., Anderson and Leech Stewards, R. Blake P.M. Tyler. J. Blamiers was elected Charity Delegate, and E. Beer P.P.G.S.B. a member of the Building Committee. Bro. Cockersell was then presented with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been previously voted him by the Lodge. Bro. Cockersell P.M. thanked the Lodge in suitable terms. The Installing Officer Bro. H. T. Naylor was accorded a vote of thanks for the able and satisfactory manner in which he had performed the ceremony. Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Earl Amherst P.G.M., Bros. Eastes D.P.G.M., Thorpe P.G. Treasurer, Spencer P.G. Secretary, Curteis P.G. Chaplain, the Mayor of Canterbury, and many others. The Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the Brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where the partook of a banquet, served by the host, Bro. H. Ward, in his usual récherché style. Bro. Develin presided, and the musical arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. P.M. Plant, Kennett, Iggleseden and Rhodes. After grace (*non nobis*), the W.M. proposed the Queen and Craft, and the Brethren responded by heartily joining in singing "God Save the Queen." The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was proposed by the W.M., as also that of the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past. Brother

Charities, proposed by Bro. Plant, and repl
P.M.; Bro. Plume P.M. proposed the W.M
31 and 972, and Bros. Plant P.M. 31 and Ne
The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable

ROYAL COMMEMORATION L

THE first meeting of the season was held
Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday the 5th
A. H. Strong W.M., Williams S.W., Wing J
Robinson P.M. Secretary, Harding S.D.,
P.M. D.C., Windsor Assist. Organist, Coomb
Walkeley Tyler, P.M.'s Pardoe, Whitley an
members. Among the Visitors were Bros
1362, Wood 1642, Higham 1011, Bell
Weise 1446, Andrews 177, &c. The Lodge
and the minutes of the last meeting we
Brothers Godwin, Stern, Jamieson, Gordon
examined and entrusted. The Lodge was
and the six brethren named above were
of F.C. The Lodge was resumed, and a b
following gentlemen: — Mr. A. W. Kettle
Murray and seconded by Bro. S. D. Harding
and Mr. Robert Cunningham, proposed
seconded by Bro. Stern; also Mr. Georg
P.M. Bro. Litley and seconded by P.M. B
proving in their favour, they were duly ini
of Antient Freemasonry, in a most impressi
During routine work, Bro. S.W. William
J.W. Wing seconded, that a Jubilee Comm
sented to the W.M. in acknowledgment of h
Lodge at the Royal Albert Hall. This was
and, after hearty good wishes, the Lodge w
until the first Wednesday in November.
work got through, it was eight o'clock be
assemble round the banquet board, and afte
the worthy host, Bro. P.M. Page, in his us
style) had been duly discussed, the W.M. ro
"as example teaches more than precept,
example of short speeches, owing to the la
toast, as well as the other Loyal and Ma
received. Bro. P.M. Collings, in the un
I.P.M., Bro. Collick, expressed his own an
with that brother in his sufferings. Aft
of the W.M., he invested him with the
Lodge, wishing him many years of happine
W.M. suitably responded, and then pro
initiates, expressing his pleasure at having h
ment for the season. The Tyler sang the
Kettle, Croker, Cunningham and Steeden r
the Visitors, Bros. Godson, Wood, William
The W.M. proposed the P.M.'s, and Bros
Pardoe replied. The Officers; the S.W., J
Organist replied; and the Tyler's toast
A capital selection of songs was contribu
Gordon especially distinguishing themselves

OLD ENGLAND LODGE

THE members of this Lodge met on Th
at Thornton Heath, when there were
M. Hobbs (P.P.G.S.D. Surrey) W.M., F. T. I
ton J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. P.P.G.J.W. (Nor
G. S. Horsnail Secretary, R. G. Fleming
W. H. Ranson I.P.M., H. Baber P.M., F. C.
Sherry, Cox, Symmonds, Mortimer, Heale
Bolton, Horton, Chamberlain, Best, Griffin,
and W. Lane Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W.
Surrey) 463, W. Barn I.G. (South Middlese
worth Steward (George Price) 2096. The L
and the minutes of last meeting read, Br
were passed. A sincere vote of condolence
P.M. Foulsham, and ordered to be entered on
C. Daniel, P.M. 65, an honorary member of
death of his only son. After other busines
the Lodge was closed in due form, and the
refreshments. The supper, which parto
(in regard both to quality and quantity, a
it was served) gave credit to the experience
Brother Tarry, the Steward of the Lodge.
W.M., of the Queen, Loyalty to the Thro
Craft, met with cordial reception; it was fo
ton and Brethren singing "God Save the Q
spoke of the great pleasure he felt in meeti
Visitors on that as on every other occasion a
he alluded to the telegrams received from
Elverston, who were unable to attend. Th
having obtained the position of their W.
the pride of most Freemasons to attain, he ho

been feeling of unnatural vacancy existed. He hoped that Brother Foulsham, who was one of the founders and prime movers in the Lodge, would live many years yet to be present with them, and give them the advantage of that extensive and long experience in Freemasonry which he possessed. As regards the Secretary, he was sure Bro. Horsnail would look after the interest and financial transactions of the Lodge, and he was certain that Bro. Foulsham would take necessary care of the funds of their Lodge. Bro. Foulsham, in acknowledging the toast, stated that he felt proud in meeting the brethren, and was delighted to see so many present who had been initiated by him. He referred to the W.M., the I.P.M., and others who had passed the Master's chair as worthy examples to imitate. He then reviewed the benefits which the principles of Freemasonry inculcated, and what vast good to human nature had resulted. He hoped that Freemasonry would continue to progress, and be the fertilizer of true Christianity. Bro. Horsnail, the Secretary, observed that the duties which their W.M. had appointed him to discharge should, to the best of his ability and attention, continue to be carried out. He had but one aim in view—that of meriting the Lodge's approval. He looked upon them more as a pleasure than an obligation, and he trusted that he should be able worthily to follow in the footsteps of the W.M. and of their revered Treasurer; those brothers were his sponsors in Freemasonry. Bros. Ridpath, Kilvington, Griffin, Sherry and Buckley gave some excellent songs; Bro. Bolton a recitation, which met with particular favour. Expressions of approval and thanks were bestowed on Bro. Kilvington for his attention to the musical arrangements. The evening throughout was one of universal accord.

THE RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THERE was a goodly muster of members and visitors at the last regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Station Hotel, Richmond, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. John P. Houghton. Although only a young Lodge, its members seem to be imbued with a considerable amount of Masonic vigour, and work together in the most united and harmonious manner. The Lodge possesses all the elements of strength which must lead to continued prosperity. The W.M. was supported by Bros. W. R. Phillips I.P.M., E. Dare S.W., H. Sapsworth J.W., W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, J. M. Marjason S.D., A. Crew J.D., R. H. Messum D.C., A. Aldin I.G., T. Covell Steward, J. Aldredge Asst. Steward; Bro. B. E. Blasby (the first Master) and Bro. C. I. Digby P.M. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Nelson P.M. 1294, W. G. Johnson 985, C. Coombs W.M. 710, W. A. Cooper 250 (I.C.), J. E. Shand P.M. 1563, N. Conrlander J.D. 975, F. J. Ruddle 1768, A. A. Richards Grand Stewards Lodge P.P.J.W. Middlesex, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, W. Hilton P.M. 780, Ernest Smith 1768, H. C. Lansdown 1541. After the usual formalities, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bro. G. R. Wheeler was raised, the ceremony being performed in admirable style by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. Ernest Hubert Wilson, who had been nominated by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Crew. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Wilson was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. This rite also was thoroughly well carried out. During the evening a charity box was presented to the Lodge by Bro. W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, with the request that the claims of Charity should not be forgotten. Such is not likely to be the case amongst the members of this Lodge; in fact their principles were practically put to the test on the first evening of the use of the box, inasmuch as the case of a distressed brother who, from unforeseen circumstances, had become involved in difficulties, was referred to, and the sum of five guineas was voted from the Lodge funds to assist him. Later in the evening the brethren had a "whip round," and altogether a sum nearly reaching £20 was contributed, including the donation mentioned above. At the banquet which followed, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the Worshipful Master referring with gratification to the fact that the Richmond Lodge was represented at the Jubilee Meeting at the Albert Hall by no fewer than thirteen of its members. Brother W. R. Phillips I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, spoke in modest but forcible terms to the ability displayed by Bro. Houghton in the performance of his duties. Their excellent W.M. had striven to perfect himself in the ritual, and had so far succeeded as to give the utmost satisfaction to the brethren generally. The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the cordiality of their reception of the toast. He had looked forward with pleasure to the day when he might take his position as Master of the Lodge, and his anticipations had been more than realised. He trusted that everything might go on smoothly during the remainder of his year of office, and that the prestige of the Lodge might be amply sustained. In extending a hearty welcome to the Visitors, the W.M. said without them a Lodge might be considered as lacking one of the great adjuncts of a well-spread table. He was exceedingly pleased to see so many Visitors present, and hoped their comfort and enjoyment had been well looked after by the Brethren. Bro. Coombs briefly replied, expressing the gratification he had derived from witnessing the work done in the Lodge-room, and the abundant hospitality that had been provided after labour. Bro. Richards expressed himself in similar terms. He was present at the consecration of the Lodge, three years ago, and was exceedingly gratified to see how it had developed both in strength and prosperity. A Lodge, if its members worked together, must prosper, and wherever a Lodge was

case success was certain. The Worshipf
Initiate, said that as members dropped ou
of events, an infusion of new blood wa
Bro. Wilson a gentleman who came to th
be felt quite sure that Brother would p
Mason. Bro. Wilson, after thanking the
in receiving him into their ranks, said he
with the ceremony he had witnessed, and
might rise to the eminent position now fi
who proposed the toast. The next toas
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Jubilee celebration at the Albert Hall.
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benefited to the tune of £2,000 as the ou
gathering. He knew of only one other Lo
Richmond in the number of its representa
occasion, namely, the St. Michael's, of wh
being a Past Master, and which was repre
members. Had a few more Lodges bee
result would have been even more satisfa
the pecuniary benefit to the Charities w
other complimentary toasts followed, and
agreeable evening were enlivened with
instrumental music.

Beacontree Lodge of Instru

regular meeting of this Lodge was held
the first time in new quarters, the Green
the Preceptorship of Bro. B. Stewart P.M
of members was present, and among the V
P.M. 95, J. West P.M. 933, B. Rawe P.
hoped that the accommodation and conve
will be an inducement for the brethren in
port this Lodge of Instruction.

The Great City Lodge of Ins

The first meeting for the winter season
Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., o
6·30 p.m., when there were present Bros.
as S.W., D. Hills J.W., J. L. Barrett S.D.,
I.G., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor
W. Ball Hon. Sec., F. J. Smith, H. W
Lazarus, and others. The arrangements
the 22nd ult. were submitted for approv
to. Bro. A. Jardine worked the first sec
ceremony of initiation was then ably rehe
Baber P.M. of the Mother Lodge was e
week. Lodge was closed at 8·30, and th
Masonic Benevolent Association in con
Instruction was then held, Bro. J. L.
brethren were admitted members, and a
meritorious undertaking, the proceedings
at the prescribed hour of ten, when
harmony.

Royal Commemoration Lo

No. 1585.—On Monday, 17th instan
Putney. Bros. Bond (Treasurer) W.M
P.M. Radford J.W., Grundy Secretary,
P.M. Collick D.C., P.M. Carter I.G., P.M
After preliminaries, the members form
mittee of ways and means, to settle th
Collick in the chair. After some discus
for a subscription from the brethren.
with a donation of £1. After settling
balance was handed over to the Tre
account. A hearty vote of thanks to
was carried with acclamation. Brothe
W.M. for next week, and after hearty go
in accordance with ancient custom.

Kingsland Lodge of Instru

Monday, 17th instant, at the Cock Tave
W.M., Cosely S.W., Garrud J.W., Colli
S.D., Hazel J.D., Spalding I.G., Trowin
minaries, the ceremony of initiation w
candidate. Bro. Stretch vacated the ch
who invested the various Officers. Bro.
passing, answered the questions, and
opened in the second degree, and th
rehearsed, Bro. Beaumont acting as
elected W.M. for Monday next.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Any dyspeptic sufferer, r
and gently aperient powers of these Pills,
judgment or to warp his course. With a box
to its accompanying "Directions," he may fe
safely and effectually release himself from
appetite or weakening his digestion. This
nervine and bodily tonic, by aiding nutrition,
forms of nervous complaints. An occasiona
prove highly salutary to all persons, whet

INSTALLATION OP THE EARL OF EUSTON AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

ON Monday the installation of Brother the Earl of Euston Provincial Senior Grand Warden as Grand Master of the Province of Northe and Hunts took place at the Town Hall, Northampton. Earl Euston has been appointed to the office by the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in succession to his Grace the Duke of Manchester, who has been nominally the Provincial Grand Master since the year 1863. A special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held in the Old Museum room of the Guildhall at two o'clock, where the brethren took their places under the banners of their respective Lodges. A procession of Provincial Grand and Past Provincial Grand Officers was formed, under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and they then entered the temporary Lodge room, where the ceremony of installation was performed by the Right Worshipful Brother General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, who was entrusted with the duty by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Installing Officer was assisted by Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W. (Lord Mayor of London), Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence, Edgar Baylis Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Major A. B. Cook Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. P.G. Std. Bearer, &c. The ceremony was admirably carried out, and at its conclusion a banquet was held in the large room of the Guildhall, and was partaken of by a numerous and influential company of Masons from Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire and the neighbouring counties. The banquet was provided by Bro. J. Franklin. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and on the removal of the cloth a short toast list was gone through. In proposing the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., the Earl of Euston made a passing reference to the ceremony which was to take place at the Infirmary the next day. Earl Euston also submitted the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past. With this he coupled the name of the Lord Mayor of London. He said it was a great honour to have his Lordship with them that evening, and speaking on behalf of the Province all he could say was that they were very pleased to meet him. Sir Reginald Hanson thanked Earl Euston for his kind remarks. This was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to speak as an Officer of Grand Lodge, and he congratulated himself, because it was in the Province of Northe and Hunts that he was called upon to do so. He congratulated Earl Euston upon having been appointed to the proud position of Prov. Grand Master, and the Province on its having such a worthy leader. He referred to the time when Earl Euston was but an initiate, while he himself was a Master; and complimenting him on the admirable manner in which the business of the Province was carried on. The health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, was submitted in a few well-chosen words by General J. Studholme Brownrigg. Being a Mason of over forty years standing, he could speak with some authority upon Masonic matters. He believed Earl Euston would perform his duty as Provincial Master with credit, and would do a great deal to further Freemasonry in the Province. When the Earl rose to reply he was greeted with a storm of applause which prevented him from speaking for some considerable time. He said he should remember their kind and enthusiastic greeting that evening as long as the Great Architect gave him the power to remember anything. How the brethren had come from different parts of the Province to be present there that evening gave him, who had not been much among them, great confidence and encouragement, and a fervent desire to be more among them and to do all he could for them and for Masonry in the Province. It gave him confidence in the thought that wherever he might go in Northamptonshire he should meet friends and brothers. He now wanted to speak about the proceedings of the morrow. If Freemasonry was what they said it was, he was sure they might collect a sum that evening that would entitle the Province to have its name placed upon the permanent subscription list of the General Infirmary. A collection was now made on behalf of that Institution, the result being that £100 can be placed in the hands of the Governors. Earl Euston submitted a toast eulogistic of the Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins P.G. Standard Bearer of England. Bro. Butler Wilkins, in response, said it would be a source of great satisfaction to Earl Euston to find with what perfect harmony the work of the Lodges in the Province was transacted. The next toast was the Installing Master, the R.W. Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, and this was followed by the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past, a pithy response being given by Bro. G. Ellard Prov. S.G.W. Bro. Binckes replied to the toast of the Masonic Institutions. Major Bott Cook and Captain Cox were among the respondents for the Visiting Brethren from Neighbouring Provinces, and Bro. H. Brown, Master of the Pomfret Lodge, and Bro. Coote, Master of the Socrates Lodge, made suitable replies for the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges in the Province. The proceedings were enlivened by an excellent programme of music, the vocalists including Bros. J. J. Hart P.Prov. G. S.D., W. H. Tarry, C. E. Thorpe Prov. Standard Bearer, A. E. Grevil le P.M., G. Burford Prov. G.J.D. P.M., J. Wood, Ingram P.M., and Stephen Gough. The "Lost Chord" and a selection was played on the organ by

occasion being the visit of Bro. His Royal H
lay the memorial stone of the Jubilee w
General Infirmary. His Royal Highness h
and Countess Spencer at Althorp, which
dinner on Monday evening, a large and
invited to meet him. On Tuesday the Prin
Northampton about noon, and met with a
of people lining the gaily decorated stre
was received by the Bishop of Peterborou
tion of Northampton, and a Deputation of t
Huntingdonshire Province of Freemasons,
Lord Euston, the newly appointed Provinc
leaving for the public ceremony of the da
took place; Bro. Colonel Shadwell H.
presenting to His Royal Highness,
Officers of Grand Lodge, a handson
Masonic portion of the procession to the
especially elaborate in its details. Lord
the Infirmary governors, read an address
which spoke of the proposed increase in the
enlargement that will cost about £4,000,
as a county memorial of the Queen's Jubil
already sufficient to defray the cost of t
in reply, returned thanks for the hearty
accorded him, and expressed pleasure at
taking part in so interesting a ceremony.
fitting memorial of the 50 years of Her Ma
they had assembled to inaugurate—a wor
remain a lasting benefit to the communi
who wore his insignia as Senior Grand Wa
the stone with the customary Masonic ceren
his position, vessels of corn, wine, and
pedestal, the upper stone was raised, an
The Rev. Dr. Saunders P.G.C. offered pra
the Prince, the Prov. G. Secretary (Bro.
the inscription upon the stone, as follows :—
the Jubilee Wing of the Infirmary was la
Prince Albert Victor, K.G., 18th October
and Accepted Masons of the Province
Huntingdonshire. The Wing was erected
in commemoration of the Jubilee of Her Mo
Victoria." A phial containing a copy of t
the Jubilee coins having been deposited, t
stone, cement was spread on the lower stor
it with a silver trowel. The stone havi
strewed corn upon it, and observed—"I
this stone as the emblem of plenty and abu
of morality and virtue flourish within thi
a hundredfold." Next the Prince poured
"I pour wine upon this stone, the emb
Finally, oil was poured, "I sprinkle oil u
of peace and unanimity. May prosperity
ever prevail among those who will assembl
glory of the Most High until time shall be
(Bro. Hull) having been introduced to the
prayer was offered by the Rev. W. Wigg
sung, and the Bishop of Peterborough
pronouncing the Benediction. Lord Euston
address from the Masons, complimentin
on his giving impetus to the work whic
sacred cause of Charity, and expressing t
of Her Majesty. A Masonic contribution
was laid upon the stone. The Prince very
his pleasure at being present; and, afte
wards in the Infirmary, he was driven
another address was presented by the May
royal party were subsequently entertained
magistrate, the company including many
sonages. Several toasts followed, the May
Prince Albert Victor, assuring His Royal H
that the inhabitants of Northampton w
Royal Highness, in acknowledging the
thank the Mayor and the residents for the
he had received from those assembled on
to the Infirmary. The Bishop of Peterbor
ated the same sentiment in his happiest v
the Mayoral entertainment Prince Albert
tinguished visitors returned to Althorp.

Another interesting feature of th
of the week was the installation m
Cross Lodge, No. 1764. This also
day, and resulted in a very agr
spent by the brethren, who were pre
We hope to be able to give a full repo

The Board of Benevolence met o
masons' Hall, under the presidency
P.G.D., who was supported by his V
Brett and C. A. Cottebrune. The
at the last meeting of the Board we
the new list, comprising 47 cases, wa

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CORNWAL

THE annual meeting of the of Cornwall was held on Thu the Wesleyan School, Bodmin, und 330. There was a large attendan Master of Cornwall (the Earl of Mo the throne, being supported by the Officers:—Bros. Sir Charles B. Gra Richard Adams S.W., Gilbert B. P Sutton Chaplain, Richard Carter Anderton Secretary, King Baker a Charles Parsons and Bath Morris Supt. of Wks., John G. Henwood Giles Assist. D.C., Norman Gray Darke Standard Bearer, John Brew Martin Sampson Organist, James P Langdon Assist. Pursuivant, Willia Treffry, J. C. Burrow, and H. J. N. Francis Tyler. There was of brethren present, including severa Officers. The minutes of the last P held at Falmouth, on 14th Septe read and confirmed, the Grand Se apologies had been received from P.M. 450, the Prov. Grand Treasu to say was leaving the Province J. F. Penrose, J. Willey, W. J. Jo old P.M. of the Lodge, Morgan P C. Bryant, Henry Pole P.P.A.G. Kendall P.P.G. Chaplain. The rol and the P.G. Secretary reported sented, and Cornwall, he was plea head of the list of Provinces in invariably represented at the P.G. alterations in the rules of the Cor and Benevolent Fund having been Secretary read the Treasurer's repo in hand at the commencement of t which, with fees of honour amou from Lodges £160 16s 9d, made The expenditure included £40 for Institutions, leaving a balance in Bro. Anderton said there would be Directories this year. He regrett was much appreciated by a large indebted to Bro. Hughan for the the work was compiled. He repo had never subscribed to the work. reported that since the last Pro Lodge Cotehele, No. 2166, w P.G. Master in a manner that he and he gave an oration on Mason brethren present. He could only larger number was not able to be p consecrations in various Province so eloquent an address on their d as the P.G.M. delivered on that oc subscribing members in the Provin last was 1,476, being an increase Lodge Cotehele returned 13 new were practically in the same po initiations during the year was 1 arerage during the previous year by brethren neglecting to pay t removals and deaths. He could s working of the Lodges he was a ritual of the Lodges was very good only ignorant of the Constitution laws, but even of their own Bye-l respect to the Constitutions was tioned for the information of the b

being a decrease of £12 1s over the corresponding period of last year, which with £192 5s balance in hand at the end of 1886, and £142 15s 5d interest on vested funds, brought the total income up to £481 0s 11d. The grants to male annuitants amounted to £45, to female annuitants £28 10s, educational grants £30, expenses £17, leaving a balance in hand of £360 7s 8d. The capital account amounted to £4,038 4s 2d, being an increase of £133s 4s since the date of the last annual meeting. The report ran:—A vacancy has occurred in the annuities by the death of Mr. Vicary, which took place on 19th August, too late to admit of the vacancy being filled this year. Mrs. Olive has petitioned for an annuity, or, in the alternative, a grant for relief. The latter is all that at present can be given her. An educational grant has also expired, leaving one only of £15, which has two more years to run. Four petitions have been received for educational grants, in two cases subsequent to 31st March last, and in one of them the child's deceased parent was not qualified, by subscribing membership for the full term of five years, as required by the rules in force at the time the petitions were forwarded. As, however, the rules, as amended, would permit the receipt of the petitions up to 30th June, and reduce the qualifying period to three years, it has been considered that if the alterations are duly confirmed before the actual voting takes place the altered rules might be fairly held to apply to the present applications, and as there are vacancies it would be unfortunate to reject candidates on technical grounds if otherwise suitable. The voting on the various applications takes place to-day. From the commencement of the fund in 1864 to this date the receipts have amounted to £6,350 4s 2d, out of which there has been paid to male annuitants £1,240 11s, female annuitants £153 10s, grants for relief £60, educational grants £165, expenses of management £259 15s, leaving £1,171 8s 2d. By the decease of the late Bro. Tweedy the number of trustees of the fund is reduced to three, and under rule VI. additional trustees should be appointed at this meeting. The P.G.M., following up the remarks of Bro. Chirgwin, said he thought it should be an instruction to the Committee to report what steps should be taken with a view of ensuring that the educational grants were devoted to educational purposes and nothing else. The Prov. G. Secretary reported the receipt of £50 2s 6d from the Masons in Cornwall to the Imperial Institute. He mentioned that many brethren had subscribed to local funds. The Prov. Grand Master said he should keep the Masonic subscriptions as far as possible separate, but he should send the total receipts from Cornwall to the Imperial Institute in a lump sum. The total would be nearly £600. He had received a letter from the Prince of Wales on the Imperial Institute, in the course of which he said: "The very satisfactory progress which has been made during the first nine months of organised work towards ensuring the foundation of the Institute upon such a basis as to allow of the extension of its sphere of usefulness in all the contemplated directions warrants the sanguine expectation that the amount which has been estimated as necessary for that purpose will be provided within no very distant period." The report was received and adopted. The Prov. Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Committee of Relief, reported that there were no appeals for relief. They had voted £5 5s to the widow of a Brother in Penryn, and £5 5s to the widow of a Brother in Falmouth. They had received £80 from the Board of Benevolence, in addition to another sum to the widow of a Brother of the Wadebridge Lodge, viz.: £30 to a widow at Falmouth, £28 at Penryn, and £30 to the widow of a Brother of a Carew Lodge. The report was received and adopted. The Brethren then marched in procession to church, headed by the local Volunteer Band. Bro. Rev. Sutton P.G. Chaplain, preached an impressive sermon. On reassembling for business, Bro. G. Pearce read the report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. They had 331 guineas in subscriptions, and with contributions from two Lodges to make their votes in perpetuity brought the total up to 365 guineas

of every Lodge, either as a Lodge or i
doing something to support the fund
Province he was able to send up to t
for Aged Masons £368 11s, which
amount on the list; £141 15s to
£194 5s to the Boy's School, makir
He thus secured 197 votes for the Pr
in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro.
report, said the thanks of the Provin
having by his untiring efforts secure
raised in Cornwall for the Masonic Ch
that at the present time £20 per day
Charities. The Prov. Grand Master s
which was unanimously carried. O
Bro. Bake, through indisposition, the
had given notice were postponed t
Bros. Gilbert Pearce and Truscott
for the year ensuing for the great M
Prov. Grand Secretary presented th
Cathedral Fund Committee. They
Consols, £199 in the Bank, which,
the only subscription received for t
Bro. Emra Holmes—brought the
Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. Boscowe
Bro. Hughan said Truro was the fir
Masonic honours, and in recognitio
he would move that the sum of
Prov. Grand Lodge funds so as to
£600. There was a strong feeli
irrespective of all religious feeling,
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moved, be expressing their sympat
Prov. Grand Master, who, as Chai
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W. K. Baker said that, irrespective
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Masons proud to contribute someth
Prov. Grand Master said he was jea
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legitimately voted, and he therefore
resolution unless it was unanimousl
put to the meeting the resolution wa
amid loud applause. The noble Ea
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The building was not completed in
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offer seats to all those who practical
come into the Cathedral. He learn
had issued invitations for 300 t
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be able to come. It was thus imp
to be represented as a body, but he s
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twenty-five guineas were voted to
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Charities. Bro. Chirgwin reported
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Walter Giles Auditors. The Provincial Grand Master announced that the collection in church amounted to £8 5s 11d. He had received a cordial invitation to hold Prov. Grand Lodge at Looe, but inasmuch as such a large number attended Grand Lodge, he felt bound to consider the convenience of the greater number and hold Grand Lodge in large central positions, close to the railway. He welcomed Bro. Sir Charles Sawle on his Jubilee appointment as Junior Grand Warden. He mentioned that he received applications from several Lodges to allow processions on Jubilee day, but he thought it inadvisable to allow it. He had the power invested in him of conferring past rank on certain brethren, in commemoration of the Jubilee. He then conferred past rank on the following:—Bros. W. J. Hughan P.G.S.W., Bake P.G.S.W., Richard Carter P.G.J.W., W. Rowe P.G.J.W., and J. H. Holt P.G. Standard Bearer. The Provincial Grand Master expressed his great regret that Bro. Anderton had resigned the duties of Prov. Grand Secretary. He then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.	Deputy Master
Edward D. Anderton 771... ...	Senior Warden
W. Nettle P.M. 510	Junior Warden
Rev. M. J. Sutton 75	Chaplains
Rev. R. W. Erskine 589	
W. Guy P.M. 496	Treasurer
W. Andrew P.M. 789	Registrar
T. Chirgwin P.M.	Secretary
B. G. Derry P.M. 330	Senior Deacons
J. J. Hawken P.M.	
J. C. Burrow P.M. 1544	Junior Deacons
Arthur T. Grant P.M. 318 ...	
J. H. Cousins P.M. 557	Superintendent of Works
J. Sarah P.M. 389	Director of Ceremonies
J. Doney P.M. 856	Deputy Director of Cer.
J. T. Tillman P.M. 131	Assistant D.C.
Major Colman Rashleigh	Sword Bearer
H. Jones P.M. 1954	Standard Bearers
J. Harris P.M. 510	
Thomas Gill P.M. 967	Assistant Secretaries
J. C. Crews P.M. 131	
T. C. Mack P.M. 131	Organist
H. Searle P.M 699	Pursuivant
J. Langdon P.M. 131	Assistant Pursuivant
Thomas H. Spear P.M. 330 ...	Stewards
Thomas R. Mills P.M. 1006 ...	
William B. Carne P.M. 893 ...	
E. Herring P.M.	
George Cassoll P.M. 1136 ...	
Thomas S. Bailey P.M. 1151 ...	
J. N. Francis 75	Tyler

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Secretary of the Cornwall Annuity Fund (Bros. Truscott, Pearce, Anderton and Courtney) were elected as a Relief Committee for the ensuing year. Bro. Poor proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Anderton for his valuable services to the Province as Secretary for many years, and his courtesy to the brethren generally. Bro. Hughan, in seconding, suggested that the Prov. Grand Master should devise some permanent form of commemorating Brother Anderton's services. The Prov. Grand Master said he should be pleased to do as suggested, and eulogised Bro. Anderton's abilities. The resolution having been unanimously carried, Bro. Anderton suitably replied. Grand Lodge was shortly after closed, and the brethen sat down to the annual banquet at the Town Hall.

We would remind our Suffolk brethren of the Lecture on "Knobs and Excrescences" to be given by Bro. James Stevens, in the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 122, at Sudbury, on Friday evening next. The Lodge will be opened at 6·30 p.m. Colchester and Cambridge brethren should take note.

The weekly meetings of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355, held at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., will be resumed on Friday, 21st inst., at 7·30 p.m. Bros. J. L. Mather is the Preceptor, J. Willing Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary.

The Frome Lodge has celebrated the Jubilee year in a

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one we may be proud of. From appear
veniently situated in the Strand, may
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we think this was a happy selection.
Mr. Terry's style could not be found, h
Churchwarden, on a visit to London—
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a good rendering of the part of Beard
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A. Aubrey (Jane) ably assisted.
preceded by a new comedietta, entitled
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Leslie render good service.

A benefit matinée will be given at
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and Mr. W. H. Pennington will take p
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Saturday, the 29th inst., has been s
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Bro. James Stevens has accep
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presidency of Bro. T. C. Walls

A Grand Council of the Allied
and Wales &c. will be holden

London, 19th Sept. 1887.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In an interesting pamphlet published in 1884, you mention St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, and state "it is evident that this Lodge was constituted at the close of the year 1730, or beginning of the year 1731, WITH THIRTEEN MEMBERS, for thirteen of the members first mentioned in this Ledger are each charged on June 24, 1731, with five months *previous* Lodge dues."

The Ledger in question was the famous "Liber B.," discovered by yourself, and of which you say: "it is evidently not the first Lodge Book, for that would be 'Liber A.,' which was probably a previous Ledger, or the Minute Book."

Now the point I wish to submit for your consideration is the following one: Is it not at least as reasonable a conjecture that St. John's Lodge had existed for some time before February 1731 (the date to which five months dues from June in that year would carry it), as that it was originally formed no earlier than is positively attested by actual entries in Liber B.?

First of all, is there evidence *aliunde*, of the existence of Masonic Lodges in Philadelphia before 1731? There is. In the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 108, December 8, 1730, printed by Benjamin Franklin, is the following notice:

"As there are *several* Lodges [italics mine] of FREEMASONS erected in this Province, and people have lately been much amused with conjectures concerning them, we think the following account of Freemasonry, from London, will not be unacceptable to our readers."

Here, then, the fact of there being, in 1730, not one only, but *several* Lodges at work in the Province, is satisfactorily established.

At this stage, of course, we must fall back upon conjecture, as there is no *earlier* evidence to guide us, but the existence of a plurality of Lodges in 1730, will, at least in my judgment, fairly warrant the assumption that the *first* erection of a Lodge in Philadelphia must have occurred some years previously.

To return to Liber B. What can this be but the *continuation* of an older record?

Next, do the earliest entries in Liber B. date, as it were, from June 24, 1731, or from a previous period? Or, in other words, was William Allen elected "Grand Master" on St. John's Day (in Harvest), 1733, or earlier?

The existing records, I apprehend, speak from June 24, 1731, and if so, there is no certainty whether Allen was elected to the chair on that or at a previous date.

"William Button, late Master," is charged (in Liber B.) "To four Lodge days, at 6d. per diem, due before you sail'd to Newfoundland."

This appears under the date of June 24, 1731. So that, assuming Button's liabilities to have commenced like the rest, in February of that year, his demission must have occurred *after* the May meeting.

If, moreover, Button was the actual "Master" (or Grand Master) in May 1731, Allen must have taken his place on the St. John's Day next ensuing.

This would tend to fix the date of Button's election (or last election) to the chair at June 24, 1730; though if Allen was already "Grand Master" in February 1731, the selection of the latter to preside over them by the members of the Lodge (unless the actual entries in Liber B. are held to operate as an *estoppel* upon our backward search) must in such case be also carried back to midsummer 1730, thereby dislodging, as it were, the previous assumption.

Button's tenure of office, if we accept or entertain the latter of these suppositions, would then be pushed back, and extend from June 1729 to June 1730?

But as Masters were eligible for re-election, it is quite as likely as not that Button may have served more than one term of office; also, it is especially within the limits of probability, that even before the period of Lodge activity, of which the missing Liber A. contains the record, there may have been a long series of meetings conducted on no other basis than that of oral communication.

If, indeed, St. John's Lodge, 1731, was a *new* creation of that year, it would seem to me a little difficult to account for the total disappearance of the *several* Lodges, known to be in existence in 1730, but of which we hear absolutely nothing at any later date, for "the false and rebel Brethren, being foreigners," to whom Franklin alludes in his well-known letter to Price, were only "about to set up a Lodge" in November 1734.

Surely, the most reasonable assumption is that St. John's Lodge, 1731, formed one of the *several* Lodges mentioned by Franklin in the previous year?

The Coxe deputation, the Bell letter, and the *Pocket Companion*, 1735, have all been misleading, as tending to the development of what has been happily styled by, I think, Professor Tyndal "scientific imagination," which has led most of us in our respective turns far astray.

Putting aside, therefore, what *might* have happened under the Patent of Daniel Coxe; the positive statement in the Bell letter (as being inadmissible in evidence); and the entry in the *Pocket Companion* (as reposing upon a series of conjectures), let us consider the actual facts, about which there is no conflict of opinions.

We find, then, the existence of St. John's Lodge in February 1731, attested by its own records, of which, however, so far as any conclusion is permissible, only the *second* volume has come down to us. What Liber A. may or did contain we cannot tell, but that it lengthened the pedigree of the Lodge, to some extent at least, is an inference that we shall be justified in drawing. This will carry us back to 1730, when we join hands, so to speak, with Benjamin Franklin, before his admission into the Society, and we learn from him that

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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 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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

MONDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1606—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, 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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1329—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
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
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7 15. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
980—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park St
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hot
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-T
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Easts
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill,

WEDNESDAY, 26th

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham,
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenu
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope St
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portl
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, F
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-str
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Ol
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwa
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-s
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, a
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, W
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John St
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberw
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Willi
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street,
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, L
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Pa
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Rich
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancas
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shre
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-str
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lan
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckm
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-st
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great Ge
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandud
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, I
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbur
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, N
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Picca
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossle
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Str
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town H
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, C
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe S
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhe
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall,
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birm
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masoni
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Stree
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 27th

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-s
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, L
41—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chel
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptf
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Rege
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, L
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 H
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Stree
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower T
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-st
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndo
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, We
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile E
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Ave
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' A
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosve
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Stree

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1960—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. 753—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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
206—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
907—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1213—Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1802—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
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
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

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.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1501—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
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
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 548—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., [illegible]
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, a
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle,
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury St
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Stree
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-stree

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, E
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penis
1965—Eastes, Pariah Rooms, Bromley, Kent

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE, No. 22

THERE was a large assembly of Masons to take part in the consecration of a Westbury. The formation of the new Lod R.W. the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Methuen, the occasion by Bro. Sir Gabriel Gol P.G.W. of England, and the presiding Off brethren having assembled, the Lodge w Bro. Prior Goldney, after which the Prov. petition and warrant. The ceremony of c was then most ably performed by Bro. Sir a masterly oration by Prov. Grand Chapla referred to an old Lodge established at removed therefrom. This portion of th concluded, the installation of the W.M. proceeded with by the V.W. Bro. Thoma Board of General Purposes, who journey purpose, and who executed the work in The W.M. Bro. W. H. Reed then took th invested his Officers, as follow :—Bros. C. Laverton J.W., H. Reeves Secretary, J. J.D., H. Mead I.G., T. Reeves Treasurer. W.M. and the Officers was given by Bro. T style. Bro. H. Bevir, under whose directi been carried out, acted as Secretary pro t 355, made an efficient M.C. The musica was carried out by Bro. H. Millington. several names were proposed for initiati The brethren then adjourned to a banquet where a capital repast was laid, to which be the chair being occupied by the D.P.G. usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were g received, Bro. C. N. P. Phipps S.W. prop Chairman in eulogistic terms. Success felicitously proposed by Bro. P. Goldney, advice to the Officers as to the selection noble Order. A very pleasant evening was Bros. Mackrell, Lewis, and the newly elect the harmony, Bro. H. Millington presiding brethren dispersed at an early hour.

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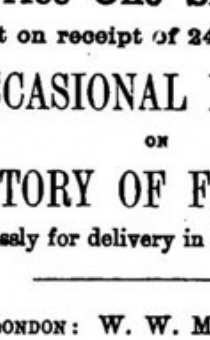

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THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

THE two Elections which have just taken place in respect of our Masonic Schools, and the admittance of candidates to their great privileges, must suggest perforce certain considerations to thinking minds.

But before entering upon them, we think it right to add that in our opinion the present arrangement, with an intervening Sunday, entails some hardships and unreasonable expense on our Provincial brethren, and ought at once to be rectified. We trust that the present joint deliberative Committee may hit upon some convenient and reasonable arrangement for all the subscribers, whether Metropolitan or Provincial. We must not shut our eyes to a fact now patent, among many others, at these elections, namely, that the interest and influence of the Provinces are growing with giant strides, and that by the principle of voting combination, which even now is apparently understood by few, and a mystery to many brethren in the Metropolis, the most remarkable results are yearly achieved, and are still more likely to be achieved in the future. Indeed, there is no limit to their realistic success. For as each succeeding year adds to their "voting force," so each year reveals still more salient and striking proofs of their vigour, their harmony, and their unity of action; their means of combination, and their "grand battalions" of numerical strength.

So that, whatever arrangement is ultimately arrived at, it seems to us the main point after all is the convenience of our Provincial voters, who from their zeal, energy, and activity deserve every modification which it is possible to afford, or be arranged for them.

A good deal is often said by persons who are run away with by "ideas" as to our Charity voting and our Charities as a whole, and complaints are made, very undeservedly we think, as to the system of election now in vogue. But we believe that the most cynical and grumbling must agree in this, that our Elections are most fairly conducted, and that the candidates fully deserve the great privileges they obtain, by the kindness and perseverance of their friends when elected into our admirable Charities.

It is impossible, of course, always to ascertain the fact, and secure the result abstractedly, that *the* absolutely most deserving candidate shall win in the struggle, for in the concrete such a "survival of the fittest" is impossible and unattainable.

So many considerations are involved in the abstract proposition, and so many qualifications and claims have to be weighed in the balance, that it becomes a matter of utter impossibility for us to arrive at a common standard and agreement on such a vexed question.

But this other fact we think we may fairly predicate with tolerable accuracy and certainty, that all proper candidates so elected are relatively, to their supporters, whether triumphant or not, the most deserving candidate.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, at the Girls' School Election, mentioned the four last time cases, as on that ground most deserving of support; and assuming that they were thoroughly fitting and legitimate candidates, no doubt he was right in his appeal. We all of us, from election to election, regret the fact that many cases come up time after time without a chance or hope of

But our experience in elections shews u in some cases, where the utmost vigour, en are exerted or displayed, there are other some occult reason or another, neither i nor local voting power seem to be aroused

We all admit that there are necess cases," but some successes, as some reje inexplicable and unaccountable.

Yet we may all feel pride in this fa that no fairer elections ever take place, y our Masonic Elections in April, May an curious points connected with our Electio before we conclude. One is the extraord vote abstentions; the other is the carele ductors of elections, by which so many rendered "null and void."

The "errata" alluded to are genera hurry and anxiety, sometimes, perhaps, inexperience.

As to our non-voting friends, we hard say. We remember a good story of ot seems to cap our climax well to-day.

"What have become of your Voting P my dear fellow, I never read printed ci I have no doubt they were thrown int basket, and duly carried out and destr housemaid."

Let us hope that our very good brothe his generation, and duly preserves and his Masonic Voting Papers, often of ines some deserving candidate.

"A VERY PRETTY QUARR STANDS."

THE majority of our readers have und the correspondence which has appe able length in recent issues of the FREEMA relative to the so-called vexed question "Mother Lodgeship of America." The which greater prominence has been g might consider warranted by the interes the general body of Masons in this countr side of the Atlantic for the matter of tha in giving publicity to the many volun cations sent to us—and which continu purely to see if any new facts could be would be of help to the Masonic student the ordinary, though perhaps not v observer. But throughout the piece t vastly greater amount of cry than wo putants remain in the position of men "c their will," who "are of the same opinio interesting pose we feel we shall be co them to remain, at any rate until some o acerbity is eliminated from their effusion have been consigned *nolens volens* to t waste-paper basket.

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devoted to these aims, there frequently crop up questions of an historical and archæological interest, the discussion of which must be of value to every class of reader. To these our columns have always been freely open, and a glance over the files of the last thirteen years is sufficient to indicate what a vast accumulation of Masonic knowledge and opinions has been added to the common stock. The occasions have not been few or far between on which we have had to apply the bearing-rein to enthusiastic correspondents who, with "itching fingers," seem ever ready to rush into print, and who vainly consider that the point and brilliancy of their effusions lie in the personal animus displayed, and the scathing castigation they can administer to their opponents. Such, however, is not the view taken by those by whom the chivalry and courtesies of journalism are cherished, even in this age. We have not unfrequently been twitted that Masonic journals are a mistake, that they tell the reading public too much, and that Freemasonry would do better without them. But, strange to say, these taunts come from the very men who, when seized with their oft-recurring fits of *cacoëthes scribendi*, "pile up the agony" of abuse and scurrility to such a degree that if their lucubrations were permitted to appear they would be the first to blush at their enormity.

In the conduct of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE we have stedfastly retained that platform which is held by every conscientious journalist, and whilst affording full latitude for the interchange of opinions all round on matters of Masonic interest, we have unceasingly deprecated anything which might lead to personal wrangling or dispute. Thus, in the matter now under consideration, it is imperative that we should say a word or two, in order to show that although we do not "burke" wholesale all the documents that reach our office, too much has been said in regard to the "legitimate Mother Lodgeship of America," and some of our correspondents are becoming so heated that it is just as well they should "bide a wee" before plunging into another tournament. There is a certain amount of exhilaration and excitement in a fair stand-up fight, and literary assaults-at-arms are not infrequently productive of the same kind of sentiment, "may the best man win." Thus, whilst our friends on either side of the "Herring Pond" were content to "play light" there could be no objection, although at times the raps across the knuckles were sharply administered, and no doubt caused their recipients to wince. So long as they all came up smiling there was nothing to complain of, and although a majority of English Freemasons care no more whether the "Mother Lodgeship of America" was at Boston or Philadelphia than they do about the arrival of the millennium, nevertheless, so long as the wordy warfare was conducted in a spirit of amenity, we felt perfectly justified in allowing the contributions to appear.

It may be as well, after this preliminary explanation as to why several communications on this subject are declined, that we should take a cursory outline of the questions which have formed the bone of contention between the parties. We do not intend to travel over ground that has become wearisome, if not dangerous, but to summarise, as concisely as we can, the salient points upon which so much high falutin' has taken place. In the early part of last month there appeared in these columns an article from the pen of Bro. J. Fletcher Brennan, of Cincinnati, Ohio, with the significant heading of "History of a Crime." In it the writer, after describing how that in June 1730, the first Prov. Grand Master Deputation ever granted by the Grand Lodge of England for any part or Province of America was received, cites from various Masonic writers upon the development of Masonry in New Jersey and other parts of America; and ultimately he brings us down to the year 1870, which he says was memorable for its private and public contibutions to the general enlightenment regarding early Masonic legitimacy in America. But even thus late he asserts that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts authorised a committee to investigate the subject of the actual appointment by the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of England in 1733 of Henry Price, as Prov. Grand Master.

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We now come to Bro. Mey
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whilst hurling back the charges brought against him. Indeed, his defence, if it is necessary so to designate it, is more moderate in tone than might have been expected under the circumstances; and it afforded us great satisfaction to have the opportunity of publishing it. He strenuously contends that there is not a single word in the claim made by Bro. Brennan (except his *ipsi dixit*) that the Bell letter was forged; with pardonable pride he asserts that he has never given anything to the Masonic world that he did not believe to be the truth; and, particularly in the Henry Bell letter, he tells us he was more than careful not to present any matter except that which, after the strictest examination and scrutiny, he was satisfied was worthy of, and entitled to, belief. Again we echo the words of Bro. Hughan, and ask, "Could anything be fairer than that?" Bro. Meyer regards it as strange that from 1873, when the Henry Bell letter was first made public by R.W. Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, in his Oration delivered at the Dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, up to the time of this offensive article of Brennan's, no one discovered this letter to be a forgery. Equally inexplicable is it that it was not until five months after the history of the Bell letter appeared in the *Keystone*, Brennan was the first to cry "forgery," and to brand the one who told its history as its maker. These are "stubborn facts," which Bro. Brennan will have to face and reconcile with his own views and action as best he can. Bro. Meyer does not recall what he has written about the Henry Bell letter, but most emphatically reiterates every word of it. He believes now, as he did then, that Bro. Francis Blackburn copied the extract from the original letter. Bro. Blackburn was a gentleman whose word was ever to be relied upon. R.W. Bro. Robert A. Lamberton used the extract as made by Bro. Blackburn in all confidence, and thus it was published to the world, after using every means to ascertain if the facts contained therein were true. Bro. Meyer challenges contradiction of his statement by Bro. Brennan, to whom he administers a somewhat severe castigation, for which many of our readers will say, "Serve him right."

Here the controversy, in our opinion, should rest, for the importation into it of personal abuse and vituperation can do no good in the way of elucidating facts. Brother Brennan, however, does not appear to take this view, and has addressed to us a lengthy communication, which we do not propose to inflict upon our readers. It is a violent tirade against Bro. MacCalla, the editor of the *Keystone*, who, we are confident to believe, is fully able to protect himself and the interests of his valuable publication. But, under any circumstances, this letter would have been inadmissible, seeing that there is personality in every line almost, whilst the true question at issue is blinked. When a writer openly accuses the conductor of a respectable periodical of being deficient of the "attributes of a gentleman," and asks, "Do you find it impossible to be honest and manly?" our readers will agree with us that such expressions are not calculated to enhance the dignity of the Fraternity. He argues thus, "If Bro. Lamberton knew as much of the Bell letter in 1873 as he does now he would not have touched it with a pair of fire tongs, and for the purposes of its production it would then have fallen stillborn." That is a mere assertion, which must be taken for what it is worth. The innuendo that Bro. Meyer repeated the story of the "Bell letter" so often, and worked it over for himself, "that he got to believe it—that kind of thing is not uncommon with story-tellers—and that others would as easily do so," is childish in the extreme. Bro. Hughan was certainly not "moved beyond language polite to condemn" Bro. Brennan; it is not in Bro. Hughan's composition to descend to anything so unmanly. We do not agree that it is the duty of the editor of the *Keystone* to prove, "if he can," that "C. E. Meyer was not, directly or indirectly, the perpetrator, &c.," for Bro. Brennan has failed to show that anything approaching a crime has been committed. Equally erratic and cowardly is it to indicate that, "without doubt, the late Bro. Blackburn, the Grand Secretary's clerk, got up the extract—extracted it, so to say, out of his own head—and, with the ink not yet dry, handed it to Bro. Meyer, who—alone properly estimating its value, he being, as he says, on the

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It is an open secret that this fact was known to others beside Bro. Carson then.

Bro. Yorston was nominally at the time negotiating with Bro. Jack, but the correspondence eventually closed.

The prospectus of the work now in question, as it appeared in the *Liberal Freemason*, Boston, is not only a "pious fraud," but a literary curiosity, utterly unprecedented in the history of Masonic or any other literature.

In the first illuminated title page no allusion is made to Bro. Gould at all, but in the second title page the work is said to be by R. F. Gould, *assisted* by Bros. W. J. Hughan, A. F. A. Woodford, D. M. Lyon, and Bros. Carson, Drummond, and Parvin.

This title page is not only, as we said before, a "pious fraud," but is positively a pure "Pseudologia," conveying to the Craft, alike in representation and by implication, we are sorry to add, distinct untruths.

In no sense whatever had Bros. Hughan, Woodford, and D. M. Lyon anything in the world to do with it, nor could Bro. Gould be said to be "assisted," in any sense, by Bros. Carson, Drummond, and Parvin, except in a sense indeed totally opposed to any previous idea of Masonic verity or personal honour.

After Bro. Gould's letters it seems to us that Brothers Carson, Drummond and Parvin, as Freemasons, have nothing to do but gracefully apologise and withdraw; otherwise they make themselves accessories *after* the fact, as Bro. Carson is undoubtedly, we regret to say it, *before*. At this moment, no doubt, it is very difficult to say what can further be done to heal the breach as between American and English Masonic writers, and make an "amende honorable" to Bros. Gould and Jack. The plate is, so to say, in the melting pot, and the old proverb may seem to be good, "the winner takes his bite, the loser has his bark." This is no doubt too true, but is there not after all a far wider question at stake as before the justice, the fairness, the good faith and intellectual culture of our many worthy brethren in America?

We stop here to-day. We might say much more, and especially as to that very disagreeable question of the "portrait price," but we forbear. Bro. Yorston says he has no ill feeling against Bro. Gould; Bro. Gould has none against him, but he has manfully protested, and we think it right to endorse his protest here, on behalf of our English Masonic Press, against an act of Masonic literary piracy, unknown hitherto, happily, in the annals of Masonic literature.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

EROR COUNCIL, (T.I.)

ON Thursday, the 13th instant, the annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. presided in the absence of the W.M., Brother Dr. B. L. Mills, in India. Bro. William Watson P.M. P.Z. received the Degrees of St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand High Priest. Bro. H. C. Pickersgill was elected W.M., and was installed in the chair by Bro. Whytehead, and the Council was closed, the members afterwards meeting at refreshment. Among the members present were Bros. J. L. Atherton, William Brown, J. Blenkin, Major McGachen, W. R. Dyson, J. T. Seller, and others. The following were appointed to office by the W.M.:—Bro. J. L. Atherton S.W., William Brown J.W., J. Blenkin S.D., Major McGachen J.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M, Secretary and Treasurer, J. T. Seller I.G., H. E. Cousans K.G., and P. Pearson Tyler.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

YORK LODGE.

A MEETING of this body was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the 12th instant, when Brothers William Brown and J. T. Seller were elevated to the Order, by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.N. Bro. H. C. Pickersgill was installed in the chair of N.

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THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ro

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The Committee have likewise to rep following petition:—

From Companions Henry Naunton D H., Robert Charles Hunter as J., and attached to the Merlin Lodge, No. 1 "The Naunton Davies Chapter," and Pontypridd, South Wales, (E.D.)

This petition being in all respects r mend that the prayer thereof be grant

The Committee have also to rep memorial from the Chapter of Harmon praying to be detached from the Lod bridge, Wiltshire, and to be attach Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes, in the sa the Grand Superintendent of Wiltshi the Committee recommend that the granted.

The Committee have further to rep petition from Companions Alfred Pa Francis Barton as J., and twenty attached to the Lodge of Concord, No. be called "The Chapter of Concord," Hall, Trowbridge, should the prayer o of Harmony being detached from Lo attached to Lodge No. 663, Devizes, b

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(Signed)

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
19th October 1887.

The monthly meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for G at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robe of the Board of Benevolence, supported by Bros. Frank Rich Gladwell, C. H. Webb, J. H. Major E. H. Finney, H. Massey, Bearer, J. S. Cumberland, and After the reading and confirmat of £15 was made to apprenti transferred to the Sustentation was authorised to sign cheques by the Audit Committee. Two the list for the election in A before the proceedings were c were present who knew ab Centenary Committee for en were acquainted with the p would like to inform them that sent back to Bro. Hunt, by wh advised, and he had had a n They, through Bro. Hunt's h scheme proposed that he thoug that which was first laid befor that one or two brethren, repr they had asked to help them o had expressed their views, and with the plans as amended. H saw the plans, which were and would be in their hand have no objection. He be approve of them. Bro. C. H

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ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

THE annual festival and installation meeting of this excellent Lodge took place on Tuesday, 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Abington Street, Northampton, and formed, at any rate as far as the members were concerned, a fitting termination to the importan ceremonials of that and the preceding day. In our last issue we reported the Masonic features of the visit of His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, to lay the memorial stone of a new wing of the Infirmary, and also the installation of Bro. Lord Euston as Prov. Grand Master. On returning from the "royal" ceremony, the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, with a numerous muster of Visitors, assembled in their Lodge-room, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. the Rev. T. C. Beasley P.P.G.C., who was supported by his S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. T. Emery P.P.G.S D., and a full complement of members and Visitors. Amongst the latter we observed the following members of Lodge No. 360—Bros. E. B. Fletcher J.D., F. Wallis, Robert H. Griffin P.G.D.C., W. M. Smith, Alfred Cockerill S.W., Thomas Franks, S. Barber, J. B. Wilkinson, C. Thorpe, J. J. Hart P.G.S.B.; also Bros. George Westall P.M. 1714, J. Jenkins S.W. 445, W. S. Cox P.M. 1000, Mather P.P.G. Chaplain Kent, J. C. Royce I.P.M. 466, J. Slinn P.M. 737, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. Holmes 466, E. Griffiths 1405, A. Norman J.W. 1767, G. H. Murphy 171 (I.C.), W. Dixey 442, H. C. Clarabut 442, J. Worley Worshipful Master 737, J. Litherland 1588, &c., &c. Lodge was opened in due form at four o'clock, and after disposing of the usual preliminaries, was advanced to the third degree, when Bros. H. H. and A. E. Brown were raised, the impressive rite being characterised with the completeness which the outgoing W.M. has displayed throughout his Masonic career. The Brethren were called off for a quarter of an hour, and on re-assembling Bro. T. Emery was presented as the W.M. elect, and the ceremony was proceeded with in due form by the retiring Master, who acquitted himself in most meritorious style. The newly-installed W.M., having been proclaimed and saluted with full Masonic honours, invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Rev. T. C. Beasley P.P.G.C. I.P.M., R. Croft P.P.G. Org. S.W., G. Butcher P.P.G. Org. J.W., Dr. Sanders P.G.C. Eog. Chaplain, T. P. Dorman P.P.G. Supt. of Works Treasurer, A. Jones P.G. Reg. Secretary, J. Carrall Assist. Secretary, H. Manfield P.P.G. Steward S.D., H. Hodges P.G. Steward J.D., J. A. Jowett I.G., J. Gold D.C., G. T. Edmund P.P.G. Org. Assist. D.C., J. T. Ingman Standard Bearer, T. H. Vials Organist, C. Dean and G. Robinson Tylers. The charges to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered with force and eloquence by the Installing Master, much to the edification of those present, who testified their warm appreciation of the rich Masonic treat afforded them. The Auditors' report, which showed the Lodge to be in a prosperous condition, both numerically and financially, was adopted; Brother H. T. Armit signed and received his Grand Lodge certificate; and after the transaction of some minor business Lodge was closed in harmony and amidst the interchange of the heartiest good wishes. The brethren subsequently partook of a supper-banquet, under the presidency of the new Master, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically received. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. spoke of the active interest that was always displayed in Freemasonry by the various members of the Royal Family, and alluded to the honour which had been paid to the town of Northampton, and especially the Masons of the Province, that day by the visit of Prince Albert Victor Senior Grand Warden. Happy reference to this event was made from time to time throughout the evening's proceedings. The toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and of the Grand Officers Past and Present was duly honoured. Brother Butler Wilkins in responding said the Grand Officers never failed in their duty when their services were required. Those who attended the Provincial Grand Lodge yesterday were essentially a type of what kind of men the Grand Officers were, and they were all prominent when there was anything to be done for the welfare of the Craft. He particularly mentioned the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Brother Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.), Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence, and Major Cook, who had so efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies at Provincial Grand Lodge on the previous day. This was followed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. the Earl of Euston, the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Butler Wilkins, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge Past and Present. In giving the toast Bro. the Rev. S. W. Wigg P. Prov. G. Chaplain paid a deservedly high tribute to the zeal and ability of the Provincial Grand Officers as a body, referring especially to the advantages which must accrue to the Province from the appointment of Lord Euston as Provincial Grand Master, who had received such a hearty and cordial greeting at the hands of the brethren on the preceding day. He concluded by congratulating the Province upon the steady advance in Freemasonry which had been manifested during recent years, their prosperous condition at present, and a hope that this satisfactory state of affairs might long continue. That gratifying result was due in a great measure to the exertions of Bro. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and other good men and true, notably Bro. George Ellard, who had just been appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden. With respect to the substantial way in which the brethren sustained the characteristics of the Province for Charity he might mention that at the ban-

Hunts. He concluded by expressing his
of the Province would heartily support
all his undertakings. In proposing the
Baseley I.P.M. drew a simile, to the effec
was pressed more closely to the mothe
Worshipful Master would be closer to
than he should be, his lustre having be
from office. Brother Emery had ente
the most auspicious circumstances, a
thing would go on smoothly during
Master in his reply said he was
an able and active body of workers, and
fully alive to the responsibilities of his
assure them he should endeavour to disc
and he hoped to their satisfaction. B
terms, proposed the Installing Master a
Eleanor Cross Lodge, to which Bro. Beas
A. Jones gave the Masonic Charities, refe
ferred upon a helpless but deserving class
tutions. They were universal in principl
and were eminently deserving of the
towards their funds annually by the Cr
good that was being done by local Charit
had been evoked during the Jubilee year.
had been well supported in their St
substantial sums towards the Inst tutio
ledged the toast, thanking the bre-thr
accorded Bro. Ellard and himself in thei
toasts were the Visiting Brethren, the Si
and the Wardens and Officers of the L
acknowledged. The proceedings of the
some excellent singing and recitations.

NEW FINSBURY PARK L

THE installation meeting of this L
Tavern, Highbury, on the 18th inst.
with the other Officers and many membe
having been opened in due form, the minu
read and confirmed, and Bro. Hodges of
elected a joining member. The Report
read and approved, and a vote of thar
A Board of Installed Masters was the
Lone, was installed in the Chair of King
outgoing Master. The following Off
invested:—Bros. Bouts S.W., Little J.W
Bearer Herts Treas., Frampton P.M.
J.D., Thompson I.G., Press P.M. S.D., He
Tyler. A handsome jewel was present
recognition of his services. The Brethl
banquet, which was served with Bro. Ba
and a very enjoyable evening was sp
abilities of several of the Brethren.

EBORACUM LODGE

ON the 10th instant, the regular meet
at Freemasons' Hall, St Savioursga
attendance, embracing the following
W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. T. Sell
Simson P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J.
P.M. Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, W. L
smith Steward, P. Pearson and J. D. Ir
Storey I.G., J. Hall Tyler, F. W. Halliwe
L. Beaumont, H. Chapman, W. H. A. C
Specht, T. Milner, F. Stubbs, J. Smith, J
A. Archer, W. S. Child, G. Chapman, an
Bryson 236, Major Macgachen 236, H. S
and T. Archey 236. The business consist
degree of Bro. S. J. Scott, which was p
also gave the traditional history and to
for the ensuing year then took place, and
unanimously elected, Brother G. Balm
Treasurer, and Bro. J. Hall Tyler. T
Lodge in a few well-chosen words, and af
merry party met round the festive boa
monious evening. On the following Wed
Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Brown, gav
Past Masters and Officers of the Lodg
enjoyable.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction.

meeting was held on Wednesday last, at
Hotel, Roman-road, Barnsbury, when
worked in admirable style. Bro. Jenkin
position of Worshipful Master, and was a
201 as S.W., Bleakley 1287 J.W., Fer
Treasurer, Gregory S.D., Case J.D., Thw
tary, and many other brethren. The
assisted in working the sections:—Firs
Ross, Messer, Silvester, Thwaites, F
Lecture—Bros. Case, Hill, Giddings, Fo

the Westminster Town Hall, Bro. W. Sugg P.M. 33 and Past Prov. Superintendent of Works Surrey presiding over a very large attendance of brethren. Bro. Stroud occupied the Senior Warden's chair in the absence of Bro. R. H. Baker; Bros. Gibson J.W., Baker P.M. Treasurer, Shand P.M. Secretary, Goffin S.D., Jeffery J.D., Piper I.G., Wheeler D.C., Smith, A.D.C., White and Hambling Stewards. Visitors included Bros. Pearson and Bird 1567, Ruffin 2060, Flatterly 1624, Lester 1096, Evans 172, Williams and Woolley 15, Richards 1246, Holland 1624, Snook 1604, Whittington 1984, Saunders 1257, Dutton 1706, &c. The Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, initiated Mr. John Bartlett, and the ceremony of raising Bro. William Schmidt was performed with equal impressiveness. The brethren then repaired to the banqueting room, and after partaking of a récherché dinner, the W.M. proposed the first toast. He reminded the brethren that since the Lodge last met, the Jubilee of Her Majesty had been celebrated, and that, through the instrumentality of the Grand Master, the Craft had presented an address of loyalty to the Queen. In giving the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. G. Master, Bro. Sugg said no doubt His Royal Highness's heart was in Masonry, for everything possible to advance the prestige and influence of the Craft he did. He trusted that the Prince of Wales would long be their Grand Master. The Grand Officers Present and Past was also submitted by the W.M., who expressed his regret that on that occasion they had no Officers of Grand Lodge with them. He knew that there were many demands on their time, and it was impossible for them to come frequently. They had a Grand Officer a member of their own Lodge, but he was recruiting his health after his arduous Parliamentary labours, and they could only hope for his attendance next time. Bro. Baker said the gavel had been placed in his hand to propose a toast which he knew would be received with great enthusiasm. It was a pleasing duty which usually devolved on the Immediate Past Master, but in the absence of Bro. Seager Hunt—whose heart was with them—he had to ask them to drink the health of the Worshipful Master. It was complimentary to their Master to see the Lodge-room so full, and it was more especially gratifying as it was the first occasion on which Bro. Sugg had occupied the chair since his installation. It was he (Bro. Baker) considered, unnecessary to allude to the Master's working in the Lodge. It was well known to every brother, and it was sufficient to say that during his period of office the Abbey Lodge would lose none of its lustre. It was to be hoped that during the year the Master would have plenty to do. They had started well, and that evening three more candidates were proposed. He wished Bro. Sugg health and prosperity to do the work, and he was convinced that every Brother in the room reciprocated that sentiment. The Worshipful Master said he knew that Bro. Baker was always ready to say a good word for him. He (the W.M.) well knew that they would accept what he did in the very best spirit. His duties would be discharged to the best of his ability, and he should endeavour to promote that harmony and good feeling that had characterised their past. It afforded him great pleasure, as a Westminster man, to stand in the Town Hall and to be the Master of the Westminster Lodge. The rise of the Abbey Lodge had been quite phenomenal—he knew of no other Lodge that had made such progress. The reminiscences of the old Lodge, which held its meeting in the ancient Chapter House of Westminster, to them possessed a peculiar interest, for there was a resuscitation of that Lodge held 600 years ago. They had very convincing proof of what the Masons did in those days, and he should have liked in this Jubilee year to have held a meeting in the Chapter House. He was afraid that it could not very well be managed, for it would hardly be in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes. They, however, could congratulate themselves on the fact that they met in the Town Hall; he hoped for many years to come they would continue to do so. The architect of the building, Bro. Smith, was a member of the Lodge, and that added one more pleasurable association to their meetings. The initiate, Bro. Bartlett, in felicitous terms responded to the toast of his health, and the W.M. then gave the toast of the Visitors, observing that, seniores priores, he should couple with it the names of the Provincial Grand Officers present. Bro. Bird said it was not the first time he had had the honour to respond for the Visitors in the Abbey Lodge. Among the friends of his life was the Worshipful Master. His recollection of him was one of the earliest. He had seen him instal more than one Master, and he hoped to be present to see him instal his successor. Brothers J. H. Pearson, Flatteley, J. J. Woolley, Ruffin, and Cantle also responded. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Past Masters, whom he considered were the pillars of the Lodge. They had not many Past Masters, because they were not old enough, but those they had were first-rate. They had present Bro. Past Master Baker—the moving spirit of the Lodge. Without Bro. Baker the Lodge would not have been in existence. It was his idea to obtain a Westminster Lodge of Masons. In conferring upon him the office of Treasurer, they did him honour, and it was an honour to the Lodge. In Bro. Rogers they had had an exellent Treasurer, but his mantle had descended to their Bro. Baker. Another Past Master, Bro. Burdett Coutts, had done much for them; he was one of the senators of this great Empire, and was both a useful and ornamental member of the Senate. After such a hard-working session they could not grudge him his well-earned relaxation. The same remarks might be applied to their Bro. Seager-

their Treasurer, but he felt bound to say that it did not seek. He should endeavour to fulfil the with credit to himself and the Lodge. The toast and the Secretary was responded to by Bro. S Officers severally responded to the toast of their proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the ment from the Tyler, Bro. Walkley (P.M. 391). ing songs were given by Bros. Montague, Cantle W. J. Holland. Bro. Dutton presided at the piano. admirably served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, intendence of Bro. Todman.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Ins 1585.—On Monday last, at the Railway Hotel, Pu (Treasurer) W.M., Bugler S.W., Slinn J.W., Gr S.D., Langley J.D., Radclyffe D.C., Spooner I.G., work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of i Radclyffe candidate. Brother Bugler was elect ensuing week. Brother Grundy stated his in regularly to the secretarial duties of the Lodg tendered his resignation. This was accepted, and to Brother Grundy for his past services was heart vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes. Th himself in eulogistic terms as to the services Bro. dered at a trying time, and hoped that he would c as often as possible. Bro. Grundy suitably resp at all times have the best interests of the Lodge Bond volunteered to combine the office of Secre Treasurer for the time being. The thanks of the accorded to Bro. Bond for his kind offer, and wishes tendered, Lodge was closed.

Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449.—O Masonic Temple, 28 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, Cookersell I.P.M., Major Maclear S.W., Abbs J.W Beckett S.D., Claydon J.D., Laing I.G., Naylor D. Anderson and Leech Stewards, Blamiers Prece opened, and the minutes of last meeting were re The Lodge was advanced to second and third degr the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W candidate. The charge was given by Bro. Major working tools were explained by Bros. Clayde Rupert, Naylor, Major Maclear, and Laing. After from No. 31, &c., Lodge was closed.

Ravensbourne Lodge of Instructio There was a large gathering of members of this L at the George Inn, Catford, S.E., on Wednesday, when Bro. James Stevens delivered a first porti the ritual of the symbolic degrees in Freemaso the lecturer might have full opportunity for expla ject it was arranged that the fourth Wednesday i two or three months should be devoted to tha occasion Bro. Stevens, in an address occupying mo a-half in delivery, dealt with the ritual up to inv degree, from which point he will resume his e 23rd of November. The most earnest attentio worthy lecturer's remarks, and in many instance was given to his "reasons why!" A very cordia Bro. Stevens, and an invitation to accept hono the Lodge of Instruction terminated the interesti factory proceedings of the evening. This Lodge o the able Preceptorship of Bro. Henry Shaw, meets nesday evenings at 8 p.m., at the address above

On Wednesday, 26th instant, Bros. Thomps S.W., Ingoldby J.W., Axford S.D., Wright J.D Stevens P.M. acting Preceptor, in the unavoidab illness, of Bro. Shaw; W. Axford, D. O. Scott, J. H. W. Dale, Anderson, Talbot, Vieager, Thomas, ing, Vellenoweth, Ponter, Clark, Atkins Secretary was opened in due form and the ceremony of initi rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Dale acting as ca completed his excellent rendering of the ceremo charge in admirable elocutionary style, and to all present. Lodge was then opened to the closed down for practice to the first. Several me and after a very agreeable and instructive eve closed in harmony.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, Monday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Garrud S.W., Moorhouse J.W., Collingridge S.D., Stockhall J.D., Stretch I.G., Trewinnard P Marks, and other brethren. After full observan the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ya date. Bro. Collingridge answered the usual the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I MUST, in the first place, thank Bro. Gould for having promptly proved his statement that a charter of a Lodge was actually sold in 1767, in which transaction the Duke of Beaufort and Thomas French (the G.M. and G. Secretary of 1768) were implicated. But as Brother Gould merely referred me for full information to page 471, second volume of his History of Freemasonry, I shall give the extracts myself; they are as follows:—

"In the same month [April 1766] at the Committee of Charity, a complaint was made that the Lodge at the Old Bell * * * had been illegally sold. It appeared from the Respondents that they were foreigners, and had made a fair purchase thereof * * * It was determined under these circumstances that in Equity they had a right to the Constitution, and that they should be permitted to hold their Lodge under it, but that for the future the sale of a Constitution should on no account be valid. * * *

"A further illustration of the practice last referred to, is afforded by the minutes of the same tribunal for 8th April 1767, on which date a Bro. Paterson reported that the Constitution of Lodge No. 3, held at the Sun and Punch Bowl, had been sold or otherwise illegally disposed of, and that the same was purchased by a number of Masons, who now meet by virtue thereof, under the name of the Lodge of Friendship, in St. James's Street, and that Bro. French was the person principally concerned with the brethren of the Lodge formerly held at the Sun and Punch Bowle.

"The decision of the Committee was postponed, but as a mark of high respect to his Grace the Duke of Beaufort, and the Noblemen and Honourable Gentlemen meeting under the same Lodge of Friendship, *and in consideration of their being very young Masons* (the italicising is not mine) it was ordered that the Constitution No. 3 shall remain with them, even though it should appear, upon further inquiry, that this affair has been transacted contrary to the Constitution, but at the same time resolved that this shall not be looked upon as a precedent for the future on any account whatsoever.

"A week later the minutes of the last Committee on Charity were read in Grand Lodge and confirmed, except that part of them which related to Bro. French, by whom an apology was made 'in open Quarterly Communication.' At this meeting the Duke of Beaufort was elected Grand Master, and in the following year, a vacancy occurring, he appointed French to the office of Grand Secretary."

The above extracts from official records prove that the warrant of No. 3 was sold, but they also prove that the Grand Lodge was wide awake to misdoings of its highest dignitaries, and although for certain reasons it acted leniently in the case in point, yet the offence was not suffered to pass by with impunity. Bro. French had to make an apology for the part he took in the transaction, and warning was given that his forgiveness by the Grand Lodge should not be regarded as a precedent. This fact strengthens my belief that Bro. Lane made a mistake about the sale of No. 77 to the Wolverhampton Lodge in 1768, for had such been the case the Grand Lodge would doubtless have taken notice thereof, the same as it did in other cases above mentioned.

Brother Lane, however, proves conclusively that the Wolverhampton Charter of 1768 was not a warrant of confirmation, but he omits to inform me whether the Lodge paid or did not pay two guineas to the Charity Fund in addition to the two guineas it paid for the Charter; and because Past Grand Master Ward was appointed its first Master, he therefore inferred that No. 77 was obtained for the Lodge through Lord Ward's influence, or, in other words, it was obtained by favouritism.

This favouritism theory did not, however, satisfy me; for in the first place the same Lord Ward was Grand Warden in 1735, when the law was enacted that Lodges that ceased to meet for twelve successive months lost all right to regain their old rank. Second, he was one of the Committee on Anderson's Constitution of 1738, and must therefore have known all about the laws of 1727 and of 1735. And third, in an engraved Lodge list of 1764 I found that in that year several Lodges were vacant, namely, Nos. 32, 33, 35, 38, 40, and 45. Now, it seems to me that if Lord Ward had been afflicted with a weakness for getting an old number for the Wolverhampton Lodge, and had sufficient influence to be favoured, he surely would have preferred No. 32 to No. 77. Nay, more,

which might have involved him as well as
Lodge Officers in a vote of censure from th
nor could I believe that Bro. French, the
in 1768, had forgotten the rebuke he ha
the Grand Lodge in the previous year for
and it was not very likely that he woul
himself, even at the instigation of Lord
disagreeable scene in the Grand Lodge.

Yesterday, I borrowed from the M
Antick's Constitution of 1767, containing
the history of several years later. My ob
out if I could the precise year when the Gra
the law, that by paying two guineas for a
two guineas to the Charity Fund, a dorm
regain its old number and rank. Briefly,
1764 and in 1765 Lodges had petitioned fo
to their old numbers and rank, and al
required by the Grand Lodge was the
guineas for the Charity Fund, but no new
tioned. However, on page 264, giving the
I found a number of Lodges that were ord
from the Lodge list. Among them I foun

"77, Bell and Dove, Wolverhampton."

On referring to early Lodge Lists, I f
was constituted at the Raven and Bell, at
28th of March 1732. In 1740 its num
from 88 to 77, and in 1754 it was erased
it 1745, but that is a mistake). Had that
till 1756, its number would have been 4
that there was a Lodge at Wolverhampt
1754, which held the rank on the Lodge L

Now, on the other hand, on 8th March
No. 143 was constituted, at Gateshead.
ber was changed to 127. In 1756 its nu
changed to 77, and in January 1767 the
e ased.

With the above facts before me, I think
will take the trouble to hunt up all that ca
the history of the Wolverhampton Lod
will, I believe, learn that in 1767 some of
old Wolverhampton Lodge, No. 77 of 175
the Grand Lodge to have the Lodge resto
to their old rank and old number, and
with the then law, by paying two guine
and two guineas to the Charity Fund, it
number 77, of 1754, accordingly. I am
Lodge Lists of 1770 and of 1792 the
Lodge is placed among the Lodges con
That, however, I believe to have been
Lodge list maker, and we all agree now
makers can make mistakes, and can copy

I must, however, further add, I not
Bro. Lane is not rightly informed as to
hampton Lodge received No. 77 in 1767,
that the true history of Lodge No.
so graphically described by him in
Chronicle of 3rd September, is also
Taking, therefore, everything into con
continue in my old belief that the Grand
never knowingly and wilfully gave aw
number of an erased Lodge to a new Lo
posed of new members.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF LEICEST AND RUTLAND.

THE Annual Communication of this Pr Lodge, which was this year conven auspices of the Senior Lodge of the Provin No. 279), was held at Freemasons' Hall, L Leicester, on Wednesday the 19th inst., whe assembly of the Brethren of the Province w the absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Ma Hon. the Earl Ferrers, the meeting was pr the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. P.A.G.D.C. England, who was supported by Kelly, F.S.A., P.P.G.M., and W. Bro. G. To England P.D.P.G.M., acting as Deputy Master. The attendance included the fo Grand Officers, viz.:

Bros. J. Young J.W., Rev. W. R. Hurd Chap., R. E. P. Steeds Reg., Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., Sec., J. I C. F. Wike J.D., F. B. Wilmer Supt. of W., C. J. H. Marshall A.D.C., Capt. W. J. Freer S.B., E. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., Org., C. F. Massie Pu A.P., G. C. Oliver, S. Knight, J. G. Murdin, Stewards, T. Dunn and James Tanser Tylers; also Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. W. Beaumon Mammatt, J. T. Thorpe, G. T. Willan, C. E. Stretto G. W.'s, W. S. Allen, M. J. Walker and Major J. J. W.'s, Rev. S. Wathen Wigg Chaplain, T. A. Wyk Chamberlain Reg., S. Cleaver S.D., E. Watson J. Hassell J.D's., F. Griffith Supt. of W., W. Keep, J. Wiggins S.B.'s, E. H. Butler, D. Challis, and B.'s, W. Vial and T. B. Laxton Orgs., R. L. Gil Brown A.P., E. Mason, S. A. Marris, and W. M. W also Bros. C. A. Murcott W.M. 50, T. G. Charle J. B. Waring J.W. 523, F. G. Bodon W.M., an S.W. 779, C. Lowenstein W.M., and Dr. T. F. Co E. Jeeves W.M. 1130, W. H. Goodwin W.M., an 1265, R. B. Starkey S.W. 1391, G. Jessop W.M. W.M., and J. L. West S.W. 2081, and many others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having bee minutes of the preceding annual meeting confirmed, and the Rolls of Prov. Grand private Lodges called and duly responded of the Provincial Committee of General Pu Provincial Charity Committee were read an

The report of the Committee of General dealing with the subject of the Masonic Cel Majesty's Jubilee, and referring to the co Grand Lodge rank on the D.P.G.M., stated gress of the Lodges had been, on the whc the numbers showing a nett increase of 2 allowance for members of more than one Lo number of subscribing members appeared returns showed that the Lodges had been and the Landmarks observed, and that the the Book of Constitutions and the Provi received more attention than heretofore. candidates to seek initiation in Lodges re place of residence seemed to be still increas fore, the necessity for the exercise of cautic in the last report was not lessened. Th the Masonic Calendar of the Province, direction of Bro. B. A. Smith P.P.G.S editor, was very favourably commented up which also touched upon the question of relief to distressed Masons, by expressing the time seemed to have arrived when s be advantageously done in Leicester to pla tion of such relief on a better footing, an readily between deserving and undeser proposition had been made by one Lodge (

Chaplain.

The report of the Charity Committee was also of a very satisfactory character, the Province having a net balance of 2,566 votes for the Masonic Charities, which would be available at future elections. The Committee acknowledged the services of Bro. John Metcalfe P.M. 1767 and 2028 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, who represented the Province at the last Annual Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, when his list reached the handsome sum of £241 10s. After dealing with some matters of local interest, the report concluded by recommending that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls be the Charity to receive the special support of the Province for the coming year, and voting a sum of twenty guineas to be placed upon the list of the Steward representing the Province.

Satisfactory reports from the Prov. G. Registrar and Prov. G. Treasurer were received and approved, and the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts passed, Bro. Waite, Prov. G. Treasurer, being re-elected to that office for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for his past services.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows :—

Bro. S. Cleaver P.M. 279 ...	...	Senior Warden
A. Molvor Tindall P.M. 1330	...	Junior Warden
Rev W. R. Hurd ...	...	Chaplains
Rev. Selwyn C. Freer ...	..	
Robert Waite 279 P.M. 466	...	Treasurer
W. Vial P.M. 1007 ...	...	Registrar
Rev. C. Henton Wood P.M. 1560	...	Secretary
E. Bullen P.M. 779 ...	...	Senior Deacon
C. A. Murcott W.M. 50	...	Junior Deacon
E. Jeeves W.M. 1130 ...	...	Superintendent of Works
M. J. Walker P.M. 1265 P.P.J.G.W.		Director of Ceremonies
W. H. Lead W.M. 2081 ...	...	Assistant D.C.
G. Jessop W.M. 2028 ...	...	Sword Bearer
J. E. Beazeley P.M. 1391	...	Standard Bearers
G. Newsome P.M. 523 ...	...	
W. H. Barrow 523, Mus. Bac.	...	Organist
E. Mason P.M. 1391 ...	...	Pursuivant
C. Lowenstein W.M. 1007	...	Assistant Pursuivant
E. Holmes 279	...	Stewards
E. J. Thompson 779 ...	...	
T. F. Corcoran 1007 ...	...	
T. H. Smith 1330 ...	...	
R. B. Starkey 1391 ...	...	
J. Young 2028	...	
James Tauser	...	Tyler

In exercise of the privilege granted by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. to Provincial Grand Masters, of conferring Past Provincial Grand Lodge rank on a limited number of Brethren, in commemoration of the Jubilee of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Provincial Grand Master conferred past rank on the following Brethren :— Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain Prov. G. Secy. as P.P.S.G.W., Bro. William Keep P.M. 1265 P.P.G.S.B. as P.P.J.G.W., On the motion of Brother M. J. Walker, seconded by Bro. Kelly, Bro. Partridge was appointed as Steward to represent Provincial Grand Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School. In thanking the Brethren for their kindness, the D.P.G.M. made an earnest appeal for support in his Stewardship on so important an occasion as the Centenary Festival, and gave some interesting details with reference to the schemes proposed for celebrating that event.

The next business on the agenda was "to present to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, full dress clothing and jewels suitable to his rank in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, subscribed for by the Brethren of the Province." The presentation was made by Bro. Kelly P.P.G.M., who said that a very pleasing, but at the same time quite unexpected duty, and one for which he was wholly unprepared, had devolved upon him, owing to the absence of their Provincial Grand Master, Lord Ferrers, who had

that the services which Bro. Partridge h
only in the Craft Lodges, but more es
important Office of Prov. Grand Secretar
which he had held in the Provincial Grand
great and so efficiently performed that the
unanimously agree with him that no more
could have been selected to receive Gran
the hands of the Grand Master on that
occasion at the Albert Hall, in celebration
Jubilee. The distinction thus conferred o
was the more marked and gratifying inasm
enough, it was only the second instance
Leicestershire Mason (as such) had ever
to Office in the Grand Lodge of England—
their worthy and esteemed Brother George
Partridge's predecessor in the Offices of Pr
and D.P.G.M., who some years ago was
Sword Bearer. It was true that two
Provincial Grand Masters, Sir F. G. Fo
his successor, the first Earl Howe,
in Grand Lodge, the former as Senior
and the latter, for some years, as
Master, but Sir Frederick held th
position of Deputy Master of the Prince o
under the Duke of York; and his Lor
Chamberlain to Queen Adelaide, and was
esteemed in Court circles in town. It was
in future years, although their Province
it would not be left so much in the shad
with respect to Grand Lodge honours.
informed the D.P.G.M. that no sooner h
conferred by the Prince of Wales, become
was determined to open a subscription in
provide a complete set of the undress an
clothing and jewel of presentation to Bro
the brethren of his Mother Lodge (the
No. 523) being anxious to take a special
it was arranged that the Lodge should pr
undress clothing, which was presented to th
brother at the last meeting of the Lodge.
limited to a very small sum individually, h
and so rapidly and spontaneously did the
scriptions pour in, that not only was the s
raised, but considerably exceeded; and
arranged not only to present the full-dr
jewel of Grand Lodge, but, in addition
clothing and jewel of the rank conferred in
Bro. Kelly, having asked Bro. Partridge
the offering of the Brethren of the Provin
their best wishes that he might long be s
proceeded to invest him with the Grand
and jewel, amidst the hearty applause of
blage of Brethren.

The clothing was richly embroidered, a
18-carat gold) bore the following inscripti

This jewel, together with the dress clothing of
sented to Worshipful Brother S. S. Partridge,
Grand Master, by the Freemasons of the Provin
and Rutland upon his appointment as Past Assis
of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England,
their great esteem and regard for him. October

Bro. Partridge, in returning thanks, sp
culty he felt in finding words sufficien
express his feelings of gratitude for th
present which it had pleased the Brethre
him. To have received the coveted disti
Grand Lodge was an honour he had littl
coming so unexpectedly, and on such an in
as the Jubilee of her Most Gracious M
receiving the distinction at the hands of
himself, rendered it infinitely more valua
interest in that event was, and always wo
in his mind with the handsome way in wh
of the Province had been kind enough

xpressed his grateful acknowledgments of the many aternal congratulations he had received, and referred with banks to the special interest which he understood had een taken by Bros. M. J. Walker and R. Waite in connecon with the arrangements for the presentation.

An invitation was offered by Bro. W. H. Goodwin W.M. o hold the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge under the anner of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265, Oakham, hich the Deputy Prov. Grand Master promised to submit o the Prov. Grand Master for consideration.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the sual banquet followed.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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THE ART OF "MAKING-UP."

PASSERS along Russell Street, Covent Garden, cannot fail to be attracted by the strange and grotesque collection of "masks nd faces" that is displayed by Bro. Charles H. Fox, the world-known heatrical, mechanical, and private wig maker. The heterogenous rray of "make-up" faces in the window is enough to provoke a mile and keep the spectator lingering there, alternately pondering ver the grave and gay, the lively and severe; but on a closer inspecion of the premises what a hoard of mystery, and what may be desribed as "behind the scenes" secrets are unveiled! It is a trite aying that there are "tricks in every trade," but we should magine that the art of making men and women assume a guise diametrically opposed to their natural "form" calls for an extraordinary amount of tact and ingenuity. We have before us the fourth edition of Bro. Fox's illustrated catalogue, which must prove a source of interest not only to those ladies and gentlemen who have adopted the stage as their profession, but also to amateurs who have histrionic predilections, and all who desire to "strut their brief hour" before the public in any capacity. Although this firm has only been established some eight years, yet it is requisitioned by the principal artistes at all the London theatres, including most of the West-end Houses, whilst large consignments of wigs and "make-ups" are also sent abroad. In the interesting little *brochure* before us there are given a few words on the art of "making-up," which is, of course, the very embodiment of histrionic success, and which requires the most scrupulous care and attention. Whether it is for the gratification of the audience or as giving confidence to the actor, there must be a good and characteristic "make-up." No actor or actress would ever dream of appearing on the stage *au naturel*.

Here the marvellous ingenuity of the wig maker comes in, and Bro. Fox seems to have achieved the highest possible success in that important branch of the dramatic art. As the compiler of the catalogue observes:—"The face is naturally the mirror, so to speak, through which the passions of the soul are seen—rage, terror, love, despair, and every other emotion incidental to humanity are at various times depicted there—consequently it is imperative that the face should receive all the assistance that art can bestow. The use of pencils and pigments must therefore be brought into play, for the countenance is the actor's canvas, as it were, on which, with the aid of false hair, he paints his characters, and according to the skill displayed therein, sinks his personal identity." That is precisely where Bro. Fox has made his great "hit," and furnishes us with the reason why he is so sought after by professional men and women whose avocation is the display of their culture and accomplishments upon the stage. There are many other points in this little work to which we should like to draw attention, did space permit; but the chapter on "Advice to Amateurs" is well deserving careful consideration by all who have an inkling that way, for the counsel administered is most wise, impartial, and judicious. The book is full of illustrations, showing the effects produced by the wigs and "make-ups" manufactured by Bro. Fox, as they are familiar to the play-going public just now. Many of the most prominent of our artistes are sketched to the life,—not as they really are, but as they "appear," after submitting to the manipulation of the Covent Garden wig-maker. The likenesses are wonderfully good, and the various characters admirably portrayed; so that, apart from its intrinsic value to the artist, it affords capital relaxation to the ordinary reader. Some of the cuts are remarkably good, notably Mr. J. L. Toole as "Paul Pry" and "The Butler," Mr. W. J. Hill in "The Pickpocket" and the "Private Secretary"; Miss Kate Vaughan as "Lady Teazle"; Mr. Henry Irving as Benedick in "Much Ado about Nothing"; Mr. Charles Wyndham as "David Garrick"; Miss Sophie Eyre in "Youth"; Miss Sylvia Grey in "Jack Sheppard," and many others. We commend this little work to the attention of all who are interested in theatrical representations, either amateur or professional, as a very interesting and useful book of reference.

The Grosvenor Gallery.—The English visitor to Art

"he was born in the Province of Novgorod, in 1842, family of landowners. The son wished to be an ar wished to make him an officer of marines. As the s of the difficulty he became both." Then follows, a deal of adulation of the customary character, which the manner which suits, as such dissertations shou "cum grano salis," we should derive a somewhat e Mr. Vereatchagin's artistic standing. To turn to the walls; we think they may be summed up in the fo The large battle pictures (no doubt authentic illu events depicted) may be of interest to the ge reminiscences of the Russo-Turkish war, but they wil yield any great amount of satisfaction to the more ar refined and beautiful works of art. The "Indian S doubtless prove interesting to the average visitor, b aim appears much more that of an illustrator of ev artist constructing a grand and beautiful pictur unjustly regarding these pictures, from a wrong st faithful depiction may be the sole object of Mr. Verest case we should say he has succeeded admirably. A gigantic canvas of the Prince of Wales in India—thi be regarded as illustrative—still, in justice be it said artistically superior to the vulgar and garish produc state commissions from some of our own executing similar subjects. On the whole, w slight and sketchy work of the Russian give the most satisfaction to artists and co small studies of heads are strong in characte hard and sudden in colour and execution; an these, we cannot forbear mentioning that in searchi for the title of a girl's head (it may have been our cannot discover how we should have made it), marke the title affixed to the corresponding letter in th "Apotheosis of War." We fear we cannot acc statements contained in the before mentioned "not that Mr. Vereatchagin possesses the power of Remb can at will exchange for all the excellence of the Phœnix-like rise from the ashes of those dead (?) in all the majesty of the great and glorious sch maligned impressionist. By the bye, we cannot hel an artist if not an impressionist, and why should th artistic terms have become the designation for (sha a body of painters who, instead of ignoring onl unworthy of the brush, use their title as an ex species of inartistic eccentricity? But this is a dig clusion, we should recommend those of the public w in the faithful depiction of such scenes as we have the Grosvenor, where we think they will be gratifi we should say, there you will find a wonderful amo good deal of careful drawing, some strong manager shade; but nothing very considerably added to the mighty artistic genius.

Princess's.—Miss Grace Hawthorne made her here last Saturday, in a duologue entitled "The Str tion of M. Coppée's "Le Passant." Mrs. Olive Log for the English version, and unquestionably she l smart piece of work. In the piece there is a proud awakens a boy minstrel, who has fallen asleep on a house, to question him about his mode of life. T first indifferent, but at last begs to be taken into t Rather than encourage a hopeless affection the minstrel on his way. The piece was capitally act thorne, who looked charming in boy's clothes, and who had to struggle against the effects of a bad co attempt at "orating" was unquestionably in bad t she will never again offend in this regard.

Bro. Seymour Smith's Annual Conce fying to see Bro. Smith and his talented compa confronted by so numerous and appreciative an which assembled on Saturday evening at the Sou Finsbury, on the occasion of his annual concert. was filled in every part, and in the reserved t liberal sprinkling of friends of the *beneficiare*, who him on this occasion to testify their estimation of h played on many a former occasion. The programm formidable one, containing many gems of both tal music, all the items of which were rendered and excellence. A brilliant opening was made anct of a new concert gallop, by Bro. Seymour followed by Verdi's duet from "Il Trovatore," well sung by Miss Mary Belval and Mr. Edward first encore of the evening was gained by Miss An sang Seymour Smith's new song, "At the Golde which should at once commend that charming favour. Later in the evening this lady won fre judicious rendering of "Should he upbraid." Winn sang in her happiest vein the now fam "Here's to the year that's awa'," and in the sec

White, and the "Galloping Steed," by Mr. T. S. Taylor. Mr. Walter Morrow played two cornet solos in fine style, "Lovely Spring" and "The Lost Chord;" Messrs. G. T. Carter and Chaplin Henry sang Balfe's duet, "Excelsior," well; and a duet by Seymour Smith, a new and humorous version of the old ditty, "Where are you going to my pretty maid?" was given with all the requisite archness and verve by Miss Mary Belval and the composer. As an opening to the second part, Spofforth's glee, "Come, Bounteous May," was sung by Messrs. Lester, G. T. Carter, Edward Dalzell, Seymour Smith and Chaplin Henry; a new duet by Michael Watson, "I wish to tune my quiv'ring lyre," by Messrs. C. White and W. W. G. Haselgrove. Bro. Seymour Smith was, as usual, very funny in his well-known "Brown's Dinner Party," and the programme was brought to a fitting close with Seymour Smith's part-song, "And now we'll say 'Good night.'" It will thus be seen that there was ample variety in the evening's bill of fare, and the whole was dispensed with such excellence that the audience retired amidst unanimous expressions of satisfaction.

Mohawk Minstrels. — The unceasing popularity of this troupe of minstrels was clearly shown on Tuesday last when an audience that crowded the spacious hall in every part assembled to do honour to "Balaclava Day." The programme set down for the evening was an excellent one; it comprised songs, sentimental and comic, by all the old favourites, while the miscellaneous part of the entertainment was well up to the standard. As a special attraction, the management had engaged Mr. M. L. Landfried, the bugler that sounded the call for the memorable charge, and this gentleman rendered in capital style a cornet solo, after which he gave the call as sounded on the battle field. Needless to say the hero received a most hearty reception. Lord Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade" was also a "feature" of the evening, which was spent most enjoyably.

It will be recollected by those present on the first night of "Shadows of a Great City," that Miss Hawthorne promised "Theodore" should be produced before the close of the year. We are in a position to announce that the same will be presented on or about the 24th December. Costly preparations are under consideration, while Messrs. Charles Coghlan and J. H. Barnes have already been engaged for leading parts.

Messrs. Dean and Son, of 160A Fleet Street, have just issued a valuable Reference Work, entitled "The British Roll of Honour, and Orders of Chivalry," uniform with "Debrett" series. It is edited by Professor P. Lund-Simmonds, and it shows that the Prince of Wales is the holder of forty-eight foreign orders, while Her Majesty holds but nine.

Mr. Charles Duval has returned to town, having completed a professional tour of Ireland. His appearances in Dublin, Belfast and Cork have been completely successful, and during his provincial tour he has visited almost every part of the country. He contemplates a tour of the East, to include China and Japan, and will probably return from the latter country by the new Canadian Pacific route. Mr. Du Val intends to reproduce in book form his impressions of the places he will visit en route.

PRECEPTS FOR MASONS.

Avoid tattling.
Never wrong a brother.
Maintain secrecy, practice charity.
Avoid disturbers of harmony, give them the cold shoulder.
A bad tongue is the source of sorrow to many an innocent victim.
Talk kindly to an erring brother, and win him back to the path of rectitude.
A thoughtful Craftsman will be a faithful one.

—*Masonic Journal.*

The San Francisco Masonic Board of relief expends more money for charity than any three jurisdictions in the United States. In the last thirty years 228,297·84 dollars have been distributed. Eighty per cent. of this amount was given to Masons hailing from outside the jurisdiction of California.—*Baltimore Sunday News.*

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Always make it as pleasant and easy for the Masonic stranger of good repute who visits your Lodge as if he were a guest in your home. It will make a man think more of Masonry and have a keener appreciation of the meaning of brotherhood.

THE MIND.—When the venerable John Adams was asked how he

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

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SATURDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
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, Maldon.
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
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)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth

364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon,
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, N
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershi
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buz
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradfor
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1322—Waveley, Caledonian 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
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Stre
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King S
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Brad
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingha
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton A
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Ch

WEDNESDAY, 2nd NOVEM

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (In
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough,
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regen
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Stree
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instructio
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, H
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (In
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May F
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Ro
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Str
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churc
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Ins
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instru

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, La
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hudd
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-stree
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instr
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-s
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instru
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnwort
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cle
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instr
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. (Instructio
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-
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lan
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liver

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2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leed.
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

THURSDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
44—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
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)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, 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.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 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
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
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.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Brad
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, S
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upp
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Chesh
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Chelte
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th NOVEMBE

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-s
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park,
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Stree
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, a
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St.,
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (In
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Ca
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Ins
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instructio
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (
1816—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Churc
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, G
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Stre
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1489—Ezra, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Paveme
K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Man
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, Durh
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, a
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, H
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, N
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
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruct
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Mo
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-stree
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosfor
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Stree
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall,
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, So
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-

SATURDAY, 5th NOVE

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, a
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottent
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7,
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hack
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street,
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, H
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Re
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, ne
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, New
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield,

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THE REALITY AND THE PECULIARITY OF MASONIC HISTORY.

IT was once said, by one of the ablest and most acute of Freemasons, a brother who was emphatically a thinking member of our Fraternity, that what had most struck him in the History of Freemasonry was its very existence.

He used to like to add, we hear him saying it still, "When you survey the past history of our remarkable Order, even in this good English Jurisdiction of ours, you are startled by realizing at once how much has been evolved out of so very little. How small beginnings, how insignificant appearances have tended to and ended in such large results. How its weaknesses, and littlenesses, and imperfections have all given way before a wondrous growth, and a real and living manifestation of kindness, utility and good."

And no doubt the proposition, startling as it is, is not only well founded, but deserves our notice and attention. Those of us who have studied the "indiciæ" of Freemasonry in the world, must be convinced both of the reasonableness and even truthfulness of the view we have just mentioned. As we look back from our present unequalled standpoint of maturity and light, on the infantine struggles, so to speak, of Freemasons, as in the presence of mankind, are inevitably struck with that marvellous change which has come over not only the framework of Freemasonry itself, but also with that extraordinary expansion which has followed its silent tread, its undemonstrative advance, on the highway of life and the world. We almost come now to regard with astonishment that propagation of Masonic principles which hardly seems to be measured by what we ourselves actually know of the earlier annals, the past struggles, the present outcome of the Craft.

To-day, with many jurisdictions, and a million and a half of votaries in the Lodges of the world, we often feel inclined to wonder how it has all come about, how it has all taken place.

There seems to us reflectingly something strange, unprecedented about it all; there appears to be no natural sequence of cause and effect, no commensurate starting point for such an after "output." The little sluggish stream of an earlier epoch, unknown and hidden, winding in serpentine folds amid hill and dale, has "debouched" into a mighty river, rapid in its current, and ceaseless in its wavelets.

Indeed the very obscurity of the past records of our Fraternity has lent doubt to conjecture, and has affixed uncertainty to suggestion.

The past of Freemasonry is invested with a sort of haze, which seems to baffle the inquirer and repel the enthusiast. The more we seek to explain, the more there is we desire to be explainable; the closer we unroll the Masonic diptychs the more clearly do we realize how dust and débris, confusion and carelessness, uncertainty and unreality, still reign supreme. We cannot, for instance, clear up one inaccuracy, rectify one anachronism, establish one historical fact, relegate one dissolved myth to the limbo of forgetfulness, without discovering how like the armed crop from Minerva's head in the old world fable, there arise up for us countless hindrances and obstacles to a clear, consistent, critical History of Freemasonry, however much it may be wanted, however much it should be desired.

If again we succeed in diverting from our annals, or a walking have cast over them, we behold on a at once that our labour is really Herculean, that still, as of old, "Augæan" are the "impe have to remove, the heaps of rubbish we away.

Often as the vexed and weary student of ou pauses for a moment to repose and take stock most truly what a task he has set before him, and how enduring. If now we are anxious tainty to conviction, and give reality to repre we endeavour to dispel the mists of the pas shine of the present, there comes around u sense of the seriousness of our enterprise, an ties of the attempt.

If having got rid, as we fondly hoped, of th the Freemasons," we proceed to append to o striking and welcome "factors" of critical historical certainty, as best beseems the digni confraternity, we are led ere long to feel, and how arduous is the effort, how unpromising how unpopular the result.

For after all, when the work thus far is co hesitating at best are the conclusions, how verifications of the historian.

The labours of the authentic school, the and valued lucubrations of Findel and Ma and Gould, of Hughan and MacCalla, of Jacob Norton, and many more, have only appetite for an after banquet, but leave much we desire to know a great deal, just where it

We cannot, do what we will at present, intentions in the world, the most anxious toi careful compilation, achieve more than theor and suggest respectfully.

When, for instance, to-day we seek to rec debateable land of doubt and difficulty the p our Order, and rescue them alike from fa sciolism, and seek to remove from them th being a puzzle and a snare to students and there seems to arise up before us that "chevaux de frise" of obscuration and ignor would hinder all advance, baffle all effort, an to a scientific realism. If we admit mu quietly and happily done for Masonic archæology, how much yet, we say it with al many an able writer, remains to be done.

If light has been shed here and there, (g doubt in comparison with past darkness), yet portion of our Masonic annals still remai obscurity, and "darkness visible."

If we know now a great deal we did *not* a generation back let us say, how much more d know to-day, and how much,—say what we this hard knot, disclose this hidden fact as w remains to baffle the inquiries and curiosity of us all, and to throw still around the almos of Masonic studies a prevailing colouring of un unreality. We have to beware to-day of has rash fads, and uncritical conclusions.

We seem rather inclined to "rest and b when, according to our view, we are but "tap Temple Gate of historic truth. We are rea it would seem, that we know all that need

expositions of our history and archæology. We believe firmly, on the contrary, that the future has a great deal in store for all loyal inquirers after truth. We have, indeed, thanks to many very able brethren, partially lifted the veil, but so far only partially. We still know very little of the actual past history of English Freemasonry, behind 1717, so to say, and between 1646 and 1717 especially. There extend some pages of our annals between these dates, through which if we see, as we think we do, certain gleams of light gradually breaking forth, that is all we can safely venture yet to advance. We cannot speak decidedly on much before 1717.

But we trust the day may come when we shall be able to do so, when tentative efforts and thoughtful explanations may be crowned with successful reality, and when we shall be able to mark, grasp and explain, in all their intricate windings, development and outcome, the living and authentic annals of Freemasonry in England, and in the world.

HIRAM LODGE.

Hiram Lodge F.A.M. v. *G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M.*
G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M. v. *Hiram Lodge F.A.M.*

[COMMUNICATED.]

OUR attention has been specially called by the very intelligent suggestions of "Lex," in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 13th August 1887, to the questions at issue between the two parties who are named in the heading of this article; to the various steps that have been taken, on the one hand and the other, in the development of these questions, and to the present status of these bodies respectively in relation to each other, and to the Masonic Fraternity at large.

The clear insight of that writer has distinctly pointed out some of the profound and vital questions which already are, or soon must be, put at issue between these parties.

This attention of ours has been deepened by the recent and, to appearances, summary action of the Grand Lodges of some of the States of the United States, particularly by the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as shown in the printed Report of its Proceedings at its Quarterly Communication of June 1887 (pp 50-51), and which is immediately before us at this writing.

This action was a decree and edict of non-intercourse with the members of Hiram Lodge, and was taken, as is evident upon the Report, and as we learn also from entirely credible testimony, without that careful and impartial previous examination of facts, which should, within the Fraternal relations of Freemasonry, always precede the *resort ad summam poenam*—before the inflexion of that excision from knowledge and love and sympathy, which renders its victims to all intents Masonic pariahs.

The status of the questions at issue and of the parties suggests many problems of judicial regularity, Masonic courtesy, Masonic antiquity, disciplinary procedure, and some very novel and intricate questions of Masonic law, which latter, so far as we are at this moment informed, have never been settled by any adequate authority.

Reserving all other matters for future study, if it shall seem desirable, we here and now propose to consider the matter of Masonic law which the relations of these two bodies to-day involve, using such facts as are at hand and have a bearing thereon.

Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, was chartered and duly constituted a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under and by virtue of a Charter granted 12th November, A.D. 1750, and of Masonry 5750, by Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of North America, a fac-simile copy of which, with all signatures and seals thereto annexed, and the indorsement of registration in the Books of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, certified by its Grand Secretary, lies before me, and a copy of which is hereto annexed.*

Some things both of law and fact are therefore now concluded.

no one has the audacity or the desire to

3. That the citizens to whom it was and legitimate Freemasons, entitled and an investiture, is also an uncontested fa

Further, that the Lodge organized i charter, has had a continuous, unbroke day, or rather to the day of its recent Grand Lodge of Connecticut, is admitte

That during all this time it has bec and has fulfilled faithfully all the con tions imposed upon it by the terms of the demands of its related existence, i puted, but certified and proved by the the Grand Lodge, prepared and publish and with its sanction. Thus they say, beginning 'Hiram Lodge' has continu munications until its initiates have be great multitude, 'which no man can nu continued its regular communications the Revolution, and through all adve "One thing can be said of Hiram L cannot be said of any other Lodge in th instance, since the formation of the Gr failed of being represented, and mak Grand Communications of that body. also true; that in no instance have he munications been omitted."—(Proc. Vo that this obedience and conformity have purposed, through all its varying hist volved in the tenure of its existence, Lodge and its members, verifiable by i tory, and made sure to us of this da ground and essence of its present co Grand Lodge of Connecticut hinges what it regards as the requirements of and investiture.

We call attention now to another cl upon the inter-relation of these two bod Lodge and the Grand Lodge.

This Ancient Oxnard Charter has dered by Hiram Lodge to any authorit by them as a vital and living mun power.

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut surrender, but on the other hand recog its legitimacy and continued existenc in its Book of Records, certifying th the face of the Charter with the offic Grand Secretary, and then return Lodge without cancellation or annulm to their requisition, and all in pursu action on the part of the Grand Lod passed 15th October 1790 will show, as

"Resolved that the Right Worshi for the time being, issue new Charters constituted Lodges in this State, upon *being produced to him*, which new Char is provided in and by the Constituti Charters may be returned by the Gra Lodges from which they were received first registered with such new Cha Secretary in the records of this Lodg certified on the back of said former Ch

Whereby this live and living Charte existence of the Grand Lodge, fro 8th July 1789 (almost forty years sub and issuing of the Oxnard Charter), u writing, been permitted to be held by t a muniment of its legal constitution lawful being, and its right to be.

What the force of this action of sub sion on the part of the Grand Lodge admission of the right of Hiram Lod under this charter, which properly sho Lodge to deny the legitimacy of H regularity and legality of the work it is one of the great questions which a sion and settlement by this unfortuna controversy.

arbitrary brute force and will, be held as irregular or clandestine Masons. They are legitimate Masons, entitled to be recognised and received as such by all regular Masons the world over.

Masonic history has certainly some parallel examples. We do not pretend to speak of them with minute and detailed accuracy. The authorities are not at our hand. The general fact is sufficient. In Massachusetts, the jurisdiction to which we have before alluded—the Union of Grand Lodges in the present Massachusetts Grand Lodge took place in the year 1792.

The Lodge of St. Andrew, located within its territorial jurisdiction, received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1756, thirty-six years before that union. Now the Lodge of St. Andrew did not come under the Massachusetts Grand Lodge until 1809, and then only upon the full permission of the Scotch Grand Lodge to do so. And yet their members were freely recognised and received by the subordinate Lodges, their neighbours, and by the Grand Lodge itself of Massachusetts. No restrictions were placed upon their Masonic intercourse or citizenship. They were neither excommunicated nor denounced as clandestine or put in outlawry.

Again, three Lodges in Montreal have retained their ancient allegiance to the English Grand Lodge, although Grand Lodges have been formed in the Canadian Provinces; and they rank and visit and are received as good Masons of regular standing.

Findel is authority for the statement that there are at present in Germany five Lodges whose members visit and are received in all other Lodges, and all Masonic courtesies and interchanges take place between them, and yet these five Lodges are independent Lodges, and belong to no Grand Lodge at all.

Now, in the next place, has anything occurred to impair or invalidate these Masonic rights of Hiram Lodge, or the Masonic character of its Masons?

Before answering this question we are to notice that the Oxnard Charter having been granted by the Provincial Grand Master of North America in 1750, before the existence of any American Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the territory of Connecticut Province, this Charter and its inherent rights are invaluable, historically and intrinsically, for they can only be lost by voluntary surrender and abandonment, or by legitimate arrest from the supreme authority from which it emanated.

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has neither the right nor the power to arrest this Charter; they are not privy to its life, either by way of grant, of its submission to them, or its adoption by them.

Again, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the home of Oxnard, is not the successor to his privileges and prerogatives, and has no power over this Charter.

No other Grand Lodge, domestic or foreign, is in relation to arrest or interrupt this Charter, unless, and this is questionable, the Grand Lodge of England, who was the parent of Oxnard's power.

We now recur to the question, what has occurred to impair or invalidate the rights of Hiram Lodge and its members under the Oxnard Charter?

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut issued its Warrant or Charter ("of Recognition") to Hiram Lodge on or about the year 1789.

This Charter was either consistent or inconsistent with the existence and potency of the Charter granted by Oxnard.

It might have been consistent with it: there is nothing in the nature of the case why they should have been exclusive the one of the other. The facts of the history are strongly presumptive that they were, and were regarded, as consistent. Moreover, they were both like instruments for a like purpose, and a like effectation of that purpose, except in the one additional fact of the Grand Lodge Charter, that so long as it existed and was used, Hiram Lodge should perform certain duties of representation, and of legislative and executive service, none of which interfered or conflicted with any duty or privilege under the

As they did not and could not annul require its surrender or abandonment, bu and returned it, as "required," they left it was worth. It was already a basis c continue to be so as long as its general pu were continued. Hiram Lodge by return, and by its careful preservation he *tanto quanto*—operative where it coul silent where it must be silent, keepin ancient life and seniority—still alive, concensus of both parties.

What therefore must follow when the Connecticut sees fit to withdraw its gran course:—The Grand Lodge Charter vac one is either already in full exercise, as i while or it comes into activity in all thing been suffered to rest, and is as valid, and be as valid in all respects, as if it had e For beyond a doubt a body may have two and concurrent claims to legal life, as a r concurrent titles to land or other propert

And, therefore, the withdrawal by the its Charter does not invalidate the Lodge character of its members.

Only they are thenceforward not subj amenable to its supervision, and cannot privileges as a Grand Lodge, or have a ve its legislation.

They are left, and must live and work lawful Lodge, making good Masons, wh visited. They are remitted to their clothed with all its legality as reg Masons, inherently invested with full privileges as individuals and as a sepa deprived also of certain communal and re leges and enjoyments which pertain to ev federated existence. The position is per has its parallels in many relations of soci

And now the Grand Lodge of Conne Masonic power, and the instruments c organisation, and the courtesies of its M to ignore and destroy this Lodge, and t and privileges, the Masonic standing a its "multitudinous" membership. An not for any breach of Masonry, law, land but because, while after almost a hund tinuous uniform teaching and practice has seen fit to deny its own instruction, monial. Hiram Lodge has not summ consistency, but adheres also to the ancient investiture.

And what is this Masonic coercion than the application of blind, indiscrim to discredit this Lodge, and to compel rights which it possesses by a title c legitimate and honourable as that by Lodge holds its power. It is the Mas the most effective weapon she knows or them upon the head, on the one hand, she tenders them, as an inducement a and deny, to become traitors to, their duties, the offer of Masonic peace and her own fold.

More than this, she appeals to her s (a most remarkable adventure!) and thinkingly, not to say wickedly, join wit and applying a Masonic "boycott" to and working under its ancient, legitim unrevoked and unrevokable Charter, a titudes of its "exceeding multitude" different parts of the globe to the disgrace deprivations which load and burden the

We believe this is mainly inconsider from a misunderstanding of the true p the case.

Masonry boasts herself to be governe justice and charity; and in this

There seems to us an honourable and peaceful, an intelligent and manly way, of meeting and adjusting the differences between Hiram Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, without sacrifice of anything material for either party. It is not to be done by force, or blustering words, or rash objurgations,—too freely employed in this as in other similar controversies,—but by the application of cool and loving wisdom and purpose to the facts and circumstances with which the parties and their respective rights are invested.

JUSTITIA.

"BOYCOTTING."

TO be "sent to Coventry" was, in our old school days, and is now, so far as we know, the penalty inflicted upon the lad who "sneaked," or in other way had transgressed against the code of honour acknowledged and obeyed in the school-room and the play-ground. The tabooed one was completely ostracised from his indignant fellows, and received only a contemptuous shrug whenever he might attempt to curry favour with any of his former associates, The period of this "cold shoulder" isolation depended upon the character and enormity of the offence committed, but, long or short, the culprit winced under the strongest pangs of mortification and self-reproach, whilst all his comrades held aloof and regarded it as a point of honour not to assuage the bitterness of the offender's position, by word, look, or gesture. In school the routine of work relieved the monotony of his loneliness, but in the playground and elsewhere they "all had a mate but him." It was very much the same in society nowadays, when people are discovered to be "going crooked," which is an expressive term for deceitfulness, commercial immorality, or breach of honour. The man or woman who descends to such malpractices, contracts first the suspicion, then the dislike, and finally the contempt of those who were their former friends and associates. The man who is ever trying to "best" his neighbour, either in business transactions or otherwise, finds himself sooner or later elbowed aside by others who have discovered his knavish tricks, and he has to seek for favour and companionship in "fresh fields and pastures new." The churl, the unscrupulous, the morally dishonest, may be tolerated in some degree, to avoid open disdain, but should he not feel sufficiently ashamed inwardly of his acts as to restrain him from forcing his way into the company of his whilom friends, he will soon be rendered conscious that he is there merely on sufferance by the polite hostility with which he is treated. So far as the two examples go they run nearly on all fours, for the boy at school, equally with adult members of society, in precisely similar manner, mark their detestation of a "dirty trick," in whatsoever form it may appear.

The term "boycotting" is of much more recent date, and we owe the origin of it to our lively friends of the Emerald Isle, who, to mark their sense of any fancied or real grievance, either against themselves personally or the cause they espouse, adopt the most stringent, and sometimes dastardly, means of showing their displeasure. There is a wide difference between the "Coventry" of ordinary modern society, and the "boycotting" system under which so many crimes and outrages have been perpetrated in Ireland. The former is the deserved odium for wrong-doing, while the latter is a planned and deliberate combination to injure those who dare to do what is right and just. We have no wish to tread on political ground in the consideration of this subject, nor is it necessary, for our readers are all perfectly aware how that honest people have been cut off from the rest of their fellows, their trade ruined, their persons and property jeopardised, even sacrificed, by this cowardly invention of modern coercion and persecution. It is hardly credible—it is a paradox most difficult of explanation—that in some measure this contagious spirit of evil should have found entrance into our Masonic circles, and to have worked its insidious way

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With the darkening days and cha
the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and t
unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the
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IN the Town Hall, on Saturday morning, the 24th September, an assemblage of the members of the United Lodges of the Diamond Fields received Lord Carnarvon in his capacity as Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The following address was presented:—

To the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master of Somerset.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

In the name of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Griqualand West, holding under Charters from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and the East of Netherlands, we desire most respectfully, on the occasion of your visit to this by no means unimportant portion of that vast extent of territory which owns the sway of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, to tender to you, as Pro Grand Master of our Order in England, a fraternal welcome to South Africa, accompanied by the hearty good wishes of every Freemason in Griqualand West.

We are but a comparatively small community of the Universal Brotherhood, but as forming part of that Grand and Ancient Order, which has subsisted from time immemorial, we have striven to uphold and maintain, to the utmost of our power, the honour and dignity of our Craft.

It is a matter for regret that your limited stay in Kimberley precludes our receiving the further honour of your presence in our respective Lodges, but we trust that the assemblage of the Craft to-day, representing the various Constitutions of Masonry, will be accepted not only as an assurance of our unswerving loyalty to Queen and Craft, and the act of homage through yourself as Pro Grand Master or English Masons, but also as a spontaneous and hearty fraternal welcome on the level platform of Masonic Brotherhood to our most illustrious brother, Lord Carnarvon, whose high rank, long association with, and earnest labours in, our Order, have made his name honoured by every member of the Craft.

To yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, and to Lady Carnarvon, we offer this our Masonic greeting, trusting that the Great Architect of the Universe will grant to you, in its fullest measure, the blessing of health and strength restored, and assuring you that whatever part of Her Majesty's dominions you may visit in the course of your travels, no more cordial and earnest welcome will be given you than is now tendered by the Freemasons of Griqualand West.

Dated at Kimberley, Griqualand West, in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, this 24th day of September 1887.

The address was read by Bro. R. M. Connolly P.M., who acted as Secretary, and it was presented by Bro. G. Richards P.M., his Lordship responding in an appropriate speech. Bro. R. M. Roberts P.M. presided, and all the offices were filled by Past Masters and Masters of the various English Lodges represented, which were the Cosmopolitan, Octahedron, Richard Giddy, and Charles Warren.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.

OF the many philanthropic schemes which abound in the Metropolis, conferring inestimable benefits upon the poor, there is none more richly deserving of support and encouragement than this institution, founded nearly twenty years ago, in the thickly-populated district of Shadwell. It is the only hospital that we know of into which sick babies are admitted, and to show how the advantages offered to the poor are gratefully accepted, it is only necessary to mention that in the course of last year no fewer than 119 of these tiny patients, under the age of six months, were nursed and cared for within the walls of the institution. Every mother will understand how much responsibility, anxiety, and expense are thus entailed. In the early part of the year 1868, the movement was originated by Dr. and Mrs. Heckford, who converted two old houses at Ratcliff Cross into a hospital, with ten beds. Such was the need for an effort of this kind and such the demand for aid that before the end of the year the number of beds increased to 35. For some time the promoters of the beneficent object had to content themselves with these limited results, but it at length became imperative that some extraordinary effort should be put forth by which to increase the sphere of a charity that had already proved such a boon to many indigent families. Accordingly, in June 1875, the foundation-stone of the present building was laid by the Duke of Westminster, and two years later the completed building, containing ninety-two beds, in three wards of equal size, was formally opened by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck. Some idea of the immensity of the work accomplished by this scheme may be formed from the statistics published by the executive, and which set forth that since the opening of the hospital, in the year 1868, 178,641 cases have been treated—there being 116,016 out-patients, 51,131 casualty cases, and 11,194 in-patients (children) registered. It should here be noted that although patients are in ordinary cases admitted by letters of recommendation from contributors to the funds, those suffering from acute disease or accident are admitted free during all hours of the day and night, and the number of such amount to one-third of the total admissions. It is impossible to

time in the history of the hospital when its need was so urgent, and its claims on the charit appealing. The hospital is situated in the London, and the poverty that surrounds it ha spread, nor has there been hitherto such a resources of the charity.

We bring these facts under the attention o view of strengthening the effort which is shortly increasing the funds for maintenance. The Niu the Charity is fixed to take place at Willis's Ro Thursday, the 24th instant, when the Earl of M sented to occupy the chair. It is sincerely to will be a large attendance, and that the indef the Institution (Mr. Ashton Warner) may be ab substantial total in donations and subscriptio more forcibly commend itself to the sympathy the benevolent than the succour of poor helpless less infants, and we trust the appeal now about t a result such as shall enable the Board of Mana sphere of their humane operations. In connecti we are pleased to learn that our esteemed Bro. Master of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, &c., Stewardship for the occasion, and that the Br unanimously voted him the sum of five guin This is another striking proof of the gen which has all along pervaded the Lodge of Sinc appropriate way could a charitable donation be which will assist in the relief of helpless wome understand that Bro. Lacey was first induced t this institution by an incident which closely little son met with an accident, by which he and cut across the knee. A horse and cart, knocked him down, and a policeman happening him in the same vehicle to the hospital, where successfully treated until convalescent. To sho good a work, of which he then had practi Bro. Lacey made the boy a life governor of removing him from the place. The scheme is s voluntary contributions, and we repeat our hope largely augmented at the Festival, so that th have to deplore their inability to relieve so m half-clothed children seeking admission as are n the doors through sheer want of funds to demands. We may add that the officials of t pleased at any time to receive a visit from those ing the very excellent work that is being carried

Hon. James Hodges, the Mayor of address at the contennial celebrated in tha

"And here I shall venture to say a word conc character of Freemasonry, as it appears to one outside, and judges the tree, of which your branches, by such of its fruits as are visible fro this with a full consciousness of my insufficie things of which you know so much and I, the And yet, for all that, I am frank enough to tell Freemasonry is not so well kept as you are pro who flatter themselves that the world has no ey divine are deluded. In vain you multiply your more stringent your obligations—the great secr be hid. It is known by intuition to hundreds never receive grip or password, who never pass of your mystic Lodge. It is known to wido the friendless and afflicted of all kinds. It is light over the doorways of many an edifice d suffering and the shelter of helplessness. It is small voice of many silent deeds of benefice on that great day when all secret are revealed secret of Masonry be proclaimed before no les the inhabitants of the earth and all the assemb And what of that great secret? "I was naked I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison a

The successful establishment of the Hampsh Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution flourishing condition of Freemasonry in that moreover, what can be accomplished by energ Bro. George Felton Lancaster, Past Grand Reg may be regarded as the parent of this institu fostering care it has grown into vigorous life space of time. Bro. Lancaster deserves bestowed upon him by the Grand Master of the Festival of the institution. Scarcely three year at Bro. Lancaster's instigation, to consider an for establishing a charitable fund for the Provi the Isle of Wight, having for its objects the ed

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE business transacted at the Quarterly Convocation was set forth fully in the agenda paper we published last week. Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Prov. G. Superintendent Suffolk presided, and he was supported by Rev. H. A. Pickard Grand Supt. Oxon as H., F. H. Caldwell Grand Supt. Cambridge as J., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand S.E., Sir J. B. Monckton as Grand S.N., R. Grey President Committee General Purposes, R. Eve Grand Treasurer, Baron de Ferrieres as P.S., Dr. R. Gooding as 1st Assistant Sojourner, G. Cooper as 2nd Assistant Sojourner, F. S. Knyvett Sword Bearer, V. P. Freeman 1st Standard Bearer, E. L. Baylis 2nd Standard Bearer, W. M. Bywater 4th Standard Bearer, &c. &c. After the minutes of the Convocation of August had been read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. Robert Grey, seconded by Comp. Richardson, taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Comp. Grey moved, and Comp. Richardson seconded, the granting of the prayers of the petitions, which motions were carried unanimously. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke remarked that in considering the minutes of proceedings of the August Convocation, the Companions would notice that the appointments to Grand rank which were to be conferred upon Companions in the Colonies and abroad by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, were unavoidably postponed till this meeting, in consequence of lack of information as to the qualifications of the Companions on whom it was proposed to confer the honours. The information had since been obtained, and he had now to announce, by command of the M.E. the First Principal the Prince of Wales, that His Royal Highness had been pleased to confer Past Grand rank in Grand Chapter upon the following Companions:—

Gibraltar	Comp. J. H. Bryant, M.D.	Std. Bearer
Malta	W. Watson	A.D. of C.
Bengal	W. H. Fitze	Assist. Soj.
Madras	John T. Greatorex	Swd. Bearer
Eastern Archipelago	Felix Gottlieb	Std. Bearer
Northern China	T. W. Kingsmill	Swd. Bearer
South Africa (W.D.)	T. J. C. Inglesby	Std. Bearer
South Africa (E.D.)	George P. Perks	Swd. Bearer
Natal	Westley Francis	Std. Bearer
Jamaica	A. de Cordova	Prin. Soj.
Montreal	Lt.-Col W. H. Hutton	Assist. Soj.
Argentine Republic	G. J. Ryan, M.D.	Std. Bearer
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Std. Bearer
Queensland	Barron L. Barnett	Prin. Soj.
Victoria	H. St. J. Clarke, M.D.	Scribe N.
"	J. J. E. Wilmot, M.D.	Assist. Soj.
"	T. H. Lempriere	Swd. Bearer
Tasmania	George Smith	Std. Bearer
Canterbury, N.Z.	William Deamer	Swd. Bearer
Otago & Southland, N.Z.	Sir R. Strat, K.C.M.G.	Swd. Bearer
Westland, N.Z.	James Kerr	Std. Bearer
Auckland, N.Z.	William Lodder	Std. Bearer
West Indies (generally)	Col. J. Elliott, C.B.	Prin. Soj.
India (generally)	Brig.-Gen. G. B. Wolseley, C.B., A.D.C.	Prin. Soj.
Unattached	Col. Sir T. O'Brien, K.C.M.G.	Prin. Soj.

Comp. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, who was not present for investment in May or August, was formally invested with the insignia of office of Grand Treasurer, amidst cheers. Grand Chapter was closed in the usual form.

A very agreeable meeting of the members of the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction was held at Brother Webb's, the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday evening last. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Bugler, and amongst other matters that were brought under notice, the question of future arrangements was considered. As an outcome of this, we may mention that Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, has promised to rehearse the

No. 456.

A CONVOCATION of the Provinci was held at the Town Hall, Utt instant. The M.E. Comp. Col. G. S. appointed the following Officers for the

Comp. E. H. Thorne	...	...
J. B. Hall	...	...
H. Kitson	...	...
Hampshaw	...	...
C. A. Newnham	...	...
J. C. Clemesha	...	...
G. Cooper	...	...
Dunning ...	...	...
G. A. Thomason	...	...
S. B. Hildick	...	...
W. Blackshaw	...	...
G. H. Stanger	...	...
A. T. Warrilow	...	...
Milmore ...	...	...
G. W. Walker	...	...
A. Mear and S. Mear		...
W. Twist ...	...	...

It was recently decided to form a Ro to be called the Dove Chapter, in comp of that name that runs near the town. consecration was now performed. Aft been opened, the Grand Superintende present on the nature of the meeting S.E., Comp. Kitson, to read the Char following were named as the Principals: J. P. Hall H., and W. Vernon J. The C approved of the Officers named in the C was delivered by Comp. Capt. E. H. Th H., on the nature of Royal Arch Masonr which he said that there was one misa prevailed in some quarters amongst wished to remove. It was sometimes c Royal Arch was an entirely separat was not so in fact. The Holy Ro was only the perfection or complet degree of Craft Masonry. He th circumstances under which Royal came into existence, and said that some of them might feel that it was should be too many degrees in thought none of them would think th could be dispensed with. Speaking of the Dove Chapter, he expressed a si name would be found truly emblematic harmony which were naturally associa which they would remember, in connect of the Ark, was the favoured messer safety, and which was always regarded peace and harmony. He also expre the Companions of the Province, the the new Chapter would ever bear in of brotherly love, relief and truth, foundation of Masonic principles degrees, and that in the time to widely known amongst the M Province and elsewhere for its fi to the noble work in which th The ceremony proceeded. The follo invested:—Companions G. Cooper 2 W. Vernon J., G. Greenslade S.E. G. Cooper Treasurer, G. C. Kent 1st Assistant Sojourner, W. Briel Sojourner, J. B. Pearey Registrar, J Bearer, W. R. Blair Standard Bearer, G. C. Kent Organist, J. Howell Stew Janitor. A banquet, splendidly serv Cross Keys Hotel, adjoining the Tov clusion the usual Loyal and Royal Ar

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ENTERTAINING THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—T charge the Knights Templar demonstration in 25th May, have completed their labours and tion in January, in the Academy of Music, and upon this was received 27·52 dollars for i Sir Thomas R. Patton very handsomely ob General Fund. The receipts for May demo

was presented to that distinguished Mason at some time during his Masonic career, but unfortunately the date is not shown upon it, nor the name of the body that presented it. The pitcher is of Staffordshire ware, stands twelve and one-half inches in height, and girts twenty-five inches around its largest part. On one side is delineated a picture of Bro. Fowle's pump and block-maker's shop, with blocks and various tools of his trade on the wall. In the foreground is the master, a workman, and a boy; the latter is in the act of passing a glass of water to the master, and the workman, who holds his glass in hand, has proposed "Success to Trade." The Masonic picture shows the two columns; on one are the words "Vide, Aude, Tace," on the other "Sit Lux, Et Lux, Fuit;" above these the compasses are extended on the segment of a circle, and below them "Memento Mori." Other words are "Faith, Hope, Charity." The emblems usually shown in the three degrees are included in the picture. On the front, the Square and Compasses are crossed, and within these are the initials "H. F., Junr." Altogether it is a handsome pitcher, identified with the life of this superior ritualist in Freemasonry, and Bro. Fisk may well feel a pride in having Henry Fowle's pitcher in his family as well as his granddaughter.—*Liberal Freemason.*

The regulations of Freemasonry require that no brother shall have a higher degree conferred upon him until he has passed an examination in an open Lodge in the lower. The law does not lay down any particular mode of examination, nor does it absolutely specify that, as in Education Board examinations, a certain per centage of marks must be obtained. It therefore practically lies in the discretion of the Master to pronounce the result of the examination, satisfactory or otherwise. We cannot, however, but consider that Masters are generally altogether too lenient in this matter, and that the real intention of the Constitution is, in a multitude of cases, ignored. Surely the examination is meant to show the members of the Lodge that the candidate has some little knowledge of the teachings of the degrees he has taken, and that, in order to do so, it is absolutely necessary that, whilst the test is being made, he shall receive no assistance from any other Brethren. We frequently see Masters conferring degrees on brethren whose examination has merely proved their ignorance of those already received. Masters should forcibly impress on the proposer and seconder of a candidate that it is their duty to see that he is properly instructed, and if the duty is neglected the advancement of a candidate to a higher degree should be postponed.—*N.Z. Masonic Journal.*

BOOKS.—Books are a guide in youth and an entertainment for age. They support us in solitude, and keep us from becoming a burden to ourselves. They help us to forget the crossness of men and things, compose our passions and assuage our disappointments.

TO-DAY.—That is John Ruskin's motto, and a grand one it is. If you have a plan, carry it out to-day; if you have been meaning to do a certain kind act, to write a gentle letter, to make a call that will carry comfort, do it to-day. How often the day drifts by while we go about our every-day duties in a half lethargy of benumbed will-power. Up, then, to-day, and accomplish something! Down goes the temptation, the pampered pet sin—conquered to-day, just as it was begginning to draw its sluggish coils about us. The windows of our higher nature fly open, and in pours the sweet, pure air, straight from the skies. Let the past be past; yesterday is dead. It is bright, living, glorious to-day.—*Cottage Hearth.*

It is the bounden duty of every Mason to treat his brother with courtesy. It is not necessary that we should open our hearts to them and take them into our confidence, but we should never forget that courtesy due every brother, high or low, rich or poor. We must remember that we have all assumed the same covenants, knelt at the same altar, and passed through the same impressive ceremonies. There is, perhaps, no organisation wherein courtesy should be practised to a greater extent than ours, as a Masonic one. Courtesy should be practised by all organisations that teach brotherly love. We claim to be a band of brothers and fellows among whom no contention should ever exist, except that nobler contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.—*Exchange.*

The Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky met at Louisville on the 17th October.

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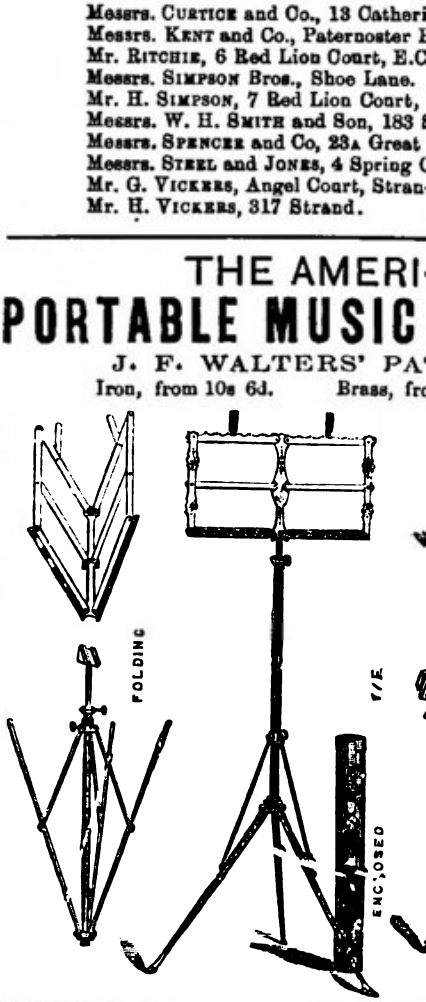

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R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,800.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THERE was a large muster of members of the ancient Craft at Southampton, on Monday, the 24th ult., when a Provincial Grand Lodge was held for the bestowal of Jubilee honours, and the first Festival was held of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The Lodge was held in the Victoria Rooms, Portland-place, under the presidency of the P.G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.D. England. The Lodge was close tyled at a quarter to three o'clock, and a procession, comprising the Past and Present Provincial Officers entered, a grand march being played on the organ and the usual honours accorded. After the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. E. Goble) had called the roll of the Lodges, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain had offered prayer, the Provincial Grand Master explained the object of the meeting. Amongst all classes who were ready to congratulate Her Majesty upon attaining her Jubilee there was no body more ready to show their loyalty to their Sovereign than were the Freemasons. They were so anxious to evince it that they determined to assemble together in London to offer their Grand Master a token of the loyalty, attachment, and affection which they felt towards his illustrious mother. That culminated in a great meeting in London. Many of them doubtless were present, and saw the large and enthusiastic body of Freemasons, from all parts of the country, assembled together to show the loyalty which they felt. It was a happy occasion; it which occurred in London, and of the auspicious they were now passing. It was afterwards co very few collars could be conferred by Gran Brethren in the Provinces, a certain number sh respective Grand Masters of the several Provi upon the Brethren who, from unavoidable cau attained the rank to which their Masonic service It happened that, as it was impossible to give Lodge, some Brethren were passed over and oth that there was great difficulty in satisfying the Brethren. He was glad that on an occasion of t opportunity of partially rectifying this state impossible in a large Province like this, or eve every one to attain Provincial rank, and possibl it would not be deemed a great distinction. It as he could, to recognise the Masonic abilit Brethren, and, therefore, he was very glad on th a certain number of collars on various Breth Province. Though it might seem a great man when they came to divide them between the L so many after all. The best way that occurred the Lodges into districts of four each. There be Province he divided them into groups of four eac one out of the four to receive some Provincial ran them that it had caused some considerable tr those who had been associated with him. Th deal of attention to the subject, and had tried t the rank as fairly as possible. He could on Brethren who did not receive it would believe utmost to carry out the duty which was entru could assure them that he had come to the task perform it as fairly as he possibly could, and be meet with their approval.

The Jubilee Provincial honours were then co the Brethren (with one exception) being present applauded on going to the dais to be invested wi P.G.M.:—

Bro. Thomas Stopher 76	-	Senior
Sydney Myer 130	-	Senior
Isaac Golden 151	-	Junior
Charles S. Miles 195	-	Superi
Dr. Charles Knott 342	-	Regist
Alfred Scott 551	-	Junior
J. W. Lodgwidge 694	-	Direct
William Lindsay Coulson 723	-	Superi
Thomas Francis 804	-	Junior
William F. Burrell 1705	-	Regist
C. G. Adames 1776	-	Junior
Albert Algar 1780	-	Direct

Prior to the bestowal of the honours the Natio with great heartiness by the whole of the memb Grand Secretary (Bro. E. Goble) announced Hooper, Past Provincial Grand Warden, had b £200 to the Provincial Grand Lodge—to be g Provincial Grand Master referred to the late old and energetic Mason, and said he was sure his kindness in leaving such a handsome sum to Lodge. He moved that a letter be written on b Grand Lodge to the widow of their late regret at the loss they had sustained, an for the liberality which dictated the bequest seconding, said Major Hooper had also left a lega Lodge, with which he was always on intimate resolution having been put and carried, Provin closed in the usual manner.

The Festival Banquet took place at the adjoining the Railway Station, at four o'cloc attendance, including most of the following:—I M.P., Provincial Grand Master, Chairman; Grand Deacon Deputy Provincial Grand C. W. A. Jellicoe P.M. P.P.G. Deacon Tr P.G.S.B. P.G. Secretary Hon. Solicitor, Treasurer P.P. Grand Warden President of A. R. Holbrook P.M. 309 P.G. Registrar of the P.M. 35, J. Marks P.M. 76, J. Robertson P.M. 132, G. Pack P.M. 175, W. B. Rogers P.M. J. W. Gieve P.M. 309, W. Beuttell W.M. 342, E. Brown W.M. 359, J. W. Boughton W.M. 4 487, R. Glasspool P.M. 723, J. Collings P.M 928, G. Whitehall W.M. 1069, W. T. Dupree Mortimer P.M. 1112, J. Taylor W.M. 1331, J. Godding W.M. 1776, W. Berry P.M. 1780, G. Ward W.M. 1883, G. Backler Treasurer 19 1958, A. Knight Prescott W.M. 1971, R. J. H. Harbor P.M. 2016, G. F. Bevis W.M. 20 2074, W. Green W.M. 2153; Comp. J. E. B Orley P.Z. 1428; Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.M. Ho An efficient band played in an ante-room d did credit to the cuisine of the establishment. toasts were honoured, the health of the popul Province being received with great heartine feeling terms by the Chairman, who, in submitti

whereupon he was willing to modify the opinion which he first formed and to support this institution. Having thanked the brethren for the very liberal and handsome manner in which they came forward to support him as Chairman of the Benevolent Institution this year, he said they were met to celebrate the first anniversary of this local institution. He had every reason to believe that it was appreciated by the brethren, and receiving that support which would make it very successful. Its object was to educate children who would otherwise have small chance of being elected into the different schools, and it was extremely deserving of their support. Not only was it desirable that the children should be well educated, but well put out in life. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and Bro. C. A. Jellicoe, stated that the total amount in hand, before the starting of the festival fund, was £580 10s 6d, and, with interest added, it would amount to £594 14s 11d. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, the Hon. Secretary of the Institution, in responding, read the Stewards' lists of donations as under:—

Lodge						
	Province -	Bro. A. R. Holbrook -	-	37	9	0
35	Medina - -	H. H. Wheeler -	-	28	4	6
76	Economy -	J. Marks -	-	23	14	4
130	Royal Gloucester	J. Robertson -	-	37	10	0
132	Unity - -	W. Farrance -	-	16	0	6
175	East Medina -	G. Pack -	-	21	0	0
195	Hengist -	W. B. Rogers -	-	41	2	0
257	Phœnix -	Ernest Hall -	-	18	5	6
309	Harmony -	J. W. Gieve -	-	22	11	0
342	Royal Sussex -	W. Beuttell -	-	18	4	6
359	Peace and Harmony	E. Brown -	-	14	14	6
394	Southampton -	G. J. Tilling -	-	26	13	6
487	Portsmouth -	J. W. Boughton -	-	16	16	0
„	Ditto - -	R. W. Beale -	-	5	5	0
723	Panmure -	Richard Eve -	-	21	1	0
804	Carnarvon -	J. Collings -	-	32	19	0
928	Friendship -	E. Naylor -	-	23	1	6
1069	United Brothers	G. Whitehall -	-	6	6	0
„	Ditto - -	W. T. Dupree -	-	6	16	6
1112	Shirley - -	G. F. W. Mortimer	-	10	10	0
1331	Aldershot Camp	J. Taylor -	-	7	7	0
1428	United Service -	E. Pratt -	-	52	10	0
1776	Landport -	J. Godding -	-	52	10	0
1780	Albert Edward -	W. Berry -	-	9	1	6
1834	Duke of Connaught	S. R. Ellis -	-	13	2	6
1883	Wm. of Wykeham	G. Ward -	-	22	16	0
1903	Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar	G. Backler -	-	9	8	6
1958	Hundred of Bosmere	W. J. Brown	-	2	1	6
1990	Hampshire Emulation	R. Rastrick -	-	21	0	0
2016	Shalden -	H. Harbor -	-	11	5	6
2068	Portsmouth Temperance -	G. F. Bevis -	-	56	3	6
2074	St. Clair -	J. Brickwood -	-	31	10	0
2153	Hope - -	W. Green -	-	14	2	6
2208	Horsa - -	The W.M. -	-	10	10	0
Chapter						
342	Royal Sussex -	J. E. Buck -	-	7	7	0
1428	United Service -	G. Orley - -	-	5	5	0
		Total .		754	4	10

Notes for Masonic Students.

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The Inigo Jones MS.

The following interesting communication has been placed at our disposal for publication by our esteemed Brother the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain. We are convinced Bro. W. H. Rylands's letter will be acceptable to a large majority of our readers, and on their behalf we thank Bro. Woodford for his kindness in thus enabling us to place it before them.

Dear Brother Woodford,—As you ask me about the editions of Lodge's Josephus, with reference to the Inigo Jones MS., I do not like to refuse you, otherwise it was not my intention to attempt to criticise the extraordinary handling to which the Old Charges have recently been subjected. Whilst admiring the plodding industry of Dr. Begemann, which has received the admiring approval of some others, it is quite evident to me that he has much to learn in the art of such like research, and in the consideration of MS. texts.

The Inigo MS. is a very interesting one, in my opinion. To begin with, it is much better got up than any other copy of the Charges, and it is handsomely bound in book form. You will no doubt remember that when you lent it to me some years ago I pointed out to you that the last fly leaf bore evidence of a ribbon having been at some time there attached, with stiches, to carry a seal, a similar arrangement to that found in some of the Regulations of the Order of the Garter. This, added to the careful manner in which the text is written—its ornamental tail pieces—to say nothing of the handsome scarlet

(*Freemason*, 9th July 1887, p 382), "I found, an old English translation of the works of Jo covered verbatim the two letters which are a pa Jones MS. and its family—namely, the letter and Hiram's answer to Solomon. The Inigo Jo to be of the year 1607, but that cannot be the translation of Josephus above mentioned wa 1670. Therefore I studied the said MS. line b with all others, especially the Spencer MS. of 1 most of all. The result of my attentive resea Jones MS. is a compilation of 1725, a falsificat

Again, "the text of the Inigo Jones MS. and passages from the Spencer MS., it is true these two are identic, especially the two in same in both of them. These letters, as I taken verbatim from the following book: "Th able Works of Josephus, a Man of much Honou the Jews, Faithfully translated out of the L Tho. Lodge, Doctor of Physic, London, 1670. edition of Josephus, of the year 1676, but the c and Inigo Jones MSS. made use of the first from some words in the second letter."

Referring to a sentence in the letter fro note is added. "The other edition of 1676 read, 'who was a wise and virtuous Prince,' Solomon's father. We may see from this differ made use of the 1670 edition; besides, the correct 'Sidonians' instead of the strange first letter."

I have quoted the above sentences in full t safe to settle such matters off-hand, and that be much more "attentive" before we arrive true state of the case under consideration.

Dr. Thomas Lodge died in London, in Sept all editions after that date were subject to th and such was the case, as will be seen. T entered in Bibliographical works are—1602, 1655, 1670.

Among other editions of Josephus I have exa translation printed in the years 1620, 1640, 16 Dr. Begemann wrongly states that 1670 is the in his Dictionary, adds a ? to the 1602 edition Lodge, who was certainly having books print date, should not have issued his translation i sary, however, for the present enquiry to dis the 1620 edition is sufficient to show the origin published during the lifetime of Lodge. It is, in the Registers of the Stationer's Company th Adams—the future printer of Lodge's tra 26 June [1598]—

"Entred for their copye The woorkes of sonne of Matthias.

XX bookes of the Ancient history of Judea.

VII bokes of the warres of the Jues [&c., a

To be translated out of French into En Copie to printe; bringinge better and sufficien and before they print yt."

I agree with Bibliographers that the 16 of Lodge's translation, and not the first, Dr. Begemann.

The edition of 1676, called by Dr. Begema not an edition of Lodge's translation at all. is from the French of Arnauld d'Andilly. T places, not only in the wording and additions the whole pagination being different. For ex Solomon and Hiram occur on pp 206 and 207.

The Preface informs us—"And that whereas Dr. Lodge was, not undeservedly, complain'd much pains hath been taken in this edition to will easily find by comparing it with the form

There can be no doubt but that the text of t the "Inigo Jones MS." and the "Spencer M the wording of L dge's translation for them one original; and it seems most probable tha MSS., or their originals, copied from the print were *six* previous editions to that of 1670, an have been used so far as Dr. Begemann could of them, by the compiler of the MSS., beca available in 1670. It would most probably be a edition came to the hands of the different copyi

I think, however, the space of time may b edition, published during the lifetime of the tr correct word Sidonians, in the letter from Sol repeated in the 1610 edition (I have not exam it is of little consequence), but in the 1655 e appears, which is continued up to, and includi edition of Lodge's translation. For this re quite wrong when he makes his statement abo as given above. The older translation "Sido until a new translation was published in 1676

This limits apparently the margin of time 1655 and 1676; *but it does not prove any da* that they cannot well be *earlier than* 1655, b

Jones MS., but merely wish to show that in an examination like the present one, many matters require to be considered before we can attempt to say off-hand what *must be* the date of a given text.

I may mention that after the 1620 edition, i.e., after the death of the translator (and probably the earlier one's also) the various editions appear to be simply reprints, page for page, as far as a cursory examination would prove; for example, the letters always occur on page 194. The dedication chapter to Charles Lord Howard, Baron of Effingham, K.G., the Lord High Admiral of the fleet when the Spanish Armada was defeated, and afterwards (1596) created Earl, of the county of Nottingham, was quite correct up to the last edition published in Lodge's lifetime (1620), but it was repeated in the editions of 1655 and 1670, long after the death of the Earl (14th of December 1624), and was not removed until the new translation of 1676 was published.

Dr. Begemann states that "the Inigo Jones MS. itself pretends to be of the year 1607, but that cannot be the truth (he says), as the English translation of Josephus above mentioned was not published before 1670." As above shown, this statement is based upon a too superficial knowledge of the facts. It was published *five* times, commencing with 1602, before that date. I must confess it was new to me that any one having any knowledge on such subjects had claimed for the MS. the date 1607. You will no doubt remember that when examining the MS. some years ago with you, I pointed out that it must be a far later copy, and that the frontispiece, although it *might* be an imitation of a drawing or engraving by Inigo Jones, could not well be the work of his hand, as he could not have been guilty of the bad perspective it contains. I also suggested that had it been an original drawing by him, "fecit" would probably have been the word used in place of "delin" or "delineavit." To me it would seem probable, if any reliance at all is to be placed on the date 1607, and there is no reason to think otherwise, that it simply means that the original MS. upon which the Inigo Jones MS. was based bore that date. This *may* not have carried the full title of "Free and Accepted Masons," but I have seen no evidence to prove that such was impossible. It is one of those matters upon which we may theorise but not dogmatise—a most unsafe though popular basis upon which to found an argument. The little time I can give to Masonry is at present employed on other matters, so I cannot now enter into the reasons which induce me to believe, contrary to the opinion of Dr. Begemann and others, that the text of the Spencer MS., as we have it in the reprint, although probably based in part on the same original or copy as the Inigo Jones MS., is a later production than the Inigo Jones MS., and therefore the latter is an earlier usage of the words than the Roberts' edition of the Old Charges.

It is very much to be regretted that Spencer, in his printed edition of the MS., gives no description whatever of it; but giving no attention to the form of spelling, &c., the fact that it is written in a flourishing hand, and its small size, appear to point, as Bro. Hughan states (Old Charges, p. 19), to its having been Cole's MS. for the engraved plates published by him. It would be interesting to compare the two to see if they bear any similarity.

Dr. Begemann is struck by the word being written Verulam. In 1726 it is not difficult to understand that the editor who corrected, and in some instances ignorantly, the original MS., from which he copied in writing the Spencer MS., and knew that Syrus was intended for Cyrus, should also be aware that Verulam (Inigo Jones MS.) should be Verulam. Nor do I think it extraordinary that any fairly educated person, writing in the 17th century, should know that Verulam was an ancient name of St. Albans, when we remember that the distinguished philosopher and author Francis Bacon, who was publishing his works between those years, was created Baron Verulam in 1618, and Viscount St. Albans in 1621. He died in 1626.

Drake was an antiquary of no mean repute in his time, and I think it would be hardly necessary for him to have to look anywhere for so well-known a fact. It would be impossible to say whether the lost York MS. contained the word or not, but the fact that Verulam and St. Albans were one and the same place was never such a profound secret that its being found in a printed speech of 1726, and in a MS. of uncertain date, can in any way be taken as assisting us to arrive at the period at which the latter was written. Such statements are, in my opinion, mere waste of time.

Yours sincerely,

W. HARRY RYLANDS.

23rd October 1887.

Our attention has been called to the fact that at a number of Masonic banquets the refrain, "For he is a jolly good fellow," is frequently sung in connection with the toasts. We think it is hardly necessary to point out that such a course is un-masonic in every sense of the term, and it is to be hoped that W.M.'s will see their way to abandon it. There are plenty of "fines," and if the brethren were to learn and use them instead of "profane" catches, the effect would be much better. While on this subject it may not seem out of place to suggest that a few more Masonic songs might be appropriately introduced into the after proceedings of our banquets. We hear "The little Hero," "Nancy Lee," "Pour out the Rhine wine," &c., &c., everywhere, and a brother who attends all the monthly meetings in any large town can safely say beforehand what songs he will hear at any particular meeting. Masonry possesses a number of really beautiful songs, both as regards words and music, and if some of our musical brethren would occasionally favour the Lodges with one or two of them, they would be conferring a benefit not only on their listeners, but on the Craft generally, as

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A PROTEST.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHR

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of 1st
"A STUDENT OF BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY," begins
"The New Philadelphia and Time Immemorial Th
"As both Bro. Jacob Norton and Bro. J. F. I
much in the same groove," &c.

Now, with all due respect to "A STUDENT," I
that each of the above-named "paddles his ow
indeed agree that the Philadelphia Coxe theory
cions, that the No. 79 theory is fallacious, and so
letter, but I do not believe in either Mackey's, O
kind of landmarks, nor do I believe that any one
Bell letter. But, in justice to Bro. Brennan, I mu
not the first man who believed that the said letter
nor is he the only one who believes it to have been
than one person, both in Boston and in New Yor
opinion; and even the late Bro. Leon Hyneme
letter was a fraud. I have good reason to differ
and others upon the question at issue, and Bro. B
that I have remonstrated with him upon the sub
done with others.

There is, however, one thing I must say about
I believe the *whole truth* has not been told abou
it suits our Philadelphia friends to keep back fa
to them about it, I cannot blame people for belie

Fraternally your

Boston, 18th October 1887.

AN URGENT APPEAL

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CH

DEAR SIR,—Knowing well that you are ever
any real charitable cause, may I, on behalf of t
Queen's Jubilee Hospital, encroach upon your va
to bring before the notice of the benevolent pu
of funds in aid of this Institution, which may be
one of a charitable nature that is likely to rema
other memorials of the Jubilee have passed away

Though this Hospital has been established but
of 200 most necessitous persons are now being
the numbers are so rapidly increasing that we
cope with them for want of funds.

Subscriptions, no matter how small, will be
either by the Secretary at the Hospital, from
can be obtained; the London and Westminst
Square, W.; or

Your obedient servant,

J. B. S

2 Pelham Crescent, West Kensington.
29th October.

A preliminary meeting of the Bo
for the Centenary Festival of the Royal
tion for Girls was held at Freemasons' H
The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master
Lathom was elected President of the Bo
Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Rev. C. J. M
Smith, F. West and Col. Shadwell I
pointed acting Presidents; Lord Leigh
H. B. Marshall acting Treasurer, Lo
Chairman of the Ladies' Committee, and
Hon. Secretary. On the proposition
Executive Committee was formed, and n
gave in their names to act, Bro. R. G
Chairman. The Stewards' fee was fixed
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by the Executive Committee.

We notice the name of Past Master M
M.E.Z. of the Gallery Chapter, in the lis
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Bro. Jacob Norton wishes us to state
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THE members of this Lodge met in force on the evening of Friday, the 28th ult., to transact business of importance, and to hear an address from Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., of London, on the ritual and ceremonial of the first degree, now becoming popular under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences." Lodge was opened at 6.30, and there were present during the evening Bros. H. C. Pratt W.M., W. J. Mason S.W., C. Joslin J.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain Deputy Provincial Grand Master Suffolk, and Chaplain to the Lodge, J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W. Treas., F. Wheeler P.P.G. Reg. Sec., C. W. Lord S.D., M. Read J.D., C. E. Mauldon D.C., B. H. Hurst Organist, W. Bailey I.G., J. George Steward, H. M. Sholl Tyler, and the following Past Masters, viz.: H. Welham, F. Jennings P.P.G.S.W., G. H. Grimwood P.P.G.S.W., D. Alston, T. B. Ardley, C. W. Grimwood, C. Emmerson P.P.G.D.C., W. H. Smith P.P.G.S.B., and W. G. Walford. There were also present Bros. E. Andrews, A. W. F. Salzman, W. Sheehan, G. G. Whirlow, J. Moye, B. R. Marten, W. Simpson, G. Grant, G. Murrell, C. J. N. Row, A. Greenwood, &c., and Visiting Brother and Lecturer James Stevens P.M. 1216, 1426, &c., &c. In a most able manner the W.M. cleared the agenda of business prior to the Lecture; this consisted of the passing of Brother Salzman to the degree of F.C., and the subsequent election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The votes of the brethren were unanimously in favour of Bro. W. J. Mason as W.M. elect, and also for the re-election of Bros. J. F. Hills and H. M. Sholl respectively to the Offices of Treasurer and Tyler. Candidates for initiation at ensuing meeting were proposed, and other details of Masonic matters were, pending the arrival of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was compelled to attend to parochial engagements at Long Melford, disposed of. Bro. Stevens having been then introduced by the Worshipful Master to the Lodge, at once proceeded to interest his hearers by an extempore address in exposition and lucid explanation of the numerous points of verbiage and practice which are certainly not so fully understood as they should be by many members of the Craft. The enlightenment afforded by this lecture to even some of the oldest Past Masters who hear it is evidenced by the eagerness with which they listen to the Lecturer, as he earnestly explained "the reason why" attached alike to the language and emblems of Craft Masonry; and on this occasion the time allotted for the lecture passed by before the brethren could realise the fact that for close on an hour and a half they had devoted their entire attention to Bro. Stevens' remarks. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded in terms of very strong commendation by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who expressed his great pleasure at the valuable instruction which had been afforded to the Lodge, a unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. Stevens. At the same time it was intimated that another early opportunity should be found when he might continue his address on points connected with the working of the second and third degrees, and to this Bro. Stevens, in returning thanks, said he would give attention. Before closing the Lodge, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master informed the W.M. and members that he had received the commands of the Provincial Grand Master to invest Bro. T. B. Ardley P.M. with the clothing of Past Provincial G.S.D., to which Past rank he had been appointed under the powers afforded for conferring Jubilee Grand honours. The investiture was accordingly made, Bro. Ardley being cordially received and warmly congratulated by all present. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where a very excellent supper had been provided under the personal superintendance of Bro. J. George Steward, the worthy host of that well known establishment. The customary toasts were given in brief terms, those personal to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W.M., and the Visitor being pleasantly responded to by the brethren chiefly interested. A general opinion was expressed that the meeting throughout had been interesting, instructive, and of great benefit to the Craft in Sudbury; and the individual thanks of the members of the Lodge to Brother Stevens, when the inevitable hour of parting had arrived, were as cordially sincere as, we make bold to say, they were well deserved.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst. Brother E. Walker I.P.M. presided in the absence of the W.M. The business included the passing of Bro. J. Ungar and the unanimous election of Bro. F. Matthews S.W. to the chair for the ensuing year. Brother W. H. Brand P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Brother J. Very Tyler. On the motion of the W.M. elect, the usual Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Drysdale, the out-going Master. Bro. Matthews signified his intention of representing the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School, and the following members were requested to act as Stewards at the Festival for the Girls' School:—Bros. P.M.'s Brand, Funston, and Shurmur. Some other business was transacted, and Lodge was closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 31st ult., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bros. Collingridge W.M., Garrud S.W., Moorhouse J.W., Stretch S.D., Stockhall J.D., Sheldrake I.G., Kirk Preceptor, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of

so-called farcical comedy produced at this t
to declare it the third and fourth acts of "Fr
authors, Messrs. Fred. Lyster and John F.
in "Bridget O'Brien, Esq." the same name
characters as in the first named piece. Th
policy, for we feel sure that playgoers have b
of the Widow O'Brien. The present piece
of the young married couple, the same we
steamer, and after a "tiff," Mrs. Richard Sp
mother, who at once proceeds to "have it o
resents, in a way that leads up to a situatio
honour to a pantomime. Then the two moth
between them is the real feature of the
American lady is disgusted with the Irish
compliments pass between the two. The di
recognised by a friendly audience, but we ar
secure but a short run. That Mr. Sheridan
O'Brien we do not deny, but, as we said befo
enough of the jabbering of the hot temp
Sheridan's "make-up" was capital, while hi
ing. Fair support was given him by Miss
Boshell, Miss Eleanor Bufton, Messrs. Aller
horne, Fred Darrell, and Thomas Somers.
not appear hearted in their work. The soc
something fresh for his patrons the better.

Standard.—It is evidently not Mr. Don
his now famous tank lie idle; consequently
had enough of "The Tongue of Slander"
the stage Dion Boucicault's "Colleen Bawn,"
a feature never before attempted on any
proved satisfactory has been fully manifested
goodly audiences that have attended. "Th
been put on the stage in Mr. Douglass's effici
be readily guessed, the centre of interest is
after the well-known lines have been spoke
impersonated by Miss Mary Kingsley, is thro
makes an attempt to save herself by clingi
pushed back by the Hunchback. Then Myle
on the scene, and after shooting Danny Mac
and rescues Eily O'Connor. This well-known
been better arranged—the real water, the sw
of the Colleen Bawn, ens re a picture true to
to give an account of the piece, every one
only remains to add, support was accorded
who went into the tank as if he meant to enjo
Cockburn, William H. Day, W. Brunton, Geo
McNeill, Kate Leslie, and Marie St. John com

"VINEGAR JUNCTION" is a halting place w
of travellers by the South London and t
Eastern Railways, because at that partic
inevitable delay for some minutes prior t
their weary length along into London Brid
are nearest the Horselydown side of the
opportunity of overlooking, from a convenie
vinegar manufactory of Messrs. Slee, Slee and
to be, if not the oldest, at any rate one of the
of business in this country. The "aroma" arisi
casks is by no means improved by the close p
yards, for which the district of Bermondsey is
had an opportunity of inspecting the pre
Slee and Company, it may be interesting to
some extent, the vast business which proceeds
firm. It were superfluous to enumerate
vinegar may be, and is adapted, for it forms t
most acceptable of the condiments in our cr
cucumber without vinegar would be like beef
lobsters, and other delectable viands wou
piquancy but for this acquisition; and for
as everybody knows, in the household, vineg
a distinguished place. We might exhau
Mrs. Beeton, and all the other authorities on
to illustrate our meaning, but it is perfectl
body who knows what a chop, a steak, or a sl
that vinegar must, in some way or other, form
dient in the condiments of the table. The po
draw attention shortly, at this moment is
century ago vinegar was nothing more nor
stale beer, more lately "improved" by the
and acids, it has now, by a development of sc
reduced to a simple industry manufacture, a
fact amongst the trade, and amongst genera
the name of Slee is at once recognised as
supply of this liquid. By a careful study of t
compounds used in the making of vinegar,
injurious acids, so frequently used by later
manufacturers, Messrs. Slee, Slee and Co. hav
upon which they may be justly congratulated.
pure, pungent in its taste, of good quality, a
in whatever shape or form it may be taken.
before us of their vinegars, and can testify,

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 NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, 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)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
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)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull

TUESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.).

(Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30
860—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, Wands
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.
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (In
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instru
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1601—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, Fins
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Stre
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brix
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre,
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Ca
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavemen
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Room
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
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croy
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefie
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
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, Staffor
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gospor
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stukey, 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
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbit
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes S
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darl
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keigh
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Ch
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, E.
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel,

WEDNESDAY, 9th NOVE

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Free
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street,
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.3
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Boro
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, R
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland St
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instru
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, I
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet St
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churc
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate,
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Stree
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30.
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victo
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltham
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, M
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New
1950—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Ch
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
R.A. 1580—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Hol
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall S
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Ins
M.M. 281—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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
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
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston

THURSDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., 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)
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1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
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766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.,
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instructio
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road,
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (I
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruct
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
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662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliamen
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, L
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Stree
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Wo
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
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108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road,
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1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (I
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hacks
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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IT is quite time now that all interested in this noble Institution should be up and doing, in view of the Festival which takes place next February, if they would secure for that event the success we all so earnestly desire. Unparalleled as was that success in the present year, and splendid as were the financial results, in spite of the multifarious calls upon the public purse during the preparations for "Jubilee," we may yet hope that by strenuous and united exertions something approaching, if not equalling, it may be witnessed as the outcome of the coming Festival. It may be regarded as somewhat presumptuous to expect that, because an exceptionally high tide of benevolence last year wafted into the treasury of the Institution the unprecedentedly large sum of over twenty-two thousand pounds, the wave will come regularly evermore henceforth with the same welcome effect. The financial condition of societies, as of individuals, is ever fluctuating; and the business man does not calculate his prospects for next year upon any extraordinary run of luck that might have come to him this. In the case of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution everything depends upon the exertions of those who wish to see the most pathetically deserving of our Masonic Charities maintained in full efficiency, for it is obvious that this cannot be done with its small permanent income, which amounts only to £1,986 in connection with the Male Fund, and £1,548 on the side of the Widows' Fund. In the last financial year there were one hundred and seventy-nine male annuitants on the books, representing an expenditure of £7,160; two hundred and twenty-seven widows, who received in the aggregate £7,264; and twelve other widows, on "half-pay," to whom were given £240 in all. These items, which are of a permanent, and not merely of a temporary character, show the imperative necessity of contributions not less than fourteen or fifteen thousand pounds annually, in order to keep the vast scheme of beneficence and kindliness "going," so that intending Stewards for the next Festival must lose no time in laying their plans and designs for bringing up such lists as will, in the aggregate, enable the Executive to continue in their present course, even if they are unable to extend the scope and usefulness of the Institution. Under the circumstances a considerable number of brethren should be already on the alert, but the promises that have been received up to now are far from encouraging. Indeed, looking at the position of the Institution generally, and the calls that will be made upon it at the next Election, the prospect is a serious one, and one that must be boldly and manfully grappled with, at once, allowing no unnecessary grass to grow under the feet. Already we learn that there are forty-six men and forty-eight widows craving for participation in the shelter and the comfort of our Home, and there yet remain two more months for the reception of petitions. In the face of these heart-stirring appeals to the bounty of the Craft it is sad, though sternly true, that there are but eight vacancies for men, and absolutely none for widows. Taking all things into consideration, it may

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Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
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position we have assumed. We are q
will need a herculean effort during the
for there is dawning in the near distan
of the Girls' School, in connection w
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exertions will be put forth. It w
us or any one to pit one of our magn
against the others, or to draw any comp
respective merits. And in specially refer
to the "Old People," there is no inter
from the grand work that is being carri
lishments for the maintenance, clothing
the younger dependents upon our care.
will receive attention at our hands, and
of all who work hard for the promotion
in whatever shape or form it may pre
are among the first to hope and to anticip
Centenary will be an unalloyed triumph
Boys' next Festival may be less disappoin
one turned out to be.

There is however, one difference betw
the Benevolent Institution and of th
Schools,—a difference that has freque
upon at our meetings and banquets,
the indomitable Secretary of the Inst
Terry. It is briefly summed up in t
child is admitted into either of our sch
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is thus placed upon the funds. But w
it is impossible to gauge in any way tha
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our sense of veneration for the silvery locks and the tottering limbs of old age; but the point just here is to show that when an annuitant is elected to the privileges of the Benevolent Institution, it is not in human wisdom to foresee how long the annual payments may have to be continued. There is an old saying that "annuitants live for ever," and although the remark is hyperbolic, nevertheless there are many who are mercifully spared to extreme ages, and who thus remain, year after year, the objects of our commiseration. Of this we have abundant testimony in the present history of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We have before us a list—in which, of course, no names are given—of twenty-two widows and eighteen male annuitants still on the funds, all of whom have received, since their election, a total of over four hundred pounds. Besides these, there are above sixty who have benefited to the extent of over three hundred pounds each. These are facts and figures which demand careful consideration, showing as they do that it is not only for a period of six or seven years that the aged people receive their annual allowances, but right up to the moment of their dissolution, no matter how many years may elapse between that and their admission to the Institution. Glancing over the figures, we notice that one male annuitant still on the Fund has received altogether since his election the total of £768, one £691, one £641, one £598, four £537, one £563, one £501, four £465, three £429, and so on. On the widows' list one is credited with £697, one £689, one £657, two £557, two £552, two £502, five £477, three £452, and five £427. From these figures something may be gathered as to the tenacity of many of the lives of those who have found a welcome home for life under the spreading canopy of Masonic benevolence, and the amount of money that is annually required to keep the machinery of so grand and noble a scheme in working order.

Further comment on this side of the question is perfectly unnecessary to those who have for years laboured so assiduously and well to sustain that glorious Institution, where "age and want sit smiling at the gate." But the thought instinctively occurs to us, what would have been the reverse side of such a picture in the absence of those manly hearts and hands whose mission is to succour and to save? It goes without saying that seas of trouble, care, anxiety and want have been calmed by the oil of Masonic Charity, that fears have been quelled in hundreds of faint and failing hearts, that comfort has superseded penury, rays of human sunshine have banished former gloom, and the hope deferred that maketh the heart sick has vanished before the fairy wand of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Let the brethren, therefore, with these thoughts before them, and a thousand others that may be conjured up, embrace the opportunity they so speedily will have of proving that there is still plenty of pluck and determination to carry on and strengthen this work, and thus enable Bro. Terry at the next Festival to make such an announcement as will cause the ears of Masons everywhere to tingle with gratification, and still further impress upon the outer world the reality and the magnificent worth of Masonic Charity.

FREEMASONRY RELIGIOUS, BUT NOT RELIGION.

THE completion of the Cathedral at Truro reminds us opportunely, as Freemasons, of one of the most interesting episodes and public manifestations which has attended the progress of the Craft in our time and generation. We still can recall, with pleasurable emotion, how H.R.H. the Grand Master laid the foundation stone, with wonted Masonic ceremonial, of that interesting building, which, by zeal and munificence alike commendable and striking, has culminated in setting apart for religious worship and service a large portion of the intended structure. In seven years, (a mystic Masonic number, by the way), this great undertaking has been carried out with

600 years is now before us, reflecting th
architect and workmen alike, and
us of those older works, raised by Lodg
which constitute the wonder of "Operat
are not only the *chef d'œuvre* of cons
delight still the wandering student and
archæologist. We rejoice to think th
Master laid the foundation stone
"N.E. corner of the intended building
gratified and grateful to be reminded
Providence of the Great Architect of th
has been spared to be present at its cons

Our concern to-day is more, however,
involved than with the work complete
present a good opportunity to remov
misconceptions, and to enforce some firs
masonry proper.

Freemasonry is not, and cannot be,
in its strict meaning, literally, mystical

Its very universality, elasticity, and fr
forbid the idea.

We do not say that, in some far dista
by the "uncultured savage" or by some
race sunk in gross ignorance and debasi
its enlightening averments and dida
masonry might not become a sort of
sunk and so degraded; but such are not
the abstract or in the concrete, its profe
to men.

Neither in its public proclamation
guarded "aporreta," is any such idea a
given to such a notion.

Our ultramontane antagonists have
Freemasonry, so long ago as 1738, in t
Clement, that it aimed at setting up
religion, (*quasi honestæ religionis,*) amon
allegation is as absurd as it is unfounde
built up on the universal reception and
honestly believe in and accept the Fatl
the Brotherhood of man.

It makes two exceptions in its wisel
sternly excludes atheists, as well as thos
up the so-called "Independent Morality

But it does not, in any form, essay
for men, or the Brotherhood.

It proclaims no dogmata, imposes
with no conscience, and antagonises no

It is simply tolerant, charitable, and
the truest and most proper sense, and
universal recognition of the Most High
benevolence, by labours of untiring go
Fraternity and mankind. But thoug
does it always kindly and peaceably,
anxious to bear the reproach of applaud
any procedure alien from its acknowl
hostile to its avowed programme and pl

It therefore avoids, as a rule, public
connected with its own proper work,
by lawful authority to participate
utility, charity, religion; or except, a
ends to be attained, and the objects
admittedly and objectively good, wi
useful.

Freemasonry is ever most anxious
commingle with the divergencies
denominational zeal; it eschews, above
anything like, partizan celebration or q
it resolutely sets itself against all w
in any way infringe on that great pri
for law and order which runs through
of our Masonic system from first to las

But with all that seeks to advanc
Great Creator and the peace and go
brethren, Freemasonry ever keeps "th

In anything that would promote
elevating work of religion; in all t
man nearer to his great Creator and
all that would lead up to a spread of
civilization, humanity, and goodwill a

mental illumination or religious consolation of our fellow men.

With all these aspects of religion, as a handmaid of the Great Artificer of all, in pouring the oil and wine of humanizing and elevating and soothing religion into the ever open wounds of our poor suffering humanity, Freemasonry always expresses warm concern and living interest. Some have objected to any interference with building of churches and the like. But it is surely a superficial and unintellectual view of the matter, and utterly opposed to the traditions, the teachings, the symbolism of Freemasonry. Erasmus said of old, talking of Cathedrals—"Tantâ magestate sese erigit in cœlum ut procul etiam metuentibus religionem inculcat."

Therefore, as our operative forefathers raised the many wondrous buildings we still admire, so we speculative Freemasons of to-day express our hearty sympathy with all such good works, which create art, advance civilization, and aid the dissemination of light, culture, and truth, and the banishment far from us of that barbarism which degrades, and that vandalism which destroys.

Surely Freemasonry is ever right, and never more attractive than when it takes part in similar efforts and labours, whose object is to extend the influence of religion amongst all classes; to link in cohesive bonds of amity and goodwill the now surging waves of human life; to pave the way for a reign of kindly feelings and brotherly love amidst often warring nationalities, and to repeat, once and again, the soothing strains of the sublimest hymn of all—Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill towards *all* men.

CAUSES OF TROUBLE IN AMERICAN GRAND LODGES.

By Brother Jacob Norton.

IN America, as a rule, the Grand Wardens are elected by the members of the Grand Lodge, these are afterwards entitled to permanent membership. The Deputy Grand Master is appointed by the Grand Master, who also remains a permanent member of the Grand Lodge. In addition to the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master also appoints a number of District Deputy Grand Masters, Deacons, &c. For instance, in Massachusetts, in addition to the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master appoints nearly thirty District Deputy Grand Masters, Deacons, Stewards, Chaplains, Sword Bearers, Banner Bearers, &c. amounting in all to nearly fifty Officers. These represent no one but the Grand Master; beside which, he honours his favourites with appointments on Committees, making a total of near seventy, who are of course expected not only to do the Grand Master's bidding, but also to use their influence with the Masters and Wardens to do the same. This may do no harm, providing the Grand Master is a prudent and sensible man; but, unfortunately, such is not always the case; and hence, whether the Grand Master is prudent or imprudent, his appointees, or "satellites" as they are called, do his bidding regardless of consequences.

The trouble in Connecticut between Hiram Lodge of New Haven and the Grand Lodge, is I believe, mainly due to the above named causes; the whole trouble originated from a trifle, and if the Grand Master had been imbued with a grain of common sense, we should never have heard about it. These pomposities, when raised to the Office of Grand Master, forget that Masonry is a voluntary institution, that although the Grand Master is flattered with a high title, yet he has not at his command either army or navy, police courts or prisons; in short, he is powerless to punish for disobedience to his mere dictum, even when his dictum is supported with the aid of his satellites and by the Grand Lodge over which he presides. In England, a Grand Master is invariably chosen from the higher social position classes, or what we call here "the upper ten." But in America, strictly speaking, we have no

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toes of both feet, such was the fashi
Boston when I first visited their L
seems, however, that the Grand Lo
stuck to the old rule until recently,
abundant wisdom, it ordered all
jurisdiction henceforth to kick with
The Hiram Lodge, however, is the
Connecticut; it received its Charter
Oxnard, of Boston, more than one hund
years ago. Grand Master Oxnard re
from the Grand Lodge of England i
one toe only, and he ordered the Hi
same; the Hiram Lodge brethren the
the highest and most ancient author
kicking, and hence felt justified in
against the authority of the Grand
Grand Lodge. Now, I really belie
Lodge of Connecticut had not chose
for Grand Master, all the strife and bo
of kicking would never have occurre
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Hiram Lodge, and about a month ago
fourty-four citizens in good standin
Hiram Lodge since the Grand Lodge
it of all Masonic rights and privilege
showing that public opinion in New H
with the spirited stand taken by Hira

In Washington territory (in the fa
had an independent Grand Lodge fo
they also have a Grand Master no
common sense. From its Proceedings
the Grand Master is a member of
which is also the name of the town
is located. Now, Brother Kellinger, a
Lodge, owed some money to a brothe
in Oregon. As the Oregon brothe
money he threatened his debtor to
before Spokane Lodge, and Kellin
did not care a fig if he did. Th
informed thereof, and he very proper
Kellinger about the matter without av
refusal to do his bidding induced t
request the Master of Spokane Lodg
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reasons for the refusal of the Lod
Master's bidding are not stated.
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have been some mitigating circumsta
accused; but be that as it may, th
determined to have the man tried f
Hence, when the Grand Lodge met
meet once a-year), the Grand Mast
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he succeeding in getting the Grand
Master of Spokane Lodge to have
and a copy of the said order was
Secretary direct to the W.M. of Spok

The next time the Spokane Lodge
ordered the W.M. to go to work a
order of the Grand Lodge, and hav
due Masonic form. The W.M., ho
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Lodge. The Grand Master remin
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G. Secretary, but all in vain. But th
W.M. actually said to one of the me
show the G.M. that he [the Maste
Lodge." Even that was not all, for,
ing of Spokane Lodge, the W.M. or
send a summons to the Grand Mast
meeting, the same as he sent to every

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accused not guilty. Thereupon, the Grand Master arrested the Warrant of Spokane Lodge, and at once referred the case to be tried by Temple Lodge, No. 42; but his trial also "resulted in the triumphant acquittal of the accused." The fact is, he would have arrested the Warrant of Temple Lodge, too, for finding the man not guilty, but he says, "I felt that I had gone as far as I could go under our Constitution." However, he suspended the Senior Warden and Secretary of Temple Lodge for disobedience to the Master.

As our disappointed Grand Master was determined to carry his point, he next appointed what he called a 'High Commission" to try the offender, but the said tribunal saw at once that the Grand Lodge Constitution did not empower it to try the individual. The High Commission, however, went to work and examined nineteen witnesses, and submitted a long report to the Grand Master, in which it was recommended that ten offending brethren should be expelled, &c. The said report was submitted by the Grand Lodge to a Committee; the Committee, however, seem to have been endowed with more common sense than the Grand Master, hence they opposed the demand for expulsion of the offenders, but in order to mollify the irritable Grand Master they recommended the Grand Lodge to censure the offending brethren, but as no recantation or apology was demanded, no apology was made by either of them.

On comparing the merits of our two hot-headed American Grand Masters, I may say, in favour of the Washington Territory Grand Master, that his trouble originated from a desire to induce a brother Mason to act honourably towards another brother Mason. There is no doubt that a Mason ought to be both prudent and just, or, in other words, a man that would not borrow without being very sure of his ability to pay back when promised. But unfortunately all Masons are not endowed with the above qualities; I venture to say that, in the new settlements in the far West, there is scarcely a Lodge without some members who for some reason, or no reason, have not paid their debts somewhere; the Grand Master's effort to turn the Lodge into a Court House for enforcing the payment of debts would have entailed more work on the Lodge than it bargained for, and as the Constitution provided no Masonic penalty for non-payment of debts, his refusal to pay could not legally be called a "Masonic offence"; hence, after our Grand Master had had his say to the offender, he should have stopped troubling himself further about it. But unfortunately, he seems to have been puffed up with an idea of his self-importance; he imagined, that if he believed that the men ought to be expelled, every Mason in the jurisdiction ought to believe as he did; and the result showed that though his motive perhaps was just, still he was deficient in prudence, and hence, though the Grand Lodge humoured him, he lost the respect of the majorities of two Lodges in his jurisdiction.

Our Connecticut Grand Master, however, originated his trouble, not because some one did not pay his debts, or for promoting honesty among Masons, but because the members of a Lodge insisted in kicking with one toe only. True, they disobeyed an order of the Grand Lodge, but it must not be forgotten that the old Constitution limited the power of Grand Lodge legislation—viz., "Provided always that the old landmarks are carefully preserved." Besides which, there is scarcely an American Grand Master who does not believe in "Ancient Landmarks," and in "as you received it, so you must impart it;" and I venture to say that if any one proposed in the G.L. of Connecticut to discard saint paronage from the ritual, or to substitute "freeman" for 'freeborn," that the same Grand Master would have sworn up and down that these were irremovable landmarks, and would have stigmatised the proposer as an outrageous innovator. It is no wonder, therefore, that the members of Hiram Lodge also swear up and down that their mode of kicking is an ancient landmark, and that the Grand Lodge was guilty of innovation. Now, had the Grand Master been well informed in Masonic history, instead of suspending the Hiram Lodge he would have reasoned with them as follows, viz.:—

"My dear brethren,—I do not believe in irremovable

irremovable landmarks, all I have to say kick away to your hearts content in accor own old dear notion as long as you please."

Had the Grand Master done so, peac would have prevailed in his jurisdiction, may ere long have two independent Grand necticut, distinguished only by peculiar mo

BOSTON, U.S., 10th October 1887.

Bro. Lane requests us to say (in reference allegation in last week's FREEMASON'S CHR has made no mistake in spelling the Pollexen [or Pollexfen], as in each of the fo MS. List of 1731-2, under Lodges Nos. 64 the name is uniformly spelt "John Polle undoubtedly, to the brother who, in the B tution and other official printed works, the List of Grand Stewards in 1733, in eve he is designated "John Pollexfen, Esq." Pollex, sen. as Bro. Norton suggests. [W (p 131), 1756 and 1767 (p 215), 1784 ("Freemason's Calendars" from 1780 to 18 also adds that the Lodge at Wolverham £4 4s, but only the customary £2 2s for it and nothing to the fund of Charity.

With regard to Brother Meyer's comm *Keystone*, under the heading "The Henry 1754," we may state, for the information correspondents, that it was reproduced in 2nd April last.

On Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Brow Instruction, No. 1638, meeting at the A Park Road, Norbiton, Bro. James Stevens deliver his Lecture on the Ritual and Co Symbolic Degrees in Craft Freemasonry. an opportunity for members of the neigh to hear this interesting Lecture. The commence at 7 p.m. sharp.

Obituary.

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BRO. ROBERT WHITLE

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., despite the inc about fifty brethren assembled at Bromp pay a last token of respect to a worthy M Bro. John Whitley, whose death took plac October, after a few days' illness. Brot only forty-eight years of age, but had b fatigable worker in the cause of Freem highly esteemed for his ability and genia out of the Masonic circle. He held the ra Middlesex, was M.E.Z. 946 Chapter, P.M 946 Lodge, P.M. and one of the founde Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, and Steward to two, if not all three, of the M Wreaths were sent from the Strawberry Strawberry Hill Chapter, from the Royal Lodge, and an extra one from the P.M Lodge, besides several from relatives and the coffin was literally covered. The scene was most affecting, the daughters of our being quite overcome by grief. Several who had known him the more intimately pressed by his sudden death. Amongst t Bros. Walters P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Grand Organist Middlesex P.Z. and Secre Strong W.M., Wing J.W., Robinson Oliver I.G., Boehr P.M., Grundy, How Wright, all of 1585; Simson, Jacobs P. 780, 1612, Carter P.M. 71, Larkins 1 Baker 1446, and several others whose transpire. Bro. Whitley will be missed circles, but in none more than in the Roya

HIRAM LODGE, No. 1. OF NEW HAVEN.

Seal.

To all and every the Rt. Worshl Brothers and Fellows of the Ancient and Honble Society of Free and Accepted Masons now residing at or about New Haven in the Colony of Connecticut in New England, or that may hereafter reside there: Thomas Oxnard Esqr of Boston in New England Provincial Grand Master of North America, Sendeth Greeting,

Whereas Application hath been made to us by Our Worthy and Wellbeloved Brother Capt. David Wooster, and Divers other Worthy Brothers, now Residing in or about the said New Haven, Praying that We would Impower them there to Congregate and Form themselves into a Regular Lodge of Masons,

Now Know ye,

That in Consideration thereof, and by virtue of the Power Committed to us by the Rt Honourble and Rt Worshipful Grand Master of England We do hereby Appoint and Impower our True and Faithful Brother Capt. David Wooster, to be the First Master of the First Lodge in New Haven aforesaid, and Do hereby Order that he Summons (as soon as may be) all the Free and Accepted Masons in or about the said Colony of Connecticut (taking especial care that they have been or shall be all Regularly made) to meet, and together make Choice of Two Wardens, that to them may seem meet, and that the said Lodge shall meet in a Convenient place in New Haven aforesaid on such days as shall be most convenient, and that the said Lodge do Annually on the Lodge Night immediately preceding the Festival of St John the Evangelist Chuse from among their Members One Master and Two Wardens to Rule the said Lodge with other Officers necessary to the good Order thereof and Further that they Strictly Keep and Observe, all and Every the Rules and Regulations as Contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communications) with such other as they may Receive from us, or our Deputy Grand Master, or from the Grand Master and his Deputy for the time being, and that the Master and Wardens of said Lodge do Transmit to us in Writing a List of the Members of said Lodge, with the place of their abode and the stated Days and place of Meeting. Given under our Hand and Seal this Twelfth Day of November A.D. 1750 and of Masonry 5750.

By the Grand Master's Command.

HUGH McDANIEL D.G.M.
BENJ. HALLOWELL S.G.W.
JOHN BOX J.G.W.

CHAS. PELHAM G.S.

Registered in the Grand Lodge of Connecticut,

W. JOHN MIX G. Secy.

THE EDITOR has asked me to say a few words about the Warrant a transcript of which appears above. The facts are these. The Warrant was granted on 12th August 1750, in answer to "the petition of several Brethren at Newhaven in Connecticut, for the erection of a Lodge there," as the "Book of Constitutions" of the Grand Lodge of *Massachusetts*, for the year 1792 declares (page 117). As will be found, by reference to Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-1886" (page 57), the Lodge was acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England, by being placed in their engraved and other Lists from 1768 as No. 143. The numerical portion being altered in 1770 for 113, in 1781 for 93, and in 1792 for 85. It was kept on the Roll, with most of the other Lodges, until the "Union of Dec. 1813," when it was dropped. The Lodge however took part with others in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1789, and I presume accepted a *new* Warrant from that Body in 1799, the old one of 1750 being returned to the members to be *preserved as a heirloom.*

Any such Lodge on joining a Grand Lodge, or forming a new one (with other Lodges), ceases to have the right to work by authority of the charter granted by its Mother Grand Lodge, *de facto;* consequently the Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, can only exist as a regular Lodge by virtue of the Warrant or authority derived from that Grand Lodge, and when those rights and privileges are taken from it by a constitutional vote in that Grand Lodge, it can no longer be countenanced by regular Lodges, and until its rights and privileges are restored by the same Grand Lodge that suspends or withdraws them, all Grand Lodges are Masonically, logically and honour-

respondents.

All letters must bear the name and addre necessarily for publication, but as a guaran

We cannot undertake to return rejected comm

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THE LANDMARKS OF M

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—An editorial a journal of 8th of October, under above he from me. I thank you much for giving me v present English, if not British, view of the lanc You quote Bro. Parvin, as quoted by Bro. R. is one of our oldest living Freemasons. He b school of independent Masonic thinkers, ar annual production of a F.C. report for hi contempt for everything that partakes of h from its abundance in the works he has to finds himself producing sentiments affiliative

Your strictures on the late Dr. A. G. Mac for many years our great American Masonic of our earliest Masonic writers of any exte the main correct, but I am not aware that he i As I understand your remarks, you appea any landmarks whatever at the present tim is going rather too far.

Dr. Mackey had been educated by th accessible to him in the early part of his personal education he had none—to believe marks, and that these were mainly comprised embraced as laws in the Charter of York of the under Edward III. in 1350, and further exten defined and adapted to Speculative Freem Charter of London, and which, published in t Anderson's Constitutions, in 1723, is gene basis of Modern Freemasonry.

In quoting that which Dr. Mackey made h the sake of brevity I contracted, in the beli book, did not require the quotation in full. I regard my question as official I should not h now do, would have given the quotation in ful

"9.—*The necessity for Masons to congregate* be understood by this that any ancient land permanent organisation of subordinate Lodge of the features of the Masonic system as it landmarks of the Order always prescribed th time to time, congregate together for the purp or speculative labour, and that these congreg Lodges. Formerly these were extemporary u for special purposes, and then dissolved, the meet again at other times and other places, ac of circumstances. But warrants of constitutio Officers, and annual arrears, are modern inn the landmarks, and dependent entirely on the comperatively recent period."

Here you will observe that the first sentenc is Dr. Mackey's ninth landmark. I presume admit that, whatever its number may be, it is landmark, and that its essence was preser changed by the legislation of 1717-23. A date it could not be put into operation in it the contrary, no Lodge of Freemasons there ns legitimate unless, having complied with 1717-23 organisation of Grand Lodge, it shou warranted by the authority of that thenceforth is certainly what Dr. Mackey means, when Masons" title of his Encyclopædia, he says th and work without a warrant was relinqu organisation of Grand Lodge took place "Ancients" denied this, so general was the not support such denial to the satisfaction form themselves into permanent Lodges, a had to organise a Grand Lodge, with, in 1757, as its tutelary Grand Master; L. Dermott, h actual Grand Master, and before which year c attempted to charter a Lodge outside the limit "bills of mortality."

And now, Bro. Editor, as I wish not to your space, may I ask you: If the right to as or Warrant, as defined in Mackey's ninth surrendered in 1717, when was it relinquish relinquished in 1717, why were the schisma Irishman L. Dermott, proceeded against as their taking any stand in opposition to the notice, and which was as early as 1739? If this surrender must have taken place in sou two dates named. Would it not be worthy to ascertain in what year this surrender took that previous to 1730 this right was by Br quished, and forbidden by the G.L. of 1717, th known for English Freemasons prior to 1737

by your answer to this my question : In what year was the right, previous to 1717, exercised by Freemasons to indiscriminately, as to time and place, assemble as a Lodge, and without authority of Charter or Warrant surrendered by British (English) Freemasons, and forbidden by the G.L. of England. If not in 1717-1723, then when?

Fraternally yours,

J. FLETCHER BRENNAN.

Cincinnati, O., U.S.A.
October 1887.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE regular meeting was held last Monday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when Lodge was opened, in the absence of Bro. Wall the W.M. through important business, by Bro. Dodson P.M. D.C. There were also present P.M.'s Spiegel, Dewsnap, Lazarus Secretary, M. Alexander; Bros. Lion S.W., Botibol J.W., Gardner S.D., Rev. Rocco Chaplain, H. Lazarus Steward, Gerrard, Dull, Jonas, Cohen, Green, Chamberlain, Joseph, Mitchell, Lowrie, Lyons, Rosenberg, Davis, Saqui, Haines, Isaacs, Isaacson, Harwood, Howard, Jacques Wynmann, and several others. Visitors—Bros. L. Joseph 975 and Edw. Bond 860. After the minutes of the October meeting had been confirmed, the acting W.M. passed Bro. Joseph Joseph to the second degree, after which the members had the pleasure of again hearing the working of their I.P.M. Bro. Dewsnap, who took the chair, and raised Bros. Chamberlain and Pluckrose; we need scarcely say that both ceremonies were performed in most creditable manner. A long discussion was now opened by two P.M.'s, which caused much dissatisfaction to the majority of the members of the Lodge. Other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed by Bro. Wall, who had just arrived. The brethren now retired to the dining-room, where between thirty and forty sat down to an admirable repast, served under the direction of Bro. M. Silver. The toast of the Queen and the Craft, &c. was eloquently given and responded to. The Chairman next proposed prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, which at one time had amounted to £1400, but through heavy calls it had become considerably reduced. However, the brethren would doubtless hear a few words on that subject from Bro. Lyons, the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Lyon, in reply, said the W.M. was perfectly right; they had reached the large sum named, but the amount had run considerably down. He was pleased to say that there was still a handsome sum in hand, indeed the balance was larger than it had been for the past nine years. He had great pleasure in announcing a second Lodge ball would be held shortly, of which further particulars would be given by one of the Committee. Bro. Dodson P.M. said that the ball last year was a successful and enjoyable réunion, so much so that a second ball will be held on the 14th of February next, whereupon several brethren put their names down to act as Stewards. Bro. Dewsnap I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; he regretted that the W.M. had been prevented fulfilling his duties in the Lodge through business, but the brethren knew his working so well that he need not say much of it. The W.M. thanked the I.P.M. for his flattering speech; he regretted his enforced absence, but was sure the brethren, under the circumstances, would excuse him. His place could not have been better occupied than by such excellent workers as Past Masters Dodson and Dewsnap, he sincerely thanked them for their kindness. He extremely regretted the harmony of the evening had not been so complete as they could have desired. He trusted such unpleasantness might never happen again. He was extremely gratified to hear that the last ball had resulted in success; he hoped to be present on the next occasion, when the Committee might have plenty of strong support. He felt he could not do better than leave the matter in the hands of the Committee that had been appointed, namely, Bros. Lyons, H. Lazarus Sec., &c., while for Stewards they already had Bros. Saqui, Lowrie and others. The W.M. next proposed the health of the P.M.'s, for which Bro. Lazarus replied. He thanked the W.M. for his attention; he was pleased to say that the W.M. up till now had had a very successful year and had already initiated some thirteen or fourteen candidates; he hoped that this number might be doubled before the end of the year. As Secretary he (Brother Lazarus) was exceedingly sorry at the unpleasantness which took place during the Lodge. He found it no easy task to be Secretary to such an extensive Lodge, still he should always be pleased to act so long as there was harmony. After some other P.M.'s had replied, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, to which Bros. Bond and Joseph responded. During the evening the following brethren favoured with songs:—Bros. Joseph, Dodson P.M., Cohen, and Davis. Bro. Saqui, whose natal day it was, favoured the brethren with a couple of excellent songs. Bro. Frank Isaacson presided at the pianoforte, and gave a selection, "The Bay of Biscay," with variations, which was received with immense applause. Saving the incident already referred to, a pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

A VERY pleasant meeting was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-

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Brothers Pocock W.M. 263, De Villiers and J. A. Collings 1693. After Lodge had b Brother Harrison was passed to the second degr Master intimated that he had accepte for the next Festival of the Royal for Girls, and trusted he might be supported by present signified their assent, and we congratu anticipation of his being able to take up a Centenary Festival. Lodge having been closed, of supper, and an hour or so was afterwards spe musical qualifications of the members being ex satisfaction of those present.

ST. GERMAIN'S LODGE, N

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge the 28th ult., at the Masonic Room, The C W.M., Bro. W. N. Cheesman, was supported by and members of his Lodge:—Bros. T. G. P. Bellerby P.M. P.P. Supt. of Works as J.W., Rev G. W. Hudson Treasurer, W. Rawling P.P.G.O. as S.D., C. Turner J.D., H. Eggleshaw I.G., E F. H. Mould Organist, M. Scott P.M., J. Do H. Anson, and J. F. Watson. The St. Cuthbert' entertained; it was represented by its W.M., Bros. Rev. G. L. M. Rees J.W., N. Shaw J.D., P P.P.G.C., George H. Anderton P.M. P.P.G.S. P.P.G. Registrar, J. J. Emmott. Other Visito Flockton W.M. 1042, W. Brown W.M. 1611, Geo 1511 P.P.S.G.D., Edward Peirson P.M. 1542, W. Thomas Thorp Secretary 1042, J. Bilson S.D. 1611, A. McK. Johnston Steward 250, G. F. W Robert J. Smith 1042. The Lodge was opened minutes of the preceding meeting were re Bro. George L. Shackles P.M. P.P.S.G.D. th "Masonic Medals." After some introductory bearing on the subject, Bro. Shackles said classes of Masonic medals, under one or the oth of those known would find a place. The first in honour of some distinguished member of the event of interest to the Brotherhood. A large pro Masonics and some of the French came under th embraced medals struck by various Masonic bo Jewels," as they are called in America, while " name given to them in Germany. To this assigned most of the French medals, nearly which the number is exceedingly small), and m They were usually struck from a die belonging t suspended from the lapel of the coat, as a bad Brethren at the Communications of their own ing a sister Lodge. Many of these Lodge je struck in a die, while the reverse had the own admission to membership engraved upon it. engraved medals; these could be supplied at any silversmith, but the author excluded these include them it would extend his collection be The exact number of Masonic medals struck i Bro. Marvin, of Boston, Philadelphia, in his " Fraternity," enumerates over seven hundre Masonic medals are very few. One of the best the Lodge Pythagoras, a German Lodge; thi tunately dispersed a few months since. In two collections of any size—viz., the one in po Taylor, Prov. Grand Secretary of Worcestersh then exhibited in this Lodge. Bro. Shackle most interesting ones in the collection, and their origin, or of the person in whose honour collection of Masonic medals exhibited by Bro 24 English, 25 Belgian, 135 French, 78 58 American, 11 Swiss, and 20 various. Ther the Grand Masters of the Order of St. Jo which were dated as far back as the 13th ce of thanks was accorded to Bro. Shackles f instructive address and exhibits. Hearty go expressed to the W.M., the Lodge was clo adjourned to the supper room, where the us toasts were honoured.

LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF

AT the meeting of this Lodge on Friday, a large gathering of members and Vis second visit, Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., to his further address on the Ritual and Cer Degrees in Freemasonry. Amongst those pre were Bros. H. T. Harrington W.M., W. Knig J.W., W. H. Belcher P.M. and Treasurer, S Secretary, R. Canning S.D., R. Maples J.D., Neate Steward, W. T. Tims P.M., J. H. Ingram, H. Jackson, A. T. Kersley, H. D. C Graham, E. Head, E. Hill, A. Stradling, G. J. Cosburn, and others. The Visit Bros. R. Dampier Child P.G.J.D. Hants, Cuyler P.P.G.C. Bristol, H. G. Gush P.M.

made. He hoped that the address they were now about to hear might offer many other hints for their consideration. Bro. Stevens, whilst regretting time might prevent that full elucidation of many points he could desire, occupied the attention of the brethren for nearly two hours, during which he reviewed portions of his first lecture, and added thereto an exposition of important essentials in Masonic ritual and practice. It means something in Freemasonry when any one Brother can so attract his hearers that an earnest attention remains unbroken for so long a period. Though opinions on some points may differ, a sure agreement on most others will result, and whilst in particular the Lodges may respectively benefit, the good of the Craft in general in relation to the esoteric portion of its working will be promoted. A vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, after he had resumed his seat, was carried by acclamation. Lodge was then closed; and the brethren adjoined to the Queen's Hotel for supper. After the cloth was cleared a few toasts were given, and the brethren after joining Bro. Belcher P.M. in singing the National Anthem, separated, much pleased with the Masonic treat which had been provided.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Fox and Hounds Putney, on the 2nd inst. Present Bros. Strong W.M., Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Watkins Treas., Robinson P.M. Secretary, Harding S.D., Collings P.M. D.C., Oliver I.G., Stacey P.M. Organist, Collick I.P.M.; P.M.'s Smith, Mansell and Pardoe, and about twenty-five others. The Visitors were Bros. Sugg P.P.G. Organist Surrey P.M. 452 1996, Causton P.M. 726 1624, Radford P.M. 1420, Heath D.C. 1642, Thrask 65, Bishop 1319, Williams I.G. 834. At 4 p.m. precisely, the Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree when Bros. Godwin, Stern, Jamieson, Gordon and Baker were examined and entrusted; they retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and these five brethren were readmitted and duly raised. The Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Kettle, Croker, Cunningham and Steeden were examined, and afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. Later on, a ballot was taken for Mr. John Thomas Grover and Mr. George Suly Hunt; it was declared in their favour, and they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Antient Freemasonry. Bro. Jesse Collings, an esteemed Past Master of the Lodge, and one who had rendered it goodly service, having expressed a wish to be placed on the roll of country members, Bro. S.W. Williams proposed, and Bro. J.W. Wing seconded that, in recognition of his past services, he be elected an honorary member. This was carried unanimously. Several appeals for assistance were brought under consideration, and a Committee was appointed to visit, and make inquiries about the applicants. Bro. S.W. proposed, and Bro. J.W. seconded, that the cost of the wreath sent by the Lodge to the funeral of the late Bro. Robert Whitley be defrayed out of Lodge funds, and that a letter of condolence be sent to his family, sympathising in their bereavement. Several P.M.'s and brethren having spoken in support of this resolution, it was put and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned till Wednesday, the 7th of December. At the dinner the W.M., in proposing the Queen, referred to the loss the Lodge had suffered in the death of Bro. Whitley. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were well received and duly honoured by Commemoration Fire. The I.P.M. Bro. Collick, in proposing the health of the W.M., remarked on his arduous duties during the evening, and complimented him on the manner in which he had fulfilled them. In replying, the W.M. apologised for any shortcomings he might have displayed, but trusted by the end of the year he might be as efficient as many who had gone before him. To the toast of the Initiates, Bros. Hunt and Grover replied, in a few well chosen sentences. For the Visitors Bros. Sugg, Causton, Radford, Heath, Thrask and Bishop replied. The toast of the Past Masters was on this occasion (having regard to the recent decease of Bro. Whitley) drunk in silence. Bros. Collick, Robinson and Pardoe responded, each made touching allusion to the geniality and other good qualities of the late Bro. Whitley. The Treasurer and Secretary replied to the toast given in their honour, and in proposing the Officers the W.M. alluded to, and expressed sympathy with, Bro. Hoey P.M. and Steward, who was absent through family bereavement. Several of the Officers having replied, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2056.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 8th instant (the appointed anniversary), when Bro. R. F. Gould S.W. P.M. and P.G.D. was installed by Bro. Woodford P.G.C. and acting I.P.M. Several new members were proposed for the Correspondence Circle, and a joining member for the Lodge. The Lodge then adjourned to the social circle, where Bro. Sir Charles Warren I.P.M., who had been detained by his heavy and pressing official duties at Scotland-yard, joined the numerous party. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, Bro. Bywater returning thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Gould, in a very eloquent speech, proposed the health of Sir Charles Warren. He amidst his active career, he had always kept up
the value of Freemasonry, and concluded by
that he should never forget their flattering
marked and continued confidence. Bro. Woodfo
of the W.M. The Quatuor Coronati, he said,
second election as in the first, on the same p
differently expressed — "detur digniori," "
ferat." Amid the many eloquent and able
adorned our age, Bro. Gould took a very high pl
emphatically a history, had entitled him to the
and the sympathies of his brethren. He felt
Bro. Gould's rule, the Quatuor Coronati would p
fully, and successfully; subserving the great e
Masonic study, intellectuality, and research.
to reply, was warmly welcomed. He expresse
pregnant sentences, his feeling of gratitude,
future. He would endeavour to keep up the pres
though he succeeded Bro. Sir Charles Warr
hoped not in vain—on the zealous and united sup
brethren. The Visitors was responded to b
Moira Lodge, and the Officers by Bro. Speth,
invaluable Secretary. The memory of the
responded to by Bro. Woodford, who was than
acting I.P.M. The brethren soon after separ
most pleasant réunion.

The Great City Lodge of Instruct
meeting was held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Av
E.C., on Thursday, the 10th inst., at 6·30 p.m.
mann W.M., Bellchamber S.W., F. Le Rossi
S.D., Lazarus J.D., Gomme I.G., Paddle
Surrey Treasurer, James Stevens P.M. P.Z.
P.M. Assistant Preceptor, H. Hill, J. H.
ceremonies of the two first degrees were ver
W.M. who, for a junior member of the Craft, a
creditably. Many lucid explanations of the sy
were afforded by the Preceptor, and the proc
were very satisfactory to all present. Bro. Be
W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge wa
and harmony. Several new members were e
Masonic Benevolent Association connected with
mony was adduced as to the advantages deriv
the meetings of Lodges of Instruction generall
Lodge will be opened in the third degree at
Thursday, the 17th inst., at 6·30 p.m.

Royal Commemoration Lodge
No. 1585.—At Bro. Webb's, the Railway
Putney, on Monday evening, Bros. Round W
S.W., E. Ayling P.M. J.W., H. Bond (Treasure
Morgan S.D., Bond J.D., Dare I.G.; Webb
Featherstonbaugh, Radford P.M. Preceptor
several other Brethren. Lodge was opened,
meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Aylin
section of the first lecture, assisted by the
then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation,
vote of thanks. A Committee was appointed
arrangements for the meeting of the 28th inst
Bro. F. Binckes, Past G. Sword Bearer, Se
Masonic Institution for Boys, will rehearse th
secrating a Lodge and Installation of Worshi
Collick P.M. will preside on Monday next.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction,
at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday las
Marks S.W., Moorhouse J.W., Hammond S.D.
ridge Secretary, Turner acting Preceptor. A
ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro.
candidate. Lodge opened in the second degree,
the chair in favour of Bro. Garrod, who op
third degree and rehearsed the ceremony of
acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed,
thanks recorded to Bro. Garrod for having re
so ably, for the first time. Bro. Marks was ele
14th inst. Lodge was closed in due form, and

The Historical Church of "St. Clement
Sir Christopher Wren's, has been enriched by
from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners
series, commenced by the Churchwardens in
famous for its connection with Thomas Fulle
Pearson, and Bishop Walton, in the revolutio
century.

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becomes more and more inclement and trying, th

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ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY 1888,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT a Convocation of Grand Chapter, holden in Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., by the invitation of Chapters Paradise 139, and Loyalty 296, there were present the following Prov. Grand Officers:—

Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past G. Prin. Soj. G. Supt., John Wordsworth H., Frederick Laxton J., Henry Smith Past G. Prin. Soj. S.E., Dr. W. R. Thomas S.N., Thomas Harrison Treasurer, John F. Moss P.P.G.P. Soj. Registrar, Edmund Lord Prin. Soj., Thomas Richard Vaux 1st Assist. Soj., William Watson 2nd Assist. Soj., John Shaw as Sword Bearer, Wm. Frodk. Tomlinson as Std. Bearer, John E. Wordsworth as Dir. of Cers., Thos. B. Edwards as Assist. Dir. of Cers., Joseph Mellowes P.P.G.Org. as Organist, H. G. E. Green Assist. S.E., Thomas Leighton as Janitor, Frederick Cleeves as Steward, Clement F. Carr as Steward, W. Ridgard Massey and Wm. Chas. Ellisdon Stewards; also several Past Prov. G. Officers and Principals, Past First Principals and Companions of the following Chapters, viz., 139, 154, 208, 242, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 495, 521, 837, 904, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1513. Several apologies for unavoidable absence were received There were also present the following Visitors:—Comps. Joseph Heskow Lanka Chapter 107, Ceylon, and George Chapman J. Abbey Chapter 47, Nottingham.

Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., G. Superintendent,

P.P.G.S.N., seconded by Comp. W. F. P.P.G. Prin. Soj., were taken as read an firmed. The M.E. Grand Superintend the following address:—

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS,—I thank you fo cordiality with which you have received t Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Yorksh Banners of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. It is s assure you, to come to Sheffield, and to meet so of the Chapters under my jurisdiction in this Freemasonry in its various degrees. It is a and Charity," and a "Home and Rest" for within its walls, and who prefer the Brotherh humanity to the enmity of agitation so preval glad to realise the feeling that it is the firs Masons that our vital interests are concerned this spirit of "Peace, Love, and Unity," and t to do all that in us lies to love our Sovereig Master and our Order; therefore, we have the to form the double Great Triangle to medi symbolism, to work in "Love and Unity," to the sacred writings, to keep the "Sacred Wo as we would wish to be done by; and so st down to our successors in R.A. Masonry names demonstrations and our conduct worthy of Hence, the advocacy of the symbolic degree founded on universal wisdom, unfolding its worthy professors of genuine religion and l spicuous by the example set us in the lives an the nine great Officers representatively forme principals and the figure of an Arch, and "Sanhedrim of the Jews." Studying to cor allegories of this Institution of Masonry, w Chapter to foster and strengthen the Order a and to encourage Craftsmen to enter therein wiser and better men by their admission to You have this year so generously responded my address to Convocation in April last, a connected with the commemoration of the Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, in London, on the 6th May, at Lord Zetland's Installat tendent of N. and E. Yorkshire, and in sanctio guineas from the Chapter Funds towards permanent Presentations to the Widows' Fun Benevolent Institution; three guineas to the the United Kingdom, the Colonies and Indi contributing each in your several capacit Chapters or by Chapters to the support Charitable Institutions, as well as respondin calls for celebrating the fiftieth year of the re without going over the whole of these event simply for me to-day to refer to the accompl and the success of candidates at our Electi these works of rejoicings in which Royal Ar and played its part. The Queen, in a letter 24th June, and our Supreme Grand Master, generosity, loyalty, and devotion of the Cr Masons, in various ways most gratifying t cherished principles of our various Orders. Almighty God, the sole Architect of the Univ the world burst forth from chaos, and all crea to crown them with every blessing from His finally give them possession of an immort heavenly mansions veiled as yet from morta will be opened never to be closed." The pro Masonry has made in England from the year as remarkable as the progress of Craft I at Heckmondwike. The statistics of the Gra Grand Chapter show that in the year 1837 t In the year 1887 there are 700, being an i during the past 50 years. This marvellous a the essence of virtue with which the Queen h and which has exalted the nation, she, a Sharon, in conjunction with that Lily of the Wales, have exalted by their lives our int prosperity of Masonry and of the people in inform you that at the Quarterly Convocat Chapter, on the 3rd August 1887, "Compani Clerke G.S.E. stated that the Companions recent meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, P Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of the Grand pleased to grant special rank in honour of He first Grand Principal His Royal Highnes declare that those Brethren appointed as I should have past Grand rank in Grand Chap that they were duly qualified according to tions. I have therefore to announce, by command, the names and rank of those Com conferred Past Grand rank." Amongst t Smith had received the rank of Principal S W. H. Brittain, Sword Bearer, in Supr England. West Yorkshire is highly Supreme Grand Zerubbabel's recognition

He is also an Honorary Member of Chapters, No. 242, 904, 1513 and 1661, Newark. He has installed most of the Sheffield P.Z.'s, as well as a good number of the Z.'s of the above mentioned Chapters. He is, as you all know, a deeply read Mason, and an authority in Rites and Ceremonies, and beloved by all in Sheffield, and indeed by every one in South Yorkshire, who comes in contact with him, but so modest and so sensitive that he will not permit this day of any outward recognition of our great appreciation of his services to the Craft and to Sheffield. He is as you know E. Companion Ensor Drury, the learned Registrar at Firth's College. I can only ask you to join with me by this mention of his social and Masonic qualifications in expressing the obligations of this Province towards himself and his varied labours, and that the Most High may preserve his valuable life to every one of us for many years to come. Since addressing you at Leeds much laborious work has been done in the Revision of the By-Laws of Prov. Grand Chapter, and we owe a debt of gratitude to those excellent Companions Watson, Mason, Smith, Green and Smithson who have given much time to this business. The Record of old Chapters up to the present time have taken their assiduous attention for several months to complete. You are aware that in 1885 there was appended to the account of the Installation proceedings at Leeds a record of the chief transactions in Masonry since 1821. These Companions have thought fit to compile a similar record of the events of Royal Arch Masonry, and to bind these "Notes" up with the By-Laws and the R.A. Regulations as well. This work is complete and in the printer's hands, and before the meeting of this Grand Chapter in 1888 will be distributed to the 38 Chapters of this Province. You will I hope join with me in congratulating these Brethren, who have brought this work and history to so satisfactory a termination, and I venture to say I know of no other Province which will possess, like West Yorkshire, such an historical compendium of Royal Arch Masonry as ours. I wish to point out an important modification in these revised By-Laws. That of By-Law XV., "Every Chapter shall on or before the first day of February in each year transmit to the Prov. Grand Scribe E. a list or return of all its members up to the 31st December, &c." It used to be on or before the 1st March in each year. I ask your attention to this alteration in order to lighten the already too heavy Secretarial duties at Wakefield. During the past six months death has carried off Companion Joseph Binns, of 306, and James Allott Woodhead, the Z. of 1462. He died in July, but the G. Scribe E. was not advised of it. Mrs. Woodhead has returned his postcard of this meeting endorsed, "Died 4th July 1887." Had the S.E. of 1462 written to Wakefield, so unfortunate an incident would have been avoided. The other death is Companion Ed. Sewell, of Chapter 302, who died at Fulneck, near Leeds, on the 20th October, aged 68 years. He was elected on the Annuity Fund last May, and he only enjoyed half a year's annuity. To the family and friends of these departed Companions our sympathies are with them in the sorrows and griefs with which the "Most High has thought fit to visit them." Companions, as we have assembled in the name of the "Most High," to acknowledge His power, His wisdom, and His goodness, so let us implore now His blessing to enable us to trace out His wonderful works, the desire of every Companion in this Convocation of Royal Arch Masonry.

E. Comps. Henry Smith Prov. G.S.E. Past Grand Prin. Soj. of Eng.. and William Henry Brittain P.P.G.H. Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, were saluted. Comp. Moss, acting Registrar, presented the revised Prov. G. Chapter By-Laws, which have been carefully written out in the Minute Book of Provincial Grand Chapter, to which the Grand Superintendent attached his signature. (He also called attention to the roll of Chapters—with short history attached—which had been printed in sheet form, for the purpose of being framed, and advised each Chapter to secure a copy; he stated that printed copies of the revised By-Laws with roll of Chapters and history, a limited number, which has been bound up with the Royal Arch Regulations, would shortly be ready.) Moved by Comp. Moss P.Z. 296, seconded by Companion Arnison P.Z. 296, and resolved, "That the best thanks of this G. Chapter are due and are hereby given to the By-Laws Committee, and more especially the Companions who had laboured so successfully in compiling the Roll of Chapters and History." Comp. Smithson P.Z. 289 P.P.G.D. of C., Chairman of the Charity Committee, stated that the Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentation Fund only required about £16 to complete it, and urged the 15 Chapters which had not as yet contributed to make the amount up. Moved by Comp. F. Laxton P.Z. 275 Provincial G.H., seconded by Comp. John Wordsworth P.Z. 154 Prov. G.J., and resolved. "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to the M.E.Z.'s and Companions of the Sheffield Chapters for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements." E. Companions Frederick Cleeves Z. 139 and Clement C. Carr Z. 296

scholar;" and Tennyson, in his "In Mem
praise of

"The grand old name of gen

Education promotes gentility: the schola
Besides, it "pays" to be a gentleman. H
recalls Hamlet's advice to the Queen:

"Assume a virtue if you ha

Whenever, therefore, a writer forgets himse
personal vituperation, aspersion of motives,
facts, he descends from the intellectual l
physical level of brutal attack and abus
strength. It is the last resort of a third-rate
to abuse the counsel whose argument he can

There was formerly a brother in Bost
enviable distinction of always abusing those
agree, but latterly he has mended his manne
transgresses. But there is another brother
frequently agrees with the former in his v
stepped into his discarded shoes. We regr
after having been cast away were not wor
the refuse heap and appropriated. We r
Brennan. He has penned a number of unge
at us, of which we took, and shall take, no
publickly attacked Bro. John Lane, of Engli
Meyer, of Philadelphia, and also has unfai
masonry in the "City of Brotherly Love
words—gentlemanly words, we trust—upon

In an article in the *Masonic Home Jo*
afterwards by request reprinted in the
Bro. Brennan alludes to "Bro. Lane, of
earnest tergiversation to establish the i
Lodge, No. 79, with that which met at t
delphia, in those early times. Bro. Lane is
sides of the Atlantic, as a painstaking, hone
historian, to require any studied defence.
itself, and is but a boomerang that returns t

In a subsequent article in the London
of 10th September, the same brother, with
reason, vilifies the character of Bro. Charles
"the gentleman and scholar." The CHRON
say, is not guiltless in opening its columns t
abuse. Bro. Brennan entitles his article "
Now we should be the last to object to the
couched in proper phrase, on any subject
either facts or logic, but we do object to
misrepresentation. What, think you, is thi
in the validity of the Henry Bell letter of
represents himself as having been a member
Tavern, Philadelphia, which in 1730, he say
Daniel Coxe! We quote from Bro. Bren
"criminal:"

"The reader who has kindly followed m
what, in 1873, could be the motive for the cr
far given the history. He will see that in th
Pennsylvania, and more especially of Phila
completed, were about to dedicate their ne
Masonic Temple, the third within the life of
in that city, each increasing in grandeur an
the other; and if there ever had been c
to create an extra sensation this was the
sensation plainly was to follow the announ
the claim of Philadelphia for the legitima
America; and in the then condition of ge
on the subject, as gathered from all which
published, it only required a bold man to
that would—at least for the time being—b
of the condition then desired by the Phila
truth, possibly, but what they on such occa
be.

"The occasion demanded the man, and th
occasion. As late as 12th March 1887, in t
of that date, over his own proper signature
has told the readers of that paper how it wa

Does our Brother know whom it is that he
Meyer in this indictment. The "orator"
Grand Master Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, fo
President of the Lehigh University, a lawye
gentleman by extraction and education, and
Bro. Meyer is spoken of as the "bold man
the Bell letter. He was not even the disc
his article in the *Keystone* of 12th March
from Bro. Meyer's article of that date:

"In the year 1873, when the Craft were pr
of the new Masonic Temple, Broad and
desiring to make some examinations for t
I went into Bro. John Thomson's, the then
where I found Bro. Francis Blackburne,
desk. As I entered the office a gentleman
Blackburne called me to his desk and han
he had just made from the original, in the p

of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, We, therefore, made application to him, and our request was granted.'

"The letter was signed by *Henry Bell*, and was dated from *Lancaster* and addressed to *Dr. Thomas Cadwallader, Philadelphia.*"

It will be seen that Bro. Brennan has entirely misrepresented Bro. Meyer, who had nothing to do with discovering, or copying the Bell letter from the original, and never pretended to have seen the original. As for Bro. Francis Blackburne, he is now deceased, but was known to many of the Craft in Philadelphia as an upright, earnest and thoroughly reliable Freemason. So much for the history of the Bell letter, so far as at present known. It was not "manufactured" by either Bros. Meyer or Blackburne, or by any one else so far as is known, and no Philadelphia Brother in connection with it can with a pretence of justice be styled a criminal. Nor is the history of the Bell letter the "History of a Crime." Its history, we trust, will yet be completely unfolded, and its authenticity and Masonic accuracy indubitably established.

It has been charged, by several Brethren, that the Bell letter has recently been "given up" as a piece of Masonic evidence. This is a mistake. All that we are doing is, seeking to authenticate it to the satisfaction of its adversaries.

Let us now restate, as it were in a breath, the unimpeached evidence in favour of the primacy of Philadelphia in American Masonry, and its title to be regarded as the "premier Masonic city," the "mother-city of Masonry in America."

(1) The Deputation of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England, under date of 5th June 1730, to Bro. Daniel Coxe, as Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Bro. Coxe then resided at Burlington, N.J., only twenty miles from Philadelphia. Here, then, we have a lawful Masonic local authority, qualified to charter Lodges in Pennsylvania.

(2) The Minutes of the Grand Lodge of England, of 29th January 1731, show that Bro. Daniel Coxe was then present in Grand Lodge, and his health was drank as "Provincial Grand Master of North America." This more than confirms his Deputation.

(3) The *Pennsylvania Gazette*, published and edited by Brother Benjamin Franklin, reports contemporaneously, from 24th June 1732, to 24th June 1741, the annual election of a Grand Master and other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

(4) "Philadelphia City, St. John's Lodge, Liber B," an original Lodge record, now in the archives of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, proves the existence, the apparent regularity and uniform prosperity of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, from February 1731 to June 1738, with a membership of fifty of Philadelphia's most prominent citizens. Bro. Gould justly refers to Liber B. as "genuine records dating from 1731."

(5) The original MS. report of a Committee on By-Laws of said Lodge, dated 5th June 1732, signed by eleven of its members, including Bro. Benjamin Franklin (see Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1885, pp 37-39).

Both of these original documents unqualifiedly prove the existence of what the Freemasons of that day evidently believed to be a *lawful* Masonic Lodge, since men of their character and standing would have belonged to no other. This Lodge presumably was either an "immemorial" one, or regularly chartered by Bro. Daniel Coxe; or it is possible it was, in succession, both. At all events, at this distance of time everything is fairly and justly to be presmed to have been rightly done. A Lodge which existed (as Liber B. proves St. John's Lodge did) in a flourishing condition continuously for the eight years during which its records run, with a membership of fifty Brethren of the stamp of Chief Justice William Allen, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Dr. Thomas Bond and Dr. Thomas Cadwallader, *must have been a lawful and regular Lodge.*

(6) The Dublin *Freemason's Pocket Companion*, of 1735, records "Lodge No. 116 (No. 79 English Register). The Hoop, in Water Street, in Philadelphia, 1st Monday," of date between other Lodges chartered in 1731. St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, its records show, met on the 1*st Monday* of every month.

(7). Bro. Lane in his recent "Masonic Records" quotes the record of the Dublin *Companion*, in favour of Philadelphia.

(8). And lastly comes Bro. Gould's apt suggestion, in his recent "History of Freemasonry," that the brethren of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, in 1731, and theretofore, had the same right as their brethren in England, Scotland and elsewhere, to form Lodges by *immemorial right*, and that the Grand Lodge of the Fraternity in Philadelphia in 1731, "must be held to have been as much and as legally a Grand Lodge as that of "All England at York."

The above constitutes a chain of evidence of the existence and Masonic legitimacy of Freemasonry in Philadelphia in 1731, which cannot be broken, and at best can only be strengthened.—*Keystone.*

A correspondent, writing to an influential London daily paper, observes that the new Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman De Keyser), though a Roman Catholic, is an ardent Freemason, and he means to stick to his guns, and become Master of the Emulation Lodge, in spite of Papal Bulls, possible excommunication, the jeremiads of the Catholic press, and the scores of anonymous letters which he has tossed contemptuously into the "blazing" fire.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended

Hall, Bro. William Roebuck, Trustee, in the
also present Bros. J. L. Mather, Thos. Griffiths, R
Master), F. Adlard, H. Massey, A. E. Gladwell
Edgar Bowyer, Charles F. Hogard, Stephen Ric
H. Webb, G. P. Gillard, Thos. Cubitt, T. Hasti
Eve Grand Treasurer, H. Venn, James Moon, W
and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of th
read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes informed th
as a result of the conclusion come to at that mee
of the Institution should be sent to the Prin
cheque for £2160, as this Institution's share
admission to the Royal Albert Hall, on the occ
meeting, he had consulted the Grand Secretar
which the acknowledgment should be con
on the Grand Secretary's advice, the acknow
made. The House and Audit Committee
It appeared that there had been forty-seven case
sufferers from the epidemic of fever. Some o
critical ones, but by the great care and atten
and nursing staff all these patients were convale
stated, in answer to a question, that the £2,
Lodge had not yet been received, on account of
malities. The powers of the Bank of Englan
years, and when the authorisation was sent in t
Institution that time had lapsed. It had thus
tial to send out papers to the Earl of Carnarvo
These had been sent, and might be back before
in which case the money would be received.
Grand Secretary on the subject, who said they
out of the £2,000 before the end of the year.
in hand. Four petitions were considered, and
on the list for the April election. Three grants
grant of £10, were made to former pupils of th
fit. In answer to a question as to the fins
Institution, Bro. Binckes said he had intended
mittee as to this when he made his st
£2,000 voted by Grand Lodge. Althou
fortunately had sufficient money in hand to me
it. he questioned very much whether they w
the year, failing the receipt of the £2000 from
would commence 1888 not only very badly, bu
for the remainder of that year. It was, of cou
ledge of the brethren that the Girls' School
celebrated next year, and that would absorb a
port which in other circumstances might have
Boys' Institution. An instance had occur
bore out the soundness of these gloomy for
gave him his name four months ago, as
Boys' Festival of 1888; but he sent
day stating, that in consequence of the M
offering to be a Steward for the Centenary
Institution, he was obliged to withdraw his
list of Stewards for the Boys'. He was afr
other withdrawals for the same reason; the Bo
have the support it might have under ordinary
to meet the emergency he did not know. He
sibly could. The Institution had the suppo
Devon, and he had great pleasure in saying
support of Jersey. They might hope that,
might be necessary to celebrate properly such
the Centenary of the Girls' School, the Craft
the other Institutions should not suffer. He
friends might bear in mind that, while the
Institution did not wish in any shape or wa
exceptional case of the Centenary of the Girl
the Boys' School should be borne in mind to
that the School might be kept in its present s
vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the pro

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLEN

THE monthly meeting of the Comm
tion was held on Wednesday, at Freema
Bowyer P.G. Standad Rearer in the chair.
present: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune and James
Webb, H. Cotter, J. J. Berry, E. Wall, W
Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., C. J. Percev
Tattershall, W. Belchamber, C. Kempton, J.
man G.P., A. Fish, J. E. Dawson D.P.G.M
and J. Terry Secretary. After the reading
minutes, the death of two male and two f
reported; after which the Warden's report
stated that Alderman Layton, Mayor of Croy
able entertainment to the old people at the
21th ult. The report of the Committee for c
of the days for holding the Quarterly Court
Boys' School Courts should be on the 1s
April, July, and October, and the Girls' on t
It also recommended that the annual meet
Institution should take place on the Monday
in April each year. After a short discussi
venience of the proposed change was canv
the motion of Bro. Lacey, seconded by Bro.
that the report be received, but that no
Bro. Terry explained that nothing could be
till the annual meeting in May 1888. Auth

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Croydon for his entertainment. Bro. Newton proposed, and Brother Perceval seconded, a resolution that the Secretary's action be approved. Bro. Terry then asked in what way the engrossed vote of thanks, which had been handsomely framed and glazed, should be presented to Grand Lodge conveying the thanks of the Committee for the vote of £2,000 to this Institution. He would venture to suggest that as next Tuesday was the day of meeting of the Board of General Purposes, and the money came from the Fund of General Purposes, it would be best to ask the Board to accept it on behalf of Grand Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Murlis, seconded by Bro. Lacey, it was resolved that this course be adopted. Brother Terry next said the brethren were aware that the Festival of this Institution was coming on; unfortunately there were fifty-seven Stewards less than at this time last year. With the largely increased annual expenditure, it was perfectly certain that unless they could get a great addition to the present number of Stewards it would be almost impossible to get an election of candidates next May. It was impossible they could raise £19,000 next year. They must be prepared for a drop of £8,000 in that amount. He wished it to go out from this Committee to the various Lodges that they were pledged to do as far as they possibly could. The Girls' School was absorbing a large amount of attention. At present they were paying annuitants £14,600; there were no vacancies for women, and only one for men, and it was only by death that vacancies could be created. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Globe.—Von Moser's "Aroun Alraschid" is accounted as the source from which Mr. Sydney Grundy has founded his farcical comedy "The Arabian Nights," produced at this theatre last Saturday evening, with every mark of success. Mr. Grundy's version is a most compact, funny and amusing piece of work, one that can be seen again and again, and yet will always evoke a good laugh. The action is on the well known lines of farcical comedy, but these are woven together so neatly and so amusingly that fun must follow. Nothing more essentially farcical could be conceived than the scenes that take place between a horsey young cad and the "gutta percha" girl. These two characters are alone worth seeing, so capitally are they worked out and so ably represented. It must not, however, be understood these are the only amusing characters in the piece; far from this. There is the married man, by name Hummingtop, whose wife has gone on a visit. This gentleman is being "looked after" by his mother-in-law, who to make sure every thing shall be right, marks his linen with his full name and address. Notwithstanding the vigilance of his mother-in-law, Hummingtop contrives to get out. During his rambles he befriends a young lady, to whom he lends his pocket handkerchief. On the morrow the young lady presents herself, not only to give back the handkerchief, but, as she expresses it, to stop for a while. The fibs Hummingtop tells to account for this young lady's presence are astounding, and lead up to some funny situations. After this the piece goes on in the good old style; complications arise, until in the end Hummingtop makes up his mind to tell the "honest, beautiful, manly truth," when, of course, all is forgiven. Mr. Grundy has handled his materials in workmanlike fashion, his bright sayings and smart dialogue were thoroughly enjoyed by the crowded house; but he must tone his work in some parts. Of course one of the principal things in connection with a piece such as that under notice is to have it well acted. It is needless to say the management, with Mr. C. H. Hawtrey at its head, have looked after this. This gentleman has certainly a style peculiar to himself, and we can say we like the style. Mr. Hawtrey's natural perplexity, his worried face, and above all his smart way of expressink himself is admirably suited to the character. Mr. W. S. Penley caused roars of laughter as the horsey young man. His get up and general appearance was essentially a feature, while his inimitable style was perfect for this kind of character. He was well backed by Miss Lottie Venne, who has not been seen to such advantage for a long time. The way this lady smokes cigarettes, drinks soda and brandy, and sings comic songs is something to be remembered. Miss Carlotta Zerbini was too gentle as the mother-in-law, but Miss Agnes Miller made a charming heiress. Messrs. F. C. Glover, W. Lestocq, Miss Vane Featherstone, and Miss G. Goetze were good, but they only had small parts. If Mr. Grundy would remove a few of the superfluities at the end of the second act, and write the last up a little more, we feel assured Mr. Hawtrey would have to find a second home for the "The Arabian Nights."

St. James's.—Encouraged doubtless by the unquestionable success that attended "The Witch," presented at the two matinées that have recently been given, Mr. C. Marsham Rae decided to place his work on the evening bill for a short season, started last Saturday. "The Witch" has been adapted by Mr. Rae from the German, and although it is somewhat old-fashioned and heavy in style, there is something about the work that makes it enjoyable. Since its first production it has been altered, undoubtedly for the better, and now runs smoothly. Still, we are afraid the peace is too heavy to secure a long run. What is wanted is a comic incident or so introduced—it matters little whether by male or female characters. In other respects "The Witch" is a most acceptable work. The acting of Miss Sophie Eyre is magnificent; her splendid delivery and tragic Miss Sophie Eyre was highly complimented piece.

THE LATE DR. WILSON FOX.—Mr. Fran *Illustrations*, having forwarded to Her M November issue of that Magazine, containing published) of the late Dr. Wilson Fox, has ju message from Sir Henry Ponsonby:—"I Queen to thank you for the copy of *Illu* memoir and excellent portrait of Dr. Wilson

WHAT MAKES THE MASON.—No amoun precept is Masonry; nor is any amount demonstration Masonry. But a certain sys practice is Masonry, however or wherever fo this theory and practice is entitled to the must first secure the theory of Masonry in requisite; then he must put it into applic requisite. These united make the Mason, exist where they are separate.

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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 NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (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, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
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
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
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
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
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

73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, South
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-s
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Ca
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instr
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clif
(Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, a
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Da
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street,
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, W
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. Jame
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Br
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Ro
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7.
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (I
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Stre
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern,
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart,
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pave
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E
R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, a
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Nott
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 G
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street,
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruc
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Cr
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrie
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Ma
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instru
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingh
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpo
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Nort
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Ru
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orc
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plym
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxfor
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-un
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basi
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlep
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, 16th NOV

Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., a
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Bo
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Stre
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street,
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolw
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Inst
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road,
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Chur
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall,
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria P
1319—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubit
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Ken
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street,
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Stre
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Vict
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthar
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1851—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, M

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221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Bursiem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
604—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
833—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
963—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
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)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street,
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New T
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Nort
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1612—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terr
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
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 18th NOVEMB

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall,
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portl
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Pa
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberw
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhith
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instructi
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8.
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.,
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green,
1228—Beaconcree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruct
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30.
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruc
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet S
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Ch
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond,
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Pl
Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pave
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
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton,
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street,
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes,
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, L
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instr
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manch
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Str
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hal
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Cas
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-stree
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
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th NOVE

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Totten
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8.
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, H
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hack
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street,
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet,
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, H
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Ro
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, C
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park St
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, W

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OUR MASONIC ANNALS.

WHEN Sir H. A. Layard published his great work on Nineveh and Babylon a reviewer in the "Times" commenced a most striking notice with these words, "The veil is slowly rising," &c. &c.

How truly does this very passage seem still to describe the gradual unveiling and unfolding of our Masonic story, and that silent yet full-voiced witness to its life, its truth, its actuality and its meaning, which the efforts of a loyal band of students are gradually and slowly, (too slowly perhaps for some,) and happily and carefully bringing about.

The veritable character and outcome of our Masonic Annals are, by laborious researches, and judicious lucubrations, dawning, so to say, on the minds of our present Masonic generation, obscured as those annals have been, to a great extent, we feel bound to admit, by the fads of the fanciful, the ignorance of the sciolist, and the inanity of uncritical expositors.

Indeed, in one sense, it may fairly be asserted, that despite all our "tentamina" after fact instead of fiction, reality instead of romance; notwithstanding all that has been written, unravelled, searched out, resuscitated, and cleared up, our Masonic Annals are still, in a great measure, to be explained clearly and expounded critically.

We still want and desiderate certainty in statement, continuation in descent, the "missing link" of origin, entirety, progress and perpetuation; the identity of the developments of the present with the shadows of the past, before we can pronounce safely, fully, satisfactorily alike, on the episodes and the evidences of our remarkable Order, and on its existence and pathway through the world's ages and vicissitudes.

And hence there seems to be an imperative call on us all, students and writers alike, to exhibit caution, care and modest reticence alike in our assertions and our asseverations, our decisive conclusions and our dogmatic declarations, lest we again fall into opposite and other errors, as signal as those we fondly trust we have left behind us.

There is a great danger just now lest we in our measure, owing to hasty inductions or imperfect data, owing to presumptive postulates instead of absolute conclusiveness, should become as uncritical as some of our good old romance writers, lest we should allow again assertion to stand in the place of actuality, and reiterated assumptions to be forced down upon us, "nolentes volentes," as positive and uncontrovertible facts.

Bro. Sadler's very interesting and seasonable work shews us, as we venture to think incontestably, how needful is this premonitory protest, for us all, students and writers just now; how doubtful, to say the least of it, after all are some of our apparently most popular assertions and constantly repeated averments.

Bro. Sadler proves his case as regards the "Irish swarm" in our humble opinion.

Such a rectification of the "vulgar" history of the Antient development must henceforth we conceive be necessarily the "factor" in the question of the rapid organisation and true history of the Antient Masons. The

That members of these unwarran
Lodges were called "St. John's Mas
be accepted as an established fact, an
one it is.

That more Lodges existed therefor
four or six mentioned by Anderson a
may also now be accepted as a further

Bro. Sadler may fairly claim the
matter before students more clearly, c
sively, than it has been done before, t
among students this matter has
accepted as a foregone conclusion.

We seem to gather from the evi
adduces, and the facts he establishes, th
that at Swalwell, the Swan at Chiches
King's Head, Catford, the three Lodg
them probably a successor of Randle
the Lodge at Madrid, of St. John's, Gib
were existing, and probably many m
went back behind even 1700.

We know that the Alnwick Lodge
taking into consideration the Loc
1646, Chester 1670, London 1682, Y
by this important study of Bro. Sa
most important link in the chain, c
masonry of the eighteenth with the
seventeenth centuries.

Remembering the utter laxity of the
then be astonished that so few indi
masonry exist, or the available evid
fragmentary.

But as we said before, Bro. Sadler's
information, is also a work in which w
the lines, for it often suggests mor
vital importance to the student and
masonry.

It also suggests a much needed
down the law too dogmatically on mar

To-day we must content ourselves
but we shall on other occasions ha
others which have occurred to us.

It is asserted both by Anderson and
the first Duke of Richmond was Gran

It is denied by many others tha
correct, and that Grand Masters exist
this latter point with others so ofte
will draw attention on another occasio

But the evidence adduced by Bro.
this alluded to in the *Freemason* by
regards a certain transaction in 172
Grand Lodge, seems to suggest grave
caution as to accepting the negative
hand. The first Duke died in 1723,
the second Duke, and Grand Master, at
Lodge, bringing forward himself, as B
at any rate personally supporting the
Hall for relief, who stated that he had
by the first Duke thirty-six years befo
Swan, Chichester.

This curiously enough takes us back

after all, and historically correct, are sensibly increased.

We must remember that, at this distance of time, all discussions turn after all on assumptive conclusions, and based on "ipse dixits" on the one hand, as opposed to assumptive conclusions based on "ipse dixits" on the other; and that the writer nearer to the time, (134 years ago), is more likely to be expected to tell us right than a much later writer, unless you can fairly allege taint, fatuity, or incompetency against the older scribe.

There are as regards the first Duke of Richmond several sources of information yet unsearched, and until all such are exhausted we cannot safely accept an *ex parte* dictum nor has any one a right to say that the matter is decided, and that Anderson and "Multa Paucis" are absolutely wrong.

AN IMPORTANT SUGGESTION.

By Bro. Jno. Lane.

THE latest work on Freemasonry, "Masonic Facts and Fictions," by Brother H. Sadler G.T., and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, is now before me. It is a very readable and instructive book, exhibiting evidence of careful labour and research, which I trust will be duly rewarded, and I sincerely congratulate Bro. Sadler on its appearance and value.

On page 44 the following Extract from the Grand Lodge Minutes of 24th June 1731 is given—

"A petition was presented and signed by several Brethren, praying that they may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, and Constituted into a Regular Lodge at the Three Kings in Crispian Street, Spittle Fields. After some debate, several Brethren present vouching that they were regular Masons, they were admitted, and the Grand Master declared that he or his Deputy would Constitute them accordingly, and signed their petition for that purpose."

Bro. Sadler adds—

"It is impossible to ascertain whether this Lodge was regularly Constituted in conformity with the Grand Master's promise. I cannot find that the usual fee for a Constitution was ever paid; 10s 6d is recorded to its credit on the day the Petition was read, and the same amount on the 3rd of December following, after which I can find no trace of it in any of the lists of Lodges extant; it had either removed to some other house, or was never further acknowledged."

On reading this my thoughts immediately reverted to No. 79, and remembering having made notes about this very Lodge, for further inquiry or investigation, on turning over my papers I found I had two references to a Lodge at the place indicated, viz.: on 14th May 1731, when the Grand Lodge Minutes state, "3 Kings Spittlefields agreed to be constituted;" and again on the day referred to by Bro. Sadler, 24th June 1731. Unfortunately, in the latter instance, the names of the Lodges attending Grand Lodge are not given, but only certain of them, nine in number, are noted as contributing to the Charity. In this short list "Three Kings, Spittlefields" is at the end, the Lodges being given in order of seniority (although not numbered), the Lodge immediately preceding being "White Bear in King st., Golden Square," which was No. 76.

Whatever may be the outcome of the controversy in relation to No. 79, I venture to suggest the possibility, at any rate, that the Lodge at the "Three Kings, Spittle Fields," which the Grand Lodge Minutes on 14th May 1731 affirm "agreed to be constituted," and which on the following 24th June "the Grand Master declared that he or his Deputy would Constitute," had a definite place assigned to it on the recognised List of Regular Lodges, and which place one is led almost irresistibly to conclude was that of the number 79.

If this be so, it necessarily disposes, to a considerable extent, of that part of the question as to the Lodge No. 79 being identical with the Lodge at Philadelphia, although the difficulty of the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735 will still remain to be solved.

But, assuming this Lodge at the "Three Kings, Spittlefields" to have been duly constituted, and numbered 79, it confirms the opinion I have repeatedly expressed,

sequently the more *facts* that can be
more likely are we to arrive at safe
sions. I cordially thank Bro. Sadler
towards so desirable a result.

I may add that there was anothe
place, described in the MS. List o
Kings in Spittlefields, removed to the
in Upper Moorfields." This was N
July 1724, and erased on 14th Ap
Records," p 20).

It may possibly be that when No.
"Three Kings, Spittlefields" some
perhaps the proprietor of the tavern
another Lodge to assemble there, or
Lodge. Hence the removal of No.
Cocoa Tree in Upper Moorfields"
the petition to which Bro. Sadler so
and as there are many who would be
information that might enable th
identify this Lodge at the "Three
with the early No. 79, I hope furth
obtained.

The fact that there is no entry of a
fee for Constitution goes very far to
the petition was granted, and the L
consequence, I think) placed on the L
or perhaps refusal—to pay the usua
the cause of its very speedy removal
Lodges. This also is quite in accor
confirm, the inferences I have alrea
Lodge at the "Castle in Highgate"
the List until November 1732, when
of this or some other Lodge, it recei
number 79, which was then vacant.

Torquay, 11th November 1887.

INFLUENCE OF THE MA

[Communicated.]

IT strikes me as a curious coinc
under ordinary circumstances, a
is often cast aside, or cursorily glance
ever any event occurs in which the in
concerned, there is an imperative a
for "my paper." I suppose it is so
of life; we run at such a pace no
something immediately affecting ou
world in which we move interests us,
as of no concern of ours. But it has
several times lately, that much valua
by this loose and careless dealing wit
be kept under constant observation
spected Preceptor said to me, once
asked him if he had read such an
Press, "Bah! what do we want w
We know more than they can teach u
placency of his own egotism, he spu
journal which I proffered him, and
bar and had two-penn'orth! The
accepted a Stewardship at one of th
first to come to me and beg, "C
through the influence of your 'valua
that will assist me with my list?"
of course, as anybody else would do,
now a regular subscriber to, and read
journal." Perhaps you did not know
a fact nevertheless.

Standing one night on the plat
railway station a little passage-at-arm
me, and it will bear telling, though
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according to the boast of one of them, and succeeded. But, somehow the Masonic Press got wind that the case was one which demanded inquiry, and on investigation being instituted, it was found that, through the sheer hard work and perseverance of a few of the individual friends of the deceased a lad had been elected to the benefits of the School who had no legitimate claim whatever, seeing that the mother had been left with a snug income. On the evening to which I refer the conversation turned upon this very subject, and without being an eavesdropper this is something of the sort of thing I was obliged to listen to. Two of the company, waiting for the train, were of those who had "worked like niggers for the case."

"Well, Brother George," quoth one, "if we are to expend our labours like this for nothing, I do not see much in Freemasonry. Why, did not we get, borrow, and mortgage votes in every direction for that boy, and at last, after he had been elected, and we were congratulating ourselves upon our success, it turned out a failure after all?"

"Yes," rejoined the other, "we did not leave a stone unturned to do the trick. Of course we knew the mother could afford to keep the boy, but what of that if we could render her a service? Is not that Masonic?"

"How the dickins did the Masonic Press get to find out the circumstances of the case and thus upset all that we had done?"

"I do not know, but it did; confound those newspaper fellows, they find out everything."

There was much more said in a similar strain, and the circumstances of the case were well brought home to me, as it would be to all studious readers of the Masonic journals. But what was the outcome of it all? Simply this—that the Institution had been spared the infliction upon it of a candidate whose necessities could well have been met by the father's bequest, and thus room was made for another and more really deserving case—of one standing on the cold threshold of want, and whose chance of election would have been debarred but for the interposition of those who would take the trouble to make due inquiry. It is a painful sight at any time to see so many applicants beseeching for the few vacancies that occur; but in this particular case, I consider, the influence of the Masonic Press was brought to bear in the direction of upholding the weak against the strong, and thus, whilst displacing the candidate for whom certain brethren—with the best intention, no doubt,—had "worked like niggers," it made room for one other who was more legitimately entitled to the privileges of the Institution. I could scarcely refrain from a smile when one of the brethren referred to declared, in irate language, that he had almost "made up his mind, after that, to throw up Freemasonry altogether," a sentiment in which his companion joined. A veteran, an old, seasoned Past Master, who was standing near, audibly ejaculated, "And what a benefit for Freemasonry that would have been!" The train came and cut short the conversation, but the reflection I carried away was that the Masonic Press, whilst encouraging and earnestly supporting by all means in its power the legitimate objects of the Craft, no less fulfilled its mission in detecting the vagaries of cliques and favouritism and thus protecting the true interests of the really deserving.

Enough on that side of the question, which is no doubt only a sample of what has been done over and over again. How the Masonic Press has safeguarded the Craft against imposture and mendicancy, even the most casual reader of our prints know. The charity of Masonry knows no bounds save those of prudence, and I venture to think those "bounds" are barricaded in a great measure by the wisdom and the foresight of the conductors of, and contributors to, our Masonic literature.

But there is a brighter side to the picture than any of these. Who can estimate the influence of the Masonic Press in cases were effort is needed to promote the cause of Charity, in whatever form it may present itself? Is

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the members, with their guests, assembled at the Athenæum, Camden Road. Although scarcely yet out of its swaddling clothes, the infant Lodge has acquired considerable strength and vigour, a result that was only to be expected under the fostering care of the worthy brother from whom it derives its patronymic. It is unnecessary to remind our readers of the popularity to which Bro. Derby Allcroft attained during the time he held the office of Grand Treasurer of England, while his exertions in furthering the interests of his Mother (St. Botolph) and other Lodges in the City are equally before the Craft. Consequently, when this new Lodge was started under the name of "Derby Allcroft," there was shed upon it an incandescence which attracted unusual interest amongst the metropolitan Craft generally, and amongst those also who were familiar with the name in connection with Christ's Hospital and a score of other charitable institutions in the City of London. It is, therefore, scarcely a matter for surprise that the Lodge should have become popular even in the first year of its existence, and we can do no other than congratulate the Officers and Brethren upon the firm and satisfactory footing they have already obtained. A unique agenda had been prepared for the "Jubilee Year," got up in the primitive style of typography, the frontispiece being embellished with the Derby Allcroft crest enclosed in a garter, surmounted with the monogram "V.R." and the Imperial Crown, with other emblems and shields on either side. Soon after four o'clock Lodge was opened in form by the first Worshipful Master, and the "father and founder," Bro. John Derby Allcroft P.G.Tr., who was supported by Brothers Thomas Eccleston Gibb S.W. and W.M. elect, James Percy Fitzgerald J.W., E. Y. Jolliffe P.M. Treasurer, R. D. Cummings P.M. Secretary, Harold Halliday S.D., Joseph Corbett P.M. J.D., J. Muir Smith I.G., Henry Povey P.M. Dir. of Cer., Dr. James Haskins Organist, J. F. Davey, W. T. Wetenhall, C. Coutts Michie, W. F. Lord, L.D.S., and others, with Bro. George Harman Tyler. The Visitors included Bros. J. J. Knight W.S. 2005, B. Lyons P.M. 1227, J. Barnes 2202, G. S. Fairchild P.M. 1196, C. F. Quick J.D. 1531, J. Miles W.M. 180, T. W. Upton 1243, R. Perkins P.M. Treasurer 34, C. W. Read I.P.M. 1743, W. T. Perry 861, W. Cook P.M. 22, J. H. Dixon W.M. 27, H. T. Conolly W.M. 173, H. D. Gamble P.M. 857, P. Challin P.M. 3, W. Mackie P.M. 2050, H. Soper P.M. 704, S. Dyball S.D. 905, W. H. Froom P.M. 1657, T. Whiting 22, G. Glover 1677, E. W. Scatterwood P.M. 753, Richard Eve G. Treasurer, W. R. Brooks J.W. 32, Townley, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, and other preliminaries disposed of, Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bro. Walter Frewen was raised, the ceremony being well performed by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Subsequently Bro. Thomas Eccleston Gibb was presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald P.M., the Junior Warden of the Lodge, who acquitted himself admirably. On the re-admission 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, as follow:—Bros. John D. Allcroft P.G.Tr. I.P.M., James Percy Fitzgerald S.W., Harold Halliday J.W., E. Y. Jolliffe Treasurer, E. D. Cummings Secretary, Joseph Corbett S.D., J. Muir Smith J.D., W. T. Charles I.G., Henry Povey P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Dr. James Haskins Organist, J. F. Davey Steward, Charles Coutts Michie Steward, Harman Tyler. The charges were eloquently delivered, and the whole ceremony worked through in such a manner as to afford unqualified gratification to all present. After passing the Auditors' report, and dismissing several matters of routine, Lodge was closed in harmony, and with hearty good wishes for the coming year. Later in the evening the Brethren and their guests partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the new Master, whose geniality and urbanity during the evening added a zest to the otherwise highly enjoyable entertainment. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master said he was reminded of an incident that occurred to himself while sitting next to the Chairman at a public gathering. He asked what was best to say respecting this toast; and he (the speaker) replied that he should propose the health of the first woman in the world. This was undoubtedly the case, inasmuch as Her Majesty ruled over the greatest and most constitutional empire in the world. Speaking of the M.W. Grand Master, he did not know whether it was the example afforded him by his worthy mother, but if she was the first woman in the world, undoubtedly the Prince of Wales was the most popular man in the world. That popularity had been attained in a great measure by his devotion to any public duty he was called upon to discharge, and particularly his deep and active interest in the work of Freemasonry. He then proposed the G. Officers Present and Past, and in doing so said most of those present knew that Charity was a great fundamental principle of Freemasonry, Earl Carnarvon especially so regarded it, and his efforts on behalf of every charitable object brought before him were universally known and appreciated—especially on behalf of the young. The Deputy Grand Master was equally popular, and the Derby Allcroft Lodge was fortunate that evening, inasmuch as they had with them the present Grand Treasurer of England, Bro. Richd. Eve, and Bro. John Derby Allcroft, their esteemed Immediate Past Master and a Past Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge. Both these brethren had received their positions by the suffrages of the great body of the Craft. With respect to Bro. Allcroft he should have lending it his name. As long as he lived, and would be revered, not only in this Lodge, but Grand Treasurers of England. He (the speak Grand Treasurer as one very dear to him. Grand Master was the first Officer elected by t the Grand Treasurer was also an elective one. of the Grand Master to appoint men of pos offices, and when they considered the distingui calibre of the men so chosen, he felt that the their assisting in the administration of its present year the distinction of Past Grand ferred upon many eminent Masons, among sentatives of all the higher professions, Art, Medicine, the Law, Music, &c., exponents were all enrolled under the ban Undoubtedly much had been achieved b he was fully convinced that there was more to be got from it. What might be descr element" in Freemasonry was, in his opinion, development. They all recognised the Gr Universe, and were fully sensible of the re belief, but whether the principles of religio closely applied to active Masonic work wa peculiar interest. He again returned thanks which the toast of the Grand Officers had Immediate Past Master then gave the health W.M., and in the course of his observations the great advantages of Freemasonry was t various grades and classes together, where interchange of fraternal intercourse, and c common platform, those measures which were being of the Craft. He trusted Bro. Gibb mig prosperous year of office, and that his ruling n to the members generally of the Lodge. The W returning thanks for the exceedingly cordial re accorded to the toast, observed that he estee for so young a Mason to occupy the chair Lodge as this. He could hardly consider hims had known many men who were more Craftsmen than himself who had failed to att Whilst fully sensible of the great honour th upon him through the kindness of the Bret givings as to his own qualifications for the ad duties of so elevated a position. However, he strive, to the utmost of his power and ability, to the satisfaction of the members, and to pr welfare of the Lodge and the harmony of thei proposed the Immediate Past Master, whic toast of the evening. They were all aware held for many years by John Derby Allcrof He was one of the foremost of London's me recognised as one of the most benevolent and of the day. There was no institution having tion of the young, the alleviation of the con and afflicted, or the mitigation of human su the name of John Derby Allcroft stood high up supporters, and his support was of the most character. To-night, however, he referred t nection with their Lodge, and they would all played, in every sense of the word, a true M called upon the Brethren to join him in drin very pleasing duty to perform, and that was Past Master's jewel, which had been voted of the members. He then pinned on Bro. nificent gold jewel, set with diamonds, and with the motto of the Lodge, &c. On the was the following inscription:—"Presente Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer, with sincere by the Brethren of 2168, in warm appre services as their first W.M." That jewel the respect and esteem in which Bro. Al Brethren of the Lodge, and might be live join, as frequently as was compatible with h the working of the Lodge that was honoured Derby Allcroft I.P.M., who was received wi applause, said the W.M. had done him a gr and he thanked Bro. Gibb for the kindly and the Brethren for the cordiality with wh been received. He echoed the sentiment t namely, that he might long be associated was a well-known saying, to the effect tha man when all the world spoke well of him, danger in his own case. However, he ful expressions that had been uttered, though they had been a little toned. He the public positions he had filled through the citizens, and the many places of trust t time to time elected. He might remark sought none of those things, so that he felt of a man who had had honours thrust up much of his time as he possibly could to th

the Lodge a long career of future prosperity. The W.M. then gave the health of the Installing Master, and in doing so remarked that Bro. Fitzgerald had been the life of the Lodge, and on him a considerable amount of the work of the year had devolved. As Installing Master he had exceeded even the brilliant anticipations that had been formed of him. He paid a high tribute to the manner in which Bro. Fitzgerald had performed his duties in the Lodge, and these remarks were heartily endorsed by the Brethren. Brother Fitzgerald, in the course of his reply, said it afforded him infinite pleasure to do anything in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge, and he need hardly say he should continue to do so in future. He concluded some humorous remarks by assuring the Brethren that any service he could render would be always at their command. The Visitors were warmly received, and acknowledgments of the excellent working of the Lodge and the abundance of its hospitality were made by Bros. Connolly, Perkins, Dixon, and G. Fairchild. Speaking of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. took the opportunity of announcing that the charity-box had been passed round, and the sum of £2 8s 4d realised. This must be gratifying to the Treasurer, who wielded their purse strings with a judicious amount of care. He had evidenced a deep interest in the Lodge on the night of the Audit, and on all other occasions. They had a good Treasurer, supported by a good Secretary; in fact he doubted whether any more efficient Officers could be found in any Lodge. Bro. Jolliffe esteemed it a great honour to have been elected to the post he now filled, for he felt a deep interest in the Lodge. It would always afford him infinite pleasure to promote the advantage of the Lodge and the general well-being of its members. Bro. Cummings said the work that had devolved upon him was somewhat difficult in consequence of his lack of knowledge as to what was required of him. He was only a young Mason and new to the work, but he had been ably and kindly assisted by Bro. George Fairchild, to whom he tendered his heartfelt thanks. It was an immense reward to him to know that his efforts so far had been appreciated. Bro. H. Halliday acknowledged the compliment paid to the Officers of the Lodge, and the list was closed by the Tyler. It was a pleasant and refreshing feature of the evening that there was no wearisome waiting between the toasts, such as we find at many Masonic gatherings. A choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bros. J. Haskins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. A. Lester, Arthur Thompson and Robert Hilton. In addition to the very attractive items on the "book of words," Bro. Townley sang, with his accustomed humour, and Bro. G. Fairchild gave a humorous reading. The Grand Treasurer was also induced to contribute to the harmony, while Bro. Arthur Thompson favoured the company with an "extra" song, "Drink to me only with thine eyes," which was splendidly rendered by this rising young vocalist. It may thus be readily imagined that an unusually agreeable evening was enjoyed.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, at the Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, the 14th instant, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon P.M. presented a chromo-photograph, mounted in a handsome oak and gold frame, of Sir Charles Lemon, Bart. (a relative of the Rev. T. W. Lemon's father), bearing on the photograph the inscription:—

"Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., J.P., D.L., &c., of Carclew Park, Cornwall, M.P. for the county, and Prov. Grand Master of Freemasons of Cornwall—1843-1863; born 3rd September 1784; died 12th February 1868."

On the frame was a gold plate, on which was inscribed:—

"Presented to Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 (70 1205 and 2025), P.P.G. Chap. Devonshire. 14th November 1887."

Bro. Lemon explained that he intended presenting copies of this rare picture to the Grand Lodge of England, and Masonic Hall in Plymouth. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Brother E. S. Hendry P.M. and Secretary, on behalf of the Lodge. It is worthy of mention that there are now ten valuable pictures hanging on the walls of the Lodge, the gifts of Bro. Lemon, whose zeal and assiduity are well known throughout the Provinces.

LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Brightlingsea, on 31st ult., when Bro. John Downes was installed as W.M. by Bro. Alfred Tisley P.M. 8, Past Grand Steward England. The Officers for the year were appointed as under:—Bros. Rev. Jas. P. Britton P.P.G.C. I.P.M., Geo. Riches P.M. P.P.G.P. S.W., William Martin J.W., Rev. Arthur Pertwee P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, C. S. Blyth P.M. P.P.G.P. Treasurer, J. E. Wiseman P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Secretary, F. Cross S.D., Herbert J.D., Wiseman D.C., J. Chaplin I.G., Pitt and Drake Stewards, Wilson Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Tisley for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, a capital repast being served by the host, Mr. Harmer. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were honoured and some good songs and recitations were given by the

LODGE OF ST. JOHN

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took 9th inst., at the Three Nuns' Hotel, ing Brethren assembled:—Bros. J. G. Tw J. Oxley J.W., W. O. Twetman S.D., H. J I.G., W. McCreddie Secretary; also Bros. V J. Magrath P.M., A. G. Clements P.M. A. F. C. Dickson, and A. Lloyd Stewards, J. W. Perry, J. E. Payne, H. Parker, C. Da W. Halcrow, C. Schultz. Visitors: W. 1445, W. J. Basset W.M. 212, J. Piper 107 1278, H. Sherwin 1076. Lodge opened in of the previous meeting were read and co proceeded to ballot for the initiation of were declared unanimously elected. T announced the raising of Bro. Waters, bu candidates for initiation, failed to attend, the initiation of Messrs. Alfred John Gibbs the O.B. Messrs. Thos. Edward Hall and introduced, and the ceremony worked on part was completed in the presence of all fo business offering, the Lodge was closed in till the second Wednesday in January 1888, decided to dispense with two meetings i May and December. The Brethren afterw banquet, served under the personal superi the manager. After grace had been su usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, all of w This being the anniversary of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., a telegr despatched during the evening, congra completion of his forty-sixth year, and received from Sandringham, as follows:- thanks the brethren of the Lodge of St. Jo gratulations received." In proposing the W.M. referred to the pleasure it had given tlemen in one evening; he had contempla well. There had been a fresh candidate pr new year; he was glad to know he had before him. He hoped the Initiates of the make good use of the lessons taught the were sound lessons, and he was sure they them. The Initiates severally responded, tion at being received into the Order. Th good and worthy members of the Lodge. health of the W.M., and in reply the W.M he had always done his best, so would he do all he could for the interest and welfa particularly pleased to have so many ready him; this made his efforts a real pleasure. toasted, each responding, and expressing t them to be present. Bro. Myers partic W.M. and the Lodge generally for its goo witnessed by him that evening could almost the variations that he noticed were very always a pleasure to him to attend the Lodg toast was that of the P.M.'s—they had a po those they had were regular, as well as Brother Magrath D.C., who was alwa be present when there was a call; he spec seeing after their little comforts, and was i a useful P.M. Next in order came Bro. Cl knew what he was, and what he could do; his attendance and never deserted them i Bro. P.M. Clements really studied the inte could deny, and as a proof of this he m previous meeting they would remember initiation were proposed, while six were calling that night's meeting. In the inter announcement of the sixth candidate's n allowed by Art. 185 in the Book of Cons necessitated a special dispensation from t the present time in his possession, but wh needed; however, he (the W.M.) had expres brethren that as soon as Bro. Clement and observed the names of six candidate letter from him by return of post, and s come, calling his attention to the neces-sa W.M.) had however not overlooked thi it was to him satisfactory to know from doing what he, perhaps from la not to do, and he mentioned this n what great interest the P.M.'s took in the Next came Bro. Holdom I.P.M., who was hi Brother, the brethren knew that he could regularly as others, but that was not his him to all parts of the country, and at all cumstances the brethren could not expect briefly responded. The toast of the Officer

Crammack D.C., Watkinson acting I.G., Carter Steward, Calvert Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. McGachen, Barstow, Buckle, B.A., J. Sykes Rymer (Lord Mayor elect), Balmford, Kirby, Foster, M.D., Garbutt, Draper, and Col. the Hon. H. Legg; Bros. Rawling, Dr. Grimshaw, Jones, Powell, Bryson, Hick, Archey, Swift, Anderson, Sellers, Simmons, Kendall, Sanderson, and others. Visitors—Bros. Fitton P.M. 1783, Cocking S.W. 2035, Ennecott 630, Anderson 198 (I.C.), Muscroft Taylor 200, Kay Secretary, Archer, Coates, Scott, Blenkin P.M., Dyson S.W., Smith, Pook, Spetch, Brown W.M., Sharp, Storey, and Hall, all of 1611, and the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett D.P.G.M. North and East Yorks. The Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Wilson duly raised by the W.M., in his well known able manner. The charge was given by Bro. Todd P.M. Treasurer P.P.G.S.W., who was in his usual excellent form. It was announced that Brother Rooke P.M. would attend as Steward from this Lodge at the Girls' School Festival. Brother Muscroft Taylor, of the Old York Lodge, No. 200, was proposed as a joining member, and there being no further business, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, to which the singing brethren all contributed, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

GREYFRIARS LODGE, No, 1101.

ON Tuesday the 8th instant, the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There was a large attendance of brethren. At the previous meeting of the Lodge, Bro. Henry Creed, a very zealous and popular member of the Craft, had been elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed with great skill and accuracy by Bro. Ravenscroft, who has filled the office of W.M. during the past year. After he had received the benefit of installation, the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Ravenscroft I.P.M., C. Slaughter Senior Warden, J. Greenaway Junior Warden, Hakins Senior Deacon, F. H. Sparrow Junior Deacon, F. Brown Inner Guard, J. T. Stransom Treasurer, Ernest Ridley Secretary, T. J. Pulley Director of Ceremonies, Stewart and Hodder Stewards. The Immediate Past Master was then presented with a very handsome jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. The W.M., in "decorating" the I.P.M., referred in warm terms to the services rendered to the Lodge by Brother Ravenscroft, to his devotion to the cause of Masonry, his acquaintance with the ritual, and his zeal for charity. In illustration of the latter, it was stated that Bro. Ravenscroft had acted as a Steward at the last Festival of one of the Masonic institutions, the Boys' School, and had taken up more than £70. The I.P.M. suitably returned thanks. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg conferred certain Provincial honours, which were to be bestowed in commemoration of the Jubilee year. Four brethren were to be appointed Past Provincial Grand Senior Wardens. They were Bros. Grace, F. J. Ferguson, Grisbrook and Robinson. In distributing these honours, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master dilated on the services of the brethren who were the recipients. Before Lodge closed, the brethren requested the W.M. to send a letter of sympathy to Past Master Pulley Dir. of Cers., regretting that he was suffering from illness, and expressing sincere wishes for his recovery. After the business of the Lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was served in admirable style by Bro. W. G. Flanagan. The W.M. presided, and about seventy brethren were present. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the Grand Master of England the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past. For the Grand Officers Bro. R. Bradley returned thanks. He said it was the first time that he had had the honour of returning thanks for that toast. At the great meeting at the Albert Hall in the summer he had had the office of Past Grand Sword Bearer conferred on him, and he appreciated very highly the distinction that had been bestowed on him. He spoke of the grandeur of the spectacle at the Albert Hall, and the magnificent effect produced when the six thousand brethren joined in singing the National Anthem. The health of the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks (Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart.), the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Grand Officers Present and Past was next proposed. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg Deputy Provincial Grand Master responded. The Worshipful Master was next given, and was received with the utmost heartiness. The Masonic Institutions was the next toast. Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, returned thanks, and referring to the Institution with which he is connected, said it was in danger of being overshadowed in consequence of the approaching Centenary of the Girls' School. He hoped, however, that the claims of the boys would not be altogether forgotten. Latterly they had had great anxiety in consequence of an outbreak of scarlet fever in the School. Between forty and fifty of the boys had been attacked, and three or four of the cases had been of a malignant type, but fortunately none had proved fatal. The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. E. J. Blackwell, and responded to by Bro. Tomkins (Abingdon), W. H. Belcher (Newbury), and others. [illegible]

QUATUOR CORONATI LODG

AS time only permitted us to give a short ings last week, this week we fill up that of the paper read, and the discussion which as W.M., read a paper on English Freemason by all his usual force of style and coherency o the history into certain epochs, and thus bro of his auditory how large a field the History covered, and how much there was yet to e Bro. Gould put forth, with his usual forcible several points incidentally, on many of which t ment among students, while on others there is by no means general acquiescence, but as the intended to be controversial, and was written to keep up the good custom of lectures, the ground for anything like protracted discussi to think that the lectures before the Quatu more educational and elementary than had u though he confessed there were difficulties in that perhaps a "Syllabus of Lectures" mig up on a principle, and binding to some distin said the evidences of Scottish Masonry ough admitted how very little was known of the a time when, in 1717, the Masons in Londo union and organisation. As is well known, great work "The History of Freemasonry," the same theory he here suggested, and he ability on the difficulties which still surrou the student. He concluded his paper with hope that the educational value of the Q advance with each meeting of the Lodge. Br a vote of thanks to the W.M., expressed his Bro. Gould as to the desirability of kee tional character of the papers; but, like Br difficulties in the way, which, however, would no doubt sensibly modify and He was inclined to think, as an old studen traditions of the Craft had a "substratum" o connecting link was not yet quite clear whic of 1717 with previous Masonic Lodges, we sh evidence thereanent. From 1370 downward evidence that the Masonic Guilds or Lodges tion of some kind, and though there was a br the sixteenth century, it would not be i eventually the Masonry of 1717 with that doubtedly existed in the seventeenth centur alluded to the Molach Register, and one or t the Antiquity MS. of 1686, to which Brother reference to the attesting names of Bray a cluded by proposing a vote of thanks to Brot and interesting lecture. This proposition w after a few remarks, was carried by acc acknowledged the vote in warm, amusing, and

PRUDENCE LODGE, N

THE annual meeting of this popular and held on the 12th inst., at Leeds, un circumstances. The Lodge opened promptly about one hundred Masons were present. W. P.P.G. Treas., assumed the gavel for the supported by W. Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M W. Bro. Watson J.W., Bros. R. Abbott Treas Chas. Middleton Secy., S. S. Young S.D., Atkinson I.G., Butterworth Steward, B. S. Bai Butler, J. Pendleton, R. A. Smithson, H. B C. Cryer, and J. Redmayne. The Minutes of been confirmed, the following past and preser West Yorks were admitted:—The R.W. P.G.M H. Smith, Rev. Dr. Smyth Grand Chaplain Bullock P.P.G. Chap., Rev. W. S. Turnbull Binney P.P.G. Registrar, V.W. Bro. Dr. Pur P.G. Chaplain of England, Major Moore P.P. Superintendent of Works, E. Hemmingway P Monckman P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, J. W. Kay P.P.G.D., D. Glover P.P.G. Di Rev. E. W. Makinson P.P.G. Chaplain, W. and Chairman of the Charity Committee of P.P.G.S.B., H. G. E. Green Prov. Grand S P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies. The follow present:—A. Scarth 289, J. Brownfoot 301, W. Flockton 1042, R. Harris 1221, J. Mackail 2134 and P.P.G.S.B., North and East Yorks. I in addition to many others, were the Rev. H. F. G. Dimery P.M. 1755, and F. J. Last 387 Masters having been opened, W. Bro. Trevor installed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. C. L. M brethren below the rank of the Chair havin

has increased my regard for it, so that now my veneration of the system is, if possible, greater than ever, such a spirit of order and dignity has pervaded your proceedings, and it is being repeated in I know not how many Lodges throughout the country, as cannot fail to have a most beneficial influence. I know of nothing that is more needed in the country at this moment than the spirit of order which is one of the characteristics of Freemasonry. In these days especially, we must look to the great body of Freemasons to spread throughout the country that spirit of order which is so essential to our prosperity. A procession was then formed to conduct the Dean to the portals of the Lodge, and he left during the hearty cheering of his brethren. The W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow, addressing to each suitable words of advice :—Bros. William Watson P.M. S.W., Charles Middleton J.W., Rev. James Rosser Chaplain, Robert Abbott (re-elected) Treasurer, Samuel Scott Young Secretary. John James Fretwell S.D., Tom Atkinson J.D., Rev. T. Smyth, D.D. LL.D., P.M. Grand Chaplain of England D.C., Arthur Butterworth I.G., Benjamin Sykes Bailey Steward, Lewis Howarth Organist and Steward, Samuel Barrand (re-elected) Tyler. Bro. Watson was re-elected Charity Member of Lodge, and the W.M. and S.W. were elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of the Local Charity. The W.M. then on behalf of the Lodge presented to Bro. Mason a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so alluded to the unvarying kindness and urbanity of the recipient, who possessed the esteem not only of the members of the Lodge Prudence, but of every Mason in the Province. The P.G.M. Bro. Tew, in pinning on the jewel supplemented the kindly remarks of the W.M., and expressed his personal indebtedness to Bro. Mason for the many services rendered to the Craft in West Yorks. Bro. Mason suitably responded. Dr. Smyth Senior Grand Chaplain of England moved a vote of condolence to Bro. W. Storey, who has lost a dear daughter; a similar vote was moved by Bro. Fretwell on behalf of Bro. Robinson, whose family circle has been thinned by death. Both votes were carried in sympathetic silence. The P.G.M. then shortly addressed the brethren, and urged Treasurers to at once forward to Wakefield the monies they had in hand towards the 2,000 guinea Jubilee Fund which has been raised by the Province, that the matter may be closed without delay. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast was in waiting, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony. It should be added that in the course of the proceedings Bro. Mason presented to each of his Officers a photo of himself in Masonic clothing, also a printed copy of his paper on Freemasonry, read before the Lodge at its last meeting, as a memento of a happy year.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At the meeting at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C., on Thursday, 17th inst., at 6·30 p.m. Present—Bros. Bellchamber W.M., Pitt S.W., Eisenmann J.W., Rosenfeldt S.D., Lazarus J.D., Gomme I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Paddle P.M. Treasurer, Ball Secretary, Baber P.M., Whitehouse, Barrett, Munday, Rusb, and others. Lodge was opened, and previous minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whitehouse acting as candidate, and the questions for proficiency were duly put and answered. Lodge was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Whitehouse proved proficiency as F.C. Lodge was opened in M.M. degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The M.M. and F.C. Lodges were then closed with full ceremony. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Bellchamber for his most able and efficient working as W.M., and, after the election of Bro. Pitt as W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, the 24th inst.—same place and time. The Benevolent Fund of this Lodge of Instruction is making vigorous progress, and brethren are cordially invited to join. All information concerning this fund can be obtained from Bro. W. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., "Cothelstone," Darenth Road, Stamford Hill, N.

The Duke of Connaught was on Saturday last installed a District Grand Master under the English Constitution, and Past Grand Master under the Scottish Constitution, at Bombay.

We again call the attention of our Surrey brethren to the meeting of the Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst. It is anticipated there will be a large gathering to hear Bro. James Stevens' Lecture. Lodge will be opened punctually at 7 p.m.

The new serial stories which the Editor of *Cassell's Magazine* has arranged to appear in the New Volume are, "Monica, or, Stronger than Death," by Evelyn Everett Green, author of "Torwood's Trust," and "By Misadventure," by Frank Barrett, author of "Hidden Gold." Both will be commenced in the December Part.

Holloway's Pills are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperature. In short, these Pills afford relief if they

it attended the laying of the foundation ston
the Prince of Wales as Grand Master officiate
be stated at the luncheon. So wealthy a body
reputed to be might do worse than contribu
of the first Gothic Cathedral built in England
They gave £4000 some years ago towards
Institution—could not they give say a quar
Grand Master the Duke of Cornwall, as
Cathedral in which he has shown so great a
out the suggestion for the benefit of the Craf
church in Cornwall.

We have before pointed out that it is outside the Province of Grand Lodge capacity, to subscribe in these cases. do their share in all "home" matters, it is fitting to advocate Grand Lodge l to such purposes.

Lord Derby has recently expressed the well-instructed people is no less than a ques nation, and he specially commends Compet ships, &c., as valuable agencies for the diffu teaching. A propos of this, it may be menti *Cassell's Magazine* has prepared a schem University, of which details are given in the

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The walls of the Masonic Temple in pro:e port, Iowa, are rising rapidly, and have alr proportions. It will be, when finished, on complete structures of the kind in the West.

A legacy has been left Tarbolton Lodge which Robert Burns was a member, with whic a Masonic Hall to the memory of the poet-Fr

Whom to Black Ball.—When a man ta flippant way, saying, as we heard a man say to join a Lodge to see what those fellows do the Masonic goat," it may be well to hold all

A new Commandery of Knights Temp Beausеant, was constituted by the Grand Co setts and Rhode Island at Malden, Mass., on

The bodies of the Ancient Accepted Sc Ohio, held their seventh annual réunion on 17

Hon. John Wentworth, of Chicago, usual is a member of Oriental Lodge, the oldest has been a Mason for forty years.

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has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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PROV. G. LODGE WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held at Barnsley, on Monday, 24th October. The Portal Lodge, No. 127, having been opened, the Provincial Grand Master and Officers entered. There were present the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Bro. C. L. Mason; C. F. Matier P.G.W. as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, George Althorp Prov. G.S.W., J. H. Gration Prov. G.J.W., W. F. Tomlinson Prov. G.M.O., — Darling as Prov. G.S.O., Dr. Pugh as Prov. G.J.W., Rev. Dr. Smyth P.G. Chaplain of England as Prov. Grand Chaplain, W. R. Massie Prov. Grand Registrar, W. Cooke P.G.O. of England Prov. Grand Secretary, George Hill Prov. G.S.D., — Bennett as P.G.S.O., H. A. Styring Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, E. J. Massie Prov. G.D.C., Francis Smith Prov. G.Asst. D.C., Charles Greenwood P.G. Sword Bearer, Henry Smith P.G. Standard Bearer, George Wragg P.G. Organist, Frederick Barber P.G.I.G., Ackroyd, Howden, Locking, and Dewhurst P.G. Stewards, Barrand as P.G. Tyler. The Prov. Grand Mark Master having been saluted in accordance with

their proceedings, and to show that t
existing amongst them. Bro. C. I
Assistant Grand Secretary, had co
London to say a few words of enco
all their visitors they gave a hearty w
Grand Master stated that it was
regret that he had received from Bro
tion as Deputy Prov. G. Master.
during the four years that Bro. Luki
had proved himself to be a true man an
had taken a great interest in our Orde
endeavoured to promote its usefulness
was the chief promoter of the Princ
Ripon. It was not only in Masonry t
distinguished himself, he was also an Ar
of no mean repute. He desired mo
Bro. Lukis for all his kind services,
whole province would join in expre
and they all trusted that the rest t
taking would tend to restore his hea
life for many a year to come. Whilst
the loss of Bro. Lukis' services, he had
as no doubt they were already aware,
the Deputyship to V.W. Bro. Rev
Chaplain of England, that he had m
it. He knew that Dr. Smyth posse
every Mason in West Yorks, and that h
erudite Brother, who would bring with
of a forty years' connection with
During the year we have lost one of th
Officers, Bro. James Gooding Lee, of
Grand Junior Deacon, had only jus
Masonic meeting in the Albert Hall, or
when suddenly, without warning, tha
whose bidding none can gainsay. Su
place "in that building not made wi
the Heavens." To his family, in the
Grand Lodge, he desired to tender th
Acting on the resolution passed at
Prov. Grand Lodge, Official Registers
and he desired to impress on the Mas
of the several Lodges the great necess
properly written up and kept in acco
Provincial Bye Laws. Patents had bee
brethren who desired to have them.
desired their kind attention to the Pro
also to the services of Bro. Matier r
Charities. He thanked them all for
and assured them that as long as he h
whether as their Prov. Grand Mast
would do all he could to promote the w
of the Order, and more especially the s
Province. The Prov. Grand Master
the Assistant Grand Secretary were se
the roll of Lodges being called, every
ince was represented. The M.W. E
then presented to take the obligation a
Grand M.M.M. The Provincial Grand
ing Dr. Smyth said, he considered
having such a learned Brother to
government of the Province, and than
accepting the appointment. Having
Bro. Dr. Smyth was duly invested wit
and placed in his chair and properly
Bro. Dr. Smyth, in an eloquent speech, t
for their hearty reception. The Prov
then appointed and invested his Off
year:—

Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England	...	...	P
H. S. Holdsworth P.M.	...	...	S
J. L. Atherton P.M.	...	...	J
W. R. Massie P.M.	...	...	M
George Hill P.M. 111	...	...	S
H. A. Styring P.M.	...	...	J
Rev. W. Dunn	...	...	C
G. Normanton P.M. (elected)		...	T
E. J. Massie P.M.	...	...	I
William Cooke P.G.O.	...	...	S
Francis Smith P.M.	...	...	S
C. Greenwood P.M.	...	...	J

Billington 127	...	...	...
Hewitt 53	...	...	... Stewards
T. Gaukroger 14		...	...
T. J. Gree 58	...	...	...

The R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W., Assistant Grand Secretary, then addressed the meeting on the question of the Mark Charities, pointing out the great benefits attending them, and urging the Brethren to support them. His appeal was responded to, and several Brethren gave their names as Stewards for the next Festival. An invitation was given for the next Provincial meeting to be held at Sheffield. The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Brethren for their invitation, and asked them to renew it next time, as he wished to hold the next meeting in Huddersfield. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Barnsley Brethren for their arrangements and reception of Prov. Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

REVIEWS.

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Sepher Yetzirah; the Book of Formation. Translated from the Hebrew, by Bro. W. Wynn Westcott. Bath: Robert Fryar.

THE work which Bro. Westcott now submits to our notice is a remarkable treatise of the Hebraic occult learning, which has necessarily much interest for the votaries of that mysterious lore.

Bro. Westcott, who is a Hebrew scholar, is also well known as the author of a treatise on the "Isiac Tablet," lately reviewed in our columns, and of other occult and mediæval works, and is a leading member of the increasing band of occult students.

In his hands the translation has been admirably performed. The Sepher Yetzirah, or Book of Formation, is believed to be the oldest work extant in Hebrew on the Theosophy or Theogony of the Jewish race, and as an outcome of the old world Rabbinical or cabalistic teaching, on the subject of the world's creation.

It has been ascribed to Abraham, to Rabbi Simeon Ben Jochai A.D. 70, to Rabbi Akibah A.D. 120, and we believe to others.

Graetz considers it Gnostic, and about A.D. 300, while Yung holds it to be post Talmudic, and about 900 A.D., at the earliest.

But as it is apparently mentioned in the Babylon and Jerusalem Talmuds, and was also admitted by "Rashi" later as an early work, it is most probable that it is a relic really of the great Rabbinical College at Babylon, and that therefore its parentage may fairly be described to Rabbi Simeon Ben Jochai, which is the Hebrew tradition moreover on the subject. Of course its Abrahamic origin, or date, is a harmless ascription of Rabbinical mythos. It was first printed about the middle of the sixteenth century, and several commentaries of it exist and several versions. It has had its commentators, such as the well-known Judah Halevi and Ben Ezra. Hermetic students will find it sometimes termed "Abrami Patriarchæ Liber;" but though it is not Abramic, it is of very early date, as we have before shown, and as Bro. Westcott fairly puts it, "the crystallization of several centuries of tradition by one writer," though, as he adds rightly, "it has been added to from time to time by later writers."

As resulting from the cabalistic lore of the great Rabbinical school of Theosophy and mystic teaching and occult learning, it naturally has had a charm for earlier Hermetic students, and is now put out by the new occult school rising up amongst us as a necessary "supplement" to the mysterious and astounding treatises on kindred subjects contained in "Zohar."

But it would require a long and very abstruse review, far too exacting for our pages, to follow out here the clue given to the rapt students in the "32 Paths."

Our readers, if bitten by the ideas and views of the occult school, or interested in such peculiar studies, anxious to tap the hidden wisdom of the ages past and gone, must follow it up and study it for themselves, within the lines laid down by the Scribe of Sepher Yetzirah. And sufficiently abstruse, difficult and enigmatical they will find it, without a commentary from us, which as often happens may clear up little, leave obscurity where it was before, and difficulty where it still exists.

Commentators, as we all know, are too apt to leap over the most difficult passages, and where we want light we often can find none.

The study of occultism is clearly on the increase amongst us, though what its practical, scientific and expert value will eventually prove to be, time alone can show us, and it is very difficult if not impossible now accurately to predict.

Some writers seem to question the reality and utility of such studies, on the ground of the old French proverb that the "game is not worth the candle," and that when we have disentombed the remains of occultism from the grave of the past, we have practically found nothing. We confess we do not agree with such objectors. There is no doubt an abuse of such speculation and studies, but there is also a use, and though the "jargon of Hermeticism," as it has been

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THE HIRAM LODGE

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S C

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Much as I alway rally coincide with our esteemed friend and Br I am free to confess that I cannot follow hi deliverance anent Oxnard's Charter and the H I am unable to accept any one of the positions I must, therefore, ask you once again, in the in a worthy body of brethren, and in the name o consequences involved in the discussion, "audir

I would premise that, in my humble opini laid down certain postulates which are not English Masonic precedent or statute law, custom or common law.

1. As regards the first great precedent he respect of his too broadly stated proposition 12th instant, that any Lodge on joining a Gra a new one with other Lodges, ceased to have authority of the Charter granted by the Mothe facto," I need hardly add that utterly fails h that in 1813 any Atholl Lodge took out a ne to work under the Charter granted by the Moth facto,"—the original warranting Grand Lodge.

No doubt this is American law and unde extent, but I know of no English authority for

There certainly is no precedent for the assum of Recognition is identical with a Charter of actual rights of the original grantee, as emanat grantor, are superseded by an "ex post facto nition; such Charter tending rather to validate than to weaken or obliterate the rights and creation altogether.

In the case of Canada the original Warrants voluntarily, indeed officially by vote of the G as Brother Hughan puts it, to be returned as re looms if you will.

But in the case of the Hiram Lodge there wa render, neither in the directions of the Gran there any idea of favour or condescension.

The members of the Hiram Lodge produced of 1750 good, legal, binding, a copy of which tered, and the original Charter, the source of authority for their Masonic work, the guaran privileges, and immunities, was returned to the how anything that was done in 1789 affects Oxn of Creation, or Warrant of Masonic organisa Recognition gave, so to say, no doubt a *dug* Lodge, and there may be a concurrent author no sense whatever, all American later legislati standing, can Oxnard's Charter be superseded it ever been abandoned by the Hiram Lodge.

2. The Grand Lodge of England did not take as from 1768 to 1813 Oxnard's patented Lodg of English Lodges.

It is not difficult to realise why, in 1813, it new Union List of Warranted Lodges under th of England.

3. Bro. Hughan puts far too strongly in every vote of a "constitutional majority" in any Gi tion between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut is based on the landmarks in use in the L before the Grand Lodge itself was formed.

Whether the matter involved be actually pass by at present; sufficient for the purpose,— far as I know, on both sides.

But if Bro. Hughan is right in what he lays passing a vote on a similar question by a con is impossible to enter into the reasonableness o with a disciplinary act, and other Grand Lodg Record "sub silentio," and are "estopped" fro from a critical or discussional point of view. Lodge has, however, acted quite differently on

When a foreign Grand Lodge, by "a co pres d a resolution excluding Hebrews from it (then G.O.) took a different view of the matte up by the G. Lodge.

That was the case of a landmark certainly. it as necessarily binding on such a ground.

So, again, when the French G. Orient alte the English G. Lodge did not hesitate to refuse tically censured the G. Orient, and, in co American G. Lodges, broke off intercourse, th passed by a "constitutional majority."

Indeed, a moment's consideration will show is fatal to the liberties and landmarks of u

ieration of its claims to an impartial hearing.

4. There comes in here the very serious question of the original contract, when Hiram Lodge joined the Grand Lodge in 1789.

There must always be two or more parties to a contract, and there an express or implied contract, as in this case, where Hiram Lodge, ting from 1750 and working by a legal Warrant, merged its dividuality in a more modern body in 1789.

No doubt it is difficult to say what a Grand Lodge can or cannot , but Hiram Lodge has a legal and equitable claim, "ex debito stitiæ," and all Masonic precedent. Hiram Lodge can fairly say, By such a resolution against our original agreement you break the ntract and compact we entered into mutually about one hundred ars ago, and I therefore fall out respectfully from your roll, and ll back on my original Masonic life and source,—Oxnard's unimached and unimpeachable Charter."

And here I pause to-day.

I might say a good deal more now, or may say it during the dission. We now are only at the beginning of it, but I leave a good sal to say on a more convenient season. I will only add that, in y opinion, if Hiram Lodge is compelled, either by harsh treatment what jurists term "force majeure," to fall back on Oxnard's harter, it is still a legally warranted and working Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

LEX.

THE LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to Bro. Brennan I would just efer him to Bro. Sadler's recent interesting work, "Masonic Facts and ictions," as therein he will see, despite his assumptions and views n the subject matter and Mackey's landmark, that before 1717, and fter for a long while, many Lodges must have worked "*Warrantless*," nd yet were held by the Grand Lodge of 1717 "good and worthy lasons," and received into favour, and acknowledged, without question as to their Freemasonry when they joined the Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

We reproduce the following from the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 8th August 1887 :—

FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—As there are many English Masons who have been, or may shortly be, called upon to vote for or against the formation of a Grand Lodge in this colony, and many of whom are ignorant of the reasons why the Grand Lodge of England has refused to recognise the Grand Lodge of New South Wales as a legally-constituted body of Masons, and who may also wish to know whether the formation of a Grand Lodge in this colony, and an amalgamation, would be legal and beneficial or otherwise to the English Masons, I think it my duty to give them any information I can on the subject; and I may here remark that what I have to say with respect to English Masons will also be applicable to Scotch and Irish Masons.

The origin of the New South Wales Constitution briefly was this. In the year 1877 there were 86 Lodges in this colony; 13 of these held that, according to Masonic law, any three or more Lodges in a district where is no Grand Lodge could form themselves into one—which they did, and then applied to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland to recognise them as a legally-constituted body of Masons. All the Grand Lodges refused to recognise them, holding that it was an absurd thing to state (amongst English Masons, at all events) that three Lodges thus form a Grand Lodge, because if it were so the minority could rule the majority. For instance, if we had had at that time 300 Lodges in this district, and only three of them chose to form themselves into a Grand Lodge, the remaining 297 Lodges would then have to come in and be ruled by these three Lodges, or else become irregular. Moreover, the laws for the government of Masons were fully set forth in the Book of Constitution, and not only was so much power therein given, but that therein (amongst other things) every Master was required to promise to conform to the edicts of the Grand Lodge, and admit that no Lodge could be opened without the consent of the Grand Master, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular Lodge or to any person initiated therein.

The Grand Lodge of England (which is the parent of all Grand Lodges) at the same time stated that they were quite willing to give the necessary permission to form a Grand Lodge in this colony at any time the majority of Masons may desire one. On the arrival of Lord Carrington in this colony, the New South Wales Constitution presented him with an address, when he informed them that he, as an English Mason, could not recognise them as Masons. Afterwards, at a banquet given to him by the English and Scottish Masons, he said he would like to see an amalgamation of all the Masons in this colony, if it could be done in a legal and constitutional manner.

I have thus endeavoured to show without comment, as far as I can, all the facts connected with the history of the New South Wales Constitution. The next question every English Mason should consider is, What advantage will the English Masons obtain from the satisfied party to the Grand Lodge of England, where it the calm and able consideration of some of Great Britai and most able statesmen and lawyers, and should an err committed, it will be by them rectified.

The Grand Lodge of England has always shown District Grand Lodge the love of a parent for its offspri only recently we have again had evidence of this fact ferring of Grand Lodge honours on our Present and District Grand Masters and our present Dist Secretary. Now, I would ask every English Ma we want to alter this state of things, and what be we derive by severing ourselves from the Lodge of th country from which we have all sprung, and of which feel proud, and obtaining a Grand Lodge here? We sh own Master, but this we practically do now, for we n District Grand Master, and then the Grand Lodge appoi should make our laws; but should we derive any bene that? Can we in any way improve upon those at amalgated by the Grand Lodge of England? We should send any fees to the Grand Lodge of England, but all now is 7s 6d (out of every initiation fee of at least £6 6 the registration of the Mason and his certificate, and for had a Grand Lodge in this colony, we could not get for Our funds, which amount to about £18,000, would have shared with the other Constitutions.

I consider, from the above facts, that it will be evi benefit will be obtained by the formation of a Grand Lo withstanding this, if the majority of the Masons think mation of a Grand Lodge in this colony be desirable should include the present self-styled Grand Lodge Wales, why let us remember "that to err is huma divine," and if the members of the New South Wales choose to return to us, like the Prodigal Son, and confe let us at once (with the consent of the Grand Lodg forgive them, and receive them as Brethren and be for Grand United Lodge.

In conclusion, let me remind every Mason of the nob our Grand Master H. A., who in the hour of trial rema true to the trust reposed in him, and which, I hope, eve like wise do, and fully consider the duties he owes to the of England, before giving a vote upon the important m or shortly may be, submitted to him; that he will rej with the New South Wales Constitution unless upon I have above mentioned; that he will not be so bas forget his obligation, and consent to join or become a u self-styled New South Wales Constitution, but will rem true to his vow and promise, and until a Grand Lodge upon the conditions above mentioned; that he will still to the guidance of his noble and revered old chief, Ri Brother Williams, who has spent a lifetime in fighting Masonry in this colony, and reared it from its infancy majestic proportions.

I am,

Sydney, 5th August.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51

THE annual meeting of this Chapter took place 10th November, and passed off with very gre chief business of the evening was the installation of th Comps. Richard Clowes as Z., George Harrison as H., as J.—and the ceremony was most ably performed M.E.Z., Comp. Jno. J. C. Turner P.P.G.O. The Chapter were invested as under:—Comps. John P.P.G.O. I.P.Z., T. J. Ralling P.Z. P.G.S.B.Eng. Pr A. S. B. Spurling S.N., W. P. Lewis P.Z. Treasurer, J. Poppleton and Osmond A.S., Munson Janitor. At the vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Turner for the displayed in performing a most difficult ceremony, a of the M.E.Z. that he should be presented by subs P.Z.'s jewel was cordially agreed to. Comp. T acknowledged the compliment. At the close of the b 30 and 40 Companions dined together at the Three Co the genial presidency of the M.E.Z., who said he posing the toasts, set an example of short speeches, w those who responded would follow, in order that t might enjoy the musical programme. This was ca most charming selection of vocal and instrumen rendered by Miss Louisa Distin, Madame Helen He Taylor, Comp. Theodore Distin, Mr. Theodore Comp. G. F. Smith.

We propose to reprint, in our next issue, Bro. Drummond, from the *Masonic Tyke* Maine, U.S., which has been forwarded Gould-Yorston controversy.

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follow "Sophia" as Mr. Henry A. Jones's "Heart of Hearts." True to nature, and a story that may happen in every-day life, it is sure to prove acceptable, but when, coupled with this, we have a play that is not strained in any one point, and is written in terse, flowing style, it is all the more sure of proving successful. That "Heart of Hearts" is a piece of this description we say without fear of contradiction; not only are the characters well drawn, but they are drawn from life—a thing that some authors do not deem a necessity. Another great point in favour of Mr. Jones's latest work is that he has introduced plenty of the comic element. Naturally, where a heroine gets falsely accused of theft the play runs on serious lines, but these are bountifully relieved by the comic characters. Lucy Robins, the heroine, has a secret; her father is a good-for-nothing "gaol-bird." This is the more cruel for Lucy as she has been educated at the expense of Harold Fitzralf, to whom she is engaged. Lucy is harshly treated by Harold's mother, but the heroine strives to please her future mother-in-law. Difficulties ensue; Lucy's uncle, James Robins, is butler to the family. Harold does all he can to make things go smoothly, but when Lady Fitzralf's bracelet is stolen, suspicion at once falls on Lucy. Of course she is innocent, and when she is left alone, her father, who has managed to enter unseen, tells Lucy that it was he who stole the bracelet, but, now penitent, he wishes it restored. Lucy at once offers to put it back, and pledges her word that she will not reveal the secret. After she has sent her father away, some one sees Lucy handling the bracelet, but, true to her promise, she refuses to give any account of how it came into her possession. Consequently, everybody, with the exception of her uncle, naturally believes her guilty of having stolen it. Here the story reaches its climax; the dilemma that Lucy is placed in producing a most powerful situation. How, in the third and last act, Lucy's uncle manages to clear her, we will leave to the reader's imagination; still we may state that it is brought about by Robins' alliance with Miss Wilhelmina. The scenes between these two characters are very amusing; the secret marriage, known to no one save themselves, gives scope for plenty of fun. They are living under the same roof, but they strive to keep their secret from other members of the household. Of course this is rather absurd, but then it is amusing—a feature that goes a long way on the stage. When we say that Mr. T. Thorne and Miss Sophie Larkin impersonate these two characters, it will easily be realised to what advantage they shine. Mr. Thorne has not had a part that suits him better for years, while Miss Larkin lends him capital help. It would have been difficult to find a better Lucy than that Miss Kate Rorke made; full of natural charm, tender, loveable, and affectionate, Miss Rorke made her part stand out clear, and one could not help feeling sorrow for the way in which she was treated. Mr. Leonard Boyne came out well as Harold, but it is not a showy part; while Mr. Royce Carleton will do better, as Lucy's father, later on. Mr. Fred Thorne gave a life-like presentment of a doctor, and Mr. Gilbert Farquhar was fairly good as an idiotic old man. Miss Rose Leclerq clearly showed the struggle between womanly pride and maternal love, while Miss Gertrude Warden was a capital mischief-maker. At the conclusion lond calls brought the principals before the curtain to receive a well-earned compliment.

Gaiety.—Notwithstanding the undoubted success that has attended "Miss Esmeralda," it must be withdrawn after the 17th December, to make room for Mr. George Edwardes's Christmas production. Those of our readers who have not yet seen "Miss Esmeralda" should not miss the opportunity; a more lively, picturesque, and charming burlesque could not be wished for. The favourable verdict pronounced on the first night has proved to be fully deserved, while "touches" here and there have been since added. The company are working in capital style, and give off their comic sayings with much spirit. Messrs. E. J. Lonnen, George Stone, Frank Thornton, Leo Stormont, the Misses Fannie Leslie, Marion Hood, Letty Lind, Ada and Addie Blanche and Emily Miller, all give substantial support, and their efforts are nightly rewarded by the unanimous approval of the audience. Meyer Lutz is at his post as conductor, and his orchestra fully denotes the great ability bestowed on its training.

Hengler's.—This spacious circus, situated in Argyll Street, was on Saturday once more the scene of a perfect success as regards the programme set down by the Messrs. Hengler. When we are invited to this yearly treat, it reminds us that we shall soon have to be looking out for amusements for the youngsters, home to spend their Christmas holidays. In selecting Hengler's parents may go further and fare worse. As liberal as ever, Messrs. Hengler have given us plenty of clever lady and gentlemen riders, while the entertainment is enlivened by some highly trained horses, acrobats, comical clowns, &c. What more graceful could be conceived than the equestrian trotting act by Mdlle. Lena? what more clever than the leaping acts on horseback by Signor Alfredo and Master Charles? Then we have the spirited riding of Mr. John Frederick Clarke, who turns somersaults from the horse's back, either forward or backward. Mr. Alfred Clarke drives and rides four horses in masterly style, while our old friend George Batty is well to the fore with his daring jockey act. Signorina Adele Rossi was rather unlucky in her flights, but she will do better when she gets acquainted with the ring. Middle. Liria introduces a clever trick horse, while later on Signor Domingo Rizarelli's eight thoroughbred Arab horses go through some amusing capers, as if they enjoyed them. Miss Virginia introduces a fine leaping horse, and Signorina Clotilde Rossi makes a clever equilibrist. The Brothers Manetti and the Leotards go through some clever

greater earnestness in every good wo
fect discharge of every duty: Who
without detriment to himself and his
more for his brethren than he has ever

It may be in the way of giving, to
and to help them in the time of distress;
out those who are in need of relief,
cases under the notice of others more a
it may be in showing sympathy, whi
fainting heart and encourages, the ma
in despondency, to fresh, and hope
exertion; it may be in any one of a thou
for there is no end to the variety of way
love may be displayed.

But let us see that it dwells in our
cherish it, and are governed by it, giv
go forth to all our brethren, and in
actions.

And well may we rejoice that we a
Order whose laws enjoin it so strongly,
so much to cherish and promote it,
ments and working afford so much
practice.—*N. Y. Sunday Times.*

Amongst other papers to appear in *C*
December, the number with which the new v
are, "How I Spent Christmas in the Fatherl
of Pastry-making," by a Professional Teacher
Head does Ache!" by a Family Doctor; "Sc
being one of the popular Chronicles of Car
Farmer; "National Characteristics," by the
M.A.; "What is an Oratorio?" by Frederick
Girls Earn our Living," by E. Clark; New Musi
A special plate in colour, entitled "Spell-bou
piece.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia, held its
at Charleston, on Tuesday, 8th November 188

Twenty years a Mason, according to the la
a man an honorary member for life, free from

John Thompson, a Past Grand Master o
Pennsylvania, is now in his eighty-ninth year.

A new Masonic Temple is to be built at San

Obituary.

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BRO. G. A. BEAN

THE death of this worthy Brother, on
and oldest P.M. but one of the Earl
1364, is announced. The funeral to
10th inst., at Bow Cemetery, in the
number of brethren. Bro. Bean died o
coffin—literally covered with wreaths
was committed to the earth amid signs
Bro. C. Bean, of the Cripplegate Lodge,
with Bro. T. Taylor P.M. of the Temp
others present were Bros. G. Pope W.M
a Founder and Senior P.M. 1364, E. W
H. Maples P.M., Lay P.M., Cockett P
Fitzgerald P.M., H. Lowe senior W.M
J.W., F. Crook, G. Cashford. T. Leah
Kent Lodge, and W. Gray P.M., all
W. Green (a late member of 1364) also
on this occasion; Bros. Richardson
J. Britton of 860. Bro. Bean was a
Mason, ever ready with his advice whe
his mite on behalf of charity. For 35 y
the firm of Randall and Way, of Cheaps
service he died, and whose representativ
his funeral.

BRO. W. O. GOLDSMI

THE death occurred this week at his
Cross, of Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, a wel
and for several years up to his death
staff of the Press Association. The dec
the prime of life, had been in delicate
twelve months, but had apparently recov

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

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SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
i Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
I. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
—York, Masonic Hall, York
—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
. 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
I. 321—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instru
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth 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
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall. W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Inst
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 186—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8.
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
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7 45. (
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Inst
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Shee
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Fre Hall at 6
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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8 (In
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instr
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street,
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park,
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (I
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. (Instructio
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (I
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (I
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., a
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8.
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E.,
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancas
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

THURSDAY, 24th 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
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 (Inst.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Inst
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instru
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruc
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (I
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
1158—Southern Star, [illegible]
1178—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, [illegible]
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Inst
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.

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1626—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 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
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, Halifax (Inst)
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastings
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
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R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
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K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
2834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontroe, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1285—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (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, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Loudon Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
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M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
586—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
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—Athingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magnaden, 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

1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street,
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street,
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eas
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penist
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
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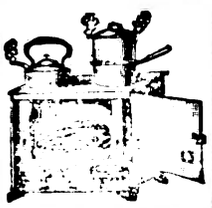

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BRO. DRUMMOND'S DEFENCE.

WE cannot see how Bro. Drummond mends the matter of the Yorston case, (disagreeable and painful as it is,) by his letter to the *Masonic Token*, a copy of which we present elsewhere in our impression to-day.

He is like the witness always dreaded by barristers,—he says "too much."

His confidences, as revealed to our worthy Bro. Berry, the able editor of the *Masonic Token*, are alike effusive and characteristic. He shows us his hand so clearly, that as he is evidently leading from a single "trump," he enables Bro. Gould to bring in his strong and leading "suit" with singular effect.

Even his own admissions tell against himself and his "particepes criminis."

From his "confession," it is clear now, as Bro. Jack suspected then, that a "ring" was formed, to publish Bro. Gould's History somehow or other, though we do not profess for one moment to understand how Bros. Carson, Drummond, Parvin, and Yorston could fancy then, or even hold to it now, that what they were contemplating, was characterised either by Masonic good form or equitable treatment, as between "brother and brother." Bro. Yorston was "handicapped" in his start by a "leetle" difficulty.

He wanted to print the work undoubtedly, but he felt it necessary to stand fair with the American Craft.

In the United States we all know the Lodges often deal corporately with matters outside the purview of English Freemasonry.

They take what is familiarly termed the "high moral line" on many subjects, which we, in our worn-out old country at home, think better to leave alone.

We in fact do not "travel" beyond the Masonic "Record."

Having respect to many recent American "deliverances," "de omnibus rebus et quibusdum aliis," it seems not easy to say off-hand what matter of private transaction or personal bearing our American Lodges might not deem it well to discuss and to adjudicate upon, on an alleged common law of Masonic morality and inter-individual relationship. Accordingly, though Bro. Yorston could not legally be prevented from reprinting Gould's History in America, as he thought best, there seemed to be a moral law of Masonic comity and brotherly good feeling, which some Lodges in America might think he was violating, and might treat with disapproval and condemnation. This stumbling block in his way explains his apparent anxiety to come to some sort of a friendly understanding with Bro. Jack.

Accordingly, he laid himself out to accomplish this feat of Masonic international agreement, but he is never quite comfortable either in his verbiage or his protestations.

He blew hot and cold, as we say; and having to do with a canny Scotchman, as well as a worthy brother, who saw through his "little game" from the first, he had very little chance in the light and assurance of "running straight." And here it is that, as we view it, Bros. Carson and Drummond seem to "pan out" so badly.

Bro. Yorston bases his action on Carson. Bro. Drummond first relies on Bro. Carson, and then asserts his own subjective view of the case and the correspondence.

After that, as the Frenchman said, "tout est fini."

But we confess that we do not see how any one, setting himself fairly down to master that peculiar correspondence, can have any doubt where the "shoe pinched."

Bro. Drummond's excuse seems simply to be, firstly, "I know I ought not to have gone and done it;" and, secondly, "it was only a little one;" and he therefore winds up with an impermissible and stupid "tu quoque" to Bro. Gould, who certainly, considering his Masonic labours, had a right to expect fair and courteous treatment from professed Masonic students, and high American Masonic officials.

The matter is a very melancholy one in itself, and in its "output," for all the brethren of our Order everywhere, and especially as before the world, often tempted and ever ready to scoff at Masonic professions, and to question Masonic reality.

Had Bro. Yorston, using his legal rights, originally printed the work, no one would have said anything, least of all Bros. Jack and Gould, as the state of the law of copyright is very hard on the "brain carrier," and those whose labours, and struggles and sacrifices are so easily discounted, and so often forgotten. Yet, as it is useless to "cry over spilt milk," so is it a waste of words and time to pour forth ceaseless "Jeremiades" on a "fait accompli."

If, as a rule, "silence is golden," how much more is it so where neither regret nor complaint can undo an injury, or obliterate the evil, which must be left to the certain "Nemesis" of time and justice?

But to cover this fortunate discovery of the "pea" under the "thimble," with the "high falutin'" of profuse Masonic profession; and to hoist the "Jolly Roger" in the guise of a peaceful and honest trader, is too much for the consciences and digestions of "Gods and men," and is a serious blot on the fair escutcheons of international and intellectual Freemasonry.

THE NEW PHILADELPHIA THEORY.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

SINCE 1874 Bro. MacCalla has hammered away with all his might to prove that Coxe was "undoubtedly" connected with the earliest introduction of Masonry into Philadelphia; and he actually succeeded in making converts to his theory at home and abroad. Recently, however, it was found that the Daniel Coxe theory is far from being "undoubted;" in fact, there is not the least foundation for it. But in order to soothe the former believers in the Coxe theory, which includes all the Pennsylvania Masons, Bro. Gould assured them that the St. John's Lodge of 1731 was a "Time Immemorial Lodge," and was, therefore, legal and legitimate without "authority from home." Had Bro. Gould stopped there I would not have troubled him further about it; but it seems that his Philadelphia disappointed friends were not sufficiently soothed with his "Time Immemorial" concession. Hence, in the *Keystone* of 8th October, Brother Gould, in a long letter, tried to prove that the 1731 Lodge at Philadelphia was not a 1731 Lodge at all, but it was a 1728, or much older Lodge. This letter is spiced up here and there with an "if so," a conjecture; and with the well-known method used in debating clubs, he proves to his own satisfaction all he desires. He says:—

"It is evident that this [Philadelphia] Lodge was insti-

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tuted at the close of the year 1730, or the beginning of the year 1731, with thirteen members. . . . Now the point I wish to submit for your consideration is the following one. Is it not as reasonable to conjecture that St. John's Lodge had existed before February 1731? . . . First of all, is there any evidence, *aliunde*, of the existence of Masonic Lodges in Philadelphia before 1731? There is; in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 108, 8th December 1730, printed by Benjamin Franklin, is the following notice:—

"As there are several Lodges of Freemasons in this Province, and people have lately been much amused with conjectures concerning them, we think the following account of Freemasonry from London will not be unacceptable to the reader."

"Here then [says Bro. Gould] the fact of there being in 1730, not one only, but several Lodges at work in the Province, is satisfactorily established." Having satisfied himself that Franklin's statement was a bonâ fide fact, my good Brother then proceeded with speculating and guessing, that whereas Gibraltar had a Lodge in 1728, so may Pennsylvania have had Lodges even before 1728. In short, it seems that Bro. Gould has forgotten the noble lessons he himself taught in his History of Freemasonry, and has gone back to the old Masonic luminary style of reasoning and proving. Bro. Gould ought to know that with such a method of reasoning, a man may prove that the moon was made of green cheese. Now, with the same method of reasoning you shall see what I can prove.

First, there is no doubt that, in 1620, when the Puritans started for America, that both in England and in Scotland the Masons had an entire monopoly of the Masons' trade, that is, an uninitiated bricklayer could not have got employment any how; this "being satisfactorily established," it "undoubtedly" follows, that the bricklayers that came here in the Mayflower, in 1620, were all initiated into the Masonic mysteries; "if so," then our ancient Puritan brethren "undoubtedly" took with them their Masonic paraphernalia, and I may be permitted to conjecture that, during the tedious passage of four months, they held Masonic meetings on the Mayflower, and who knows whether the pious Brewster, Bradford, Carver, Cushman, Winslow, Standish, and all the male Puritans on the Mayflower, were not Masonized during their passage across the Atlantic; any how, Masonry in Massachusetts was "undoubtedly" coeval with the landing of the Puritans in 1620.

On the other hand, the Quakers did not land on the banks of the Delaware before about 1680. Then the Masons' monopoly in England existed no longer; the Quaker Masons did not dare to ride the Masons' goat; even those that were Masonized before they were Quakerized carried no Masonic paraphernalia with them to America; hence, while Massachusetts was blessed with Masonic Lodges as early as 1620, Pennsylvania was unblessed until 1731, or, it may be (if Bro. Gould is right) in 1728. And what then? Why! Masonry in Pennsylvania was a baby when the Boston Lodge was a full-grown damsel of nearly one hundred years of age.

Second, the old Puritans were more tenacious of preserving English notions than the Pennsylvanian Quakers ever were. For instance, the Puritans called their country "New England"; their towns were named after English towns, viz.: Plymouth, Ipswich, Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury, &c. In Boston, the earliest streets were called Cornhill, King Street, &c. A glance at the map of Boston, will convince any one that it was designed to resemble dear old London. The Boston streets are beautifully crooked and zigzag; it had alleys, lanes, and courts within courts, the street corners were angles of all imaginable degrees; in short, Boston was a regular "maze," and about forty years ago, it was not at all uncommon for a stranger, when he left the old National Theatre at night, after an hour's walk, to sometimes find himself back again at the door of the same theatre. Moreover, we all know that the Puritans imitated the old English fashion of hanging Nonconformists, burning of witches, &c. To show still further their love of everything that was English, I must inform my English readers that the settlement of Boston began in 1630, and in 1638, as soon as they could muster a small squad, they called it "The Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company," and that Artillery Company, as well as its old Masonic Lodge, are preserved unto this day; indeed, that Lodge was formerly called "The Holy Exquisite Lodge of St. John." Franklin "undoubtedly" was acquainted with the name of the said Lodge when he left Boston in 1723, and Franklin "undoubtedly," in 1731, named the Philadelphia Lodge after the Boston Lodge.

Now, in the name of common sense I ask, whether there is any evidence of the Philadelphia Quakers ever having had any love for anything that was peculiarly English? Their towns and streets were named un-English, the map of Philadelphia is un-English; they did not burn witches, or hang up Quakers, they had no Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company, and, of course, they could not have cared for English Masonry.

But here is something still more curious. My friend Bro. David Pulsifer, the Boston Antiquary, whose name I have mentioned in former communications, was employed by the State of Massachusetts, some years ago, to copy, compile and edit some old documents, among which he found a letter dated 1654, page 137, containing the following order, viz.:—

"We desire that one psell of the goods now sent, marked and numbered as in the margin, may be delinered vnto Mr. John Eliot,"—2i March i654.*

The mark alluded to is a Mason's Mark. Hence Bro. Pulsifer copied it, and had it engraved. When Bro. John T. Heard, a P.G.M. of Massachusetts, saw this mark he also took a copy thereof, for the purpose of proving by it the antiquity of Masonry in Massachusetts. I have seen the mark, and there is no doubt that it is a Mason's mark. Hence John Eliot, the "Apostle to the Indians," was a brother Mason, and hence he was "undoubtedly" a member of the old Boston Lodge. So we see that Boston had an old Lodge before Philadelphia was dreamed of. And this is not all. It is indisputable that Jonathan Belcher was Masonised early in the 18th century, in London. The learned Bro. John D. Caldwell G. Sec. of Ohio, in the Report of the Proceedings of his Grand Lodge for 1874, headed, page 10, with capital letters, viz., "Our Masonic Brother Jonathan," and went on to say:—

"In the spring of 1700, in his twentieth birth year, young Jonathan [Belcher] bade good-bye to his indulgent parents, and the ambitious youth sailed for the port of Liverpool. On reaching London, his social position and graces gave him *entrée* into refined society of the city and universities, and to the Court of King William III.

"This monarch had been privately initiated into Masonry by the venerable architect Sir Christopher Wren, and became enthusiastic in what now is termed the 'Royal Art.' So much so as to preside in a Lodge specially erected for him in the regal apartments of Hampton Court, where he and his favourites spent many festive hours.

"Young Yankee and Old Architect affiliated admirably. Young Curious and Old Curiosity became consorts at once.

"The young merchant qualified himself in the then rude rituals, and rapturously relished the conversation and teachings in architecture rehearsed by Sir Christopher.

"In 1702, the year Jonathan became a Mason, the King, having fallen from a horse in Bushey Park, died, and the Court were in mourning; of those in the funeral array none attracted more attention, as, clothed with a Masonic collar and jewel, he left Kensington Palace for the sepulture of royalty in the Chapel of Henry VII., Westminster; the people eagerly pointed out the American [exclaiming], That is Brother Jonathan, so familiarly called by the King.

"It does not transpire what this cultured Mason did in planting of the then Royal Art at his home. It is fair to presume that a Lodge was working there [in Boston] long before 1733.

Again, this is not all. The late Bro. C. W. Moore, "the greatest Masonic authority in the world," as he was styled all over America, wrote a History of Freemasonry, in 1829, and in the third volume of his work, after quoting from Preston, the law that in future Lodges must be provided with Charters, goes on to state:

"The first Lodge for this country was received about the year 1720. It was a Dispensation authority [for] the opening of a Lodge in this city [Boston]. We have the fact from a clergman of the Church of England (the late Rev. Mr. Montague, formerly of Dedham), who found it stated in an old document in the archives of King's Chapel

* Acts of the Commissioners of the United Colonies of New England. Edited by David Pulsifer. Vol. II., 1653-1679, printed in 1859, who edited several ancient volumes of the New Plymouth Colony Records. (This note is in Bro. Pulsifer's handwriting).

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(Boston), the Lodge was regularly organised, but was soon after discontinued."

And now Price brought an English Warrant to Boston in 1733, and eighteen Masons forthwith signed a petition to be organised under its authority. If, therefore, the old Lodge had not been perpetuated there would have been no Masons in 1720, nor in 1733; besides which the marks attached by Charles Pelham to some of the signatures of the said petition proves conclusively that some were initiated in Boston before the arrival of Price; "if so," they must have been initiated in a Lodge, and, "if so," it must have been in the old Lodge that John Eliot belonged to in 1654, which was established in Boston about or near 1630, which derived its authority from the original, the first American Lodge at Plymouth, of the year 1620.

Now I respectfully appeal to my readers as to whether my authorities, arguments, and demonstrations in behalf of the antiquity of Boston Masonry does not put in the shade all the arguments of all the advocates (even those of Brother Gould) in behalf of the antiquity of Philadelphia Masonry?

Franklin, indeed, wrote in his paper in December 1730, that there were then several Lodges in the Province, but the question is, was it true? The fact of the matter was simply this; Franklin got hold of a catch-penny, viz.: an exposé of Masonry, printed in London in July 1730. My friend Bro. Abbott, showed me a copy of the same exposé; in the preface the author thereof ridiculed Masonry. Franklin, in his preface, ridiculed Masonry even more strongly than the author of the exposé did, and in order to attract attention, among other nonsense he said, that there were then several Lodges in the Province. Now, as Bro. Gould would not vouch for the remainder of Franklin's preface, why does he regard Franklin's statement about "several Lodges in the Province" as an established fact?

The truth is, there is not a particle of evidence to corroborate Franklin's statement about "several Lodges," all that we know about the first appearance of Masonry in Pennsylvania is, that a Lodge, of which William Button was Master, was held in Philadelphia in January 1731, consisting of eleven (not thirteen) members. At that, or at the subsequent meeting in February, Franklin and another man were initiated. Immediately after the said initiations, the W.M. Button removed to Newfoundland. On the 24th of June 1731, the Lodge numbered only twelve members, when William Allen was elected and dubbed Grand Master. I shall only add that neither Bro. Gould nor any one else knows more about the origin of Masonry in Pennsylvania than above indicated.

BOSTON, U.S., 17th October 1887.

NUMBER OF FREEMASONS IN THE WORLD.

A GREAT many exaggerated statements have been made as to the number of Freemasons in the world, some designedly, some ignorantly.

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> "Now nothing into numbers grows,
> Now numbers into nothing fly."

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Spain	483	14,300
Cuba	53	2,973
Porto Rico	20	1,100
Portugal	120	500
France	476	23,800
Germany	289	32,527
Belgium	20	1,550
Holland	80	4,398
Luxembourg	4	200
Hungary	39	3,000
Italy	224	21,000
Roumania and Bulgaria	24	1,200
Sweden and Norway	33	3,000
Switzerland	34	2,363
Turkey	5	250
Egypt	8	400
Costa Rica	7	350
Argentine Republic	60	3,000
Brazil	240	12,000
Chili	11	1,000
Mexico	314	10,535
Peru	39	2,033
Uruguay	53	2,650
Venezuela	44	2,200
Australia, Independent	100	5,000
England	2,173	217,000
Scotland	600	69,255
Ireland	381	38,000
United States and Canada	9,864	605,408
U.S. Colombia, New Granada, Greece, &c.—estimated	40	2,000
	15,838	1,082,992

If now we take 1,082,992, and add thereto the coloured Masons, say 23,500, you have a total of 1,106,492.

And when to this you further add both the jurisdictions which are wanting, and the under estimate clearly of others, you reach a grand total which we think is not really and truly far off the mark—namely, 1,500,000 in round numbers.

BROS. GOULD AND YORSTON.

WE take from the *Masonic Token*, Portland, Maine, U.S., Bro. Drummond's reply to Bro. Gould, which we think it well to reprint in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE:—

BRO. BERRY:—What I have to say in relation to the article[s] of Robert Freke Gould, concerning Yorston & Co.'s edition of his history and my connection with it will be brief.

The simple facts are that Gould sold the entire copyright to his English publisher Jack. The latter so stated in his correspondence with Yorston, and I have information, which I believe to be true, that Gould himself so said. Jack negotiated with Yorston, and so far committed himself to Yorston that the latter went on and expended money for plates and obtaining subscriptions on the faith of Jack's assurances, and advertised the proposed work very extensively.

Through Bro. Carson, I was induced to agree to prepare a portion of the American part of the work, and without any consideration therefor: in the same way, Bro. Parvin was secured to prepare another portion, and Bro. Carson undertook another portion. This was widely advertised.

In the meantime, Jack made arrangements with another party to issue an American edition of the work, in spite of what he had done with Yorston, who, when he ascertained what Jack had done, found himself in the condition of losing all he had expended and of breaking all the subscription contracts which he had made, or going ahead with the work, and instead of receiving duplicate plates or sheets of the work from England, being at the additional expense of *reprinting* the work. He chose to go ahead.

When I heard something of the matter, I wrote Bro. Carson, and he assured me that he had examined the correspondence between Jack and Yorston, and *the latter was right*. Afterwards, I examined it myself, and *came to the same conclusion*.

In regard to the advertisements, that Gould was "assisted" by us, the fact is that all, except the title page of some copies, specified precisely what the assistance was; on the title page in some of the copies issued a short time ago, the obnoxious expression was used, but as soon as attention was called to it, it was promptly changed.

I have good ground for believing and saying that at an early day, Gould's attention was called to the advertisements of Yorston & Co., and he replied that he had sold the copyright and the matter did not concern him.

The copyright apparently has now come back into his hands, after the failure of his publisher to make more than a very limited sale, and he now imputes dishonourable conduct to us, seeming to forget that in endeavouring to sustain the dishonourable action of his publisher, he is acting dishonourably himself.

When Gould published his articles, *he knew* that we were acting in good faith in the belief that Jack had placed Yorston in such a position as fully justified Yorston in going on with the work, and yet in his attack upon us *he suppresses this fact*: if he did not concede that Jack had done so, still knowing that we believed so, it was the part neither of a mason nor an honourable gentleman, to accuse us of dishonourable conduct, much less to suppress a fact which, if he had published it, would have shown that his accusation was a false one.

I dislike very much to be obliged to say these things, but I do not propose to be called a "Fraternal Pirate" and charged with dishonourable conduct in the Masonic prints, without showing the facts, even if their statement does not redound to the credit of the accuser.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

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 forced deprivation of healthy out-of-door exercise. The factory workers may also 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.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF FREE-MASONRY.

TO the uninitiated Masonry is clothed with a mystery both dark and fascinating. It is doubtful whether about any other institution there lingers so much that bears upon it the badge of secrecy. As one afterward learns this need not *necessarily* be the case, but of the fact there can be little doubt. Outside of the Lodge-room very little is known of the workings of the Craft. When one therefore who is "worthy and well-qualified" knocks for admission at the door of the Lodge his mind is generally filled with vague and indefinite ideas as to what is to follow. Such at least was the condition of the chronicler of these lines.

In his family there was a tradition that his grandfather had held an honoured place in Masonry, and his father was likewise a member of the Craft. These facts removed the prejudice which exists in the minds of some against the Order; but their influence was of a negative sort, they shed no light upon the revelations of the Lodge-room. With some trepidation therefore, mixed with curiosity, the chronicler appeared in the rôle of candidate, and took his place in the ante-room. The Tyler, a veteran of many years Masonic experiences, one whose memory ran back to "Morgan times," had a few jocular remarks concerning the untried realms upon which we were about to enter, and some serious ones concerning the satisfaction which he had received from his Masonic connection. Just as he was becoming interesting the J.S. appeared upon the scene, and the kind-hearted Tyler resigned us to our fate. The request of the J.S., mildly made, was rather startling but it was complied with, and once "divested" of that with which we were afterward "invested," some merriment was indulged in by myself and the two companions who were to share with me in the coming experiences. Soon came the ominous knock from within the Lodge and we were "admitted in due form." Placed as we were, of course our sense of mystery for the first few moments was only deepened. To walk about in a darkened room and a strange one, does not conduce to a feeling of security. Not until we were allowed to "see light" were we in a condition to appreciate our surroundings or feel at all at ease. As the initiation ceremony proceeded the dread with which it was entered upon passed away. We realised that we were taking part in a serious service, and endeavoured to participate in its spirit. One after another the different parts of the E.A. degree were gone through and at its close when the lecture was given their significance was made apparent. Our first impression of Masonry was a favourable one, and we went out of the Lodge-room glad that our name was to be numbered on the honoured list of those who have been fellow-workers in the Craft. We can best indicate the features of the Lodge that pleased us on our first acquaintance if we make a summary of them. In the same connection to mention a few things that detract may not be out of place.

The *arrangement of the Lodge* impressed us favourably. The Worshipful Master in the East, his complement of officers at their respective stations, the altar with the open Bible upon it in the centre of the Lodge, the lights, the decorations, all were in good taste and conduced to order and decorum. The members seated in the form of a square make confusion and disorder almost impossible.

It is hard to think of any arrangement for a meeting room which in its external features would prove superior to the Lodge-room. One only has to recall other bodies with their hap-hazard method of seating, their lack of system and order, to see the advantage accruing to Masonry from the care given to the arrangement of that which is external.

A second feature that proved impressive to the writer was the *body of men that constitute the Lodge*. Here are found the old man with whitened locks, and the beardless youth. Here sit on a common level the scholar, the mechanic, the day labourer. The question that rose involuntarily upon the lips as the sight was witnessed was—Where else could be found so representative a body? What else could unite so many and such varied men? We confess it with pride that a glow of satisfaction came over us as we walked about the Lodge-room, and saw the number and character of the men present. We have witnessed representative bodies of men serving in various capacities, but have found nothing to so thrill us as a well filled Lodge engaging unitedly in the work of the Order. In connection with the thought that the Lodge drew together many men of many minds, came the other that these men into whose midst the candidate is ushered are to be known henceforth as brothers. Faces that for a long time have been familiar upon the street have now a new meaning added to them. Men whom one has only known distantly will hereafter be friends, those whose hands it will be a pleasure to grasp, in whose welfare an interest is awakened. This, as we reflect upon it, was one of the most pleasant of the "first impressions." The feeling thrilled us that all who had taken a similar obligation were henceforth bound to us with ties of interest and affection. They were no longer strangers but brothers, seeking with us common ends and pledged to mutual helpfulness. Nothing is better than sympathy. Nothing diviner than "heaven-born charity." As the newcomer in the Lodge looks into the faces of those about him these are the graces he sees, or should see reflected. Once more *the ritual* of the *Order* made a favourable impression. Its whole tone is solemn and reverential. One feels that Masonry is indeed grounded upon religion, that those who instituted it were men of deep conviction and serious purpose.

The furthest removed from all that is flippant and irreligious is our beloved Order. The first question that it puts to all who seek admission to it is an index of its character. God: Whoever does not believe in Him, whoever does not desire to learn His ways, as made manifest in the outward world, has no place in a Lodge-room. And should by some misfortune such an one press within its precincts, ere he has made but little progress the work of the Craft will become wearisome.

Both a bore and a farce will be all that he hears and engages in. To the reverent soul, on the other hand, to one filled with awe at God's manifestation of himself in nature, Masonry "speaks a varied language." More and more as she is studied will the profound wisdom of her founders be appreciated and the Great Architect of the Universe be understood. No greater error can ministers of religion cherish than that Masonry is their enemy. She is their ally and friend. She reaches a class that they find hard to draw within their churches, and, if truly administered, prepares the ground into which they can afterward sow good seed.

Let all who mourn over the indifference of men toward God be thankful that such an agency as the Lodge has existence. In its way it is one of the strongest bulwarks of religion. For various reasons, which need not be mentioned here, this fact was not the least of those which made my first impressions of Masonry most favourable.

It remains for me, in conclusion, to point out one or two of the detracting features associated with my entrance to the Lodge. I name first the slovenly way in which some officers performed their part. If anything requires precision and the martial spirit, it is the manner in which the work of the Order is performed. Participants, therefore, who walk about the room with a slouchy gait, who mumble over their only half-learned parts, who show ignorance, carelessness, incompetence in their every movement, are most offensive. The Lodge where I took my degrees possessed a number of such spiritless officers, and future observation has shown me that its case was not exceptional. It only requires two or three incompetents to mar and spoil the whole work, and from all such every order-loving Mason should pray, "Good Lord, deliver us."

Another source of annoyance was the lack of appreciation on the part of some of the members of the Lodge. It is undoubtedly a fact that not a few who take the degrees fail to enter into their spirit. Naturally enough these in turn become poor material to induct a candidate into the principles of the Order. Only as one appreciates the genius of Masonry can he impart it, and the fact that many fail to catch its import renders them indifferent and careless while the ceremony of initiation is being performed.

Unless all present participate heartily with the W.M. and his officers in the work, much of its beauty and force is lost. In many Lodges there could be great improvement in this direction. There ought to be a sympathetic interest on the part of all present in what is being done.

Finally, a candidate's opinion of Masonry is not aided where a spirit of levity prevails while the work is being performed. Too serious are the considerations presented to his mind to have them mixed with "fun," without a great loss in every way. While the Creator's name is being taken upon the lips, to have some member or members engaging in a frolic, even though a mild one, means to shock the candidate's sense of the fitness of things. At any rate

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the writer can see nothing in the work or ceremonials of the Lodge to provoke levity, and where it is mixed with what should be a serious service, he believes contempt is cast upon the system and the institution.

The teachings of Masonry are too valuable to have them lost through boyish antics, even though it be "only for fun."—*Freemason's Repository.*

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THE HIRAM LODGE, U.S.A.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Out of respect to my Brother "LEX," I acknowledge his communication respecting my opinion on the "Hiram Lodge" controversy—which was asked for by you, Sir, and which was given by me with due regard to all the facts of the case, so far as we in England are concerned. Personally, we all regret the difficulties that have arisen, and many of us sympathize with the expelled Brethren and the erased Lodge (evidently); but, unfortunately, all are powerless save to uphold the Grand Lodge; the right or wrong of the question or questions in dispute not in any way concerning us. Subordinate Lodges are bound by the decisions of their Grand Lodges all the world over, and must either be content to obey the laws and regulations or be erased, on which all other regular Grand Lodges will side with the Grand Lodge, not with the erased Lodge. It is as well to face this fact at the outset, and thus save needless writing.

Bro. "LEX" declares that "we now are only at the beginning of it," so it is perhaps better for me to say most positively that I shall have nothing to offer on the subject, from this time, in reply to any brother who writes under a *nom de plume*. If we are to have a discussion, then it must be a contest *without gloves or masks*, so far as I am concerned.

"LEX" cannot "accept any one of the positions" I have taken up. That is a pity, surely—for "LEX"—as it strikes me he will find the Grand Registrar of England will support them all, provided he is told all the facts. "LEX" refers to four main points to prove why he objects to my opinion.

1. In 1813 the "*Union*" was between two Grand Lodges, each keeping their old Warrants, the *United Grand Lodge* not being a parallel case with "Hiram Lodge" and Connecticut. But the point is this, and all hinges thereon—each Lodge under the United Grand Lodge became a subordinate of that body, and was, and is, bound to obey its laws and decisions; even the two Lodges that are still working by "*Immemorial Constitution.*" So with "Hiram Lodge." No matter what warrant it had, or had not, it became a subordinate of Connecticut when it left Massachusetts; and its new Warrant of 1790, on being enrolled under Connecticut, made it subject to the then new organisation.

2. The continuance on the Roll of England until 1813 meant nothing beyond the fact; nothing more, in short, than the name of Price, as Prov. G.M., being on the same Calendars years after he had died!

3. The Earl of Zetland never interfered with the (German) Grand Lodge relative to the initiation of Israelites. All our lamented Grand Master did was to require the admission of our members, as *Visitors*, without respect to their religious faith. Surely "LEX" has misunderstood the action of our G.M. At all events, the case cited is wholly irrelevant. *So also as to the Grand Orient.* That refers to the decision of a Grand Lodge, not a subordinate Lodge, and is as irrelevant as the former case. If a Grand Lodge goes against the wishes of other Grand Lodges, it can be ostracised, but subordinate Lodges must obey their Grand Lodge, or be erased; and as long as their disobedience is not due to any vital matter no regular Grand Lodge will support them in their insubordination.

4. "Hiram Lodge" is in a similar position to Lodges which existed prior to the formation of their present Grand Lodges, *e.g.*, our Lodge of "Antiquity" became a subordinate of the G.L. of England. It rebelled in 1779, but returned to the fold in 1790, evidently realizing the fact that its rights were lost, so to speak, in the vote of the majority, for the good of all.

Sentiment is useless as to "*Hiram Lodge.*" It has for years been a subordinate of the G.L. of Connecticut, and is now cut off for disobedience.

Yours fraternally,

W J. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since I wrote to you, I have received two or three communications on this subject, and wish also to allude to one or two contributions towards clearing up what is both a difficult and most important question. I always read Bro. MacCalla's communications with pleasure and profit, and have a great respect for his abilities and honesty, and admiration for the great services he has rendered Masonic archæology and intellectuality.

I quite enter into the normal American view of the great necessity of upholding the decision of a Grand Lodge, but I do not quit "follow" Bro. MacCalla in his treatment of the objection. He seems to ignore the Hiram Lodge altogether, which, in my humble opinion, is a great and fatal mistake.

He says the cause of the quarrel is "infantine."

But is it really so?

And as on this point it is not quite clear, I await a letter from America before entering upon that branch of the discussion.

I agree with the general scope of "JUSTITIA'S" very able remarks, which demand careful consideration and respectful study.

Whoever he may be, he has placed the matter most forcibly and compactly before your readers, and has pointed out conclusively how far reaching and wide extending, *constitutionally*, is the subject matter before us, and one that cannot be disposed of by offhand denunciations and anathemata of any kind or degree whatever.

In Bro. Norton's facetious and fair comments I also heartily concur, as I have not a doubt he represents the commonsense view of the question, and points undoubtedly to grave results certain to arise, unless by wise counsel and mutual concessions this untoward matter is at once amicably and Masonically adjusted.

Bros. Norton and "JUSTITIA" seem to me to embody well in their remarks that great and ever true Masonic adage that, "next to the obedience to *lawful* authority, a firm and manly resistance to *lawless* aggression is the first step to social freedom," and I may add Masonic unity and content.

A very wise and acute friend of mine has sent me the following "memoranda" on some of the points raised, and which I specially commend to the notice of your readers, and all interested in this serious question.

1. The subject, he remarks, is a "very big one," and requires both careful thought and anxious consideration. Mother Kilwinning, Antiquity, St. Andrew's, Boston (see Gould's History, IV. 450), all three joined in forming a Grand Lodge, withdrew and rejoined; and though it is, especially in America and the Colonies, usual for Lodges to take out fresh Charters, and surrender the old ones, the rule is not universal, or without many exceptions.

Such a position is not safe, if too broadly put, and the History of Freemasonry does not bear out such an absolute and abstract proposition.

Can any one safely contend that any possible act on the part of a Grand Lodge is to be held as "reasonable" (without discussion) by another or all other Grand Lodges?

Surely such a view is untenable and unsafe. If we are to lay it down that there is no getting behind the decision of a Grand Lodge with regard to declaring a Lodge irregular, not only will such a proposition, historically, archæologically, or in the concrete, "not hold water," but such a view raises necessarily other questions equally difficult and startling.

3. There are always "Grand Lodges and Grand Lodges," and Freemasonry has its universal as well as its local side.

Let us ask ourselves the question—would a member of the Lodge Hiram be admitted into "Old Melrose," or any of the German Independent Lodges, and if so, within what limits is the reasonableness restricted?

4. We want a clear understanding of the actual point at issue. Hiram has its undoubted rights and prerogatives as well as the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and nothing more detrimental to the best interests of Freemasonry, and eventually subversive to all Lodge life, will be that common and popular view which ignores the fact that the Grand Lodge itself, whatever its corporate position or actual powers may be, simply rests on the unit of the Lodge, as the source of all power, and the limit really and truly of its very authority.

Yours fraternally,

LEX.

BROS. R. F. GOULD AND J. T. BRENNAN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In Bro. Gould's letter of 19th Sept last, addressed to the Editor of the *Keystone*, and published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 22nd October, he makes his points of inquiry upon the belief that Franklin was not mistaken in his statement of 8th December 1730, in his *Pennsylvania Gazette*. That statement is:—

"As there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this Province, and people have lately been much amused with conjectures concerning them, we think the following account of Freemasonry, from London, will not be unacceptable to our readers."

After copying this statement Bro. Gould says:—"Here, then, the fact of there being in 1730, not only one, but *several* Lodges at work in the Province, is satisfactorily established."

In this comment, I beg leave to say, I think Bro. Gould errs, and has not exercised his usual legal acumen regarding it. A mere newspaper statement, any more in 1730 than at present, is not a *satisfactory establishment* of anything, and more especially if made by one who has no personal knowledge of what he states. Franklin was not, in December 1730, a Freemason, and could have his information but at second hand. It was a simple matter for some person with whom he was intimate—even such person probably not a Freemason—to make the statement to Franklin that there were, he believed, several Lodges in the Province—indeed, so to say, the woods were full of them—when, in fact, there might not have been one, and *probably* was not one. From the manner of his article it is plain Franklin was desirous of writing something, but he *knew* nothing about Freemasons or Freemasonry, and therefore he gave the account he found in London newspapers, and something which would not, as he further says, be unacceptable to his readers. Indeed Brother Gould will notice Franklin's remarks about this time, in his *Pennsylvania Gazette* on this subject, were very undetermined, and as much bordering on pleasantry as he usually permitted himself to

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indulge in. Later, and after he had been made in the self-constituted Lodge organised in February 1731, we must believe he would not have so written; while, as late as 1734, he does not admit to Price there was another Lodge but that in the City, or in the Province, except that style of "rebells, foreigners" who would make a boon companion acquainted with all they knew about Freemasonry for a bowl of punch.

Indeed, there is printed testimony that in 1754 there were but three Lodges in Philadelphia, and none elsewhere in the Province, so far as there is any such information. For Masonry did not spread freely under the Franklin or William Allen régimé, and which may be said to have terminated with the advent of the Dermott Provincial Grand Warrant in 1766, and upon which the Freemasonry of Pennsylvania from that time to the present is really founded, as the Grand Lodge, organised after the war of the Revolution, did not change its style.

Respectfully and fraternally,

J. FLETCHER BRENNAN.

Cincinnati, O., U.S.A., 2nd November 1887.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai on Thursday, 22nd September. There were present Bros. J. I. Miller D.G.M. in the chair, C. H. Dallas P.D.G.M. of Japan, T. W. Kingsmill Deputy D.G.M., J. Morris D.G.S.W., R. D. Starkey D.G.J.W., A. Johnsford P.D.G.W., W. H. Short D.G. Treas., A. M. A. Evans D.G. Registrar, J. Findlay President District Board of General Purposes, G. M. Hart D.G. Secretary, F. J. Marshall P.D.G.S.D. as D.G.S.D., A. B. Menzies P.D.G.J.W. as D.G.J.D., T. F. Hough D.G. Director of Ceremonies, E. P. Wickham M.M. 1027 acting D.G. Sword Bearer, R. W. Astill D.G. Standard Bearer, J. J. Mansfield D.G. Steward as D.G. Org., F. M. Gratton D.G. Assist. Sec., J. West D.G.P., J. Cryer D.G.A.P., S. R. Gale, C. W. Ure, R. E. Toeg D.G. Stewards, C. Merrit D.G. Tyler; with representatives of the Royal Sussex, No. 501, the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, and of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027. There were also several visitors. The brethren having assembled in their respective places in the Lodge, Bro. Miller, accompanied by Bro. Dallas, and by the District Grand Officers entered, and was received. The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form, with prayer, at 9·20 o'clock p.m. The circular calling the meeting was read. On the motion of the D.G. Master, the minutes of the last regular communication, held 7th January, and special communications held 3rd March and 21st June 1887, having been printed and circulated among the brethren, were taken as read, and on being put to the meeting were unanimously confirmed, and signed by the District Grand Master. The D.G. Master said, the next business was to receive the Report of the District Board of General Purposes, and called upon Bro. Findlay, the President, who read as follows:—

Minutes of a meeting of the District Board of General Purposes, held in the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Thursday, 8th September 1887, at five o'clock p.m.

Present—Bros. J. Findlay President, A. Johnsford P.M. 501 Vice-President, Rt. Wor. J. I. Miller D.G.M., R. D. Starkie D.G.J.W., A. M. A. Evans D.G. Registrar, G. M. Hart D.G. Secretary.

The circular convening the meeting was read.

Bro. Johnsford proposed, and Bro. Starkie seconded, "that the minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held 23rd December 1887, having been read and received in District Grand Lodge on the 7th January last, should be taken as read." This was agreed to, and the minutes signed by the President.

Revision of Bye-laws in conformity with revised Book of Constitutions, edition of 1884.

The Bye-laws of the District Grand Lodge were read and considered separately, when, after some discussion, alterations were suggested in Nos. 3, 9, 10, 12 and 14.

It was decided to publish as an addendum to the proposed new issue of the Bye-laws, a list of present and past members of the District Grand Lodge since its inauguration, with their rank and the year in which they were appointed to office.

The District Grand Master stated that in future it would be one of the duties of the District Grand Assistant Secretary to attend the meetings of the District Board of General Purposes, and take minutes of its proceedings, and thus relieve the District G. Secretary of some of the work.

It was resolved that on the occasion of the next Regular Communication of the District Grand Lodge, to be held on the 22nd September, at 9 o'clock p.m., the usual invitations be issued inviting all Master Masons to attend.

The order of business to be brought before the District Grand Lodge was then discussed, and the District Grand Secretary instructed to issue circulars in accordance with the views of the Board.

There being no other business, the meeting separated at 6·45 p.m.

GEO. M. HART, D.G. Secretary.

This Report was adopted, and the District Grand Secretary was instructed to enter it on the minutes. Some consideration was then given to the Bye-laws, and some alterations adopted. The District Grand Master said, that since the last regular meeting no startling event had taken place to call for remark. It must be a matter for congratulation that the District, though small, worked harmoniously; the Lodges here and at Chinkiang progressed favourably. There was, however, one exception, the Union Lodge, No. 1951, at Tientsin, which had been somewhat lax in sending returns and holding meetings. The Deputy District Master had recently visited Tientsin, and had communicated with some of the members on the subject; the District Grand Master therefore hoped that when the next communication took place he could say that all the Lodges were working well. During the past season we had to deal with the question of Her Majesty's Jubilee, and it was a subject for congratulation that the response of this place to the call had been so general: and he especially thanked the members of the sister Lodges for their co-operation, which had resulted in so good an attendance at the Cathedral on that occasion. There was one matter respecting the Jubilee Celebration which called for special notice in this District Grand Lodge. It was that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had conferred the Grand Lodge rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies on Bro. Kingsmill. It was an honour both to himself and the District, and could not have been conferred upon a more worthy brother. The District Grand Master, in wishing health and happiness, trusted that the Officers would exert themselves to add further prosperity to their already prosperous district. The District Grand Secretary then announced that since the last Regular Communication several Reports of Proceedings had been received and were now upon the table. A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Bro. Allcot, Doric Lodge, 1453, Chingkiang. The District Grand Master then thanked the visiting brethren for their presence, and expressed a hope to see them in the District Grand Lodge on future occasions. District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.

THE Ninth Annual Festival in aid of this invaluable Institution, at Shadwell, in connection with which is a Dispensary for Women, was held on Thursday evening, at Willis's Rooms. There was a very large attendance, nearly two hundred ladies and gentlemen being present; and amongst the company we noticed several prominent members of the Masonic body, who are ever ready to lend a helping hand in promoting charitable objects. Mr. Charles Cheston, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Meath, who had been announced to take the chair. A sumptuous repast was provided, and the general arrangements made by Bro. W. Dawkins, manager (late of the Freemasons' Tavern), were all that could be desired. We lately entered into such a lengthy and detailed description of this humane and beneficent enterprise in our columns that we do not deem it necessary to recapitulate the facts here. Sufficient will be gathered from the speech of the Chairman, who, in giving the toast of the evening, observed that it was now some twenty years since the founder of the hospital, Dr. Heckford, in a sail-loft at Shadwell, started a dispensary for children and women, and afterwards a hospital with ten cots, which was the parent of the larger hospital of to-day. They had now some ninety-two cots, and last year they found room for 1,015 children as in-patients and for nearly 15,000 out-patients as well. Where their work was done there was a population of nearly 500,000, who depended for their livelihood on weekly wages, and there were nearly 100,000 of the children of the poor, for the wants of whom the hospital strove to do its best. It lacked the means, however, of doing all that was required. There was work enough in the district for at least two such hospitals. Since this Institution was founded no fewer than 116,000 out-patients, 51,000 casualty patients, and more than 11,000 in-patients had been treated. Although the hospital was more economically managed than any of its kind, they were obliged daily, for want of funds, to refuse relief in many deserving cases. Hitherto they had managed to keep out of debt, but to enable them to continue to do so greater support was needed. He appealed, therefore, to those who loved children and sympathised with the poor of the East-end to come forward with subscriptions, which he was sure would not be withheld if ladies and gentlemen would go down to the Hospital and see for themselves the beneficent work it was doing. Mr. E. S. Norris, M.P., the hon treasurer, responded. Several other toasts were considered, and before the company withdrew, the Secretary (Mr. Ashton Warner) announced subscriptions to the amount of nearly £1,800, £1,107 8s 6d being on the Chairman's list. We congratulate our esteemed Bro. C. Lacey, P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, upon his success in being able, as a Steward, to take up a list of fifty pounds, which must have required much effort, considering the short notice upon which he volunteered the duty. The Sincerity Lodge had, as we have previously stated, voted five guineas to Bro. Lacey's list. No doubt some other of the contributions announced were the result of efforts made by our Masonic Brethren.

The *Kingston and Surrey News*, which should be in possession of reliable information, seeing that the proprietor, our esteemed Bro. Drewett, takes so active a part in Surrey Masonry, informs us that application has been made to the proper authorities for the formation of a new Lodge, to be held at the Castle Hotel, East Moulsey. The petition of the founders has been granted, and the consecration will take place on the 22nd of next month.

The Arnold Lodge, says the same journal, which was established at the Bell Inn, East Moulsey, about five years ago, will shortly remove to Mr. Mayo's, as Mr. Pinckley is unable to give the necessary room for the number of members now on the books. This looks as though Freemasonry were increasing in the district of Kingston-upon-Thames.

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

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Obituary.

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COL. JOHN MACHEN P.G.D.

Our Warwickshire brethren received with profound regret, on Saturday last, intelligence of the death of their late Deputy Grand Master Bro. Col. John Machen, which occurred at Leamington, after a comparatively short illness. For the last twenty years our lamented brother ably and efficiently discharged the duties of that office, and it was only very recently that he felt compelled, in consequence of failing health, to relinquish the post in which he had gained the sincere love and esteem of the brethren of his Province, and indeed in Grand Lodge and throughout the Craft. Colonel Machen had won deserved honours in his immediate circle, having been appointed, in 1867, Deputy Provincial Grand Master in succession to Bro. Elkington. Moreover, he was one of the brethren upon whom H.R.H. the Prince of Wales conferred Past Grand rank at the great commemorative gathering held in the Royal Albert Hall, on 13th June, in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The honours and privileges of a Past Grand Deacon were then conferred upon him; and subsequently, at the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, the additional distinction was bestowed upon him of a Past Grand Principal Sojourner He took a deep and active interest in all our Masonic Charities, of each of which he was a Life-Governor, and served as a Steward at one Festival of the Girls' School and at two of the Boys'. It is difficult to estimate the loss sustained by the Craft by the removal of one who had been for so many years one of its most robust and genuine supporters, but in Warwickshire, where he was more familiarly known, the "absent face and form" will be sorely missed.

LORD NORTHWICK.

The death is announced of Brother Lord Northwick, who expired, after a lingering illness, at Upper Norwood, on 18th November. His Lordship was in the 77th year of his age. He leaves no issue, consequently the title becomes extinct.

VISCOUNT LIFFORD.

Viscount Lifford, who died at his seat, Meen Glas, Stranorlar, County Donegal, on Sunday, after a long and painful illness, was born on the 31st March 1811, and succeeded to the title and estates in 1855. While at Christ Church, Oxford, he was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, in 1830. He was one of the representative peers of Ireland, and is succeeded by his eldest son, the Hon. and Rev. James Wilfred Hewitt, born 12th October 1837, of Austin House, Broadway, Worcestershire.

JAMES YOUNG.

Bro. James Young, believed to be the oldest Freemason in Scotland, died at Stevenston, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Deceased, who was a builder by trade, was initiated a member of the Stevenston Thistle and Rose Lodge on the day that Queen Victoria was born, the 24th May 1819, so that he had been a Freemason for the long period of over 68 years. He attained his 90th year about a month ago, and two weeks ago he was able to take part in the interesting Centenary of his mother Lodge. For over 40 years he was in the service of the late Provost Barr, of Ardrossan, and travelled regularly from Stevenston to his daily labour, seldom missing a day's work. As an evidence of the interest he took in the Craft, and the indomitable spirit he possessed, it may be mentioned that he persisted in joining the procession at the Centenary proceedings, and walked a considerable distance—though he was offered the use of a machine—in order to have his photograph included among the group who were taken on that occasion. Deceased was highly respected by all the brethren of his mother Lodge, and by the community of Stevenston, all classes having held him in the highest respect.

The installation meeting of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Bro. H. C. Pratt W.M., was held at Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, last evening, when the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. installed Bro. W. Inglis Mason into the chair of K.S. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

On Thursday last a meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Matthews P.G. Standard Bearer. Five petitions were approved, and one deferred. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted an amended report of the Centenary Committee on Scheme B. Since their report of 27th September last the Committee have had under consideration a revised plan of the Scheme for the improvement and enlargement of the Institution at Battersea Rise, from Brothers Hunt and Clutton, the architects, which provides for some important alterations in the position of the Centenary Hall and Domestic Offices. By this plan the Centenary Hall is turned round, so as to be approached directly from the principal entrance of the building, thus occupying an almost central position, in easy communication with the Dining Hall, and School and Class Rooms, to which a much better light is afforded. The dimensions of the Hall are 100 ft. by 40 ft., instead of as at first proposed 105 ft. by 42 ft. The new Domestic Offices have been brought nearer to the Alexandra Wing, the Kitchen being directly adjacent to the Dining Hall, and on the same level a fore court is thus obtained between this building and the public road. The cost under the revised arrangement will probably be somewhat less. The Committee, together with some representative brethren from the Provinces (whom they added to their number), strongly recommended the revised plan for approval by the General Committee. Some time was devoted to the examination of the plans, to which we shall refer minutely when convenient, and it was resolved that the plans as revised be approved and referred to the General Quarterly Court in April next, with a recommendation that they be adopted.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence and quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., and President of the Board, presided. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. and Bro. C. A. Cotterbrune P.G.P. were in their chairs as Vice Presidents There was an exceptionally large attendance. The Board of Masters was first held. The paper of business for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was submitted to the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence—as this was the last time the present constituted Board would meet—Bro. Britten proposed, as a graceful act, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Robert Grey, for the admirable way in which he had conducted the business of the Board since his appointment as President. The motion was unanimously carried. Bro. Robert Grey thanked the brethren. He stated that the Fund started that night £800 in debt. The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at last meeting of the Board, to the extent of £480. The new list contained the names of 62 petitioners. Nine cases were deferred, being incomplete, and three were dismissed. The remaining fifty were relieved with a total of £1255. This comprised two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, one of £75, and three of £50 each; one recommendation to the M.W.G.M. for £40, eight for £30 each, and one for £25; eighteen grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, thirteen of £10 each, and one of £5. The sitting extended till nearly eleven o'clock.

On Monday evening next, at the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, Bro. Frederick Binckes, Past Grand Steward, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney. Bro. Binckes will be assisted by Bros. Collick I.P.M. 1585 S.W., W. Radcliffe P.M. 211 J.W., Henry Bond Secretary, W. Carter P.M. 141 I.G., W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, G. Bugler P.M. 975, and J. C. Radford P.M. 1420. The musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. J. A. Collings Org. 1653. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely. The brethren to wear Masonic clothing. The Railway Hotel is immediately opposite the South Western Railway Station, Putney.

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SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

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PROV. G. LODGE NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Masons in this Province, on the invitation of the York Lodge, No. 236, was held in the York Lodge, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday, the 21st November, when a large assemblage af the brethren of the Province were present. In the absence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the meeting was presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, J.P., D.L., P.G.W. England, who was supported by Very Worshipful Bro. John W. Woodall Past Grand Treasurer England, acting as Deputy Grand Master, and the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Rev. Henry Greeves, M.A., P.M. 566 S.W., Denis J. O'Donoghue P.M. 57 J.W., Rev. J. E. Torbett, B.A., 123 Chaplain, Walter Reynolds P.M. 250 Treasurer, H. A. Williamson P.M. 200 Registrar, M. C. Peck P.M. 1040 Secretary, J. G. Hodgson W.M. 236 S.D., M. Millington P.M. 1611 J.D., George Taylor P.M. 1618 Superintendent of Works, Josh. Knaggs P.M. 1760 Assistant D.C., T. M. Goldie P.M. 660 Sword Bearer, T. T. Davis P.M. 2134 and W. Gillett P.M. 2134 Standard Bearers, James F. Stewart 602 Organist, Thomas Oates P.M. 250 Assistant Secretary, W. T. Harrison P.M. 561 Pursuivant, and F. J. Lambert 1010 Tyler; also the following Past Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. W. B. Richardson and T. B. Whytehead P.P.G. Wardens, Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., P.G.C. England, Rev. W. Valentine and Rev. W. G. Chilman P.P.G. Chaplains; W. Lawton, Josh. Todd, J. Sykes Rymer (Lord Mayor of York), and J. Marshall P.P.G. Registrars; H. B. Anderson and G. L. Shackles P.P.G. Deacons; W. Tesseyman, John Kemp, W. Holder, C. Palliser P.P.G. Supts. of Works; Col. R. G. Smith, A. Farmer, Geo. Kirby, G. H. Walshaw, Major A. H. MacGachen P.P.G. Directors of Ceremonies; J. R. Ansdell P.P.G. Sword Bearer, G. Balmford and A. Sample P.P.G. Organists; G. Simpson, J. Fairburn P.P.G. Pursuivants, and many other brethren. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form the Acting Provincial Grand Master was saluted with Grand honours. The rules and regulations of the Educational Fund of the Province, adopted at the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at York on the 14th July, were confirmed. The acting Prov. Grand Master then invested the following brethren, who were appointed by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master on the 28th September last, in celebration of the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, and in accordance with the resolution passed by Grand Lodge on the 7th September. Bros. Joseph Todd Wor. Master 236 in 1871, P.G.O. 1863, P.G.Reg. 1878; M. C. Peck W.M. 1040 in 1865, P.G. Supt. Wks. 1862, P.G. Secretary 1886 as Past Senior Prov. Grand Warden; Tom Turner, J.P., W.M. 294 in 1866-73-76 as Past Prov. Registrar; Bro. Charles Gray W. Master Londesborough Lodge, No. 734, in 1877, and Bro. J. T. Seller W. Master Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, in 1880, as Past Senior Provincial Grand Deacons. Bro. Joseph Todd P.P.G.W. proposed, and Bro. J. Sykes Rymer P.P.G. Reg. seconded, that the sum of one hundred and twenty guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at its Centenary Festival 1888, and the same be placed upon the list of the Provincial Grand Charity Representative, Bro. Colonel R. G. Smith P.M. 1010 P.P.G.D.C., which was carried unanimously. This amount, completing the sum of four hundred guineas, constitutes the Provincial Grand Lodge a Patron of the Institution, with 80 votes. After other business Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

REVIEWS.

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Masonic Facts and Fictions, comprising a New Theory of the Origin of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. Founded on Official Records and recently discovered Documents. By HENRY SADLER, P.M. and P.Z., Grand Tyler and Sub Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England. London: Diprose and Bateman, Sheffield-street, Lincoln's-inn; Spencer and Co., 15 Great Queen-street, W.C.; George Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, W.C.

HERE we have a work differing widely in many respects from those which have been added by great Masonic authors from time to time to our store of Craft literature, but possessing features that will commend it to a very extensive audience amongst all classes of the Fraternity. It is not a compilation of dry records and statistics, intended only for perusal by the scholar and the student, or to be cavilled over by those disputants on obscure points which have proved so fruitful a field for controversy. As a matter of fact, it is somewhat refreshing to find that a writer has at length risen up amongst us who, whilst presenting us with a host of interesting "facts," culled from the very best possible data, and pounding away gallantly at the many "fictions" that have crept into Masonic histories, either through personal interest or the lack of authentic information, garnishes his narrative with chapters of easy, pleasant reading, which serve the same purpose as the very large spoonful of jam in which an anxious mother conceals the small quantity of physic she administers to her offspring. It is not our intention in this article to deal critically with the admirable treatise which has just been so modestly presented to Masonic readers by our worthy Bro. Henry Sadler, P.M. and P.Z., Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England. As a preliminary notice we prefer to content ourselves with a bird's-eye outline of, or running commentary upon, the general features of a work that is bound to become immensely popular as soon as its merits are more widely known. And at starting we do not hesitate to say that many of the brethren who know the mild and unobtrusive manner of our Grand Tyler will be surprised to find in the pages of his volume snatches of original humour, and flashes of wit of which some may not have thought Bro. Sadler capable. To sum up, the work throughout is one of sustained interest; and the reader, whether he be a deeply-read scholar or the merest tyro in

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Masonic research, will peruse its pages with undiminished pleasure from the preface to the end.

The volume is dedicated to Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon of England, President of the Board of General Purposes, &c. "as a small acknowledgment of many acts of brotherly kindness received at his hands, in humble admiration of his numerous and important Masonic services, and his indefatigable zeal for the benefit of the Fraternity in general, and the Emulation Lodge in particular." Bro. Fenn, in a brief introductory chapter, alludes to the credulity of the readers of some of the old "authorities" as to the antiquity of the Science, and which he considers may be fairly classed amongst the "fictions" of Masonry. He adds that in many of the Masonic Histories where allusion is made to the "Antient" or "Atholl" Masons, they are stigmatised as "Seceders" and "Schismatics," —a stigma which Bro. Sadler endeavours to show is unmerited. "Any Brother" (says Brother Fenn) "who labours to remove opprobrium which, in his opinion, has been unwarrantably cast upon a large and influential body of our Brother Masons is entitled to respect and attention." That is a sentiment with which very few will be found to disagree. There is this advantage, which Bro. Sadler possesses over many of those writers who have hitherto discussed the origin of the "Antient" Grand Lodge, and that is, he has access to all the books and documents of the "Antients" now in possession of Grand Lodge, by which means he has had exceptionable opportunities of discovering "facts" hitherto concealed, and of detecting as "fictions" many statements hitherto received as "facts."

The author, in his preface, leads off by referring to the oft-repeated assertion that "Masons don't read," but if the support accorded to this work as soon as it was announced be any criterion, then Bro. Sadler is justified in his assertion that "a rapidly growing desire has been evinced by a large number of brethren in different parts of the world to make themselves acquainted with the antecedents of the various bodies to which they owe allegiance." To this desire he has endeavoured to minister by offering to the English-speaking Fraternity what he ventures to hope will be a readable book, at a price which places it within the reach of the humblest member. He makes no claim to its being considered a general History of Masonry, but there is little doubt it will throw considerable light on the character and early proceedings of the two branches of the Order which eventually formed the United Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Sadler hits out straight from the shoulder when, in his opening chapter, he points out how readily statements that have appeared in print were accepted; how that by increased inquiry our belief in the most cherished traditions have been shaken, leaving doubt and indecision where before was simple child-like faith. With due regard for well-founded traditions and old established customs, he urges that "where a wrong could be righted and justice ensured to the memory of an individual, or a stigma removed from a community,"—"down with the obstacle, and let the truth prevail, even though the error may have been handed down from generation to generation." Having enumerated in chronological order the four Grand Lodges existing in England at the same period, the author narrates the dissolution of two of them—one at York which assumed the high-sounding title of "Grand Lodge of *all* England," and which died out about the year 1792, and the other which was prematurely brought into existence in London by a few members of the Lodge of Antiquity in 1779, under the somewhat egostical title of "The Grand Lodge of England, South of the River Trent." The other two were of course the mother of all Grand Lodges established in London in 1717, and which has had an unbroken existence from the time of its formation down to the present day, and the Grand Lodge of the "Antients," established in London in 1753, to the character and proceedings of which Bro. Sadler's book is mainly devoted. On one important point the writer totally disagrees with all other labourers in the field of Masonic research, and that is the circumstances which led to the formation and establishing of the "Antient" Grand Lodge in 1753, which he regards as the most remarkable event of the last century. He contends strongly against the "fiction" that the founders of this body were seceders from the Mother Grand Lodge of 1717, and objects to their being referred to as "schismatics." Those who have applied such terms to this section of our Order have done so under a wrong impression; for after having most carefully considered the subject, Bro. Sadler avers: "I am of opinion that there is no evidence yet brought to light which would justify me in believing that any considerable number of them ever owned allegiance to the regular Grand Lodge of England; and I venture to express a hope that future historians will, after having read these pages, find a name more in accordance with the principles of justice and equity for a portion of our community to which we of the present day are deeply indebted." There is no mistaking Bro. Sadler's meaning in this assertion, which he certainly would not have made so emphatically had he not been fortified with the most reliable evidence on which to base his conclusions. In an interesting strain our author next proceeds to describe the difficulties under which historians of the present day labour in consequence of the objections held by former rulers of the Order to anything appearing in print concerning the affairs of the Craft, the Quarterly Reports of both the "Antients" and "Moderns" containing scarcely anything besides figures, showing the amount of money received from the different Lodges. Having demonstrated that official histories are not always reliable, and shown that reckless assertions and palpable mis-statements were the outcome of the imaginative powers of our brethren of the last century, he proceeds to give an interesting account of the manner in which Lodges were then formed and managed. Prior to 1717 there was no recognised head of symbolical Masonry; the Lodges therefore acted quite independently of each other, and acknowledged no higher Masonic authority than the Master for the time being. When a Lodge grew too large for the comfort of its members, or a difference of opinion arose between them, they would remove to another house, and set up a Lodge on their own account, without troubling themselves about Warrants of Constitution, Consecrating Officer, or, indeed, any of the grand ceremonials considered so essential at the opening of a new Lodge in the present day. There was no regular subscription, each member contributing a small sum towards the expenses of the evening, with something in addition for the benefit of the sick and distressed. This, with the entrance fee (generally about a guinea), and the fines inflicted on brethren for omitting to bring their aprons, or for using profane language, constituted the only source of income. These primitive ideas fall strangely upon the ears of Masons of the present day, and the author proceeds to tell us that the clothing consisted merely of a plain white lambskin apron, with gloves to correspond, with no ornaments; collars were unknown, and when jewels came into use they were at first suspended from the neck by a plain white riband. In a footnote Bro. Sadler informs us that jewels are first mentioned in the Grand Lodge Minutes of the 24th June 1727, when it was resolved, "that in all private Lodges and Quarterly Communications and Generall Meetings the Mar. and Wardens do wear the Jewells of Masonry hanging to a White Ribbon (vizt.), That the Mar. wear the Square, the Senr. Warden the Levell, and the Junr. Warden the Plumb rule." There is no record of what actually occurred in connection with the newly-formed Grand Lodge during the first six years of its existence, other than the very meagre account given by Anderson in the Constitutions of 1738. Bro. Sadler is not convinced by the bare statement of that chronicler that there were only four Lodges in London at the time that Grand Lodge was established, and it is not, in his opinion, a matter of vital importance whether there were four or six that took part in that event. Much more of this chatty matter is supplied in the opening chapters, and a considerable portion of the work is then devoted to the written records of the First Grand Lodge, from which copious extracts are given. Some curious records are cited of old Masons appealing to the newly-formed Grand Lodge for pecuniary aid, amongst which is a petition of Henry Pritchard, dated 24th June 1731, in which it was stated he had been a "regular Mason upwards of fforty years." Some amusing instances are given on the want of unanimity which prevailed on what were considered matters of vital importance; incidents are recounted of the "irregularities" which crept into Lodges—and no wonder—with the penalties attached thereto; but, as the writer observes, "we must take these early minutes for what they were undoubtedly intended to be, simply a register of results, and in order to be able to arrive at anything like an accurate knowledge of the real proceedings we must read between the lines." Space does not permit of our accompanying Brother Sadler in his detailed account of the admission of Lodges into the Grand Lodge, the Deputations received for the constitution of Lodges in India and the Colonies, and the various vicissitudes through which Masonry passed in those early times. To do so would but spoil the interest of the reader in this part of Bro. Sadler's work. A little contretemps is noted at the Quarterly Communication of 11th December 1735, when a petition and appeal was presented, signed by several Masters of Lodges against the Privileges granted to the Stewards' Lodge, at a previous Quarterly Communication. On the question being put whether that determination should be confirmed or not, there appears to have been a fiasco, for "In the course of the collecting the votes on this occasion there appeared so much confusion that it was not possible for the Grand Officers to determine with any certainty what the numbers on either side of the Question were; they were therefore obliged to dismiss the Debate and close the Lodge." Amongst the curious laws passed for Grand Lodge in 1754 was the following:—"That, if any Mason shall without the especial Licence of the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being attend as a Mason cloathed in any of the jewels or cloathing of the Craft at any Funeral or Funeral Procession, he shall not only be for ever incapable of being an Officer of a Lodge, but even of tyling or attending on a Lodge or partaking of the General Charity if he shall come to want it." Some quaint records are made of the Lodges which held meetings at the various City Taverns, until 1755, when the "Ancients" had about forty Lodges on their roll, "and," adds Bro. Sadler, "it may be that the knowledge of this fact prompted the "Moderns" to take some decided steps for the purpose of consolidating their forces, with a view to counteract the rapidly increasing power of the opposite party, which was not deemed necessary during their former disorganised condition." Having brought his examination of the minutes of the "Modern" Grand Lodge up to a period when the rival Institution might be considered to be in a fairly prosperous condition, Bro. Sadler considers it unnecessary to continue his researches in that direction. He mentions, however, that every item of intelligence to be found in those records that could possibly be construed as having the least bearing on the question of the origin of the "Ancients" has been placed before his readers, and he adds "it will not be thoght very presumptuous on my part if I venture to express an opinion that the most powerful imagination would be required to detect any trustworthy evidence or even indication of a secession from the regular body having occurred previous to the year 1752."

Our author then goes into an exhaustive examination of the records of the "Ancients," and without going deeply into this part of the work, we may quote one or two rather funny incidents that are therein related. At a meeting of the Grand Committee, held at the Temple Eating House, near Temple Bar, the only business recorded on 1st July 1752 consisted of a complaint by John Robinson, of No. 9, against Moses Willoughby, of the same Lodge, for defrauding him of the sum of nine shillings "in a bargain in the exchanging of a loomb." The matter had been referred to a Committee of Weavers, who decided against the defendant, and he was ordered to refund the money on pain of expulsion; but Moses was evidently a hardened sinner. "He declared they might expel him, for he would not conform to the rules of any Society upon Earth by which he should lose nine shillings." Whereupon he was "unanimously expell'd, and deem'd unworthy of this or any other good Society."

We have gone as far with this preliminary sketch as space at our disposal admits, but hope to return to the very interest-

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ing subject at an early date. Meanwhile, we heartily commend "Masonic Facts and Fictions" to our readers, as eminently instructive and entertaining to all classes and grades of Masons, amongst whom it is certain to find a wide circle of admirers. As Bro. Fenn says, in his introduction, "His book is cleverly written, his style amusing, and his arguments are well and logically maintained to the end."

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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UNITED BROTHERS' LODGE, No. 1069.

THE installation of Bro. Alexander G. German, as the W.M. of this Lodge, took place on Monday evening, the 21st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth, in the presence of a large number of the Craft, every local Lodge being represented. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Mark E. Frost P.M. P.P.G.S.W., who was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P.), the P.G. Senior Warden (Bro. T. E. Williams), the P.G. Secretary (Bro. Edgar Goble), the P.G. Registrar (Bro. A. R. Holbrook), the P.G. Treasurer (Brother R. J. Rastrick), Bros. W. G. P. Gilbert P.G.S., H. P. Holley P.G.S., W. A. Hill, J. W. Gieve, W. Beattell, J. W. Willmott P.P.G.S.B., F. Sanders P.G.S., G. Whitehall, H. E. Loader P.P.G.S.D., W. T. Dupree, H. Cook, R. Glasspool P.G.S.B., F. Powell P.P.G.D.C., E. Pratt P.G.S., W. Dart P.P.G.S., G. Darby, C. W. Bavis, &c. After the ceremony, the W.M. invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. G. Whitehall I.P.M., J. Jenkins S.W., C. J. Lawrence J.W., R. J. Rastrick Treasurer, Dr. Bonner Mumby Secretary, Ernest Smith S.D., J. Dudley J.D., H. E. Loader D.C., J. Zachariah I.G., J. Milligan and Dr. Sall Stewards, Exell Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the Installing Officer and to the D.P.G.M. for his kindness in attending. The W.M., in the name of the Brethren, presented to Bro. George Whitehall a Past Master's jewel, and to Bro. C. J. Lawrence a Secretary's jewel, in recognition of their services during the past year. Subsequently a banquet was served in the dining hall, at which the W.M. presided, and there was a numerous attendance.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

WE last week gave an account of the installation meeting, on Tuesday, 8th inst. It was one of the most interesting and influential meetings that has occurred for several years. We now append a list of the brethren that attended Lodge and banquet, and we congratulate Bro. Creed upon the successful commencement of his year of office as Worshipful Master. Bros. Ravenscroft W.M., Creed S.W., Hickie J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Slaughter S.D., Hukins J.D., Sherwin Organist, Sparrow I.G., Brown, Ridley and Stewart Stewards; P.M.'s Bros. Ferguson, Margrett as D.C., Hawkes, Dowsett, Blackwell, Flanagan, Welch; also Bros. Rhind, Hart, Reed, Parkes, Long, Loam, Scrivener, Colebrook, James, Hodder, Knight, Kemp, Smallwood, Silver, Treverton. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. Brownrigg D.P.G.M., Miller, Tomkins W.M. 945, Smith late of 414, Ferguson P.M. 414, Withers P.M. 414, Bennett J.W. 2043, Bruton P.M. 314, Peet P.M. 190, Coates late of 1101, Payne W.M. 414, Robinson 840, Tubbs S.W. 2043, Brickworth 1658, Webb P.M. 2043, Robinson W.M. 1895, Bunce 1714, Slade Secretary 1887, Hewett Secretary 2043, Nicholas 414, Dodd 414, Watson J.D. 1895, Martin W.M. 414, Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. P.G. Steward P.G.S.B., Gadd 1247, Grisbrook P.M. 771, Mount P.M. 414, Parry Secretary 414, Dixon P.M. 209 P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks and Charity Secretary.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE installation of Bro. W. B. Dyson as W.M. of this Lodge, took place on Monday afternoon, the 14th inst., in the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. There was a large attendance of the members of the Lodge, including Bros. the Hon. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, and Past Masters J. S. Cumberland, Seller, Mullington, Blenkin, and Balmford. The W.M., Bro. W. Brown, occupied the chair, and amongst the Visitors from other Lodges were the following:—Bros. Barker P.M. 1102, Rooke P.M. 230, Chambers P.M. 1760, Todd P.M. 236, Cheesman W.M. 566, Staniland P.M. 566, Cousans P.M. 297, Hodgson W.M. 236, Newton 1513, Smith P.M. 857, Parkin 837, Richardson P.M. 1001, Pickersgill P.M. 837, Cowper P.M. 602, Chadwick P.M. 1040, Smith S.W. 236, Scott 236, Sage 1614 and 837, Archey 236, Jordan 613, Shand 630, Baldwin P.M. 630, &c. After the transaction of the formal business of the Lodge, the following Brethren of eminence in the United States were elected honorary members:—Bros. Thos. J. Shryock Grand Master of Maryland, Hon. J. B. Hopkins P.M. 221, Penn., representative of England, Rt. Rev. W. S. Perry, Bishop of Iowa, Grand Chaplain of Iowa, C. F. Beatty P.M. 2, New York, J. Sartam P.M. 134 Penn., J. L. Young P.M. 130 Penn., C. W. Packer P.M. 72 Penn., C. Matthews jun. P.M. 481 Penn., and D. Sutter P.M. 130 Penn. The installation was then proceeded with, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M. of the Lodge, also of 2128, and Past Grand Warden of North and East Yorkshire, assisted by the Worshipful Master Bro. W. Brown. The following brethren were appointed Officers for the coming year:—Bros. Brown I.P.M., Dalton S.W., Lacken by J.W., Millington Chaplain, Balmford Treasurer, Kay Secretary, Lamb S.D., Storey J.D., Chapman Dir. of Cers., Child Organist, Shoaksmith I.G., Pearson and Sharp Stewards, Halliwell and Hall Tylers. The W.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. Brown a gold and enamelled Past Master's jewel, on his leaving the chair. The presentation was made in most felicitous terms, and was accompanied with the warmest applause of the brethren. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. Brown I.P.M., by the members of Eboracum Lodge 1611, for his efficiency as W.M. from November 1886 to November 1887, and for his generosity during his year of office. 14th November 1887."

The reception of the jewel received appropriate acknowledgment. The banquet took place in the evening, at the De Grey Rooms, and was most efficiently served by Bro. W. Halliwell. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the Very Rev. the Dean of York P.G. Chap. of England; Bros. Kirby, G. C. Lee, C. Wardle, H. Gramshaw, H. W. Longford, S. Border (Sheriff of York), and others. During the evening musical contributions were given by Bros. Cumberland, Wilkinson, Child, Halliwell, Baldwin, Archer, Pearson and others; Bro. Child presiding at the piano. The selections rendered included a quartette, composed for the occasion by Bro. Pook, and set to music by the Organist (Bro. Child), which was heartily received.

East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.—The annual banquet was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, 15th inst. Bro. J. S. Streeter P.P.G.R. Surrey P.M. 463 was in the chair. The Wardens were Bros. Blake P.P.G.R. Surrey P.P.G.J.D. Gloucester, P.M. of the Grove Lodge, and Hawes S.D. 463. Amongst those present were Bros. Hobbs P.P.G.J.D. Surrey W.M. 1796 and P.M. 2096, Ridpath W.M. 2096, Nicholls S.W. 463, Matthey 2096, Greenfield 1796. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Woodward P.P.G.W. Surrey P.M. 463, Frazer P.M. 174, Langton P.P.G.J.W. Surrey P.M. 1672 2096, and many others. A very good dinner was served by the manager, Mr. Bridle. The Worshipful Master proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and Prosperity to this Lodge of Instruction. There was a capital selection of songs during the evening, by several of the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Lloyd 1786. Bro. F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey presided at the piano.

Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704.—This Lodge of Instruction is now held at the Lord Northbrook, Burnt Ash, Lee, S.E., and has been particularly fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Andrews, of Nunhead, as Preceptor. Under his able and courteous guidance progress is being made, and ere long some good workers will be the outcome of Bro. Andrews' labours. On Monday next, the 28th inst., the second annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction, since its removal to the Lord Northbrook, will take place, and as we know the host, Bro. Corry, to be a good, as well as a liberal caterer, we trust there will be a numerous gathering of the Brethren on the occasion.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—The second part of the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the "Moorgate," 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday next, the 28th inst., commencing at 7.30. Bros. James Hemming J.W. 1287 W.M., J. C. Smith I.P.M. 1744 S.W., James Thom S.W. 2205 J.W. Second Lecture—Bros. Jas. Thom, T. C. Edmonds, W. Proctor, J. C. Smith, R. Whiting. Third Lecture—Bros. R. W. Fraser, E. Storr, G. Emblin. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507 1732 1744 Preceptor, C. J. Scales P.M. 1507 Treasurer, Edwin Storr P.M. 167 and J. F. Saunders W.S. 1507 Secretaries.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—At the meeting on Monday last, at Bro. Webb's, Railway Hotel, Putney, there were present Bros. Featherston W.M., Round S.W., Radcliffe J.W., Carter J.D., Alexander I.G.; Brothers P.M.'s Bugler, Radford, Webb, Morgan, Grant, Spooner, Venne, &c. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Grant candidate. Final arrangements were made for the meeting of Monday next, when Bro. Binckes has kindly consented to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The compliment of Honorary Membership was conferred on Bro. Morgan, for the valuable assistance he had rendered the Lodge of Instruction. The Brethren are requested to assemble at 6·45 on Monday.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday, at Bros. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present:—Bros. A. M. Marks W.M., Caseley S.W., Garrud J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Weeden J.D., Hammond I.G., Trewinnard Prec. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hancock candidate. Bro. Collingridge answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was advanced and closed in regular form. Brother Caseley was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Brother McDowall elected a member.

Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638.—There was a gratifying muster of the members of this Lodge of Instruction and their friends on Tuesday evening last, at the Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, the special occasion being to meet Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., who had been invited to deliver his Lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry." The Worshipful Master's chair was occupied by Bro. Hearsum, who was supported by Bros. G. Moorman S.W., Montague J.W., Pettitt S.D., Shelley J.D., Baltz I.G., Lane Steward, Lane P.M., Laurence P.M., Drewett P.M., W. W. Morgan P.M., Minett, Pryke, Trott, Bowers, Huggins, Hullett, Oldridge, Acton, Chapman, Pitman, Allen, W. Drewett, W. Chapman, Colbron, Sumner, Willis, Pennington, Levy, Morris, J. W. Moorman, Digby, Rogers, Prince, Curtis, Willis, and others. The Lodge of Instruction having been formally opened, Bro. Stevens, who was received with a most hearty greeting, proceeded to deliver his lecture, and succeeded in riveting the attention of the

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brethren for nearly two hours, the various points of his discourse being carefully noted by many, who followed Bro. Stevens closely. Some idea of the interest that was evinced may be gathered from the fact that although the time occupied was so long, there was not even a call off for refreshment, rather an unusual circumstance in a Lodge of Instruction. Undoubtedly the lecture gave the utmost satisfaction, and at its close Bro. W. Drewett, proprietor of the *Kingston and Surrey News*, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for the rich Masonic treat he had afforded the brethren, from which they had all derived much profit and edification. In a terse but able speech, Bro. Drewett referred to one or two points in the lecture, and concluded by saying they were all deeply indebted to Bro. Stevens for coming amongst them. The vote of thanks having been seconded, was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Stevens briefly acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him. The business of the Lodge having concluded, by a very capital arrangement the brethren, who had temporarily retired to a coffee-room, returned to the Lodge room, where a substantial supper, consisting of the old-fashioned "leg o' mutton and trimmins," with a substantial joint of beef, was served. The way in which the comfort and enjoyment of the party was studied by the worthy hosts of the "Alexandra" was much appreciated. There were no set speeches, but a few complimentary toasts, interspersed with singing and recitations, were the staple of a very cosy and enjoyable evening.

UNITED STRENGTH CHAPTER, No. 228.

THE Companions had a very quiet meeting on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street. Comp. Terry P.Z. Treasurer, Past G. Standard Bearer, installed Comp. A. W. Fenner as the 1st Principal, and Comp. A. Ross as the 3rd Principal, Comp. E. H. Edis was unavoidably absent. His induction into the chair of H. was postponed. A very enjoyable supper was partaken of by the Companions afterwards.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 2025.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., at St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, to instal the Principals for the year ensuing. Comps. James Gifford as Z., W. Odam as H., and J. S. Sloggett as J. The Installing Principals were Companions J. R. Lord P.Z. 70, James Gidley P.Z. 1205 2025, W. Allsford P.Z. 202, and the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189, Prov. Grand Third Principal: assisted by the following Board of Installed Principals:—Companions J. Griffon P.Z. 70, G. R. Barrett P.Z. 1255 2025, E. A. Davies P.Z. 159 2025, J. Gourley P Z. 1205, A. H. Whiddon Z. 202, R. Pike P.Z. 230, George Horswill J. 105, and H. Langmead J. 202. The Officers were invested as follow:—Comps. J. Griffin I.P.Z., C. G. Withel S.E., J. T. Bond S.N., W. Cann P. Soj., L. Wells and W. J. Pengelly A. Sojs., G. R. Barrett P.Z. Treas., W. Mussell D.C., and J Gidley Janitor. Previous to the installations four candidates were duly advanced to this sublime degree. At the close of the Chapter the Companions, to the number of twenty, adjourned to Risdon's Restaurant, Plymouth, where an excellent supper was laid, and under the presidency of Companion J. Clifford Z. a pleasant and enjoyable evening was passed.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

AT a regular meeting of the Holy Cross Preceptory of Knights Templar, held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Friday, the 18th instant, Sir Knight E. B. Thompson, M.D., was elected as the Eminent Preceptor for the year ensuing, and Eminent Sir Knight W. F. Westcott E.C. as the Treasurer. V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., presented to the Preceptory an engraving representing "The Reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G., &c., as Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, by the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar, 13th May 1870," a fellow picture to that which he gave to "Loyal Brunswick," his own Encampment, on his installation as the Provincial Grand Prior on the 4th of last August. The panel bears the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Holy Cross Preceptory, No. 30, by the V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 deg., Very Eminent Provincial Grand Prior of Devon, 18th November 1887."

The gift was acknowledged by Eminent Sir Knight G. Whittley, Sir Knight E. B. Thompson, and Sir Knight G. R. Barrett.

THE GROWTH OF FREEMASONRY

NOTWITHSTANDING the terrible anathemas which have been heaped upon it, Freemasonry continues to spread in every direction. Within the limits of the British Empire, its development has been most remarkable in recent years. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire (Bro. H. C. Okeover) mentioned the other day that he had consecrated fourteen Lodges in that district. This remark was made on the occasion of the consecration of a new Lodge in the large and growing town of Long Eaton, which has been named the Fairfield, and which has been mainly brought into existence through the exertions of Bro. J. P. Fearfield, a gentleman well known in the local lace trade. The Lodge was launched under the most favourable auspices, and ought to have a bright and prosperous career. It will find a home—at all events for the time being—in the upper rooms of the Pavilion, attached to the Recreation Ground. Its first master is Bro. W. Silver Hall, of Derby, an experienced and hard-working Mason, who has just vacated the chair of Tyrian, the mother Lodge of the Province, and who formerly presided over the Abbey Lodge, Nuneaton. Bro. Hall's powers of organization are well-known, and assisted by such old hands as Bro. Maltby of Ilkeston, and Bros. E. Horne and J. O. Manton of Derby (who are included in his list of Officers), he may be trusted to carry on the affairs of the new Lodge with harmony and success—*Derby Reporter.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

Criterion.—The long-promised adaptation of "Un Voyage en Caucase" was produced last Saturday. It failed, however, to make any great stir. Mr. F. W. Broughton is responsible for the English version, which is best described as a most absurd and improbable story. The first act is very amusing, but after the entry of the supposed Caucasian chief, everything falls flat and becomes wearisome. Fancy a Caucasian chief talking English without the slightest foreign accent, while the landlady of the hero is also disguised as a Caucasian. This alone was absurd, but the two last acts contained nothing but what was certain to take place. The whole piece is founded on the troubles of a man who has managed to get hold of the manuscript of a work which has "caught on." The nephew of the real author has discovered the fraud, and proposes to have revenge. He disguises himself, and goes to the hypocrite's house, first begging shelter, and then breaking everything he can get hold of, and finally finishes by making love to the old man's daughter. The whole thing is founded on a false note, and only manages to struggle for a brief while, to result in an awful failure at the close. Every chance was given the piece by the actors. They worked hard, but with very little result. Mr. David James was full of humour as the would-be author, his make up being perfect. Mr. Giddens' quaint manner was wholly unsuited to the part of the Caucasian, while Mr. Blakeley made the most of what was allotted him. Mr. Sydney Brough gave a touch of originality to his part that made it pleasing to see. This young actor is steadily mounting the ladder of fame, and his latest effort will add to his laurels. Miss Annie Hughes was clever as the daughter, Mrs. E. Phelps a pleasing mother, while Miss F. Paget worked hard as the Caucasian lady.

Olympia.—Once more this magnificent building is occupied by the Paris Hippodrome, and from the way in which M. Houcke, the manager, has started his season, in all probability the success will eclipse last year's. Each item on the programme is of the highest order, while every "turn" is varied. The programme starts with a manœuvre by 32 lady riders and 8 gentlemen; this is cleverly executed, and is followed by a comic performance by the Harlow Brothers. Then follows a race by Arabian steeds. Miss Jenny O'Brien shows she must have spent much time in teaching her pigeons to obey her commands, as also must M. Blennow with his clever performing dogs, and as the exhibitor of some novel performing bullocks. M. Gilbert goes through a clever steeplechasing act, while an exciting scene is witnessed when the little "post" of ponies start racing. The troupe of Morocco Jumpers put themselves into some clever positions, while the Sisters Antoinette Gontard and the Young Clara go through a clever Haute Ecole act. Of course, one of the most exciting and novel scenes is the Roman games, wherein a combat of gladiators, races of chariots, with two and four horses, take place. These acts are wonderfully realistic, and call down the highest praise from the audience. Professor Corradini, with his performing horses and elephant brings the first part to a close. The second part consists of Arabian scenes, in which is shown how a military train is attacked; this is followed by native dances and the portrayal of different incidents connected with the Arab race. These scenes are well worth seeing; they are not only exciting, but they are supposed to be true imitations of Arabian life. During the interval most of the visitors are allowed to visit the stables. With the liberal programme set forth, Olympia should this season prove a gigantic success.

The new farce, "The Woman Hater," by Mr. David Lloyd, will be presented for the first time in London next Thursday evening, at Terry's theatre. The work was recently "tried" in the provinces, with great success. It has been well caste, several prominent artistes having been engaged to support Mr. Terry. The farce will be preceded by the domestic drama "Off Duty;" in this Mr. Lionel Brough will play his old part.

Once more we have to announce the postponement of the production of "Theodora," at the Princess's Theatre, which, on account of the heavy scenic preparations, will not be ready for Boxing Night as hoped for. Miss Grace Hawthorne has decided on introducing, for the holiday season, Bartley Campbell's play of "Siberia" for the night bill, and a grand revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" for daily matinées. Both of these plays will be produced between now and Christmas.

The installation meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, was held at the Regent Masonic Temple, Cafe Royal, W., on the 24th instant, when the W.M., Bro. W. C. Smith, installed Bro. Edmund Beaumont Cox J.W. into the chair, to the satisfaction of a large gathering. Bro. J. A. Hammond P.M. had been duly re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. E. Shand P.M. was re-invested for seventh year as Secretary. A full report will appear in our next.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 175—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
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, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
362—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
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
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
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
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
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. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
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, 29th NOVEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
804—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Hornsey, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1550—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Ball 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
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooperstreet, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, 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
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtipierpoint, Sussex
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Coughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 357—Apollo Universary, Apollo Universary Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Dulwich, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
172—Union and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
211—Peronic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
235—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
238—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
804—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
705—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)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Staugate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1382—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction

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1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 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. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
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.
46—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
458—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Chesham
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2060—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 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. 995—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 3.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1148—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.
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)
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. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
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
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newmarket-on-Tweed
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
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.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Silver-street, Stretford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 369—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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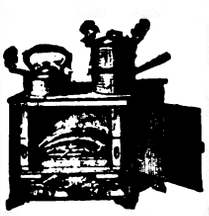

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LOYALTY AND CHARITY.

THOSE of us who saw the Prince of Wales installed Grand Master of English Freemasonry will never forget the scene or the event. It was indeed a fitting and glorious ending of a period of great anxiety for our excellent and Loyal Order.

Under the presiding auspices and energy of the Heir Apparent to the Throne, English Freemasonry could now move on, fulfilling its mission and extending its stakes, and despite many antagonists and vituperative slanderers, hold the "even tenour of its way" against all comers.

And those of us who can still recall the cheer which greeted the Grand Master's assurance that he "never should forget that day," will also agree with us that no promise has been better kept in the unchanging interest he has taken in Freemasonry, and the open adoption and illustration he has from time to time afforded to the world of the time honoured principles and precepts of our Craft.

On that memorable occasion he gave us a watchword that may well serve the present generation of Freemasons, as most truly expressive of the esoteric teachings of Freemasonry on two great heads, at any rate of didactic morality, Loyalty and Charity.

Both words are very expressive, far-reaching, and full of meaning and vitality.

They aver abstract and concrete truths, very dear to the mind and heart of Freemasonry, and such as are intimately, and intensely, and unchangeably bound up with its most cherished traditions and its most direct practice and its most beneficial teaching. With these words ever before it, emblazoned in golden letters on its elevated banner, Freemasonry to-day is marching on, north, south, east and west, a compact and fraternal phalanx, smiling at the fears of the timid, reproving the calumnies of the mendacious, confronting the weapons of the hostile, intent simply on its own great aim and work, increasing the store of human happiness, and in the name of God and of religion, enforcing the mild lessons of true toleration and expansive benevolence, and advancing the peace, happiness, civilisation, and union of all children of the dust.

Our Grand Lodge will have before it, at its next Quarterly Communication, two motions covering the ground these very Masonic averments and duties are intended to illustrate and develope.

Grand Lodge will be asked at its next meeting, in the name of the Grand Master, both gracefully and befittingly, to make a grant to aid in relieving *honest* poverty and expressing sympathy towards the *really* unemployed. It will further be invited, on the motion of the Deputy Grand Master, to vote a sum of money to celebrate with Masonic loyalty and affection the Silver Wedding of our Royal Grand Master and the Princess of Wales.

Both of these propositions appear to us singularly appropriate and well-timed.

They seem thoroughly to represent the true idea of such grants when proposed and made, namely, being both reasonable and seasonable, judicious and well imagined. There are times and seasons in our lives and in the progress of sublunary events, when we feel more or less moved to do this or do that, more or less inclined to evidence by unmistakable acts, that our hearts are in our works, our sympathies in accord with our professions.

And such seems, for many reasons, our present position in the current of human affairs, and the passing onward of our Masonic life, and therefore it is we deem such proposals worthy of the occasion, and fully deserving the fraternal support of an unanimous Grand Lodge.

In the family happiness and peaceful prosperity of our Grand Master and his charming consort we shall all of us feel the most abiding and loyal interest. Whilst as regards the wants of many honest sufferers, in the present agricultural and commercial depression, especially affecting our great metropolis, we shall, on the truest principles of Freemasonry, agree with the motives and ideas of such a well-intended motion. Indeed, it will be matter of pride to us all, that our Grand Lodge, rising above any narrow, or limited, or sectional consideration, whether of technical or constitutional objection, will appear before the Order and the world, faithful to its motto of Loyalty and Charity, ready and gratified to be enabled to avow its unchanged fealty to its Royal Grand Master and his family, dear to us as Freemasons and citizens, and as willing and pleased to be permitted to express its fellow sympathy with many on whom privation and trial, sickness and want, have laid a heavy and painful hand.

THE USE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

ONE of our Correspondents puts it in this way:

"What is the nature of the office of Grand Representative? What are the functions of the officer—if he is an officer? What are his powers, when and where does he exercise them? Is he a minister plenipotentiary, a consul, or what? And if he has no powers, *what's the use* of such appointments?"

We have seen these questions, perhaps not as tersely presented, in many reports on Correspondence and otherwise, and we propose now to answer all hands in a few sentences.

The system of Grand Representatives between Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Commanderies, the National Bodies, *et al*, is of decidedly modern origin, for it is within our personal recollection when it was not. But it has gradually increased in favour until now it extends to all regular Grand Bodies throughout the habitable globe.

This brings us to the first question above stated, and the answer to it really covers the whole ground, namely, that it is to represent by an individual named with the concurrence of the Body from which the Representative presents his credentials, and that to which he is accredited, the assurance of mutual amity and esteem. Nothing more. The Representative has no powers or prerogatives except those of fraternal courtesy. As for instance, when at the Annual Communication of the G.L. of New York, we are present, Louisiana presents through us as her Representative her kindest and most fraternal regards, and, in like manner, New York, through her Representative in Louisiana, sends loving Brotherly greeting to the Brethren of that jurisdiction. This and nothing more.

We are neither minister plenipotentiaries nor even Consuls, but only the representatives of that mutual good will and kindly feeling that ought to exist among Brethren bound in the indissoluble embrace of the mystic tie.

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But think of it, Brethren, how proud is the position of one, who being present in the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited, can rise in his place and say, "Here." Recollect that in that response you answer not only for the Grand Lodge you represent, but for the Brethren who owe it allegiance; that you are their spokesman and answer for them; that you in your person are empowered to say the Grand Lodge of —— is here, and by and through me presents you its most cordial good wishes, not only for health and stability, but that to and yours may be given length of days and all prosperity.

It should be, if it is not, a proud source of ambition to represent the Craftsmen of another jurisdiction, and to feel that in your person they are present at the particular body near which you are their representative.

So let it ever be, and so understand the position of Grand Representative that in his person are represented not only the Grand body he is called to represent, but its kindest and most loving remembrance, and so let it be that when a Brother is called to represent a Grand body near another, he may feel the value of being able to say: "I have the honour to represent ——." Seek no powers beyond those of fraternal courtesy; ask no attention but that given to another and equal power, but take pride that in you and through you a corresponding organisation is present, and through your hand-grip you communicate the fraternal sentiments of thousands who neither have nor probably ever will see the presence in which you stand.

This is our idea of a Grand Representative, and somehow it seems to us to meet the occasion. We have enjoyed the honours of the Craft; have talked to the Brethren freely in these columns and elsewhere, but among them all we now, in our decling years and with our whitening hairs, recall nothing that gives us more pleasure than the several representations we hold as the *alter ego* of the Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights who have honoured us as their Grand Representative.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

ALMOST A MASONIC SENSATION.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

ALL have heard that Adam, Noah, Moses, Pythagoras, &c., were Masons, but to the best of my knowledge no Masonic writer had ever discovered that Homer was claimed to have been a member of our Craft before I found it so stated in Lucian's Works, printed in London by Samuel Briscoe in 1711.

Lucian flourished in the second half of the second century of the Christian era, he knew a great deal about the old gods and goddesses of the upper as well as the lower regions, and his writings consist mainly of dialogues, between gods as well as men. Now in the lower regions there is a place called "Hades," the said place is mentioned in the revised edition of the New Testament. Hades is encompassed by a stream of water; in short, it is an island, the used-up souls of all dead men and women are carried to the said island, and Captain Charon, who owns a ferry boat, takes all the ghosts across the stream to Hades. It is rather singular that while Charon must have seen untold millions of souls, that up to the days of King Cyrus he had never seen a living human being, or any kind of light; at last, curiosity prompted him to obtain from Pluto, the governor of Hades, permission for a month's holiday, to visit the surface of the earth. Charon evidently got up here in some outlandish place, and not knowing geography the poor fellow was in a pickle, for he did not know where he could find a man; but as luck would have it, Mercury, who was a son of Jupiter, as well as his errand boy, was carrying a message from Jupiter to some one on the earth; he recognised Charon, while he was still on the wing, and so he came down to him.

After the usual salutations of "How do you do, old boy, I'm glad to see you?" &c., Mercury asked Charon what brought him there, &c. Charon answered that he wanted to see live men and live women, and would like to know how they amused themselves, &c.; and, said he, "My old friend Mercury, who knows all the inns and outs of this strange place, I want you to take me to a habitation of men, and show me other strange sights that you may be acquainted with upon this globe." "Oh!" said Mercury, "you must really excuse me, I cannot do it to-day. You know that Jupiter is very particular as to time with messengers, and if I should fail to appear before him at the required time, he will kick me down to the lowest regions, so I must be off." "But," said Charon, "Mercury, you are very ungrateful. Have you forgotten how kind I behaved to you when you took a pleasure trip on my ferry boat, and how I saved you from danger, &c. Thereupon, Mercury made up his mind to go on a tramp with his old friend even at the risk of being kicked for it.

The above narrative is the gist of the introduction to the dialogue, for the rest I refer the reader to the book itself; I must however add, that several hundred years before this dialogue took place, the soul of Homer was ferried by Charon across the stream to Hades, and during the passage Homer entertained his fellow passengers with reciting his poetry. Charon, somehow, sucked in every word that Homer said, and he retained every word until his meeting with Mercury; hence the conversation between these immortals, was frequently spiced with Homeric verses. Now, on page 363, of the second volume of Lucian's works, I was startled with the following statement, viz.:

"Mercury.—They are true as oracles. Why should those wise men lie so? Let us then pluck up Ossa, as that Mason Homer directs in his verses."

"What!" exclaimed I, "is it possible that Masonry existed in the days of Homer, and that Homer himself was a Mason?" My head began to whirl; I thought I already heard the loud crowing that was going up from the luminous conductors of the *Keystone*, the *Voice of Masonry*, the *Masonic Advocate*, and other Masonic orthodoxies, about their faith, logic, &c., and in my excited imagination I thought that our most wonderful Mason, Bro. Rob Morris, had already manipulated a Homer Masonic lecture, and repeated it on ninety successive nights in ninety different places. I was tortured with a conviction that my old opponents would not fail to discharge their batteries of gibes, sneers, and ridicule at poor me. Had I been as void of conscience as some writers, who when they jump at a wrong conclusion imagine that they are bound in honour to stick to it, through thick and thin, I should have been "mum" about my discovery; but I was averse to hiding truth behind a bushel, and conscience whispered into mine ear, "Courage, Bro. N.; do your duty, and shame the evil one." Well, I did my duty, and I set my opponents a good example. But, alas! will any of them follow a good example?

The result of my inquiry will surely astonish the whole Craft, for had Oliver made known my discovery thirty years ago, Homer would have Masonized in the twinkling of an eye, without an "if" or a "but"; no one would have questioned, and no one would have doubted. But now, even the very highest degreers laugh at it. One of my friends, humorously imitating the Yankee twang as represented on the English stage, said, "Oh, yes, I guess Bro. Homer wore a cocked hat, and marched in Knights Templars' procession." A "thirty-thirder" proposed to have Bro. Homer dubbed S.G.C. of the A. and A. Rite; another, of a John Bullish nature, exclaimed contemptuously, "Bah! Mr. Cashen, the translator of that dialogue, was probably a Mason, and he lied the same as others did, and some still do, for the sake of enhancing the antiquity of the Craft; and," he added, "I won't trouble myself to investigate it."

"But," said I, "If you believe so, it is your duty to prove it. Remember that our Boston Masons are humbugged not only with a multiplicity of the older moonshine rites, but they have now here a Constantine Cross rite, a Mystic Shrine rite, a Rosicrucian rite, and last, not least, we have here already a 9th Rosicrucian degreer. And if we do not investigate the Homer question, we will ere long be humbugged with a Homer rite too. You will soon learn that all the Past Grands and all the present Grands of every Masonic stripe, as well as all the orthodox Masonic editors, have all been Homerised gratis for the purpose of serving as decoy ducks to allure the noodles, and when they have become sufficiently numerous, if you have any ambition to shine in the Grand Lodge, you will be drawn into the Homer vortex, as you have been drawn into a dozen other humbugging concerns."

The result was, my learned friends were induced to investigate. One of them bought a French edition of Lucian, and therein it is "Excellent Architect Homer," another Brother read from a Latin edition, "Architectus Homerus," and in the Greek edition it is, "Kai o Architecton Homeros."

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Thereupon the most learned Masons in Boston unanimously decided, that if even Homer was some kind of an architect, there is not a shadow of evidence that either Mercury or Lucien ever thought that Homer was a Mason. I therefore, hereby and herewith caution all high degree mongers, and high degree hunters, to take notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly. *So mote it be.*

Boston, 11th November 1887.

GOETHE AS A FREEMASON.

IN Germany, as in the United States and Great Britain, those who have been the leaders of men in intellectual, moral and social life, have been Freemasons. Eminent examples in the past are Brothers Fichte, Herder, Wieland, Lessing and Goethe. Greatest of them all, and one of the most gifted men ever born into the world, was Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Well may we be proud of such a man as a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Like Benjamin Franklin, he was not only actively interested in the Craft in his youth, but as well throughout his mature years, and up to the period of his death, at the ripe age of eighty-two years. The laying of the Corner-stone of a monument to Goethe, in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, on Monday, 14th November 1887, with Masonic ceremonies, renders it eminently fitting that we should at this time refer to his Masonic career.

Goethe was made a Mason at the age of thirty-one years, on 23rd June 1780, in the Lodge Amalia, of Weimar, Saxony. It was nearly two years later, on 2nd March 1782, that he received the Master Masons' degree, in the same Lodge, and on the same evening with the Duke Carl August, afterwards Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar. Goethe has been very happy in his Masonic biographers. Bro. Findel gives an excellent sketch of his Craft life, in his "History of Freemasonry;" Bro. Herr Pietsch has published a spirited pamphlet entitled "Goethe as a Freemason;" Bro. Stern a similar sketch under the same title; while Bro. Robert Freke Gould, in his recent "History of Freemasonry," says: "Both Herder and Goethe are to be classed among the 'writers of the Craft.'" The Lodge Amalia was dormant for some years, during the German wars, but was revived in 1808, and in 1810 Goethe was chosen W.M., but modestly declined the honour. In 1813, a Lodge of Sorrow was held in memory of Bro. Wieland, the philosopher and poet of the romantic school, and the translator of Shakespeare's plays into German, before which Lodge Goethe delivered a Masonic oration, commemorative of his Brother Mason and poet, and in the presence of Duke Carl August, and other Freemasons of the royal family.

The Lodge Amalia celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Goethe's initiation as a Freemason, with great *éclat*, on John the Baptist's Day, 24th June 1830. Goethe was then eighty-one years of age, but not too old to show his interest in, and appreciation of, the occasion, which he did by a Masonic poem which was read at the Festival, entitled "On the Honourable Fraternal Festival of St. John's Day, 1830." Soon after this celebration, he wrote to his friend and Brother Mason, Zelter, as follows respecting the Jubilee celebration: "It is very polite and complaisant of you to have celebrated your Masonic Jubilee at the same time that I did mine. On the eve of St. John's Day, fifty years ago, I was made a Mason. The Brethren of the Lodge have celebrated this event with the greatest courtesy, and I warmly replied to the kindly sentiments expressed on my behalf." Bro. Findel says of our distinguished Brother, "From the day of his initiation to the end of his life, Goethe remained attached to the Brotherhood, for he laid as a fitting oblation on its Altar the purest offerings of his intellect."

These literary offerings were seven Masonic poems, or songs, respectively entitled, "The Lodge," "Silence," "Symbolism," "The Funeral Lodge," &c., which, Findel adds, "like a flash of lightning, illuminated the innermost recesses of our community." Goethe died on 22nd March 1732, and on the following 9th of November, the Lodge Amalia held a Lodge of Sorrow in his honour and to his memory. On this occasion Bro. Von Fritsch said: "For more than fifty years Goethe devoted himself to the Brotherhood. Each event of importance, each festival of the Lodge, awakened a most lively interest in his mind, so that all speeches, songs and arrangements of any consequence were first submitted to him for examination and approval.'" Bro. Pietsch, in his sketch of Goethe as a Freemason, gives his application in full for initiation and membership in the Fraternity, and also the text of a Masonic address delivered by him before the Lodge Amalia.

If the life of Goethe was eminently Masonic, so was his death, for the last words he uttered were those words of fullest Masonic import to Freemasons, both before and since—"more Light!" Goethe awoke to immortality to have his prayer answered.

The very spirit of our Fraternity was exemplified in Goethe's wonderful career. The universality of Masonry was paralleled by the universality of his genius. He was an artist, a student of architecture, an idyllist, an allegorist, a novelist and a philosophic poet and dramatist. He was as industrious as though he had received few or no intellectual gifts from the Creator. A Hercules in stature, an Apollo in countenance, a favourite of fortune who was not spoiled by his advantages, he was in literature the peer of Shakespeare, like him a universal genius and a citizen of the world, belonging not merely to his own country, but claimed, honoured and having his books read by all civilised peoples, each in their own language. Like Shakespeare, also, he was an admirable delineator of female character, and the last line he ever penned—the conclusion of the second part of his *Faust*, reads

The ever womanly draws us on.

Goethe merits especial praise for his redemption of the old Faust legend from its usual finale, and his making Light triumph over Darkness, good over evil. Mephistopheles claims Faust's soul, and summons his devils to assist him in securing it as his prey. Angels come to Faust's rescue, and scatter roses through the air to purify it. Mephistopheles himself is for the moment entranced by the beauty of the angels, he neglects his purpose, and fails to seize the immortal part of Faust, which the angels bear aloft to Paradise, singing as they go:

This member of the upper spheres
We rescue from the Devil,
For whoso strives and perseveres
May be redeemed from evil.

Such a man is worthy of a statue, and Freemasons of all others might appropriately and lovingly, as they did, lay the corner-stone of the monument to his memory now in course of erection by his German brethren and admirers in Fairmount Park.—*Keystone.*

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2215—The Anfield Lodge, Liverpool.
2216—The Egerton Lodge, Swinton, near Manchester.
2217—The Windermere Lodge, Windermere.
2218—The Rickmansworth Lodge, Rickmansworth.
2219—The Lodge Mandalay, Mandalay, Upper Burmah.
2220—The Albion Lodge, Woodstock, South Africa, W.D.
2221—The Te Awamutu Lodge, Te Awamutu, Auckland, N.Z.
2222—The Frederick West Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey.
2223—The Monaro Lodge, Cooma, N.S.W.
2224—The Fairfield Lodge, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.
2225—The Perak Jubilee Lodge, Taiping, Perak, Malay Peninsula.
2226—The St. David's Lodge, Rhymney, Monmouthshire.
2227—The White Horse Lodge, Westbury, Wiltshire.
2228—The Dene Lodge, Cookham, Berkshire.
2229—The Lathom Lodge, Liverpool.
2230—The Centennial Lodge, Sidney, N.S.W.
2231—The Talbot Lodge, Stretford, Lancashire, W.D.
2232—The Stella Lodge, Vryburg, South Africa.
2233—The Old Westminsters' Lodge, Regent Street.
2234—The Onslow Lodge, Guildford, Surrey.
2235—The Port Curtis Lodge, Gladstone, Queensland.

Mr. William Abbott, of Tokenhouse Yard, London, desires to state that the use of his name by a firm assuming the title of Abbott, Page and Company, was totally unwarranted, as there was not, nor has there ever been any one of the name of "Abbott" in the so-called firm. John Neil, who was the moving spirit in this combination to defraud innocent country investors, having absconded, an effort is now being made by the creditors, whom Mr. William Abbott is assisting, to bring Neil back to England to stand his trial for frauds which amount to over a quarter of a million sterling.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

A NOTABLE gathering of Suffolk Freemasons and visitors from London, together with representatives of Lodges in adjoining Provinces, took place at Sudbury, on the 25th ultimo, on which occasion Bro. William Inglis Mason, M.D., was installed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master into the chair of K.S. in the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224. The utmost resources of the Freemasons' Hall and its contiguous apartments were called into requisition, and by the good management of those entrusted with the arrangements for the meeting the large company enjoyed the advantage of an orderly celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of the establishment of the Lodge. Amongst the numerous brethren assembled were Bros. Henry C. Pratt W.M., W. Inglis Mason, M.D., S.W., C. Joslin J.W., V.W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. P.M. Chaplain, M. Reid J.D., C. M. Mauldon Dir. of Cers., B. H. Hurst Organist, W. Bailey I.G., F. Wheeler P.M. P.P.G.Reg. Suffolk Secretary, J. Hills P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, F. W. Jennings P.M. P.P.G.S., W. G. Walford P.M., C. W. Grimwood P.M. P.G.S., H. Welham P.M. P.G.S., W. H. Smith P.M. P.P.G.S.B., D. Alston I.P.M., G. H. Grimwood P.M. P.P.G.S., H. S. Oliver, J. S. Stuart, E. Andrews, W. T. Salzmann, G. G. Wherlow, S. Carlton, E. S. Garret, G. Whittle, Napoleon Aprile, W. Lambton Lewis, G. Grant, G. Murrells, C. H. Sewell, R. S. Joy (Mayor of Sudbury), J. C. Sheehan, C. A. Row, W. Simpson, A. Grimwood, W. J. Moye, T. Grimwood, and other Lodge members. The Visitors' list included Bros. W. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P., Fredk. Binckes P.G.S. P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.I.B., James Terry P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.B.I., Clarke P.G.P. P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, James Stevens P.M. P.Z., John G. Oliver P.P.G.S.W., C. Cooke P.P.G.J.D., Z. Hunt, E. H. Inman, R. G. Killett and G. Corpus of 2154, C. E. Porter 879, B. B. Syer 1823, J. O. Green W.M. and E. W. Moore of 388, F. C Akinson 376, E. W. Nunn and J. Hodges of 1592, A. Taylor and S. Honeywill of 332, S. B. Sparling, J. J. C. Turner and C. Osmond of 51, A. Penraven 114, E. Gowers 1024, C. A. Adams 63, J. T. Gaul 959, W. Clarke 115, J. H. Batty 22, H. J. H. Ward, J. H. Vaux and J. A. Grew of 650, R. Bullen 943, R. J. Symonds and Henry Youens, besides several others who omitted to sign the attendance book. A procession having been formed by Bro. Clarke, the brethren entered the Lodge-room, whilst Bro. Hurst played a grand march on the organ, and the Lodge was immediately thereafter opened in due form. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting were confirmed, and the Lodge being properly advanced, Bro. W. T. Salzmann was raised to the degree of Master Mason. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, then assumed the chair of K.S., and installed as W.M. for the ensuing year Bro. William Inglis Mason, the Board of Installed Masters numbering twenty-five, and the work being admirably performed, Bro. Clarke acting as Director of Ceremonies, while the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Brothers G. H. Grimwood and C. Emmerson respectively. The W.M. Brother Mason after having received enthusiastic greetings and congratulations appointed and invested his Officers, in the following order, viz. :—Bros. Joslin S.W., Lord J.W., the Rev. C. J. Martyn Chap.; Hills Treasurer, Wheeler Secretary, Reid S.D., Bailey J.D., Mauldon D.C., Andrews I.G., George Steward, Hurst Organist, Sholl Tyler. The following gentlemen were then introduced and received the benefit of initiation, in the following order:—The Rev. David Hughes, B.A., Clerk in Holy Orders and Vicar of Long Waldingfield, initiated by the W.M.; Harris Hills, initiated by Bro. Pratt; and the Rev. William Edmund Dixon, Curate of Long Melford, initiated by his Rector, the D.P.G.M., who subsequently delivered the charge to the neophytes. The performance of these ceremonies, in most careful style, with excellent musical accompaniment, and reverential attention to the sublime ritual, made a deep impression alike on the newly initiated members, as on all others who had the qualification of hearing and witnessing the proceedings. The claim for the "poor and distressed" was made in open Lodge, and was liberally answered by all who at that "moment" were in a position to practise charity. By the very thoughtful arrangements of the installing Master, the three Initiates of the evening had the opportunity of hearing the admirable addresses to the Principal Officers and Brethren with which the ceremony of installation terminates, and shortly, after hearty good wishes had been tendered, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and sacred music, and the brethren for a brief while separated. The banquet was provided under the direction and supervision of Bro. Joseph George, one of the Stewards of the Lodge, and the much respected proprietor of the "Rose and Crown" Hotel, at which place the members of, and Visitors to, the Lodge assembled. In the large and very tastefully decorated ball-room, the tables had been profusely ornamented with flowers, choice plants, and an exquisite device, forming an inscription of the name of the Lodge in varegated leaves; and the general effect on entry deserved the expressions of satisfaction with the admirable taste of whoever might have carried out that portion of the decorations. Nor did the "good things," which were almost immediately placed on the tables, diminish in the least the favourable anticipations of really choice and well selected viands and of highest class wines. In a word the banquet was a success in every respect, and reflected the greatest credit on the purveyor, the management, the *cuisine*, and the service of one of the most comfortable Hotels in Suffolk. A splendid liberality pervaded the whole business of dining, and cheerfulness and hilarity marked the opening of the Post prandial proceedings. Want of space will interfere with any lengthened report of the speeches, which struck us as being, on this occasion, more than customarily effective and to the purpose. In proposing the Loyal toasts the W.M. referred to the "unswerving loyalty" of the Craft to the Throne, and the devotion of the M.W.G.M. to the welfare of the people, as evidenced by the time given by him in presiding over assemblages whereat his presence and patronage would promote the interest of the middle classes, and his later proposal for a liberal grant from Grand Lodge at this season of necessary assistance for the unemployed and poorer fellow creatures. A touching allusion was made by the W.M. to the regretted illness of Bro. the Crown Prince of Prussia, and the hopes he expressed for his recovery were earnestly endorsed by all present. The purely Masonic toasts were mostly entrusted to brethren below the Chair, the W.M. adopting a system which should, in our opinion, find greater favour than it does throughout the Craft. The continued utterances of one speaker, no matter how eloquent and elegant his language may be, somewhat tires his hearers in the course of a long evening's toast list, and Bro. Mason's distribution of the toasts gave opportunity for the display of other talent, lessened the strain upon his own power of endurance, and gave general satisfaction to his guests. Bro. J. F. Hills proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and Grand Officers present and past," and, after eulogizing the efforts of the Principal Officers on behalf of the Order, expressed his gratification that in the persons of the Dep. P.G.M. Bro. Martyn, Bros. Binckes and Terry, and Bro. Clarke, the Stour Valley Lodge was graced by the presence of four Grand Officers as probably no other Lodge in Suffolk had hitherto been. Bro. Clarke returned thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers, remarking that this year could never be forgotten in Masonry, if only from the fact that so many illustrious Masons had been admitted to the roll of highest Masonic honour in the Jubilee year of our Most Gracious Patroness the Queen. Bro. Joslin, proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk the Right Hon. Lord Henniker P.G.S.W.; the V.W. D.P.G.M. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, present and past," particularly complimenting the Dep. G.M. on all the many acts of kindness and generosity performed by him with respect to the Suffolk Lodges but more especially in connection with the Stour Valley Lodge; to which toast Bro. Martyn responded, expressing regret for the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master whose engagements were at this time very numerous, but who had promised attendance at an early opportunity. The toast, said Bro. Martyn, was a most comprehensive one in connection with which personally he might observe "the least said the soonest mended." Well he could not be otherwise than grateful for all the encouragement he had received from this Lodge, which of all others knew how much his heart was in Freemasonry and he hoped to be able to continue his efforts both in behalf of the Province and the Lodge for a long time to come. Of the Prov. G. Officers generally he desired to speak highly, as a body of excellent and efficient men, of whom a good sample are members of the Stour Valley Lodge. It had given them great pleasure to have enrolled amongst their ranks Bro. Body, who had been appointed as one of the Jubilee Officers, in recognition of the great labour and consideration he had given to the good and welfare of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. For each and all he tendered sincere thanks for the acknowledgment of the toast. Bro. Henry C. Pratt proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. W. Inglis Mason, of whom he said it was difficult to speak in terms of sufficient commendation for all he had done for the Lodge since his initiation. Though "made" a Mason but five years ago, as shown by the register of the Lodge proceedings, there was another register not far away which recorded that he was "born" a Mason some forty years since, and whether before or subsequent to his connection with the Stour Valley Lodge, his record as a thorough good Mason by name and nature alike was established. No better evidence of his popularity was needed than that of his present surroundings, and the regard of his numerous friends testified to the quality of his principles, whilst his work in the Lodge made manifest the quality of his ritual. That his year of Office would add considerably to the welfare of the Lodge and redound highly to his credit there could be no doubt. He was skilful, just and generous; a Doctor moreover, and that might be useful—and he felt sure would add a lustre to all Masonic undertakings within his province. Bro. Pratt concluded a very cheery speech, which was heartily received, by calling for an enthusiastic reception of his proposal. There was no mistake about the character of the greeting the W.M. received on rising to reply, for the applause was again and again renewed. When he could at length obtain a hearing, he modestly deprecated what he was pleased to term the over-praise of his good friend and Brother Pratt, stating however that it had been his great wish to become the W.M. of Stour Valley Lodge, in order that what he might be able to do in promoting its welfare, prosperity and progress, he should have the opportunity to carry into effect. His year of office should speak for itself when the proper time came. His best should be done, and he trusted that best would be good for the Lodge and all concerned, and give satisfaction. Bro. Mason spoke briefly, but very earnestly, and was warmly cheered on resuming his seat. The health of the Installing Master was proposed as a separate toast, and Bro. Martyn, referring to a song which Bro. Gowers had sung in the interval, "Bid me discourse," said he should not take that as a a hint to extend his remarks, for he thought he had discoursed quite enough for the day both in and out of Lodge, and to be called upon to return thanks twice in one evening was somewhat of a "strong order," and one which he would prefer reduced to a single line. He could but repeat in the words, "I thank you," all he had previously uttered in reference to himself. But he had now the opportunity to speak of another good brother, and to give honour to a man to whom honour is justly due. Everything under his rule had gone smoothly and successfully, and spite of all the good qualities his successor undoubtedly possessed, he (the present W.M.) would have something to do to break the record. To perform thoroughly the duties of a Worshipful Master is not at all times an easy task, but Bro. Pratt went into the work heart and soul, and all knew how during his year of office he had stuck to it. Deeds more than words had characterised his labours, and now let deeds more than words reward him. He (Bro. Martyn) was for the moment the mouthpiece of the members of the Lodge, their Deputy in another

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sense than that usually appertaining to him, and as such he now offered to Bro. Pratt a small token of sincere regard, and an earnest of the sincerity of their appreciation of all his efforts, and their thankful acknowledgment thereof. The spontaneous gift of his brethren which he now asked Bro. Pratt to accept would doubtless be valued by him ten thousand times more when he reflected upon the work which has merited it, and he felt sure that there was not one present who did not pray the G.A.O.T.U. to spare him many years to wear it. The Deputy P.G.M. here attached a very handsome and massive gold P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Pratt's breast, and referring to his own P.M.'s jewel, of many years ago, and the great pride with which he had worn it, paraphrased "Verdant Green" by saying, "Which I've been a P.M. myself, sir, and I knows yer feelings," and called upon the brethren to drink to the health of their Immediate Past Master. Bro. Pratt's reception was a "a good second" to that of the W.M. After a brief expression of thanks for the kind words of Bro Martyn and the present which had accompanied them, in acknowledgment, as he said, of "work done for the love of Masonry and not in expectancy of return," Bro. Pratt proposed the Masonic Charities, enlarging on the manner in which the grand principles of the Order—Brotherly Love and Charity—were being carried out in the present day, and reading some very interesting statistics relating to the several Institutions. He was pleased to find Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, and Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, amongst their guests on this occasion, and would couple their names with the toast. We have not space to give at length the excellent speeches of those Brethren in response. It is only necessary to observe that they severally set forth the particular benefits rendered by the respective Institutions to which they are accredited, and acknowledged much assistance heretofore rendered by the Lodge. It is always interesting to listen to the very excellent addresses these worthy Brethren deliver on such occasions. On this they somewhat excelled themselves, and though the hour was late their remarks were generally appreciated; so much so, that a collection in aid of an intending Steward (Bro. Oliver P.M. 1008) for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution was made on the conclusion of Brother Terry's speech, resulting in a total of £13. Bro. W. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P. for the Western Division of West Suffolk, proposed the health of the Initiates, to which those Brethren severally responded, in choice terms of thankful acknowledgment to the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors, thirty-five in number, was responded to by Bro. James Stevens. That of the Past Masters and Officers was proposed by Bro. C. A. Row; and the Mayor of Sudbury (Bro. R. S. Joy) proposed the Musical Brethren, in reference to which toast we cannot conclude our report without congratulating both vocalists and instrumentalists on the full success which attended their efforts to add to the enjoyment of all present. The violin solo by Bro. F. B. Smythies deserves special mention as a brilliant execution of a very difficult composition. The Tyler's toast, at the most unusual hour of midnight, terminated a festival which will be long remembered in Sudbury, and which was certainly one of the most interesting and enjoyable réunions it has been our good fortune to attend.

LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

THE installation of Bro. Reuben E. Buckle as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place in the presence of a large number of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, Commercial Road, Landport, on Thursday, the 17th ult. The brethren present were Bros. J. Godding W.M. 1776, S. R. Ellis P.M., C. J. Adams P.M. P.P.G J.D., William Miles P.M. P.G.D.C., J. P. Foster I.P.M. P.G.S., E. S. Main P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. J. Stanley P.M. P.D.S.G.W. (Gibraltar), W. R. Fowler P.M., E. Naylor P.M. P.P.G.S., W. A. Hill W.M. 309, T. Whiteman 309, W. Beuttell W.M. 342, W. Gunnell P.M. 342, H. Croucher P.M. 342, A. G. German W.M. 1069, J. Mitchell W.M. 1428, C. W. Bevis W.M. 1834, W. J. Borrow W.M. 1958, W. Dart W.M. 2074, E. A. Wells P.M., A. E. Bone 1834, J. H. Lyon 309, G. Huggett 487, H. Simes 487, W. Bate 487, B. Hardy, W. J. Pawsey 2153, J. E. Spurrell 177, G. C. Inkpen 257, T. Pengeley 202, H. Coleman 1428, T. W. Holdstock 2153, R. E. Buckle S.W. 1776, G. Aylward J.W., W. F. Westerman Sec., W. White jun. S.D., W. L. Green J.D., John Guyatt D.C., T. F. Wilton Organist, W. J. White Assistant Organist, H. Cook Steward, J. Colyer, R. A. Renfree, H. J. Brock, W. M. Brock, H. Pack, W. Aldridge, J. Biden, W. Learmonth, W. Perry, E. Bunn, E. Izod, E. Palmer, G. Legratt, A. Grant, E. J. Quinton, G. Chamberlain, H. L. Woodeson, W. Mead, J. E. W. Guyatt, W. Maybour, G. H. Mead, and Parkinson and Exell Tylers. The ceremony of installation was carried out in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. W. Miles, and won the approbation of all present. Subsequently the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Aylward S.W., Westerman J.W., Fowler Treasurer, Guyatt Secretary, Izod S.W., Cooke J.D., Renfree I.G., Stanley D.C., Learmouth and Pack Stewards, Wilton and White Organists. The Tylers were also reappointed. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. (Bro. Godding), in recognition of the satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office, and the retiring Treasurer (Bro. Hancox) was made a vice-president, with ten votes, in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Benevolent Institution, for his services during the last four years as Treasurer. At the conclusion of the proceedings in the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a récherché banquet was served in a manner reflecting great credit upon Mr. Pearce, the Steward of the Freemasons' Club. The customary Masonic toasts having been duly honoured (interspersed with vocal and instrumental music), the proceedings were brought to a close at 11.30 p.m., the brethren having spent a most enjoyable evening.

THE ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1585.

MONDAY evening last may be fitly described as an "extraordinary one in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, when an unprecedentedly large number of members and visitors assembled at the Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, in anticipation of a visit from Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S., P.G. Sword Bearer, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It had been previously announced that Bro. Binckes had kindly consented to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, an announcement that attracted this numerous muster, in spite of the unfavourable weather. Although, in the strict sense of the word it was a rehearsal, yet the ceremonies were invested with such realistic force, vigour, and solemnity, that we should not be doing justice to those who took leading parts if we did not say the whole of the ritual was carried ont in a manner more approaching a highly finished performance than anything we have witnessed for many a long day. All throughout the evening a spirit of harmony and devotion to the work in hand pervaded the assembly, which was certainly one of the most successful and enjoyable ever remembered in the annals of the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction. Every preparation for the reception of the company had been made by Bro. Webb, proprietor of the hotel, whose arrangements afforded the utmost satisfaction. Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Edward Ayling P.M., who was supported in the Wardens' chairs by Bros. Collick I.P.M. of the mother Lodge, and W. Radcliffe P.M. 211, whilst amongst others present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, Major Godson Godson P.G.Std.Br. Surrey, Usher Back P.M. 211, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, James Stevens P.M. P.Z. D. of C., W. Carter P.M. 141 I.G., G. Bugler P.M. 975, C. Radford P.M. 1420, M. Spiegel Past Master 188, E. Dare Senior Warden 2032, H. Sapsworth J.W. 2032, Featherston, Webb, and between forty and fifty others. The Presiding Officer having appointed his Officers pro tem, Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the brethren being arranged in order, the hymn "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid" was sung, the musical arrangements being efficiently directed by Bro. J. A. Collings Organist 1693. The presiding Officer then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, as follows:—We are assembled here this evening for the ostensible purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Lodge of the Order of Freemasonry, and I have complied with a request to preside with a very large amount of gratitude, and with feelings of extreme pleasure. The constitution and consecration of a new Lodge must always be an object of interest in the Order, inasmuch as it affords another opportunity of enlisting under its banners additional Brethren who will exert themselves to the utmost in promoting the sublime principles on which our Order is founded—an Order which we sincerely and justifiably think is ranked amongst the finest Institutions in existence for the mitigation of human distress and the promotion of human happiness. I accept this position with a large amount of diffidence, and I should curtail my observations were it not that I desire to explain why I occupy so high a position this evening. I am the more induced to do so after the too severely eulogistic terms in which your Worshipful Master, Bro. Ayling, has brought me under your notice. I hope you will give me credit for sincerity in the few remarks I am about to make to you, and which are not those usually addressed to Brethren on occasions like the present; but as we have no banquet to follow this ceremony, and consequently no opportunity will be offered to express myself on the subject, I will do so now, and will be as brief as possible in the observations that I have to make. I am one of those who never desire to have credit attached to one to whom it does not justifiably belong. Never, in the course of my thirty-five years' career as a Mason, and an attendant at our Masonic ceremonials, have I professed to be a preceptor or instructor. I have always been content to occupy the position of a learner. Occasionally I have undertaken the duties which I am about to endeavour to discharge this evening. Whether the ritual as you will hear it from me is a standard or accurate one, or that which you will be bound to follow implicitly, I will not say. I am an admirer of the ceremonials of Freemasonry, one who loves to listen to the rendering of them when those ceremonies are performed in a dignified manner. The more accurate and the more impressive the better. Although I have never professed a strict adherence to word perfectness, yet I love to hear the ceremonies correctly and impressively performed. Every one who has had any experience will agree with me that the impression made upon a candidate will be but a poor impression if the ceremony is slurred over or rendered imperfectly. At the same time, I am prepared to admit that from the initiation ceremony up to the installation, I have attended meetings which have been marred, from my point of view, either from being hurried through or more or less imperfectly performed—or from an over-elaborate attempt at finished oratory—in each case an unacceptable substitute for a careful, but studied elocutionary delivery. There are three ways of doing anything—you may do it, you may do it imperfectly, or you may do it well. Many are content with "doing it." I counsel all to strive to "do it well." Now, in reference to our Masonic ceremonies, I am quite content if I find Brethren who will take care; if they will be distinct in their pronunciation, and give the requisite emphasis to their delivery. Do not expect me to come up to the ideal I have placed before you. I am not here to give you instruction. This is the first time I have been present in your Lodge, and I esteem it an honour and privilege to have been permitted to perform the ceremony of consecration and installation here. I do not wish to be thought a dogmatic professor of any portion of our Masonic ritual. I have delivered it to the best of my ability, and so I will now; and, as a stranger—although I do not like to use the term in connection with Freemasonry—I am sure I shall have your sympathy and indulgent assistance. The position I occupy in a Lodge like this involves a considerable amount of responsibility, and I ask you simply to bear with me, assisted by the talented Brethren

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around me, while I endeavour to render the ceremony of consecration and installation not altogether unworthily. I will now call upon the Director of Ceremonies to state what steps have been taken on behalf of the petition which has been presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Bro. James Stevens made a brief explanation, and the petition and warrant were taken as read. The Officers named therein were approved by the brethren in Masonic form, after which the Presiding Officer called upon Bro. W. W. Morgan to deliver his promised oration, of which the following is an outline:—

BRETHREN,—I have been called upon by your Presiding Officer to address a few words to you on this occasion, and in complying with his request I ask you to accompany me in thought to a gathering where fancy presents before us an assemblage of our forefathers, who have been summoned from all parts to aid in the commencement of a grand work such as that connected with the building of one of our noble Abbeys. In the old days, when the means of locomotion were not so adequate as now they are, the embarking on such an enterprise was a matter of great moment, and very naturally a hope would arise in the stranger's breast that those with whom he was about to be associated, perhaps for a course of years, would be men who could prove themselves Brothers in the true sense of the term. Thus the younger members, who might from report have heard that Craftsmen who had gained name and fame in connection with brilliant achievements in other splendid works, already brought to a completion, were to join their band of toilers, and would thus be stimulated to endeavour to attain to like distinction. Now, you who have gathered here have had explained to you, by the Presiding Officer, the object for which we have assembled; and I—metaphorically the individual who has your spiritual welfare nearest at heart—have been asked to say a few words upon the principles and aims of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. That is the rôle I have undertaken to play this evening, and I confess I enter upon it with some amount of diffidence, though at the same time I feel convinced that what I may say will be received by you in the fraternal spirit in which it is offered. Although this is but a rehearsal of the Installation ceremony, we desire to make it as realistic as possible, so that all who take part in these proceedings may derive profit and edification from the work we may achieve. Now I would particularly urge upon you to exercise care in the selection of those who, from time to time, you may be called upon to admit into your ranks. In a new Lodge every effort should most especially be directed by the promoters to introduce only such men into our society as will bear their share in the heat and burden of the day. Let it ever be remembered that one cantankerous spirit may be the means of establishing a spirit of discord into the best regulated of our assemblies. Consequently the antecedents of all who desire to join our ranks should be carefully looked into before they be submitted to the ordeal of the ballot. An esteemed friend, in addressing the brethren of his Lodge the other day, well observed, "Were I to attempt to answer fully and categorically the question—"What is Freemasonry?"—it would take more time than we have at our disposal just now, and I must therefore only attempt to do so in part—in outline, that is to say. If I asked a brother in this room, "What is Freemasonry?" I should have the prompt reply, "A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." True, but it is evident that this condensed description of Freemasonry, though suitable enough for a short examination, does not profess to give—nor does it in effect give—a full solution of the query, "What is Freemasonry?" Our worthy brother, whom I have just quoted, then dilated upon the subject so near his heart, and fitly described Freemasonry as a world-wide Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, bound together by certain leading principles, and fixed on an immutable basis, so that it is able to outlive the passing away of kingdoms and dynasties, "to survive the wreck of mighty empires, and resist the destroying hand of Time." Its abstract or foundation principles may be said to be Fraternity, Human Sympathy, Love of Truth; while its concrete or active development is to be found in its respect for Law and Order; its toleration, its reverence for religion, its illimitable Charity and Brotherly Love. In its Fraternity it seeks to enrol a phalanx of persons of different countries, sects, opinions, and colours, in one firm bond of loving union and concord, for the great aim of "being happy and communicating happiness;" all permeated and influenced by goodwill one to another, kindness and humanity for the children of the dust, mutual respect, mutual confidence, mutual support, practical Brotherhood. In its expressions of Human Sympathy, Freemasonry should enforce what is really the great aim of life, "to leave the world better than we found it," by infusing in all around, and extending on every side of us, those kindly and engaging sympathies of the human heart and affection which always seem to remind us of a Divine Original, and which, when duly cultivated and religiously directed, tend more than anything else to the happiness of society, the welfare of our race, and the civilization of mankind. I might expatiate at considerable length, did time permit, upon the principles inculcated in Freemasonry, by its Love of Truth, and respect for Law and Order; but most of you are already familiar with what I should have to say upon a subject so closely interwoven with the being and lifeblood of our Order. It is, however, necessary that we should glance for a moment at the illimitable Charity which characterises Freemasonry, and which is expanding year by year, in spite of commercial depression and the many other drawbacks of which we hear so much. In the first place there are our Charitable Institutions, in whose behalf during the current year the enormous and unprecedented sum of about seventy thousand pounds has been contributed as the free-will offering of the Craft. Some of you may perhaps be sceptical as to the correctness of this statement. Well, then, I can explain. In February last, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £19,000 was the amount realised; the Girls' School Festival produced nearly £12,000, while at the Grand Festival of the year, held in June last, that on behalf of the Boys' School, where our friend the Presiding Officer is at the helm, the amount announced as the contributions for the year was £11,000. These three sums conjoined give us roundly £42,000. To this we may add the £6,000 voted by Grand Lodge, and the £6000 resulting from the Jubilee Gathering at the Royal Albert Hall. We have 2,000 guineas from West Yorkshire, and 1,000 guineas from East Lancashire as Jubilee Presentations. To this add the grants from United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter, with the sums devoted to the assistance of our distressed brethren by the Board of Benevolence, and you will find I am within bounds when I approximate the total at £70,000. In short, so generously are our Institutions supplied that they are able to maintain, clothe and educate 250 boys and 240 girls; to succour the aged and infirm, by granting annuities to upwards of 400 old men and widows. But this is not all, for in various parts of the country local Charities have been founded, all of which are doing excellent work, and emulating the example of the older Institutions. The outside world cannot see the process by which this splendid edifice of Benevolence is raised and maintained, but it can, and does, judge from the magnificent results published every year, as to the truly humane and philanthropic work which is being carried on by the Mason Craft. Freemasonry is an Institution founded upon, and growing out of the necessities of men, as social, intellectual, and religious beings. It has demonstrated its capacity for adapting itself to these wants in all ages of human experience. Amid the rivalries and antagonism of active life there is a longing of the soul for Brotherly Love, and for such relations as will satisfy the necessities of our social nature. It is upon this principle that our Order is founded, hence it cannot fail to exist; it must grow, and prosper necessarily with the growth and development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive, it is not obtrusive. It makes no issues, it sets up no rivalries with other institutions; but, gathering up the ages, it recognises the inner cravings of the soul and the universal Brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to His higher and better deeds. In conclusion, let me exhort you that in all your undertakings there be a system of pulling together, a mutual striving and determination to do all you possibly can for the promotion of the true interests of Freemasonry, and more especially its great work of Charity, and let no man turn thoughtlessly aside and say "I have no time." It may cost the sacrifice of a little leisure and trouble each to bear his share of the labour of carrying on the work of the Craft, but let each one consider that what as an atom he may be able to do, may be the means of conferring happiness, blessing, and comfort upon those who are the recipients of our bounty, and that every such deed will be rewarded by the approving smile of the Great Architect of the Universe, who is able, and will compensate for any service rendered to Him and to His cause.

The hymn "O, praise our God to-day" was sung, and that after the Invocation, "O, give thanks to Him who made," and the solemn ceremony of consecration was then carried out in every minutia, all of it being performed with a precision scarcely faultless; the hymns and musical responses were heartily rendered by the brethren. The Lodge was then duly dedicated and constituted. There was a "call off" for a few minutes. On resuming, the ceremony of installation was gone through in equally elaborate form. Bro. E. Ayling the Worshipful Master elect being presented by Bro. W. W. Morgan. The brethren withdrew for a space, while the Board of Installed Master went through their work, and on their return to the Lodge they saluted the new Master with appropriate honours. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers, and the addresses were delivered by Bro. Binckes, who went through the whole of the business in a manner that rivetted the attention and elicited the admiration of all present. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Usher Back, in a lengthy and felicitous speech proposed that the most cordial thanks of the brethren be accorded to Bro. Binckes for the splendid Masonic and intellectual treat he had afforded them, and congratulated the Lodge upon having enrolled on its list of Membership so illustrious and distinguished a Mason. The resolution was seconded by the Worshipful Master, and carried with enthusiasm, and the vote was acknowledged by Bro. Binckes in feeling and eloquent language. Bros. James Stevens P.M. and J. A. Collings, were unanimously elected honorary members, in recognition of their services, and several members having been accepted, Lodge was closed in form and with an abundance of harmony and good feeling.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THERE was a large attendance of Brethren at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on Thursday, the 24th ult., on the occasion of the Installation of Bro. William John Heath into the Master's chair of this Lodge. Amongst the large number of brethren present there were Bros. A. C. Rees W.M., W. J. Heath J.W., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. and Treas., William Worrell P.M. and Secretary, G. F. Edwards S.D., Lewis W. Hutchinson J.D., Edwin Brooks D.C., E. Kidman P.M. and Henri Heck Stewards, and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; Past Masters W. J. Collens and Alfred Le Grand; also Brothers W. F. Smart, F. G. Barns, W. Johnston, J. Ward, P. Bolte, J. Greenslade, J. Goode, C. T. Hitchens, J. G. Kemp, J. F. Hilden, J. T. Crawford, Dr. Jacob Pickett, Dr. H. E. Trestrail, E. Beagle, R. C. Wilson, M. Woolf, C. S. Taylor, T. Lester, J. H. Brookes, W. Shoobert, &c. The Visitors were Brothers J. J. Woolley P.M. 15, Benjamin Thomas S. 1000, Henry Garrod P.G.P. W.M. 749, F. O. Robinson 140, W. Teckham Withington 907, James Stevens P.M. 1216 1426, W. B. Robinson Chaplain 1491, John Hernaman W.M. 1329, W. S. Page W.M. 186, C. F. Hills P.M. 13, W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M. 890, P. Balme 1706, J. E. Spurrell J.D. 177, Richard Thorn, Richard J. Parker 907, Thos. Grove P.M. 1769, and Jas. H. Hawkins P.M. 65. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock, and after previous minutes had been confirmed, Bro. P. D. Rees (a brother of the W.M.) was duly raised to the third degree. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and after addressing the Brethren on the nature of the Secretarial duties, the W.M. especi-

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ally called their attention to the exemplary manner in which their Secretary, Bro. William Worrell, a P.M. of the Lodge, had discharged the functions of that office during a lengthened period of years. His devotion to Masonry in general, and the William Preston Lodge in particular, had been such that his fellow-members had resolved amongst them that such energy and zeal as he had displayed should not go unrewarded; and he had now on their behalf to make a presentation, voluntarily subscribed and distinct from the funds of the Lodge. He did so with the greatest pleasure, knowing well how fully deserved was the tribute to be awarded. Bro. Worrell having been called forward, the following testimonial, illuminated on vellum and in a massive handsome frame, was read:—

"The William Preston Lodge, No. 766, held at the Cannon Street Hotel, London. In recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Wm. Worrell P.M., as Secretary of this Lodge for upwards of thirteen years, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodge desire to express their appreciation of the unvarying courteous and effective manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of the office, and have great pleasure in accompanying this testimonial with a purse of gold. Signed on behalf of the subscribers:—A. C. Reed W.M., A. Le Grand P.M., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. and Treasurer, F. G. Barns Hon. Secretary. London, 24th November 1887."

With the testimonial the W.M. then placed in Bro. Worrell's hand a fairly-sized and plethoric "porte monnaie," and wished him long life to look upon the former, and pleasure in disposal of the contents of the latter. Bro. Worrell briefly returned thanks, deferring until a later period of the evening a more full expression of his grateful sense of the presentation. The chair of K.S. having been vacated, Bro. W. Jerrett Miller undertook the duties of Installing Master, very ably and effectively placing Bro. W. J. Heath therein as W.M. for the ensuing year. In due course the appointment and investment of Officers took place, in the following order, viz.:—Bros. Edwards S.W., Barns J.W., Miller P.M. Treasurer, Worrell P.M. Secretary, Brooks S.D., Heck J.D., Ward I.G., Greenslade D.C., Goode Assist. D.C., Kidman P.M. Steward, Haden Assist. Steward, Reinhardt Tyler. The addresses on installation were delivered by Bro. Miller, very impressively, and indeed the whole of the ceremonial of installation and investment left nothing to be desired as a careful rendering of the important ritual. The Lodge having been reduced to the first degree, some routine business was disposed of, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet was held in the large pillar room of the Cannon Street Hotel, Bro. Kilby the manager of that establishment giving careful supervision, and securing the comfort of the guests, whose wants were readily and abundantly supplied. After the cloth was cleared the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with laudable brevity, leaving time for song and recitation, with intervals of chat, which passed away the evening in the most agreeable manner. In response to the toast of Grand Lodge Officers, whom the W.M. characterised as "all honourable men," and of whom Bro. Garrod, an old friend and esteemed Mason, was one, Bro. Garrod thanked the Brethren for the welcome accorded to him as a Past Grand Officer, and reciprocated the pleasure in respect of his attendance. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. A. C. Rees, in terms of appreciation of his work and labour in the Lodge whilst occupying subordinate offices, and with which the Brethren had been at all times satisfied. There were prospects of his having a fine year of office as W.M., and he (Bro. Rees) felt sure there would never be the least regret that Bro. Heath had been placed in the exalted position of ruler of the Lodge. To this the W.M. responded, saying that he now feared the Chair of W.M. was not all his fancy had painted it, and that he had but entered upon many cares in connection with his Office, still he hoped that at the termination of his year of rule he might be able to point to a record which would not disgrace the Lodge or be otherwise than acceptable to the P.M.'s who had preceded him. He hoped also that the brethren of his Lodge might "be to his virtues very kind, and to his faults a little blind." The toast of the "Visitors" was given by the W.M. "good true hearted Masons, men who had done good service," and he read a long list of well-known names, welcoming all in the name of Masonry, and calling on Bros. the Rev. W. B. Robinson, Dr. Kempster, John Hernaman and James Stevens to respond. From each of these brethren thanks were offered in admirable speeches which want of space alone prevents us from giving in extenso. Bro. Dr. Kempster took occasion to interest the Brethren in the connection of William Preston, the author of "Masonic Illustrations," with the name of the Lodge. Bro. Hernaman descanted on the past of Freemasonry, and Bro. Stevens a little on the present; but all agreed that none of those on whose behalf they responded could do otherwise than feel the greatest satisfaction with the proceedings of the evening. The W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M., after referring to the zealous services of the past, presented him not only with a P.M.'s jewel as the gift of the Lodge, but also with a solid gold Jubilee jewel on behalf of Bro. P. D. Rees (his natural brother), in remembrance of his initiation and subsequent progress during the year of Jubilee. Bro. Rees replied that if he had done the duty he undertook to do, and as it would seem the Brethren considered he had done, he was amply repaid by their kind marks of appreciation. He thanked them for the handsome jewel they had presented to him, and his natural brother for his kind gift. He considered it had been a privilege rather than a duty to have the opportunity of initiating, passing, and raising him, and the jewels he now wore would ever remind him of his year of pleasant labour. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters (including Installing Master, Treasurer, and Secretary), the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. In respect of the former, responses were given by each of the P.M.'s present, Bro. Worrell taking occasion to refer to the handsome gift of the Brethren of the Lodge in very expressive terms. He trusted that the framed testimonial might hang on the walls of his dwelling until the recipient should be no more, and that then it might be transmitted to those who would honour it no less than he should do. As to the other portion of their gift, whether large or small in amount, for as yet he had not ventured to ascertain, the good feeling which had prompted it was more to him than even its intrinsic value. In the course of the evening songs were given by Bros. Hawkins, Grove, and Robinson, and recitations by Brothers Garrod and James Stevens, whose rendering of "The Three Great Lights" gave general satisfaction. A most enjoyable evening was passed by all present, and the Brethren separated at a reasonable hour in harmony and good fellowship.

THE THEATRES, AMUSEMENTS, &c.

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DRURY LANE.—Every evening at 7.30, PLEASURE.

HER MAJESTY'S.—Every evening at 8, PROMENADE CONCERTS.

LYCEUM.—Every evening, at 8·15, A WINTER'S TALE. Preceded by a Farce.

HAYMARKET.—Every evening at 8, THE BALLAD MONGER. At 9, THE RED LAMP.

CRITERION.—Every evening at 8, A DOUBTFUL VICTORY. At 9, THE CIRCASSION.

GAIETY.—Every evening at 7.45, WOODCOCK'S LITTLE GAME. At 9, MISS ESMERALDA.

ADELPHI.—Every evening at 8, THE BELLS OF HASLEMERE. At 7.15, Farce.

PRINCESS'S.—Every evening at 7.30, EDITHA'S BURGLAR. At 8.15, SHADOWS OF A GREAT CITY.

GLOBE.—Every evening THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. Preceded by a Farce.

SAVOY.—Every evening at 8.30, H.M.S. PINAFORE; or, THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR. Followed by, HOMBURG.

TERRY'S.—Every evening at 8, OFF DUTY. At 8·45, THE WOMAN, HATER.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—Every evening at 8.30, DOROTHY. At 7.45. JUBILATION.

ST. JAMES'S.—Every evening at 8·45, THE WITCH. Preceded by PETTI COAT PERFIDY.

VAUDEVILLE.—Every evening at 8.45, HEART OF HEARTS. Preceded by a Farce.

OPERA COMIQUE.—On Monday, AS IN A LOOKING GLASS.

COMEDY.—Every evening at 9, THE BARRISTER. At 8, Farce.

STRAND.—Every evening at 8·15, SULTAN OF MOCHA. At 7.30, A MERRY MEETING.

OLYMPIC.—Every evening at 8, THE POINTSMAN.

TOOLE'S.—Every evening at 8.30, DANDY DICK. At 8, Farce.

AVENUE.—Every evening at 8, THE OLD GUARD.

ROYALTY.—Every evening, FRENCH PLAYS.

GRAND.—This evening at 7.30, Farce. At 8·15, IN THE RANKS. On Monday, MONTE CRISTO JUNR.

STANDARD.—This evening at 7.30, Farce. At 8, FUN ON THE BRISTOL.

SURREY.—Every evening at 7·30, Farce. At 8, A DEAD MAN'S GOLD.

SADLER'S WELLS.—Every evening at 7.30, THE TWO ORPHANS.

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R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,000.

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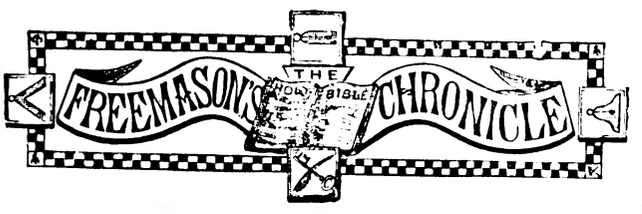

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th December 1887, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th September 1887 for confirmation.

2. To consider the following notice of motion from the Most Worshipful Grand Master;—

> "That the sum of £500 be voted from the Fund of General Purposes as the contribution of Grand Lodge towards the relief of the present distress amongst the deserving poor of the metropolis."

3. Nomination of Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Nomination of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence.

7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the ensuing year.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, Battle ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 1550, Plymouth	50	0	0
A Brother of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London ...	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Stability, No. 217, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Fletcher Lodge, No. 1031, Birmingham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, London ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, Bolton ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, London	75	0	0
A Brother of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1446, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London	100	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The 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 11th day of November, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £1,443 15s 8d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £20 19s 10d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th November 1887.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. By the R.W. Brother the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master:—

> "That in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage, or the 'Silver Wedding-day' of their Royal Highnesses our M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales, which will occur on the 11th March next, Grand Lodge do vote the sum of £500 for the purchase of some suitable gift to Her Royal Highness, expressive of the affection and loyalty felt by all the members of the United Grand Lodge of England towards Her Royal Highness and Her Illustrious Consort, their Grand Master, and that this gift be accompanied by an address of congratulation on the auspicious occasion."

2. By Brother Maurice Spiegel, P.M. of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London:—

> "That the Grand Lodge present a congratulatory address to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master and to Her Royal Highness His Gracious Consort, on the celebration of their Silver Wedding, the same to be enclosed in a suitable artistic casket."

APPEALS.

1. By Brother Stephen J. Thompson, Worshipful Master of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, Montreal, against an Order of Brother Lieut.-Col. William Henry Hutton P.G.D. Deputy District Grand Master of Montreal, suspending him from his office—on the ground that the said Lieut.-Col. W. H. Hutton had not been legally appointed Deputy District Grand Master of that District.

2. By Brother Frederick Lee P.M. of the Unity Lodge of Sydney, No. 1169, Sydney, New South Wales, against a decision of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, on his complaint against Brother John Frederick Hill the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 1169, for refusing to admit him into the Lodge, after he had been excluded therefrom by resolution of its members.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

Names of Brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President.
Bro. CHARLES A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.
And none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

BRO.	BRITTEN, GEORGE POLE	183
	BROWN, WILLIAM PETER	90
	CULL, THOMAS	1446
	CUNDY, GEORGE A.	901
	DAIRY, CHARLES	141
	GRIEVE, JAMES BURGESS	1351
	HASLIP, LEWIS CHRISTOPHER	813
	MERCER, DAVID D.	1641
	READ, GEORGE	511
	SPAULL, FRANCIS R.	1768
	TAYLOR, ROBERT J.	144
	WOODWARD, ALFRED COOPER	1538

And no more than twelve were nominated.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

THE Royal Arch Masons of this Province held a Provincial Grand Chapter on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Tiverton. Through the hospitality of the Mayor Companion T. Ford jun. P.Z. 1125 P.P.G.T., a large number of the Companions lunched with his Worship at the Town Hall, on their arrival early in the afternoon. The Mayor presided, and amongst others present were:—

Companions W. G. Rogers Prov. Grand Second Principal, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. Grand Third Principal, J. Brewer P.G.S.E., W. Vicary P.G.S.N., J. Kinton Bond P.G.T., J. A. Orchard P.G.P.S., Major J. J. Daw P.G.S.B., Geo. Huxham P.G.D.C., H. L. Friend P.G.O., John Stocker P.P.G. First A.S., J. B. Crabb P.P.G. First A.S., A. Bodley P.P.G.S.N., A. Andrews J. 1125, W. B. Haydon H. 1125, J. H. Lloyd P.Z. 1125, C. G. Vicary H. 1136, Thos. Parkhouse, P.Z. 1125, E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G. Reg., James Griffin P.Z. 70, H. Stocker Z. 112, W. E. Williams P.Z. 1125, W. Packham J. 112, J. Page P.Z. 112, W. Gregory P.Z. and Treas. 112, W. Densham P.Z. 112, H. S. Gill First S.B. 112, John Lane J. 328, Geo. Pollard H. 251, John Dodge P.Z. 328, W. Easton P.Z. 112, W. Taylor Z. 328, W. Bartlett D.C. 1125, R. F. Loosemore First A.S. 1125, J. F. Ellerton Second A.S. 1125, J. Searle Steward 1125, R. B. Cutlin, C. Marshall Hole and Mackoy.

After lunch was concluded, the health of Comp. Ford was heartily drunk, and the Companions then adjourned to the Masonic Hall. There the handsome and elegantly-fitted Lodge-room of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1125, was arranged as a Chapter room for the occasion, and the Convocation was opened. The Most Ex. Comp. Viscount Ebrington, the Provincial Superintendent, was unavoidably absent in Wales, and the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. W. G. Rogers Prov. 2nd G.P., supported by the Officers for the year:—Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. 3rd G.P. acting as 2nd G.P., T. Ford jun. Prov. 3rd G.P., J. Brewer P.G.S.E, W. Vicary P.G.S.N., J. Kinton Bond P.G. Treasurer, J. A. Orchard P.G.P.S., J. B. Crabb P.G. 1st A.S., John Lane P.G. 2nd A.S., Major J. J. Daw P.G.S.B., T. B. Patterson P.G.St.B., George Huxham P.G.D.C., and H. L. Friend P.G.O. Comp. A. Andrews presided at the organ. There was also a large attendance of Companions who, in addition to those at the luncheon, included J. Olver P.P.G.P.S., J. Jerman P.Z. 112, J. Howell H. 1284, T. Prust D.C. 328. The Prov. G. Treasurer presented his statement of accounts, which, after payments of 42 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and current expenses, shewed a balance in hand of £29. The accounts were adopted. Comp. W. Densham, on the proposition of Comp. J. Stocker, seconded by Comp. R. Hambly, was unanimously elected Treasurer. Comp. J. Stocker and Comp. E. T. Fulford were elected auditors. The sum of 25 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the money to be placed to the lists of the Stewards, Comps. J. Brewer and the Rev. W. Whittley. A vote of condolence to Companion Blanchard, expressive of sympathy with him at his continued ill-health, was carried, and a gratuity of two guineas was voted to the Grand Janitor's usual allowance. The Bye-Laws Revision Committee reported that they had not yet been able to complete their work. They were re-appointed to continue the revision. The acting Prov. G. Superintendent announced that the Companions invested as the Officers for the ensuing year were:—

Comp. W. G. Rogers 444	- -	2nd Principal
Jno. Brewer 251	- -	3rd Principal
Major G. C. Davie 251	- -	S.E.
J. H. Lloyd 1125	- -	S.N.
W. Densham 112	- -	Treasurer
R. Hambly 156	- -	Registrar
G. R. Barratt 189	- -	P.S.
Jas. Jerman 112	- -	1st Assistant Sojourner
Jas. Griffin 2025	- -	2nd Assistant Sojourner
J. T. Browning 105	- -	Sword Bearer
J. W. Stanbury 1099	- -	Standard Bearer
J. Dodge 328	- - -	Director of Ceremonies
R. Cawsey 230	- - -	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
T. Brooks 328	- - -	Organist
P. L. Blanchard 444	- -	Janitor

Thanks were voted to the Companions of the St. Peter's Chapter, and to the Mayor, for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they had received the Provincial Chapter. This closed the business of the Convocation.

Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., had this week a serious fall, when going to a meeting at Kidderminster. He severely sprained his right leg, and will be compelled to remain indoors for some time.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I assume that Bro. Norton's letter in your last issue is a bit of excellent "chaff," and meant as an ironical commentary on what he conceives to be (Bostonically) the condition of the Philadelphian evidences.

Did he seriously intend it as a renewed claim for Bostonian primacy in Masonic life and progress, it will not escape your penetration or that of your readers that as amusing a reply is at once forthcoming.

I therefore await Bro. Jacob Norton's answer to this little query of mine before I take up your space, and weary perhaps your readers, with a reiteration of the contrasted claims of Philadelphia and Boston.

Fraternally yours,

PHILADELPHOS.

THE HIRAM LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should not have trespassed on your space so much had I not been afraid that the high authority of Bro. W. J. Hughan, and deservedly so, might induce many, at once and *primâ facie*, to decide the matter in debate as against the Hiram Lodge. I therefore put in a plea, on the good Masonic ground of fair play and fraternal consideration, to hear both sides and not to prejudge the graver question at issue.

To suppose that the hasty action of the G.L. of Connecticut, (ill-advised and ill-founded as I believe it to be), can settle the question, is, to my mind, an utter impossibility.

If it were so, any such conclusion would be pregnant with results, fatal to the best interests of Freemasonry.

In his natural anxiety to support the American view and decision our able Bro. W. J. Hughan stated, as it seems to me, the case *far too broadly*. Whether we have regard to legal, historical, or precedential ground, I see nothing in his reply which militates with the humble protest I have raised Masonically, using a free Masonic Press for that purpose. On the contrary, as I read his words, his very reply strengthens, instead of weakens, the foundation truths of my entire argument, and protest.

I need not, for many reasons, do more to-day than simply re-explain what it is I am really contending for.

Bro. Hughan, in his original clear statement, laid down three points, as follows:—

1. That all Lodges joining a Grand Lodge gave up their old Charter and took out a new one.

2. That as all Lodges were incorporated thus in a Grand Lodge they were bound to that Grand Lodge; and,

3. That to a vote passed by a constitutional majority obedience was due, and with its reasonableness, or the contrary, we had nothing to do.

To this I replied that though the custom was to a certain extent so, no doubt there was really no law on the subject, and that this custom had its exceptions.

In the case of Canada, the English Lodges officially and ostentatiously surrendered their Charters.

In the case of the Lodge Hiram no surrender was made, asked, or contemplated.

The Charter was registered as the evidence of Masonic legal existence.

In the great union of 1813, (not, of course, ignoring the treaty between two equal Grand Bodies), all the antient Lodges still worked under their original Charters. By this I meant there could be no such universal law of surrender of Charters, and therefore it must be *limited*.

Bro. Hughan contends the case is not relevant. I think it is very relevant "quoad" his original averment.

As regards Lord Zetland's interference, it seems to me by no means to justify the positive allegation of Bro. Hughan. Lord Zetland, G.M. of the English Grand Lodge, insisted that the Hebrew members of the Grand Lodge of England should be received as Visitors in a foreign body, where Hebrews were non-receivable.

Why? Bro. Hughan I submit hardly, for some reason, sees the force of his own admission. Lord Zetland held that by the landmarks of Freemasonry there was properly no exclusion of Hebrews, and yet he considered he had a right to demand and enforce, (on the possibility of non-intercourse), on a foreign Grand Lodge governed by a "constitutional majority," the admission of brethren barred by their own unwise laws.

Surely this is "going behind" the constitutional, (as regards their own laws), decision of a Grand Lodge with a vengeance.

Bro. Hughan virtually concedes the point I contended for by introducing in his reply the words "*any vital matter*" in respect of a Grand Lodge decision.

As Bro. Hughan originally put it,—a very acute correspondent understood his words like myself,—there was no re-consideration possible of a constitutional vote of a Grand Lodge by others. I said there surely must be, especially as regards the landmarks.

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As Bro. Hughan concedes that point gracefully, my humble contention is at an end.

I can hardly believe that the Hiram Lodge, composed as it is of the great educated classes in America—judges, lawyers, the medical profession, clergymen, and the like,—can have made such a blunder as to have raised a false issue on a purely "infantine" matter, as Bro. MacCalla puts it.

As I understand, it is the alteration of a usage, since 1750, and by which alteration the ceremonial to be enforced is "out of touch" with that in use when the Lodge was warranted, and joined on the old landmarks, the newly-formed Grand Lodge of 1789, and especially with the normal usage of Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, from which it originally derived its "locus standi" and its "vital breath."

Yours fraternally,

LEX.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In Bro. Sadler's recent very interesting and valuable work the opinion of our esteemed Bro. Thomas Fenn is quoted (a very high authority) in favour of the *unschismatic* character of those independent Lodges and brethren who set up the Antient Grand Lodge. The argument seems to be this: "being *outside* the formation of 1717, they were never *in* it, and therefore cannot be properly termed *schismatics* from a body which they never belonged to." I do not think it needful to inquire here if the proposition can be actually validated, it is sufficient for my purpose now to give Bro. Fenn's and Bro. Sadler's theories.

Bro. Hughan, in last FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, seems to think the Grand Registrar is prepared to endorse the views he (Bro. Hughan) has so characteristically expounded. I rather doubt, on the contrary, if that learned and courteous official will care to commit himself to an "ex parte" opinion on matters which do not come before him in any tangible or authoritative form.

But if Bro. Fenn's view is correct, and Bro. Sadler's arguments valid, may not Hiram Lodge put in, on similar grounds, a plea for legality and regularity?

If the Lodges and brethren were within their legal rights in 1785, a lawful Grand Lodge existing since 1717 at any rate, in setting up an independent Grand Lodge, what is to render Hiram Lodge either clandestine, schismatic, or irregular, when, in 1887, by a change of landmarks and a breach of the compact of 1789, it becomes independent and falls back on its undoubted legal Warrant of 1750?

Yours very fraternally,

FAIR PLAY.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly allow me the opportunity of informing the Craft in general, and members of Grand Lodge in particular, through the medium of your widely-circulating journal, that Bro. Asher Barfield will, on Wednesday next, be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Barfield was initiated in the Medina Lodge, No. 35, West Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, on the 1st June 1846, and is a P.M. of that Lodge. He joined the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, then held at Kensington, on the 10th April 1850, was W.M. in 1853, and was elected Treasurer in 1855, and still holds that office in the Lodge, of which he is now the senior member. Bro. Barfield was a founder of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681; is a P.M. and the Treasurer. He was also a founder of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, and for some time held the office of Treasurer after its consecration, and is now an honorary member of the Lodge. He is I.P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, Portsmouth, which is a Lodge of Installed Masters only. Bro. Barfield is a P.P.G.D. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and was elected W.M. of the Medina Mark Lodge, No. 140, at Cowes; but the distance from London prevented him accepting the honour of office this year. He was exalted in the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in March 1853, was Z. in 1858, and is now the senior member and Treasurer of the Chapter. He is also a P.Z. of the Andrew Chapter, No. 834, Hammersmith, and a founder and honorary member of the Stuart Chapter, No. 504, Bedford, and also a member of the Harmony Chapter, No. 309, Fareham, Hants. In addition to his Masonic services, Bro. Barfield is Patron of all the Institutions, and has served 10 Stewardships to the Girls' School, 11 to the Boys' School, and 11 to the Benevolent Institution.

I must apologise for taking up so much of your valuable space, but as Bro. Barfield has received so many promises of support from influential quarters, I am desirous of making his intended nomination known as widely as possible, and look forward to March 1888 with every hope of success.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEO. READ P.M. 511, 1767, &c.

BRO. GOULD re YORSTON AND OTHERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to see that you have reprinted Mr. Josiah H. Drummond's letter to the *Masonic Token* (Portland, Maine). Yorston and his assistants appear dissatisfied with having pirated my book, and if we may judge from the recent deliverance of Mr. Drummond, are desirous of emulating the Harpies, who not content with mere pillage, were accustomed to befoul and bespatter those whom they plundered.

What measure of truth there is in Mr. Drummond's statement, that I have acted dishonourably and am a liar into the bargain, I shall, on my return to London, ask the readers of the CHRONICLE to determine, after placing before them a variety of facts which Mr. Drummond finds it convenient to omit. Though to be quite candid, I must freely admit that he more than makes up the aggregate in number by a quantity of baseless insinuations, derived from sources which he does not name.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

30th Nov. 1887.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, J.P.

ON Friday, the 25th ult., at a Vestry Meeting of the parishioners of St. Bride (Fleet Street), a gratifying presentation was made to Bro. Horace B. Marshall, J.P., who for the past two years has held the office of Senior Churchwarden. The chair was taken by the Rev. E. C. Hawkins, the vicar, who expressed the very great pleasure it gave him to have the privilege of being the medium of asking Mr. Marshall to accept a slight testimonial of the high regard in which he was held by his fellow-citizens. The words of the testimonial expressed in admirable terms the high appreciation that his fellow-parishioners had of Mr. Marshall's services, and showed the warmth of the feelings entertained towards him by them. Speaking to those who knew him well, he need not enlarge on his municipal services, his sagacious counsel, and his cordial co-operation, zeal, and liberality in all that appertained to the welfare of the parish of St. Bride, but it came within his province more particularly to thank him in the most public manner for the assistance he had rendered him in the management of the ecclesiastical affairs of St. Bride. Personally he thanked the Vestry for electing the Officers they had to assist him during the time he had been Vicar. He was sure he was only conveying the voice of the Vestry when he assured him that his fellow-parishioners all heartily congratulated him upon his successful career, and when he expressed the hope that he would live many years to carry on the important business transactions in which he was engaged, and to forward the many useful works with which he was identified. He had great pleasure in presenting Mr. Marshall with a beautifully-executed work of art, on which the sentiments and opinions of his fellow-parishioners were expressed, and he added the hope that it might long adorn the walls of his home. The reverend chairman then presented Mr. Marshall with a beautifully-illuminated address, the work of Mr. Jackson, of 44 Great Russell Street. The scroll work was very elaborate, a figure of St. Bride in the centre being prominent, and the rest of the work serving to identify the present with the recipient's connection with the parish. The address, in old English characters, was as follows:—St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London.—At a public Vestry Meeting, held in the Vestry of the above parish, on Friday, the 25th November 1887, the Rev. Edward Comerford Hawkins, M.A., the vicar, in the chair, it was resolved unanimously—'That the best thanks of the parish are justly due, and are hereby most cordially presented to, Horace Brooks Marshall, Esq., J.P., the retiring Senior Churchwarden, for the valuable services rendered by him while holding that office during the past two years, for the assiduous and unremitting attention he has given to and for the able and zealous manner in which he has discharged the important and onerous duties thereof, for his indefatigable exertions in securing the entire redecoration of the church and chancel, the erection of a new east window, and the reconstruction of the organ, the result reflecting the highest credit on himself, and being eminently satisfactory to the parish. His generous and unbounding liberality to all the charities brought under his notice justly entitled him to the commendation of the citizens of London, and the earnest desire he has evinced on all occasions to co-operate with and carry out the wishes of his fellow-parishioners in any object tending to the welfare of the parish elicits their warmest praise." Mr. Marshall, who was heartily applauded in acknowledging the presentation, thanked the chairman for the kind and flattering way in which he had conveyed the resolution of the vestry to him. When he (Mr. Marshall) entered upon the duties of Junior Churchwarden of the parish, some five years ago, it was in somewhat troublous times, for an attempt was then being made to withhold the funds of the parish from their proper custodians. His colleague, the Senior Churchwarden, with the energy that characterised all he did, step by step, however, overcame the difficulties and obstacles that stood in the way, and it was to Mr. Paterson that they were in a great measure indebted for obtaining the requisite funds to complete the alterations and additions to the church. It was no doubt a comparatively easy thing to be generous and lavish with funds that people had not contributed themselves, but in the expenditure of the endowment fund of St. Bride's Church the restoration committee had acted wisely and economically. It was with great satisfaction that he was enabled to inform them that he retired from office with every liability connected with the restoration of the parish church discharged. The tastefully-illuminated address with which they had presented him would always be highly valued by him, and when in the distant or, what might be, the near future it was handed to his son, he was sure he would preserve it as a valued record of the belief of his fellow parishioners that he (Mr. Marshall) had endeavoured faithfully, and to the best of his humble ability, to discharge the duties entrusted to him by his fellow-parishioners of St. Bride's.—*Morning Advertiser.*

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KILBURN LODGE, No. 1068.

ON Monday evening Bro. Seager-Hunt, M.P., and Bro. J. Aird, M.P., honoured the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, with a visit, upon the invitation of Bro. T. H. P. Hartley. The Lodge meets at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn, of which Bro. Hartley is the proprietor. There was a very large number of visitors and members of the Lodge present, including Bros. Stephens P.M. 1245, C. Walker P.M. 1305, Thos. Minstrell P.M. 87, 1928, Lock P.M. 151, Humfress W.M. 733, D. Chester P.M. 180, Sanson P.M. 1494, Foreman P.M., Bailey, Lidington, Bennett, J. H. Johnson, S. Brooks Secretary, Hixon, Dickenson, J. H. Hartley, H. Hartley, F. Price, F. Whitlock, J. G. Brewer, H. Lyons, W. Truman, A. S. Ginger, A. Price, Towers, Chappell, G. Price, Mostyn, Page, Platt, Higgins, Philips, Terry, Groome, Smith. Bro. Bennett was elected W.M. of the Lodge for the year ensuing, and a valuable Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. F. B. Fletcher, the Worshipful Master, for his admirable services in the chair during the past year. The Brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent repast, which was served under the personal direction of Bro. Hartley in a manner which deservedly obtained for him the warmest approbation of all that were present. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts were given by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Fletcher, and heartily drunk. The Health of the Worshipful Master was then given by the Immediate Past Master, who paid a well-merited compliment to the services of that gentleman in the chair during the year. The Worshipful Master, replying, regretted that the visitors had not had an opportunity of seeing the working of the excellent staff of Officers by whom he had been assisted. In proposing the health of the Visitors, he congratulated the Lodge upon having been honoured with the presence of Bro. Seager-Hunt, M.P., and Bro. J. Aird, M.P. Unfortunately the labours of members of Parliament at the present time were unduly hard. But a few years ago Parliament rarely sat after three o'clock in the morning, but now it adjourned at all kinds of unconscionable hours. He was quite certain that men who were prepared under such circumstances to sacrifice their time and their health for the benefit of their fellow men and for the improvement of the laws of the country ought to be doubly honoured. Bro. Seager-Hunt, who was loudly cheered, responding, thanked the members of the Lodge for the hospitable reception which had been accorded to the Visitors. On behalf of the Visitors, who had received such a cordial welcome, and who had been able to enjoy themselves so agreeably, he could only hope that the Lodge would continue to prosper in the future as it had done in the past. Not only did they hope that, but they also desired that Masonry would continue to grow in the affections of the English people. It had been said that they were a secret society, and that their constitution prevented them telling to the outside world what went on in the Lodge, but when they came to look back through the countless ages through which Masonry had existed, and see that, age after age, it went on increasing in the number of those who belonged to it, this should be a warning to all outside their Craft, as well as to those within it, that it must exist upon principles which it attempts to inculcate—principles which go to make citizens throughout the world, and particularly in the Empire in which they lived and thrived. Bro. Aird, who also was enthusiastically received, remarked that he most cordially agreed with the sentiments which had been expressed by Bro. Seager-Hunt. It was a great pleasure to him to be present at the Lodge meetings of Freemasons, which did so much good to those around them, and which no doubt, by the charitable efforts which were made by the members, set an example which was followed by many other institutions. In charitable works, however, Masonry had ever maintained the lead. It was at such gatherings, that they met many friends who otherwise, perhaps, they would not have the opportunity of meeting. Among those whom it had been a pleasure to him to meet on that occasion were Brothers Kialmark, Welford, Stephens, Walker, and, not least, their good friend Brother Hartley, who had paid him the very great compliment of asking him to come and dine with the Lodge. The pleasure which he had anticipated had been fully borne out, and he thanked the Worshipful Master and the brethren for the hearty welcome they had accorded him and the other visitors. The health of the W.M. elect was next proposed, and other toasts followed. A most enjoyable evening, which was enlivened with songs and recitations, was passed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Marks W.M., Stretch S.W., Collingridge J.W., Marks S.D., Cosworth J.D., Beaumont I.G., Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Dearing candidate, Bro. Stretch was elected W.M. for Monday next, and after routine work Lodge was closed.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 70.

AT a meeting of this Chapter, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Thursday, the 24th ult., Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Prov. Third Grand Principal, presented to the Chapter a pair of miniature, beautifully hand-painted Royal Arch tracing boards, in a handsome gold frame, on which was a panel bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Chapter St. John's, No. 70, H.R.A., by ex-Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (223, 494, and 2025), P.P.G.P.S., Prov. Third Grand Principal, November 24th 1887."

The picture is a fellow one to that given by Comp. Lemon to th Sincerity Chapter, No. 189, at the installation meeting last January

THE LATE SHIPWRECKS OFF CAPE HORN.

EXTRACT of letter from David James (late Master), of the barque "Colorado," of Glasgow.—"Having lost our ship on Staten Island, on the 5th of July last, and having saved neither effects nor provisions, we were then compelled to travel over the island for ten days, subsisting on nothing but shell-fish and seaweed. On the 19th July we came across another shipwrecked party, of seventeen, the surviving part of the crew of the British ship "Dunskeig," of Glasgow, fourteen having perished through exposure. Now, the ship was lost on the 23rd of June, and a lot of the cargo, consisting of Epps's cocoa, was washed ashore out of the wreck. There was nothing saved except the cocoa, and we, numbering twenty-five men, were kept alive on it up to the 20th August, when we were rescued by the steamer "Mercurio," of Buenos Ayres, and landed there on the 13th of September.

"Too much praise cannot be given to this cocoa for the preserved state that it was in, after being in the bottom of the sea, in the wreck of the "Dunskeig," for a fortnight, and then washed ashore, and lying on the beach and rocks of Staten Island for about six weeks, subject to the exposure of the severest weather on the face of the globe.

"The island is situated in a region of perpetual ice, snow, and storms; and after all this test, it was as fresh and dry as if in the works.

"As we had a good stock of it there, we used it in a liquid state for drink, and also made it in a thick state, like porridge, and we also baked it on the fire, which made splendid bread, and kept us alive and warm on this barren island."

A Convocation of the Joppa Chapter, 188, was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, 28th ult. When the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. Lewis Lazarus was the recipient of a handsome silver claret jug as a testimonial. This is the third time Comp. Lazarus's services have been recognised by the members of the Joppa Chapter.

The Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839, is now held at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside, every Tuesday, from 7 to 9 p.m. Bro. J. Dixie W.M. 453 is the Preceptor, Bro. A. H. Williams P.M. 1839 the Treasurer, and Bro. Max Mendelssohn 212 the Secretary. The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, will, on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge of Instruction.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Boil and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1698—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M. 224—Menatechin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
382—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, Potty 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)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1158—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. Georges-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
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mon
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Claytons-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Cradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1799—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 109—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 312—Scarborough, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 369—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 501—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 535—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 871—Hengistbury, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, The Hard, Portsmouth
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
M.M.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Malta 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, Powsail-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Albert Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, St. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
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
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1611—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, W.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
101—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
129—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
154—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Installation)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
341—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
414—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Laverton.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Harwich.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Shadwell, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Worcester
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Installation)
1488—St. Elethi, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Station Street, Kent
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveden.
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2003—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 490—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Boynton, Cheltenham.
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Leigh, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Rose, Seymour Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
541—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Mercantile Navy, Seven Gravs, Baltic Street, E. (Installation)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Stroud Green Road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poplar, at 8. (Instruction)
902—Hengrave, George and Dragon, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 346 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Foxcraft Arms Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W
1731—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1964—Lansdowne, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1967—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields

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1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
288—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John. Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanscombe
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 369—Limeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Lovelenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, at 8 (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1428—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.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1992—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
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 (1st)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Strand
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, (Instruction)
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Staffs
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trafalgar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-in-Makerfield
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, Taibach
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—Grayshne, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
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, 9th 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
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1842—E. Carnarvon, Lowbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2009—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Chigwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1004—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 10th 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' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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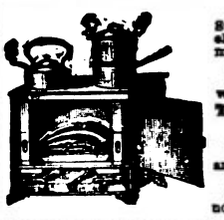

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THE IMPERIAL CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY.

ALL loyal citizens in Great Britain, and especially our Masonic confraternity, have felt, and continue to feel, the deepest, the most heartfelt interest, in all that relates to that most distinguished Brother of our Order, the Prince Imperial of Germany. Bound to us as a people loyal and law-abiding by that tie of union and affection which is symbolised for us so gracefully and endearingly in the person of the Crown Princess, we have yet learned to admire more and more in the years since run away in their rapid and giant strides, the soldier as well as the statesman, the man of letters, cultivation, and artistic tastes, as well as the Heir Apparent to a mighty empire.

Great and striking as has been the history of Prussia proper since the days of Frederick the Great, especially in all the sad and serious, painful and glorious episodes which have signalised its onward progress and national development, we to-day are contemplating a greater United Germany, which the genius of a Bismarck has created, and the strategy of a Moltke defends.

Our exalted brother who has so recently attracted the sympathy of all by the courage and resignation with which he has faced a most painful and dangerous malady, has truly earned for himself the earnest and lively regard of all.

In every relation of public and private life, in all the movements of a soldier's career, in his military, civil and artistic capacity, he has adopted the good old German motto, "Durch und durch," and most "thorough" and reliable and stedfast has he been, in all he has said, and all he has achieved.

He has evidenced in various ways and under trying contingencies the instincts of a great commander, the tenderness of a conscientious ruler, and with all, and through all, the marked qualities and kindly sentiments of the man.

In respect of Freemasonry he has from the first been enrolled in the band of students and searchers after truth, has taken every means of avowing his warm approval of all tentative efforts towards a more critical study and a more scientific development of our archæology, our evidences, and our common history.

It was then a great shock to all reflecting minds when it was announced that so useful, so valuable, so important a life was threatened by one of those insidious and often mortal diseases which too often close sadly for us a great and beneficent cause, and everpass the skill of the ablest physician to remove or to subdue. Our distinguished countryman Sir Morell Mackenzie, who has earned for himself the gratitude of his courageous patient, deserves well of his countrymen, in that he seems to have done all which the advanced medical science of the land has been able to suggest and achieve.

Admirably supported by his amiable and cultured consort, the Crown Prince has *seemed* anxious to demonstrate how much the example of the late Prince Consort has always swayed his private life and his public acts, by that wonderful devotion to his duties, and that intense admiration and support of all that art can create, science develope, or genius ennoble, which have been so appreciated by a contemporary generation, and have aroused for him not only the genuine admiration of his own countrymen, but we may fairly say of all nationalities. Freemasonry may be proud to own him as amongst her children, and it may be doubted whether any truer or more devoted "son of the widow" can be found enrolled under the banners of Loyalty and Charity, Peace, Toleration and Brotherly Love.

We sincerely trust, with the closing weeks of 1887, that in the good Providence of the G.A.O.T.U. we may venture to hope in the progress of 1888 for better days, and more certain hopes for his anxious family and excellent friends, for his own people, and for humanity. It is truly touching to note the expressions of anxiety and grief which the "Allgemeines Vaterland" has exhibited when the dread reality dawned on this pent-up emotion; sympathy, and affection.

We find in all this living proof how, despite all that is often said and done, in the words of the disloyal and the acts of the disaffected, there is yet a link of adamantine force which binds the rulers and the ruled, the prince and the people together, and which is as happy for the one, as it is enduring for the other.

We shall all heartily join in the aspiration that all that is gloomy and dark and threatening may pass away, and we shall rejoicingly hail the assurance of renewed health and strength to our distinguished, and illustrious, and cherished brother, the Prince Imperial of Germany.

ANOTHER HARMLESS SHAFT AGAINST FREEMASONRY.

IT is not often that the Editor of a public journal is "caught napping," or led by the caprice of a mischievous or interested informant to "rush in where angels fear to tread." Certainly the most comical illustration of a journalist being cozened into the discovery of a veritable mare's nest that we ever heard of is presented by the *Financial News* of the 24th ult., in which appeared an article under the queer sounding title of "Gas and Freemasonry." Now, those who know anything at all about Freemasonry would promptly inquire what earthly connection Freemasonry could possibly have with gas, or gas with Freemasonry? At first sight of this recondite article we were inclined to smile, and to anticipate another of those would-be satirical attacks so often made by ignorant outsiders upon the Craft; and to look upon "gas" in its American sense of loud talking and undue pretensions. But on reading down a few lines we find that this misguided writer is in sober earnest when he charges the Masonic organisation with aiding in the building up of trade monoplies, and thus inflicting a serious injury upon the public. The venom of the article is levelled against what is called the "Gas Institute Ring," a conclave of the existence of which we had not the remotest knowledge, and with which we do not propose to deal. As we understand the term "ring," it is a combination of a few men of influence and power, in any class of trade, to keep up prices; we hear of them in the fish, coal, and other trades, and they are invariably decried by those who loudly declare themselves free-traders, although powerless to counteract the operations of the "ring." It is, however, to the Masonic portion of this effusion that our attention is directed, and at the outset we must say we never saw Freemasonry assailed in so clumsy a fashion, or with argu-

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ments based upon assertions so malevolent or so glaringly false. The writer starts off by saying that, not content with utilising the Executive Committee of the Institute as a species of "Star Chamber," the members of the Ring have adapted the organisation of Freemasonry to their purpose. A palpable impossibility to lead off with, as every Mason will immediately see. "The Gas Ring," he continues, "not satisfied with the position it had established as a professional oligarchy, was struck with the happy idea of creating an inner sanctuary in the shape of a Masonic Lodge." The notion that a warrant could be obtained for the constitution of a Lodge, the ostensible object of which was to further any private interests, is so utterly absurd that it is not worthy of a moment's thought. But, continues the writer of the article, with a profundity of wisdom assumed, that he evidently does not possess, "Here they could do as they chose, without let or hindrance, for any one likely to be obnoxious could be excluded by the ballot, which takes place on the proposal to admit a new member to a Lodge." Now, the sage who could put together such arrant rubbish as this must be of easy journalistic virtue indeed or he would not have been cajoled by an anonymous correspondent into such folly. Evidently he is not a Mason, or he would know that business and private affairs are left unreservedly at the threshold of the Lodge-room when brethren meet for the transaction of their "labour," and never, under any pretence whatever, should a commercial question be whispered in the Lodge-room or even at the banquet. To insinuate, therefore, that the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, was established for, and is utilised as a trade association, is about the most laughable hoax that was ever palmed off upon a verdant scribbler for the newspaper. There would have been less room for surprise had this tissue of misrepresentations appeared in the columns of some obscure local print, but to find them in the *Financial News*, which has some pretensions to solidity and respectability, is simply marvellous. "Trading on Masonry" has been denounced times without number in our Lodges, and by the representative organs of the Craft; and the man who is discovered, either overtly or openly, utilising his connection with the Order for the purposes of self-aggrandisement is scouted by every good and true Mason as unworthy of the position he fills. To pile up a sweeping and unblushing indictment against a whole Lodge, of violating their solemn obligation, and their avowal to have been prompted to join the Order "from no mercenary or other unworthy motive," is nothing more nor less than a piece of consummate impudence and ignorance. Now, this cowardly attempt to cast a slur upon the Fraternity all hinges upon a letter signed "P.M.," who, by-the-bye, has not the honesty to give his name or the number of his Lodge, and if there has been any "prostitution of Freemasonry," the fault lies with this renegade, who, evidently from interested motives, takes this sidelong means of gratifying his spleen. He professes to be a Freemason of several years' standing, and, as a text for his spitefully intended but unimportant exposé of the Evening Star Lodge, he furnishes the Editor with information which should be held Masonically sacred. He describes the foundation of the Evening Star Lodge, and, culling from a "circular" issued by that body, gives one of its regulations, as follows—"Members of this Lodge are to be directors, auditors, secretaries, engineers, managers of gas works, gas analysts, contractors for gas works, or contractors for the supply of gas material." Now, much as we may, and do, object to class Lodges, there is nothing un-Masonic in such a rule; but the serious point arises when this "worthy" Past Master hurls a foul slander against a body of brethren of perverting the principles to which they have given their allegiance, and "prostituting Freemasonry" by constituting their Lodge a trade organisation. Such a suggestion would be beneath contempt were it not that many non-Masonic readers might be impressed with the belief that there was some shadow of foundation for the baseless and utterly untruthful fabrication. Masons reading such balderdash would immediately see through the subterfuge, and dismiss it with the silent contempt that it deserves. "P.M." is "at a loss to understand how the supreme authorities came to sanction such a regulation, if they have done so." A Freemason of several years' standing would know that such could not be the case, for warrants are granted on purely Masonic lines alone, and any tinge of private or trade interest in the petition would be fatal to its acceptance. After gathering from the statements of "P.M." that the "circular" alluded to is frequently sent to country Freemasons as an inducement to them to join the Evening Star Lodge "ring" (save the mark!) the editor prints, in tabular form, the names of the members of the Evening Star Lodge, with their profession and Masonic rank, and observes that although the alleged appeal to country Freemasons has been often made, yet there are "only half-a-dozen members outside the circle of Metropolitan influence, within which the Ring is supreme." Surely this is not to be wondered at if the Lodge were "advertised" as a trade organisation; country Masons or any others would never degrade themselves or disgrace the Craft by catching at such a bait, even if it were presented to them. If there were a particle of truth in P.M.'s assertion, the wonder would be that the number of country members was not much greater. We need not follow that part of the subject further; it is too ridiculous for comment. The concluding sentence of the writer of the article is intensely funny, when he says—"Those who know the Evening Star Lodge well, can corroborate this tale of the manner in which the ring has collared a Masonic organisation to assist it in its endeavours to dictate to the gas industry of the country." We venture to say that anybody who knows the Lodge would indignantly contradict the falsehood, and all Masons will spurn the miserable malice of the correspondent who has furnished material for the concoction of such a heap of drivelling nonsense as that contained in the journal from which we quote. It is quite clear that the writer knows nothing of the Evening Star Lodge, and "P.M." must be equally ignorant of it, otherwise he would not have made such a foolish error, and of which, we hope and trust, he is by this time heartily ashamed.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.

PROBABLY the present time is as opportune as any future day is likely to be for considering a little further the subject of Masonic benevolence, and the propriety of casting aside the old and tested Masonic principles and modes concerning charity and relief.

This subject includes, among other things, the effects of those principles, as well as of the violation of them, upon the future character of the Institution; and the expediency of seeking to make up by novel and incongruous additions to the Masonic structure, for the want of spirit and life in the benevolent operations of the Fraternity. It also includes the question whether Masonry is a Brotherhood or a mere association; whether or not we have all made a mistake in becoming Masons, and whether or not some of our Brethren have in fact discovered something better than Masonry, and that, too, after having apparently failed in discovering what Masonry itself was and is designed to be.

This is a proper time to consider these things further, because it is now evident that the few suggestions made to the Craft through the *Voice of Masonry*, concerning adding certain mutual benefit associations to the Lodge, have met with the usual fate of efforts to stay the progress of innovation and transformation, by being honestly or wilfully misunderstood.

Whenever any dangerous innovation has become seated, it is impossible to speak or write concerning the principles which must be set aside in order to make room for it, without some persons for one reason or another immediately becoming displeased. They fear that their own opinion or conduct is about to be subjected to censure or unfriendly comment, and this is enough for them to apprehend, without waiting to examine the real question to be considered, or its importance.

From this and similar causes it has happened in almost every instance that an innovation or abuse, however ruinous in its ultimate results, having been introduced into any secular institution, church, society, government or fraternity, has been maintained there against all objections and warnings urged by those who clung to the original design. The real evils threatening to follow, and sure to come, were put out of sight by the dust-clouds of misinterpretation and false issues raised by the advocates of the abuse. They avoided considering or answering the presentations of the evils in the end, and fortified themselves at once against all comers, with a barricade of special and specious counter-pleading to divert attention to supposed,

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or perhaps real advantages, or existing grievances; and thus, in like ways, and by like means, the abominations of oligarchies and hierarchies have subverted governments and religions without end, and substituted anarchies and despotisms temporal and spiritual, and filled the world with superstitions, frauds and vice.

Masonry, like all other good institutions, as long as it enjoyed but limited popularity and influence, maintained its original principles to a remarkable degree: but now, when it has entered on a career of unparalleled good fortune, it is exposed at once to all the causes which have subverted others. Those causes, which are ever various, but of like character, are so insinuating and surreptitious in their operation that none has been found which could withstand a tide of continuous prosperity. The epitaph of every good institution which has perished might be written in the same words: Destroyed by the reaction of achieved success.

If Masonry had nothing to fear but from the wrongful designs of enemies, or those who are wicked and evil-disposed, it would hold its course, and so would every other establishment of like original character. That which appears to be the great and undiscovered secret to most innovators is, that all and singular the perverted and destroyed institutions among men, during all time, have been prostituted and prostrated by the devices of their best supporters; and this has been the danger which has threatened Masonry from its beginning—now it is actually impending, as all should be able to see.

In accordance with universal experience, what has been offered in former numbers of the *Voice of Masonry* touching certain associations for mutual relief, entitled "Masonic," has been misunderstood as an attack on some portion of the Craftsmen, and upon their attempts to secure benefits for their families in case of death; and is evidently destined to be misinterpreted, and probably to be made the cause of ill feeling, and be answered, if at all, by complaints against other mismanagement, and by other similar arguments.

In the July number of the *Voice of Masonry* certain mutual benefit associations were mentioned, which are composed of members who are Masons, and entitled "Masonic;" and attention was called to the evident tendency of such additions to the settled order and form of Masonry, to pave the way for other and worse innovations. The subject is one of the highest importance, for much depends upon the matter involved, whether many Masons shut their eyes to the consequences or not, and the discussion of it in all its connections involves many considerations. Among these is one which has not been mentioned in connection with particular associations, either in the article referred to, or any other in the *Voice of Masonry*, so far as I am aware: that is, the true principle of Masonic Benevolence, and the intent and teachings of the Masonic Lodge concerning that subject, as shown throughout the symbology and work, and expounded and practised by all worthy and skilful Masters of the "Royal Art," from the beginning.

A full discussion of all which is involved in this one subject, without touching many others which are of great importance, would occupy far more space than can be allowed for a single article, and one reason of this is that it appears that, like many other true Masonic principles well understood and familiar to the Craftsmen of former times, the Masonic ideas concerning benevolence, and relief are entirely new to many brethren of the present day.

In consequence of this unfamiliarity with the nature and character of the Masonic Lodge, many Masons, who devote little or no attention to anything in Masonry except its externals so far as they compare with what they see and hear of other societies, fall, as a matter of course, into the notion that Masonry stands on the same plane as any of the others; that all its ceremonies are mere performances adhered to because they are ancient, and are about as good as anything of the sort that is offered for the same amount of money; and that in some respects the modern societies have hit upon better inventions; and they desire at once that they shall be imported into Masonry.

They never reflect that there is remaining in the Fraternity a large body of craftsmen who entered the Masonic Lodge because it was *Masonic*, and not because they wished to unite with any benefit association; and because they understood that it is the duty of all members to unite in preserving Masonry in its original and proper form, and that they would hence be safe from having the Institution transformed into something new with every whim of enthusiastic and inconsiderate members.

The latter appear to suppose that, like a business or benefit association, the members meet for the purpose of carrying out whatever notion may be uppermost in the minds of a majority, and that all have a right to study up changes in any constitutional principle or detail of organisation which pleases their fancy for the time being; and that being Freemasons means the right of all to a free scramble for turning all things round and upside down to suit "advanced ideas."

It is not so much to be wondered at, therefore, that among many other innovations we find that the practice of getting up benefit societies and attaching them to the Masonic Lodge by *entitling* them "*Masonic*," without any authority so to do, is spreading rapidly throughout the country. As the projectors are accustomed to think of the time-honoured term *Masonic* as nothing but a mere *name* to distinguish the Institution of Masonry from other bodies or associations, so they think that everything invented or put in practice may be named Masonic as a matter of course, after the prevalent custom of naming hotels in every town after some noted establishment in New York or Boston. With the same fondness for euphemism by which everything now-a-days is called by the name which belongs to something better, all benefit associations are called "benevolent institutions;" and this misuse of terms causes that when benevolence, and particularly Masonic benevolence, is spoken of, many persons think of nothing more than the collection and disbursement of so much money by an organisation for that purpose. Thus one after another Masonic ideas are crowded out of language and thought; and every year witnesses a greater devastation of the whole body of Masonic philosophy, ethics and jurisprudence.

As to mutual benefit associations, doubtless they are good institutions when properly organised and carried on; and I for one know of nobody who has any objections to them; and I certainly claim to have no more right to interfere with or discourage their formation, than they have to attach themselves by the terms of the titles they assume, to the Masonic Lodge or Craft. The so attaching them to Masonry, by advertising them as "*Masonic*," is all wrong. They are not, and cannot be, Masonic, but are merely prudential arrangements for mutual protection against pecuniary distress in which each member uses *his own money* to procure *his own* protection or that of his family against certain contingencies. Their being composed of members who are Masons can be of no benefit to them. They would be far better situated to secure a sufficient number of members, and be in every respect just as beneficial to all parties concerned, if they would throw open their doors to all comers, for it is a vital necessity to such societies, depending as they do on a constant influx of members to keep them going, that they should have the whole community to draw from.

If there are any brothers in the Masonic Fraternity who have misunderstood Masonry, and think it is a benefit society, it would seem that the time has come when it would be advisable for them to improve their Masonic erudition by exploring the subject. If they do understand what Masonry means it is becoming clearer every day that they are willing to aid in subverting the system as well as the design of it, for mutual benefits in the way of stated payments out of funds raised by tax on the members never was any part of Masonry; but other societies organised for such a purpose and drawing funds to make such payments from the members, according to regulations, have been holding Lodges side by side with those of Masonry during the last hundred years, as is known to the world, yet it is not likely that any of them would lack the foresight to forbid a portion of the members getting up a side institution of their own, and holding it forth to the world as part and parcel of the principal association.

Freemasonry is not, and cannot lawfully become a benefit association. Its institution is a Benevolent Fraternity. Its work, in the way of benevolence, is not to exact money by regulation from its constituents, by forced levy, and pay the same out to the needy, and call that benevolence, and so let the whole spirit of its sublime office down to the level of a legal *quid pro quo*, and thus baulk and hinder the effect of its grand moral lessons, committed to the hearts of freemen who are left in liberty and rationality to follow according to their light. It has put aside at all times the use of ancillary and supplemental devices, which are sure in the end to be additions which take away from the force and effect of its sacred principles, heaven born in their

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origin and incapable of being mingled with aught which can have a price. However much its votaries may have failed in acting up to the dictates of the immortal verities taught in words and embodied as the enlivening spirit in the material forms of its chosen symbo's, they have not hitherto so far lapsed from appreciation of the Masonic design, as to set up the Golden Calf of mutual insurance (however beneficial that may be) in place of the Shekinah of Love for humanity and charity as part of the worship of God. It is to be hoped that the Craftsmen will still prefer to be Freemasons, to being members of some society built on the ruins of the Masonic structure; and if they desire to avail themselves of the benefits of economic arrangements for mutual protection against pecuniary distress, they will do so in a proper manner—one becoming Masons—that is, without attempting to foist that class of business—however prudent and beneficial it may be—into the grand and orderly design of Masonry.

But it is plain to be seen that if the mutual benefit societies are allowed to flourish as an apparent part of the Masonic outfit, it cannot be long until the effort will be made to take the whole thing into the Lodge as part and parcel of the Masonic establishment; and next, and soon, will follow "sick benefits" and "accidental policies," and whatever else may be designed for mutual protection against pecuniary loss. When that day comes Masonry will have at last found its end as such—its organization may continue in a transmuted form, but it will be a totally different establishment from that which has been committed to our hands—one as degenerate as unworthy of the trust it should have held and preserved. Whenever that time may come, it will be because society is unfit for Masonry, and not because Masonry lacks anything of being too good for society.

The object, scope, intent and mission of Masonic benevolence, so much spoken of and so little appreciated, is that of shedding within and consequently without the circle of its brotherhood the light and truth of all ennobling, elevating and energising principles and conduct, which like streams from perennial fountains, ever and ever, gently, imperceptibly, but unceasingly and surely, wear deeper and deeper their channels in the hearts and minds of men, until the sands and mire of base and selfish sentiment are purified or swept out and the deserts of the soul become gardens of life for the healing plants of virtue; to implant dignity, manfulness and uprightness, with "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love" in all hearts, that relief and charity may be no longer a duty but a delight to the bestower; to make the Masonic body a brotherhood, and not a mere association; to make that brotherhood each for himself benevolent in the true sense of the term, and thus to secure a stream of active and efficient benevolence, and to incite to all noble and charitable work. Then each is free to seek without the Lodge for means to promote human welfare.

Here is the great oversight of our Brethren who are so often flattering themselves that they have found something better than Masonry. They imagine that the Masonic Lodge is an organised corporation to do all the good enjoined on the Craftsmen, by turning the crank of official machinery; the Officers in power this year to attend to the duty and give place next year to their successors, and so on by annual shifts, like the day and night shifts among the workers in a mine or on a ship, while the owners pay the bills and take their rest, devoid of care or labour.

This is not Masonry. Such organisations and expedients are all right in putting the fruits of benevolence to good use; they have been largely induced among men by the influence of Masonry and other beneficent institutions as motive forces, but these forces are above and before all. Doubtless all forms of machinery for putting into immediate effect what benevolence bestows are good and proper, but they are not a part of the Masonic Lodge, and the Craft must not be made responsible for their character or conduct.

This is one of the lessons, formerly familiar to the brethren, but now it seems necessary to be learned by many viz.: that the Craft never took any obligation of you or me as a Mason to vote for the Lodge to be liberal and charitable, and raise funds by forced levy or otherwise for that purpose, or for springing new arrangements for investing money so as to give each investor a good return, or to put the Lodge forward in any way, either as a charitable or beneficial or mutually beneficial agency, apparatus or intermedium between us and our duties of benevolence and charity. We have never undertaken to see that the Lodge shall be benevolent and furnish means for the purpose. That which Masonry requires is what the Mason is to do himself and of his own volition in liberty and as a Freemason ought to do before God and his own conscience, and because no other charity, so-called, is charity at all so far as the doer is concerned. Masonry does not undertake that the Lodge shall do any man's work for him. He must quarry, hew or care or set the stones which fall to his task in the work, as the occasion requires, according to his skill, without calling on the Lodge. The function of the Lodge is to teach and influence him to do his benevolent work, as his hands find to do. This is why all the wisdom, truth, morality and religion of the Lodge is committed to him in liberty and rationality, on his own responsibility, and not as an overseer or master commits a task to a servant, as is done in superstitious institutions. And this is why the modern processes which have slipped into the Lodges of raising funds by dues to expend as a Lodge, often in ostentation to some extent, in costly funerals and otherwise, are innovations and departures, and have degraded Masonry, by putting it on the level of a mere expenditure of money, and the perfunctory discharge of offices; and why true Masonry is lost sight of; and why the idea of the Brotherhood is superseded by the idea of a mutual benefit society.

Looking at what has already happened in the way of lowering the character of the Fraternity, and the overload of mere secular business, contentions and defaults in duty to be dealt with, which are now cast upon the Lodges and Grand Lodges, is it not time to stop and unload our useless burdens, and keep the Lodge clear of further innovations, especially of those things which can be better cared for outside the Lodge? This is the substance of the contention made against the mutual benefit organisations being fastened on the Lodge, which is wrong and injurious. Let them be made separate, and go on to the highest point of usefulness to their members which can be secured and maintained.—*Voice of Masonry.*

Notes for Masonic Students.

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AN OPERATIVE MASONIC GUILD.

IT is well known that thus far very few traces of the operative or early Masonic Guilds or Lodges are found.

There is a list of Masons working on the Chapel and Hall of St. Stephen's, Westminster.

In some of the Fabric Rolls we find names of Master Masons and Master Carpenters, and perhaps, here and there, also "artifices," "operarii," "operantes."

Dallaway first collected a list of Master Masons, and in the Bodleian we have the names of the Master, two Wardens, five Master Masons, and seven Apprentices belonging to "Loge Lathoriorum," attached to Christ Church, Canterbury, in 1426.

But Toulmin Smith found no actual Masons' Guilds, though probably many such exist.

In the Carpenters' Guild of the Holy Trinity, at Norwich, and in the account of the Guild of St. Austin, Norwich, published by Toulmin Smith, we have the names in 1389 of certain Masons who evidently, as Toulmin Smith says, formed part of another Guild.

They are James Alunday, Robertus Snape, and Robertus Elyngham.

Robertus Elyngham is a "Masonn" of Norwich.

We also find the names Johannes Hardebye Freemason in the roll of the famous Guild of St. George, Norwich.

We shall eventually collect many more of these names and references, and we may yet light upon a list of a mediæval Guild of Operative Masons.

SPERO.

The following is a list of the Brethren on whom Jubilee honours have been conferred by General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master for Surrey:—

Bro. Dr. Lavies	Secretary No. 1826	P.P.G. Warden
Dr. Thompson	P.M. No. 1556	Ditto
James Churchill	Secretary No. 1149	Ditto
W. P. Morrison	W.M. No. 416	P.P.G. Registrar
D'Arcy Blackburn	P.M. No. 370	P.P.G. Deacon
George Payne	No. 2101	Ditto
Dr. H. M. Smith	I.P.M. No. 463	P.P.G. Assist. D.C.
Vernon Knight	P.M. No. 1046	Ditto

The fine old Priory Church at Brecon has received an addition to its stained glass, of a window from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, the gift of Mr. Aneurin George, in memory of his wife and daughter. The massive proportions of the building are cathedral in character, for which it would be not unsuited in the event of a new diocese being formed in South Wales.

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The Half-yearly Communication of G. Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday, at the Holborn Restaurant, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro Grand Master, presiding. It was resolved, on the motion of Lord Egerton of Tatton, seconded by Major Woodall, of Scarborough, to present to the Princess of Wales a congratulatory address, enclosed in a suitable casket, on her silver wedding. A letter was read from the Home Secretary, acknowledging the address of congratulation to the Queen on her attaining her Jubilee. The sum of 100 guineas was voted from the general fund of Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a Centenary Offering upon the Centenary of that Institution in 1888. Major Woodall nominated the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master of Mark Masons. Charity jewels were presented to a large number of brethren who acted as Stewards at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival on 20th July last, when, under the Presidency of Earl Amherst and by their exertions, the sum of £2,260 was subscribed. After the closing of Grand Lodge the brethren partook of a banquet in the Duke's Salôn.—*Daily Chronicle.*

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, has been graciously pleased to approve of certain brethren as eligible for Past Grand rank in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and patents to those brethren were presented at the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge, held on Tuesday last, by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, who presided on the occasion. The following is a list of the brethren so honoured :—

Bro. Alfred Williams	P.G.M.O.
Charles Belton	Ditto
Richard Joynes Emmerson	Ditto
Sir Richard Nicholas Howard	Ditto
Charles Fendelow	P.S.G.O.
Joseph Todd	Ditto
William Edward Stewart	Ditto
Colonel William Long	Ditto
John Lane	Ditto
Christopher Atkinson Newnham	Ditto
Nicholas James West	P.J.G.O.
Major George Charles D'Albiac	Ditto
George Felton Lancaster	Ditto
Henry Hacker	Ditto
Charles E. Soppet	Ditto
George Cooper	Ditto
Rev. William Whitley	P.G. Chap.
Rev. Jonathan Marsden, B.D.	Ditto
Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C.	P.G. Registrar
Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama	P.S.G.D.
John Strachan	Ditto
William Pickford	Ditto
Joseph Nicholson	Ditto
William Francis Nettleship	Ditto
Henry Wilson, M.A.	Ditto
Robert Allen Luck, J.P.	Ditto
Henry Joseph Lardner	Ditto
Frank Alexander Huet	P.J.G.D.
Ernest Farwig	Ditto
William Nott	Ditto
Henry Stone	P.G. Sword Bearer
James Boulton	Ditto
Thomas Thompson	Ditto
John Williams	Ditto
Owen Thomas	Ditto
George Graveley	Ditto
E. Cheshire Patchitt	P.G. Standard Bearer
John Mason	Ditto

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. in the chair; there were also present Brothers F. Richardson, A. Bryant, G. Gardner, C. F. Hogard Past Grand Standard Bearer, J. L. Mather A.G.D.C., W. Roebuck P.G.S.B., F. Adlard, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, Joyce Murray, Charles Belton, William Maple, A. Durrant, George P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, H. W. Hunt, J. Moon, W. H. Saunders, and F. Binckes P.G.S.B. Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, six petitions were presented and considered, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in April next. Two applications by ex-pupils for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and the proceedings terminated shortly afterwards with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Terry's.—The favourable reception accorded "The Woman Hater" is unquestionably due to the way in which it is acted. The author, Mr. David Lloyd, has used old material throughout, with a result that the piece is not over interesting in any one part. The idea of a supposed woman hater getting himself engaged to at least three ladies at one time was used a short time since in a piece produced at the Opera Comique; consequently this situation may be said to have missed fire. Then we have the wrong man taken off to a lunatic asylum, where all the principal characters meet. Here each one is mistaken for a lunatic, and a very funny scene takes place. This is the best part of the piece, and on the first night enlivened the audience considerably. As we before said, the author has to thank the actors for the reception accorded his work. Mr. F. Terry was in his element as the woman hater. The despair and utter inability to do anything was capitally depicted, while the way in which he repulsed the doctor, who was trying to calm him, will not be forgotten for some time. Mr. Bishop gave a sketch to the life of the doctor, while Mr. Kemble was amusing as an old man who is threatened with the entanglements of a breach of promise. Miss Clara Cowper made a charming widow, but Miss A. Victor was not seen at her best as Mrs. Walton. Mr. J. W. Erskine and Miss Florence Sutherland were natural in the love scenes. "Off Duty," with Mr. Lionel Brough as Sergeant Bloss, preceded the farce. We are glad to see that Mr. Terry has made arrangements with Mr. Charles Arnold for the production of his charming play "Hans the Boatman." The piece will be played every afternoon, starting on Christmas Eve.

Criterion.—Five and twenty years ago the comedy, "The Two Roses," was produced, with Mr. Henry Irving as Digby Grant. Since then the piece has been tried occasionally, and now when we are called upon to see another representation it naturally calls back old remembrances. Mr. James Albery's work is full of interest and irresistible charm. Thoroughly English in style it is the more acceptable, while the comic characters are of the good old crusted sort. Capitally acted in every part, the present revival will bear comparison with others. Such charming exponents of the characters of Lotty and Ida as Miss Annie Hughes and Miss Maude Millett are sure to be welcome, while the Digby Grant of Mr. William Farren is another capital performance. Messrs George Giddens and Sydney Brough, as Caleb Deene and Jack Wyatt respectively, were splendid, while the Our Mr. Jenkins of David James was delightful. Mr. W. Blakeley and Mrs. E. Phelps lend admirable aid as Mr. Furnival and Our Mrs. Jenkins. Every one present seemed charmed with the piece, and we can predict that this theatre will be filled for some time to come.

Mr. Toole returns to his home in King William Street on Monday evening, when he will appear in "The Butler." He will be supported by Miss Kate Phillips as Lavinia Muddle, and most of those who took part when the piece was first produced.

It has been decided to present "Siberia" at the Princess's theatre next Wednesday evening, Miss Grace Hawthorne will be supported by a strong company.

The Lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry" which has attracted so much attention of late in Masonic circles, both in London and in many provincial towns, will be delivered by Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z. in the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, on Monday, the 19th inst. The Lodge meets in the large room in Bro. Webb's Railway Hotel, exactly opposite the Railway Station at Putney, and will be opened at seven o'clock precisely on the evening named. It is expected that a considerable number of South London brethren will be present.

At the last meeting of Brooklyn Lodge, W. Bro. H. J. Smith raised his thousandth man. This is a score that should make the Brother feel duly proud. Bruit reports that his happiness waxes high just now. It is the universal expression that he has just cause to be so.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois has before it a resolution requesting all Companions to adopt and record their mark; also, that no Chapter "shall confer the degree of Royal Arch Masonry upon any Brother who had not adopted and recorded his mark in the Chapter Book of Marks."

The Freemasons of Canada are projecting a European excursion for next summer.

It is said that the Sir Knights of Colorado Commandery are looking to have the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment meet at Denver in 1892. It is a long look ahead, but if the members of that grand body knew what a beautiful city it is they would vote unanimously to go there. A royal welcome would be theirs, one never to be forgotten.

With everything that is sordid and tinctured with little and low thoughts, ideal Templarism is at war. With everything that is elevating and of good savour in the conscience of humanity, ideal Templarism is allied. It is because that I have found here much of this ideal spirit that I am always glad when duty calls me hither, or convenience turns my steps in the direction of Chicago, the great capital of the West.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. John Hardcastle W.M., W. H. Lomax S.W., Jas. Naylor J.W., Jas. Newton Prov. G. Assist. Sec. Treas, F. W. Brockbank as Sec., Wm. Golding S.D., Robt. Nightingale J.D., Wm. Forrest I.G., M. Robinson, T. Murphy, and J. W. Thompson Stewards, T. Higson Prov. G. Tyler Tyler, E. G. Harwood P.P.J.G.W., Jas. Walker P.P.J.G.W., Rev. W. R. Clayton P.P.G. Chap., Johnson Mills P.M., John Booth P.M., Thos. Barnes, Jas. Simkin, H. L. Hinnell, George Crowther, F. W. Broadbent, G. E. Greenhalgh, F. W. Isherwood, T. Cooper, and W. Smith; also, as visitors, Bros. H. Thomas 277 P.P.J.G.D., S. F. Butcher 191 P.P.G. Steward, T. B. Tong W.M. 1723, and W. H. Brown 221. The Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Smith was passed to the second degree by Bro. Jas. Walker P.P.J.G.W. The ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Gustavus Sundell as a candidate for initiation, the result being that he was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. John Booth P.M. Bro. W. H. Lomax S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. It was resolved that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. John Hardcastle, the retiring W.M. Bro. Jas. Newton Prov. Assist. G. Sec. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer (this being the sixth time). Auditors were appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts. All business being concluded the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board.

MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, for the purpose of electing the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Bell was elected to that position, and Bro. M. Fowler was re-elected Treasurer. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where a first-class dinner was served by Mr. H. Carr, of the Half Moon Hotel, Durham, to which sixty brethren sat down. The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily proposed and as loyally honoured.

OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

AT this Lodge, on Tuesday evening, Bro. Thomas Whaley (brother of the esteemed W.M.), was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Mr. Reuben Wash was initiated, Bro. Cope, in the absence of Bro. John Whaley W.M., through indisposition, performing the ceremony, in a most impressive manner. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE annual meeting for the election of W.M. took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there was a large assemblage of Brethren and Visitors. The minutes of last meeting were read, and after a graceful apology had been offered in respect to the disagreeable incident that occurred at the last meeting, were confirmed. The next business was the ballot for the admission of Mr. Leopold Hartman. The result was in his favour, and he was installed by the W.M.; but on account of Bro. Wall having a severe cold, the I.P.M., Bro. Dewsnap, now took the chair. Bro. Joseph Joseph, a candidate to be raised, gave satisfactory proof of his advancement, and in due course was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in excellent style. Afterwards Mr. Ernest Smith was proposed by Bro. Jacques Wynman, seconded by Bro. P.M. L. Lazarus. This proposition was favourably received. The election of Bro. George Lion as W.M. for the ensuing year was carried by the unanimous voice of the Lodge, as was also the re-election of Bro. J. Lyons as Treasurer. Brother Gaskell was elected Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. Alexander, a Past Master's jewel was voted for presentation to the retiring W.M., Bro. Wall, as a well-deserved recognition of valuable services and faithful discharge of the duties of the chair during the past year. After other business the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren and Visitors partook of an excellent repast, under the superintendence of Bro. M. Silver. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured and responded to. The proceedings of the evening were diversified by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music. The Joppa Ball will take place on Monday, the 16th of January 1888, tickets to be had from the Secretary.

ALFRED LODGE, No. 306.

ON Friday evening, the 2nd instant, Bro. C. E. Brean S.W., was installed W.M. of this Lodge, by Bro. David Thompson P.M., who performed the ceremony before a large gathering of the brethren of his Lodge, and a numerous attendance of visiting brethren, among whom were several of the W.M.'s of the other Leeds Lodges. At the close of the ceremony the brethren were conveyed in carriages (provided by the W.M. C. E. Brean) to the Golden Lion Hotel, where the banquet had been arranged, for sixty to seventy, and where, after dinner had been served, and the usual loyal toasts duly honoured, a most agreeable evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music and the usual speeches attendant upon similar occasions.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A MEETING was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, when there were present Brothers T. G. Hodgson W.M., W. Smith S.W., S. Border J.W., C. Linley acting Chaplain, J. Todd P.M. Treasurer, E. W. Purnell Secretary, C. Forbes S.D., J. B. Sampson J.D., S. Crummack D.C., T. Watkinson I.G., E. Carter Steward, W. G. Calvert Tyler, Geo. Balmford P.M., H. Foster P.M., Geo. Kirby P.M., W. Draper P.M., A. H. H. McGachen P.M., M. Rooke P.M., G. C. Lee P.M., J. Sykes Rymer (Lord Mayor) P.M., F. S. Gramshaw, T. Toes, H. L. Swift, T. Dudley, W. G. Thomas, Thos. Tuke, Mungo Bryson, Charles Wardle, W. Powell, R. E. Triffitt, H. A. Wilson the Hon. V. A. Pelham, G. Seller, G. H. Holmes, T. Rawling, T. Arobey, C. Anderson, J. S. Hopton, J. Rutherford, A. B. Everitt, A. Proctor, J. Stead, J. Clarke, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Halliwell 1611, P. Pearson 1611, G. C. Pook 1611, and E. M. Taylor 206. The Lodge having been duly opened, and a successful ballot taken for the Rev. H. L. Clarke, he was regularly initiated according to ancient custom by the W.M. The tools explained by the J.W., and the traditional history delivered by Bro. J. Todd P.M. Treasurer P.P.S.G.W. The by-laws were read by the Secretary, and a presentation of six cut glass decanters made by the W.M. on behalf of Bro. H. Scott. A committee was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and the election of Bro. W. Smith S.W., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, took place. Bro. Todd P.M. was re-elected for the eleventh time Treasurer, and Bro. W. G. Calvert re-elected Tyler. The installation banquet was fixed for the evening of the 19th inst., immediately after the installation. This completed the business, and the Lodge was then closed. The brethren retired to the banquet room of the Lodge and spent the remainder of the evening in a social manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed by music, &c.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge-room, Saltash, on Monday, the 5th inst. Bro. Richard C. Revell S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the work being ably carried out by Bro. T. D. Deeble and Bro. J. Pearce, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G. Chaplain, H. Bowden the retiring W.M., E. R. Davey I.P.M., J. Rabbage P.M., W. H. L. Clark P.M. P.P.G.Std.B., George Burns P.M. J. T. Brooking P.M. P.P.G.S.Wks., Richard Pearce P.M., N. Bray P.M., J. Deeble P.M., and E. Vosper P.M., all of 1071, John Pearce I.P.M. 1136, W. H. Terrell P.M. 202, S. Willoughby P.M. 1099, C. Croydon P.M. 189, J. R. H. Harris P.M. 230, E. Aitken Davies P.M. 1099 P.P.G.S.Wks. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested the following Brethren as his Officers:—Brothers Bowden I.P.M., Rawling S.W., Doney J.W., Pearce P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., Deeble P.M. Sec., Pearce P.M. Chap., Nancarrow S.D., Shaddock J.D., Dingle I.G., Lander D.C., Netting S.S., Williams J.S. At the conclusion of the business W. Bro. Lemon presented the Lodge with a photo-lithograph portrait of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., F.R.S., J.P., D.L., and of Carclew Park, Cornwall, M.P. for the county, and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Cornwall from 1843 to 1863; born 3rd September 1784, died 12th February 1868. The panel of the picture bears the inscription:—

"Presented to Lodge Zetland, Saltash, Cornwall, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189 (70, 1205, and 2025 Honorary) P.P.G.C. of Devon, 8th December 1887."

The gift was suitably acknowledged.

Leopold Lodge of Instruction No. 1571.—Held at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London Street, Fenchurch Street, E.C. on Thursday, 1st. inst., present Bros. Barnes W.M., Smith S.W., Blake J.W., Gregory S.D., Dormer J.D., Gaskell P.M. I.G., Ives P.M., Beadle, Arnott, Joyce, McGee, Duffield P.M. Preceptor, Lewis P.M. Treasurer, Colley as Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Arnott candidate. This Brother answered the questions leading to the 2nd, and Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bros. Arnott and Beadle then answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree. Lodge was closed in the 2nd, and called off. On resuming, Bro. Smith was elected to the chair for next meeting, Officers in rotation. Bro. Duffield was re-elected Preceptor, and thanked for past services. Bro. Lewis P.G. was re-elected Treasurer. A letter from Bro. Hughes, resigning his office as Secretary, was read; such resignation was accepted with regret, and a communication was ordered to be sent to Bro. Hughes, with an acknowledgment of his past services, and an expression of the sentiments of the brethren. Bro. Colley was appointed Secretary. No further Masonic business offering the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—Held at the Masonic Temple, 38 St. Peter Street, Canterbury, on Monday 5th inst. Brethren present. Bros. A. Develin W.M., Major Maclean S.W., Abbs J.W., Beckett S.D., Claydon J.D., Rupert Sec., Naylor I.G., Anderson D.C., Leech S. Also Bros. T. Blamiers P.M. Preceptor, Cockersall I.P.M., Merriman and Herbert. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Merriman as candidate. Nothing further having been offered for the benefit of Freemasonry in general or this Lodge in particular, the same was closed in ancient form.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, on Thursday evening, 15th inst., at seven o'clock, in the Masonic Temple, Criterion (entrance from Piccadilly or Jermyn-street, by the Lift). Bros. W. Brindley P.M. 1604 W.M., W. C. Smith P.M. 1563 S.W., T. A. Dickson W.M. 1614 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Reynolds, Harnell, Kedge, Harnell, Kirk, Hemming, C. Smith. Second Lecture—Bros. Marsden, Hancock, Paul, Corby, Smith. Third Lecture—Bros. Mulvey, Clark, Swan.

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BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,800.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE December Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight presided. Bro. Thomas W. Tew Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. H. D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master of Bengal as Past Grand Master.

The minutes of the last Communication were read and confirmed.

Bro. Beach, before commencing the regular business of the evening, said there was a pleasing duty which devolved upon him as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The brethren had all heard in the minutes just read of Grand Lodge in September cordial votes of thanks were recorded to two distinguished brethren, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) P.G.W. G.D.C., and Bro. T. Fenn P.G.D. President Board General Purposes, for their valuable services at the great Masonic Jubilee at the Albert Hall on the 13th June last; it was then ordered that these votes should be suitably illuminated and formally presented. The documents had accordingly been prepared, and he had now the pleasure of presenting them, together with illuminated copies of the vote accorded to them by Grand Lodge in June 1875, on the occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, but which, from some inadvertence, had not hitherto been prepared and presented. In offering the testimonial to Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Bro. Beach said he knew full well Sir Albert would appreciate it as the testimony not only of the respect and affection entertained for him by Grand Lodge, but as a slight token of the thanks the brethren owed to him for his valuable services in connection with those great Masonic occasions which he had mentioned.

In making the presentation to Bro. Fenn, Bro. Beach said he knew there was no Mason who was ignorant of the valuable services Bro. Fenn had rendered to Masonry in presiding over the Board of General Purposes. To a great extent he was responsible for the government of the Craft. The Brethren made this presentation in recognition of the important services he had rendered to the Brethren on the great Masonic occasions to which he had already alluded.

Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, in acknowledging the gift, said he could but renew to the Brethren the thanks he had offered in Grand Lodge when they conveyed their recognition in the kind and handsome vote of thanks for the services he had performed during the very many years that he had held the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies. To him it must be a sincere gratification indeed to know that his humble services had been appreciated by this Grand Lodge; he assured them that as long as he had the power those services would ever be given to Freemasonry, and especially to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Thomas Fenn said he did not at all expect to be again called upon to return thanks for the kind vote which the Brethren had accorded to him on the last occasion. Were he to repeat what he had said it would be tedious to the Brethren, as well as unnecessary; he could only say the success of that great event, for which they had given their vote of thanks, had been a great pleasure to him and those who so kindly assisted him. He thanked them for the very substantial manner in which they had that day recorded and presented him with the vote of thanks.

Bro. Beach said he had a proposition to make, which he did with a full knowledge that he would have the entire approval of the M.W. the Grand Master, which was that these votes of thanks just presented to their Brethren be accompanied, in each case, by a Masonic Jubilee jewel. The Brethren having unanimously signified their assent, the jewels were presented to Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Fenn.

Bro. Beach said he had now a proposition to make on behalf of the Grand Master. It came in the shape of a notice of motion,

That the sum of £500 be voted from the Fund of General Purposes as the contribution of Grand Lodge towards the relief of the present distress among the deserving poor of the metropolis.

Masons were very proud of distributing their Charity among members of their Order who might be deserving, and on those who might be dependent upon them and reduced to distress, and that relief was given with no stinted hand. But though Masons were very glad on every occasion to mete out the funds at their disposal to those of their Order who required it, still there were certain occasions when it was by no means inexpedient and was extremely fitting that they should recognise the claims of Charity from other quarters, and show that as Masons they could sympathise with distress in whatever quarter it might arise. In an immense City like London, the population of which was numbered by millions, it could not but be that distress would arise at particular times. It would be quite impossible that employment should be meted out to all, but there had been occasions, and of late during the beginning of this winter, when there had been a dearth of

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employment which had caused considerable irritation. He would not enter into the causes of this, because differences of opinion might readily arise, and some might say that it was caused partly by the great number of foreigners who flocked towards our metropolis. But we gave a home to all, from whatever quarter they might come; and that might possibly have a tendency to make employment less toward our own population. As he said, he was not going to enter into that question; he would merely state the fact, which he supposed was patent to all, that sore distress did exist. Then the question was, whether the Grand Lodge, as representing the Freemasons of England, and representing to a very great extent the Freemasons in the great City of London, and this great metropolis generally, should not raise themselves to the occasion, and make some grant which would be adequate to show their sympathy with those in distress. It seemed to him that their Grand Master had made this proposition in the full belief that it would mete out some aid towards those who might be destitute of employment. In what way it could be best bestowed it was difficult to know at the present moment, but there would be doubtless several modes in which it might be usefully given, and if it could not be usefully given it should not be given at all; but he was sure they might trust their Grand Master for selecting the best way in which it could be bestowed. He thought it would be a very fitting compliment to the Grand Master to allow him the discretion of meting out this amount as he might think fit.

Bro. H. D. Sandeman had great pleasure in seconding the proposal; he had little or nothing to add to the observations so well made by Bro. Beach.

The motion was carried with enthusiasm.

Bro. Gabriel Prior Goldney P.G. Steward and W.M. 259, then nominated His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for the office of Grand Master of the Order, and gave notice that at the next Quarterly Communication he should propose him for re-election.

Bro. F. J. Tyler W.M. Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, next rose; he had the honour to nominate Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson to the post of Grand Treasurer. Bro. Wilson had been a Mason thirty-five years; had served on every Board; was Vice-Patron of the Boys' School; on the Committee of the Benevolent Institution, and had been W.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59 on the register of Grand Lodge, three times, and its Treasurer for twenty-eight years; he had been M.E.Z. of several Chapters; and for several years had been a leading member, with his father, who was well known as the Architect of the Boys' School, of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Bro. George Read P.M. 511 said he wished to nominate Bro. Asher Barfield P.M. 511, who was well known to all the members of Grand Lodge. He would not detain them by making any observations about Bro. Barfield, but he had great pleasure in nominating him for the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Robert Grey was then re-invested as President of the Board of Benevolence, amidst loud applause.

Bro. James Brett and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, as no other Brethren were nominated for the offices of Vice Presidents, were declared duly elected.

The following Brethren were elected as the twelve Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Brothers George Pole Britten 183, William Peter Brown 90, Thomas Cull 1446, George A. Cundy 901, Charles Dairy 141, James Burgess Grieve 1351, Lewis Christopher Haslip 813, David D. Mercer 1641, George Read 511, Francis R. Spaull 1768, Robert J. Taylor 144, Alfred Cooper Woodward 1538.

The recommendations of grants, as per the list we printed last week, were confirmed, and the Report of the Board of General Purposes, also printed in our last issue, was adopted. With respect to the proposal to mark the silver wedding of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the proposed grant of £500 was cordially agreed to.

As regards the two appeals, the first was dismissed, and the second allowed; the Grand Registrar stating that though Bro. Hutton had tendered his resignation it was not accepted when he withdrew his resignation, and his still holding the office was notified to all the Lodges in Montreal. In the second appeal, the Grand Registrar stated that according to the Constitutions no private Lodge had power to pass a sentence of suspension of his Masonic functions on any Brother. A Lodge might exclude a Brother for one night for a grave Masonic offence, or fine him, or admonish him.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

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

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE HIRAM LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the last *Keystone* the able editor dismisses "JUSTITIA'S" very striking letter in your columns with this terse condemnation, "a lame and impotent argument."

In the same issue appears a quotation from the *Trestle Board* of San Francisco, which is based in its entirety and argument on the erroneous assertion, "when Hiram Lodge surrendered her early charter," &c.

Hiram Lodge never surrendered her charter, nor was it asked to do so:

If it is "registered" as a proof of Masonic legal life, and that it required no charter of constitution or creation, may I ask my able Bro. MacCalla under what Warrant Hiram worked between the date of registration and the date of issue of the Charter of Recognition?

Surely was it not Oxnard's Charter?

Surely too the whole effect of that later Charter of Recognition was an admission of previous existence and legal procedure.

Would it not be well to print the Charter of Recognition, as something may turn on its special verbiage?

Would it not also be well to look up, if preserved, the negotiations which led to Hiram joining the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1789?

The *Trestle Board* admits that a *change* has been made, and it is this very point of change, without the consent of Hiram, on which the whole question really turns.

Yours fraternally,

LEX.

"WORK" IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was amongst the interested spectators and listeners on the occasion of the rehearsal of the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation in the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, reported in last Saturday's CHRONICLE. It was the first occasion on which I had had the opportunity to see and hear the ceremonies rehearsed together, and I must say that I was delighted with the solemnity, order, and regularity with which the conjoined functions were performed by the brethren who had undertaken the rehearsal.

So much so, that I made some inquiries before leaving the Lodge-room, as to when and where I could again hear these ceremonies, the former particularly, and was surprised by the replies I received. These seemed to infer, for no positive statement was made, that the members of London Lodges are precluded from sharing in this sublime portion of Craft Masonry by feelings, not altogether of jealousy, but of desire on the part of a few to keep that work in, as it were, what our American kinsmen would call a "ring." Whether this applies to Provincial Lodges my informant could not tell me. It is in regard to Metropolitan brethren, of whom I am one, that I am concerned.

Now I do not care who may be referred to in the term "a select few." I was told that the principal brethren who conducted the delightful ceremonies at Putney, were not recognised as amongst them, and that it was quite a novelty to see those brethren working together in such ceremonies. So much the greater pity, said I to myself, for I felt that for oratory, elequence, and method, they would take a lot of beating, no matter how able or proficient the "select few" may be.

What I want to ask you is this: Is there any other reason beyond what has been suggested to me why these brethren, whom I heard the other night, should not, whenever occasion or opportunity offers, repeat the ceremony of Consecration? I know that Installations alone are rehearsed by brethren who cannot be amongst the "select few," whoever they may be, but there seems to be some sort of reservation as to Consecrations, and I want to know why there should be? Perhaps if you do not care yourself to answer, one or other of your correspondents might kindly do so; and in case there should be a desire not to publish the reason, I send my name card and address herewith, and will hold any private communication through you in strict confidence, if required. Will you also oblige me by an intimation of a proposed repetition of the work I refer to by the same brethren. I shall certainly attend, and get some Masonic friends to share the pleasure I have received through their laudable efforts to impress on others the beautiful teachings of our Order.

Yours fraternally,

PUTNEY.

The members of the Langton Lodge of Instruction will hold their annual dinner at the White Hart, Abchurch Lane, on Thursday, 15th December, at 7 p.m., and will resume work on Thursday, 5th January.

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A MONUMENT TO GOETHE.

An Oration delivered by Bro. the Hon. Judge Arnold, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Fairmount Park, 14th November 1877.

THERE is no more convincing evidence of civilisation than the monuments which men erect to perpetuate the memory and celebrate the virtues of the great and good. Veneration of the dead springs from that just pride of ancestry which exists in the human breast. It manifests itself in memorials of various kinds. When a great man dies the memory of his good works becomes the heritage of all the people, and they show their feelings by enduring testimonials. In the olden time temples and obelisks were erected and dedicated to perpetuate names and reputations, lessons and examples for future generations. They marked the era when kings and rulers, soldiers and conquerors, were the only persons so honoured.

In these later years the fact is recognised that men in other walks in life, do works which live after them, so that the memory of them ought to be celebrated and preserved. Statesmen, scholars and poets make and leave such impressions on the human heart, that those who contemplate their labours and enjoy the benefit of them, feel a generous impulse to pay the debt of gratitude which they owe for the pleasure and knowledge received from those labours.

In former times memorials were erected in the country of the person commemorated by them. Few, indeed, have attained so great a distinction as to be accepted as citizens of the world, celebrated and revered in all lands, and immortalised in the language of all nations. Here, in America, we, a composite people, have presented the spectacle of monuments erected in memory of great men of other lands; so that, on looking around us, we see that which revives not only the recollection of our own citizens, but also those of other nations. Our vision is not confined to our own borders, but it extends beyond them into other countries, and makes us feel that we share in the heritage of their people. Their pride becomes our pride. Our people trace their lineage back into the fatherhood of other nationalities, and claim kindred and heritage with them.

Here, to-day, we begin the erection of a monument to Goethe. German-American citizens—who are none the less American because they are German—meet to congratulate themselves that there was a Goethe to commemorate, and to show their appreciation of him by erecting a monument to perpetuate his memory, in a country of which he was neither citizen or denizen.

Who is Goethe, and why do we revere him? On an occasion of this kind nothing could be more appropriate than for me to tell you in English words who this man was.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was one of Germany's greatest poets, novelists and playwrights. In the course of a long and industrious life, he made such an impression on German literature that he touched the hearts of the German people to an extent never excelled. Even the gifted Schiller, his beloved friend and associate, must divide with Goethe the honours which the German people profusely shower upon merit. Goethe was born in Frankfort on 28th August 1749, and he died 22nd March 1832, having nearly completed his eighty-third year. He came of good stock. His parents were persons of character and strength of mind, who had a good influence over him while they lived. His father was an Imperial Counsellor—an office he received by appointment. He would have willingly taken part in the government, but in the free city of Frankfort, the persons who were called to official station had to be elected by popular vote, and John Casper Goethe would not run for an office. No doubt he would have overcome all scruples on that subject if he had come to this country.

The education of Wolfgang Goethe was irregular. He went to no school, but he picked up and absorbed an education by travel, by association with men of letters and by attending lectures. The result was that he learned French, and he read French poetry; he learned English and he became acquainted with Shakespeare and Goldsmith, both of whom he resembled in some respects. He was for a time the director of a theatre, like Shakespeare, and he roamed about the world like Goldsmith. He was also a musician and a painter, and his love of science was gratified by his studies in chemistry and alchemy and botany.

It was the desire of his father that he should become a lawyer and advocate; but Wolfgang had no taste for legal learning, and so he gave up that course of study, although he received the degree of Doctor of Laws. Wolfgang loved the society of gay people. He took more pleasure in riding, hunting, dancing, balls, masquerades, and similar enjoyments, than in the dry routine of an advocate's life. He wandered about, making new friends, gathering new ideas and laying in a rich store of practical knowledge, and acquiring poetical tastes, which served him so well in after years. He became the companion of dukes and duchesses, and other persons of distinction. He possessed the strength and beauty of youth, and captivated all he met. His father—a dignified and ambitious man—was disappointed at his son's inconstancy, but his mother encouraged him; or if he was at fault, she defended him. Ardent, loving, and susceptible to the deepest feelings of human nature, he soon developed a love of poetry, and gave expression to his feelings in poetical writing at a very early age. One poem of eleven stanzas, called the "Happy Pair," shows his love as a husband, his fondness as a father, and his belief in God. He had become acquainted with the writings of Goldsmith and Shakespeare. Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" enchanted him, and strange to say, he found just such a family among his own German people—a father who was a simple and worthy man, with three daughters, one married and two unmarried, with one of whom Goethe, true to his instincts, fell deeply and passionately in love. This was Fredericke Brion, of Sesenheim. I refer to her as the cause of several songs addressed to her, and others written for her. They were not married. She remained single, saying the heart Goethe had loved should never be filled by another. He so admired the "Deserted Village," of Goldsmith, that he translated it into German, and thus gave the German people a feast of that most beautiful poem.

The work which drew out all his genius was the dramatisation of the history of the imperial knights of the Middle Ages—Gottfried or Götz von Berlichingen. The cause of it was his enthusiasm for Shakespeare, who, he said, made him feel like a blind man who suddenly receives his sight.

But the work which made the first and lasting impression is "Werther." It deals with the real events in his own life. It met with different receptions at various hands. Some approved while others condemned it; some loved and some hated it. But it spread all over Germany in a short time, and out of Germany all over the world. His fame was now firmly established. Anything he would write was sure of a hearty reception. All Germany was proud of him and in love with him. His friends and associates became so enamoured of him that their transports knew no bounds. One said of him, "I know of no man so completely full of genius." Another said, "Goethe is the man whom my heart required; the man is complete from head to foot." And another said, "What hours! what days! (with you) I seemed to have a new soul." That was the genius, and those were the tributes paid to that genius.

The only other work which I will refer to is the great work of his life—the story of "Faust"—known everywhere, read everywhere, dramatised and performed, and sung everywhere. It contains a reflection of his studies in alchemy, his observations of men, his conception of what unrestrained love will lead to, and, above all, a moral. The story is told with such interest, and the dramatisation is performed with such effect, while the musical rendition is so enchanting, that the mind does not seem fully to comprehend what the eyes are gazing upon.

This is the man whom you deem worthy of a monument. And the place you have chosen is a fit place for it—the people's pleasure grounds. A free people—self-governing and self-restraining—have selected here and dedicated to the people's amusement these broad and magnificent grounds. No kingly purse has bought and laid out these grounds to amuse the people while a monarch rules them; but the free people, accustomed to governing themselves, have laid out these grounds for health, pleasure and amusement. The lesson it teaches is that those who would govern must be worthy to govern, and no one is fit to rule until he first learns to obey. There can be no unrestrained freedom of action, for the very essence of liberty is protection against wrong, and that cannot be secured without restraint. When the people speak their will is supreme, even over themselves.

You have invited the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Freemasons to lay the corner-stone of this monument. This is a proper selection. We are taught by signs and symbols. They teach us enduring truths. As landmarks teach permanency, so do monuments symbolize enduring memories, Masons recognise in Goethe a workman who used words to typify and convey great ideas. The implements he employed were used with all the skill of a perfect workman. He built up, in beautiful words, a structure, which we, as Masons, recognise as perfect work. He laboured in the quarries of language and knowledge, and produced polished stones. As such a workman, Masons hail him.

Here, then, let us erect our monument to Goethe. Here let us rejoice that we can build a monument to him; and here let us pledge ourselves to a free country, just laws, and cheerful obedience to authority. Goethe would have done that, and we would not be worthy to put a monument over him, if we would not do as much ourselves. Therefore we honour him and his labours.

A MASONIC FAIR IN NEW YORK.

IN spite of the moisture which was descending in rapid penetrating streams yesterday, the 28th November, a crowd as large as could be accommodated squeezed into Masonic Hall, at Twenty-third-street and Sixth-avenue, to witness the opening exercises of the Ladies' Masonic Fair, given by fair Masonic ladies for the benefit of the Masonic Asylum Fund. The Hall, already occupied by over fifty tables or booths, with their more than five hundred occupants, was brilliant and inviting. Wherever the eye rested there was some beautiful bit of fancy work, a graceful figure, or perhaps the bower of evergreen and tropical plants in the centre of the room. In the inter-spaces swarmed a good-natured, jovial multitude, who calmly endured the great heat, and submitted with apparent enthusiasm to being reduced to the cubic measurement of a sardine.

At two o'clock the notes of the great organ, under the manipulation of Mr. George W. Morgan, roused the attention of all, and through a narrow space in the crowd the Ladies' Executive Committee and Officers' Executive Committee filed to the stage and took their seats. Then the stirring strains of a military band, composed of members of St. Cecile Lodge, heralded the approach of the Grand Lodge Officers, who also marched on the stage. They were headed by Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of New York, Frank R. Lawrence. The Right Worshipful C. T. McClenachan, Officer of the day, then introduced the Rev. Floyd E. West, who delivered the opening prayer. After more music Right Worshipful John J. Gorman, Chairman of the Officers' Executive Committee, on behalf of the ladies, sketched the history of the organization of the Asylum Fund which was started in May 1887, by forty-two ladies, wives of Master Masons, and then formally presented the fair to Grand Master Lawrence. Grand Master Lawrence accepted the gift, with praise to the ladies whose energy had caused its existence, and declared that he had until the present been somewhat sceptical of the results. He took occasion to remind his hearers that it had been his chief care of late to see that the balance of the debt on the Masonic building was paid, and that he regarded it the first thing to be attended to by the Grand Lodge Officers. Then he formally declared the fair open.

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The crowd immediately set itself in motion and many made for the open air. To those who remained to wend their way about the hall suddenly appeared various beauteous maidens with sundry papers and pencils who demanded, but gave no quarter. The booths were beset by buyers, and it became evident that the people who had come to the fair had come desiring to spend money. To describe with justice the numerous opportunities given to gratify this desire would be impossible. Five booths were devoted to specialities. That of the Cresent Lodge, immediately on the right of the entrance, was devoted to furs, with a few fancy articles. Among the furs was exhibited a magnificent Russian sealskin mantle, the gift of C. C. Cheyne. This mantle is lined with silver fox and is a very rare thing. There are but five such cloaks in Europe, and but one in this country. This mantle will be given to some lady who holds the rightly-numbered ticket to the Masonic fair Musical Festival at Steinway Hall, Friday, 16th December. The award is to be made by a Committee of Grand Lodge Officers, "but not in a manner in violation of the law of the State of New York." If the lady to whom the mantle is awarded does not wish to keep it, the donor says he will at once give her 1000 dollars for it. The tickets to the Festival are 1 dollar, and 500 have already been applied for. Among the fancy articles at this booth is a lamp shade made by Mrs. Reuben Cleveland, wife of the founder of Cleveland Lodge.

In the north-west corner of the hall is another booth given up to one thing. It is the candy table, over which presides Evangelist Lodge, No. 600, represented by three pretty maidens, the Misses Layman and Miss Clara Kauffer, and Mrs. Layman, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Kohler, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Nichols, and Mrs. Smalley.

Darcy Lodge's booth in the hallway devotes its attention to tobacco and cigars, Mount Nebah Lodge to jewelry, and Lafayette Lodge to mineral waters. In the other 45 booths every kind of thing under the heavens may be found.

With evening came still greater crowds. The booths also took on a livelier colour, from the brilliant lights, and from the arrival of fresh bevies of maidens to preside over them. The Crescent Lodge booth, already mentioned, was presided over by Mrs. C. C. Shayne, with the assistance of Mrs. J. W. Krafft, Mrs. R. W. Gibbs, Mrs. John W. Castree, Mrs. J. A. Lackey, and Mrs. C. W. Pearse. Further to the right was the booth of the Hope Lodge, No. 244, one of the largest and most attractive looking in the room, tended by Miss Mamie Campbell, Mrs. Isaac Fromme, Mrs. H. Maibrunn, Mrs. Charles Miller jun., Mrs. George W. Waterbury, Mrs. Thomas D. Blight, Mrs. M. Maibrunn, Miss H. Maibrunn, Mrs. Washington Alexander, and Miss Matilda Buse. Nearly opposite this was the booth of Puritan Lodge, No. 339, where a great deal of excitement was caused by a goat. The goat is not a live Harlem specimen, but is an example of the only docile goat in existence, a dead goat. He is very beautiful, life-size, with white silky hair, decorated with bright ribbons, and he wears his horns curled up under his ears. This goat is to be given to the most popular Mason, as may be decided by the ballot, which may be indulged in for a small coin. Last night the vote stood: Inspector A. S. Williams, 46: R. Well, 33: E. M. Ehlers, 28: C. C. Shayne, 27: P. F. D. Hibbs, 25, with others scattering. At this booth is also a particularly fine piece of embroidery entitled "The Hunter's Farewell," by Miss Bella Rollwagen. The hunter seems to fare very well.

Excelsior and St. Nicholas Lodges have a pretty booth on the right, near the flower stand. Here Mrs. F. A. Burnham and Mrs. Washington Connor preside. The flower stand in the middle of the room, a bower of evergreen, full of fragrance and sweetness, is in charge of the Ladies' Executive Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. F. R. Lawrence and Mrs. E. B. Harper.

At the left in Atlas's booth, where Mrs. Patterson and the Misses Corsa officiate, is a handsome piece of bronze representing old Atlas. On the shoulders of the figure is a globe, with a mathematical machine attached, showing different parts of the world. Conspicuously hung, back of the stage, is the magnificent quilt which was given the fund by the Chinese Embassy.

At six o'clock the refreshment room up stairs was opened, under the superintendence of Mr. Brockway, of the Ashland House. It was largely patronised. At 8·30 an entertainment was begun in the Commandery room, under the auspices of St. Cecil Lodge. The programme here included an organ prelude by Mr. George W. Morgan; the reading of the forest scene from "Ingomar" by Miss E. B. Lyman; a piano solo by Mr. Lowitz; a baritone solo by Mr. W. A. de Watteville; two soprano solos by Miss Alida Varena; a cornet solo by Miss Alice Coleman; a tenor solo by Signor Enrico Duzensi, and comic recitations by Mr. Charles H. Govan. The lovemaking scene from the "Hunchback," between Helen and Modus, was also given by Miss Josephine Cameron and Mr. Louis Mann.

The receipts of the fund were much larger than had been expected yesterday. The booths averaged one hundred dollars apiece, making five thousand dollars, as estimated. Mrs. F. R. Lawrence, wife of the Grand Master, contributed the largest personal subscription yet received—her check for one thousand dollars. The season tickets sold at one dollar each are over twenty thousand, and the admission receipts yesterday were over five hundred dollars.

To-day several new attractions will appear. "Rebecca at the Well" will be represented by Almah Lodge. Rebecca, who will be impersonated by Miss Millie E. Thompson, a brunette of great beauty, will dispense delicious lemonade to the various thirsty Isaacs who may be willing to pay the proper amount. Miss Minnie Schneider, in the costume of a gipsy queen, will tell the most accurate and thrilling fortunes at the booth of Metropolitan Lodge. The evening entertainment in the Commandery room will be even more attractive than that of last night.

If other days give half as happy results as the opening one there seems to be no doubt in the minds of prominent Masons that the asylum fund will take a pleasing elephantine shape.—*New York Times.*

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ANTIENT YORK CHAPTER OF REDEMPTION, No. 61.

ON Thursday, 1st December, a meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull, when it was opened by Ill. Bro. Edward Kipps 30° M.W. Sov., assisted by the Officers of the Chapter. Amongst the members present were Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds 30° P.M. W. Sov., Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck 30° P.M.W. Sov., Ill. Bro. F. A. Hopwood 30° P.M.W. Sov., Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousans 30°, Ex. and Per. Bros. Lt.-Colonel H. F. Pudsey, Thomas Oates, M. P. Hockney, W. C. Whiteside, Visitor Ex. and Per. Bro. J. A. Robinson, Albert Edward Chapter, No. 87, King's Lynn. The minutes of the last Chapter were read and confirmed. The business was to elect the M.W. Sov., Treasurer and Equerry for the ensuing year. Ill. Brother H. E. Cousans 30°, Sheriff of Lincoln, was elected the M.W. Sov., Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck the Treasurer, and Bro. Wm. Clayton Equerry. A letter of apology for non-attendance was received from Very Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 30°, Inspector General of the District. The Recorder, Ill. Bro. W. Reynolds, announced that since the last meeting three members of the Chapter had received the 30th degree—namely, Ill. Bros. H. E. Cousans (Lincoln), Edward Kipps (Hull), and Henry Logan (London). The business of the Chapter being over, it was closed in due form. Afterwards, as is usual at this Chapter, the Brethren spent a most harmonious hour or two.

ST. ANDREW'S MILITARY LODGE, No. 668 (S.C.)

ON Friday the 2nd inst. the Worshipful Master (Lord Ruthven), Wardens, and Brethren of this Lodge, gave a grand ball in the Town Hall, Hamilton, which was profusely decorated for the occasion. Invitations were sent out on a large scale, and met with a response so hearty that between two and three hundred ladies and gentlemen graced the assembly with their presence. The arrangements being carried through with military precision and completeness, it is not surprising that the ball was a great success, and highly enjoyable—a result which must have been gratifying to the committee. When, to the strains of Mr. Bain's band, "the dance gaed through the lichted ha'," the scene was one of much splendour. The ball was opened with the Masonic Grand March by the W.M., between nine and ten o'clock, and at "high twelve" the interesting Masonic ceremony was gone through of the brethren clothing their partners with their aprons and other paraphernalia. It ought to have been stated that Sergeant Finn ably discharged the duties of Secretary, and in addition, along with P.M. Sergeant Scott, acted as M.C. In the Lesser Hall, supper and other refreshments were served by Bro. Cameron, of the Douglas and Clydesdale Hotel. The Council Chambers and Town Clerk's office were as usual appropriated as cloak rooms for the ladies and gentlemen.

CLYDE LODGE, No. 408 (S.C.)

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, 30 Hope Street, on Friday evening, the 2nd inst. Bros. James Leitch W.M. in the chair, James Davidson S.M. 354, acted as S.W., John Simpson J.W., Jno. M'Innes D.M., R. Gunn Chaplain, Thomas M. Campbell Treasurer, C. J. Dunn Treasurer Benevolent Fund, W. Clinton P.M. Secretary, and other office bearers. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The Lodge was opened in the E.A. degree, and the usual preliminary business disposed of. The Lodge was then raised to the M.M. degree, when the following brethren were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: Bros. Leitch W.M., M'Innes D.M., Campbell S.M., M'Kay S.W., Simpson J.W., Mullan S.D., Docherty J.D., M'Crone Treasurer, Dunn Treasurer Benevolent Fund, Campbell Secretary, M'Lellan, Gunn Chaplains, Todd B.B., M'Dougall Architect, Moncur Jeweller, Bunten Principal Steward, Angus S.S., Nilsson J.S., Blair D.C., M'Clacherty D. of M., Walker S.B., Bracken Inner Guard, and Gray Tyler. The balance sheet for the past year was approved of. The statement showed the Lodge to be in a very flourishing condition, having a balance to its credit of £300. On the motion of the W.M. a vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. C. Stewart for installing the Office-bearers, which was heartily given and responded to. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

DUNBLANE LODGE, No. 9 (S.C.)

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening the 5th inst. The W.M., Colonel Stirling, presided, and there was a large attendance. The Office Bearers were duly elected. Two of the brethren who had been duly entered Apprentices at the last meeting were passed to the Fellow Craft degree. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all outward complaints a desperate effort should be made to at once remove these annoying infirmities and of establishing a cure. The remarkable remedies discovered by Professor Holloway will satisfactorily accomplish this desirable result without any of those dangers or drawbacks which attend the old method of treating ulcerative inflammations, scrofulous affections and scorbutic eruptions. The most timid invalids may use both the Ointment and Pills with the utmost safety with certain success, provided a moderate attention be bestowed on their accompanying "Directions." Both the preparations soothe, heal, and purify. The one assists the other materially in effecting cures and renewing strength by helping exhausted nature just when she needs such succour.

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REVIEWS.

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The Distinguished Membership of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, 1731 to 1738. By CLIFFOLD P. MACCALLA, M.A.

THIS last little Masonic pamphlet of our esteemed Bro. MacCalla deserves to be read by all who are interested in the history of American and Philadelphian Freemasonry, and to be studied carefully by all Masonic investigators after historical certainty and accuracy.

It is marked by all the qualities which distinguish Bro. MacCalla's writings, and is both clear and compact, modest and straightforward.

It will well reward perusal.

Bro. MacCalla well puts it—Is there any Lodge which can show a better Lodge roll than the twenty-three named out of fifty members, and who have been identified, and whose history verified, after a lapse of 150 years?

We think not.

We, who have ourselves often tried to verify the lists of old Lodges, know the great difficulty that exists always, through the apathy or "lâches" of officials, and the Craft, to trace the names in our Masonic "diptychs," which are now forgotten units of the past, whose places and history know them no more, and, like Junius, their motto seems to be "stat nominis umbra."

Bro. MacCalla has disentombed the actual centre of the case, by careful research, and proves that out of twenty-three members whose identity he establishes, and whose reality he vouches for, eight were members of the American Philosophical Society, nine were lawyers, seven were judges, four were mayors of Philadelphia, two were high sheriffs, two were physicians, two were coroners, and two were governors of Pennsylvania. Eleven of these brethren signed a report, which is singularly characterised by Masonic principles and Masonic culture.

We quite accept Bro. MacCalla's conclusion that such a reality of Masonic life and energy constitutes an irrefragable argument in favour of the high position, legality, and Masonic normality of this good old Lodge of St. John's, Philadelphia, and whether it had a warrant, or whether it were warrantless, living and working from immemorial usage, matters nothing.

It is thus its existence is undoubted, and as far as we can yet see, its primacy is indisputable.

It has occurred to us, with regard to No. 79, that after all it is not yet at all out of the possibilities of the case that the Irish list is *right*.

Bro. Lane's last ingenuous suggestion of 79 is after all only a suggestion, however ingenious. There certainly is some mystery about Coxe's position and procedure in the matter, which has yet to be unravelled. He was appointed at the request of his brethren, and yet he lives and dies, and "makes no sign."

The fact of the petition proves that there were more Freemasons then in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

It was signed by Coxe himself and by Brethren "residing, or about to reside," in the above-named Provinces.

The Patent is given as of date 1730.

Coxe was in London in 1731, and here is the "crux."

If Allen was G.M. in 1731, how was he so?

Either Grand Master acted synonymously with Prov. Grand Master, or the Brethren, impatient of delay, had, on their "Immemorial usage" plea, met and elected a G.M. Hence Coxe's warrant became useless, and, to a certain extent at any rate, this view agrees with Franklin's later and noteworthy words.

He wanted sanction from England for these privileges and proceedings.

He could not want them if he was proceeding "sub regno boni Coxe."

He would want it for regularity and validity, now that the Grand Lodge was a reality and a fact, granting Patents of the powers hitherto used, only proceeded from "Immemorial Usage."

There was nothing in the *abstract* against the Immemorial Usage procedure. There was in the *concrete* the advisability and propriety of regularising for the future their customary usages and constitutional position. And so here the matter rests "in presenti."

What Time will disclose, Time can alone clearly show; but nothing that we have seen so far shakes, in our opinion, the Philadelphian Primacy in Masonic life.

BE HOSPITABLE.—Brethren, on entering the Lodge room and finding a strange Brother present, it is your duty to go at once and take him by the hand, and in a fraternal manner make his acquaintance. How often Brethren neglect this duty. Some come into the hall, and, seeing a stranger present, pass over to the other side, often without giving the visitor a bare nod. Such treatment and manners are decidedly boorish. This class of Brethren are not to be found in the country Lodges in particular, many are guilty of this habit in large cities. Our Lodge is our house, and to treat a stranger at home as they are often treated at Lodges would be an insult never to be forgotten or forgiven. The principles inculcated in our system of instruction, when respected and adhered to in our intercourse with each other, must strengthen the bond of union, increase the ties of fellowship, command the respect due to our position, promote the harmony of the order, and thereby render honour to the Fraternity.

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 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' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Red and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
138—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
448—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
857—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (I
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1567—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.)
1624—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
557—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
588—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
939—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Cavendish House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
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
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tyrie, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Payens, Old Ball Hotel, Blackburn
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

26—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lewisham-street, S.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
[illegible]—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
184—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
185—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, at 8.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).

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228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, 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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
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 Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.15. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cheetham
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, Greenhill Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 8 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Fidelity, Alfred, Romao Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 9. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High Street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
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-street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
463—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewisse, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 150 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)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 274—Fidelity, Boar's Head, Newcastle
R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 350—Meriba, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 15th 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
185—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 Pottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bow Road Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1336—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., 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)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1674—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, at 8 (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1959—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, 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
699—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
805—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
1298—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1432—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Carmarthen
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1589—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)

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766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1309—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8.
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1709—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
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
153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Claremce, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1369—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 53—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 531—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, 17th DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1386—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1694—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1841—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

611—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2085—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

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THE ROYAL "SILVER WEDDING."

WE cordially endorse the admirable remarks of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, on the occasion of his presiding at the last Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge, when moving, on behalf of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, who was unavoidably absent, his Lordship's proposal for the presentation of an address of congratulation to our Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and his illustrious Consort on the auspicious occasion of the approaching Twenty-fifth Anniversary of their Wedding Day; and that the same should be accompanied by an especial and suitable gift to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. The sentiments of loyalty and devotion which "animate Masons' hearts towards our sovereign and the head of our Craft" could surely find no better outcome than the tokens, trifling though they may be by some considered, of genuine sympathy with the home-life and conjugal happiness of the exalted personages who will be the recipients thereof; whilst to the outer world indisputable evidence will be given thereby that the "true and sincere" Freemason can and does recognise, when occasion may offer, the faithful discharge of all domestic duties by those who are set in high places, and can lead others by force of their example. In this instance the expectations of a quarter of a century ago, when the "brilliant Star of Denmark" passed through the Metropolis of England as the future bride of the heir to the throne (who was not then one of our Order), have been verified to the letter, and the happy auguries of that time have had fulfilment. It would ill become us to be diffuse on the subject of the virtues and high principles of our gracious Princess, but in general terms it may be said, and forcibly said, that no other personage can possibly have more merited the universal accord of praise and of heartfelt congratulation than the illustrious Consort of our Grand Master. The occasions have been sundry, and will, we hope, be many more, when our "chief head and ruler" has received, and will receive, expressions of Masonic loyalty and devotion in which Her Royal Highness cannot be joined; and it is indeed fitting that on the forthcoming anniversary "*Place aux dames*" should be observed. May the earnest wish of Bro. Tew, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who seconded the Earl of Lathom's proposal, "that it may please T.G.A.O.T.U. to spare our Grand Master and Her Royal Highness to witness their golden wedding-day," be granted! As to his further hope that "every one of us will be spared to rejoice on that occasion," we fear that the course of nature with many of his hearers will militate sadly against his good wishes. The enthusiasm with which the proposal was carried in the United Grand Lodge was an eloquent testimony to that feeling of devoted affection for the Royal pair which inspired every Freemason present, and was a renewal of the outburst of unanimous approval of a somewhat similar proposition of the Pro Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, at the Grand Lodge of that Order held on the previous evening.

It would be ungenerous and unjust to a very worthy member of the Craft, Bro. Maurice Spiegel, P.M. of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London, if we concluded our comments without reference to his very graceful withdrawal of his proposition, which did not go quite so far as that agreed to. We have been given to understand that the initiative in respect to the address of congratulation was taken by him, and that his notice of motion really had precedence, in regard to time, of that of the Deputy Grand Master. It, however, had no reference to a "suitable gift," and it was in the best of taste and with laudable Masonic spirit that Bro. Spiegel withdrew a less effective proposal in favour of that which found general acceptation.

The "suitable gift" may not be, indeed it is not, the measure in value of all the feelings entertained in favour of those who have promoted the best interests of our Order, by princely rule and exalted example; but, accepted by them in the spirit with which it is offered, it will do much to increase and consolidate that bond of affection which it has been the glory of the English Craft for many years past to find "growing with its growth and strengthening with its strength." That future years may still further add to that glory we sincerely hope and believe, and to the wishes of many thousands of our brethren in that regard we echo, in the words of one of us, "the Mason's grand Amen"—SO MOTE IT BE!

NEED FOR TIMELY PREPARATION.

WE present this week, as a Supplement to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a complete account of the last Festival and other matters relative to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, and desire that the reports shall find perusal amongst a much larger audience than it is reasonable to expect can be permanently obtained by any class journal, Masonic or otherwise. This step has been deemed advisable for several reasons, the obviousness of which we will endeavour to point out. It will be recollected that, although the Festival over which Brother Tew, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, so ably presided, at the Crystal Palace, last June, was one of the best and most influentially attended we have ever witnessed, yet the results were somewhat disappointing, and gave rise to a variety of suggestions as to why and wherefore so comparatively small a return was made by the collective body of Stewards on that occasion. In the first place it was argued that the Festival, coming in the thick of the Jubilee Festivities, when both in London and the Provinces exceptional pressure was put upon the purses of the patriotic, the large-hearted, and the generous, it was only to be expected that the strain would be appreciably felt by the Institution to which particular reference is now made. But, to some extent at any rate, that argument would tell in regard to the other Institutions, inasmuch as for the previous twelve months the exigencies of the Jubilee, both metropolitan and local, had been foreshadowed, and the brethren interested in our Charities all round were perfectly aware of the extraordinary efforts which would have to be made on that account. So far from the Benevolent Institution suffering, however, we were rejoiced to find the total amount of the contributions far a-head of any preceding year, enabling the Executive to "take on" a large number of annuitants, who must otherwise have been left out in the cold; whereas, at the Girls' Festival a most satisfactory aggregate was announced, and the Committee were enabled proudly to celebrate the

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Jubilee year by admitting the whole of the candidates upon their list, without election, to the benefits of their splendid Institution at Battersea Rise. So far, therefore, as the "accident of circumstances," so freely cited, goes, we do not pay too much regard to the intervention of the Jubilee celebrations affecting the fortunes of the Boys' School. We have always felt confident that whatever might arise, either the growth of other deserving Charities, or the shrinking of the benevolent purse in consequence of depression in trade and commerce, the great Masonic Institutions, which are the apple of the Masonic eye, will always receive the constant and stedfast support of the Craft, nor diminish one iota in their respective spheres of usefulness and beneficence.

Another suggestion as to the falling off in the total announced at the Boys' Festival was that, unfortunately, it was found impossible to secure a President for that gathering until two or three weeks prior to the date fixed for the event. Probably some amount of blame may be laid to the door of the Jubilee festivities for that *contretemps*, inasmuch as most men of distinguished public position and influence were more or less mixed up in the national agitation, and were consequently unwilling to encumber themselves with too many engagements. But when Brother Binckes, at the eleventh hour, succeeded in obtaining a Chairman, it was one of the most sterling character, and Brother Tew's acceptance of the office had unquestionably a great effect upon the attendance, and the generally satisfactory nature of the Festival. It must be further borne in mind that the assembly at the Crystal Palace—of which we give a full report in our Supplement to-day—was on the day immediately following the great representative meeting of English Freemasons at the Albert Hall, in commemoration of the fifty years of Her Majesty's glorious reign. It may be presumed that many brethren found it inconvenient to attend both these assemblies, following so close upon each other; still there was no perceptible falling-off, in comparison with preceding Festivals, in the audience over which Bro. Tew presided in so eminently able and practical a manner. The real cause, therefore, of the somewhat dwarfish total must be sought elsewhere, for of course, in spite of the drawbacks we have referred to, many of the Stewards had been steadily at work in their various districts for months previously, and their lists had been nearly, if not quite, compiled before the Jubilee celebrations assumed active practical shape. There was a flush of enthusiasm, and the spur applied to the efforts of a certain section of the Stewards, when it became known that the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire was to be the President; but this feeling, it is reasonable to suppose, was mainly centred in the Province over which Bro. Tew rules so wisely and so well, and probably one or two of the contiguous counties. Therefore, while we cannot express too much admiration of the loyalty and pluck with which our northern brethren rallied around their chief, resulting in the substantial addition of nearly seven hundred pounds to the funds—the highest of all the lists—yet, taking the survey of the whole body of Masonry, we cannot reasonably think that an equally ardent inspiration was aroused in other parts of the country by the announcement that a distinguished brother and highly popular gentleman had consented at the last moment to "step into the breach," and to rally up his faithful followers to do a signal service to the Boys' Institution. As we have pointed out, the Stewards' lists were by this time filled as completely as the energetic representatives of Lodges could fill them; and this local impetus could not, in any material degree, have altered the grand result.

The most cogent reason assigned for an apparent lack of interest in the Boys' Festival is the time of year at which that gathering is held. We have spoken plainly on this part of the subject before, and repeat our hope that the rulers of the Institution will take it into their serious consideration. Whether or not the Jubilee festivities had any effect on this year's gathering or not is beside the question; the Boys' Festival always comes in the immediate wake of that of the Girls' School, and sufficient time is not allowed, therefore, for a thorough canvass of the Craft. The ideas we recently embodied in an article on this subject appear to have been accepted in many quarters, from which correspondence has reached us; and we shall be very pleased to receive other similar communications containing the opinions of those who are interested in the future welfare of the Institution. Without recapitulating the facts enunciated in these columns five months since—and to which we would direct the special attention of the readers of our Supplement—it may be well to again point out that the Festivals of the three Charities are crowded into one-third of the year, instead of being held at more distant intervals, which would afford the Stewards more breathing time and elbow-room for their work. The contention that the Boys' has always been a Summer Festival does not count for much. The Benevolent has the start in this respect, that it is held early in the year, when Masonic business is in full tide of operation; the lists are being formulated during the "festive seasons" of Yuletide and the New Year, when even the closest-buttoned breeches pockets may be relaxed under the genial influences of "Christmas cheer;" and, being the first Festival, with a lapse between it and the last of something like eight months, it is invested with more than ordinary freshness and interest. But the Boys' Festival, coming at the bottom of the list, and following so closely on that of the Girls' School, derives no such advantages. Falling in the very midst of the holiday season, when people are gathering up all their resources for "the annual outing," it is less likely to attract attention than if it were held later on, when our *al fresco* pleasantries have become matters of mere happy reminiscence, and when something new is needed to break the monotony that often sets in during the autumn months. The deferring the Boys' Festival until October, or even later, could have no prejudicial effect upon the Institution so far as we are able to discover, and it might be productive of a vast amount of benefit. The Executive of the Institution are, or should be, the best judges on this question; which, however, we would once more impress upon their careful consideration, in view of next year's Festival.

Anent this, we are reminded that next year brings with it the Centenary of the Girls' Institution, and it is beyond question that extraordinary efforts will be put forth to render that occasion historical, both in the way of attendance and pecuniary support. This is as it should be; but the expansion of the coffers of that Charity must not be from any filtering away of the support accorded to the other Institutions, no leakage of the normal flow of benevolence, which must be continued to "Our Boys" and the "Old People." It is perfectly clear, however, that, in order to cope with this exceptional circumstance, no time is to be lost in considering how and by what means the next Boys' Festival may be spared from the rather galling result of the present year. We do not think it is in any way premature or hasty to call the serious attention of our readers immediately to this important matter. The Boys' School compares favourably with any other similar Institution in this or any other country; but it is, nevertheless, the most in need of funds of all our Masonic establishments. It cannot afford any detracting influences to operate upon it, even in exceptional years, such as this one has been, and the next will be; the friends of the School, who we are glad to know do not diminish in number or energy, must buckle on their armour early—as soon as the session of Masonic labour is actively resumed. We think we may leave the Benevolent Institution in the safe and sure hands of its devoted supporters; for where Bro. Terry is, there will the friends of the Old Folks be gathered together. That the funds of the Girls' School will be richly replenished by the Centenary appeals is a foregone conclusion; and it is now that the true friends of the Boys' School should band themselves together in earnest, and at once, in order to secure for their next Festival such a result as shall compensate Bro. Binckes and the Executive for the tinge of disappointment they experienced in June last. This additional effort would be strengthened, in the opinion of many, were the Festival postponed until the latter part of the year. It certainly would give the Stewards a longer time for their work, and, moreover, as the Lodges are in full work at that time, exhortations on behalf of Charity would fall with greater weight upon the brethren than can be expected in the sweltering summer, such as we have this year passed through.

A few more words. It is well known to a majority of the supporters of the Boys' School that their Institution at Wood Green has not escaped the evil effects of the epidemic that has so sorely exercised the minds and the energy of the Staffs of the leading Medical Institutions of the Metropolis. Some four months back scarlet fever developed itself amongst the pupils, and in spite of every precaution that could be adopted; notwithstanding the most persever-

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ing efforts of the Medical staff of the Establishment, aided by many zealous members of the Profession who are associated with our Order, the malady increased. In all fifty-one cases have had to be treated, some of them displaying a malignant and a critical tendency; but, happily, —and here we think we hear our readers re-echo our words—not a single case has proved fatal. This fact alone should awaken the minds of those who may read these lines to a full realisation of the great care and attention that has been bestowed by one and all associated with the management and conduct of the Establishment.

Indeed, from knowledge we have practically verified, we can assure our readers that every praise may be awarded to the Executive, the Heads of the several Departments—in short to one and all connected with the Institution—for the fearless energy with which they sought, and successfully sought, to check the evil effects of the disorder. These efforts have naturally entailed an outlay that could not have been anticipated, but the supporters of the School will never begrudge any reasonable expenditure that has resulted so satisfactorily.

With these observations, we leave the subject in the hands of our readers, and of the management of the Institution, with sincere hope and confidence that they will receive careful and dispassionate consideration; culminating, we trust, in a most gratifying result for the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, to be held 27th June 1888.

POPULARISING FREEMASONRY.

OCCASIONALLY we hear this expression used, and sometimes with a meaning expressed or implied that makes the phrase open to serious objection. It is well for an institution as for an individual to be well thought of and to enlist the public approval, so far as this can be sought for and obtained by proper endeavours. Freemasonry needs to justify itself in the minds of its members, and secure to some extent the favouring judgment of the outside world in order to maintain a strong position and render its largest and best service. There can be no question as to the desirability of enlisting a good degree of sympathy in behalf of the Masonic organisation and commending it to the favourable opinions of the world, so far as this can be done without trespassing upon its essential principles or limiting it unduly in important respects. There are some things in the system and the organic life of Freemasonry which must never be sacrificed at the shrine of popularity. Public approval may be desirable, but it should not be purchased at too costly a price.

And just here we are moved to say that Freemasonry was never designed to be a specially popular organisation. It was always intended to be somewhat restricted and exclusive. Its genius is indeed broad and tolerant; its purposes those of universal benevolence, and its spirit in harmony with the heart-throbs of humanity everywhere, but it was never proposed that the Masonic organisation should take everybody into its membership and thus lose its distinctive character. There is danger indeed that such an institution as ours may become too popular, thus weakening its safeguards and exposing it to special perils. In this view we hardly think that those Brethren who are all the time talking about popularising Freemasonry—about bringing it more prominently and more attractively to the notice of those outside its lines—take quite the right estimate of the situation. There is no occasion to "talk of harmony" with "profanes," or to enter into much argument to remove obstructions, &c.

It is said, however, that we ought to make it more popular among its own members. To this end, that it may be regarded with an increase of favour, there is a demand that the element of amusement receive more attention; that festivities of various sorts be introduced, thus making the Lodge room more attractive to the average Brother. To popularise the Fraternity among Masons some say turn it into a social club, emphasise its social features, introduce amusements, strive to entertain and to please, without much regard to the severer and much more technical features that belong to the Masonic system. Our thought is that this is a mistaken way of procedure, and such a popularizing of the organisation is to be deprecated instead of encouraged.

We believe in the social character of Freemasonry; its work, in part, is to minister to social wants and furnish a bond of fellowship and good cheer among Brethren; but there are other ministries that are of far more importance. It will never answer to sacrifice the greater for the less, and Freemasonry can only be popular among Craftsmen as its essential character and teachings are not departed from, we had better dispense with any attempt to popularise the Institution. At all events, whatever is done or attempted on the lines indicated, let there be no abandonment of the position which Freemasonary holds as an embodiment of important truths and a representation of moral and benevolent forces. It was not established as a social club. It will never attain its best successes when thus limited.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

THE RIGHT OF VISIT.

BRO. A. S. Wait, of New Hampshire, denies the right of a member of a Lodge to exclude a visitor in good standing, and holds that the objection must be submitted to the Master, who must decide it as he may deem just. He says:

"Masonry is one great, general family. The universality of Masonry is its distinguishing feature and its grandest characteristic. It is a universal brotherhood, and its Lodges are not isolated or independent societies, each owing nothing to the others, and a Mason in regular standing and a contributor to the support of the Institution has a right to full and complete recognition, as such, from all Lodges and all Brethren, wherever met with. And this right is fundamental with the Craft and vital to its distinctive principles. We hold it to be the right of the Master of a Lodge, and his duty, to ascertain the ground of the objection, and to admit or exclude the visitor as he may deem just, having a view to the justice of the case, the best interests of the Lodge, and all other considerations which he judges ought to bear upon the question."

To this view Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, replies:

"As our Grand Lodge for more than thirty years has sustained the doctrine which he denies, we may be permitted to restate the basis upon which our decision was made. When a man is made a Mason he does become a member of a universal brotherhood, every one of whose members has certain duties towards him, and certain claims upon him. This grows entirely out of his initiation, and attaches before he is, or can be, a member of a Lodge. Under the ancient usages of the Craft a man has a right to be a Mason, with all his individual rights and duties, without being a member of the Lodge. But, in addition, the Masonic law allows certain Masons to associate themselves together as a Lodge and assume towards each other additional rights and duties: the organisation is also vested with power to perform certain acts, which can be done only by an organisation, and the right to participate in such acts is one of the privileges attaching to such membership. The law gives to those thus associated the absolute power to determine whom they will admit, or rather no Mason, however good his standing or high his position, can be admitted a member against the objection of a single one who is already a member. If a Lodge is such an institution as Bro. Wait claims, every Mason in good standing should have a right to become a member of it, in spite of the objection of a member, "unless such objection is, in the judgment of the Master, a just one."

The comparison of a Lodge to a family is not just in every respect. Like any illustration, if it be extended into all possible details, the illustrations were so tested, there could be very few, as the parallelism must be so perfect that it would merge in identity.

In a word, the Lodge organisation is based upon the idea that Masons may have rights and privileges peculiar to themselves, which not only others do not have the right to participate in, but also which cannot be granted to others without the consent of every one who does have the right to participate in them; and, therefore, no other one can participate in them permanently [as a member] or temporarily [as a visitor] without unanimous consent.

In other respects, the doctrine of 'universality' does not apply to a Lodge; from its very nature its duties to its members take precedence of its duties to any other Masons.

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OFFICIAL ZEAL WITHOUT DISCRETION.

ZEAL in the discharge of the duties of his official position in Masonry is a quality we much admire in one who holds the exalted position of G. Master of Masons. The almost unlimited power conferred upon him makes his position one of great importance, for upon a proper exercise of that power largely depends the prosperity of Masonry within the jurisdiction over which his authority extends. He can do much good, or an equal amount of harm, according to his ability to judge between right and wrong, and to what limit his authority may extend to enforce the one or suppress the other. His zeal, in either case, should be controlled by that discretion which will keep his action within the line of official duty. The Grand Master who goes outside that line, and mixes in personal difficulties between Brethren, generally has more zeal than discretion. A very forcible illustration of a case of this kind appears in the Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Washington. It appears that a member of a Lodge in that jurisdiction, in a business transaction, had been guilty of conduct which the Grand Master deemed unmasonic, and he caused charges to be preferred against him in his Lodge. Upon trial the accused brother was acquitted by the Lodge. The case was taken to the Grand Lodge and remanded for another trial, which again resulted in his acquittal, whereupon the Grand Master arrested the Charter of the Lodge, and sent the case to the nearest Lodge for another trial. Here again the accused brother was found not guilty, and the S.W. and Secretary of that Lodge were suspended from office by the Grand Master. A "High Commission of Inquiry" was then created by the Grand Master, consisting of five distinguished Masons, to investigate the action of these two Lodges in the premises. This Commission submitted a long report to the Grand Lodge. The case altogether covers twenty-two pages in the printed Proceedings, and the final result of the whole matter was a vote of censure against some half-dozen brethren. Judging by the final verdict of the Grand Lodge in the case, there does not seem to have been enough to warrant the action of the Grand Master in ordering charges to be preferred in the first place, nor his great zeal in prosecuting the case afterward. Matters of business between Masons should not be brought into the Lodge, unless there is a wilful attempt to defraud a brother. A Lodge is in no sense a collection agency.—*Masonic Advocate.*

MASONRY IS ETERNAL.

Change cometh not. The lessons taught
Each earnest searcher for Truth's light
Are those they sought who wisely wrought
To make the Temple strong and bright.

Truth aye survives. Time ne'er deprives
The burdened ages of their gain.
He wins who strives. In stedfast lives
The Temple-builder lives again.

Men go their way. 'Neath brows grown gray
Dim eyes forget to look reply;
Lips silent say to us, alway,
Those legends old which cannot die;

Yet wherefore grieve that we must leave
The labours of our ardent youth?
Our own receive what we perceive
Is part of God's eternal truth.

When with earth through, we but go to
A land of pleasure and repose—
Where those we know, the tried and true,
Have opened Lodge that ne'er shall close.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

POWER OF A KIND VOICE.—There is no power of love so hard to get and keep as a kind voice. A kind hand is deaf and dumb. It may be rough in flesh and blood, yet do the work of a soft heart and do it with a soft touch. But there is no one thing that love so much needs as a sweet voice to tell what it means and feels; and it is hard to get and keep it in the right tone. One must start in youth and be on the watch night and day, at work and play, to get and keep a voice that shall speak at all times the thoughts of a kind heart. It is often in youth that one gets a voice or a tone that is sharp, and sticks to him through life, and stirs up ill will and grief, and falls like a drop of gall on the sweet joys of home. Watch it day by day as a pearl of great price, for it will be worth more to you in days to come than the best pearl hid in the sea. A kind voice is to the heart what light is to the eye. It is a light that sings as well as shines.—*Elihu Burritt.*

THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE above Association held a most enjoyable social evening on Friday, the 2nd inst., at their headquarters—Anderton's Hotel. Mr. C. Douglas Barrett, who took the chair, had provided a capital programme. There were present nearly forty members of the Association and a fair sprinkling of visitors. Mr. W. H. Kirkham opened the proceedings with an overture on the pianoforte, and accompanied the songs throughout the evening in a highly efficient manner. Mr. F. Gore sang with great expression, "When all was young," and "Sally in our alley," as did Mr. A. S. Stevenson, "Trusty as steel." Mr. C. Howard Uwins received a well-merited encore for his rendering of "The Diver," and later in the evening sang "Will o' the Wisp." The elocutionary part of the programme was well sustained by Mr. Harold Williams, who gave with great expression "Mark Antony's Oration;" Mr. T. L. Scurr, who gave an amusing account of the "Adventures of Turpin;" and Mr. Clark, who showed great ability in his rendering of the "Quack Doctor." Mr. J. W. Hutton received an encore for his banjo solo, "Home Sweet Home." The comic element was well represented by Mr. Elgar, who was funny in his songs, "Later on" and "Oh!" Mr. A. B. Whiteley sang "Just in time," and Mr. W. Lyle Smith received well-merited applause for his Irish song, "Old Ireland so Green." After the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman, the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THE Rev. Thomas W. Lemon, M.A., of Loyal Brunswick Encampment, Stonehouse, attended on Friday, the 9th instant, at the City Terminus Hotel, E.C., in his character of Provincial Prior of Devonshire Knight Templars, to do homage to the National Great Priory on his recent appointment. The Rev. Sir Knight, it will be remembered, was installed in his high office on 4th August last, at a Provincial Priory holden at East Stonehouse, by Colonel Adair, and as the National Great Priory had not since met homage had not heretofore been paid. The meeting was numerously attended, and the Great Priory presented a very animated appearance. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub-Prior, presided, and was supported by some of the most influential Freemasons of the high degrees. The new Provincial Prior having been announced as waiting outside the priory to do his homage, he was admitted, accompanied by Sir Knight Keats his Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Coffin Banner Bearer, Sir Knight W. G. Lemon Grand Aide-de-Camp, and others. He was most cordially welcomed, and received a hearty salute by the members of the Great Priory. Homage was duly rendered. The remaining business was merely formal.

AGAINST INCORPORATION. — Masonry is a law unto itself, and abundantly competent to insure a proper "correction among ourselves," therefore let us be content and not lay ourselves open to the interference of other laws or powers. We do not approve of the tendency of modern times and still more modern Masons, who are constantly endeavouring to invoke the secular laws, or law of the land, wherewith to regulate the affairs of our G. Lodges and their subordinates. If this state of things is permitted to go on it will not be long before strenuous efforts will be made to have the laws of our commonwealth define the relations existing between the two, and to invoke that secular law to interfere in the proper exercise of the sovereign powers of the Grand Lodge over her subordinates. We for one are ready to lift both hands and exclaim, "Mr. Law of the Land, please keep your hands off. We are abundantly able and willing to take care of ourselves and our business, and those that are constantly asking your interposition know not whereof they speak and what they desire."

LIKE BALM.—It is a pleasure to see an industrious man anywhere, but to see an industrious Grand Master in a jurisdiction that stands in need of disciplinary attention seems like a balm on a painful wound.

Anything as an excuse for the non-performance of duty seems to be the law with some of the Craft, and they lie, cheat, wrong, and defraud, as if justice could never overtake them.

A Canadian Masonic excursion to Europe is proposed for next summer. How would it do for the Quebec Craftsmen to visit England? How would they feel on finding all Masonic doors closed against them by their own act?

Sordid selfishness is the motive with which some men seek membership in Freemasonry, the church, and other organisations.

Charity in its true sense is an individual matter and never works well in organised form. At least we have not as yet seen it a success. We know our brethren of Kentucky are quite sensitive on the question and are doing all in their power to make it a success. We hope they may, but we cannot help noticing that whilst the Home flourishes and thrives Lodges languish and decay. Then it follows that if organised charity must be maintained even at the risk and hazard of Lodges, we pay too great a price for its maintenance.

Referring to the new cathedral uptown, one of the Scottish Rite magnates recently said to a reporter of one of our dailies:—"The dedicatory ceremonies were very elaborate. All the ceremonies of the Scottish Rite are such, and its initiatory ordeal is the most rigid in Masonry. Not long ago, a candidate who underwent a four hours' initiation was made sick from fright, and was confined to his bed for several weeks. One of the features of the installation is for the candidate, who has been conducted round the hall by four masked attendants bearing flash torches, to be placed on a raised platform, whence, as a proof of his courage and fortitude, he is commanded to jump barefooted upon a narrow board dotted with iron spikes. There is always a great deal of hesitation. When the candidate jumps, the iron spiked board is removed, and another covered with india-rubber is substituted."

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"WORK" IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"PUTNEY'S" letter in your last issue deserves more than a passing consideration. Instead of inferring, as he does, from what was told him in relation to the members of London Lodges being precluded from sharing in certain instructive Craft work, in many *so-called* Lodges of Instruction, that the wishes or powers of a "select few" prevent the brethren from more frequently hearing certain ceremonies, I attribute the absence of such instruction to another cause.

I shall speak plainly, and having the interests of Craft working far more at heart than the opinions of individuals who may choose to put on the cap, I do not hesitate to say that it is rather to the ignorance and prejudices of a large number of the Preceptors of our several Lodges of Instruction, than to any "select few," that we owe the absence of valuable information and instruction in the mysteries of our Order.

What do we find as a rule? That the great majority of our Instruction Lodges are under the guidance of men, not perhaps totally, but to a great extent, devoid of that education and mental power without which I say it is impossible to understand the beautiful ritual of our Order, and the hidden meaning of its symbols; or of young men who, better educated and having good memories, have picked up, parrot-like, the wording without the sense; and who, before they have even held a ruling office in a Lodge, set themselves to teach others that which they could not by any possibility understand, much less appreciate.

I grant there are exceptions to the above rule; but the majority I allude to are the real hindrances to the promulgation of much that is of interest in Masonic work. They are so self-satisfied, so "ignorant of what they are most assured," that they permit no disputation as to the correctness of their working, no discussion on most interesting points. No! the blind leader must be obeyed, and followed; and strange to say, the blind followers are many. Hence it is that "bad blood"—of course kept under by ordinary Masonic courtesy—rises between members of sundry Lodges who differ as to the merits of the work of certain *professors* of Masonic ritual who have yet to learn what Masonry really is.

It is in this direction we must look for the cause of the effect of which your correspondent "PUTNEY" complains. For the present, if you care to insert this letter, let these remarks suffice. I shall return to the subject at a future opportunity, and meanwhile remain,

Yours fraternally,

BARNES.

LODGE No. 79.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very sorry that I can no more agree with Bro. Lane's last theory about the origin of No. 79 than I did with his former theories about the said Lodge. As, however, he at last confesses that No. 79 was an English Lodge, I shall trouble him no farther about No. 79; there is, however, one question I would like to see cleared up—viz., whether the name of one of the members of No. 79, of 1731, was Pollexsen or Pollex senior? It is my impression that Bro. Sadler once informed me, either personally or by letter, that the name is written in the record Pollex Sen., and I hope Bro. Sadler will inform you whether I am correct or not; for if my recollection is at fault, I want to thank Bro. Lane for correcting me.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S.; 6th December 1887.

A Special Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at noon on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Royal Hotel, Plymouth, when, after the transaction of the ordinary business, the Brethren will march in procession in their Masonic clothing to St. Andrew's Church, where a short special service will be held. As this is the first time that a Masonic procession has taken place in Plymouth since 1874, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales opened the Guildhall, the event will be of an especially interesting character. After Divine service the Brethren will march to the new Masonic Club, No. 1 Princess Square, where Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M., will lay the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall—which will be the finest in the western counties—to be erected at the back of the existing premises, which will be utilised for the purposes of a Masonic Club. As there are seventeen Lodges in the Three Towns a very large gathering is anticipated.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

RED HOT.—The memory of the oldest member of the Fraternity runneth not back to the time when Masonry was booming in Utica as at present. At the last Communications of the three Lodges here 26 applications for membership were received, nine by one Lodge, ten by another, and seven by the third. We understand that Faxton Lodge has added forty members to its roster thereby.—*Utica Herald.*

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1888. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, W.C.

AGAIN we are called upon to say a few words in reference to this handy little work; handy in more ways than one, for not only can it be placed in the breast pocket without inconvenience, but it contains reliable information of every kind interesting to Masons. This year the Editor has put together considerable fresh information respecting different bodies; such as the dates of meetings, when consecrated, &c., &c., while the names of the Officers in all jurisdictions are carefully arranged. There is the usual space allotted for making notes for forthcoming engagements, also the names of the Brethren serving on the different Committees of the Institutions. The charges in the Craft degrees and the Entered Apprentice song are likewise given. In short, all information that a Mason is likely to want is to be found within the pages of the Cosmopolitan Calendar. If aught else is wanted to recommend this work, we need only say this is the eighteenth year of its publication, a fact alone that should recommend it.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Treasurer and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Cottebrune, Brett, Bulmer, Hogard, Quitmann, Maudslay, Mickley, M.A., M.B., West, Newton, Daniell, Webb, Brooks, Daniel, Roberts, Pigott, Murlis, Farnfield, Tattersall, Berry, Stewart, Forsyth, M.D., Festa, Perceval, Lacey, Driver, Durrant, Cubitt, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Hilton, Cotter, Perryman, Belchamber, Berridge, and Terry Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of one male and one female annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read. The Committee then took into their consideration 19 petitions, from 12 male and 7 widow candidates, with the result that the names of all were ordered to be placed on the list for the Election in May 1888, thus raising the total number of candidates, so far, to 110. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Our contemporary the *Freemason* announces that its Christmas number will be ready on the 21st inst. It will contain tales by R. E. Francillon, George Manville Fenn, and John Pendleton; also Masonic Articles by Bros. R. F. Gould, W. J. Hughan, G. B. Abbott, and other Masonic writers; together with a full-page illustration from a print by Bartolozzi of a Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in the last century. The "special" issues of the *Freemason* invariably contain an assortment of sound Masonic information of a thoroughly reliable character; great care is exercised in their production, and we feel assured that the number promised for next week will be up to the standard we are now accustomed to. The price will be 6d, and any Bookseller or Newsagent will supply it.

Tuesday next is the day fixed for the Consecration of the Frederick West Lodge, No. 2222. The ceremony will be performed by the Right Worshipful Brother General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.S.W., Provincial Grand Master Surrey, at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, Surrey, at four p.m. General Brownrigg will be assisted by several distinguished brethren. Bros. R. T. Elsam P.M. and Secretary 201 and 889 P.B.G.D. Surrey W.M. designate; John Hughes P.M. 901 S.W. designate; John Piller P.M. 1656 and 1793 J.W. designate.

The Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough, has just elected Bro. F. Baines S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Alfred Kirk, the P.G. Treasurer, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Scott Tyler.

At a meeting of the members of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 267, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., Brother Harry Lavin S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Thomas Gill P.M. was re elected Treasurer.

At a meeting of Restormel Lodge, No. 556, held at the Old Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel, on Thursday, the 8th inst., Bro. W. R. Toms S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. Hugill P.M. P.P.G.D.C. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

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BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required, and supply them with the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1888.

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(AGED 9 YEARS LAST JUNE),

Daughter of the late Bro. DAVID SWAEBE. He was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, in January 1851, and continued a subscribing member to 1871. He joined the Euphrates, No. 212, and subscribed for 17 years, until his decease, which took place in May 1887. He has left a widow and 6 children unprovided for.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PALATINE LODGE, No. 97.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, one of the oldest in the Province of Durham, established over 130 years ago, took place at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The W.M., Bro. Robert Singleton, presided, and was supported by Bros. Robert Hudson P.M. P.G.S.B. Eng. P.G. Sec., T. M. Watson P.M. P.P.J.G.D., Taylorson Sharp P.M., George Carr Watson P.M. P.P.J.G.D., J. C. Moor P.M. P.P.J.G.D., J. R. Pattison P.M. P.P. Assist. G. Secretary, W. Liddell P.M. 949 P.P.S.G.D., M. Douglass P.M. 80 P.P.J.G.D., C. D. Hill Drury P.M. P.P.G.R. Norfolk, the Rev. Heart Yeld P.M. 1389 P.P.G.C., H. H. Pinkney W.M. 1389, A. T. Munro P.M. 949 P.P.G.S.B., J. Scarborough W.M. 94, J. H. Rainbow P.M. 94 P.P.G.Std., G. Wanless P.M. 94, J. J. Wilson P.M. 80 P.P.G.Std., J. D. Todd P.M. 94 P.P.G.S.B., W. A. Priestly S.W., R. A. Brown J.W. 2039, G. W. Bain S.W. 941, James Hudson J.W. 80, &c. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. M. Wake S.W., was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. J. Clay. In a Board of Masters, Bro. C. M. Wake was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Singleton, the Installing Master, by whom the ceremony was very ably performed. The W.M. invested Bro. Singleton as I.P.M. The newly-installed W.M. was then proclaimed and saluted according to antient custom, and the following Brethren were then appointed and invested as Officers:—Bros. Marshall S.W. Storey J.W., Watson P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treasurer, Watson Secretary, Cutler S.D., Birch J.D., Clay P.M. D.C., Moses Organist Grundy I.G., Brown Tyler, Nicholls, Redhead, Reader, Lee, Napier, and Hepper Stewards. Bro. Singleton gave notice of motion to move at next meeting that the sum of twenty guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The usual donations to the local charities were duly passed, and the Lodge was afterwards closed. The annual festival was held in the banqueting room, Bro. Wake W.M. presiding. There were also present most of the above-named Brethren, and Bros. W. Beattie P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Maddison P.P.S.G.D., T. Atkinson W.M. 80, R. W. Halfright P.P.G.D., &c.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

ON Friday, the 9th inst., the members of this Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John. The Brethren met in the Lodge-room at half-past four, and had the pleasure of welcoming a considerable number of Visitors from Leeds, Hull, Wakefield, Crowle, Howden, and other places. Bro. E. John Foster W.M. presided, and Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. 2069 acted as Installing Master. The W.M. elect (Bro. W. Potter S.W.) having been presented to the Installing Master, the ceremony was performed. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. E. John Foster I.P.M., R. Dayson S.W., R. C. Bruce J.W., J. A. Bray Treasurer, C. Chappell Secretary, W. R. Staveley Chaplain, A. Gooderidge S.D., J. Leach J.D., A. J. Peacock I.G., T. Ripper Organist, R. Earnshaw and H. B. Thorp Stewards, J. Robinson Tyler. Afterwards Bro. H. Wilson P.M. was elected Charity Steward. In the evening the Brethren held their annual banquet at the Lowther Hotel. Bro. Wm. Porter, the new W.M. presided.

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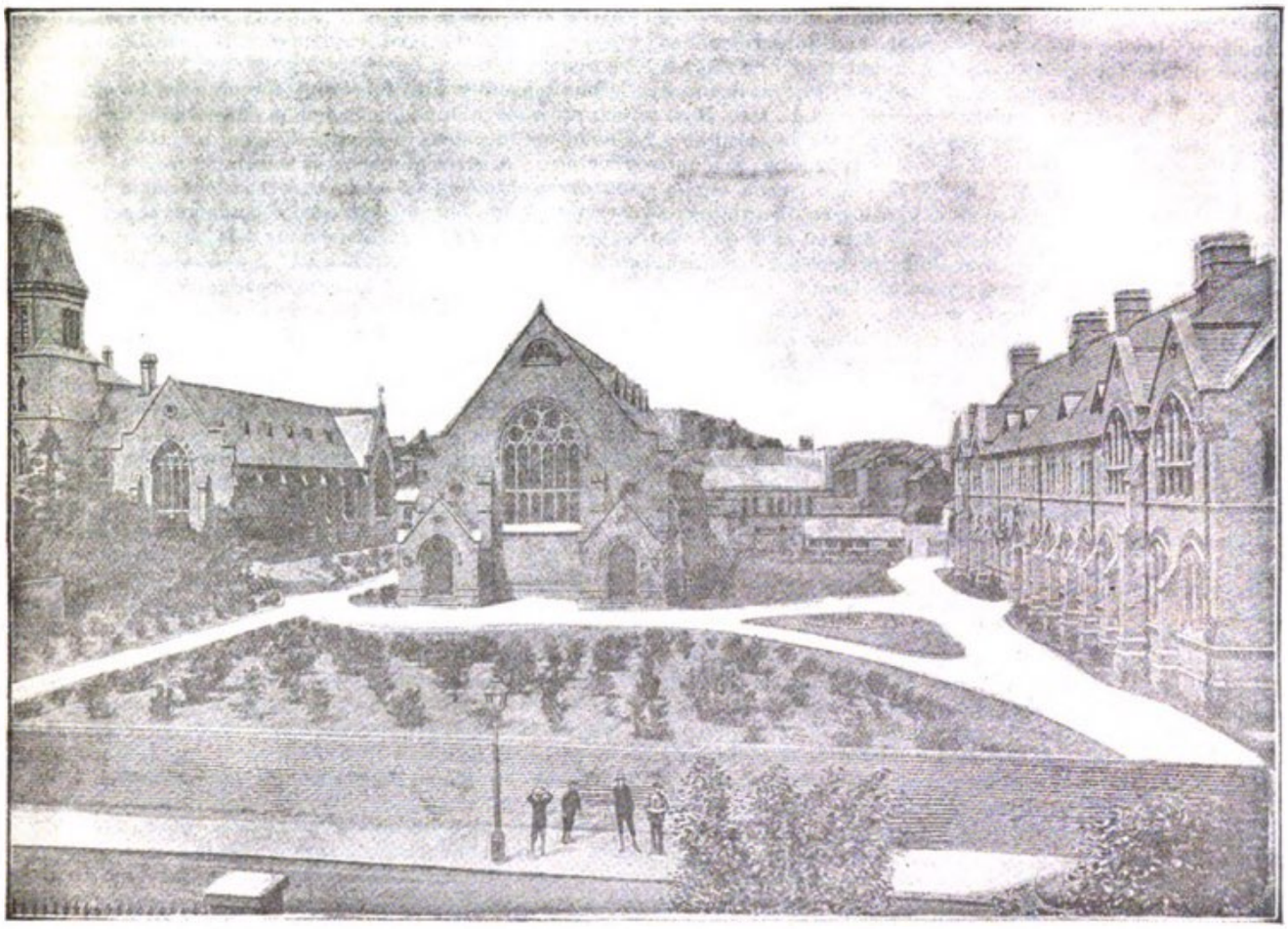
SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

17TH DECEMBER 1887.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.



The above illustration, taken from a Photograph, shows the New Hall and the Preparatory School.

IT may be interesting to readers of this Supplement if we give, in concise, summarised form, a sketch of the origin and progress of the Boys' Institution, with a view of showing the great results which spring from "small beginnings," when carried on with discernment, energy, and zeal. We are apt to talk of our Festival results nowadays as disappointing if they do not reach a certain standard, and surpass previous records; but as we speak glibly of the thousands and tens of thousands of pounds that are cast year by year into the laps of our Masonic Charities, it should be borne in mind that these vast sums were never contemplated by the pioneers of our Institutions, and that so large an amount of good has been, and is being, accomplished speaks volumes as to the benevolence of Freemasons, and the herculean efforts they have made to carry out those laudable principles to which they have "set their hand and seal." Ample and exhaustive "Histories" have been published, setting forth in elaborate detail the progress of our Institutions, but, inasmuch as these may not have been too extensively circulated, and seeing that many persons have neither the time nor the inclination to wade through hundreds of pages of closely-printed matter—statistical and otherwise, necessarily "dry"—it will be our endeavour here to present, in succinct form, a glossary of the chief events which have marked the career of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Charity was founded in July 1798, by the Lodge of United Mariners, No. 23 on the roll of Grand Lodge "Ancients," and in a very short time was so fortunate as to secure for its patron the Duke of Atholl, who was Grand Master of that body. At the outset, the scheme was limited to the clothing and education of the sons of indigent Freemasons, of whom six only were provided for in the earliest years of the Institution. The funds were administered by a Committee, and as the efforts of the promoters were successful in augmenting the Annual Subscriptions, more boys were assisted, until we find that in 1810, the Jubilee year of his late Majesty George III., the number had been increased to fifty. These lads, scattered as they were all over the country, being educated in private schools—for there was no permanent Institution then—were seldom seen by the Stewards and others who took an active interest in their welfare, albeit we are assured that when the latter held "high festival" at the "Crown and Anchor" in the Strand, or Freemasons' Tavern, with the object of raising a fresh supply of funds, "the boys, clad in their newest attire of corduroy trousers, jacket, and flat cap—the usual garb of charity—were gathered together and marched into the banquet hall. They moved round the room in slow procession, to the strains of solemn music, and amid the hearty applause of the admiring guests. And when they had sung a hymn, and two or three of them had received the rewards of

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merit to which they were entitled, they withdrew and dispersed to their several homes, until next year's Festival brought them once again under the personal notice of their patrons and benefactors." This is a practice still continued by many charitable societies whose anniversaries are celebrated in the City of London; and we can now compare with infinite satisfaction the proceedings which characterise such gatherings, and those which grace the annual assemblies at our magnificent Schools at Wood Green when prizes are distributed amongst "Our Boys" amidst such a warmth of enthusiasm and *éclat*.

For upwards of half-a-century, however, the primary idea of the promoters was carried out, and the Festivals were conducted upon the same lines, though with gradually increasing results, the brethren receiving constantly recurring proofs of the incalculable amount of good that was being done for those children of deceased or indigent Masons whom the Governors and Subscribers had taken under their care. In the minutes of the March Communication of United Grand Lodge, 1814, it is recorded that the Board of Schools reported that the Boys' Institution had been "supported by private subscriptions, and by grants from Grand Lodge at various times, amounting together to upwards of £800, and by a recent regulation of the Fraternity, to which the said Institution is attached, the Lodges in the London district paid upon the initiation of every Mason five shillings towards its maintenance, and the Governors possess the sum of £500 Navy Five Per Cents., standing in the names of Robert Leslie, Robert Gill, and Thomas Scott, as Trustees; the number of boys at present on the establishment is fifty-five, and the annual expenditure is about £410, or £7 10s for each child clothed and educated.

Although the chief portion of the honour connected with the establishment of this Institution belongs unquestionably to Lodge 23 of the Ancients, the Moderns have the satisfaction of knowing they had a fair share in setting it on foot. From an historical sketch issued some time ago by the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, we glean that Sir F. C. Daniel, a conspicuous and enthusiastic Modern Mason, member, and for seventeen consecutive years, Worshipful Master of the Royal Naval Lodge, laid the foundation-stone of a "Masonic Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons, assisted by many distinguished contemporaries of that date. Few details are to hand of the early progress of that scheme, but at a meeting of the Royal Naval Lodge, held in Burr Street, near the Tower, an account was presented, showing that in the fifteen months from March 1808 to June 1809, the subscriptions received amounted to £345 17s 3½d, while the disbursements were £151 1s, leaving a balance in favour of the Charity of £194 16s 3½d. A memorandum attached to that report set forth that "£100 in the Five Per Cents., which cost £99 10s 6d, had been purchased in trust for the Charity." From this it is clear that the Boys' School was the outcome of two Institutions, one originated by the members of the "Ancient" Lodge No. 23, and the other by Bro. Sir F. C. Daniel, of the Royal Naval Lodge, "Modern." After the Union, however, the two Boys' Charities were happily amalgamated, that auspicious event taking place in May 1817. By this arrangement, the fifteen boys provided for by the Modern Institution were added to the fifty of the Ancient, and for a further forty years the number was only increased to seventy.

If is unnecessary to dwell upon the events which marked the career of the Charity during this period; indeed it is a relief to escape the dry record of names and figures wich were rendered necessary in the compilation of the "History" of the Boys' School. Coming therefore to the time when active exertions were put forward to establish permanent school buildings, into which recipients of the bounty of the Craft could be admitted, we observe that in the year 1856 "a convenient mansion and ten acres of freehold land, at Wood Green, were purchased for the sum of £3,500." In the following year, after the necessary alterations had been made, twenty-five boys were received into the School, and maintained, as well as clothed and educated, while the remaining forty-five continued to be provided for as heretofore. The experiment proved in every way successful, and as the contributions of the Craft continued to be paid in liberally, in 1859 sixty-eight out of the seventy boys accepted the offer of maintenance in the School, the other two preferring to remain under the old constitution. Thus within eight years from the adoption of the proposal to establish a School of our own, and in three years after the premises at Wood Green had been purchased and suitably fitted, hardly a trace of the original system remained. Towards the close of the year 1861 some land opposite the School, about one and a-half acres in extent, was agreed to be purchased, for £550; and subsequently an adjoining plot of about three quarters of an acre was bought for £315. The school buildings were thoroughly overhauled, and the estimated expense of rendering them suitable for the purposes to which they were devoted was £1,657. The idea of pulling down the old building and erecting a new one had, however, already found favour with the Executive, and it was agreed that only such repairs as were absolutely necessary should be effected; this was done at a cost not exceeding £600. Shortly after a Head Master's residence was decided upon, and the foundation stone was laid by Walter Rumblow, aged eight years, the smallest boy in the School.

Simultaneously with this event, the proposal for erecting new premises was adopted, and in May 1863 the House Committee decided to invite designs for the intended structure. A great number was sent in, in response to the advertisement, but in each case the estimated cost of carrying it out very far exceeded the amount suggested to be spent, viz.: £8,000. After some delay, plainer and less ambitious designs were obtained, and ultimately that of Mr. Edwin Pearce, of Clapham, was agreed to, the cost not to exceed £15,000. The first stone was formally laid on 8th August 1863, by Bro. Algernon Perkins, Past Grand Junior Warden, the M.W. Grand Master (the late Earl of Zetland) having previously given his sanction to the holding of a Special Grand Lodge on the occasion. The event was accompanied by a series of festivities, including athletic sports among the boys, who competed for a number of valuable prizes; selections by three military bands, including that of the 1st Life Guards; followed by an elegant banquet, and an entertainment by Bros. Toole and Bedford; concluding with a display of fireworks by Chevalier Mortram. On that occasion the sum of £1,500 was handed in by the ladies and brethren who had volunteered their assistance as collectors. The inauguration of the new School took place on 8th July 1865, when the ceremony was performed by the Right Hon. the Earl De Grey and Ripon, Deputy Grand Master, in the unavoidable absence, through a domestic bereavement, of the Grand Master. The dedication was followed by a breakfast, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, when the Secretary announced that the approximate result of the Festival must be set down as being about £5,000, a most welcome announc ment with which to conclude the auspicious gathering. The expenditure in connection with the enlarged School was great, and necessarily trenched on the invested funds of the Institution. In 1864, the whole of the funded property (£13,000 Government Stock) was sold, and the proceeds (£11,500) went towards paying for the structure; while, a few years later, a sum of £10,000, to be devoted to the same purpose, was borrowed on mortgage of the property, the rest of the expense being defrayed out of the current receipts of the Institution. By the beginning of 1871, however, the mortgage had been paid off, and the Institution if not entirely freed from debt, was in a fair way of becoming so. "Hereby hangs a tale."

In 1861, the office of Secretary for the Institution become vacant, by the resignation of Bro. Thiselton, who had filled that post 35 years, and the Committee adopted perhaps the wisest course they ever could have done, by accepting the services of Bro. Frederick Binckes, who had for many years evinced an active personal interest in the School. From this time it may be almost said that the success of the Institution increased, if not "by leaps and bounds," at any rate with such rapid strides as had never been contemplated by the Executive. It would appear by the History of the School that up to the year of Brother Binckes's appointment, the Institution had received comparatively little aid from the Provinces, and here it was that the new Secretary found scope for his extraordinary powers of activity and earnest perseverance. From the very outset of his appearance on the scene, the Boys' Festivals assumed greater importance, and were productive of much more fruit. During the first year of his Secretaryship, at the Festival, where Lord Holmesdale—in the unavoidable absence of Lord Leigh—presided, he contrived to enlist 109 brethren as Stewards, and the sum

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raised was £3,650. Insignificant as that amount may seem in the light of more modern Festivals, it was a substantial advance on any previous contribution; and we are told that the services of Bro. Binckes were "promptly recognised by the Committee in a manner that was at once substantial and gratifying." It is impossible to speak of the subsequent career of the Institution down to the present time, its vast increase in dimensions, wealth and power for doing good, without mingling with our thoughts the name of Bro. Frederick Binckes. His name is, and for ever will be, so closely entwined with the History of the Institution that the one can never be mentioned without the other. Blessed with a robust constitution, clear judgment and foresight, urbanity of manner and eloquence of a practical, rather than of an ornamental character, Bro. Binckes began a raid upon the Provinces, stirring the brethren into a new life, and shaking up the hitherto "dry bones" to some purpose. The visits of Bro. Binckes to the Provincial Lodges excited the most popular enthusiasm, and his appeals on behalf of the Boys commended themselves to our country brethren by their sound reasoning and manly outspokenness. Probably few men amongst us could have stood the immense physical and mental toil which has marked the last twenty-five years of Bro. Binckes' life; yet we still find that his motto is "Excelsior," and in pushing forward the interests of the Institution what may be lacking in physical force—for we are all growing older—is more than compensated for by experience, and the deep-rooted affection in which the Secretary of the Boys' Institution is held by Masons everywhere, not only in the metropolitan district, but in every nook and corner of the English Masonic world. The Festival of 1863, presided over by Lord De Grey and Ripon, resulted in a subscription list of £4,679, of which sum, it was announced, considerably more than one-half was raised by the Provincial Section of the Board. Here, then, was an immediate proof of Bro. Binckes' active work amongst the Provincial Lodges; and so gratified were the Governors and Subscribers with the result—which at the time was entirely unprecedented—that it was unanimously resolved that, irrespective of his salary, an honorarium should be annually bestowed on him, amounting to Five per cent. on all Festival proceeds in excess of £2,000.

From this time forward the tide of prosperity flowed on and increased in volume. Bro. Binckes travelled the country, in all directions, organising Boards of Stewards, and enlisting the services of brethren to aid in the general work. The growing responsibilites cast upon the Institution rendered necessary increased efforts, and these were stimulated and encouraged by the unceasing energies of Bro. Binckes, whose new and improved system, as it became developed, was productive of the most gratifying results. Year by year the number of boys in the School was augmented, the dimensions of the buildings enlarged, and the scope of the Institution widened and strengthened in every respect. By 1867, the School had been increased to its "full strength" of one hundred boys; and some idea may be formed of what has been achieved in the last twenty years when we consider that there are now no fewer than two hundred and fifty pupils in the establishment, and that the Festival returns have run up to a threefold extent. We pass over the changing fortunes of the Festivals for the next few years, and of the gradual improvements which were made from time to time at the Wood Green Institution; but the happy results achieved during the first eight years that Bro. Binckes held the office of Secretary were shown by the fact that he had been mainly instrumental in raising, from Festival and similar celebrations alone, fully £50,000. It may readily be imagined that these successes aroused great enthusiasm amongst the brethren generally, and supreme efforts were made in 1869 to clear off the mortgage on the buildings, which, as already stated, amounted to £10,000. On the completion of the new building the House and Building Committee sent in their report, which showed that, irrespective of the amount of the mortgage, there was about £9,000 outstanding in respect of liabilities on this account. It was, therefore, determined to pay off only a moiety of the mortgage, while with the aid of a loan from the bankers, of £4,000, the contractor's balance and other similar liabilities were reduced by payment of £8,600, the total amount paid during the year 1869, including interest on mortgage and £8,400 for the maintenance of the Institution being £18,840. But, enormous as this reduction appears, the Institution was still liable for the remaining moiety of the mortgage (£5,000) and for the moneys advanced by the bankers (about £5,900) with say £600 due to other creditors; and a further extraordinary effort became necessary in order to restore the Institution to a state of financial equilibrium as regards its income and expenditure. The Festivals of successive years were highly encouraging, and enabled the Executive to still further reduce their liabilities, while at the same time the number of boys admitted to the School gradually increased. In the year 1874 the time for holding the Annual Festival was changed from March to June, with the object of having the Anniversaries of the three Charities spread over a longer period, one effect of which was to give the friends of the Institution an extended interval in which to secure support. There is a rather wide-spread feeling now abroad that a further extension of time would tend to the benefit of the Institution; but it is as yet a moot point, that will require careful and deliberate thinking out. For the last ten years the amounts produced at the Festivals have fluctuated very considerably, but never has the product been less than £10,000. In 1877 it was close on £13,200; in 1880 slightly over £14,000; in 1883, when a supreme effort was made on behalf of the Preparatory School—another splendid conception of Bro. Binckes—the magnificent total of £23,000 was realised, a sum unprecedented in the annals of the Institution; in 1884 it was £14,060; in 1885 £11,746; last year it again rose, to £13,000; but in consequence it is alleged of depression of trade and the intervention of the Jubilee festivities, this year the "somewhat disappointing" total only reached £11,200. The wants of the current year are so fully set forth in this Supplement that it is unnecessary to prolong our sketch of the progress of the Institution; but we would commend to our reader's special attention the Qualifications of Individual Donors, Festival Stewards, Lodges and Chapters, &c., which we give in full, from the official annual publications of the Institution.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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THE Eighty-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution, on Tuesday, 14th June 1887, attracted to the Crystal Palace a very numerous attendance of the brethren, with their friends of both sexes. The day was gloriously fine, and those who went down early had an opportunity of sauntering through the grounds, which are now in their brightest summer livery. Many Provincial friends had remained overnight, after attending the Jubilee gathering at the Albert Hall the previous day, in order to be present at the Festival, and to them the Palace no doubt presented especial interest. Additional attraction was vested in the event by the knowledge that a valuable testimonial was to be presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the esteemed and universally popular Secretary of the Institution; and thus the company at dinner was somewhat in excess of that witnessed on some previous occasions. The banquet was served in a large *salon*, constructed immediately underneath and in front of the organ gallery, and the otherwise sombre aspect of the interior was enlivened by trophies, shields, and flags tastefully suspended from the pillars supporting the roof. By five o'clock the banqueting-room was well filled, tables being allotted to members of the various Provinces, an arrangement which invariably gives satisfaction. The occasion was graced by a large number of ladies, whose bright summer toilettes heightened the picturesque effect. By regulation, the brethren did not appear in Masonic clothing, but the majority of them wore the elegant Stewards' jewel provided for the occasion. Another feature of the day, and one we were pleased to witness for the first time at our Boys' Festivals, was the gathering of a numerous party of "Old Masonians," who had accepted the kind and considerate invitation emanating from Bro. Binckes, and judging from the hearty spirit which prevailed at this particular table, it was evident they thoroughly appreciated their "first appearance" at a Masonic banquet. A dais had been erected for the principal guests, and behind this was the orchestra, embellished with flowers and ornamental plants, palms, ferns, &c. The chair was

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occupied by R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who was supported by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer; Revs. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, C. J. Martyn, Dr. Morris; Viscount Valentia, A. F. Godson, M.P., G. Plucknett, Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., George Cooper, W. Roebuck, Baron de Ferrieres, J. L. Thomas, Col. Peters, Major George Lambert, Magnus Ohren, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Capt. Homfray, C. Else, Col. Lyne, W. Paas, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, C. O. Tagart, C. Belton, Alderman Savory, George Kenning, Raynham W. Stewart, Asher Barfield, A. Layton, H. Venn, J. Moon, T. H. Miller, J. J. Murray, Percy Wallis Prov. S.G.W. Derbyshire, C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., W.M. 731, Samuel Watkins, W. Watkins P.S.G.W. Monmouth, John Roberts, J. While, J. W. Dewsnap, S. Warburton, E. C. Massey, W. Pickford, J. M. Klenck, T. M. Humphries, W. W. Morgan, &c.

The Chairman, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said the first thought which rose from their hearts to their lips that evening was to do honour to our Sovereign Lady who reigned over the British Empire, which had grown to such magnitude by the splendour and industry of its 700 millions of people, and which had expanded to such dimensions by the energy and power of the inhabitants of this land. It afforded him the greatest satisfaction to have the honour and privilege of proposing this toast, and he ventured to echo the aspiration that it was the fervent prayer of every one of them that the Ruler of all nations, the King of Kings, the Great Architect of the Universe, might direct, preserve and guard our gracious Queen to reign for many years over this united Empire, and over a happy, prosperous, and contented people. The toast was received with great cheering, followed by the National Anthem, in the chorus of which all joined. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Chairman said, following on the great ceremony of the preceding day, they acknowledged their gratitude to the Prince of Wales for having so graciously presented himself at the Albert Hall and allowing so vast a body of Freemasons to render their allegiance to him as the head and ruler of our Order. That celebration had tightened the bonds and consolidated those feelings of attachment felt by Freemasons throughout the world to the Heir Apparent to the Crown of these realms. Loyalty, philanthropy, and fidelity to our country are some of the watchwords of our Order, upon which they heard admirable addresses yesterday. These were the essential conditions of the Craft, and bound together Freemasons throughout the world, of every country and clime, not only to him, but also to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and to his Royal Brothers, as well as to every member of the Royal Family. This attachment was founded on the devotion and affection of our hearts to His Royal Highness and to every member of the Grand Lodge. Let them hope that the work he had so much at heart, the Imperial and Colonial Institute, to which he had devoted so much time, thought, and labour, might meet with the success that had actuated his generous efforts in its behalf, and that the contributions of the Craft might be found an acceptable offering in his sight from them towards the consummation of his wishes. Brother the Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, Grand Chaplain, then rose to propose The Chairman, R.W. Bro. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the toast being received with loud cheers. In doing so, he said he felt it a proud moment of his life to dine with them on the present occasion and to submit this toast to their notice. He felt, indeed, that it would have ill become any one connected with the Grand Lodge of England, and belonging to the Province of West Yorkshire, to have been absent from this great gathering. They all knew the regard and admiration they entertained for their Prov. Grand Master, which was second only to their feeling of loyalty to the Queen, second only to their devotion to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. That was the feeling of every one in West Yorkshire towards him who occupied the chair to-day; indeed, in the slightest wish or suggestion he made, to hear was to obey. Bro. Tew was a prince amidst his fellows; his purse was ever open to relieve the needy and destitute; he devoted his whole life to the interests of Freemasonry. His noble conduct to-day, in giving up a summer holiday for the purpose of coming there, was a proof of that deep interest he felt in the Craft, and for which they were all deeply indebted to him. He would not detain them longer, for he felt the toast needed no eulogy from him; though if he spoke according to the dictates of his heart he should detain them there till midnight. He trusted that all in West Yorkshire and elsewhere might follow Bro. Tew's noble example in maintaining the Masonic Institutions, especially the one in whose behalf they were now assembled; ever bearing in mind that charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, which merited the approbation of heaven, blessing not only him who received, but also him who gave. He proposed our Provincial Grand Master; he said "our" because he gloried in being a West Yorkshire brother. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The President, on rising to reply, was greeted with renewed and prolonged cheering. He commenced by observing that Miss Fanny Moody had just sung, in the most delicate manner, one of her charming songs, "It was a Dream." It was a dream to him to think the day had come when he should have had the unexpected honour conferred upon his Province, and upon himself as its Provincial Grand Master, of occupying the chair at one of the great Festivals. He thanked the rev. Chaplain for the manner in which he had proposed the toast; and felt grateful to every one present for the courteous way in which they had received that proposal. His only regret was that some one of older standing in Provincial rank had not been able to occupy the chair that evening; but he assured them his heart was cordially in sympathy, and his wishes were earnestly for the prosperity of every one of the great Masonic Institutions. Whatever deficiency they might detect in their Chairman, they might believe him when he said he cordially sympathised with the objects of the Institutions, and was glad in every way to co-operate with the brethren in promoting their best interests. He then proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents of the Institution, and the Provincial Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers. He desired to associate with that comprehensive toast the names of Colonel Lyne, Prov. Grand Master of Monmouth, who hailed from Oxford, and of Viscount Valentia P.G.W. He felt sure that after having listened to the most exquisite and beautiful speech of the Earl of Carnarvon at the Albert Hall he need say very little to commend the toast to their acceptance. That speech was worthy the deepest study, as a model of excellence, of the English language, and he (the speaker) need do no more than hope that they would show in the most unmistakable manner their appreciation of the beauty of that address, considering the circumstances of physical difficulty under which it was delivered. He might say the same of the Earl of Lathom, in seconding the resolution; his remarks were most appropriate and touching, and went home, he was sure, to the hearts of every one who heard them. With regard to the Vice-Presidents and Provincial Grand Officers, he believed every one had the utmost confidence in them, and were delighted with the manner in which they performed their responsible and arduous duties. This brilliant assembly was honoured with the presence of two distinguished Officers, whose names he had mentioned, and he asked the company to give the toast a most cordial reception. Bro. Orlando Harley here sang "When other lips," in such a manner as to evoke an undeniable encore, and he was compelled by the incessant applause to return and repeat the last verse. Colonel Lyne said as a Provincial Grand Master it afforded him great pleasure to respond to this toast. Their Chairman just now remarked that the honour conferred upon him "was a dream;" he on his part could wish that "other lips" had to respond for this toast instead of his own. They were all very much gratified with the addresses given yesterday by the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. He was sure they listened with unfeigned pleasure to those observations, which touched their hearts in every sense that they as Masons could desire. They all recognised the onerous responsibilities of those two Grand Officers, and he thought the Grand Secretary ought to have responded in his place, as he alone knew the difficult duties they had to perform. Provincial Grand Masters had also their responsibilities, because he was sorry to say the prizes they had at their command were few, while those who were deserving of them were numerous. However, they were always kind enough to receive the toast of the Provincial Grand Masters with cordiality and good feeling, knowing they did their best to discharge the duties that devolved upon them. Nothing could have afforded them greater gratification than what they heard yesterday, and that every one of the Provinces would share in the promotion to rank amongst the Grand Officers was a high compliment to them. Let him say that none amongst them were more deservedly promoted than the Secretaries of the three Masonic Institutions. Viscount Valentia P.G.W. felt that he was hardly the proper person to respond for this important toast, as his services in the Grand Lodge of England only commenced yesterday. But he assured them his knowledge of Freemasonry was such that he knew the Grand Officers were not only assiduous in the duties they had to perform, but they took the greatest interest in the Craft; he knew also the interest which every true Mason took. If that interest could possibly be increased it would be so by having the honour of a Grand Officer's collar conferred upon him. It was a great pleasure to them all to see the Grand Officers yesterday, and to hear the eloquent words that fell from their lips; he hoped they would show their appreciation of those words by the thanks which they returned for the toast which had been so kindly given by the Chairman.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Chairman asked them kindly to give him a few minutes while he tried to do justice to it. He thought if ever a chairman had the right to claim a little consideration, and he hoped indulgence, that Chairman was himself on that occasion. Up to within a fortnight ago, or thereabouts, the Executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had been disappointed—after many applications to distinguished personages—in securing the services of an eminent member of the Craft to occupy the position which he had been so suddenly and unexpectedly called upon to endeavour to fulfil that evening. On the eve of a temporary sojourn on the Continent his sympathies were enlisted in this Institution, in correspondence with certain influential members of his Province of West Yorkshire, Vice-Patrons and Governors of the Boys' Institution, and he cordially consented to do what he could for it. He offered his co-operation in this position of difficulty—never anticipated by the Executive. That the result of such offer would be that he should appear before them in the prominent and responsible position he had the honour to occupy that evening he little anticipated. He knew what his generous Province had already done in support of each of the other noble Institutions during the past year. He remembered they had pledged themselves to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to raise a Jubilee Offering of £2,100 in addition to their usual annual support,—over £800 at the Festival in February last, and £400 at the recent Girls' School Festival. Lastly, their West Yorkshire Jubilee celebrations in the 42 towns of his Province. All these things had exacted additional heavy contributions from the brethren, and perhaps he might be pardoned for alluding to the large number of Craftsmen from that Province who, at considerable personal inconvenience, had come to London to show their loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty and their Royal Grand Master by attending the magnificent demonstration at the Albert Hall yesterday. Yet, guided by his advisers within the Province in such

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things, he placed the matter in their hands, to exercise their discretion, and they felt justified in pledging this additional support of himself and his Province in an emergent difficulty. Thus it was he was in the chair that night, to redeem the promise he had made to the Executive of this Institution. The celebration of this Festival—whatever the result Bro. Binckes would announce—must be regarded as one in which the Northern Province of West Yorkshire had assisted by means of a diligent and lengthened process of organisation. Their Festival share in the success was that of sympathetic friends, who seeing those in London in whom they were all so deeply interested, and knowing the unlooked for position of difficulty they were in, as to the Chairman for the day, they readily accepted the responsibilities of the situation and came to the rescue, not inquiring too minutely how such help could be made available. That help, cheerfully rendered even at the eleventh hour, they cordially trusted would be appreciated, and would not be without substantial value to the Institution whose prosperity they had so deeply at heart. They looked upon the Festival in the Crystal Palace, after witnessing the magnificent Masonic Assembly at the Albert Hall yesterday, with feelings of thanks and gratification, heightened by the knowledge of the universal benefits which would be conferred by those gatherings upon the three Masonic Institutions. He thanked the United Grand Lodge of England for its munificent contribution on the first day of this month, of £6,000, distributed in sums of £2,000 to each of the three Masonic Institutions. (This sentence was received with loud cheers). The Boys' Institution had in its turn derived benefit from those two sources, but still he felt perfectly justified in pleading with them for support on this occasion. On the Jubilee celebration of His Majesty George III. fifty boys were specially admitted to the benefits of these Schools. On the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—Grand Patroness of the Order, since 1852—258 sons of Freemasons were enjoying the full benefits of maintenance, clothing and education in that Institution. Further, there had been expended in the erection of School buildings and the purchase of freehold land, in round figures, a little short of £100,000. He was sorry to say that on the Building Fund for the Preparatory Schools and General School Sustentation Fund their account at the bankers' showed a serious liability, amounting to about £3,000. Urgent efforts were needed to reverse this state of things, and it was his duty specially to press upon the charitably-disposed in this assembly, to help to wipe out this deficit, and to restore the equilibrium in the finances of the Institution. The expenditure last year was £16,300, and the receipts some £13,000. He was anxious, therefore, that the Festival in this year of rejoicing should render the monetary course of this noble School one removed from all cause of anxiety to the Executive, and one of ease and smoothness in the future of its history. In conclusion, he urged upon them to do their utmost for the Institution, and place it in that position of prosperity worthy of so splendid an educational establishment. The toast was briefly acknowledged by Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D., Vice-Patron, Treasurer of the Institution.

The Secretary (Bro. Frederick Binckes) then read the list of contributions brought up by the Stewards, full details of which are given on another page. The total amount, with 13 lists to come in, was £11,100. Bro. Binckes said he was proud to be able, for the first time, to make a special announcement. His experience went back for thirty years, and in that time neither of the Masonic Institutions had ever received any contributions from the great City Companies. Brother Major Joseph, however, who was a prominent member of the Court of Common Council—and as Steward for Lodge No. 96 had given in the sum of £138—told him that while he would not guarantee anything further before the 31st of March next, that was only an approximate amount. He believed the amount of fifty guineas from the Goldsmiths' Company was mainly due to their constant friend Major George Lambert. This was entirely a new element of support, showing the magnificent Corporation of the first city of the first Empire in the world took an interest in works of benevolence. Again, the Skinners' Company had made a grant of £25—by an unfortunate misconception announced as five guineas. The Vintners' Company had also made a grant of five guineas.

Bro. Major Lambert, as Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, begged most respectfully to say that they were most delighted when Major Joseph applied to their Company for a donation towards the Boys' School. Had he consulted the Prime Warden, however, he would have received a far more handsome donation. Representing, as he did, one of the largest of the City Companies, he assured them he would endeavour to extend that donation still further. It was a rule with the City Companies that no second application could be made within three years; but he had no hesitation in saying that if the Companies of the great City of London were approached in a proper manner they would respond to the application with the greatest possible pleasure. He should go back to his Company and tell them what this noble Institution was doing in the cause of education, and should inform them also that it was in need of great accession to its strength. The Queen's Westminster Lodge had landed a sum of £100, and as the Treasurer of that Lodge he should do the best he possibly could to further the goodwill of the Society, which was so well ruled and governed by their good friend Bro. Binckes.

The Chairman said he was now about to submit to them a toast which was not on the regular list. They were aware that some time ago a most important and influential Committee was formed, having for its President the Earl of Lathom, with a great many Vice-Presidents, and having for its Chairman Bro. Raynham Stewart, the object being to recognise in some suitable manner the long services of a distinguished Officer of the Boys' School and to the Craft. It fell to his lot that evening, by request of various members of the Craft, on their behalf and in the name of the subscribers, to give expression to their appreciation of those long, able, and valuable services, and to present the recipient of it with the result of their labours, together with their best thanks for the services he had rendered to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the last 25 years. He need hardly tell them that the purse and piece of plate which had been subscribed for were to be presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the esteemed and valued Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (This announcement was received with ringing cheers). Did time or patience permit, he could occupy their attention long in detailing those services to brethren who were not so well acquainted with them as he was. They would, however, find those services recapitulated in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, where a full record was given of Brother Binckes's Masonic work during that period of time. He asked them to procure the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and to read it for themselves, for there they would find the most explicit statement as to what Bro. Binckes had done during the last quarter of a century, more especially in behalf of this Charity. He asked Brother Binckes to accept, as an expression of their acknowledgment of his services, a piece of plate and a pocket-book containing a gift of no small amount, as a testimonial of his efforts on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The inscription on the plate was as follows:—

Presented to
BRO. FREDERICK BINCKES,
Together with a purse of four hundred guineas,
In recognition of his services for upwards of twenty-five years
as Secretary R.M.I. Boys,
and as
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge M.M.M.
14th June 1887.

Bro. Binckes, who was loudly cheered, said the brethren might very naturally imagine that on an occasion so important as that which had brought them together that evening, the main object was not to promote the interest of an individual, but—if he might use the expression—the imperial object of promoting the interests of one of the Institutions of their great Craft. He had the greatest possible pride and pleasure in the world in seeing so large a gathering assembled around those tables, although perhaps he had to a certain extent to express his regret that many good friends had not retained their places up to this moment. When he said he rose to respond to the handsome gift which had been tendered to him, his feelings were mingled with both gratification and regret—with intense gratification that the few friends who had contributed to that splendid testimonial had deemed his services worthy of recognition after a long period of 25 years; of intense regret that the presentation should have been made at this Festival, the realisation of the results of which—he had no hesitation in saying—he had looked forward to with so much anxiety, and still with fears as to the result—which had been realised—as to its being the least successful for a long series of years. He could himself wish, he assured them from the bottom of his heart, that this amount had been given to the Institution instead of to himself. The failure, or the comparative failure, which had attended their exertions that evening, was to him a source of unmitigated regret; but when they looked back to the earlier portions of the year, to the large success of their Benevolent Festival, and the success of the Girls' School Festival, and now upon the enormous claims made, in every district throughout their jurisdiction, for local celebrations in connection with the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, he felt perfectly assured this Institution must of necessity suffer. Grand Lodge had recently come to their relief with £2,000, and a similar amount would result from the magnificent gathering of yesterday; these aids would very materially compensate them for the comparative failure of their Festival, and go some way towards placing the Institution in a state of solvency and of hope for the future. Now, he could not forget a personal question, outside its own borders, reference to which had been made by their excellent friend who had done them the honour of presiding over them that day, as to their approval of his small services. He would not attempt to exhaust their patience with observations which he might have done under more fitting circumstances, but he asked them just to bear with him for a few moments, because he was not unmindful of the past, or ungrateful for the present. He had four classes to deal with—first those with whom he laboured in his early years, the majority of whom had left this world for another. He was satisfied with their encouraging efforts in his earlier days, and if they had been spared he should have been glad, for often he remembered what he owed to them, and how they had encouraged him could never be forgotten. Then there were those who knew his work—and did not approve of it; those who knew his work—and did approve of it; and those younger members who knew little, if anything, of it. Those who knew his work and did not approve of it, he asked to take the most indulgent view possible, and at least give him credit for trying to do his best. If they had not altogether approved his action, he assured them he had but one leading object at heart, and that was to promote the well-being of the School, to retrieve their magnificent Institution from the state in which he found it in 1861, and to make it take its proper place with the other Masonic Institutions. He had no doubt there had been dissentients from what he had recommended, but he had had independent Committees to deal with, who would not have passed what he recommended if they had not approved. To those who had cordially worked with him and appreciated his work—and there were many present—how could he tender his thanks for their acknowledgment of the services he had rendered? But there were many who regarded him only as a fossil, charged with old conservative notions. Let him endeavour to induce such to change their ideas. He was ingrained with Conservative notions, in all that was good; he had adopted all that had been good in the past, and productive of good in the present. He had endeavoured to profit by the experience of the past, and bring it to bear on the present. As to the extension of the Institution, it was done with their approval and by their practical support? Never mind their partial failure on the present occasion, under exceptional circumstances, he had no doubt of the future prosperity of the Boys' School? No. They had had before them as their guests that evening twenty-five sons of Masons, educated in the Institution,

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now making their way more or less successfully in the world. He had hoped they would have had fifty, but they could not be released from their duties. He (Bro. Binckes) was not what he was twenty-five years ago; but he could tell them this—that he had a heart as sound and an energy as good as ever he had, now in his declining years, for advocating the cause of this Institution. He could this evening say what he had done had not been altogether without their approval, and that while he might not have given satisfaction to every one, yet to the great majority of those with whom he had laboured he had given satisfaction, or they would not have testified in that manner that evening. There was no one in this world, however gifted he might be, or however endowed with intellectual or physical powers, who could in any shape or way attempt to plead that he had given universal satisfaction. He had been, from the age of nineteen to nearly sixty-three years, an active worker in public life; he had stated his opinions; he had not been a neutral being, trying to please every one; and he would not give a farthing for the man who was not willing to stand by his opinions. He hoped to die in harness, and not to lose in Masonry those good friends whose sympathies had been testified that night. He then referred to the Albert Hall Gathering, at which he was made a Past Grand Sword Bearer, and said if he had not given satisfaction to every one, yet from the majority with whom he had laboured his work had met with approbation, and concluded by trusting he had consistently given satisfaction during the course of his public life.

The Chairman next proposed Success to the other Masonic Institutions. In doing so he expressed regret that Brother Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, could not be present, on account of the indisposition of Mrs. Hedges. He would therefore associate with the toast the name of Brother James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brother Terry said, after the lengthened proceedings of the evening he would not detain the company; he congratulated Brother Binckes most sincerely upon the success of the meeting, as also upon the presentation that had been made to him. The last of the Festivals for the year had taken place, and the total contributions now amounted to nearly £43,000. He thanked them for the reception they had given to the toast, and hoped the support accorded to the Charities would be continued in the future. With the toast of the Board of Stewards was associated the name of the Grand Treasurer, Brother Richard Eve, and the Chairman returned his best thanks to them all for the excellence of their arrangements. Bro. Eve, President of the Board of Stewards responded; and the Ladies, proposed by Lieut-Col. Bingham, C.E., Prov. G.S.W. of West Yorkshire, and responded to by Bro. Dr. H. Thomas, closed the list.

During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Horscroft, assisted by Miss Fanny Moody, Miss Bertha Moore, Madame Raymond, Bro. Orlando Harley and Bro. Wilfred Price, Bro. James Kift presiding at the pianoforte. This part of the proceedings was a rich treat and tended very materially to enhance the pleasure of those present.

THE FESTIVAL RETURNS.

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THE outcome of last week's Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has caused widespread disappointment among those who take special interest in this particular channel of Masonic benevolence, but at the same time there is a feeling of thankfulness for what has been done, coupled with a determination to use every effort to do better in the future. In view of the substantial sum raised on this occasion it would be ungracious to actually grumble at the result, still we may express regret the amount was not larger, and seek for a means of increasing it in the years to follow, for there is no gainsaying the fact that a series of annual totals such as that announced last week would not be sufficient to meet the actual requirements of the Institution, which would, consequently, either get deeply into debt, or would be forced to curtail its operations. Undoubtedly there is not one member of the Craft who would desire either of these alternatives, and yet there are none who can say how one of them is to be absolutely avoided. The time has arrived when something special must be attempted in order to increase the income of the Institution, and perhaps some of those who read these lines may be able to submit a proposal which may produce the desired result. We believe that any tangible suggestion would be put to the test of practical trial, so that brethren need have little fear their advice would be actually wasted. We must not, however, forget that the first essential of success in such matters is to secure the co-operation of a large and wide-spread body of workers, all of whom shall take a direct and personal interest in the task they have in hand. On this account we wish that all who have the opportunity of perusing these remarks would at once show their heartiness in the cause by determining to do something on behalf of the Boys' School—say, for its next annual celebration.

The Festival of the present year had more than one unfortunate surrounding; but the one which has perhaps had the greatest effect on its total, and has done it more harm than any other has been the round of festivities in connection with the Jubilee of Her Majesty's accession, which has attracted such attention during the last few months as to place all minor matters in the shade, more especially those of such a public character as one of the Masonic Charity Festivals. It may be urged that the other two Institutions equally had to suffer in this respect, but this is not the fact, as the first two Festivals of the year were concluded before active preparations for the Jubilee were in progress. Again, the decision of Grand Lodge to devote the proceeds of the Masonic Jubilee Gathering to the three Charities has kept back support from various quarters, where it might have been expected, as brethren felt a handsome sum would accrue to the Boys' School from this source, thus rendering extra contributions from the Craft unnecessary. No doubt the £2,000 which the Boys' Institution will receive as its share of the Albert Hall celebration will more than make up the deficiency under this head, but it cannot be overlooked that the other Institutions get similar sums without having had their support curtailed beforehand on account of it. Then the Institution was unfortunate in not having secured the services of a chairman until really the eleventh hour; this fact alone made no small difference in the total, and our only regret is that when our esteemed Bro. Tew did undertake the office it was not deemed expedient to postpone the Festival in order to give his friends an opportunity of rallying more strongly than they were able to do in his support. This consideration brings us to what we consider the main drawback of the Festival. This is not, however, a disadvantage peculiar to this year's gathering, but one which is common to every Festival of this Institution; we have referred to it in the past, and again urge the rulers of the Institution to give the matter their serious consideration. We allude to the time of year at which the Festival is held. The disadvantages which surround the present arrangement are, we think, of such a character as to warrant an immediate alteration, more particularly in view of special features in connection with next year's Festival of the Girls' School, to which we shall refer later on.

There are, of course, considerations which may be urged in favour of a continuance of the Boys' Festival as a summer gathering, but there are, in our opinion, weightier arguments available on the other side. The winter months are essentially the working months of Freemasonry, and for this reason alone we would urge the advisability of a change. Then we have to consider the effect of crowding the three Festivals, as is now done, into a third of the twelvemonth, instead of, as we think more advisable, distributing them over the whole year, while the short interval available between the Girls' Festival and that of the Boys' School—usually little over a month—is wholly inadequate for a canvass of the Craft. We are decidedly of opinion that two Festivals cannot properly be pushed at one and the same time. The Benevolent Institution now has the run of the winter months, and the first claim on the new year, and until that gathering has been held we hear comparatively little of the Girls' Festival, which usually follows at an interval of about three months. For similar reasons the Boys' celebration is kept in the background until after the holding of the Girls' Festival, and then there are but four or five short weeks in which to make a stir—and, be it remembered, as most important of all, during these four weeks Masonry is virtually a dead letter, as something like nine out of every ten Lodges have adjourned for the summer vacation. We should like to see the date of the Boys' Festival altered to the end of October or the beginning of November, and believe that such a departure from established custom would prove beneficial to the cause of Charity in general, and of the Boys' Institution in particular. If November was decided upon, we should actually have Quarterly Festivals, leaving out of consideration the three summer months, during which Freemasonry may be said to be virtually at rest. There is one special feature connected with next year which should afford additional argument in favour of a change, as it may be expected to materially interfere with the support to be given to both the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School, but particularly the latter. The next Festival on behalf of the Girls' School will be the One Hundredth Anniversary of that Institution, and we already hear of the most elaborate preparations being made for a Royal celebra-

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tion of the Centenary. Anything of so special a nature as this must have an effect on the other Institutions, and it behoves the supporters of each of them to prepare accordingly. It is not really too much to expect that the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School will be the grandest Masonic Charity gathering ever known, and we simply ask,—Will it be wise to let the Festival of the Boys' School follow such a gathering as may then be expected within the space of a brief month? Would it not be far better to give the Centenary—which in all probability will be *the* Masonic event of 1888—as wide a berth as possible?

We are afraid we have wandered far away from our original intention—that of reviewing last week's contributions; but whatever we may now say will not improve the result of this year's Festival, while there is hope that something may be suggested to advance the totals of the future. For this reason we feel no misgiving that our actions will be misunderstood on the present occasion.

The result of the Festival, as announced by Brother Binckes, the Secretary of the Institution, was a total contribution of upwards of £11,000. The figures published in our last issue were, as usual, amended up to the time of going to press, and, totalled up, they show an aggregate of £11,059 3s, with, apparently, seventeen lists outstanding. The Stewards were 287 in number, and may be said to have been equally distributed between London and the Provinces, if we include the "unattached" among the former, 142 brethren serving for each, with the remaining three accredited to Foreign Stations. The contributions were also about equal, for we find a total of £5,346 6s 6d to the credit of the London and unattached brethren, with £5,683 8s 6d from the Provincials, and £29 8s 0d from abroad. These figures place the Boys' School third among the three Craft Institutions for the current year in regard to total amount contributed, and second in regard to number of Stewards, which, to our mind, conclusively proves that the Boys' School in having the last of the three Festivals stands at a disadvantage. The average per Steward for the year was, in the case of the Benevolent Institution close upon £49 10s, on behalf of the Girls' School £42 7s, while in the case of the Boys' School it dropped down to a trifle over £38 10s. Is this very wide difference merely accidental, or is there a reason for it? In the answer to this question will really be found the solution of the difficulty under which the Boys' School at present labours, and as in our opinion the difference is to be accounted for on the grounds we have already mentioned, there should be no reason why a change should not speedily bring about an improvement. It is only necessary to point out the difference which exists in the average per Steward in the case of the Benevolent Festival and in that of the Boys, £11 per head, and to multiply it by the number of Stewards, to show that the Boys' Festival would have realised upwards of £3,000 more had the Stewards been as successful as those who served on behalf of the Old People, and is there any tangible reason why they should not be, if they had equal facilities for working? We urge there is not, and until actual proof to the contrary is forthcoming we shall be disinclined to alter our opinion. So far as we can see the Boys' School has been second favourite for the year, but it has been too heavily handicapped, with the result that it takes the third place.

We will now devote ourselves to the individual lists, which afford further evidence in support of what we have already urged. London, with the Committee Dinner Club, and those who figure as unattached, has but ten three figure lists, and only one of these exceeds the second hundred, the contribution being one of two hundred guineas from the Committee Dinner Club, at the hands of Bro. Richard Eve. Where is the "London list towering far above the others" which we last month said was seldom missing from the Festival returns? As if in mockery of our statement, it is missing now, for large as the Committee's donation is, we do not recognise it as "towering far above the others." What we should have liked to see, and hope to see in the future, is one or two lists of about £100 each, such as the Girls' School had the good fortune to announce in May. Then, again, the number of large lists is woefully small as compared with the preceding Festivals of the year, when one in eight among the London Stewards exceeded the century. The Boys' Festival only shows one three figure total to each fourteen London Stewards, which alone accounts for a large part of the falling-off in the general total. However, we will give the Stewards the credit we know they are justly entitled to. We are convinced they have done their best, and we trust it may some day be possible for them to labour under more favourable circumstances; if it is, they will then prove there is no lack of sympathy throughout the Craft on behalf of "Our Boys."

The list which, in point of amount, follows that of Bro. Eve, is the contribution of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, which sends up £162 15s, at the hands of Bro. C. P. Bellerby jun. The representatives of this Lodge are no strangers at the Festivals, as past returns will show; let us hope the kindly feeling and practical sympathy already displayed by the members may long be continued. The Lodge has been represented at each of the Festivals of the year, sending up £58 16s to the Benevolent, £28 7s to that on behalf of the Girls, and, as we have just said, £162 15s to the Boys. This gives a total for the year of £249 18s—a result sufficient to entitle the Lodge to the esteem of the whole Craft, even if it never did anything more, but we know enough of its members to feel that its good deeds are not yet at an end. The Burlington Lodge, No. 96, was represented, to the extent of £138, Bro. Major H. A. Joseph being the Steward; then follows the Grand Stewards' Lodge, with the veteran Bro. Fredk. Binckes as its representative, and a total of £132 12s as its contribution; after which we have £117 12s from Lodge No. 1178, £106 11s 6d from No. 1328, £106 1s from No. 1901, £105 each from Nos. 1383 and 1900, and a level £100 from No. 1076.

From the Provinces we have to record £687 10s from the Chairman's district of West Yorkshire, which appropriately heads the list, although we are convinced the sum is far below what it would have been had Bro. Tew's intention of presiding been made known to the brethren of his Province at an earlier date. The whole of the Provincial donations were distributed as follows:—

Province.	No. of Stewards.	Amount.
West Yorkshire	37	687 10 0
Kent	7	475 2 6
Somersetshire	3	425 5 0
Middlesex	11	400 15 0
Norths and Hunts	4	350 0 0
Monmouthshire	7	305 12 0
North and East Yorkshire	5	294 13 0
Staffordshire	3	245 14 0
Wiltshire	1	250 0 0
Nottinghamshire	2	234 0 6
Cornwall	1	194 5 0
Sussex	4	172 4 0
Berks and Bucks	5	164 0 6
Derbyshire	4	159 10 6
Surrey	7	156 19 6
Suffolk	3	156 8 0
Essex	7	148 9 0
Cambridgeshire	1	137 11 0
West Lancashire	7	131 5 0
South Wales (East Division)	1	120 0 0
North Wales	3	102 18 0
Durham	1	101 17 0
Oxfordshire	5	86 1 6
Gloucestershire	2	80 17 0
East Lancashire	5	73 10 0
Bedfordshire	1	36 15 0
Worcestershire	2	36 15 0
Hertfordshire	1	64 1 0
Foreign Stations	3	36 15 3
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	2	21 0 0

In conclusion, we desire to address a word to those brethren who are accustomed to judge of work done by its result—and fortunately they are numerous in Freemasonry, as elsewhere. We think that we have shown conclusively that a larger and a wider circle of supporters was secured for the Boys' School Festival than was enrolled for the other educational Institution, and in spite of this the result has been less satisfactory. It is therefore useless to urge that the Boys' School is less a favourite, or that its executive do not work as energetically as those of the sister Charity. The falling-off is in the results achieved by the Stewards, on whose behalf something must be attempted at an early date. They can only perform the work set them to the best of their ability, and any shortcomings on their part must be attributed to the work itself rather than to the workers.

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THE BOYS' FETE AT WOOD GREEN.

SATURDAY, 26th June, was a gala day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, the occasion being the annual *fête*, visit of Festival Stewards, distribution of prizes, and athletic sports. This event always attracts a considerable amount of interest in Masonic circles, not merely in the metropolis but throughout the Provinces, in proof of which it may be mentioned that over a thousand applications for tickets were received by the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, prior to the date fixed. It is estimated that about eight hundred of that number assembled on Saturday, a large proportion of the company being ladies, whose summer costumes tended much to heighten the effect of the gathering within the precincts of the School premises and grounds. During the early part of the day the weather maintained a threatening aspect, the sky being obscured by clouds that portended the downfall of rain which had been looked for for some days; but as the afternoon advanced the sun shone with the warmth and brilliancy that have marked his "Jubilee" behaviour, and the appearance of the grounds was picturesque in the extreme. Flags floated on the breeze at different points, and the band of the Institution, under the direction of Bandmaster Whare, played lively airs as a prelude to the business of the day. Each successive train brought its contingent of visitors from the City, whilst many living nearer took advantage of the fine afternoon to drive over to Wood Green. It is impossible to give the names or even a tithe of those who were present, but amongst them we noticed Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire (President of the day), W. Raynham Stewart, J. L. Mather, T. Hastings Miller, C. F. Hogard, Henry Venn, James Moon, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Frederick Binckes (Secretary), J. Terry (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), Thos. Cubitt, Edward Terry, H. Young, Gray, J. Roberts, G. P. Nightingale, Major Lambert, W. A. Scurrah, W. W. Morgan, W. J. Murlis, Gillard, W. Dale, E. W. Nightingale, Wilkinson, &c. At two o'clock the large hall rapidly filled, and considerable attention was paid by the visitors to the drawings of the pupils which were placed around the walls for their inspection. The programme for the day opened most appropriately with the National Anthem, sung with loyal vivacity by the choir, who were seated in a gallery at the end of the hall, the chorus being taken up enthusiastically by the audience. The musical portions of the proceedings were conducted by Bro. H. J. Dutton, whilst Bro. Turle Lee officiated as accompanyist. A pianoforte solo by Mendelssohn "Lieder ohne Worte, No. 30," was played in good style by W. Conway; after which the choir sang the "Soldiers' Chorus" from *Faust*, with all the requisite gusto. The prizes presented by the Institution were then distributed, an interval being filled by W. Conway, who sang very nicely "The Mermaid's Song," by Haydn. Before coming to the special prizes there was another interlude, during which the choir sang Mendelssohn's part song, "Behold the woods in verdure drest;" W. Conway and J. Howett played the "War March" from *Athalie*, as a pianoforte duet; the choir following with Vincent's part song, "A Holiday." Then came a "wee song by a wee boy," as the Chairman put it, and J. Bloomfield, a diminutive little fellow, came in for round after round of cheering for the way in which he sang Berger's pretty ditty, "The Elf." So persistent was the demand that, in spite of the length of the programme, and the usual prohibition of encores, Master Bloomfield was compelled to return, and in equally sweet tones he gave "Home, Sweet Home." When, at a later stage of the proceedings, the little fellow went up for his prize for vocal music, Bro. Binckes said the Executive made singing part of the education imparted in the School, and there could be no difference of opinion as to Bloomfield being deserving of the prize by his splendid efforts at vocal music that day. The prizes presented by the House and Audit Committees, by private donors, and by the "Old Masonians," were next given, Bro. Binckes observing that the House Committee gave a large amount of valuable time in supervising the affairs of the Institution, and cheerfully every year gave a number of valuable prizes in the various educational competitions. The same remarks applied to the Audit Committee. Referring to the private donors, he expressed regret that Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer a Vice-Patron of the Institution, who annually gave a valuable prize for book-keeping, was prevented from being present with them that day, in consequence of a domestic calamity. For the second time Brother Augustus Harris, Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, and lessee of the Drury Lane Theatre, had presented two prizes, for the best English essay and for dramatic ability. The former had been awarded to F. Lewis, but the latter awaited the result of the histrionic representations named on the programme. (This was afterwards announced, the prize falling to R. F. Reynolds). The quartette and chorus "Hail to the Chief," and the part song, "Merry June," were then sung by the choir; after which the silver and gold medals, the silver watch and chain for good conduct, and the University Local Examination prizes were distributed, in accordance with the printed list. Brother Binckes said, coming to the important prizes given by the Institution, he was only repeating the observation he had made many times before, when he pointed out how essential it was in a large establishment like this to promote good conduct. The silver medal for good conduct was regarded as the blue riband of the School, and he was pleased to find that it had this year fallen to the lot of Charles Jesse Sanderson. [The Chairman, after investing the recipient with the "blue riband," cordially shook hands with him, amidst loud cheering from the boys.] The Canonbury gold medal, presented by the late Brother E. Cox, Vice-Patron, was awarded to the recipient by the unbiassed votes of his schoolfellows. It did not always follow that the winner of this prize was superior to his comrades in all points, but to be popular in a school of 250 boys must of itself argue the possession of a certain number of good qualities. Richard Frank Reynolds was this year the recipient of the gold medal, by the unbiassed suffrages of his fellows, and he congratulated that young gentleman upon having ingratiated himself into their favour, although the company would sympathise with him in the condition in which he appeared to secure his prize, being lame and walking with two crutches and his left foot in a sling, rendered necessary by an abscess. With reference to a special good conduct prize given by their good friends the members of the Supreme Council 33°, to a boy on leaving the Institution, originated by Bro. Montague, this was awarded to Arthur Durham Ashdown, who had left the School, but had received the watch and chain. The next series of prizes were for the results of the University Local Examination, Cambridge, in December last. The sum of £525 was invested, and the interest, £23, of the fund was apportioned in prizes. This feature of the Institution was founded by Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657, Vice-Patron, who used to come amongst them frequently; he was sorry not to be able to give Bro. Winn the welcome he deserved, inasmuch as he was prevented from coming to-day on account of ill-health, which compels him to keep perfect retirement. One of the boys, A. J. Kennedy, who had left the School, had by his abilities obtained a position as an engineer's student, and the Committee presented him with a grant of £30 towards his outfit, in addition to the £5 prize to which he was entitled. Bro. Binckes having read the prize winners, according to the published list, the choir sang with heartiness a Jubilee ode, entitled "All honour to the Empress Queen," by Carter; and W. Conway played a pianoforte solo, "Frohlichkeit."

Bro. A. F. Godson M.P. then addressed the boys, observing at the outset that his remarks should be very brief, though he wished to speak of the character of this Institution, and what it had done during the past twelve months. First, he might be allowed to thank the friends of the Institution, on behalf of the House Committee, for their great kindness in coming there to support and to encourage the boys. They felt it most deeply, and were always glad to see those who took an interest in them. He assured the ladies and gentlemen present that for the little trouble they took in coming to Wood Green on such occasions they were well rewarded by the thought that they encouraged the boys and helped forward the Institution. There was a unanimous feeling here in favour of the Institution—a state of things which, he was sorry to say, did not prevail in some places he had visited during the last few weeks. It gave him great pleasure to come down there, and to find himself in the realms of kindness and fraternal feeling. It was the second time, he believed, this splendid hall had been used for the purpose of distributing the prizes, and he thought they would all agree with him the more they saw of that place the more deeply they appreciated it. Those who could remember the time when they had to hold all the meetings of the day in the drill-shed would know the great inconvenience—difficulty in fact—experienced in going through the whole of the programme. Now, thanks to the possession of this noble and acoustically successful hall, they were able to have part of the proceedings there, and another part—which if not quite so intellectual was still more satisfactory to the human appetite—in the Gymnasium. It was not the lot of every Chairman to be so well supported as he had been to-day, and they would congratulate him upon having two "Terriers" on either side of him—referring to Bros. James Terry and Edward Terry—who were two as "jolly dogs" as could be found. Now, it was considered by some as part of the duty of a Chairman to lecture boys. It was the sort of thing he used to "like" when he was a boy; but he always carefully avoided hearing the lecture. He had them all safe and fast, and would say a few words to them, though he would be as merciful as he could. Whenever he advised boys to do anything he said let them put their heart into it. If they were at cricket, let them do their best; and the same when struggling in their athletic and other exercises. If they were at work in their intellectual studies, let them do the best they could. Be thorough, and they would find it the great means to success in life, if they put their shoulder manfully to whatever they attempted. Some boys were very fond of saying, "Oh! that's good enough." He assured them there was nothing more dangerous in a boy's life than using the expression "it's good enough." Was it the *best* they could do? If so, nobody could blame them; they could not blame themselves; and the head-master could not blame them. But if they did not act up to that principle they would in after life blame themselves very considerably. Another point struck him—what were they going to do with themselves in the holidays? Some boys seemed to think holidays were made to do nothing in. He did not suppose their head-master, Dr. Morris, wished them to take up their books and work at them nine hours every day; but they would save themselves a great deal of work when they came back if, when they had nothing particular to do, and did not feel inclined even to do that, they were to take up their books and glance through them, just to keep their memories fresh as to what they had done during the last half-year. By doing that for, say a quarter of an hour every day, they would come back and astonish the Doctor at the wonderful amount they had remembered. Dr. Morris was not the man to be astonished at small things, but if anything would amaze him it would be that they came back to School not having forgotten a single thing he had taught them. Let them all come back and astonish the Doctor! The company had seen the work of the boys on the walls of the hall, and it showed, by their progress in geometrical drawing, they were doing justice to the masters who taught them. There was one point which had never before arisen on an occasion of this sort, and that was the giving of prizes to boys who had come into the Upper School from the Preparatory School. Although they had given prizes to the boys of the Preparatory School, yet this was the first time they had been given to boys coming from there into the Upper School. He was sure this would be a great satisfaction to the head mistress, Miss Hammond, and be a proof to her that she had done her work so well, considering the short time she had occupied that position. She sent one boy—Churchill—so carefully and well drilled that he went at once into the fifth class of the

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Upper School, and took two prizes. Not only that, but in the sixth class a boy named Higgison came up and took a prize. This would encourage her and her able assistants to persevere in the work they were doing. As the plays had to come on, and he and others on the platform had to "clear out"—to use a schoolboy's expression—he did not propose to add anything to the few remarks he had already made, except that the company would give themselves and the boys pleasure by according a hearty vote of thanks to their head-master, the Rev. Dr. Morris, for the satisfactory manner in which the educational portion of the establishment conducted by him had been managed. He was quite sure the Committee were too anxious and willing at all times to accept at his hands any suggestions he could make which might improve, from a practical point of view, the educational system of their School. He trusted that in times to come, however successful he had been in turning boys out for the Middle Class and University Examinations, that success would be even surpassed in the future. The vote of thanks was carried amidst ringing cheers. Brother the Rev. Dr. Morris, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the company very heartily for the kind way in which they had responded to the proposal of the Chairman that a vote of thanks should be given to him for the good conduct of the boys during the past year. He hoped they had given the friends of the Institution some pleasure by their singing, and would give them a little more with regard to their plays. He must ask their indulgence to-day, as one of the chief actors, Reynolds, was, as they had seen, partially disabled by an abscess which had formed on his foot during the past few days. He would not be able to move about so nimbly as he did a few days ago, and he asked the audience to exercise a little patience and forbearance with him on that account. Loud cheers having been given for the Chairman, head-master, teachers, the ladies, &c., the platform was cleared, and two English plays were presented, the first being a farce by Hugh Moss, entitled "P.U.P.," the characters being sustained by R. F. Reynolds as Samuel Skinner, a felimonger; D. T. Platt as Harry Hyde, his clerk; and R. Groombridge as Baby. The other farce was "Beautiful for Ever," by F. Hay, with the following cast:—Mr. Simpleton, C. J. Sanderson; Tom, R. F. Reynolds; Mrs. Simpleton, E. T. Platt; and Jelly, T. M. Nicholas. Both pieces were capitally enacted, the latter especially keeping the "house" in roars of laughter, the "make-up of the lady artistes" being especially funny. The remainder of the items on the programme were, "Who killed Cock Robin?" a ballad dialogue, sustained by E. B. Green, as the sparrow; F. W. Hennah, as the fly; J. B. Bloomfield, as the beetle; H. M. Hare, as the owl; and A. Bowes, as the bull; part song, "The Dawn of Day," by the choir; and the duet, "When Bee and Bird are singing," by J. Bloomfield and K. Bowes. The company then moved away in the direction of the Gymnasium, where a sumptuous cold collation was served, and which was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, who, on account of the numbers, had to be served in batches. In the interval between this and the sports, opportunity was taken of inspecting the interior of the Institution, with every department of which the utmost satisfaction was expressed. At half-past six the party adjourned to the recreation ground in rear of the Schools, where a number of keenly contested athletic sports took place. Seats were placed all round the enclosure for the spectators, who took the liveliest interest in the various items on the "card," the pleasure of the evening being enhanced by the performances of the band, whose players were scarcely bigger than many of the instruments they carried. At the close of the sports tea, coffee, and light refreshments were dispensed in the Gymnasium, and soon after nine o'clock the party gradually withdrew, to catch the homeward trains, their unanimous verdict being that this had been one of the most successful and enjoyable gatherings ever held at Wood Green.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

President, Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, Vice Patron; Treasurer, J. L. Mather, Vice Patron; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. J. Bere, M.A.; Committee, R. F. Reynolds, T. M. Nicholas, C. J. Sanderson, E. H. Simpson, A. Bowes and J. Williams; Starter, Mr. J. E. Mansell, B.A.; Judges, Mr F. Cleaver and C. W. Davidge; Clerks of the Course, the School Monitors. Results:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—E. Simpson, 1; C. Sanderson, 2.

100 Yards Flat Handicap (over 13).—First Heat—C. Sanderson, scratch, 1; G. C. Willett, allowed 6 yards, 2; E. Green, 3 yards, 3. Second Heat—H. P. Richardson, scratch 1; H. M. Hare, 4 yards, 2. Third Heat—C. E. Myring, 2 yards, and W. Clarke, 3 yards, dead heat. Final—C. Sanderson, 1; H. P. Richardson, 2.

100 Yards Handicap (under 13).—First Heat—E. Hobson, 3 yards, 1; C. Barter, 9 yards, 2; H. Graves, 6 yards, 3. Second Heat—C. Whitehead, 6 yards, 1; second not recorded. Third Heat—J. Brown, 9 yards, 1; G. Ker, scratch, 2; C. J. Roddam, 4 yards, 3. Final, E. Hobson, 1; C. Whitehead, 2.

High Jump (open).—C. Sanderson, 1; T. M. Nicholas, 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap (over 13).—E. Simpson, scratch, 1; W. Clark, 20 yards, 2.

Quarter Mile Handicap (under 13).—R. Beaumont, scratch, 1; W. Tappenden, 25 yards, 2.

Long Jump (Open).—W. Williams, 1; F. Christensen, 2; C. Sanderson, 3.

Egg and Spoon Race, 220 Yards (Open).—C. Myring, 1; H. Hare, 2.

Band Boys' Race, 300 Yards.—Blunt, 1; Tettenborn, 2; Mayne, 3.

Tug of War (under 13).—Brown's team beat C. Whitehead's team.

Tug of War (over 13).—E. H. Simpson's team beat T. M. Nicholas's team.

Half Mile Handicap (over 13).—E. H. Simpson, scratch, 1; E. B. Green, 50 yards, and R. W. Delafons, 60 yards, dead heat.

220 Yards Handicap (under 13).—E. W. Hobson, 6 yards, 1; W. Tappenden, 12 yards, 2.

Obstacle Race.—Jortison, 1; B. Farrar, 2; F. N. Christensen, 3.

The last item created much amusement, the struggling of the lads through and over many intricate "obstacles" provoking great fun. We would suggest that the management of the sports should be conducted in a more business-like fashion another year; it was very loose on Saturday, and to hear spectators shouting from all quarters of the field for the winning numbers was decidedly bad form.

The following is a list of the Brethren who served as Stewards for the Boys' School Festival 1887, with the respective amounts collected by each.

LONDON.

Lodge		£	s	d
Grand	Stewards, per Bro. Fred. Binckes	132	12	0
1	Br F G Brown	21	0	0
2	C O Tagart	52	10	0
3	A G Sandberg, M.D.	25	4	0
4	F T Bennett	21	0	0
5	Edwin T Hall	29	18	6
6	Philip C Novelli	21	0	0
8	Thomas Skewes-Cox	10	10	0
10	Samuel Green	23	2	0
14	Walter J Ebbetts	19	8	6
19	John Glenn	72	19	6
21	Marcus R Sewill	36	15	0
23	F Pinches	15	15	0
28	James Boulton	40	8	6
29	John R Dunlop	27	6	0
33	W Sugg	29	18	6
34	S J Attenborough	66	3	0
46	Ed W Stanton	60	18	0
49	E Anderson jun.	36	15	0
55	Edward H Brown	57	15	0
59	F J Tyler	47	5	0
60	W H Kempster, M.D.	26	5	0
63	Arthur Baume	63	0	0
87	E W Nightingale	103	16	6
90	T Abbott Smith	66	3	0
91	Fred. C Watts	29	8	0
96	Major H A Joseph	138	0	0
101	Edward J Altman	13	13	0
140	W C S Barney	48	5	6
141	Charles Dairy	57	15	0
142	J L Thomas, F.S.A.	23	2	0
162	Thomas Burne	25	4	0
165	G A Vennell	21	0	0
172	John Whaley	31	10	0
179	Walter Dickeson	59	17	0
180	T M Deane	57	14	6
181	E J S Layton	36	15	0
188	J W Dewsnap	42	0	0
197	C Barry, F.S.A.	21	0	0
205	Joseph Da Silva	37	14	0
255	N D Fracis	15	15	0
259	C Godson, M.D.	31	10	0
435	D Belinfante	50	18	6
534	Oliver Bryant			
548	Henry Carman	27	6	0
657	F A Warner	44	7	0
720	J D Arnold	54	0	0
733	C R Wickens	26	15	0
822	C F Grundtvig	28	7	0
871	John J Pakes	37	16	0
898	G Graveley	52	10	0
907	Thomas Griffiths	56	14	0
957	Charles Corby	48	16	0
1076	Henry Taplay	100	0	0
1150	C Monckton	79	16	0
1155	B Goldsmith	50	8	0
1178	Henry Stockwell	112	7	0
1269	John H Lane	38	6	6
1328	J L Thomas, F.S.A.	106	11	6
1329, 1641	D D Mercer	43	1	0
1361	J J Wedgwood	16	16	0
1666	R W Galer	16	16	0
1383	Dep. Inspector-Gen. T. B. Purchas, M.D.	105	0	0
1420	T Wilkinson	26	17	6
1426	F W Potter	73	10	0
1445	Hy Seymour-Clarke	44	12	6
1475	R Boddy	46	13	6
1489	William Gray	28	7	0
1538	T G Fluck	39	0	0
1572	J S Stacy	79	16	0
1593	A Escott, F.R.A.S.	36	15	0
1601	Alfred Thompson	42	16	6
1614	T A Dickson	42	0	0
1615	Capt. F S G Moon	27	6	0
1627	Alfred Hudson	8	8	0
1629	Rev. C J Martyn	63	0	0
1642	W W Buckland	57	15	0
1658	James Hill	48	3	6
1670	Carl Erhardt	46	4	0
1672	G P Minett	22	11	0
1681	Joseph Rayner	23	2	0
1686	John M Klenck	26	5	0

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Lodge		£	s	d
1704	G Vernon Knight	21	0	0
1706	James Blyth	27	6	0
1707	John Webb	27	12	0
1708	J P Hamilton	56	3	6
1716	Snowden Kirk	21	0	0
1718	Lieut.-Col. E T R Wilde	13	2	6
1719	J Manwaring	29	8	0
1724	Major S P L Konarski	24	3	0
1766	James Tames	61	10	0
1820	Fredk. G Brown, M.R.C.S. (see 1)			
1900	W H Gardener	110	5	0
1901	Elijah Eagle	111	6	0
1924	S W Hooper	40	8	0
1963	F Kerry	42	0	0
2021	C P Bellerby jun.	162	15	0
2030	F Seager-Hunt, M.P.	21	0	0
2128	H J Giller	48	6	0
2150	W T Farthing	33	12	0
2191	Major G Lambert	22	1	0
2192	Alderman J Savory, J Barnett jun.	48	6	0

Chapters.

65	Comp John Roberts	42	0	0
176	John E Cockett	42	0	0
548	W G Batchelor	28	7	0
1642	Samuel Smout	18	18	0

Lodge of Instruction.

1425	George Read	22	1	0

Brixton Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association.

Bro	Stephen Richardson	76	13	0

Committee Dinner Club.

Bro	Richard Eve	210	0	0

UNATTACHED.

Bro	Asher Barfield	10	10	0
	William Belchamber	21	0	0
	Charles Belton	15	15	0
	John Bertram	10	10	0
	Edgar Bowyer (see Br. Savory's 2192 list)			
	W R. Burnett	5	5	0
	Joseph Clever	21	0	0
	George Cooper	23	2	0
	J Ferguson	10	10	0
	George Gardner	57	15	0
	Frederick V. Green	12	12	0
	Henry Hacker	36	15	0
	William Albert Hart	10	10	0
	H P Hay	12	12	0
	Charles Fred. Hogard	10	10	0
	Sillis J Humfress	10	10	0
	George Kenning	10	10	0
	Fred. Lawrance, M.D.	5	5	0
	Mrs. George Lambert	5	5	0
	Miss F C M Lambert	5	5	0
	Alfred Thomas Layton, J.P.	10	10	0
	H B Marshall, J.P.	10	10	0
	H B Marshall jun.	10	10	0
	J L Mather	21	0	0
	G J McKay	26	5	0
	Dr. George Mickley	10	10	0
	T Hastings Miller	10	10	0
	James Moon	10	10	0
	Col. James Peters	10	10	0
	Ernest St. Clair	10	10	0
	Henry Stone	5	5	0
	J W H Thompson	10	10	0
	James Terry (see Bro. Savory's 2192 list)			
	Henry Venn	10	10	0
	C E Wright	15	15	0
	J H Whadcoat (see Bro. Glenn's 19 list)			

PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Lodge					
1470	Br	F J Coleman	36	15	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

574	Anthony Kersley	10	10	0
795	E W Allen	40	8	6
1101	W Ravenscroft	70	7	0
1566	Frank R Spender	2	12	6
1770	Charles E Belcher	40	2	6

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

441	S H Sharman	137	11	0

CORNWALL.

	Gilbert B Pearce	194	5	0

DERBYSHIRE.

	Percy Wallis, George Fletcher	26	5	0
353	R B Barratt	31	10	0
731	Abraham Woodiwiss	101	15	6

DURHAM.

	William Logan	101	17	0

ESSEX.

160	Geo L Wood	14	0	0
453	Robert Martin	23	2	0
650	Richard Clowes	15	15	0
1024	Edmund Gowers	52	10	0
1343	Charles C Potter	10	10	0
1817	George J Glasscock	22	2	0
2154	Mark Gentry	10	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82	R Prowde-Smith	17	17	0
246	R V Vassar-Smith	63	0	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

723	Br H Lehmann			
2068	Geo F Bovis	21	0	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Lodge and Chapter				
404	Br C E Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P.	64	1	0

KENT.

199	Br James Walker Bussey	215	5	0
558	S Joseph	50	18	6
784	Thomas Bent	36	15	0
1096	John Wyatt Court-	77	14	0
Lodge and Chapter				
1414	Br Rev T S Curteis	8	8	0
Lodge				
1464	Thomas Peace Staley	65	2	0
1973	Thomas Heaps	21	0	0

LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION).

221	Br James Walker	10	10	0
933	John Stovold	10	10	0
933	C D Cheetham jun.	42	0	0
1052	Sam Warburton	10	10	0
	Thomas Oakden			

LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION).

	Br Reginald Young	15	15	0
Lodge				
1335	J D Murray	42	0	0
1335	A H Crossley	10	10	0
1384	W J Thomson	10	10	0
1387	J J Lambert	31	10	0
1476	W B Richardson	10	10	0
1505	R Foote	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

788	Br E C Mulvey	30	2	6
1326	W R Vassila	26	5	0
1326	J A Wilson	21	0	0
1503	Alfred H Gurney	47	5	0
1512	John Cameron Jessett	24	2	6
1579	Joseph Boulton	36	15	0
1597	H Francis Bing	55	13	0
2105	W R Palmer	26	5	0
2105	Surgeon R H Cama	10	10	0
Chapter				
2048	Comp Chas J Knightley	117	12	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Province, Br Wm Watkins		84	0	0
Lodge				
457	Br Fredk K A Powell	21	0	0
471	C H Oliver jun	36	15	0
683	Arthur H Oliver	64	2	0
818	John Owen Marsh	36	15	0
1098	John J Williams	31	10	0
1429	Alfred Taylor	31	10	0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

360	A Cockerill, J U Stanton, H Hart, George Ellard	350	0	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

47	J Toplis	63	10	6
402	Arthur Stubbs	170	10	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	W R Bowden	29	8	0
357	Rev R W M Pope	16	16	0
1478	Rt Hon Viscount Valentia	21	10	0
1036	Arthur Johnson	2	2	0
1515	E F Greenwood	16	5	6

SOMERSETSHIRE.

291	Br Arthur Duckett, Edward F Wade, G E Alford	425	5	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

	Br W G Lowe, A F Warrillow, William Vernon	245	14	0

SUFFOLK.

81	Br Edward Smith	35	13	0
936	James M Harvey	57	15	0
1631	Major W Dods	63	0	0

SURREY.

452	Br Magnus Ohren	23	2	0
463	Walter J Nicholls	10	10	0
1046	Harry Loveless	26	5	0
1362	Henry Trower	43	11	6
1638	John Henry Taylor	22	1	0
1714	Robert Bunce	15	15	0
1872	Reginald Piper	15	15	0

SUSSEX.

40	Br W H Russell	51	9	0
732	W Nell, Charles Nye	52	10	0
1466	Henry E Price, M.D.	68	5	0

WILTSHIRE.

Bro	Thomas Stephen Futcher	250	0	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Bro	A F Godson, M.P.	26	5	0
377	Br J W Consterdine-Chadwick	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE.—NORTH AND EAST.

Bro	Wm Holder	112	7	0
57	Edward Corris	107	15	0
236	T G Hodgson	64	1	0
250	W C Whiteside (see Br. Holder's list)			
566	W N Cheesman	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

	Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Henry Smith, W F Smithson			
139	John Shaw			
154	W A Statter			
208	W D Quarmby			
208	F Bateman Fox			
289	W J Beck			
290	William Harrop			
296	Lt.-Col. J E Bingham			
296	William Colver			
296	Harold Thomas			
296	Robert Roper			
296	Isaac Ellis			
302	Thomas Hill			
495	George F Wild			
495	Alfred Leach			
750	Rawson Kelly			
904	G A Ilston			
910	Robert Fisher			
974	John Ridley Oddy			
1001	John Richardson			
1019	John Wordsworth			
1019	Henry Smith	687	10	0
1019	Herbert G.E. Green			
1019	Frederick Simpson			
1042	William Flockton			
1042	Wm Bingham			
1042	Wm T Carter			
1042	Thomas Tyers			
1042	William Pepper			
1042	Xavier Meyer			
1042	Robert H Fowler			
1211	G Frances Crowe			
1211	J W Fourness			
1211	Thomas Winn			
1211	J C Eddison			
1283	C B Crossley			
1283	R D Kendall			
1283	William Haigh			
1302	William Asquith			
1311	Thomas Crossley			
1513	T W Embleton			
1513	C W Fincken			
	Rev. T C Smyth			

NORTH WALES.

1336	C K Benson	52	10	0
1674	Arthur L Clews	10	10	0
1849	Henry Kneeshaw	39	18	0

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

960	W C Peace	120	0	0

FOREIGN STATIONS.

	Maj.-Gen. J J Boswell, C.B.	15	15	3
	W B Green	10	10	0
	Felix Henry Gottlieb	10	10	0

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Of Ten Guineas in one paymant, or in two payments of Five Guineas each, a Life Governer, with the privilege of two Votes at all Elections of Boys; if presented in one payment when serving the office of Steward at the Anniversary Festival, to three Votes; a similar sum presented when serving a second Stewardship entitles the donor to four Votes.

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Vice-presidents receive two Votes instead of one Vote for every Five Guineas thereafter subscribed, and on completing the sum of One Hundred Guineas become Vice-Patrons, and on completing the sum of Two Hundred Guineas in like manner, shall become Patrons, and have eighty Votes at all Elections of Boys.

Ladies contributing Twenty-five Guineas, in one or more payments of not less than Five Guineas each, shall be Vice-Presidents, with *Ten* Votes at each Election of Boys, and on completing, by similar payments, the sum of Fifty Guineas, shall become Vice-Patrons, with *Thirty* Votes for Life, and on completing the sum of One Hundred Guineas, in like manner, shall become Patrons with Eighty Votes at all Elections of Boys.

Life Subcribers and Annual Subscribers are eligible for Election on the General Committee. Life Governors are Members thereof in virtue of their Qualifications.

*** *Ladies, and "Lewises" being minors, receive* Two *Votes for Life instead of One, for every Five Guineas contributed in their names.*

FESTIVAL STEWARDSHIP.

Every Steward making a donation at an Anniversary Festival, if not less than Ten Guineas, shall be entitled to additional Votes at each Election of Boys, as follows: for the first Stewardship, one additional Vote; for each subsequent Stewardship, with a similar donation, two additional Votes. And every Steward at the Anniversary Festival, who shall secure subscriptions or donations to the extent of not less than Twenty-five Guineas, in addition to his personal donation, shall receive one additional Vote at each Election of Boys, and a further extra Vote for every additional sum of not less than Twenty-five Guineas.

Brethren serving the Stewardship at two consecutive Annual Festivals, and contributing Five Guineas in addition to the Steward's Fee, on each occasion, become entitled, on serving the second Stewardship, to the same number of Votes—three—as those who contribute Ten Guineas at one Stewardship.

Every Brother who shall serve the office of Steward at any Anniversary Festival of any one of the Masonic Charities as the Representative of some Provincial or Country Lodge, who shall personally attend such Festival, and shall bring up thereto contributions amounting to no less than One Hundred Guineas, shall have the same rights and privileges, as to wearing the Charity jewel or clasps, as if he had himself contributed the sum of Ten Guineas whilst serving such Stewardship.

The fee to the Stewards' Fund (not likely to exceed £2 2s), payable by every Brother serving the office of Steward at the Anniversary Festival, gives an additional Vote when Ten Guineas or upwards is contributed by the Brother serving such Stewardship, and the like fee payable on serving a second or any Subsequent Stewardship, with the like payment of Ten Guineas, entitles the Donor to Two additional Votes for every subsequent Stewardship.

Law 20.—Any Brother not serving the office of Steward, who may collect for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the sum of Twenty-five Guineas shall, when that sum is completed, be made a Life Subscriber and have One Vote for Life; and should he collect a further sum of Twenty-five Guineas, shall, on completion thereof, receive an Additional Vote, and so on for every Twenty-five Guineas he may collect.

LODGES, CHAPTERS, &c.

A Donation of One Guinea secures one Vote at all Elections of Boys during the year for which the Subscription is paid.

All Annual Subscribers of not less than One Guinea for ten consecutive years shall *thereafter* be entitled to Two Votes, instead of One Vote, for each Annual Subscription of One Guinea.

All Annual Subscribers may forego the privilege of voting at each of the Elections, in April and October, claiming in lieu thereof Two Votes at either Election.

A Donation of Ten Guineas in one payment, or in Two payments of Five Guineas each (at any interval), constitutes the Master *pro tem*, or officer nominated by the Lodge, a Life Subscriber so long as the Lodge exists, with one Vote; with similar privileges for every subsequent similar payment.

Of Twenty Guineas in one payment, or in separate payments of not less than Five Guineas each, a Life Governor with Two Votes;

Of One Hundred Guineas, in like manner, a Vice-President with Ten Votes;

Of Two Hundred Guineas, in like manner, a Vice Patron with Thirty Votes, one Vote being allowed for every *Five* Guineas *after* completion of the Vice-President's qualification of One Hundred Guineas.

A Lodge, Chapter, or Society contributing Four Hundred Guineas, in one or more payments of not less than Ten Guineas each, shall be a Patron with Eighty Votes at all Elections of Boys.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

RIGHT WOR. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF DEVON.

HAS KINDLY CONSENTED TO PRESIDE AT

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888.

FURTHER PARTICULARS WILL BE DULY ANNOUNCED.

The Services of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

SPECIAL REASONS

in justification of a renewed Special Appeal for Support.

1.—The FUNDED PROPERTY is only ... ... while that of the		£17,000 0 0	
R. M. I. for Girls is		... ...	£63,500 0 0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund		£39,450 0 0	
Do. —Widows' Fund		26,075 0 0	
			£65,525 0 0
2.—The SECURED ANNUAL INCOME is ... ... while that of the		£755 0 0	
R. M. I. for Girls is		... ...	£2,211 0 0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund		£1,986 0 0	
Do. —Widows' Fund		1,548 0 0	
			£3,534 0 0

3.—The Annual Festival is held subsequent to the Festivals of the two other Masonic Institutions, and consequently, unless its claims are considered simultaneously with theirs, the interests of the Institution must suffer; this has been conclusively proved during the past Two years.

4.—The efforts made to meet the increasing demands, by the extension of the number of Boys maintained and educated—from 72 in 1861 to 258 in 1887.

5.—At the last election (October 1887) **Twelve** Candidates only out of Fifty-four could be elected.

6.—In the Preparatory School a further number of 20 Boys could be accommodated, did the condition of the Funds warrant such increase.

7.—The universally recognised importance of a sound system of discipline and education in formulating the habits and characters of the Citizens of the Future, especially in the cases of those under the care of this Institution, many of whom, in due course, will probably undertake the obligations of Freemasonry.

These constitute a strong plea. Several considerations in addition will suggest themselves to those who attentively watch the operations in the various organisations associated with the Order.

Communications are earnestly invited, addressed to

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Steward), Secretary.

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DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 837.

THE installation of Bro. S. Jacob as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place on the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Ripon, and was attended by a number of members of the Lodge, as well as by several brethren from the Provinces of Durham and North and East Yorkshire. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. A. Tupman W.M. 837.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 976.

THE installation of Bro. W. Palmer W.M. of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st instant. The ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Else. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—E. G. Austen S.W., W. P. Buckley J.W., E. K. Hayter P.M. P.P.G.O. Somerset Treasurer, W. J. Clarke Secretary, R. Moody D.C., C. Phippen S.D., J. Cruss J.D, J. J. White I.G., F. Harrold and A. Creed Stewards, and J. P. Swain Tyler.

ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 1124.

THIS Lodge held its Installation Festival on Monday evening, the 5th instant, when Sir Watkin Williams Wynn was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. An occasion so interesting to the Brethren could not fail to cause a large number, on the invitation of the Brethren of the Lodge, to assemble. Those present were—Bros. Henry Morris W.M., L. A. Manning I.P.M., J. Peploe Cartwright J.W., W. F. Rogers Treasurer, J. B. Joyce J.D., A. R. Lowery I.G., G. Owen P. Prov. G.W., Edward Smith P. Prov. G.W. North Wales, J. F. Edisbury P. Prov. G.W. North Wales, Col. Huddleston P. Prov. G.W. North Wales, Rev. Kemble Southwell Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Meredith P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Rev. Watkin H. Williams P. Prov. G. Chaplain North Wales, Jas. Salmon Prov. G. Treasurer North Wales, J. H. Cooksey Prov. G. Registrar, F. R. Spanll P. Prov. G. Registrar, W. H. Spanll Prov. G. Secretary, Charles Drew Prov. G.D., John Maclardy P. Prov. G.D., J. J. Morgan P.P.G.D., Captain W. M. Lightfoot P. Prov. G.D. Cheshire, C. K. Benson P. Prov. G.D. North Wales, T. Whitefoot jun. Prov. G.D. of C., T. Akeroyd P. Prov. G. Organist, J. H. Parsons Assist. P.G. Secretary, J. A. Harris Prov. G.S. of W. North Wales, Rev. P. W. Sparling J.W. 839, Rev. Thomas Hughes W.M. 998, J. D. Andrew 336, A. Lowcock Prov. G. Pursuivant, John Avery S.W. 262, A. V. Townsend Prov. G. Steward, J. H. Tomb Secretary 1132, W. J. Ogg Secretary 2131, Ashton Bradley 1336, Rev. Trevor Owen 1143, John Evans I.G. 1132, and the following Brethren of the St. Oswald, No. 1124:—Bros. Major J. M. Maltby, W. F. Fearn, W. H. Bott, Rev. Henry Dunkin, P. O. Gill, J. W. Edwards, W. B. Oswell, W. H. G. Weaver, H. C. Corfield P.M. After Sir Watkin had been duly installed and placed in the chair of the Lodge, he invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Morris I.P.M., Cartwright S.W., Rev. Meredith J.W., Rogers Treasurer, Sprull Secretary, Joyce S.D., Lowery J.D., Owen D.C., Rev. Dunkin I.G., Bott Steward. After the investing of the Officers, the Secretary, Bro. Spanll, referred to an interesting episode with reference to the chair which Sir Watkin now occupied. When the St. Oswald Lodge was founded in 1868, the late Sir Watkin made a present to the Lodge of some antique chairs and other furniture that formerly were used in a Lodge holden in Wynnstay, and the present handsome chair has now been installed in the chair that his great grandfather had formerly occupied when he presided over that Lodge at Wynnstay. The Secretary then read a number of letters from Brethren, expressing regret at their inability to be present. A handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M. by Sir Watkin, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, to commemorate his year of office, which had just expired, and was acknowledged by Bro. Morris in suitable terms. The Brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the usual superior style for which Bro. Dew is noted. After the usual Patriotic and Masonic toasts, the Brethren separated at an early hour.

DEFENCE LODGE, No. 1221.

ON Monday evening, the 12th inst., this Lodge met at the Lodge-room, Carlton Hill, to instal the Worshipful Master for the coming year. Bro. H. Columbine S.W. had been elected Worshipful Master. He was installed by Bro. Harris I.P.M. The ceremony was rendered still more impressive by the manner in which the V.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth, Grand Chaplain of England, performed the duties of Chaplain. After the installation Bro. Columbine invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Lucas S.W., Tomlinson J.W., Swale Secretary, Child S.D., H. Marsh J.D., Graham I.G., Lees Treasurer, Kingston P.P.G.D. as D.C., Simpson O. and S.S., Millington J.S., and Marshall Tyler. The Festival of St. John was celebrated in the banqueting-room after the closing of the Lodge. Over sixty brethren were present, including Bros. H. Green P.G.S., Fourness P.G. Treasurer, Smithson, Townsend P.P.G.O., the Masters of all the Leeds Lodges, several Past Masters, including six belonging to the Defence Lodge, and several visiting brethren. The banquet was served by Bro. Powolny, Leeds.

FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge, took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Thirsk. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, assisted by Bro. William Brown P.M. Bro. Reginald Hartley was installed as W.M., and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. Longford I.P.M., John T. Hansell S.W., F. R. Hansell J.W., T. J. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, Wm. Coltman P.M. Secretary, J. H. Buchanan S.D., W. W. Hall J.D., Rev. Eusebius Richardson Chaplain, A. C. Bamlett P.M. D.C., Z. Wright P.M. Organist, J. S. Coulson I.G., F. R. Hansell and H. Smith P.M. Stewards, G. Ayre P.M. Almoner and Charity Representative, and Bro. J. S. Farmery Tyler. Several Visiting brethren were present. After the installation ceremony, the brethren dined at Bro. Long's, the Three Tuns Hotel.

CLAUSENTUM LODGE, No. 1461.

ON Wednesday, the 7th instant, at this Lodge, the Festival of St. John was celebrated, Bro. E. T. Wise being installed as Worshipful Master, in the presence of a number of brethren and visitors, including Bros. R. W. Lees W.M. 130, E. Brown W.M. 359, H. Lashmore P.M. 394, G. J. Gould and C. J. Burbage P.M.'s 319, E. Osborne S.W. 130, A. J. Blackman J.W. 389, &c. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. W. Bowyer, after which the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. M. F. Curtis I.P.M., W. J. Miller S.W., W. H. Mitchell J.W., Rev. G. Hughes Chaplain, J. Methven P.M. Treasurer, Walter Bowyer P.M. Secretary, H. C. Sims S.D., E. A. Edwards J.D., W. H. Chapman P.M. Dir. of Cers., W. Fowler Organist, J. Martin I.G., T. O. Spencer S. Steward, R. H. Weekes J. Steward. During the evening two candidates were initiated, and there were three passes. After Lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to a récherché banquet, provided by the Tyler, Bro. Henley, in a manner which did him great credit, and for which he received many encomiums. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on Thursday, the 24th ult. Brothers Smith W.M., Hill S.W., Cox J.W. W.M. elect, Hammond P.M. Treasurer, Shand P.M. Secretary, Brander S.D., Higgins J.D., Hoare P.M. 1765 Organist, Filhon I.G., Radclyffe D.C., Bates, Bolt, and Harrington Stewards, Potter P.M. 181 Tyler, Lee I.P.M., Cottebrune P.G.P., Waugh P.M., Eastgate P.M., Jones P.M. Hieatt, Lefort, Phillpotts, Alexander, Piccirillo, Bertha, Amelot, Steyer, Neat, Marshall, Langmead, Worster, Marks, Dennis, Abate, Hendry, Hewett, Chevriot, Barre, Georgel, Ferris, and Clark. Visitors: Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. D.P.G.M. Essex, Zacharie 2108 P.G.M. California, Thomas P.A.G.D.C., Hudson W.M. 141, Parsons W.M. 1637, Howard W.M. 1765, Higerty I.P.M. 1044, Gardner I.P.M. 2012, Von Joel P.M. 957, Woodruff P.M. 957, Kay P.M. 742, Simner P.M. 1319, Cleghorn P.M. 1287, Cummings P.M. 1677, Brock P.M. 145, Bellerby S.W. 2021, Grove S.W. 742, Spurgin S.W. 1305, Lane J.W. 1765, Smyth J.W. 1238, Felderman J.W. 181, Pye J.D. 1238, Piper I.G. 2030, Arland I.G. 1305, Baker 1743, Williams 1692, Proissant 2060, Dodson 1681, Gammon 704, Mayne 1238, Somers 2191, Girder 195, Potter 1614, Unwin 1614, Jones 749, Kent 2030, Halliday 2168, Oliver 1987, Woolf 77, Bannell 1737, and Noakes 2148. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Seager-Hunt, M.P., I.P.M. 2030, and Sugg W.M. 2030. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was presented; it showed, after meeting all liabilities, a substantial balance. The Benevolent Fund was also in an equally satisfactory condition. Bros. Philpotts and Clarke were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in that faultless style for which Bro. Smith is so well known. Bro. Edmund Beaumont Cox was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed into the chair of K.S. by the I.P.M. The following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. F. Hill S.W., C. M. Brander J.W., J. A. Hammond P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Shand P.M. Secretary (7th year), W. G. Higgins S.D., C. Filhon J.D., C. H. Radclyffe I.G., E. J. Hoare P.M. 1765 Organist, W. H. Bolt Dir. of Cers., G. Harrington Assist. Dir. of Cers., Alexander and Piccirillo Stewards, W. Potter Tyler. The usual addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. W. P. Smith I.P.M. A ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Hulbert Beach, Mr. Chas. Le Clerc, and Mr. Hyman Fonseca; this proving unanimous, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry in a manner which shows that the Lodge will lose none of its prestige in the hands of its new W.M. A ballot was then successfully taken for Bro. L. Grueneafelder 8 (S.C.), as a joining member. Bro. Cox W.M. having announced his intention of going up as a Steward at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, a sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge. Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served in Bro. Nicols' best style. The menu card, which was most chaste in design, contained a medallion portrait of the W.M., and was much admired. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. said of the loyalty of Freemasons they had ample proof during the present Jubilee year in the noble gathering at the Albert Hall which would be remembered by those present as long as they lived. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master was then given by the Worshipful Master; it was quite needless for him to say anything to enhance the toast as his Royal Highness was so affectionately regarded by all. He knew the Grand Officers would agree that Freemasonry had never made such progress as it had during the time he had been Grand Master. Bro. Philbrick, in replying for the Grand Officers, returned his sincere thanks for the very enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. It was always a pleasure for them to attend on these occasions, when the destinies of the Lodge were entrusted to a new Master, on whose zeal and ability depended its well-being during his year of office. That was the first time he had visited that Lodge. He would be pleased, however, to attend at any time, if the Worshipful Master gave him the invitation. He welcomed the Initiates on their becoming members of their ancient and honourable Fraternity, which was composed of men of all nationalities and creeds, banded together in one common fraternal band of brotherhood, non-political, unsectarian, and which knew no creed save that of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." Bro. W. C. Smith I.P.M. in proposing the Health of the Worshipful Master, said that his year of office would add considerably to the welfare of the Lodge, of that there could be no doubt, as they all know the painstaking care with which

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he had performed the duties of the various offices through which he had passed. He trusted that Bro. Cox would have a prosperous year of office, and so be able to look back with pleasure on the day when he was installed. The Worshipful Master returned his sincere thanks; he assured the brethren he would do all in his power to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge and credit to himself. The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Initiates," whom he welcomed; he trusted that the ceremony they had that evening taken part in had made the impression on them that it had done on him at the time of his initiation. Bros. Thomas Hulbert, Beach, Chas. Le Clerc, and Hyman Fonseca briefly responded. With "The Visitors" was coupled the names of J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; R. E. H. Goffin. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C. thanked the brethren for their cordial reception. This was not the first time that he had had the pleasure of visiting the Lodge, and he trusted to be there on many future occasions. The greatest praise was due to their W.M. for the excellent manner in which he carried out the duties of the chair. Bro. Dr. Zacharie P.G.M. California, said he had known their W.M. for twelve years; it gave him the greatest pleasure to see him installed. He had come up expressly to give him some assistance, but by the way he did his work he found that was not necessary. Bro. Goffin said, unlike Bro. Philbrick, he had visited the City of Westminster Lodge, once as one of a corporate body. The Officers of the Abbey were invited by the Westminster, and the compliment had been returned by the Abbey. A kind of affinity existed between the two Lodges. The Westminster supported the Abbey petition for Warrant, and the Secretary of one was Secretary of both. He thoroughly endorsed the remarks of the Grand Registrar. Freemasonry as a common platform knew no sects of religion or politics, but the one G.A.O.T.U. The W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M., congratulated him on his successful year of office, and begged his acceptance of the P.M.'s jewel, which he had very great pleasure in pinning on his breast; he trusted he might long be spared to wear it. Bro. W. C. Smith, in reply, thanked the Brethren for the very kind way in which they had received the toast of the I.P.M.; the hearty manner in which they had responded to it gave him extreme pleasure, as he felt assured it was expressed with all sincerity. He was fully satisfied with the number of initiates he had the pleasure of receiving into the Lodge; also for the harmony that had prevailed among the Brethren; every one seemed zealous to promote the interests of the Lodge. He was also much gratified with their financial position; they had a fair balance in the Treasurer's hands. In respect of Bro. Cox, their W.M., he was pleased to see him in that office, as they had both worked to that position by graduated steps of the Masonic ladder, and he was convinced that the Lodge would be well cared for under his Mastership. For the very handsome jewel the W.M. had placed on his breast, and for the kind words he had been pleased to speak on his endeavours to carry through his duties whilst in the chair, he thanked him most heartily; he also thanked the Brethren for their handsome present, and wished the W.M. a prosperous year in Masonry. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Shand Secretary, and Bro. Hammond P.M. Treasurer responded to the toast of the Secretary and Treasurer; the Senior and Junior Wardens responded for the other Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant and successful meeting to a close.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, the W.M., Bro. W. Dyson, presiding, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, the Wardens, Officers, and many Brethren. There being no work in hand, Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave an address on Freemasonry, in which he endeavoured to indicate a course of reading and study for the adoption of those who desired to enlist themselves among the number of Brethren who found in Masonry a source of intellectual pleasure. He urged that those who declared Freemasonry to be merely a Charitable Society, not only degraded it to the level of Odd Fellowship or Forestry, but thereby laid its members open to the charge of being guilty of the greatest extravagance and folly. On the other hand, those who regarded the Brotherhood as an agreeable excuse for indulging in periodical festivities reduced Freemasonry to the status of a very fourth rate kind of club. In either view he saw nothing to recommend Freemasonry to a man of culture. If it was desired to secure the approval and support of Brethren of mental attainments and social culture, it was necessary to prove that there was something more in it than the maintenance of Charitable Institutions, the perpetual repetition of ritual, the principles of which were taught in every church and school in the civilised world, and the pleasantries connected with the Fourth Degree. Freemasonry had a literature, and possessed intellectual enjoyments for those who cared to avail themselves of them. The Eboracum Lodge had the nucleus of a very good Masonic library, and he wished to see the members taking advantage of their opportunities in this respect. By doing so they would not only elevate the status of the Lodge, but would find in Freemasonry itself a pleasure and a permanent delight, to which hitherto the great bulk of the Order were unfortunately total strangers. Bro. Whytehead then presented some volumes of Masonic works to the Lodge collection, and the W.M., on behalf of Bro. H. Scott, presented half-a-dozen cut glass water bottles. The Lodge was closed, and the Brethren afterwards supped together in the banqueting room.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

A LODGE of emergency was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, to consider the following resolution which was presented to the W.M. at the last meeting:—"We, the undersigned, being seven subscribing members of the Arnold Lodge, do request you to summon a special Lodge, for considering and finally deciding as to the future place of meeting of the said Lodge, and we further make this request as provided for by the 167 Section of the Book of Constitutions 1884." There were present Bros. W. Finer W.M., H. Finer I.P.M., C. Hempson P.M. P.P.G.R. Essex, E. Dorling P.M. P.P.G.S. Suffolk, A. G. Rickarby P.M. P.P.G.P. Essex, R. H. Scott P.M. P.G.A. Secretary Essex, G. Comber J.W., E. F. Comber, H. Wilkinson I.G., E. Osmond Treasurer, J. Salmon, F. W. Garnham, H. Wallis, L. Andrews, C. Randall, J. James Tyler. After reading the resolution, it was proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by Bro. F. W. Garnham, that the meetings of the Arnold Lodge for the future be held at the Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze. Twelve voted for the Lodge remaining where it is, and three did not vote. The W.M. declared that the future meetings of the Lodge should be held at the Clifton Hotel, and he instructed the Secretary to give notice to the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges. The Lodge was then closed.

PRESENTATION.

A BEAUTIFULLY-DESIGNED and costly Past Master's jewel, with Secretary's combined, was recently presented in open Lodge by Bro. Hodgson P.M., on behalf of the Brethren, to Brother G. H. Cooper, the immediate Past Master of Lodge Unity, No. 71. Bro. Cooper is one of the most popular men in his Lodge, and it must be a source of very great satisfaction to him to find his services so appreciated. The pendent of the jewel represents the five points of fellowship, intersected with the pens emblematical of his office, the whole being surmounted by a blue watered-silk ribbon, on which are bars of gold and raised letters, "Lodge Unity, 71, 1887." On the jewel is the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. G. H. Cooper as a token of esteem for services rendered as Secretary to Lodge Unity, No. 71."

PROPOSED MASONIC BALL.

THE Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Hartimere Lodge, No. 1663, have decided to give another ball to neighbours and friends, which will take place during the first week of the new year. This ball, which has now been held annually for several years, and has achieved the distinction of being considered one of the most successful and enjoyable events of the kind in the county, will in all probability receive additional *éclat* upon the forthcoming occasion, from the fact of its being the intention of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, to attend, and bring a party, should unforeseen circumstances not prevent his doing so.

MASONIC SERMON.

ON Sunday morning, the 4th instant, the Rev. F. V. Russell, Vicar of Balderton, Newark, in whose person Grand Lodge honours have recently been awarded to the Province, preached at St. Paul's Church, Nottingham, especially to the local Masons. The service was choral, and the congregation included a large number of Masons. The preacher founded his sermon on the words "Honour all men, love the Brotherhood." He pointed out that there were certain principles or tendencies of our nature which were liable to abuse, but which nevertheless were capable of being made subservient to the best and holiest purposes. This applied to the instinct which caused men of similar habits to unite together as the Masonic Brotherhood did. He replied to the objection raised by some people with reference to the inclusion among that fraternity of unbelievers, and said that it recognised the existence of a Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and it taught morality, friendship, brotherly love, faith in God and immortality, and charity to all.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C., on Thursday, 15th inst., at 6·30 p.m. Present Bros. F. Rush W.M., W. Baber S.W., J. Tattersall J.W., H. Belchamber S.D., Gemmo J.D., J. L. Barrett I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Ball Secretary, H. Whitehouse, J. Jolliffe, D. Hills, F. May, and others. Lodge was opened by Bro. J. K. Pitt, in the unavoidable but temporary absence of the W.M., and the minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, was passed to the F.C. degree. Bro. Whitehouse as candidate for raising proved proficiency, and the Lodge having been raised to the third degree the ceremony was rehearsed most ably by Bro. Pitt, and completed by the W.M., who then closed the Lodge to first degree. It was decided that the meeting arranged for the 29th inst., should not be held, but that next Thursday, the 22nd inst., should be utilised by the Preceptor for short ceremonial, an address, and the rehearsal of entry drill. It was also decided that the annual Smoking Concert should take place either just prior to or subsequent to the first week in February. Bro. W. Baber was elected W.M. to preside on the 22nd inst., and sundry payments having been made to The Great City Second Benevolent Association, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

"Fair Faces, or types of female beauty," is the title of a special series of full page engravings—from drawings by Miss Margaret Thomas—to be commenced in the January number of Mr. Francis George Heath's Pictorial Monthly "Illustrations."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Through the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly seizes its victims from the weak and delicate, the perusal of one of these remedies will fully explain both maladies. Affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and then thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in briskly and well for a few minutes twice a day, and the Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of the remedies. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions adapted for the guidance of those who will attentively read them, and how best to conduct himself successfully.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges hrough out 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 DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1319—Araph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
486—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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)
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1696—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
453—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

WEDNESDAY, 21st 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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleagall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1611—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 258—Ambitious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde

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R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 22nd 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1812—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1814—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1822—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1825—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1873—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1877—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, Shepherd's Bush, at 8 (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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 314—Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset

FRIDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood

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Opera Comique.—After a most successful tour, Mrs. Bernard Beere has returned to this theatre, with that popular play "As in a Looking Glass. As we dwelt fully on this piece when it was first produced, we need only say that the work has been touched up here and there, with advantage; it now goes more smoothly and without leaving such an unpleasant feeling as it was wont to do. Mrs. Beere has benefited by the experiences gained on tour, and her Lena Despard is now a most finished performance. Realistic in every point; earnest when wanted, while at other times jovial and affable, the part as now realized is perfect. If we desire to carp, we may add that if Mrs. Beere will pay more attention to the earlier scenes, and not treat them too lightly, it might be better. Mr. G. Grahame now sustains the part of Captain Jack Fortinbras; he shows plenty of spirit, and "rascality." The other parts are filled by those who were in the piece when it was first produced, and all have improved by experience.

Toole's.—Once more Mr. J. L. Toole is back again in his old quarters, and judging from the laughter that greeted his efforts to please his audience, is sure to be as much sought after as heretofore. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merivale's "The Butler" was the piece chosen by Mr. Toole in which to make his reappearance, and as David Trot he is sure to do well. Suited in every respect to the peculiarities of the actor, the character is most amusing, causing roar after roar of laughter to ring through the house whenever he is on the stage. Mr. Toole is well backed up by an efficient company, and by Miss Kate Phillips in particular. This lady's Lavinia Muddle is a capital performance, and is just in touch with Mr. Toole's David Trot. Mr. C. Wilson is a new comer, and as Laurence Tracy acquitted himself satisfactorily. Mr. John Billington as Sir John Tracey, Mr. G. Skelton as Lord Babiscombe, Mr. C Lowne as Frank St. John, Mr. W. Brunton as a deaf flyman, Miss Emily Thorne as Lady Tracey, Miss Marie Linden as Alice Marshall, and Miss Violet Vanbrugh as Lady Anne Babiscombe all rendered good service to their leader. At the conclusion Mr. Toole delivered one of his humorous speeches, which caused a great deal of laughter.

Grand.—"The Game of Life" is the title of a new and original drama by Mr. W. Howell Poole. As regards the originality of the plot, it is about on the average; old scenes crop up, with here and there an incident that might be described as new. The plot is easy to see through; it is as follows:—Real Grit and George Malcolm are partners, in the gold fields of Mexico. They have been successful, and when the curtain rises Real Grit is about to return to England, with his wife and child. During his sojourn in the gold fields, however, he has thrashed a Spaniard named Gormano whom he caught stealing nuggets. The latter has vowed vengeance. On the day of separation between the partners George has been drinking hard, and during the settling up he quarrels with Real Grit, with result that George tries to shoot his partner. Gomano appears at the window, and seeing the state of affairs, thinks this the time to take his revenge; and at once shoots Real Grit. Gomano next persuades George that it was he who killed Real Grit, and urges him to take refuge. George, in his drunken condition, readily believes what is told him; and, allowing the Spaniard to take the money on the injured man, sets fire to the hut. However, George returns, just in time to take Real Grit from the hut, which is by this time in full blaze. After ten years we find the principals about to leave for England, with the exception of George Malcolm, who has gone no one knows where. Needless to say, after many villainous efforts, and an attempt to win Malcolm's daughter, who is already married to Real Grit's son, the Spaniard is driven into a corner, and finally shoots himself. Of course Real Grit was not killed; he was taken to England by George Malcolm, where he was detained as a lunatic. He manages to secure his release in the last act, when he meets his wife and now grown-up son. Some of the situations leading up to the climax are spoiled by unnecessary twaddle, which makes the action drag. Mr. J. H. Clynds acts with spirit as the hero, but the part is not a taking one. The author has allotted to himself the part of the villain, but he goes about his task in anything but workmanlike style. Miss Alice Raynor is most sympathetic as Malcolm's daughter, while Miss Blanche Garnier makes an affectionate and devoted wife to Real Grit. Mr. Henry Moxon is uneasy as Malcolm, while the son is fairly well impersonated by Mr. Arthur Raynor, Mr. Frank Smithson and Miss Hampton score in the comic parts. We are glad to hear that Mr. Charles Wilmot's fifth pantomime promises to surpass his previous efforts, both in splendour and stage effects. "Whittington and his cat" is the subject, and Mr. Geoffery Thorn is responsible for the writing. We wish Mr. Wilmot every success.

There will be plenty of "work" at the Gaiety next Saturday (Christmas Eve); in the morning the second edition of "Miss Esmeralda" will be presented, while in the evening Mr. George Edwardes' second Christmas burlesque will see the light. As we have already announced, "Frankenstein" is by Richard Henry, and is to be produced by Mr. Charles Harris. Miss Nellie Farren and Mr. Fred Leslie will sustain the respective leads, and will be supported by one of the best burlesque companies that can be brought together.

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"BROTHER" CHRISTMAS.

OLD "Father" Time once again introduces his ancient friend, our venerable "Brother" Christmas. He pays his annual visit to the world at large, and should be no more heartily welcomed than by members of the Masonic Craft. For although not a bodily presence, notwithstanding that if called upon to do so we should one and all portray his lineaments after the same fashion, his spirit and essence pervade the assemblies and homes of all true Freemasons. Of all our teachers of Masonic virtues there is none who can approach our "Brother" Christmas, or exert that influence for good and holy deeds which accompany his spiritual presence. A place of honour, therefore, in all our Lodges for our venerable "Brother," a Past Master in the interpretation of our grand principles, Fraternal Love, Relief, and Truth. An eager attention to all the teaching, silent though it be, with which he can and will imbue our minds, and lead us to the practice of all that we profess! At his behest, and in his honour, let us hasten to make his visit profitable by a more than ordinary observance of the precepts laid down for our guidance in Freemasonry. Let our "Brother" see that we mean what we say; that we can understand and appreciate the injunctions of the "five points;" that we do stretch forth the helping hand, and are swift on foot to execute benevolence; that we do think of our brethren's welfare as our own, can be trusty and faithful to each other on all occasions, and ever ready and willing to support a brother's character when wrongfully traduced. Let his cheerful face glow with even more than its wonted effulgence as he witnesses our practice of that charity which thinketh no evil; that can, in his presence and impelled by his spirit, forgive the injuries of men and help us to blot them from recollection. Let his heart rejoice at the evidences of well-judged Benevolence and refined Mercy, which will soothe the unhappy, and add lustre to every pure Masonic action. In fine, let him have practical experience during the season of his stay that we are earnest in upholding and maintaining each and all of those principles upon which our Order is based, and which are so associated with *his* world-wide reputation; and that our boast is true that we demonstrate to the world in general that the term "Brother amongst Masons" is something more than a name.

So shall we assuredly receive, through the "still, small voice" of conscience, the meed of his approbation of our "working;" and when, after labour, he is with us during the hours of our refreshment, his magic influence will intensify the enjoyment of the good things of which we may partake, the social converse and pleasant harmony which may follow, and the warmth with which we shall remember "all poor and distressed, wherever dispersed." And when we "speed the parting guest," may the influence of the gatherings which his spirit will have gladdened, remain green in our memory, and animate our endeavours during the ensuing year; that when he again returns there may be no occasion on the part of any one of us to regret that the lessons he shall have taught have been despised. For the present he waits without, but a few hours hence the "report" will be given, and with a firm Masonic "grip" we shall receive him with a

"Welcome, 'Brother' Christmas."

UNDER THE BLACK FLAG.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

MR. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND'S letter to the *Masonic Token*, reprinted in the CHRONICLE of the 26th November, reminds me very much of a certain class of affidavits, which, for the information of lay or non-legal readers, I will describe more particularly. These documents take the form of "I (so and so) make oath and say," but in paragraphs where it is sought to insinuate what never happened, or to assail the reputation of the opposite party, the wording is altered to "I am informed and believe," by which prudent modification the deponent avoids incurring the penalties for perjury.

Mr. Drummond's positive statements I now propose to deal with, but with regard to what he puts forward as having "good ground for believing and saying," I challenge him to produce the authority on which he insinuates that "at an early day" my attention was called to the advertisements of Yorston and Co., and that I replied to the effect that, having sold the copyright, the matter did not concern me. As a simple matter of fact, the statement is wholly untrue; but this, by the way, as I think the actual correspondence between Mr. Drummond and myself will afford a better idea of the merits of the controversy than any amount of asseveration on the one side or the other.

On the 9th of July of this year I wrote Mr. Drummond, as follows:—

"I observe in the *Liberal Freemason*, for June last, the publication is announced of my 'History of Freemasonry,' by John C. Yorston and Co., of New York, and the names of several eminent American Brethren are given as having assisted me. [And the letter concludes] I should like to know, before committing myself to print, whether this publishing firm consists of non-Masons, or whether it is a kind of Syndicate, whereof any of the eminent Brethren named (Carson, Parvin and yourself) are members."

To this I received a lengthy reply, dated 25th July, marked "Confidential," which greatly embarrassed me, as, I suppose, was intended. However, I again wrote to Mr. Drummond, 16th August:—

"I am obliged to you for your letter of 25th July, but feel great difficulty in replying, because the circumstance of an English author being 'looted' by an American publisher is a matter of every-day occurrence, and my only complaint is that, through the aid of American Brethren, the piratical firm should have been assisted in disposing of their booty. Your own name carries, and deserves to carry, great weight, but I think, and think strongly, you might have paid the author at least the compliment of consulting him before lending your considerable authority to the sale of Yorston's edition. Had there been in existence an international copyright-law I could

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have better understood the position taken up by Bro. Carson, though even in such case I should have questioned the propriety of his action. But there being no law of the kind, I wholly fail to discern an atom of justification for the manner in which my natural (not legal) rights have been ignored.

Yorston and Co., I apprehend, are working the book, more as commercial men than philanthropists, and I have drudged for them, unwittingly, for many years of my life. For this there is no redress, but I confess to a very bitter feeling of mortification at the countenance and support these people have received from leading Masons in America.

It is no part of my business to inquire into the dispute between the late Mr. Jack and Messrs. Yorston, but may shortly state, with regard to the merits of the case, that I have formed an opinion the reverse of that expressed by Bro. Carson."

At this time, it should be mentioned, I had not seen the correspondence between Jack and Yorston.

A final letter was sent by me—24th August—to Mr. Drummond, of which the following is a copy:—

"Since I last wrote to you, it has seemed to me desirable to repudiate, in the Masonic journals, any connection whatever with Yorston and Co., and I propose to follow this up with a still further disclaimer, and a circular to the Grand Masters of American Grand Lodges.

In your letter of 25th July you inform me, "I do not see how I can release myself from the obligations which I have entered into in good faith, and which I *supposed* [italics mine] were entered into in good faith by Yorston and Co.," and you likewise state that your name had been of great benefit to these persons in securing subscriptions.

By this I learn that in spite of my communication, dated 9th July, calling your attention to a lying announcement by Yorston and Co., you see no valid reason for withdrawing a support which is admittedly of such value to them.

I notice this point because while I mean to strictly respect the confidential character with which your letter is impressed, it is only fair to myself that I should so far use it, as to place on record the fact that before writing to the Masonic journals, I addressed you on the subject of the piracy, and heard from you in reply that you proposed continuing your active support to Messrs. Yorston.

In conclusion, I think it right to say that even now I have some difficulty in realising that an American Past Grand Master can regard the spoliation of which I am the victim, with such a favourable eye as to actually league himself with the unscrupulous and untruthful firm by whom I have been despoiled."

From the foregoing, every reader can judge for himself *what measure of truth* there is in the statement of Mr. Drummond that (to use his own words):—

"When Gould published his articles, *he knew* that we were acting in good faith in the belief that Jack had placed Yorston in such a position as fully justified Yorston in going on with the work," &c.

I not only knew nothing of the kind, but I had plainly intimated to Mr. Drummond, in my letter of 24th August, that however hoodwinked or misled he may have been *in the first instance*, my own statements ought at least to have ensured his declining to be any further connected with the piracy, though I freely confess that at that time I had no suspicion to what lengths his inordinate vanity in believing himself to be above or beyond the ordinary law of Masons would carry him.

Let me now pass in review some of the leading facts of the piracy. Mr. Yorston, in the capacity of publisher, has brought out an American edition of an English work, and in a manner not unusual in the United States—viz., by simply reprinting it without the payment of a dollar to any person or persons on this side of the Atlantic. Up to this point criticism would be superfluous. Anthony Trollope has well remarked, apropos of copyright with America, "American dishonesty is rampant, but it is rampant only among a few;" and he also says—what will dovetail with the subject in hand—"It is the man who wants to make money, not he who fears that he may be called upon to spend it, who controls such matters in the United States." Mr. Yorston has decidedly innovated—it is possible his partizans may say improved—upon the ordinary custom of the trade, for he describes the work (of which he is the publisher) as having been written by myself, "with the assistance" of certain American Freemasons, with regard to whose labours, however, and the nature of the aid rendered, I had been kept wholly in the dark. Thus, to use plain terms, the piracy is crowned by an audacious falsehood, by means of which Mr. Yorston doubtless intends to commend the book to American purchasers.

But it seems that Mr. Yorston is also a Freemason, and here comes the rub. In the United States dishonesty may be styled—I hope without offence, for I only repeat what has been uttered times without number by Charles Dickens and other leviathans of the Guild of Authors—the attribute of the publisher; but there is an old-fashioned feeling—though some indeed may regard it as a time-honoured prejudice—in favour of honesty among Freemasons. The actual piracy, of course, involved no subtle combinations, but it seems to have been feared that the cool and deliberate robbery of one Mason by another might, at the first blush, have an ugly look, at least to that class from which subscriptions would be invited. Mr. Yorston, however, soon decided, and the doctrine was readily accepted by Mr. Enoch T. Carson—to whom I recommend the proverb, "quick believers need broad shoulders"—that the law of copyright ousted any claims of the author, while the fact that the said law had no operation in the United States, extinguished at the same time any right of the (English) publisher. But as this argument might have failed to convince, if presented in its natural simplicity, the following expedient was resorted to. Yorston, said his satellites, was not like other American publishers, but an honest man; yet, though his heart yearned to share his profits with the English author, he could not do so, because the law of copyright (by which he felt morally bound, although actually non-existent) forced him to treat with Jack, whose reprehensible conduct, however, was too much for even his guileless nature, and he was finally compelled, "for his own protection and reputation," to bring out a piratical edition. The simple facts, says Mr. Yorston (in his published letter to myself), in the case are, viz.:—

1. "I negotiated with Mr. Jack, and expected, in accordance with my correspondence with him, to publish the work in this country.
2. I was prepared to purchase a duplicate set of stereotype plates of the text, and also electro plates of such portraits as were desirable for use in this country.
3. I was also prepared to purchase the sheets of the letter-press portion of the work, and impressions of such portraits as were desirable for use in this country.
4. If neither of the foregoing propositions was acceptable, I told Mr. Jack to name his terms, and I would accept."

I shall now deal with these several allegations, but in the reverse order in which they appear above:—

The fourth (or last), is simply untrue, or in other words a wilful and deliberate falsehood, being, I regret to say, the *second* of which under (as it were) his own hand, Mr. Yorston has already been convicted in the course of these observations. *One*, indeed, would be quite sufficient to stamp his testimony as valueless, for according to the old legal maxim:—"*Mendax in uno, præsumitur mendax in alio*;" or as it is elsewhere expressed, "*Testimonium testis, quando in unâ parte falsum, præsumitur esse et in ceteris partibus falsum*" (Menochius, de Præsumptionibus, lib. v., præf. 22); but a *series* of (let us say) "misstatements," furnished by Mr. Yorston himself, gives us, of course, a more thorough insight into the real character of the man. What he (Yorston) actually wrote to Jack—12th June 1884—was as follows:—

"We refer you to our letter of 6th February. We made you a liberal offer then for a set of the plates; if it is not satisfactory, make us your offer." But by this time, as will appear in the sequel, Mr. Jack's patience was exhausted, and he declined most positively to have any further dealings with Mr. Yorston.

The second and third allegations are certainly true, in a sense, though the impression conveyed is misleading, because Mr. Yorston undoubtedly offered to purchase various articles, but he quite omits to state (as apparently beside the question) that the price to be paid was of his own fixing, and that in neither case was it considered entertainable for an instant by Mr. Jack.

The last of the so-called "Simple facts," or No. 1 of the Series, has next to be considered, and in order to do so effectually, I hope that my readers will compare what Mr. Yorston says of his dealings with Mr. Jack in the letter which appeared in the *Keystone* of 24th September, with the description I shall presently give of the actual correspondence between these parties.

Negotiations took place in 1883, and were broken off by Mr. Jack on 27th June 1884, whose letter of that date was in reply to one from Mr. Yorston of 12th of June, wherein the latter person made the proposal already noticed, and which constitutes the only basis of fact, whereupon Mr. Yorston has erected his fable—in the fourth or last of his allegations. These dates are material, because the letters prove, not indeed what Mr. Yorston wishes us to believe, viz., that he offered Mr. Jack (so to speak) a blank cheque in June 1884, but something of an entirely different character, which I think it will tax all his resources to explain. The letter of 12th June 1884 amounts, in short, to an admission by Yorston that Jack having been asked by him *at that*

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date to formulate terms which (the former avers) would have been instantly accepted, *no understanding with regard to the publication or reproduction of the History could have been arrived at between the parties in* 1883. Nevertheless, in the year last named (1883), Yorston issued a prospectus, and Mr. Enoch T. Carson undertook to write, or to get written, the American Appendix to the work. After this, Yorston's agents visited the various States, soliciting subscriptions and arranging for the insertion of portraits.

The correspondence between Yorston and Jack has already been given somewhat fully in the Masonic journals, and it will be sufficient in this place to remark that "the last straw which broke the camel's back," or, in other words, that led to Mr. Jack's patience being exhausted, was the touting for portraits to be inserted in the American issue of the History of Freemasonry, at a charge of three hundred dollars each.

After this Jack declined to have anything further to do with Yorston, though the latter again wrote to the former, stating that his conduct in the matter had been pronounced blameless by Messrs. Nickerson and Carson.

That Mr. Nickerson of Boston ever expressed himself as above alleged, I shall take leave to doubt, but of Mr. Carson's entire sympathy with Yorston there is no doubt whatever, and here we reach a further stage of the inquiry.

Passing over the obvious reflection that no individual Mason can arrogate to himself the position of *censor morum* or *arbiter elegantiarum*, in all matters relating to the Fraternity, it is quite clear that Mr. Carson, who had entered, at all events, into a literary partnership with Yorston in 1883, when the prospectus appeared, in which it was announced that *my* work would be delivered to American subscribers through the medium of Mr. Yorston, was altogether disqualified for the post of umpire in a difference between the latter and Mr. Jack. What subscriptions had been received up to June 1884, or what number of brethren had paid the "portrait fee" of 300 dollars, are equally unknown to me, but if Mr. Yorston in his next deliverance will kindly furnish these particulars, a little light may be shed upon what I may venture to term the *secret history* of a very singular transaction. Still, upon the evidence before us, we may assume with confidence, that from at least the close of 1883, Yorston had decided—*coûte que coûte*—to bring out an American edition of my History of Freemasonry. His negotiation with Jack was therefore of the most illusory character, nor, indeed, was even the semblance of fair dealing exhibited by Mr. Yorston. Is it possible that a person who was merely *negotiating* for the right, or licence to publish an English work, would have issued a prospectus, charged 300 dollars for the insertion of portraits, and sent round canvassers to attract subscribers? The idea seems to have been (having dexterously got *me* out of the way) to exhaust Mr. Jack's patience by impossible requisitions, and then to plunder and defame him. The plan adopted has been a highly successful one.

Yorston, and not Jack, according to Messrs. Carson and Drummond, was the injured party, and on their vouchers many American Masons of repute have rallied to the standard of Mr. Yorston.

My own action in seeking to clear the fair fame of the late Bro. Jack now appears to have given the clique some uneasiness, and the word seems to have been passed to vilify and defame me in the same way as my deceased friend. This proceeding, however, I shall bear with equanimity, for I cannot but think that in putting on the Yorston livery, Mr. Drummond, in his zeal to curry favour with his employer, has rather overacted his part, and that the abuse which he lavishes on *me* will recoil upon *himself*. It has been assumed by Messrs. Yorston and Drummond that I regard them as "fraternal pirates," but I can assure them that I do nothing of the kind, for it seems to me that they view the exercise of brotherly feeling as an obsolete precept in Masonry—one of those more honoured (at least by themselves) in the breach than in the observance. Nor do I admit for an instant that a thief (or thief's maintainer) ceases to be one, merely because from the imperfections of the law he can snap his fingers at his victim.

In conclusion, I shall address a few remarks to a body of brethren for whom, both collectively and individually, I have a great respect—from whose labours in the past I have greatly benefited, and from whose impartial consideration of the various circumstances connected with the piracy of my work I trust some good may result. I allude to the "Reportorial Corps," U.S.A., and shall anticipate, without any misgivings, that the conduct of Mr. Yorston and *his* (not *my*) assistants will receive from their clearer sense of morality the condemnation it deserves.

To begin with, literary piracy is either an offence against morality or it is not. If it is, does the fact that, in the present instance, one Mason has plundered another, make any difference? But, say Messrs. Carson and Drummond, the circumstances of the case were such that Yorston was fully justified in proceeding with his enterprise. Have they made out, or can they make out their plea? Or, to put the matter in another and more forbidding light, but one which will the better enable us to regard the case in its true aspect, are the inculcations of Masonry to be summarily set aside, because a piratical publisher has received the countenance and support of three brethren in high quarters? Is the thief to be absolved because he has succeeded in squaring the police?

Yorston and his accomplices pass over very lightly my own claims to have been consulted with regard to the reproduction of my work in America. These I shall say a word or two upon.

In the first place, what is the position in the United States of an English author who either has, or has not, retained the copyright of his work? To this I reply, that his claims can only be urged in *foro conscientiæ*, and that his sole protection is the binding value of the eighth Commandment. But, as the proverb says, "it is always term-time in the Court of Conscience," and I do not think that the Craft, as a body, would raise any objection to the case being disposed of within this jurisdiction. Yet, to grapple more closely with my despoilers, let me deal with the notion that the law of copyright, which in the case before us—as Yorston so constantly impressed upon the English publisher—does not exist, had, nevertheless, the effect of making the late Mr. Jack the only Englishman to be negotiated with.

Now, as it seems to me, for an American pirate (in literature) to plead the law of copyright, is the very height and *acme* of impudence, from whichever of the two points of view it may be regarded. Firstly, the said law is inoperative in the U.S.A. Therefore, except on the broad ground "that mankind [*and especially Masonic mankind?*] are mostly fools," as laid down by the sage of Chelsea, or unless the infallibility of Mr. Drummond as self-elected Masonic Pope be conceded, the plea must be viewed as a deliberate insult to our understandings.

The alternative is equally absurd and ridiculous, but as drowning men catch at straws, so the idea of "ringing the changes," to quote the expressive phrase by which a common mode of plunder in this metropolis is popularly designated, seems to have occurred to the pirate-in-chief, and to have been promptly put in action by his obedient crew. "Dead men tell no tales," to quote the expressive language of the old buccaneers, and it was apparently thought by their modern successors that as the late Mr. Jack's mouth was closed, they might defame his name with impunity. So the law of copyright, having served its purpose as against the author, a dispensing power was exercised by Mr. Carson, and Yorston forthwith proceeded as though no such authority had been conjured up. To find a parallel for this we must imagine the notorious Captain Kidd, or a mariner of like repute, being arraigned for piracy and murder, and setting up as his defence the 8th and 6th commandments, while the incident of his having compelled many captured prisoners "to walk the plank" would be pleasantly explained by the production of a written dispensation, certifying that he had been fully justified in proceeding to such extremities—under the hands of his first and second officers.

I shall next consider, not the custom of the publishing trade, with which I am unconcerned, but the comity of Masons, or code of morals inculcated by the teachings of the Craft. It seems to me that in all cases where the author himself is not debarred from re-printing, he retains such equitable rights as may exist, but to go altogether beyond the comprehension of Yorston and his chief henchman—I shall proceed many steps further, and contend, that even if the English law of copyright *had* extended to the United States, it would have been an un-Masonic and discourteous act for American brethren to agree, *even with Mr. Jack himself*, to contribute an enlarged edition *behind my back*.

To compare small things with great, and not forgetting,

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moreover, that the Masonic tie exists in one case but not in another, let us suppose Bancroft's History of the United States to have been reprinted in England, and the author to have found on the title-page an announcement that he had been "assisted" by Messrs. Brown, Jones and Robinson, of London, and to learn that the edition would be embellished with a variety of essays containing views that were wholly repugnant to him.

Now I am altogether unaware of what Mr. T. R. Parvin will have to say about Templarism, or Mr. Carson about the so-called "Scottish Rite," but in my judgment neither of the subjects is strictly Masonic, and from a pamphlet which has fallen in my way ("The Two Systems, Autocracy or Representative") I do not hesitate to state that the latter writer is about the last person in the world that I should choose as the representative of my own views with regard to the topic he has undertaken to treat under my implied authority.

Lastly, I submit that Messrs. Carson and Drummond should produce the evidence on which they *assert* they are justified in impugning the conduct of the late Mr. Jack; and until they do so, I venture to think there will be no one to believe in its existence. Abuse is not argument, and while I do not question in the least that the two assistant pirates will resort freely to the former, I shall ask them nevertheless not to forget that there is such a thing as the latter. Indeed, to aid them if possible in regaining their lost path, I will put a final question, which may be of assistance to them. It is this: Did their patron, Mr. Yorston, relate to them, as being a fact, the "great big thumping lie" in which he asserts that he offered to accept any terms which Jack might impose; or was it subsequently invented in order to delude the public through the medium of the Masonic press?

HIRAM LODGE.

Hiram Lodge F.A.M. v. *G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M.*
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THE relations between these two bodies, and the questions dependent upon these relations, are to be settled *only by the facts* which exist in the case, as they have been made and inherited by the parties themselves, and by the application to these facts of the principles of Masonic law.

We are to remember that this discussion is limited to a period of actual history, and that the parties themselves, upon the one side and the other, have formulated the facts of that history, with due care, and each side with a supreme regard to the best and most exact presentation of its will and purpose.

The well-established rule of all interpretation therefore is strictly and properly applicable to them, namely this, that the words, official votes, and acts of the different parties, are to be taken and construed most strongly against the party whose words, votes, and acts they are; and "presumptions" are allowable only as they are in consonance with the results of such interpretation.

For example *we* do not know the social, the moral, the political or the Masonic considerations, which moved the Grand Lodge of Connecticut on the one hand, and Hiram Lodge on the other, to take a hundred years ago the particular action which we find was taken. *They*, the men of the time and the occasion, did know; they were in the presence of them, and felt their pressure, and their action, such as it was, was taken—it could not have been otherwise—as the best adjustment they were capable of making of these considerations.

It does not matter if subsequent events have proved the action unwise, and that something else would have been more desirable. This cannot change the original fact, nor justify any attempt now to pervert the fact on the plea of motives which were not originally operative. The record was made, and it must stand as their own best statement of what they did, and proposed to do, and could do.

Precisely the same thing is true of modern resolves, whether they be of new and original propositions, or are in fact measures of compromise. The fact, with all its multifold motives, is in the record limited by it, and not to be changed from it.

A strict adherence to these rules of interpretation is now of the greatest importance for the parties themselves, and for the general good of Freemasonry.

For the parties themselves. We are to assume that they are both honest in their respective positions, and mutually regret the unfortunate rupture.

The real facts between them are in their own hands; are plain, narrow in compass, and easily understood. The trouble is a misapprehension of these facts on the one side or the other, and a wrong or injudicious action because of this misapprehension. The way of harmony is by the way of the discord along the facts that are.

In this view we can only deprecate such comments as have been recently published relative to the continued existence of this old Oxnard Charter, now held by Hiram Lodge. They "presume" it was permitted to be kept in "possession as an heirloom." But why presume? Are not the facts here? To presume is to guess. To presume is to make an advocate of the presumer, to defend what he has presumed; and he is no longer an impartial investigator or judge. Presumptions have led Masons and Masonry into many foolish and untenable positions. Volumes could hardly contain the baseless "presumings" that flood Masonic history. Their only legitimate use is when standing before an unrevealed state of things, to act as hypotheses or working schemes, perhap as indicative testimony for the purpose of suggesting possible paths of investigation and study.

But where the investigation is of facts, or into actual cognizable history, they have no legitimate office, and they were only to mutliply the possible issues, obscuring those that ought to be clear, and giving partizan obstinacy the weapons of an uglier and more enduring fight.

Besides, here are real issues to be settled, in whose right adjustment all Masons are interested, because they may establish the law for other cases that exist, but are not yet come to open rupture, and for still other cases that are liable to arise, and may be easily conceived, in the spread of Masonry to new states and empires.

Let us now, as dispassionate students, look at the evidence which the parties have made for themselves, and let the party that shall be found to be in the wrong abide the judgment that must follow.

1st. The Oxnard Charter, dated 12th November 1750, is an unquestioned document, having the authority to do and effect what it purported.

Under its authority Hiram Lodge was legally constituted and had a full and authorised Masonic existence until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. And it has continued that existence down to the time of the present difficulty, at least.

On the other hand, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was duly organised 8th July 1789, and has had a legal existence as such from that time to the present.

These are admitted facts in the controversy, and have no impeachment from any sources.

2nd. The pivoted point of the discussion now is, the action had by the Grand Lodge and by Hiram Lodge, at and succeding the constitution of the Grand Lodge.

In the Grand Constitution of the Grand Lodge, adopted 8th July 1879, was this provision:—

"All the Lodges in this State shall, before the Annual meeting in May next, *deposit with the Grand Lodge their present charter*, and *shall receive from the Grand Lodge new charters*, which shall be numbered according to the seniority of their former charters." Proc. 1789, p 62.

Notwithstanding this provision of the Grand Constitution, it was really only an Agreement of Regulations for the government and direction of all Lodges that should compose the Grand Lodge. Notwithstanding, I repeat, this provision of the Grand Constitution, Hiram Lodge did not consent (and was not obliged to consent), but refused to give up their (Oxnard) Charter, and take the proposed new Charter from the Grand Lodge; and this although the Grand Master and Grand Secretary had been chosen from its membership.

Other pre-existing Lodges did surrender their old Charters, and accept in their stead Charters from the Grand Lodge. Hiram Lodge continued under its old Charter and regime, and at the same time, with this exception, discharged all its duties under the Grand Lodge organisation. It were easy to "presume" why this was done, but we forbear, as it is not a fact proved. That they did all their duties under the Grand Lodge affluently, is abundantly testified by the Grand Secretary in his historic resume of the Lodge, published with the Pro-

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ceedings and under the supervision of the Grand Lodge.

Thus matters continued till 14th October 1789, when the following Ordinance was adopted in Grand Lodge.

"3. Ordered. That all the Lodges that *have already* or *shall hereafter deposit* their Charters with the Grand Lodge, in obedience to the Constitution, establishing the Grand Lodge in that State (an admission of record that some Lodges had not given up their Charter, but were still existing and working under their former ones). "be, and they are, fully authorised to proceed in all business and duties of regular established Lodges, until they shall receive new Charters from the Lodge." Proc. 1789, p 63.

This was a confirmation or visible evidence of the rights of Lodges that had for the time being no Charter in possession to vouch for their legality or authority.

It was perhaps also intended as an inducement to Lodges to deliver up their old Charters and accept the new ones proposed in their stead, fixing their legal status in advance.

The formation of the Ordinance was ample, apt for the occasion, and sufficient if limited to the first use suggested.

There is clearly no prohibition in it, and no negative upon any Lodge. It did express a clear purpose, and one which was demanded by the evident circumstance of the time, and there is nothing in the fact, in the circumstance, or in the language of the ordinance to carry its meaning beyond the purpose expressed.

Still it appears that Hiram Lodge did not deliver up its old Charter, and did not accept the new one, and yet it is plain and important to observe that she was recognised as a lawful Lodge, existing and working lawfully, a part of the Grand Lodge, and discharging certain duties of functional relations to it and under it, and evidently holding itself amenable to those duties, for it appears (Proc. 1790, p 64) that on 14th May 1790 she is reported as paying into the funds of the Grand Lodge "for initiations" the sum of "eighteen shillings."

These things seem to have continued. The Grand Lodge organised, and performing *tanto quanto* the functions of such a body. Hiram Lodge (and apparently others), constituent parts of it, owing allegiance to it, and performing duties under it, but under its and their own ancient charters, and not under Grand Lodge charters.

These exceptional relations existed, but with harmony of working and purpose, and were tolerated for reasons quite apparent upon the circumstances of their existence, but are not anywhere openly and "eo nomine" expressed. The fact of their continuance for a year and a quarter is of the record. At the end of that time, or on 15th October 1790, the Grand Lodge took another step, and passed a resolve which became not only a rule for future action, determining the relation of the Lodges to it, but, it seems to us, most significantly revealing the whole state of facts which caused its adoption. It is this, "Resolved that the Right Worshipful Grand Master for the time being, issue new charters to all the regularly constituted Lodges in this State, upon their former charters *being produced to him*; which new charters being issued as is provided in and by the Constitution, all such former charters may be returned by the Grand Secretary to the Lodges from which they were received (if required), being first registered with such new charters by the Grand Secretary in the records of this Lodge, and such register certified on the back of said former charter."

Under this resolution the relations of Hiram Lodge and the Grand Lodge, "inter sese," were practically defined and established, and, as then fixed, continued legislatively to the time of the present difficulty, although the charter of affiliation was perhaps not taken out till the year 1796, six years later.

The meaning of this resolution in its several parts, in the light of the history given from the records of the Grand Lodge, and as we have seen it, is not difficult to understand.

Grand Lodge Masonry was young, and trying to get foothold and consolidation.

Lodges were proud and tenacious of their old-time and Provincial Charters, especially of such as emanated from the authority of the Grand Lodge of England.

Grand Lodge was ambitious for universality and exclusiveness within its territorial jurisdiction, and so desired the allegiance and constituency of all subordinates.

Lodges had been, under their old Charters, happy and successful, and increased in members and influence. They did not feel any need of Grand Lodge, and were doubtless suspicious of its power as trenching upon their independency.

In fact, experience showed a reluctance on the part of Lodges to surrender their old Charters. Some had delayed—some had neglected almost altogether—to be interested in Grand Lodge. A Lodge in Danbury, formed before the Grand Lodge was constituted, had in 1796 "neither applied for nor received a Charter under this (Grand Lodge) jurisdiction" (Proc. p 78), and did not acknowledge the jurisdiction until the latter part of 1797 (Proc. p 92). It was not until 1797 that a Lodge in Guilford, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, came forward and asked that its Massachusetts Charter might be recognised, and a new one granted them in the same way and manner as to other regularly established Lodges within their jurisdiction. (Proc. p 86).

JUSTITIA.

(To be continued).

MASONRY AND WOMEN.

FROM the earliest times the Craft have been opposed to the admission of women within the portals of the Lodge-room. Considerable prejudice has been created against the Order on this account. At the recent Anti-Secret Society gathering in Chicago, the snivelling Blanchard crowd insinuated that something peculiarly immoral must be going on, since women were not permitted to share the secrets, and unite in the mystic ceremonies. It is not the first time we have heard such malignant insinuations. In this age of the world, when so much literature of Masonry is in nearly every free library, only a sneaking hypocrite could indulge in such hints and innendoes. Any one may easily learn that its principles inculcate the highest code of honour to every daughter of Eve. That it regards woman as the helpmate of man, his best friend and ally in trouble, the bright guiding star in his earthly career, the guardian angel when the tempter is near, and when he enters the valley and shadow of death, mourns most deeply his loss.

Then it is not only the special aim of Masonry to exalt the character of woman, but all who have passed into the mystic circle know how it surrounds and protects the honour of each brother, and the sanctity of his home. The Mason's wife, mother, sister, daughter, are specially sacred in the eyes of the Brotherhood. No libertine, no jester at a woman's virtue can be a true Mason. The neophyte is taught to hate and shun blasphemy, obscenity, drunkenness and licentiousness, as he would some deadly thing; to keep out all coarse and impure thoughts from the mind as he would spiders and cobwebs from his bedroom. There are bad Masons as there are bad members in the church, but what we insist on, as one of the chief excellencies of the Order, is the way it upholds woman, guards her purity, glories in her society, and when falsely accused or in trouble comes to her rescue, if within our power.

Women are excluded from our Lodge-rooms, because we are under obligation to preserve Masonry as it came originally from the Hiramites of the Temple. Those hard workers in stone and timber banded together as a secret order to preserve the Mysteries of the Craft, and help each other in need. Women are not included, for the duties of the Craft are not adapted to her strength, and the rule is continued merely as an ancient landmark. Still we recognize she can help in our deeds of love and charity; she can go with us to the bedside of sickness, and help smooth the pillow of the dying, and console the bereaved and afflicted. To the true Mason, woman is a pure, holy, exalted being, the angel of his household, the holiest gift the Creator has bestowed upon man.—*Exchange.*

CHRISTMAS MARKETS.—The well-known meat, poultry, fish, and wine departments of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, close to Ludgate Hill Station, present a very festive appearance at this time of year, with their magnificent display of all the good things of the season. And this Christmas the enterprising firm has extended its operations. Between the Meat shop and the Fish and Poultry shop there are now Grocery and Provision stores, where, without paying for tickets, the public can shop on better terms than at the co-operative societies, with free delivery of goods, and the convenience, if they choose, of opening deposit accounts. It is obvious that a firm with upwards of three hundred establishments, can buy in the cheapest and best markets, and thus offer exceptional advantages to those who deal with them.

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INFLUENCE OF THE ART OF PRINTING ON MASONRY.

IT is conceded that the invention of printing wrought a change in the moral and intellectual world akin to that produced in the physical world by the dawning of light upon darkness; but it is not generally known that it produced as great a revolution in Freemasonry, at first even threatening to destroy it, and almost accomplishing its work, while afterwards printing was brought into harmony with the institution, and made to contribute to its highest glory, and the truest interests of its initiates.

When printing was invented Freemasons were operative Masons. They had covered civilized Europe with the evidences of their skill. Germany, France, England, Scotland and Italy were dotted over with the abbeys and cathedrals erected after their plans and by their hands. They even invented a style of architecture—the Gothic, and the noblest buildings of all time, full of the loftiest spiritual teaching, and almost animate with life, such as the cathedrals of Cologne, Strasburg, Amiens, Rouen, Salisbury, Durham, Canterbury and York, pointed men to the Grand Architect of the Universe, and were literally sermons in stone. That was a glorious era, when, in the midst of the "dark ages," a class of men—the Freemasons, rose above their surroundings, taught the world by deeds, not words, lifted the mind from the grovelling things of earth to the eternal things of heaven, and by all that was beautiful, elevating and spiritual in heart, symbolically taught their initiates, and measurably taught all men, that there is a higher life, a better world, a great hereafter, while at the same time they were mutually and charitably helpful to each other, and sincerely devoted to ameliorating their condition in this life, while having in view the hereafter.

But in a day a miracle was wrought. The art of printing was invented. Learning, which before was confined to the monasteries—the prerogative of the few, was spread over the world, the possession of the many. The sensuous language of art was largely superseded by the photographic and pictorial language of literature. Object lessons in stone were disused; the mind displaced the hand. As Jarves has happily phrased it, "Words obtained the ascendency over Art as the exponent of ideas." The days of the cathedral and the abbey were numbered. The vocation of the operative Freemasons was gone; there were no more cathedrals to be built.

Freemasonry, however, was instituted when the world was young, and was not made for one age, but for all ages. It could adapt itself to the changed circumstances of the world. Its initiates might be no longer technical architects and builders, but the symbolism which was theirs, and inherent in the Royal Art, was suited to all time, and to a membership composed either of operatives and speculatives together, or of speculatives alone. The result is the Freemasonry of to-day, the heir of the entire symbolism of ancient Freemasonry, of the moral attributes of the Fraternity, and of its sublime doctrine and practical exemplification of that blessed charity, which is "the greatest of the blessed three," the triune virtues.

The earthquake which wrecked the ignorance of the dark ages, which destroyed the manual vocation of the middle-age Freemasons, could not enter the sphere of morals and brotherly love, and shake its centre, or any part of its circumference, and hence we are permitted, in spite of the invention of printing, nay with its aid—for the earthquake has been harnessed, the art of printing has been made the means of dispensing "more Light" in Masonry—we are permitted to-day to teach the principles of the ancient Craft with more power, more beauty, more efficiency than ever before.

Let no Freemason despise the art of printing. Masonic Craftsmen are all artists, and our sister art of letters has accomplished untold good for our fraternity. The Literature of Freemasonry is already so copious, so elevating, so enlightening, that whoever will, may supplement the lessons of the Lodge room with self-culture by the aid of books, Masonic newspaper and magazine, so as to derive therefrom an infinite fund of pleasure and instruction. Lustre has been shed upon the Craft by the writings of Woodford, Hughan, Gould, Lyon, Fort, Mackey, Oliver, and a score of other Masonic authors whose fame is world-wide. The emotional training of operative Lodges and the language of architecture have been superseded by the mental and moral training of Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons and the language of the printed page. Freemasonry now employs both types and types. The symbols used in the Craft are the types of moral ideas, the instructive and eloquent language of Masonic history and Masonic disquisition are made permanent by the types which the printer's art invented.

The Freemason who rests satisfied with what he can learn of Masonry in the Lodge, fails to avail himself of other privileges to which, as a Craftsman, he is equally entitled. He ignores the fact that printing has been invented, that there is a rich literature in Freemasonry, that it lies open before him, and that he may, if he will, possess it and enjoy it. And this is a rare enjoyment. Brethren every day, we are glad to know, are more and more using both the eyes of the body and the eyes of the mind—in other words they are increasingly becoming reading and thinking Masons. Let the good work go on, until every Brother owns his own, it may be little Masonic library, and regularly takes and reads at least one newspaper of the Craft.—*Keystone.*

CONSECRATION OF THE TALBOT LODGE, No. 2231.

ON Saturday an addition was made to the roll of Masonic Lodges under the English Constitution, when the Talbot Lodge, No. 2231, was consecrated at Talbot House School, Talbot Road, Old Trafford. The ceremony was performed, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, the Earl of Lathom, by Bro. W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. England, and P.G. Secretary of West Lancashire, assisted by Bros. T. Forrester P.G. Standard Bearer of England, Marshall P.P.G.D., J. J. Lambert P.G. Registrar, J. D. Murray P.G.D.C., E. L. Littler P.G. Pursuivant, and others, there being about sixty members of the Order present. A Lodge was formed in the school-room—the future meeting place of the new Lodge—shortly after two o'clock, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. An oration on the principles of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. the Rev. H. Milner, and an anthem—"Behold how good and joyful a thing it is"—was sung by Bros. W. Dumville, N. Dumville and A. Lester. Bro. H. C. Miller, P.P.G. Organist Cheshire, presiding at the harmonium. The consecration being concluded, Bro. Goodacre installed Bro. J. E. Boden as the first Master of the Lodge. Bro. Boden invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. S. Allot P.M. 1009 I.P.M., Rev. H. Leathley S.W., F. G. Goodacre J.W., Rev. H. Milner Chaplain, J. W. Leathley Treasurer, A. Shirley Secretary, C. Martyne S.D., F. Batty J.D., J. Coxon I.G., W. Riddell P.M. Tyler. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Goodacre and the brethren who had assisted him in the consecration ceremony, and the Lodge was then closed. Subsequently refreshments were served at the Dog and Partridge Hotel, the newly installed Master presiding.

Lord Brooke's visit to the Freemasons' Lodge at Chelmsford, on the 29th instant, will be of unusual interest to every Mason in Essex. On that occasion his lordship, as Provincial Grand Master, will invest some brethren of the Province with the much coveted purple—"our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales," with the concurrence of Grand Lodge, having sanctioned the bestowal of Past Provincial Grand rank upon a certain number of brethren in each Province in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. On the same day Bro. Wilson Metcalf, the W.M. of the Lodge of Friendship, will be placed in the chair of King Solomon, and in the evening he will be called upon to preside over the large and representative muster of Masons which the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, the exceptional object of that distinguished Officer's visit, and the annual banquet of the Lodge Good Fellowship are certain to bring together.—*Essex Weekly News.*

We extract the following from the Kimberley *Diamond Fields Advertiser*:—

While touching on the subject of the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, we are reminded, from a *facsimile* of the warrant of 'Tranquility,' 185, now before us, that the present is the Centenary year of this Lodge, and we sympathise with the regret expressed by Bro. John Constable that he is unable to be present in London for the Centenary Celebration of his parent Lodge. We know from Bro. Constable's History of this Lodge that he had set his heart on the coming event. He, however, has the satisfaction of knowing that his labours will reap their reward, from the fact that he has proved the uninterrupted existence of the Lodge since its foundation in 1787, relieving his brethren at Home of any difficulty in obtaining their Centenary Warrant. The volume in question is not only a striking monument of patient research, often undertaken under the most difficult circumstances, but is a most valuable memorial of Masonic history, containing as it does a complete history of "Tranquility" from the year 1787, up till 1871. It is to be hoped that some member of the Lodge with the necessary taste, talent, and capability, will continue the good work thus begun by Bro. Constable, and bring up the interesting narrative from 1871 up to the year of the Lodge's Centenary.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—Six years back Bartley Campbell produced his Russian play "Siberia." We are not aware that it then proved successful; we should think not. Why, therefore, Miss Hawthorne should have decided to produce it in London for the Christmas holidays we can hardly conceive, for we are sorely afraid it will not prove remunerative. That "Siberia" has some good situations we cannot deny; but these are more than lost sight of by the quantity of poor material that bristles throughout. For instance, there is not a good point in the second act; many of the situations begin absurdly and with improbable incidents. Then, when the prisoners are leaving for Siberia, there is some conversation that is both out of place and unnecessary. The story treats of the persecution of the Jews in Russia, and their sufferings are vividly depicted in the earlier portions of the play. Next we have the attempted murder of a governor by a Jewish girl, followed by the departure of the prisoners to Siberia. In a well staged and picturesque scene is shown how a revolt in the mines is brought about, with result that all the principals manage to escape to Odessa, where they would have again been taken if the Governor-General had not intervened. These situations are exciting, but they are unsavory. Very little could be done by the artistes with their parts. Mr. J. H. Barnes was enthusiastic as the leader of the revolt. Mr. W. L. Abingdon was hardly cunning enough as the General, but Mr. Harry Parker and Miss Cicely Richards worked hard and successfully with the comic parts. Mr. Forbes Dawson was seen to advantage, while Mr. Bassett Roe displayed a most brutal taskmaster. Miss Grace Hawthorne was sufficiently powerful as the Jewish girl, while Miss Mary Rorke was a most affectionate sister. Other parts, too numerous to mention, were fairly well handled. The audience, which displayed an enthusiastical turn of mind, pronounced the piece an unqualified success. Still we are afraid this will not be endorsed by the general body of playgoers. This afternoon, (Saturday) a series of matinées of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be started.

St. James's.—The representation of "Lady Clancarty" is the first revival of the final season of Messrs. Hare and Kendal at this theatre. It is to be regretted that such a happy and, we hope, successful partnership is to be dissolved. The caste for the present revival is almost the same as that of last season. Mrs. Kendal's portrayal of Lady Clancarty contains some artistic points which have been touched up by experience. Mr. Kendal has greatly improved on his first rendering of Lord Clancarty. His Irish accent is now perfect, while the scenes with his wife are well conceived. Mr. Mackintosh is capital as the King, but Mr. R. Cathcart and Mr. Webster are too stiff, as the Earl of Portland and Lord Woodstock. Mr. Lewis Waller is allotted the small part of Sir George Barclay, while Miss Blanche Horlock makes a most effective Lady Betty Noel. Several interesting revivals are promised for future dates.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. R. Grey P.G.D. presided, and Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. were in their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, Lee, Dodd, Spaull, Dairy, Britten, Garrod, Brown, Woodman, M.D., Stewart, Perryman, Taylor, Woodward, Mead, Hopekirk, Farnfield, Cull, Croydon, Oliver, Free, Surtees, Silvester, Guyer, Paul, Rowe, White, Langley, Massey, Berry, Gladwell, Grieve, Wood, Kauffman, Rawle, Roberts, Corbett, Deane, Fehrenbach, Wingfield, Adams, Bird, Alcock, Fromholz, Braine, La Feuillade, Liversedge, Bertram, Forscutt, Stopher, Procli, Castell, Bellerby, Coop, Sweed, Kempton, Sadler, &c. The Board first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £305, made at the November meeting. There were fifty-six new cases on the list. Four of these were deferred, being incomplete, and two were dismissed. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £1172. There were two recommendations to Grand Lodge for £100, four for £50; four recommendations to the Grand Master for £40, and five for £30; thirteen grants were made of £20, three of £15, thirteen of £10, five of £5, and one of £2.

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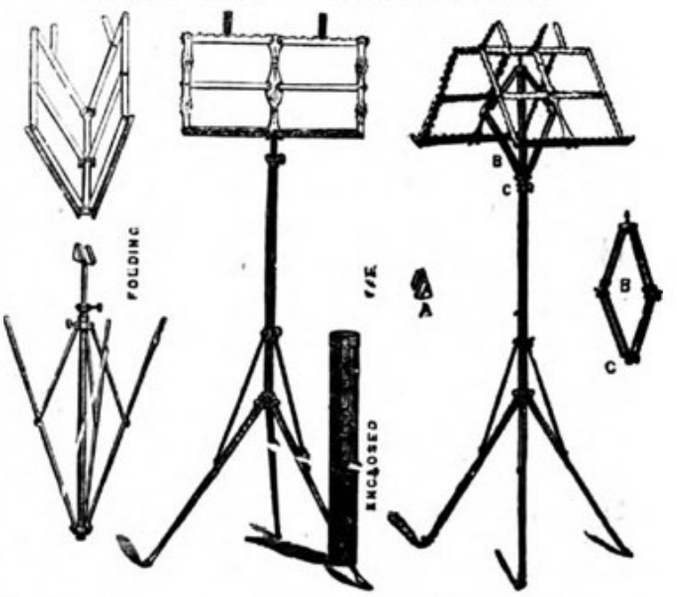

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It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,000.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 158.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th inst., when Bro. R. Selmon S.W. was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was ably performed by Bros. N. Radmore, the retiring W.M., B. Johns P.M., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., H. Trethewy P.M., and H. Mortimore P.M. At the close of the Board of Installed Masters, the W.M. invested the following Brethren as his Officers:—Bros. N. Radmore I.P.M., C. Marshall S.W., F. J. Price J.W., H. Mortimore P.M. Treasurer, H. Trethewy P.M. Secretary, T. Stoner S.D., J. E. Davis J.D., S. Jew P.M. Chaplain, H. Roberts I.G., F. Webber D.C., W. S. Luscombe A.D.C., C. Wingate Organist, W. Smith, A. W. Merrifield, R. Eden, J. Endicott Stewards, and J. Bulteel P.M. Tyler. It was unanimously resolved to make a presentation to the retiring W.M., Bro. N. Radmore, as a token of his Masonic zeal and ability. The Brethren adjourned to the refectory, and a pleasant evening was spent, Bros. H. J. Barter and Herbert singing capital songs. The annual banquet will be held on the 5th January, at Bro. Routley's, Farley Hotel.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 225.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The installation was very ably performed by Bro. J. Napier P.M. The Officers for the year were invested by the newly-installed W.M., as under:—Bros. S. J. Morley S.W., George Abbott P.P.G.S.B. J.W., J. Talbot P.P.G.S.B. Treas., A. Barber P.P.G.S.B. Sec., G. P. Price S.D., the Rev. S. Maude P.P.G.C. J.D. and Chaplain, A. W. Cook P.G.S. D.C., W. J. Whitehead I.G., W. Leathers and T. Turner Stewards, G. Gould Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid dinner was served by Bro. T. Hardwick, of the Queen Street Restaurant. The W.M., Bro. E. S. Scrivener, presided, supported by Bros. Noble, Napier, Fraser, and Buckham. The Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Past and Present Grand Officers were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured. The W.M. next proposed the Right Hon. Lord Henniker P.G.M., the V.W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. England D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past, with which he coupled the names of Bro. E. Buckham P.P.G.S. of W., and Brother Pettit P.P.G.A.D.C. Bro. Buckham, in response expressed the hope that Bro. Scrivener would have a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Pettit also responded. The W.M., in proposing the Installing Master, said the Brethren must have been much impressed with the splendid manner in which Bro. Napier performed the installation ceremony. Bro. Napier suitably responded. Bro. J. Talbot, in proposing the Worshipful Master, said he thought the Lodge had very excellent choice, and he was convinced that at the end of the year Bro. Scrivener would have earned the approbation of every member of the Lodge. The W.M., in response, expressed the hope that with the support of his Officers he should be able to discharge the duties devolving upon him as Master of the Lodge in a satisfactory manner. The W.M. next proposed the Immediate Past Master, and complimented Bro. Noble on the admirable manner in which he

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had filled the chair during the past year. Bro. Noble, in response thanked the Brethren for the manner in which they had supported him during his year of office. Bro. George Abbott proposed the Masonic Charities, and coupled with the toast the name of J. B. Fraser. Bro. J. B. Fraser, in response, said the Mason who failed to regard the support of the Masonic Charities as the first and greatest duty of Freemasonry, did not realise to the full his position as a member of the Craft. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, for whom Bros. J. Hunt, F. A. Bales, G. T. Pick, Fred. C. Atkinson, C. A. Cornish and G. Scott responded. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters, for whom Bros. Talbot and Napier responded. The W.M. proposed the other Officers of the Lodge, for whom Bros. Morley, Abbott, Cook, Lenthers and Turner responded. The Tyler's toast was proposed by Bro. George Gould. During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. Talbot, Pick, Abbott, Hunt, Brook, Barwell, and Leggett. Recitations were given by Brothers Fraser and Whitehead. Bro. Barwell officiated as accompanyist.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 852.

THE following communication from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been received by the W.M., Bro. Walter Lee, in acknowledging receipt of an illuminated copy of minute passed at a meeting of the Lodge in reference to the graceful recognition paid by the Prince on his visit to Salford, on which occasion it pleased His Royal Highness to stop his carriage and view the decorations prepared by the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Zetland Lodge, No. 852, at the Masonic Hall, the Crescent, Salford:—

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"SIR,—Sir Francis Knollys has been desired by the Prince of Wales to convey to the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and Brethren of the Zetland Lodge, No. 852, the expression of his warmest and fraternal thanks for an illuminated copy of a minute which his Royal Highness has had the pleasure of receiving from that body.

"14th December 1887."

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 1042.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 15th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, in the presence of a good muster of brethren. Bro. W. J. Flockton W.M. was supported by his Officers, and amongst others present were Bros. H. Smith P.G. Deacon England, C. L. Mason P.M. P.P. Grand Treasurer, R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Tyers P.P.G.S.B., Freeman P.P.G.D., T. Trevor W.M. 2069, Harris P.M., Youings P.M., Jacques P.M., Harris P.M. All the Leeds Lodges were represented, and the muster was both large and representative. The D.P.G.M. having been accorded the salutation due to his exalted rank, addressed the brethren, as follows:—I desire to acknowledge the salutations accorded me this evening. It has afforded me much pleasure to accept the invitation of your Worshipful Master to be here on this most interesting occasion. I trust that the prosperity which has characterised your proceedings during past years may be continued in the future, and that by the judicious selection of candidates you may still further increase the excellent position you have attained in the Province. You have used very great discretion hitherto, and I trust that Prosperity, Love, Relief and Truth may long be the motto happily fulfilled in your Lodge. I have reason to believe that your prosperity is insured, a fact which is due to the admirable selection of W.M.'s who have occupied the chair of K.S. It is very gratifying to the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Tew) and myself to witness the cordiality and good feeling which exists amongst the Lodges in Leeds. This is a sort of feeling which I am happy to say prevails not only in this Province, but throughout England. I feel sure that I shall have opportunity of seeing the beautiful ceremony admirably performed. The W.M., assisted by Bro. Thompson P.M., then installed Bro. Carter in a thoroughly impressive manner. Bro. Carter then distributed the collars, as follow:—Bros. Flockton I.P.M., H. Cowbrough sen. S.W., X. Moyer J.W., G. Tyers Secretary, H. Cowbrough jun. Treasurer, T. Thorp S.D., D. Sutton J.D., J. Blackburn I.G., Thompson P.M. D.C., Mayo and Smith Stewards, Barrand Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the Festival of St. John was celebrated with great eclat, and one of the most successful gatherings in the annals of the Lodge was brought to a conclusion amid every feeling of brotherly love and Masonic sentiment.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. R. Drysdale W.M., who was supported by a large gathering of Officers, Members and Visitors. Among the former were Bros. F. Matthews S.W., J. Cox J.W., W. H. Brand (P.M. 1524) Treasurer, C. F. Barham P.M. Secretary, H. J. Thrower S.D., L. A. Harrison J.D., J. W. Griffiths D.C., W. Beasley I.G., and H. J. Scott Steward. The other Past Masters present were Bros. A. A. Clement, L. Stean, G. T. Barr, E. Benjamin, J. Funston, and J. A. Jones, while among the Visitors were Bros. S. Jacobs P.M. 1327, J. A. Robson P.M. 1415, T. Clarke P.M. 1178, W. H. Pennington 78, W. J. Knight 860, F. Horner P.M. 31, R. B. Todd S.W. 27, M. Trenbern 1728, F. Richardson 860, J. Smith P.M. 193, C. Gooding 1329, F. R. Bowen 65, J. Davis 185, F. M. Wenborn 813, J. T. Akerman 65, J. Franklin 10, R. W. Penney P.M. 1693, S. Smither J.W. 193, W. W. Lee 1897, C. Elliidge 1524, &c. After the usual opening ceremony the Lodge was advanced. Bro. Louis Stean assumed the chair, and Bro. Frank Matthews, W.M. elect, was presented for installation; having been installed and saluted, he appointed his Officers: Bros. Cox S.W., Thrower J.W., Brand Treasurer, Barham Secretary, Harrison S.D., Beasley J.D., Griffiths I.G., G. J. Levy Organist, Scott D.C., S. Batcheler, and W. Shurmur Stewards, J. Very Tyler. The other business transacted in Lodge was the election and initiation of Mr. Sydney Charles Kaufman, the raising of Bro. Ungar, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee. Previous to the closing a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Drysdale, the retiring W.M., who suitably acknowledged the presentation. After Lodge the Brethren sat down to banquet together, and at its conclusion the customary toasts were honoured. The usual preliminary ones having been disposed of, the I.P.M. submitted the health of the Worshipful Master. The duty which devolved upon him to submit this toast was a very pleasing one to fulfil. He was sure that all who were present that evening, and had heard the way in which Bro. Matthews had performed the duties of the Lodge, would think with him that they had a very good Master in the chair. He had listened to Bro. Matthews with delight, and felt regret during his year of office he had not been able to undertake the duties of the office in the same way as his successor had that night performed them. If the Worshipful Master continued in the same path as that in which he had started he would prove himself a most efficient ruler. His toast was heartily received, and the Worshipful Master tendered his thanks. He felt somewhat diffident in responding, as the very kind remarks of the Immediate Past Master had somewhat taken him out of his reckoning. He wished to again assure the brethren, as he had done in Lodge, that it was through no fault of Bro. Drysdale's that he had not undertaken all the duties of the chair during the past year. Personally, he said, it would be his endeavour to save the Lodge from reckless disregard of the state of the exchequer, the question of expenditure being a point to which he should pay particular attention. He next submitted the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Louis Stean, a toast which deserved more lustre than he could give to it. The members had that night been shown the benefit of having an efficient body of Past Masters. The brother who was to have performed the ceremony of installation was taken suddenly ill, and had to return, home while another, who intended acting as D.C. was also indisposed, and was obliged to relinquish his position. Bro. Stean had at once come forward, and performed the duties of Installing Officer, and had done so with great credit to himself. The members were indebted to the Past Masters generally for a good deal of work, and he hoped they would long continue to render their efficient services. The Installing Master that day was the oldest member, and father of the Lodge, and years back had initiated him (the present W.M.) as one of its first members. The toast having been drunk Bro. Stean acknowledged it, thanking the Worshipful Master and brethren for the compliment they had paid him. He assured them that an hour before he had entered the Lodge he had not the slightest idea he should be called upon to perform the ceremony of installation. He had had no practice for some time, and therefore felt that some apology was due to those present for the imperfect way in which he had carried out the work he had undertaken. His best excuse for any shortcomings was that, being in his 80th year, and in the 56th of his Masonic career, he could hardly do what he was capable of some thirty or forty years ago. He regarded Masonry as his religion. There certainly was not more in any religious code than was to be found in Masonry, which enjoined duty to God and man, combined with the principles of charity. Seeing those great and good principles combined, he thought he could not do better than give up everything else, and he was proud at having done so. The Masonic Charities and Institutions were a credit to the subscribers, while the recipients were made as happy as was possible this side of the grave. He could hardly hope to be with them many more years, but while he was spared and could render them any service they would not find him wanting. He regarded the St. Leonard Lodge as one of his last children, he being one of the founders, and its first Master; he was thankful to see it prospering as it had done. Small as the Lodge was, and short as the time had been since its formation, he felt it had done sufficient to entitle it to foremost rank in the Craft. He hoped it would continue its usefulness. He felt there was no doubt that when he was gone another would be found within it to fill his place, and evince even greater interest in its welfare. The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of the Past Masters, again referring to the assistance they had that day rendered to the Lodge and to their general desire to promote its interests. Bro. Barr was called upon to reply, and in doing so felt he might say the Past Masters had done something for the Lodge in years gone by. That night they were all present, with the exception of Bro. Walker, whose ill-health prevented his attendance. He was quite prepared to endorse the remark of Bro. Stean, that Masonry was a religion in itself. It was not too exacting, for it only asked its members to do as much as they were able to do. If they could only get every one to become a Mason—to act up to the teachings of Freemasonry—then it would be possible to say that the millennium had arrived. There must be something good in Freemasonry, apparent to even the worst classes, or there would be no Masonic impostors, for rest assured no impostor would ever espouse a bad cause. He trusted all present would do their best on behalf of the Charities, which were available for all if they unfortunately needed help. Even if they never needed assistance they would have the satisfaction of knowing they had done their best on behalf of those who did, and who perhaps in years gone by had done their utmost to relieve the wants of others. The health of the initiate was given and duly acknowledged, Bro. Kaufman hoping he might serve his apprenticeship with honour to himself, and in such a way as to merit promotion. The toast of the Charities was given, followed by that of the Visitors, to the latter of which Bro. Clarke replied. The Treasurer and Secretary and the Officers were also honoured, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the regular way. The harmony of the evening was well sustained; some recitations by Bro. Pennington (including the Charge of the Light Brigade) elicited hearty applause, as also did the efforts of Mr. Gold, who capitally rendered a song and an amusing sketch.

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EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Hobart Street, Stonehouse, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., to instal Bro. W. H. Williams S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bros. Thomas Geach, retiring W.M., S. Jew P.M. 105 1847, &c. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Geach I.P.M., Griffin S.W., Masters J.W., Jew P.M. as Chap., Nicholson P.M. Treasurer, Lose P.M. Secretary, Harding S.D., Rooke J.D., Street I.G., Merrifield Organist, Harvey D.C., Firkins A.D.C., Roberts and Dawe Stewards, Bartlett Tyler. It was unanimously resolved to present Bro. Thos. Geach I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, value £5 5s, in testimony of his Masonic zeal and ability. The annual dinner was fixed for 11th January, at Bro. Routley's, Farley Hotel. At the close of the Lodge the Brethren sat down to the social gathering. A most pleasant evening was spent. A small string band, under Bros. Elford and Miller, played some good music, and Bro. Elford gave two cornet solos, with his usual ability.

STANFORD LODGE, No. 1974.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Hove. The W.M. Bro. L. R. Styer presided. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, including many Prov. Grand Officers. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. J. Eberall P.P.G.P. and P.M. of the Royal York and St. Cecilia Lodges as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively carried out by the retiring W.M., Bro. L. R. Styrer, addresses to the brethren and the Wardens being given by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Gerard Ford. The W.M. then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. L. R. Styer I.P.M., Charles Nye P.M. 732 S.W., E. S. Medcalf J.W., J. W. Stride P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, H. Endacott Secretary, J. H. Glassington S.D., T. Bullen J.D., A. Du Pont D.C., J. J. Clarke I.G., E. H. Hughes and A. Lemette Stewards, H. H. Hughes Tyler. The retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of his services as W.M. during the past year. The Lodge having been formally closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western-road, Brighton, whose catering gave every satisfaction. The newly-elected W.M., Bro. J. Eberall, presided. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and interspersed with pleasing songs, given by several of the brethren.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 2030.

THE brethren of this Lodge assembled on Monday, 19th instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. William Sugg P.P.G.D. of Works Surrey, and Bros. H. R. Baker and James Gibson P.M. 1604 respectively occupied the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs. The other Officers present included W. H. Baker P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Shand P.M. Secretary, Goffin S.D., H. M. Dunstan J.D., C. C. Piper I.G., G. R. Welby Wheeler D.C., Francis J. Smith A.D.C., H. Hambling W.S., and W. Walkley P.M. Tyler. The lay members present included Bros. J. E. Smith, J. E. Salway, F. Barker, C. Sweeting, T. Mussell, F. Charles, Cecil Morgan, Frank Morgan, Hayler, John Kent and Humphreys (Knightsbridge), R. Wake, Rintoul, T. Cocks, Holder, Bartlett, &c. Bro. Past Master Burdett-Coutts, M.P., the first Master, S.G.D. of England, the Rev. R. J. Simpson Past Grand Chaplain, with Bro. John Sampson Peirce, represented Grand Lodge, and a numerous list of Visitors—always a feature of The Abbey meetings—included Bros. the Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson (Past Grand Chaplain Cambridge, and W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge), the Rev. John H. Rose, Cantle P.M., E. J. D. Bromley, G. E. Saunders (Junior Warden of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257), Charles W. Hastings, Power, W. S. Potts, G. Livingstone, M. Bristow, J. Watkins, W. L. Seaman, W. Jones, R. Parkes, T. H. Hobbs, B. Brett, and E. St. Clair, the accomplished Master of the La France Lodge. The ballot was taken for electing Brother Spink (P.M. 176) honorary member, but was negatived. After the Lodge business, which included the initiation of Messrs. Fredk. W. Smith and William Yapp, the brethren dined together, the Worshipful Master being supported by Past Masters Burdett-Coutts, M.P., and Seager Hunt, M.P., and the distinguished visitors from Grand Lodge. The toasts of the "Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master," and the other "Rulers of the Craft" were received with customary enthusiasm. On behalf of the Grand Officers Present and Past, Bro. John Sampson Peirce P.G.D., Past Master of the Britannic Lodge, responded. In the course of his reply, Bro. Peirce said that it was now about a quarter of a century ago since he had the pleasure of initiating the present distinguished W.M. of The Abbey Lodge, Bro. Sugg, into Freemasonry. Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., who also responded, said he with pleasure availed himself of the opportunities to meet the brethren of The Abbey Lodge, whom he trusted would be drawn closer and closer in the bonds of affection and confraternity. He wished all present a most happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. F. Seager-Hunt, M.P., proposed the health of the "Worshipful Master," referring to his distinguished career in Masonry, and to the excellence of his work in the Lodge. He was sure that the work could not be better performed by any Master. One more conversant with the ritual of Freemasonry than Bro. Sugg it would be difficult to find, and it was certain that during his year of office The Abbey Lodge would gain additional lustre. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. Bro. Sugg, in reply, said that it did not often fall to the lot of a Worshipful Master to hear himself spoken of in such flattering terms. He did not think he deserved all the encomiums which had been passed, but he was sure that the Brethren would believe him when he said that everything he did was done for the benefit of the Lodge. Though to some, perhaps, he might appear a little arbitrary in teh discharge of his duties, he worked with an honest purpose, and he asked them to receive his advice and direction with this conviction. At the last meeting of the Lodge their Immediate Past Master through a family bereavement, was not present with them. Now Bro. Hunt was with them again it afforded him much pleasure to pin on his breast the Past Master's jewel of The Abbey Lodge. Bro. Past Master Seager-Hunt, who was greeted with great applause, said he knew very well that his achievements in the Lodge would not have gained for him the proud distinction that night conferred. Circumstances, which he need not then enter into, were against him during his year of office. But the very fact that he was unable to give that attention to the duties of the chair which he ought to have done enhanced the value of the gift which he had received at the hands of their Master. It would always be regarded by him as an evidence of the great affection and kindly disposition of the Brethren of The Abbey Lodge. The Initiates, Bros. Frederick William Smith and William Yapp, responded in felicitous terms to the toast of their health, and the Worshipful Master then gave the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bro. St. Clair, the Worshipful Master of the La France Lodge, and Bros. the Revs. F. Foakes Jackson and John H. Rose, who severally returned thanks. The W.M. said he was quite sure that very few words were necessary to recommend the toast of the Past Masters of the Abbey Lodge, and he should couple with it the names of Bros. Burdett-Coutts and W. H. Baker. Bro. Burdett-Coutts, who was loudly cheered, said the principle, "whatever was worth doing was worth doing well," applied especially in Freemasonry, for the work was inspiriting and beautiful. The great success of The Abbey Lodge was due in no small degree to their perfect working, and it seemed the object of each successive Master to emulate the work of his predecessor. Bro. W. H. Baker said, as their Treasurer he took the opportunity of saying that the Lodge was financially in a sound condition. They had money in hand to meet nearly all their liabilities, and outstanding assets which would leave them with a good balance. Every Lodge had to pass through some vicissitudes, but he hoped the day was far distant when anything would occur to mar the prosperity of The Abbey Lodge of Westminster. Bro. Past Master Shand, who as Secretary responded to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, said he considered that he ought to be *au fait* with his duties, as being Secretary of another Lodge (The City of Westminster), which met four times a year, he had to repeat his duties no less than eight times annually, and the work of such a large Lodge as The Abbey was no light task. His business, like the Treasurer's, was to a great extent a matter of figures, and he was happy that night to corroborate Bro. Baker's announcement of the soundness of their financial position. So long as the Brethren appreciated his services, so long he would give them with all his heart, but if they thought they could do better, he was ready to accept their command of "right about turn." The toast of the Officers was briefly responded to by the Wardens and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion at a rather earlier hour than usual. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs given by Bros. Cantle, Newton, and Bartlett, the last-mentioned also very ably presided at the pianoforte. The dinner was served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport. There was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. John James Meadley W.M. elect was installed. Bros. R. Cawsey P.P.G.D., R. Pike P.P.G.O., J. T. Border, R. W. Pitcher, E. H. Littleton 230, were Installing Officers, supported by Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.Chap., S. Jew P.P.G.T., J. F. Burns P.P.G.Supt.Wks., T. Heath P.P.G.Reg. Cornwall, D. Cross P.P.G.T., and twenty other Past Masters. The Worshipful Master invested the following Officers:—W. S. Rattenbury I.P.M., F. Orchard S.W., A. Maddock J.W., C. H. Dyer Chaplain, J. Lynn P.D.G.S.B. Treasurer, R. Cawsey Secretary, W. H. Burt S.D., R. Lamb J.D., R. R. H. Penberthy Dir. of Cers., W. Bosworthick Assist. Dir. of Cers., R. Pike Organist, W. V. Harris I.G., W. J. Potter, S. M. Lewis, G. F. Bromley, M. Durban Stewards, Samuel Harvey Tyler. Bro. R. Cawsey was re-elected the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions. E. H. Littleton was elected the Charity Steward. It was resolved to hold the annual banquet of the Lodge with the lady friends of brethren invited, as usual with this Lodge for several years years past.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 734.

THE installation of Bro. F. W. Wardell as W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Avenue, Bridlington, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. F. Creaser P.M. The W.M. afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. E. Mainprize S.W., J. Rennard J.W., J. Sherwood Treasurer, F. J. Timmins Secretary, H. C. Clark S.D., J. W. Moore J.D., W. Milner P.M. D.C., C. Gray P.M. Almoner, G. Moody Steward, D. Craig I.G., and R. Severs Tyler. The banquet was afterwards held at the Black Lion Hotel.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered his Masonic lecture, for the fiftieth time, to the members of the above Lodge of Instruction, meeting on Monday, the 19th inst., at Bro. Webb's, Railway Hotel, Putney. There was a tolerable attendance of members and visitors, and there would have been a still larger gathering, but for the inclemency of the weather. Bro. Stevens' excellent address occupied two hours in delivery, and was listened to from first to last with most earnest attention. At its close a unanimous vote of thanks was given to the lecturer, who had been, on a previous occasion, elected an honorary member, and shortly afterwards arrangements were made for another lecture visit at no distant date.

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THE SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much pleased with your article on the Silver Wedding question, and the report of last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, regretting my inability to attend and take part in the proceedings. Yielding to none in my loyalty to our Grand Master and his beloved Consort, I should yet have been disposed to move an amendment. It is so easy to be enthusiastically generous and charitable in voting money that does not touch our own pockets. Now, I should like to suggest, through you, to Grand Lodge and the Craft generally, that it would be more graceful and more acceptable to the Royal couple, if the 2000 Lodges subscribed each 10s, which, at a very low estimate of 20 members each, would be sixpence per member, raise a much larger sum and be a real silver offering, and leave the funds of Grand Lodge for the purposes they are intended for.

Most Secretaries of Lodges are enthusiastic Masons, and would, I feel sure, gladly undertake the collection. Most Lodges are now meeting, and offer the opportunity.

I would limit the amount to sixpence per member. If you think well of the proposal, kindly insert this in your paper, and oblige,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK T. C. KEEBLE, P.M. 1426.

Inverness, N.B.
19th December 1887.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am desirous of correcting an impression which prevails amongst some brethren that Bro. A. Barfield, whom I had the honour to nominate for the office of Grand Treasurer, is a Provincial man. This is a misconception. The brethren who requested me to nominate him are all members of London Lodges, and it is from their long acquaintance with Bro. Barfield as a London brother, and their knowledge that nearly, if not all, the services he has rendered to the Masonic Charities have been in connection with London Lodges only, that they have put him forward for the office of Grand Treasurer. It is true Bro. Barfield was initiated in the Medina Lodge, West Cowes, but he was only for a very short time a subscribing member. Within the last seven years he resumed his connection with that Lodge, having taken a residence in the neighbourhood of Fareham. In the Province of Hampshire Bro. Barfield has worked with the same energy as in London, and his services have been recognised by having Provincial Grand honours conferred on him. Doubtless he will receive much support from that Province, but we trust, as a London brother, to secure for him success at the forthcoming election.

Yours faithfuly and fraternally,

GEO. READ P.M. 511, 1767, &c

"WORK" IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Neither PUTNEY nor BARNES have, I think, hit the right nail on the head in the matter of working other than degree ceremonial in our Lodges of Instruction. I'll tell you why I think so.

There has been of late years too great a rush for rapid advancement from initiation to Mastership, without the necessary qualification of a thorough preliminary understanding of the entire Masonic system. The desire for rapid promotion has been also most unduly fostered in many Lodges without consideration of that merit, as well in the practice of Masonic virtues as in the theoretical acquirement of ritual, which alone justifies promotion. It has been too readily taken for granted that ability to repeat the mere wording of the ritual, unaccompanied though such ability may be by any understanding of the sense, is all sufficient for Mastership of a Lodge; and that any further knowledge of sectional explanations and lectures is mere surplusage.

Consequently, for the most part, the members of Instruction Lodges, the majority of whom are, in most cases, those who have yet to make progress to the chair of K.S., care more for the iteration and re-iteration, night after night, of that portion of Masonic work which may enable them to display, though but superficially, their acquaintance with the mere form and verbiage of degree working. As to any care for searching below the surface for the hidden meanings of all they say and do, there are but very few who think it necessary. Hence they resist to the utmost of their power the introduction of any deviation from their accustomed mode of receiving what they consider to be Masonic Instruction, but which is in reality only the test of the quality of their ability to receive, retain, and repeat a certain formula of words, without knowledge of their corresponding meaning.

I don't think any "select few," referred to by PUTNEY, or any considerable number of the Preceptors to whom BARNES alludes, are to be looked upon as the real obstructionists; but rather those majorities in our Lodges of Instruction who will insist upon an unchangeable order of "work" which is just sufficient, and no more than sufficient, to prepare them for the perfunctory discharge of the duties of any particular office or offices they may be appointed to in their regular Lodges. Beyond that preparedness they do not appear to care to go, and the result is that the highest position in the Lodge is often passed without that enlightenment which is so essential to the practice of true Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

A FOSSIL.

We have much pleasure in reproducing the following letter from a recent number of the *Schoolmaster*.

WINTONIANS.

SIR,—Will you allow me, through the medium of your columns, to ask all those Wintonians who are members of any Lodge to please communicate at once with Mr. H. Maidment, 22 Loughborough-road, Brixton, S.W.; or Mr. H. D. Aslett, Marlesford Lodge, 253 King-street, Hammersmith, W.; or with the undersigned,

THOS. PISKETT.

174 Albany-road, Camberwell, S.E.

MARK MASONRY.

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St. JOHN'S LODGE (T.I.)

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bolton, when there were present Bros. E. G. Harwood Prov. G. Reg. W.M., John Partington P.M. P.P.S.G.D., W. Wadeson W.M. elect, Nathl. Nicholson J.W., W. Court M.O., Robt. Phillips Conductor, Thomas Naylor Reg., William Cooper P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, Robert Jones J.D., Thos. Nightingale I.G., W. H. Brown Steward, Thos. Higson, Thos. Murphy, Henry Critchley, John Kenyon P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Murray J.D., John Hardcastle, John F. Skelton, William Greenwood, F. W. Brockbank, Charles Holgate, John Harwood P.P.S.G.D., G. E. Greenhalgh, T. H. Heyes, J. Hibbert, F. M. Millner, George Stirling, J. Whitaker, J. Horrocks P.P.G.S.B., and John Booth. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for seven brethren; this being unanimous and all being present, they were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by Bro. John Partington P.P.S.G.D., who also delivered the traditional lecture. The Treasurer's accounts were produced, and on report of the Auditors, received and adopted. Bro. Wm. Wadeson, who was elected W.M. at the last regular meeting, was duly installed into office by Bro. J. D. Murray, and proceeded to appoint the following Officers, who were suitably addressed by Bro. J. Kenyon P.P.G.D.:—Bros. Harwood P.G.R. I.P.M., Nicholson S.W., Court J.W., Barrett M.O., Forrester S.O., Phillips J.O., T. Naylor Registrar, Brockbank Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, Eckersley Conductor, Jones S.D., Nightingale J.D., Alcock D.C., Harwood A.D.C., Johnson Organist, Hawksworth I.G., Brown and Booth Stewards, and Higson Tyler. Brother E. G. Harwood having been appointed to the office of Prov. Grand Registrar at the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, was congratulated by the brethren, and the fact of his promotion was entered upon the minutes of the proceedings. Brother Brockbank Treasurer (who was absent through illness) reported, by letter to the brethren, as to his action, along with the Master, Wardens, and others, in obtaining a grant from the Mark Benevolent Fund for a Brother now resident in London, who twenty years ago was a member of that Lodge. The brethren were much gratified at the liberal spirit evinced by the Board, and Bros. Harwood and Kenyon announced that they would serve as Stewards at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. The Lodge was then closed.

WILTSHIRE KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 178.

THE Installation Meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Wednesday, the 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. F. S. Hancock, being unable, through illness, to be present, his place was taken by Bro. William Nott P.M., who after advancing a candidate (Brother W. J. Mann) to the degree, duly installed Bro. Thomas C. Hopkins as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. subsequently appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—W. H. Bush S.W., H. J. Johnson J.W., A. J. Beaven M.O., A. F. Brereton S.O., J. A. Randell P.M. J.O., Rev. W. Humphrys Chaplain, W. Nott P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Baldwin Registrar, H. I. Ward P.M. Secretary, J. Pocock S.D., W. S. Bambridge J.D., H. Howse P.M. D.C., J. H. Foley I.G., F. Sloper and E. J. Biggs Stewards, C. R. Barnes Tyler. An announcement that H.R.H. the Grand M.M. had included Bro. W. Nott, P.M. of this Lodge, in the list of Jubilee honours, and conferred upon him the rank of P.G.J. Deacon, was received with applause.

DEATH.

WOODFORD.—On Friday morning, the 23rd inst., at 6 Liston Road, Grafton Square, Clapham, the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, Past Grand Chaplain, aged 67.

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Obituary.

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BRO. THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

At the time of going to press the sad tidings reach us of the death of this talented brother, who "passed away" this morning, at 3 a.m. at his residence, 6 Liston Road, Grafton Square, Clapham, S.W.

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BRO. HENRY JAMES AMPHLETT.

It is with deep regret we this week announce the death of Bro. Henry James Amphlett, who died on Sunday, the 18th instant, at his residence, 38 Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C. Bro. Amphlett was initiated into Freemasonry on the 26th December 1874, at the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, Yorkshire. He was raised in March 1875, and in November of the same year was advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason, at the Minerva Lodge, No. 12, Hull. Bro. Amphlett was well known in literary circles, and his career as a journalist was of an exceptionally brilliant character. At the age of twenty-four he was appointed to the important position of Editor of the *Dorset County Chronicle*. A few years later he became co-proprietor, with Mr. J. Holmes, of the *Hull Packet and East Riding Times*, and the *Hull and Lincolnshire Times*. In 1876, he became the sole proprietor of these leading Yorkshire journals, but in the following year he formed the business into a limited liability company. About this time Bro. Amphlett's wife died, and he left Hull in consequence. For the past ten years he has been more immediately associated with the London press, and during that time has held some important positions in the literary world. He was well known as a Masonic litterateur, and, almost since its establishment, has been a contributor to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and has rendered us goodly service on many occasions. He may be said to have died almost in harness. On Monday, the 28th November, he was with us at Putney; on the following Wednesday he was seized with a fit while working absolutely at our side. Restoratives were immediately provided, and our brother was, a few hours afterwards, assisted to his home. A day or so later, the illness took a serious turn, and notwithstanding all that could be done by medical skill it terminated fatally. His loss will be deeply felt by his relations and numerous friends, among whom he was esteemed and respected as one ever ready to assist—both as a worker and from his purse—those who claimed his help. The remains of our deceased brother were interred at Woking Cemetery, Brookwood, on Thursday.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Earl Amherst, has been pleased to confer the honours of Past Provincial Grand rank, authorised by Grand Lodge in consideration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, on the following brethren of his Province:—

Bro. George Adamson	Grand Senior Warden
William Russell	Ditto
Charles Holtum	Ditto
William Mate	Ditto
Major Harpur	Grand Junior Warden
Henry Stock	Ditto
Alfred Wootton	Ditto
Captain Wm. John Blakey	Ditto
Edmund Coste	Grand Registrar
Joseph Henry Jewell	Ditto
Noah Martin	Grand Senior Deacon
Alexander Spears	Ditto
Capt. Wm. A. Weston	Ditto
John Amos Bates	Ditto

The appointments were made at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, held at Maidstone, on the 19th instant.

A USEFUL PRESENT.—At the close of the Liverpool Exhibition Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the refreshment contractors, presented the crockery, which had been in use during its continuance, to the various hospitals, industrial schools, and charitable institutions in the City and neighbourhood. Upwards of ten thousand pieces of crockery were thus presented, and the Recorder of Liverpool, Mr. Clarke Aspinall, kindly arranged and presided over the distribution.

QUALIFICATIONS.

A VERY bright Brother of our Craft, who hails from Brooklyn, gives us this expression of his sentiments regarding the question, "Should a Master of a Lodge be well up in the traditions of Masonry?"

"I have read carefully the proof sent me and heartily endorse the sentiment contained therein. I do not believe that the Master of a Lodge must necessarily be a delver into ancient history or a lover of antiquities, nor that such knowledge makes a *good* Mason. Let him live up to the principles of our Institution, practise the commendable virtues our ritual inculcates, be true and faithful to the obligations he assumes by virtue of his profession, and then he will be a Master to be proud of, a Brother Mason to love and respect.

"Time is too short for most men of business to search out the hidden truths; we must accept some by faith."

An English Brother, in a recent address to a Lodge gathering, gives expression in these thoughts, all of which clearly explain both the qualifications for a Craftsman and a W. Master.

"Masonry takes particular cognizance of the family in all its relationship. It observes with unremitting care this Scriptural rule, 'He that provideth not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.' The family system is the very basis of society, and Freemasonry seeks to maintain it in its integrity and purity, and to promote its development in all the perfection of its beauty. That Charge, therefore, is forward to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. It speaks with no uncertain sound when it says, 'Let prudence direct you, temperance chasten you, fortitude support you, and justice be the guide of all your actions.' These are a catalogue of virtues of the highest and most essential order, whether considered in their bearing upon the family or the individual, upon domestic or public life. Prudence teaches us to regulate our lives and actions by the wholesome dictates of enlightened reason, and constitutes that habit of mind which leads men wisely to make the best of both worlds. It preserves a man from the dangers of temptation, and from being readily involved in those pecuniary distresses which overtake the less wary. It should, therefore, be the cultivated grace and distinguishing character of every Free and Accepted Mason. Temperance is the handmaid of prudence. A prudent man is a temperate man—temperate, not in one thing, but in all things, in mind and deed. It is taking the mastery of our desires and passions, keeping them under due restraint and subjection, and holding them within the bounds of reason and religion. It is thus a Mason's enjoined virtue, the practice of which will be an effective barrier in the way of mistakes, and a faithful monitor pointing out to him the path in which he ought to go. Fortitude is that strength of mind, that steady purpose of soul, which is equally distant from rashness on the one hand, and from cowardice on the other. It is to be brave, to be strong in the midst of difficulties and trials; to face them all with a good courage, and with a firm resolution to endure. Endurance is fortitude; not the fortitude of a listless, indifferent stoic, but of that sense of right which is might, that resolute determination which looks upon the foe with a steady eye and dares him to come on, like our great Master, who, in spite of threatenings and violence, remained firm and unshaken even unto death. That fortitude is based upon faith; faith in that power which never varies; which holds out the hand of succour in the season of perplexity, sustains the fainting heart in the day of adversity, and says to the desponding and despairing, the doubting and fearing, 'Rise up and show thyself a man. Justice is that noble virtue which consists in rendering, without distinction, to every one his due. It is that divine principle which ought to govern all sorts and conditions of men in all the transactions and relationships of life. It is a vital essence of the moral law, and the standard and cement of civil society. Without it confusion and anarchy would disorganise its ranks, and social equity and intercourse would be at an end.'

"Masonry is like Jacob's ladder, reaching from earth to heaven, on which the angels of all good descend and ascend from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above. And what want we more to infuse within us a greater love for our Order, and a deeper sense of the value of its precepts? What want we more to acquaint us more perfectly with its aims and objects, and enlighten our minds more vividly with the knowledge of its nature and principles? If more is wanted, repair to its ancient landmarks, repair to its symbolical studio. Sit there and read your lessons and draw your sketches from that rich and vast emporium of Masonry. What is that apron we wear, of lambskin pure and white, but the symbol of purity of heart and life; that as the operative Mason wears his apron to preserve his garments from stain, so does the speculative Mason wear his to remind him of the avoidance of moral defilement? What are those white gloves we put on but the symbol of clean hands, which are identified with the pure heart, and signify the careful observance of the four cardinal virtues? And what are the working tools of operative Masonry but the chosen symbols of the speculative? What is that gauge, that gavel, that chisel, that level, that square, that trowel, that plumb? What are they all in their combined significance but the symbols of our faith and works, teaching us the great principles of morality, and the great truths of religion?"—*Freemason's Journal.*

The consecration of the Frederick West Lodge, No. 2222, took place on Tuesday last, at the Castle Hotel, Hampton Court Station. The Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., conducted the proceedings. A full report will appear in our next.

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

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges hrough out 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 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)
1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood

MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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
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
1110—Tyrian, Aldredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
960—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)
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)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
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
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7 45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halos Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
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
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hecmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1243—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1957—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 29th 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
185—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1300—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1555—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1652—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, 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
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Chiserie
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)

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"L'AN EST MORT; VIVE L'AN."

THE last day of a year which will be ever memorable in English history as the Jubilee Year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign is upon us as we issue our present number of the CHRONICLE to our readers, and 1887 is "in articulo mortis." The glad national event which has been so joyously celebrated throughout the Empire naturally dwarfs many other great, though less important, occurrences; but there are amongst these, especially in connection with the Masonic Order, many which deserve reflection and consideration by our readers.

That the past twelve months have not been, with a great majority of our Brethren engaged in commercial pursuits, altogether of a "Jubilee" character, cannot, we believe, be gainsaid. In our experience, we do not rember a year in which so much complaining, and with so much cause, has been heard in trading circles. Nevertheless, as we may proceed to show, the fount of Charity has not been stayed, and it speaks well for the members of our glorious Craft that the exercise of benevolence, rendered without *material* detriment to individuals and their connections, has been such as to maintain the efficiency of our grand Institutions, even in the sad time of depression and scarcity of pecuniary means through which we have been, and still are, passing. The increase in the number of our Lodges, though such rapid growth as that which has marked the rule of our Most Worshipful Grand Master is not considered by all an unmixed blessing, has been as proportionately great in the expiring year as in its predecessors, and if it could be assured to us that the new Lodges have strictly attended to the recommendations of their respective Consecrating Officers in respect of "Quality *v.* Quantity," there could be no cause to regret the continued expansion of our Order. But the frequent warnings of our Grand Secretary and other prominent Brethren, when launching a new Craft, as to the character of the crew to be chosen for a successful voyage, requires continued iteration if the "true morality" which our Institution professes is to maintain the standard we have set up.

Amongst the legacies which the dying year will leave us will be that of carrying into effect the unanimous vote of Grand Lodge for the presentation to our M.W. Grand Master of an address, and to his beloved wife H.R.H. the Princess of Wales of a suitable present of the value of £500 in token of the affectionate regard with which the Craft hails the approaching Silver Wedding Day of the Royal pair. Not a word against such a presentation, or the manner of it, can be said by any member of our Order, unless indeed it may be to enhance the value of the gift to the receivers, and gratify the desire of individuals who do not think the vote of Grand Lodge, as a body, a sufficiently personal expression of Masonic loyalty. In other words, there are those who think the Grand Lodge vote excludes them from any personal share in the gift; and there are yet others who, reflecting on tha present needs of our Charitable Institutions, more particularly the "Benevolent," with its hundred or more applicants at the gates who must be turned away at the ensuing Election; and the Boys' School, with the additional drain on its relatively small income caused by the recent epidemic (now, we fervently trust, happily at an end, and without a single fatality) consider that the sum involved might have been made better use of elsewhere. But not at the sacrifice of the pretty and sincere compliment which the Grand Lodge vote expresses! On the contrary, the desire appears to be to increase its force, and therefore there is much that is worthy of consideration, if there be yet sufficient time for the purpose, in the suggestion of an esteemed correspondent in a recent number of the CHRONICLE, who submits that a silver sixpence from each member in each of our upwards of two thousand Lodges could be easily collected, would produce more than £1,000, and consequently make the proposed gift of greater value as well in coin as in sentiment, whilst leaving the Grand Lodge funds for the purposes to which they are more appropriately devoted.

Another legacy of our departing friend is that of seeing to the disposition of the Grand Lodge vote on behalf of the unemployed. This has been so left in the hands of our M.W.G.M. that we may be assured the very utmost good which the amount voted can secure will result to those in whose interests it was granted.

In many respects in connection with Masonic work the old year has seen improvement. The ceremonies of consecrating and constituting new Lodges have been witnessed by many in our Lodges of Instruction under favourable circumstances, and to their edification. A departure from the hitherto almost universal custom of rehearsing ceremonial and sections in Lodges of Instruction has afforded opportunity for interesting addresses abounding in explanations of forms and symbols, which have greatly added to the Masonic acquirements of many earnest Freemasons. In the field of Masonic literature there has been much industry, and the names of our foremost authors and essayists, have frequently had honourable mention. As a new recruit in that industrious army may be mentioned Bro. Sadler, Grand Tyler, whose "Masonic Facts and Fictions" recently published are worthy the perusal of every Masonic student. Want of space will prevent our here dilating on the excessively bad treatment which our Bro. Gould has received at the hands of Masonic publishers in America. We have already placed some pages of the CHRONICLE at the disposal of the controversialists on this subject, and may probably yet make our comments on the matter when fully informed thereon.

The inevitable loss of old and well-known enthusiasts in the practice and teaching of Freemasonry has during the year deprived us of Brethren who

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have made their mark respectively as ardent supporters of our Charitable Institutions, as distinguished members of the Press, as literati (not the least of whom was our Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, whose Obituary will be found in another column of this issue), and as most efficient and well-beloved rulers. We make no invidious selection of names; one and all they were, in their respective degrees, useful and very worthy members of our Order, and of each there are certainly some among us who could wish

> "For the touch of the vanished hand,
> And the sound of a voice that is still!"

There are other circumstances and events of the past twelvemonths upon which, if it were not that we should exceed the limits of the space at our disposal, we might descant; but none of a more important character than those we have alluded to. It now only remains to give a fitting farewell to a period of time which, though it has undoubtedly brought to many the failure of anticipated hopes, has, in a larger number of instances, we trust, been fraught with happiness and comfort. In regard to the first-named, we would wish them stout hearts and sound minds to still look forward, and to have yet further reliance in that "anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast," which may keep them from despondency, and enable them to ultimately overcome all difficulties; and to the latter a remembrance of the benefits they may have received, and an earnest consideration on behalf of their less fortunate fellow-creatures.

L'An est Mort! "Ring out the Old."
"Ring in the New." Vive l'An!

And as the joy bells sound gladly in our ears and fill our breasts with mingled emotions of regret for what, whether for good or evil, cannot be recalled,

> "Not Heaven itself upon the past hath power,"

and of yearning desire for the practical performance of all that is good and true, let us reflect upon the opportunities which lie before us in that direction. Let 1888 see still further progress in the direction of Masonic benevolence, and the most strenuous efforts made not only to do honour to the Centenary Celebration of the Girls' School, but to provide for the pressing exigencies of both the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. Whilst not for one moment desiring to divert even the smallest subscription from the former Institution, on the occasion of its Hundredth Anniversary, we would urge upon the brethren generally the necessity for preventing the increase of the number of the aged "poor and distressed" beyond the vacancies at the disposal of the Institution for aged brethren and widows of brethren. At this moment the disparity is far too great, and it is to be hoped that the new year, before it is nearly old, may see a more favourable state of affairs. Nor should the very discouraging position of the Boys' School be permitted to remain long unaltered. Our readers have had an opportunity, afforded them lately by ourselves, for a more perfect acquaintance with the history of this Institution and the special reasons for a renewed appeal for further support, and we trust that the information thus afforded may bear fruit. We have referred in the foregoing remarks to the "Silver Wedding" present to our Most Worshipful Grand Master and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. The exact date when that gift will fall due will be on the 10th March, three days after the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at which meeting the recent resolutions will require confirmation. If in the meanwhile it may be considered advisable to meet the wishes of the many who accord agreement to the suggestion for a "silver gift" from each and all members of the Craft, there would yet be time for the authorities to carry out the scheme; and even if it required a slight delay in regard to presentation, which might not however be the case, the increased importance of the gift would justify such delay.

We might say much, having regard to the progress of Masonic work, in reference to recent correspondence in the CHRONICLE on "Work in Lodges of Instruction," but must content ourselves by observing that the occasional departure from the hard and fast regulations as to Instruction work is highly advantageous to those who desire to have acquaintance with hidden meanings of far greater import than thousands amongst us are aware of, and we trust that the new year may record many more such departures, and the occasional substitution of interesting and instructive lectures and consecration ceremonies.

Again a desire to economise space interferes with a wish to refer to other matters which might be usefully put forward for consideration during the next twelvemonths, and these must have our future comments as opportunity may be afforded us. It will suffice for the present to say that as in the past year there have been many things done which have materially advanced the progress of the Order, so in that which is now about to open to us there will be, we trust, increased energy on the part of zealous Craftsmen to avail themselves of all opportunities which may arise for further promoting its best interests. To such workers amongst us, as well as to the many who have hitherto assisted us in our journalistic labours, and to the numerous readers who have given us support, we wish in all sincerity

"A Prosperous New Year."

HIRAM LODGE.

Hiram Lodge F.A.M. v. *G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M.*
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SOME Lodges were willing to surrender, and some were not willing; entirely friendly but very diverse opinions prevailed. A feeling apparently not so especially in opposition to the Grand Lodge, as in favour and protection of themselves and their ancient privileges.

Experience had, moreover, shown that perfect harmony and co-operation might exist, even where the old Lodges continued under their old charters and without a new one.

The acceptance of a new charter even where the old one was retained came therefore naturally and practically to be considered an essential and sufficient acknowledgment of allegiance: at all events it was unwise and inexpedient to press the matter more urgently. Time and the felicities of the union, it was believed, would accomplish and perfect the consolidation they desired, and who shall say they were not wise in this.

Now the resolution first requires the "production" of the old charter to the Grand Master, that he may be satisfied that they are "regularly constituted Lodges in this State."

He shall then issue to such Lodge a new charter. He has no alternative. His action is without condition or limitation, or the right to impose or require any restriction whatever.

Then the old and the new charters shall be recorded together by the Grand Secretary, if the Lodge requires its old charter to be returned, and they shall be sent, both the old and the new, to the Lodge; that is to say, if the Lodge does not require the return, the charter is absolutely surrendered and impounded; if it does require the return, then the charter shall be given up with the single limitation that a certificate of its registration shall be indorsed upon it. In the latter case the Lodge might live and work under its old charter, as it had been doing, its new one being a charter of recognition, or confirmation of its former power and authority.

Hiram Lodge required its charter to be returned, and about 1796 it was given up, certified according to the Resolve.

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Now this Resolve tells the story, does it not, between the Grand Lodge and Hiram Lodge? and it is not subject to addition or abatement.

It was evidently, in the light of the concurrent facts which we have exhibited, a compromise, to which both parties assented, and with which they were satisfied.

The Grand Lodge endeavoured to have all these old charters surrendered or given up to it, but they had not been successful. Hiram Lodge was the oldest, largest, wealthiest and most influential Masonic body in the jurisdiction. They wanted Hiram Lodge in their organisation. It was exceedingly active and prompt, and efficient in all Masonic duties. They wanted Hiram Lodge, its activity and enterprise, its able and accomplished men, their labour and sympathy and support. They were ready to give up something, and they did give up something. They allowed Hiram Lodge to take back, or rather to *keep* its old charter, without any conditions. They did not stipulate that it should lie dormant or in abeyance.

Grand Lodge did not provide or suggest that its own charter should have precedence in authority or rank; it did not intimate, and we cannot "presume" that the "possession of the old charter was only permitted as an heirloom." There is no such fact in the Resolve, in any record of the history, or in any certificate of Grand Master or Grand Secretary.

It were easy to have made such a stipulation if they meant it;—easy to have indorsed upon the charter that it was only "memorial," or an "heirloom," or to be kept not as authority but of favour, or a thousand other conditional and limiting certificates if they had wanted and meant it, if they had made any. But the whole evidence is plain, unequivocal, decisive. They made no conditions, they could make none, and the action on either side is consistent with the evidence.

The Grand Lodge charter to Hiram Lodge although, as we believe, not issued till 1796, still reaches back and gives that Lodge the rank of seniority, which it *had had continuously before that time*. And it has stood upon their roll ever since as "No. 1." In a word, Grand Lodge by these acts made a legal confirmation of the Oxnard Charter, and recognized and avouched its validity.

Better, as it seems perhaps to-day, that they should not have passed the Resolve, or done the deed as they did; but not so, this even is not beyond question, for it would certainly seem that by the action of Hiram Lodge in 1796 they secured during the next year the constituency of the old Daubeny and Guilford Lodges—a result not to be lightly estimated. But better or not, they did it, and we must stand by what they did.

There is another piece of legislation by this Grand Lodge which indirectly confirms the view we have taken.

In this same year, 1796, they passed a Resolve which recognises and permits precisely this relation which existed between it and Hiram Lodge, as follows:—

"Resolved, that this Grand Lodge will not hold communication or correspondence with any Mason or Masons, citizens of any of the United States, Lodge or Lodges, who hold authority under and acknowledge the supremacy of any foreign Grand Lodge, or who do not, by their representatives, communicate and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge of the State where they are constituted or where they reside." (Proc. p 82.)

Hiram Lodge held under the authority of a Provincial Grand Master appointed from the Grand Lodge of England. They did "by their representatives communicate and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge" of Connecticut, "where they were constituted," and "where they did reside."

Thus by their own Resolve of general legislation, six years after the relation of Hiram Lodge had been defined by enacted resolution, the Grand Lodge acknowledge Hiram Lodge to be within the circle of full and unrestricted communication and correspondence. Indeed, the Resolve seems to be almost felicitously worded to justify and cover the relations of a Lodge standing as Hiram Lodge is supposed to have done.

If, however, the new charter of recognition was not actually taken out till this year, and the precise fact I am unable to verify, then it may well be said, that Hiram Lodge was unwilling to come into the desired and more intimate connection of the Grand Lodge, except upon the unequivocal declaration of principal by that body, that they would consider a Lodge which, by their representatives, did communicate and pay dues to them, as in full communion and correspondence, though they might hold a charter granted by other authority than themselves, but this is only suggestion.

These are the facts, and all the facts, so far as they appear of record in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The rights and the duties of both parties would seem to be settled by the plain and obvious sense of these recorded facts. It was in the power, and in the opportunity of the Grand Lodge to have prevented all question. They could have required the surrender and abolition of the Oxnard Charter. That would be the authorised and usual procedure in such cases.

But the Oxnard Charter was not surrendered. It was not arrested. It was not by any agreement abolished or vacated of power. There does not appear even any effort by that name or to that end to have been taken.

There are, we submit, four ways only by which a lawful charter can be invalidated: by arrest from the power which granted it; by surrender to some power qualified to receive it; by actual material destruction and obliteration, and by a disuse continued for so long a time that there shall not remain members of the Lodge, held under its authority, enough to form a Lodge and use it.

Neither of these invalidations has place respecting the Oxnard Charter. The Lodge has had a continuous and active existence since 1750, and has had all the time in their possession and custody this uncancelled charter, this Oxnard Charter, not a word against whose continuous vitality has ever been uttered by Grand Lodge in all the years preceding the existing difficulty.

With these facts before us, let us look at Hiram Lodge, and consider her position in the matter. Suppose the strongest case against her—that in 1790 or 1796, upon the receipt of her new charter from the Grand Lodge, she deliberately and purposely laid the Ancient Oxnard Charter aside, or only regarded it "as an heir-loom," or piece of Masonic bric-a-brac, and that this estimate continued down to the time of the difficulty. How does this change the resultant fact? We submit, not at all. Unless the charter was by some lawful authority devitalized, or divested of potency, its vital and potential ability must abide in it and with it, and equally whether *de facto* used as the Lodge authority, or permitted to sleep while some other authority was practically adequate and was put to the front.

An example of fact will make the position perfectly simple.

A man has a watch that he has carried for years, and is in all respects an excellent time-keeper, and in perfect repair. A new make of watch comes upon the market, pretending to have many improvements, and his friends make him a present of the new watch, with the request that he shall wear it out of respect and favour to them. He complies; lays aside the old watch, and makes the new one his practical time-keeper. Now, if they had taken away the old watch, and broken it up, that would have been the end of it. But he lays it away, and looks upon it, if you please, as an heirloom, a curiosity that is to be transmitted to his posterity. What of it? It is still a watch, that will keep good time and is in repair; and if now his other and new watch be stolen or taken from him by violence, he will return it to its old service. It needs only to be put in motion—that is, put in the way and place of keeping time, and it will be just as complete, vital and perfect a watch as it ever was. The mere dormancy of a watch or charter is not its destruction; does not abate its life or transform its character.

Now, as Hiram Lodge holds to-day its old charter, without a word of obliteration or divestment upon the parchment, or in Proceedings of Grand Lodge, the ugg estion of dormancy or heirloom is the strongest suggestion that can be made against her. But this, as we have seen, does not militate against the present and perfect vitality of the old charter for the authority and sustentation of the Lodge. The old watch has simply come back to service.

Again, we submit, upon credible information, that there are four things in history of the Hiram Lodge inconsistent with even such a continued dormancy.

First. The old charter was publicly displayed in the Lodge-room on all occasions for many years after the Grand Lodge charter was accepted.

Second. It was afterwards kept and preserved in a fire-proof safe, and with such jealous vigilance that my informant assures me it was only with the most exceeding difficulty that permission was gained for it to be used for

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the production of a fac-simile copy, which could be used and referred to instead of the original. Such was the value of the charter in the estimate of Hiram Lodge and its members.

Third. There lies before me the written statement of a prominent citizen of New Haven, a Past Master of this Lodge nearly a quarter of a century ago, that during all this time he has regarded this old charter as of the utmost importance to Hiram Lodge, and as always a vital charter and a sufficient and lawful authority to Hiram Lodge to perpetuate its legal Masonic existence, should any exigency ever arise to require it.

Fourth. The fact that Hiram Lodge in its controversy with the Grand Lodge expressly based its refusal to comply with their order on the ground that it conflicted with the requirements which were obligatory upon them by reason of this same old charter. Whether they were mistaken in their sense of this obligation is no matter, they did rest their objection on the ground of their belief that the old charter was valid and binding upon their consciences.

The conclusion to which we seem to be compelled is that the Oxnard Charter, held by Hiram Lodge, is a valid warrant, and sufficient to support and sustain a legal Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, entitled to "communication and correspondence" with all other Lodges and Grand Lodges according to the manner of Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has permitted the charter to survive unrestrained by any agreement of the parties or by any legislative provisions of limitation, or surrender, or devitalization, and she is now by every consideration of justice and propriety estopped to deny it.

Hiram Lodge required the charter to be returned to them without diminution of its power or prerogative, and has by preservation and publicity in dormancy, by vigilant keeping and by conscious recognition of its vitality and possible necessity for use, preserved it alive, and in possession of its first and original investment.

And, finally, may we be permitted to say that while we believe in the relation of these two bodies as we have developed them, and in the impregnability of Hiram Oxnard Charter as now existing, and while we foresee with misgivings the dangerous lengths to which this state of facts may in the future develop, we at the same time believe in the narrowness and unimportance of the issues upon which the separation has taken place; and that if the whole matter in dispute could be left to a judicious arbitrament of Masonic sages, peace and harmony might soon be re-established, and these bodies consist as sweetly as before.

Nay, without arbitrament, if the bodies themselves would exercise the coolness and reason to expunge their respective votes of insistance, and leave the order of the Grand Lodge as at first promulgated to have its success by gradual assimilation, and through the avenues of sympathy and ambition, as the same thing has been effectively accomplished under other Grand Lodge jurisdictions, even then this disgrace to Freemasonry would be at once wiped out.

We are all, one side as well as the other, to remember that mere will, even law, as the promoter of reform, only breeds violence and delay, and never prepares the way of harmony or growth.

These are considerations of abstract law and historic example. Both as respects the power and value of legitimate Lodge charters, and the invasive authority of Grand Lodges, or how far a Grand Lodge, upon its formation, can compel subordinates within its territorial jurisdiction, but warranted from other jurisdictions, to submit to, or co-operate with, or be compelled by them, that we hope to see discussed by the Masonic students of the kingdom, who are presumed to have more leisure for such studies and to be more learned and familiar with the examples and technical science of Masonry.

JUSTITIA.

The Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365, meets at the Lord Stanley, Saudringham Road, Hackney, every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Cusworth P.M.

The first number for the New Year of *Cassell's Saturday Journal* will contain special features of interest, including a complete story by Theo. Gift, illustrated; and the first of a series of humorous full-page illustrations from original drawings by Jas. F. Sullivan.

In Memoriam.

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THE death of Bro. the Rev. Adolphus Frederick Alexander Woodford, who for so long a period occupied such a prominent position in our Society, was announced in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of last week, though as it occurred within a few hours of going to press, the account of our deceased brother's illness, together with a brief reference to the leading features of his Masonic career, have necessarily stood over until the issue of the current number of this journal.

The malady to which our brother succumbed was blood poisoning in a very aggravated form. So far back as June last he slightly hurt his right foot, but the ailment was totally neglected by him for a long while, and even when he sought medical advice this appears to have been done as it were perfunctorily, and in such a manner as to have almost precluded the chance of any benefit resulting. He continued to get up as usual until about a fortnight before his death, when he consented to remain one day in bed, but from this time the symptoms of blood poisoning increased in intensity, and it became evident that unless some great change occurred for the better his illness could only have one termination.

The last week but one of his existence was a period of great agony for our deceased brother, but his remaining days were passed with very little suffering, while his mind remained unclouded, until entire physical prostration set in.

Throughout this latter period he was very lovingly and tenderly cared for by those among whom he was residing, nor should I omit to state the extreme gratitude with which he spoke to me of the skill and attention of the trained nurse who was in attendance upon him.

The doctors did not abandon all hope of recovery until about Wednesday last, but the hope was at best a very forlorn one, and on Thursday there was a marked change for the worse, and from about the middle of that day he remained in an unconscious state until three o'clock on Friday morning, the 23rd inst., when he passed quietly and painlessly away.

Bro. Woodford's remains were interred in the Lower Norwood Cemetery, on Tuesday last, the 27th. Among the relatives present were Mr. John Woodford, (only surviving brother of the deceased) and his son; the Right Hon. James Lowther, and Colonel Hutchinson, R.A., while his Masonic brethren were represented by several members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and Bros. George Kenning and William Lake. Many others would doubtless have attended had there been any means of communicating with them, but the place of burial having only been finally decided upon on Saturday afternoon, the columns of the Masonic newspapers were not available for a public intimation that the funeral would take place on the 27th.

Bro. Woodford—born 9th July 1821—was the eldest son of the late Field Marshal Sir Alexander Woodford, and entered the Coldstream Guards in 1838. Leaving, however, the Army in 1841, he matriculated at Durham University in 1842, and was ordained Deacon in 1846, and Priest in 1847. In the latter year he was presented to the rectory of Swillington, Leeds, which he held until 1872.

He was initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, Gibraltar, No. 278, in 1842, and subsequently joined the following Lodges: Marquis of Granby, Durham, No. 124, in 1842 (W.M. in 1844 and 1845); Philanthropic, Leeds, No. 304, in 1854 (W.M. in 1858 and 1859); Antiquity, London, No. 2, in 1863 (Deputy Master in 1878, under the Duke of Albany W.M.); and was one of the founders of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, in 1884. He was exalted in Concord Chapter, Durham, No. 124, in 1848; joined the Philanthropic, No. 304, Leeds, in 1863, and was the first Z.; St. James's, London, No. 2, in 1874 (Z. in 1882); appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Durham in 1847, and of West Yorkshire in 1860; Prov. S.G.W., 1857, and finally Grand Chaplain of England in 1863.

It was during his tenure of the latter office that the foundation stone of the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall was laid with Masonic honours, on 27th April 1864, by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, and in the official proceedings of that occurrence it is recorded, "that the Junior Grand Chaplain delivered an Oration on the Dignity of the Order and the Principles of Freemasonry."

This is again referred to in the printed "Proceedings the middle of the present year, when he resumed his pen

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of the Grand Lodge of England" for 1st June 1864, from which the following is an extract:—

"Bro. McIntyre said he had a Third Resolution to propose, and hardly knew how to find words adequate to express the gratitude which he personally felt towards the excellent Brother Woodford, who he might designate as the *Vates Sacer*, and who delivered the Oration on that occasion [27th April]. All were delighted with the excellence of that Oration, and its applicability to the circumstances under which they were assembled. It was with great pleasure he moved—

"'That this Grand Lodge desires to record its hearty and grateful thanks to the V.W. Brother the Rev. Adolphus F. A. Woodford, Grand Chaplain, for the eloquent and instructive Oration delivered by him on the occasion of laying the Foundation Stone of the New Buildings.'

"The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously."

In the preparation as well as in the delivery of Masonic Orations, Bro. Woodford, if he did not outshine, at least was not excelled by any Grand Officers of his own class. On this point, indeed, I express myself with diffidence, nor do I presume to pass judgment on Orations I have not listened to. Still with a vivid recollection of the style and manner of two Grand Chaplains, Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill and C. W. Arnold, in this section of Masonic labours—and if they have *confrères* of greater power as Masonic Orators, I hope it may some day be my lot to hear them—I trust that in placing the subject of this memoir on the same level with these eloquent speakers and most worthy brethren, a fitting compliment is paid to the dead, without detracting in the slightest degree from the respect which is due to the living.

Bro. Woodford served repeatedly as Steward to the Masonic Institutions, and was an invariable attendant at the Half-yearly Elections to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. In the Province of West Yorkshire he was the first Chairman of the Charity Committee there, and held the office from 1859 until 1870.

But it is as a distinguished man of letters, and the *dozen* of the (British) Guild of Masonic writers, that our brother will be chiefly remembered. For many years he edited the *Freemason*, and also the *Masonic Magazine*, and while from the ephemeral character of these publications—a quality common, it may be observed, to all periodical literature—much that was of great interest when originally printed in them has been long since forgotten, nevertheless, all readers of old standing of either of the journals named will I am sure bear me out in saying that no number appeared without its containing at least some little gem of literary workmanship, or an article which rivetted the attention of, and as it were went home to the reader, from the pen of the gifted editor.

In the comparatively few instances where he gave his abilities really fair play, and refrained from dissipating them in a variety of subjects, at one and the same time, the result was in each case a masterpiece, of which, as examples, I might quote several of his Orations, and shall also briefly refer to the Introduction to Hughan's "Old Charges of British Freemasons;" and to a very learned and exquisitely written *opusculum*, in "The Connection of York with the History of Freemasonry in England," which will be found in Appendix A of Hughan's "Unpublished Records of the Craft."

Many other specimens of what our brother could actually accomplish when he limited himself to the study of one subject, and the execution of a single design, lie scattered in the columns of the Masonic journals.

One of his most remarkable characteristics was the tenacity of his memory. Nothing he ever read seems to have been forgotten by him. In ordinary conversation or Masonic debate, this faculty was not only of great service to its possessor, but it had often the result of singularly discomfiting those brethren with whom he engaged in fraternal controversy, and I apprehend that the remark of one of the American Ministers accredited to this country, "that his best speeches were made going home in the cab," would be equally applicable if put into the mouths of those of us in the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, who from time to time ventured to encounter Bro. Woodford in debate.

Our brother's chief Masonic work was "the Cyclopœdia of Freemasonry," of which, regarded as a concise handbook of Masonic Archæology, History, and Biography, it is difficult to speak too highly. On ceasing to be the editor of the *Freemason*, in 1885, Brother Woodford refrained from literary work of any kind until in order to review the sixth and final volume of my History of Freemasonry, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 25th June, and a more graceful, or more highly finished performance of the kind, I never read, nor has any other review of my work afforded me a like gratification. That my dear old friend praised me unduly I well knew. Nevertheless, I was much affected by the kindliness of heart that breathed in every line of the article, and I told him at the time, that the object with which he must have taken pen in hand, viz. to convey pleasure to a brother writer, had been crowned with perfect success.

From that date, until interrupted by his last illness, he was a regular contributor to the CHRONICLE.

But our brother was not only a profoundly learned Mason, but also a very distinguished exponent of the Ritual of Freemasonry. At the establishment of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, he was appointed I.P.M., and in the absence of Sir Charles Warren presided over us with equal dignity and ability, both in Lodge and at the supper table.

The first installation was conducted by the Grand Secretary, but on the re-election of Sir Charles Warren, as well as on the recent occasion of my becoming his successor, Bro. Woodford acted as Installing Master.

In the success of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, he took the greatest possible interest, and it is a little singular, that Part II. of the first Volume of the Transactions of this body—which has only just appeared—was the last reading of a secular character in which he ever indulged. These "Transactions" were partly perused by him on the night preceding his decease, and I am informed by those who were in attendance upon him, that he talked a very great deal about the admirable purposes for which the Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati was instituted, and expressed the greatest affection for its members.

Of the regard in which our deceased brother was held by the Lodge of Masonic Students to which reference has just been made, I cannot now write, because it will devolve upon me in a few days to allude to this more particularly from its chair—a circumstance to which I invite the attention of those readers, who may say with truth that I have not gone so fully into the details of our late brother's Masonic career as his eminent services appear to demand, and to which I shall thus reply, That with the time at my disposal before these remarks go to press, the memorial here presented is "*non quidem ut volui sed ut potui*," and that so far as lies in my power, the numerous deficiencies, of which I am myself only too conscious, shall be supplied in the record of our departed brother that it will become my duty to prepare for the ensuing number of the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

R. F. GOULD

THE SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must confess that I am somewhat taken aback by the appearance in the last number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of a communication emanating from a P.M. of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, in reference to what I consider a most magnificent and munificent gift of £500 from the Grand Lodge to the Princess of Wales on the occasion of her Silver Wedding, and I was under the impression that on no previous occasion had the Grand Lodge given its sanction to a greater act of generosity than in the present made to the Princess of Wales. We all know the interest the Prince of Wales, our beloved Grand Master, feels in promoting the interests of the Craft, and his readiness at all times to render assistance, but I have yet to learn how that interest can be in any way promoted by handing over to him a much larger sum than that already voted to the Princess of Wales, who in common with the wives of our brethren in general is not permitted to participate or take any part in our proceedings, and I believe that the Prince of Wales requires no stimulus like that proposed to encourage him to do his duty. Taking matters, however, on another ground, we find at the present time the greatest distress prevails throughout the Kingdom generally, and if an extra subscription is to be raised by the sixpences proposed from each member, I believe that many will agree with me, when I say, that such sums as they produce might be more usefully applied in relieving the distresses of members of the Craft who are outside the Board of Benevolence. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place in February next, and if there are any "sixpences" to spare Bro. James Terry will gladly receive them, as he states in his public appeal that funds were never more needed, that there are a large number of applicants for admission and few vacancies, together with the fact that the expenditure for annuitants alone approaches £15,000, and the permanent income is only £3,000. Therefore, the brethren will judge for themselves whether your correspondent has established the slightest claim to their consideration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours truly and fraternally,

27th December 1887. P.M. P.Z.

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A DECEMBER NIGHT IN THE TEMPLE.

IN the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and in a number of other Masonic jurisdictions, the night fixed for the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year is the stated meeting occurring next before St. John the Evangelist's Day, 27th December. At the same meeting various other important Masonic duties are performed, so that the December meeting is by all odds the most important one in the year, and it is often styled the annual meeting, because of the annual election of officers at that time. We purpose taking a hasty view of the enlivening scenes which at this season occur in every Masonic Temple and Lodge Room in Pennsylvania, as well as elsewhere.

The first thing that strikes a brother on entering the Temple is the blaze of light which streams from every hall and room. Were an ancient Sabian from Persia to enter at this time, he would probably conclude that we were fire worshippers, so general and brilliant is the illumination. Once within the walls the stir is found to be universal. Brethren are passing in throngs into the various halls, exchanging fraternal greetings with old acquaintances, making new ones, and then passing on to their several Lodge, Chapter or Commandery rooms.

The election is the first business which excites universal concern. Interest in this has drawn a number of Brethren out who have not been accustomed to be regular attendants at the monthly meetings. Either through curiosity or solicitation, many old members, and not a few careless younger ones, come out at the December meeting only, and hence we may liken them to annual plants which flower but once a year. They are welcome, of course, thrice welcome, but why do they not come oftener? The Lodge needs them, and they need the Lodge. Each can do the other good. Let them be seen oftener together.

Any election is interesting. Somehow or other the average human mind is excited if there be an element of uncertainty, hazard, chance in any contention, fraternal or otherwise. There is, of course, each one's peculiar interest in behalf of the success of his personal friend; but over and above this there is the feeling of concern in the result of the teller's report on the election of each of the candidates. Uncertainty is an element which enters into almost every election, and so the interest in the result is one of the primary feelings which actuates every brother who is present with his Masonic body at its December meeting.

There is an event that occurs sometimes in which all take a melancholy interest, and that is the suspension from membership of a brother for non-payment of dues. We may say, however, that this never occurs where a brother is unfortunate and unable to pay his dues, and makes his situation known through any member of the Lodge. It is only where he pays no attention to the summons sent him (and remember the character of a summons, which he is in duty bound to obey), or where he is known to be unworthy, that he is cut off from membership. The Craft always exercises, or should exercise, charity towards its distressed worthy brethren, and it is ready to forgive them their dues if they are unable to pay, and ask to be forgiven, just as it is willing to actively contribute to their wants when in need of fraternal aid.

The election over, and the other regular business disposed of, the installation of Master and Wardens next engrosses attention. These are always interesting ceremonies. They occur so rarely that the closer attention is paid to them. Whether it be the advancement of new officers or the re installation of the present ones, all behold the ceremonies with rapt attention; the obligations are serious, solemn and binding, and a pride is felt by all in the Officers assuming them, who are to preside during the coming Masonic year over the body of which they are members.

The Lodge, Chapter or Commandery having closed, the brethren proceed to the banquet hall. Let us suppose that one enters the Temple about ten o'clock p.m., just after all the brethren have been seated around the festive board. From all sides there come voices of merriment. There is not a plaintive tone to be heard, there is music and song, there is conversation and laughter, there is the rattle of dishes and the clinking of glasses. All is hilarity and mirth. Verily, the Craft has gone from Labour to Refreshment. We entered the Temple a few nights since while *five* banquets were in progress. Turn which way we would the sounds of fraternal festivity greeted our ears. From one direction came the eloquent voice of a brother responding to a toast, from another the melody of the human voice in song, from another a lively recitation, and from still another such a round of innocent mirth that we thanked the Grand Architect that we were members of a Fraternity which could produce so much social and healthful enjoyment, and unite together in fraternal bonds so many of the children of men. With the lights blazing, the music playing, the human voice divine being heard high above all, and the Gavel of the Master commanding attention whenever it fell, the scene was one never to be forgotten. Such scenes can be observed as a rule only during one month in the year, and in this jurisdiction that month is December. Merry December, which includes not only a merry Christmas, but at least one merry Masonic gathering for every member of the Craft. All hail this glorious prelude, which leads up to St. John the Evangelist's Day! December, all hail!—*Keystone.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—Once more Mr. Augustus Harris has shown us what kind of pantomime we may expect while he is lessee of "Old Drury." That his latest one is a success we need hardly mention; what with the amusing story that has been written, by Mr. E. L. Blanchard; the happy selection of popular tunes for the different songs, by Mr. Walter Slaughter; and last, but not least, the stage management of Mr. Augustus Harris, everything is up to the standard. One feature that is of advantage is that the pantomime is funnier than its predecessors, more attention having been directed, so as to make both young and old amused. Perhaps our best way to describe the many beautiful scenes that have been provided will be to give a description of the story. After an overture, comprising the latest music hall songs, the curtain goes up, and we are introduced to the den of the Demon Lawyer (Mr. J. B. Gordon); this gentleman has for attendants a number of fiendish clerks. The lawyer pretends to have a will made out in his favour by a miller, two of whose lazy sons the lawyer has been making drunk. Another son, Jocelyn (Miss Lily Wadman), has, however, resisted the temptation. This young gentleman Cupid (Miss Jenny Dawson) promises to protect. Cupid declares that she will guard Jocelyn against the lawyer, and to do this sets to work, in scene the second—The Milleries, a most realistic picture. Here we are introduced to the two other brothers, William (Mr. Lionel Rignold) and 'Enry (Mr. Charles Danby). It is clearly to be seen that the lawyer has managed to get a firm grip on these young gentlemen. They are constantly meeting an old man and his donkey (the Brothers Griffiths), and this causes immense fun. It is in this act that we first see Puss (Mr. Charles Lauri jun.), who is constantly in attendance on his young master. Songs and dances take place, after which a royal hunting party arrives, at the head of which is the Princess (Miss Letty Lind). Jocelyn falls in love with the Princess, and receives much encouragement in his suit. In the next scene Jocelyn and his cat go to sleep, and here again the Princess appears, and after going through a most graceful dance, she kisses the sleeper. Cupid now puts in an appearance, and provides Puss with a pair of boots, of which the cat makes very funny use. Later on we are introduced to the King (Mr. Herbert Campbell) and Queen (Mr. Harry Nicholls), who give one of their topical songs. This was well received, and then follows one of the prettiest ballets ever seen at Drury Lane. This has been arranged by Madame Katti Lanner, and is executed by the children of the National School of Dancing. Needless to say it was highly appreciated. The Princess then proceeds to interview some of her admirers, but she refuses them all, her love having been secretly given to Jocelyn. A gorgeous procession follows, the dresses being most sumptuous. Puss puts in an appearance, and invites the royal party to the palace of his master. This they consent to visit, and during the journey to the castle we are shown some pretty scenery, representing the Park, the Vineyard, the Hayfield, the Giant's Stronghold, Love's Labyrinth, and then the Armouries. This latter set is the scene of the pantomime, all kinds of armour being displayed, the different patterns taking up the entire space of the stage. When all are grouped together we have a most effective sight. The Princess having married Jocelyn, the breakfast is given, during which the antics of the King and Queen cause roars of laughter. Jocelyn's happiness having now been secured, and the demon lawyer having been overcome, we are shown a magnificent transformation scene, with an immense fan of lace in the background. The Harlequinade, with Mr. Harry Payne as Clown, is amusing, and is sure to please the youngsters. In conclusion, we may repeat that the action is funnier than any of its predecessors, while the scenery and dresses are as gorgeous as ever. The scenery has been painted by Messrs. Henry Emden, W. Perkins, W. R. Beverley, E. T. Ryan, and W. Telbin. The orchestra is under the direction of Mr. Walter Slaughter.

Globe.—In deciding that "The Golden Ladder" should inaugurate his management at this theatre, Mr. Wilson Barrett has acted wisely. A drama not without its humorous side, and yet possessing stirring and touching incidents, is sure to find favour in the eyes of a London audience; indeed of any audience. Such characteristics are to be found in "The Golden Ladder," which was produced for the first time on Thursday of last week. The drama is written by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Wilson Barrett, and extends through five long acts. Mr. Sims' recognised ability as a dramatist

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is not for one moment to be disputed, and in "The Golden Ladder," as in other of his dramas, he has catered to suit all tastes. In the first scene he gives us a study of English domestic life, in which humour, love and villiany are all personated. Then in other scenes we see the husband persecuted, the wife wrongly accused, and convicted of a crime of which she is innocent, and villainy and roguery, for the time, in the ascendant. But not for long; in the last act all these positions are reversed, happily for all concerned. The plot is not difficult of comprehension, though the details are somewhat unusually varied and numerous. The Rev. Frank Thornhill has just returned from missionary labour abroad; he has inherited a large fortune, and, in his altered circumstances, woos Lillian Grant, his sweetheart of two years ago. Lillian is the daughter of a rich banker, whose ruin and disgrace are being rapidly brought about by one Michael Severn, Mr. Grant's chief cashier. This Severn has persuaded Jim Dixon to steal certain securities, which had been entrusted to the banker. In the midst of merriment and jollity, it being Lillian's birthday, the owner of these securities appears on the scene, to seek their restitution. Mr. Grant cannot restore them, nor pay the requisite amount, £20,000. Legal proceedings are threatened, but are stayed by the sacrifice of Thornhill's fortune, which is placed by him at the disposal of Mr. Grant. The disgrace and ruin that would have ensued are happily averted, and the honour of the house is preserved. Frank is accepted by Lillian, and they are married. Six years hence finds Frank and his devoted wife at work among the blacks in Madagascar. When Thornhill saved Mr. Grant's house from ruin he became the owner of certain mortgage deeds relating to the Madagascar gold mine. Severn and M. Peranza, an accomplice, are aware of this. They are on the island in search of the mine, and hearing of Thornhill's presence in Madagascar, at once determine to encompass his ruin and death, and thus remove from their path the one obstacle to their claim. Chance has it that Frank is going to supply some wine to the commander of the French war vessel. The two conspirators hear of this, and suggest to Rao, a Malagasy servant, to poison the wine. This Rao has an intense hatred to the missionary. The wine is poisoned; Thornhill is threatened with arrest by the French, but in an opportune moment is taken on board an English man of war and conveyed to England. Now, Severn and Peranza have also returned, and are trading under the assumed name of Keith and Co. They have discovered the gold, and are trying to sell shares in the mine. Whilst in their office, they receive visits from James Dixon and Thornhill. Frank sees through their evil designs, and hears of their having been mixed up in the matter of the poisoned wine. He defies their machinations, and tells them of his intention to investigate this trumped up charge of poisoning the wine, clear his own name, and ensure them just retribution. Severn and Dixon now conspire to waylay Thornhill, on Hampstead Heath, and have him put out of the way. M. Peranza, though acquiescing in the plot will have nothing to do with murder. In course, Dixon entices Frank to Hampstead Heath on a pretended mission of mercy, having previously, however, possessed himself of Thornhill's revolver. Once on the Heath, Severn and Dixon do not hesitate. Frank is felled by a blow from Severn, and the revolver is placed in his hand to support a theory of suicide. The two villains hear some one approaching, and decamp, but not before Thornhill has rallied and identified Severn as his assailant. Lillian opportunely arrives on the scene, and prevents Severn's escape. In taking the revolver from her husband it goes off accidentally, and Severn gets shot. Despite all her protestations of innocence, Lillian is arrested, tried, and convicted of an attempt to murder. Whilst in prison she receives a visit from her husband, and hears of the illness of her child. Her brain is in a turmoil, and she is pushed back to her cell, and the door closed upon her by the pitiless matron. Her sobs and entreaties are loud, passionate and prolonged, but stubborn duty prevents the jailors from assisting her. One Mrs. Freyne, however, is touched by her appeals for mercy and repeated declarations of innocence; and, in a moment of courageous self-devotion, changes clothes with the poor convict, who then and there passes out of the prison as Mrs. Freyne. Lillian at once flies to her husband and child. She finds Frank in conversation with the rascally Severn and Peranza. They are trying to induce him to enter into an arrangement by which all three can share in the Madagascar gold mine. Their amicable entreaties and otherwise pretended friendliness are of no avail. Frank treats them with scorn, and bids them go. These villains then try to make Lillian's escape serve their purpose. Whilst threatening to make her whereabouts known to the authorities, the prison chaplain enters with a free pardon for Lillian, and as a suitable conclusion to their villainy, Severn and Peranza are brought face to face with Dixon, who has informed against them. Their arrest follows, Lillian is proved innocent, and the curtain falls. As Lillian Grant, and afterwards as the young missionary's wife, Miss Eastlake's abilities are displayed in a manner quite equal to any of her previous efforts. In personating the character of a wronged and persecuted woman she has again shown us how, when under the most depressing influences and surrounded with enemies on all sides, she can rise equal to the occasion, and defeat the most diabolically concocted villainy. In the prison scene her acting was so realistic as visibly to affect several of her audience. As the hero of the piece Mr. Wilson Barrett magnificently acquitted himself. His acting was at times as near perfection as perhaps it is possible to bring it. In the part of Lillian's lover he was passionate and sincere; as the persecuted husband he never despaired of finally bringing his persecutors to justice; and as an accused murderer his indignation was most realistically displayed. In the Hampstead Heath scene, Mr. Barrett's recovery from the blow that felled him was somewhat rapid; making due allowance for what is done on the stage, we are necessarily forced to presume the blow miscarried. Of course, the lion's share of the applause was accorded to the hero and heroine of the piece. Still, we are bound to admit that Mr. George Barrett and Mrs. Henry Leigh, in the respective characters of Mr. and Mrs. Peckaby, were fully entitled to a considerable amount of the cheers, applause and bravos that fell, on the final descent of the curtain. What humour there is in the drama was occasioned by the matrimonial disputes and squabbles between this worthy couple. As Mr. Peckaby, Mr. George Barrett showed to great advantage; his humour all through was perfectly genuine, and served as a splendid antidote to the otherwise sombre nature of the piece. His concern for the education of his daughter, Victoria Alexandra, and his revision of the Rev. Frank Thornhill's bill for board and lodging caused infinite amusement, and was thoroughly appreciated. The two villians, Michael Severn and M. Peranza, were very creditably rendered by Mr. Austin Melford and Mr. Cooper Cliffe, A like remark is also applicable to Mr. Elliott, in the character of a rough and ready Yorkshireman. In the scenery for the piece, Messrs. Tellbin, Smith and Hann have rendered very good service, the Hampstead Heath set being especially good. Altogether, we believe this drama has a long and successful run in store for it.

Gaiety.—The reception accorded Mr. G. Edwardes' Christmas burlesque was both surprising and unaccountable. Long before the curtain went up the pittites showed signs of displeasure, and for some time after the commotion did not cease. During the second and third acts the noise was simply deafening, so much so that the "tag" had to be curtailed. Why this should have been we cannot say, for nothing so magnificent as "Frankenstein" has ever before been seen on the Gaiety stage. Richard Henry has written the story with his usual humour, while the music, composed and selected by Meyer Lutz, is both tuneful and effective. All praise is due to Mr. Charles Harris for the way in which he has placed the piece on the stage. Every available opportunity has been seized to make the scenes picturesque, while the dresses are lovely. The plot at times is entirely lost sight of, but this is compensated for by some pretty choruses and dances, capitally arranged and perfectly executed. The story commences at the village of Villasuburbs, in the pass of Pizzicato. Here Frankenstein has been working wonders, the principal one being the making of the monster (Mr. Fred Leslie). When this gentleman comes to life he gives us, with the help of the model (Mr. George Stone), an amusing burlesque of the present aspect of the prize ring. This is most laughable, the two or three rounds causing much merriment. There is very little plot in the second or third acts, but as we have already said, this is well made up by scenic effects. A charming "set" is the second act, and here dances and songs are given in abundance. The last scene is laid out as a cavern at the North Pole, and here a most effective review of the planets takes place. The groupings in this scene are perfect, the different colours mixing most harmoniously. Most of the Gaiety favourites are back, and Miss Nellie Farren and Mr. Fred. Leslie work hard to be amusing. What little there was for them to do they did well; Miss Farren's vivacious and inimitable ways are as prominent as ever. These two favourites were backed by Mr. E. J. Lonnen as a vampire viscount. This gentleman has a good song, entitled "The Dispensing Doctor," and he renders it in capital style. Mr. George Stone, as the model, was amusing, while Miss Marion Hood sang thoroughly charmed the house. Miss Sylvia Grey has one or two dances, which she executes in graceful fashion. Mr. Charlie Ross also has a capital dance, which he makes the most of. Misses Camille D'Arville, Emily Cross, Jenny Rogers, Jenny M'Nulty, and Messrs. Cecil Maude and Frank Thornton all do well in their several parts. Notwithstanding the unfavourable verdict of a part of its first night audience we feel sure, with a little working up, "Frankenstein" will prove a great success.

Terry's.—Those who are fond of seeing child en enjoy themselves, play blindman's buff, sing nursery rhymes, and such like, cannot do better than visit this theatre, where Mr. Charles Arnold is giving matinées of "Hans the Boatman." Not very long since this charming little piece was presented at the now defunct Grand, at Islington, and during its short stay there delighted each one that went to see it. Mr. Arnold's loveable way with children is very amusing, while his style is most taking. Hans is one of those fellows who will do anything for a romp with the "kiddies," with what result we have before shown. The happy ending of the piece banishes the tears, and makes every one go home happy. Mr. Arnold has some delightful songs to sing, his "catchy" style being most pleasing. Two of the mites that lead such a pretty aspect to the story are very amusing. These are Master Frank Reed and Little May Hamman (both are exceedingly clever). Miss Helen Leyton is Jeffie Thursby, while Miss May Gurney embodies the part of Gladys Farwell. Messrs. Walter Russell, Robert Medlicott and Joseph Pearce are good in other parts. A more charming piece than "Hans the Boatman" cannot be found; the children's scenes are especially effective.

The New Years' Entertainment to the Old Folks, at Croydon, will be given on Wednesday next

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At the regular monthly meeting of the Henry Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 216, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, Bro. Dr. James I. Luce P.G.J.D. was elected W.M., and Bro. James Harper P.M. P.G.J.W. Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

FORTITUDE LODGE, No 66.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., Bro. E. Coppin in the chair, Bro. George Dimier S.W. was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, Bro. S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.M.O. as Treasurer, and Bro. James Gidley P.M. P.G.T. Tyler.

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AT the Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, held on Tuesday, 20th December, at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby, there was a large and influential gathering, every Lodge in the Province being represented. It had been hoped that the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., would have made it convenient to attend on this occasion, but at the eleventh hour the noble lord found himself unable, by reason of important business which called him to London, to be present. In his absence the chair was occupied by the genial and popular Deputy Grand Master, Brother Haughton Charles Okeover, who was supported by a large number of distinguished Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present. The chair of the D.P.G.M. was filled by Bro. W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W. The annual reports presented from the various Lodges indicated a steady growth of Masonic strength, it being particularly noticeable that the Charities of the Order were receiving a very hearty and liberal recognition. On the latter point, it was mentioned by Bro. G. T. Wright, Chairman of the Charity Committee, that during the past year the Province had subscribed £557 5s 6d towards the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions, and that during the past three years no less than £2,400 had been sent up from Derbyshire. An interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. William Naylor, who has for a great many years most zealously and efficiently discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary. It was reported by Bro. Percy Wallis, who had acted as Honorary Secretary to the Presentation Fund, that the proposal to recognise Bro. Naylor's services had been most liberally responded to from all parts of the Province, and that after purchasing for him Full and Undress Grand Lodge clothing, and also clothing for Grand Royal Arch Chapter (in both of which Bro. Naylor has been made the recipient of honours), the Committee were able to hand over a cheque of the value of £175 for presentation. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in investing Bro. Naylor with the handsome new clothing, and presenting him with the cheque referred to, bore eloquent testimony to the great services he had rendered to the Province of Derbyshire, and wished him an abundant measure of health to continue his honourable Masonic career. Bro. Naylor, in returning thanks, referred to the enormous strides made by Derbyshire Freemasonry during the 17 years he had been connected with the Province.

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The number of Lodges had increased from 15 to 22, and the number of members from 465 to 1023. The Province had also increased the number of its votes for charities ten-fold; and during the period named they had erected a Masonic Hall, and furnished it beautifully. What was of even greater moment, the building was entirely free from debt. In other respects there had been great progress, and it was to him a source of pride and satisfaction to know that he had played some part in the work which had been going on. Bro. Naylor, amid the general applause of the brethren, expressed the hope that he might long be permitted to serve the interests of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In recognition of the Jubilee year, and by the authority of the Prince of Wales, past rank was conferred on four brethren of the Province. The recipients of these honours were :—

Bro. J. H. Lawson	P.P.G. Senior Warden
John Howell	P.P.G. Junior Warden
J. Hall	P.P.G. Senior Deacon
H. Barber	P.P.G. Senior Deacon

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then appointed the Officers of the Province for the ensuing year, in the following order :—

Bro. E. R. Ward	Senior Warden
D. Upton	Junior Warden
Thomas Cox	Treasurer
William Naylor	Secretary
Revs. H. Price and C. W. Groves	Chaplains
Edgar Horne	Registrar
T. N. Turner	Senior Deacon
W. Fletcher	Junior Deacon
Arnold Bemrose (re-appointed)	Dir. of Cers.
W. Davis	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. Silver-Hall	Assist. Secretary
J. Copestick	Pursuivant
Henry Carr	Assist. Pursuivant
E. J. H. Hoskyns	Sword Bearer
J. Cholerton and J. McLeod	Standard Bearers
William Forman	Organist
G. Sutherland, W. H. Wright, J. S. Saunders, Wm. Hart, W. Prince, J. H. Cooke	Stewards.

After the transaction of formal business, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where they partook of dinner, which was well served by Mr. Keyl, the manager. A pleasant evening was spent.

NEW MASONIC HALL IN PLYMOUTH.

IN reference to the laying of the foundation-stone of this new building the *Western Daily Mercury* says:—It was a happy thought which suggested itself to the mind of Bro. W. Derry P.M. 156 P.P.G.S.W. early in the year that the Masonic fraternity of the Three Towns could not better celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty than by erecting a new Masonic Hall, sufficient for all purposes, and a Club to meet growing demands. As the result of Bro. Derry's suggestion a few of the more active and prominent of the Masonic body met together under Bro. Derry's chairmanship. It was decided to erect a Masonic Hall and Club, and a Limited Liability Company was formed for that purpose, but the question was to find suitable premises or a fairly good site. A small but select committee was appointed, and Bro. J. H. Keats P.M., the eminent architect, was called in council. Two good sites were fixed upon and negotiations entered into respecting the same. After a good inspection it was resolved that No. 1 Princess Square was the more desirable of the two, and although the committee felt hampered by not being able to take possession of the property as early as they could wish, a price was agreed upon and money paid to settle the bargain. Bro. J. Keats worked most assiduously with the plans, and the result was that by the time the premises were vacated the contract had been signed and the arrangements so perfected that the work of alteration and building was practically commenced at once. "Success sweetens labour," and after all the energy, time, and ability which the Committee have thrown into the work, it must have been exceedingly gratifying to them to see the Prov. G.M. (Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P.) lay the foundation stone of their new hall, although at the end of, but in, the Jubilee year, which it was feared at one time would have been prevented by circumstances over which they had no control. The ceremony passed off most successfully. Fully 600 Brethren met at the special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, which was held at the Assembly Rooms, and after the transaction of certain business marched in procession, headed by the band of the Cameron Highlanders, to St. Andrew's Church, where a special service was held, the Prov. G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. T. Tyacke) being the preacher. At the conclusion of the service, the Brethren proceeded to No. 1 Princess Square, standing at the bottom of Windsor Lane, where the foundation stone was laid by Lord Ebrington, M.P., the Prov. G.M. A handsome silver trowel was presented to the P.G.M. by Bro. W. Derry, Chairman of the Board of Directors. The foundation stone was a good one, and in a cavity underneath was placed in a lead box (kindly given by Bro. W. T. Hocking W.M. 70) copies of the day's *Western Daily Mercury* (containing a preliminary notice of the proceedings), the *Western Morning News*, the *Freemason*, Articles of Association of the Company, Devon and Cornwall Masonic Directory, a book of the Constitutions of the Order, and some coins. The ceremony was an impressive one, and at the conclusion successful photographs of the party were taken by Bro. John Hodge, of Union Street, Stonehouse. The Brethren then returned to the Royal Hotel, where the Jubilee "collars" were distributed, Bro. J. B. Gover, who received the collar of P.G.A.D.C. at the hands of the present Lord Ebrington's grandfather, being appointed P.P.G. Secretary. The Brethren dined together in the evening at Bro. Roger's Newmarket Hotel.

The new hall is likely to be of an exceptionally imposing character. It is classical in design—the lower story being rusticated and the top with Corinthian pilasters. It will face Windsor Lane and will be three storeys high. On the ground floor will be a banqueting hall 48 feet by 28 feet. On the first floor will be no less than three Lodge rooms, while the dressing rooms and lockers will be on the mezzarine floor. On the top floor there will be a Prov. Grand Lodge room 68 feet by 29, with a height of 24 feet. Our limited space will not permit us of writing an extended notice of the building to-day; we shall reserve that for a future occasion. The existing premises in front of the site of the new hall has been converted into a Masonic Club. It is beautifully furnished throughout, and there is every reason to believe it will be a great success.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their Annual Festival on St. John's day, at the Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire. Bro. T. C. Denham, as installed as Wor. Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by V.W. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. England, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorkshire. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. J. March I.P.M., J. Gibson S.W., J. H Scholes J.W., the Rev. J. E. Torbett Chaplain, J. Westgarth Smith Treasurer, Stephen W. Close Secretary, R. Spence jun. S.D., Sidney Pearson J.D., H. Proctor D. of C., E. Schofield Organist, R. Murray I.G., J. Tennet Steward, and W. Grieves Tyler. There was a large attendance of the members of the Lodge, and the visiting brethren present were Bros. Bungay 561, Stewart 602 P.G. Organist, and Brown 1932. On the conclusion of the ceremonial the brethren dined at the King's Head Hotel.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Union-street, Plymouth, on the 20th inst., to instal Bro. P. H. Bridgeman S.W. as W. Master for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Hannaford, Bros. W. Browning P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Hilley P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and J. W. Cornish P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. Hannaford I.P.M., W. Stenlake S.W., John Lavers jun. J.W., F. R. Goodyear P.M. Treasurer, W. Browning P.M. Secretary, H. Earl S.D., G. Payne J.D., H. Rogers I.G., W. Hutchings D.C., J. A. Court A.D.C., C. B. Gale Organ., P. Hannaford Sen. St., S. Yeomans Jun. St., S. W. Saunders 1st Assist. St., W. Biscombe 2nd Assist. St., and T. Mairs Tyler. Bro. J. Neno P.M. was appointed Charity Steward. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, the usual Masonic toasts being duly honoured. The annual banquet will take place on Tuesday, 10th January.

PERFECT FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 376.

THE R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, attended the anniversary meeting of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, on Wednesday, 21st inst., when Bro. Frank A. Bales was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The members of the Lodge present included:—Bros. John Hunt W.M.,

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F. A. Bales S.W. (W.M. elect), N. Tracy P.M. P.G.S., S. R. Anness P.M. P.P.G.J.D., W. P. Mills P.M. Treas. P.P.G.S.W., A. A. Bennett P.M. P.P.G.R., J. H. Staddon P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. B. Fraser P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Hy. Sidney P.M. and Sec. P.P.G.A.D. of C., R. E. Younger J.W., Fred C. Atkinson S.W., H. E. Leach J.D., Geo. Turner I.G., A. Spalding Steward, E. T. Read, J. Goodhew, Richard Anness, H. Campion Monteith, A. C. Hayward, John Tibbenham, W. Darby. The visitors, in addition to the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, included Bros. J. Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Rev. R. N. Sanderson P.M. 114 P.G. Chap. Eng., Dr. Tidbury S.W. 114, Edgar S. Scrivener W.M. 225, W. Pearson P.M. 936, S. Snow P.M. 959, C. H. Scriven S.W. 1663, Robert Titlow J.W. 388 and 1982, G. T. Pick J.W. 959, A. E. Chaplin 88, John H. Baxter 194, W. Kemp 959, M. A. Butcher 959, and W. Leathers 959, &c. W. Bro. Terry acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Younger S.W., Atkinson J.W., Mills Treas., Sidney Secretary, Leach S.D., Turner J.D., Campion Monteith I.G., Wright D. of C., Thwaites and Spalding Stewards, Gould Tyler. After the Officers had been invested, the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master Lord Henniker expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present at the installation of Bro. Bales, who was the son of a very old and esteemed friend of his. He also desired by his presence to do honour to Bro. Tracy, who had done so much for Freemasonry in Suffolk, and who was, he believed, one of the oldest members of the Perfect Friendship Lodge. He had, however, attended at great personal inconvenience, and he hoped the W. Master and Brethren would excuse him if he left earlier than he would otherwise have done. He was always glad to come to Ipswich, where he had received so much kindness, and he greatly regretted that he was not able to make a longer stay on the present occasion. The Prov. Grand Master then retired, and shortly afterwards the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was served by Bro. T. Hardwick, of the Queen's Street Restaurant. The Wor. Master (Bro. Bales) occupied the chair. The Wor. Master proposed the Loyal toasts and "The Present and Past Grand Officers." He thought the Perfect Friendship, as a Provincial Lodge, ought to feel highly honoured by the presence of two Grand Officers, Bros. Sanderson and Terry. Bro. Boby would also have been with them, but for the lamented death of his brother. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson. Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, in response, expressed the interest he had always felt in the Perfect Friendship Lodge, and the pleasure it had given him to be present at the installation of Bro. Bales, who was not only an old pupil of his, but also the son of a much esteemed friend. The Wor. Master next proposed "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master Lord Henniker, the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past." He expressed his regret that the Prov. Grand Master was unable to stay for the banquet, but said they must be thankful that he did them the honour of being present at the Lodge. He was Lord-in-Waiting on the Queen, and he had come down from Windsor, at great personal inconvenience, in order to be with them that evening. With regard to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, he was beloved throughout the Province, and nothing but prior engagements of an important nature prevented him being present. The toast was responded to by Bro. N. Tracy for the Present, and Bros. J. B. Fraser and J. H. Staddon for the Past Prov. Grand Officers. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Installing Master, said he esteemed it a great honour to have been installed by such a distinguished Mason as Bro. Terry. On behalf of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, and on his own behalf, he thanked Bro. Terry for the honour he had done them by his presence, and for the impressive manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. Bro. Terry, in response, said he had installed some hundreds of Worshipful Masters in different parts of the country, but he had never experienced more pleasure in performing the ceremony than he had that evening. He knew well Bro. Bale's zeal for Freemasonry, and he was quite sure he would not have undertaken an office the duties of which he did not feel competent to discharge. He was sure Bro. Bales would add fresh lustre to the chair which so many eminent Masons had filled in past times. The I.P.M., Bro. Hunt, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. A. Bales. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. The Worshipful Master responded in appropriate terms, and expressed the hope that at the end of his term of office he should hand on to his successor the Mastership of the Lodge pure and unsullied as he had received it. The Worshipful Master proposed the Immediate Past Master, and referred to the great prosperity the Perfect Friendship Lodge had enjoyed under the Mastership of Bro. J. Hunt. Bro. John Hunt, in response, thanked the Officers and Brethren for the support accorded to him during the past year. Bro. Tracy, in an impressive speech, proposed the Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Terry. Bro. Terry, in response, said upon the success of the Masonic Charities depended the welfare of over 900 persons. For the support of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions over £26,000 a-year was required, and in connection with the Benevolent Institution £14,800 was expended every year. There were eighteen annuitants in the Province of Suffolk, the aggregate amount they were receiving being over £600 a-year, so that he thought he might fairly say that the Masonic Charities had great claims upon their sympathies. The other toasts were the Past Masters of the Lodge, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to Bros. S. R. Anness and A. A. Bennett; the Visitors, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bros. Chaplin, E. T. Read, Baxter, E. S. Scrivener, G. T. Pick, C. H. Scriven, R. Titlow, Cornish and Pearson; the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bros. F. C. Atkinson J.W., H. Sidney Secretary, and H. J. Wright Dir. of Cers.; and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations by various brethren. Bro. G. E. Barwell very ably presided at the pianoforte.

DORIC LODGE, No. 81.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woodbridge, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., when Brother Horsey was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. There was a numerous attendance of Brethren. Bro. William Clarke acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner. The Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. Tracy and Phillips. Having been duly installed, Bro. Horsey invested his Officers for the year, as under:—Bros. Phillips S.W., Booth J.W., Rev. J. Beck Chaplain, Gall Treasurer, Parrett Secretary, F. W. W. Gross S.D., Gall D.C., Loveless Organist, Brooke I.G., Sheppard and Tomlinson Stewards, Hall Tyler. Hearty good wishes were tendered to the Worshipful Master, from the Grand Lodge of England, the Province of Suffolk, and the Visiting Lodges. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the Brethren adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was admirably served by Mr. and Mrs. Miles. After the choice viands had been duly discussed, the Worshipful Master proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the usual Masonic toasts. Bro. Clarke, England, responded for the Grand Officers. The W.M. proposed the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Tracy responded for the Present Officers, and Bro. Gall for the Past. The W.M. next proposed the Installing Master, and expressed great satisfaction at the admirable manner in which Bro. Clarke had performed the ceremony. Bro. Clarke, in response, said it was always a great pleasure to him to attend the Doric Lodge, and to instal such worthy Masters as had filled the chair of that ancient Lodge in times past. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Collins, in felicitous terms, proposed the Worshipful Master of the Doric Lodge, and expressed the hope that Bro. Horsey would have a happy and prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master suitably responded. The other toasts were the Immediate Past Master, the Masonic Charities, the Visitors (for whom Bro. Hayward responded), the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Tyler's toast. The toasts were interspersed with some capital songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LOYAL LODGE, No. 251.

ON Tuesday, the 27th inst., the annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, for the purpose of transacting the usual business and to present Bro. John Brewer with an address and a gold Prov. J.G.W. jewel. W.M. Edwards presided, and among those present were the Prov. Grand Master Viscount Ebrington, M.P. The first business was the presentation of the gold jewel and address, by Lord Ebrington. The address was as follows:—

"Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Loyal Lodge, No. 251. Presented, together with a gold Prov. J.G.W. jewel, to Worshipful Brother John Brewer P.M., on his retirement from the office of P.G. Secretary and appointment to that of P.J.G. Warden, by brethen of his mother Lodge, in accordance with the following unanimous resolution passed at a regular meeting of the Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, on Monday, the 4th July 1887:—That a testimonial be presented by the Brethren to Bro. John Brewer as a small token of their esteem and regard towards him, and to mark their appreciation of the distinction with which he has discharged the duties of P.G. Secretary for a period of eight years."

In answer to the well-deserved remarks of Lord Ebrington, Bro. J. Brewer made a suitable reply. Bro. W. A. Roberts was then installed as W.M., and he subsequently appointed his Officers. In the evening a large company dined together at the Fortescue Hotel.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 27th inst., when there was an exceedingly large attendance of brethren from various parts to witness the installation of Brother Mugford, the S.W. for the past year and W.M. elect. The following were amongst those present:—Bros. Ebrington 248 W.M. P.P.G.C., Dr. Searles 248 P.M. P.G.S., Stanley 395 P.G. Sword Bearer, Martin 910 P.M., and others. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Grant, and after the minutes were read and confirmed a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installation was most effectively performed by Bro. Grant P.M., after which the newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Richards I.P.M., Hill S.W., Renwick J.W., Harland P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Taylor P.M. Secretary, Grant P.M. Chaplain, Beckett S.D., Searle J.D., Salter P.M. D.C., Brooks Organist, Tayler I.G., Beer S.S., Millard J.S., Burt Tyler. After transacting other business, the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the Brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where the spread reflected great credit on the cuisine of the host, Bro. Harrison.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

THE Festival of St. John and the installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cheapside, Hanley. There was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren. Bro. Tunnicliffe W.M. elect was installed by Bro. Greatbatch I.P.M., assisted by Bros. Bickley, Jackson and Crapper. After the ceremony of installation the W.M. appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Windle S.W., Robinson J.W., Rev. F. E. Waters Chaplain, Hales Treasurer, Devereux Secretary, Hampton S.D., Barlow J.D., Jackson Dir. of Cers., Barlow Organist, Jones I.G., Jones and Goodson Stewards, Wilkes Tyler. After the ceremony a banquet was held at the Town Hall, provided by Bro. Munro.

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LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge, for the installation of the W.M. elect, took place on Monday, the 26th inst., at Callington. After the initiation of a candidate, Bro. Dawe S.W. was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bros. Pearce P.M. P.P.G.D., and George Morgan P.M. P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Bros. Williams P.M. P.P.G.P. and Bond W.M. The W.M. invested the following Brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Bond I.P.M., Betty S.W., Philp J.W., Pearce Treasurer, Turner Secretary, Normington S.D., Gibson J.D., Davey I.G., Hosken Tyler, Lakeman Organist, Bate D.C., Geake S.S., Phillips J.S., and Bennett A.S. The annual banquet will be held at Bro. G. T. Lakeman's, Bull's Head Hotel, on Thursday next, at 5 p.m.

UNITY LODGE, No. 613.

ON Monday, the 19th instant, the Annual Installation in connection with this Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank Street, Southport, there being present a large number of Officers, Members, and Visitors, among whom were Bros. Cory P.M. 613, Hatch P.M. 613, Hope P.P.G.C., Sutton P.P.G.D.C., Newsome P.P.G.S.B., Hesketh P.M. 1070, Pye P.M., and others. After the usual Lodge business was disposed of, the installation of the W.M. was proceeded with by Bro. Gale, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Kidstone P.M. The ceremony was most impressively rendered, the W.M. elect being Bro. Sherrington. The Officers were afterwards invested with their respective insignia:—Bros. Gale I.P.M., McFeeter S.W., Seidenstricker J.W., Bradshaw P.M. D.C., T. Adams P.M. Treasurer, Duxfield P.M. Secretary, Hope P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Wilkinson Organist, Blundell S.D., Scott J.D., Marsden I.G., Hayward S.S., Williams J.S., Rockliff Tyler, Kirkbride Assistant Tyler, Kersbaw P.M. Almoner, Cory P.M. R.B.B. In the evening the Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Bro. Wilkinson fully maintaining the reputation of the hotel. A most interesting evening was spent, presided over by the W.M., Brother Sherrington. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and enthusiastically received, which were followed by the Masonic toasts in due order, the gathering being most enjoyable, as was evinced by the cordiality which prevailed amongst the brethren.

ST. PETROC LODGE, No. 1785.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Padstow, on Friday, the 23rd instant, to instal Bro. W. H. Martyn jun. as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. Thomas Hicks P.M. P.P.G.J.W. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Stribley I.P.M., Major C. R. P. Bruno S.W., J. B. Williams J.W., Rev. John Daunt Chaplain, F. Bray P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant Treasurer, W. H. Pope P.M. Secretary, R. S. Langford S.D., P. Blake J.D., J. Hawken D.C., H. F. Marley I.G., G. B. Stribley O., W. H. Pope jun. and W. Brown Stewards, and J. D. Lobb Tyler. Brother William Knight was elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The Visitors were Bros. R. Drew S.W. 1529 and E. Rickard S.D. 1529. The banquet was held at the St. Petroc Private Hotel, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 21th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, under melancholy circumstances, owing to the lamentable death of Brother Goldsmith, the out-going W.M., a few days after the Lodge elected his successor in November last. A second cause of grief was the sudden death of Bro. Frederick Saunders, an initiate of the Lodge, on the very day of the funeral of Bro. Goldsmith. The Lodge was draped in deep mourning, and the installation banquet was dispensed with. The chair was taken by Bro. Charles Pardon, the late W.M.'s I.P.M., and there were present Bros. J. C. Duckworth S.W. W.M. elect, Dr. Griffiths J.W., H. Massey P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Albery Secretary, W. M. Duckworth P.M., Thomas Minstrell P.M., Herbert Wright S.D., W. T. Perkins J.D., Robert Hancock I.G., J. H. Thomas P.M. D.C., Basil Cooke Assistant D.C., F. H. Gale Organist, E. E. Peacock Steward, James Macintyre, W. Potts, W. Macdonald, John Bune, George Welch, C. Greenwood, James Adair, J. W. R. Brown, C. K. Moore, Peter Bruce, F. W. Pattison, J. C. Manning, John Allan, W. J. Innes, Charles Lock, George F. Babington, H. J. Sanderson, S. James, and Masson. Visitors: Bros. E. L. Horne P.M. Secretary 227, H. M. Read P.M. 720, L. F. Gowling 428 (S.C.), W. E. M. Hancock 1588, and J. Laidlaw Cross P.M. 90. The Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. L. F. Gowling of 428 (S.C.) was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Albery, the Secretary, reported that, by the direction of the W.M. elect and the Permanent Committee, memorial wreaths had been placed upon the coffins of Bros. Goldsmith and Saunders, on behalf of the Lodge. A large number of Brethren had attended the funeral of their late W.M. at Brockley, and the Lodge was properly represented at Bro. Saunders' funeral at Woking Cemetery. It had also been determined to raise a subscription for the widow and four young children left by Bro. Saunders. The Permanent Committee had started the list with a donation of 20 guineas from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Bro. Pardon said it was seldom that a Lodge met under such depressing circumstances, but the W.M. elect and the Officers had done wisely in dispensing with the usual banquet, which could not be enjoyed without conviviality. Some amount of sympathy, however, was due to the incoming W.M., who naturally had looked forward to his installation as a joyous festival, when, surrounded by his friends and a brilliant circle of Visitors, he had hoped to inaugurate his year of office in a pleasant and genial manner. With reference to the five guineas voted for a P.M.'s jewel for Bro. Goldsmith, but now, alas! not required, he would suggest that the sum be made up to ten guineas, and a perpetual "Goldsmith" vote be purchased in one of the Masonic Charities. That would be a real and permanent memorial to the worth and esteem in which the Lodge held their late W.M. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed that the Lodge was financially in a prosperous condition, was received and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. C. Duckworth, was afterwards installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. H. Massey, the first W.M. of the Lodge and Treasurer. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following Brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Dr. Griffiths S.W., Wright J.W., Perkins S.D., Hancock J.D., Albery Secretary, Cooke I.G., Thomas P.M. D.C., Peacock Assistant D.C., Gale, Greenwood, Moore, and Pattison Stewards. Bro. Massey was reinvested as Treasurer, and Bro. Very as Tyler. The investiture of Officers being ended, Bro. Duckworth rose and said that almost the first duty he had to perform as Master was one which he would rather had not fallen to his lot. The minutes of the Lodge during his year of office would commence with a melancholy record. They were all aware of the sad fact that a few days after their last meeting their Master, Bro. Goldsmith, passed away. He had been in poor health for a long time, but they had no reason to expect that his end was so near. He actually fulfilled his professional duties the day before his death. In losing Bro. Goldsmith, the Gallery Lodge had lost one of the most accomplished workers in Freemasonry in the Home Counties, and many of them had lost a colleague who was always genial, upright, and respected by all with whom he came in contact. Although Bro. Goldsmith had been troubled with a racking cough, he died without suffering. Peaceful and gentle in life, his end was peace. Although they felt his departure very keenly, there were others left behind whose grief must be very great indeed, and he proposed that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Goldsmith and her children. This was seconded by Bro. Griffiths and agreed to. The W.M. again rose and said ill-fortune seldom came alone. On the day their late Master was buried, death, with his sickle keen, swept away another much respected member—Bro. Saunders. These two deaths in one week were enough to shake the nerves of the strongest of them. He proposed that a similar letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Saunders. Bro. Griffiths seconded this, and it was adopted.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorsely attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid, who attentively reads them, can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.

The General Committee of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews P.G.S.B. in the chair. Amongst others present were Peter de L. Long, E. H. Finney, G. H. N. Bridges, C. H. Webb, Thomas Massa, H. Massey, Charles F. Hogard, J. J. Caseley, John French, Samuel H. Parkhouse, J. S. Cumberland, and Bro. Peachey, in place of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary, who was unfortunately absent through illness. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, some grants and additions to salaries were made in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee. Eleven vacancies were declared for the April election, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques according to list. The brethren then considered the petitions for admitting children to the list of candidates for election into the School in April. Of these petitions there were 22. Two were deferred for further information, and one was rejected as not coming within the rules. The remaining 19 were accepted, and the list for April now stands at 42. 11 vacancies were recommended to the Quarterly Court in January 1888. On the motion of Bro. Webb, seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, a vote expressive of the regret of the Committee, at the death of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.Chap., Vice-President of the Institution, was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, and a vote of regret at the Secretary's illness was likewise agreed to.

A reproduction in monochrome of a crayon study by Mr. Frank Miles forms the frontispiece to the January number of "Cassell's Magazine." Mr. J. Berwick Harwood contributes a new story to this number.

The sermon preached by the Bishop of Gibraltar at the consecration of the Memorial Church to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, at Cannes, is published in the January number of "The Quiver." An unpublished sermon by Matthew Henry, the commentator, also appears.

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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 DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
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, Buyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
230—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Helston Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
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
607—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)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
950—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
958—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
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1160—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
1340—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malton.
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Baggalay Lane, Hull
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
56—Canonbury, Royal Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lea bourne-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Euston, Victoria Jubilee Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.).
165—Unity, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Burdett-Coutts, Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Regent, Langham Hotel, Archer-street, at 7.15. (Instruction)
212—Camden, Mount Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Vitruvian, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powsall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
931—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, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1647—Earl of Carnarvon, La Brooke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
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
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
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, Lunslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Retear
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1870—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1983—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2042—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Canonbury Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Rose, Stamford Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdhurst-road, S. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 4. (Instruct.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1208—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Salvage, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1983—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1981—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1987—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
2107—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1942—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

71—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ancaster, Lincolnshire
326—Morin, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
347—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
517—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
529—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Penzance
571—Severn, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Leverton, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
615—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
676—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
679—Earl Lucan, Church Hotel, Barnsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
750—Prince Leopold, Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-street, Leicester
805—Pembroke, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock, Pembroke
902—Sir Kenneth, Masonic Hall, Cowbridge, Glamorgan (Instruction)
992—St. Alexander, Drum Hotel, Leith, Edinburgh
[illegible]—Prudential, Masonic Hall, Winchester, Hall
[illegible]—Royal Victoria, Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool
[illegible]—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. (Instruction.)
1050—Linnæan, Masonic Hall, Chapel-street, Bedford
1091—Lynn, Lynn House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich

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1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds.
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 5th JANUARY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
598—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
534—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, 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.
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 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)
950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 188—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
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Hashingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
268—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
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294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
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317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pontfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
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432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
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782—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
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, Sandy Lane
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
1475—Lodge, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1600—Walpole, Bull Hotel, Norwich
1604—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1613—Pilkington, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1614—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1630—Chatsworth, Red Lion Hotel, Hassall, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1634—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1638—Walton-street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, Bucks
1776—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknockshire
1811—St. Aldwyn's, Cambridge Hotel, Shrubbery-side
1820—Jubilee, George Hotel, Shrewsbury
2033—Reduction, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2060—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 116—Canal, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 197—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
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R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th 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)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1145—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kenning on. (Instruction)
1462—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 78—[illegible], Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1449—Ezra, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzw Burnaston, Staffordshire.
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
1036—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Cheriton Grove, Derby
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, Sidney-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1455—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

ROWING CLUBS LODGE.

ON Saturday last an influential meeting of Masons, members of various metropolitan amateur rowing clubs, was held at Putney, to consider the advisability of forming a Lodge for amateur oarsmen, much on the same principle as the Ilex Swimming Club was formed some years ago. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., an old member of the Committee of the London Rowing Club, was called to the chair, and amongst those present we noticed Brothers Eugene Monteuuis P.M. 14 and 2060 P.G. Steward, J. C. Radford P.M. 177 and 1420, J. F. Savory 1635, T. W. Willis 1601, Gordon Smith W.M. 2041 and J.W. 14, Valentine Robinson S.W. 14, G. D. Lister P.M. 1412 and 1361 P.P.G.S. Surrey, H. J. Reynolds P.M. 91 and 101 P.G.S., S.D. Grand Stewards' Lodge, W. E. Smith 1891, Ernest T. Smith 1768, and many others. After some little discussion it was unanimously resolved that a petition should be presented to the M.W. Grand Master, praying for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be holden at Putney during rowing season, to be called the "Argonauts," and to be open to members of all metropolitan rowing clubs. It was agreed that the subscription should be small, so as to induce the younger members of the various rowing clubs to join, as well as the elder ones. Bro. Monteuuis was nominated first W.M., Bro. Radford first S.W., Bro. Savory first J.W., and Bro. Frank Richardson was asked to act as Treasurer. Bro. Radford kindly consented to act as Hon. Sec. pro tem, and a Sub-committee, consisting of Bros. Monteuuis, Savory, and Smith, were elected to act with him in carrying out details, and making necessary arrangements. The principal clubs represented at the meeting were the London, Thames and Twickenham, but we have little doubt that as soon as the fact becomes known in rowing circles an acquisition of members from all amateur clubs on the Thames will be obtained. The idea seems to us to be a very good one, and we wish hearty success to the cause.

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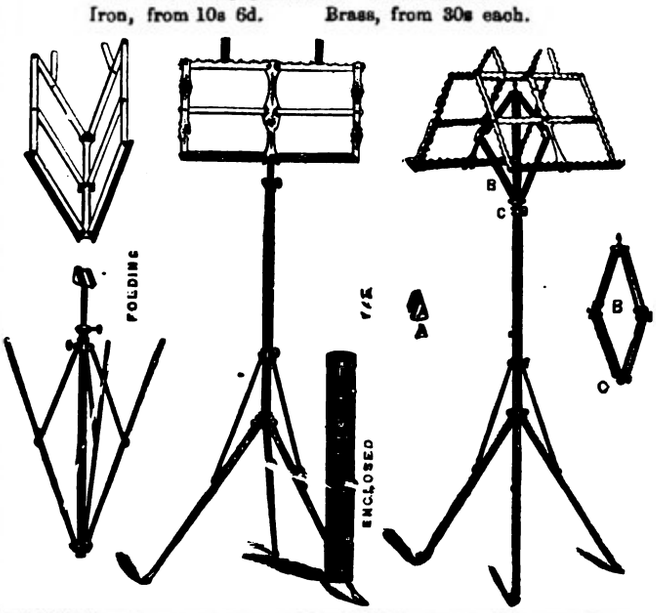

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