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ROYAL ARCH MASONRY: ITS DISTRIBUTION AND PROGRESS.

OUR recent articles on the progress and distribution of Freemasonry would be incomplete without some notice of the Royal Arch degree, which, by the articles of the Union, is included as part and parcel of free and ancient Masonry. It works very unobtrusively. The meetings of the Supreme Grand Chapter are mostly formal, while generally the degree has about it an air of tranquillity as though it belonged to the *dolce far niente* school of philosophy. Yet it has made its way along these latter years surely, if somewhat placidly, and in a manner that must be creditable to its self-esteem, as well as satisfactory to all lovers of the Craft. Indeed, this section of ancient Masonry has maintained its level with the other as well in respect of the progress it has made as on the score of the smart diligence with which it has fulfilled its appointed task. Be it our present task to show where this progress is apparent, and how the Chapters belonging to the Degree are distributed.

With Grand Lodge Calendar for our guide, we have no difficulty in ascertaining that at the close of the year 1874 there were 462 Royal Arch Chapters, of which 67 met in the Metropolitan district, 308 in the Provinces, and 87 in the Colonies and Dependencies Abroad. There are now 620, of which the Metropolis can boast about 120, while the Provinces muster some 380, and there are perhaps a round 120 abroad. By a comparison of the latter with the former figures it will be seen that the progress has been greatest in the Metropolis, where it is something like 80 per cent., while in the Provinces it is less than 25 per cent., and Abroad a fraction under 30 per cent. The differences in the rates of progress as between the Metropolis and the Provinces and Abroad are no doubt attributable to the fact that in London the Lodges are concentrated, and it is easier, therefore, to form Chapters; while in the Provinces and Abroad the Lodges are distributed in towns more or less distant from one another, and in the majority of cases having only a small population. Consequently, Chapters are not so easily established, as the number of Royal Arch Masons is, if not more limited, at all events more widely scattered. If we turn now to the Provinces, we shall find that if the progress, for the reason we have just been considering, has not been so marked, it has been, on the whole, satisfactory. Bedfordshire, though possessing five Lodges, had no Royal Arch Chapter at the end of 1874. Since then, however, one has been attached to the Stuart Lodge, No. 540, meeting in Bedford. Berks and Bucks, with eighteen Lodges equally divided between the two counties, has six Chapters similarly apportioned; in 1874 there were five Chapters. The Province of Bristol remains in the same state, with three Chapters to eight Lodges. Cambridgeshire has advanced. In 1874 only three of its four Lodges had Chapters attached to them; now all have, the newly-established one meeting at Wisbeach. Cheshire, which has some thirty seven Lodges, has nineteen Chapters, two—Nos. 425, Chester, and 533, Congleton—being of recent origin. Cornwall, which can boast a record of thirty Lodges, musters fourteen Chapters, of

which Nos. 330, Bodmin, 537, Callington, 789, Launceston, 970, East Looe, and 1071, Saltash, have been warranted during the last seven years. The Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland has two new Chapters, one in each county, making the present number eight as against six in 1874. Derbyshire has just doubled the number of her Chapters, there having been only three in 1874, whereas there are now six. In consequence of this increase, the Province has its Grand Superintendent and full complement of Provincial Grand Royal Arch Officers. Devonshire, with its half century of Lodges, is stronger still proportionately in Royal Arch Masonry, there being no less than twenty-seven Chapters, Devonport boasting of four, of which No. 1099 is of recent creation; Plymouth six, No. 1255 being new, and Stonehouse two. Newton Abbot, Paignton, and Topsham are now fortunate in having each of them a Chapter; so that Royal Arch Masons are no longer under the necessity of journeying a distance in order to celebrate the rites of this Degree. Dorsetshire, under the presidency of Companion J. M. P. Montagu, is flourishing, having six Chapters to five in 1874, the new one being attached to the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, meeting at the town from which it derives its name. Durham has twelve Chapters, three of them being located in Sunderland, two in Gateshead, and two in Hartlepool. In 1874 there were nine, the three new creations being No. 48, Gateshead, No. 531, Hartlepool, and 1119, Jarrow. Essex had but three Chapters seven years since, and it now has four, the addition being Priory Chapter, No. 1000, of Southend. We are of opinion, however, that this is far from a strength commensurate with that of the Craft, there being as many as nineteen Lodges. A similar remark might apply to Gloucestershire, which has fourteen Lodges and only two Chapters, one of them—the Royal Lebanon, No. 493, of Cheltenham—having been constituted since 1874. Hants and the Isle of Wight is almost as strong in the number of its Chapters as it is in that of its Lodges, there being thirty-five of the former and seventeen of the latter as against twenty-eight and thirteen respectively in 1874. The new Chapters are Nos. 1331, Aldershot, 694, Basingstoke, 903, Gosport, and 1428, Portsmouth. The Isle of Wight has but two Chapters to its eight Lodges, so that, though the relative strength is maintained for the whole Province, it is unequally distributed.

So far, with the exception of Bristol, which has remained stationary, we have had nothing but progress to record; but in Herefordshire there has been a falling off of one Chapter, the Bowles Chapter, No. 338, Ross, having dropped from the roll—let us hope, however, only temporarily. The Palladian, No. 120, Hereford, is the solitary home of Royal Arch Masonry in this county. But while, on the one hand, Hereford has lost just one-half its strength in respect of this degree, little Herts has exactly doubled it, the Barnet (No. 1385) and Bishop Stortford (No. 409) Lodges now having Chapters attached to them. As a consequence, Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. is likewise Prov. Grand Superintendent. Kent to its five and forty Lodges has only fourteen Chapters; so that here, too, there is room for increase, though having regard to the fact that six of the fourteen have been established

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since 1874, we can hardly look for such increase to take place at an early date. The Eastern division of Lancashire, which boasts over ninety Lodges, and is consequently at the head of the Provinces numerically, is also the strongest in this respect, having no less than thirty-six Chapters on its roll, as against thirty-five in 1874. This increase of one Chapter is not, however, commensurate with that in Craft Masonry, there having been some ten new Lodges, whereas, though Accrington and Manchester have each an additional Chapter, No. 1145 in the case of the former, and No. 815 in the latter, and Clitheroe has made a home for Royal Arch Masonry in the shape of the Limestone Rock Chapter, attached to Lodge No. 369, bearing the same name, Bolton, has only three as against four Chapters in 1874, and the Callender, No. 1032, Rusholme, has disappeared from the roll. The Western Division of the county has thirty-four Chapters to its over eighty Lodges. In 1874, there were but twenty-four to about sixty-eight Lodges. Liverpool has increased its number from eleven to fifteen Chapters, Warrington has an additional Chapter, while Barrow-in-Furness, Chorlton, Didsbury, Moss Side, and St. Helen's, are now able to point each to a Chapter on the roll of the Province. Leicestershire, as in 1874, has four Chapters; Rutland, which is conjoined with it, having none. Lincolnshire has added to its strength, a sixth Chapter having been consecrated at Burton-on-Humber, namely, the St. Matthew's, No. 1447. Middlesex, to its over thirty Lodges, has eleven Chapters, of which two, meeting at Hampton, and one each at Enfield, Stanmore, and Twickenham, have been warranted during the septennial period of 1874-81, Monmouthshire, has five Chapters, that meeting at Pontypool—No. 1258—being of recent constitution. This looks well, as there are but eight Lodges in the Province. Norfolk, with its fifteen Lodges has Chapters attached to six of them, the one-half of them being held in the city of Norwich. There was the same number in 1874, when there were only fourteen Lodges. North and Hunts has now the good fortune to possess a Prov. G. Superintendent in the person of the Duke of Manchester, who was appointed to the office last year, there being three Chapters meeting at Northampton, Peterborough, and Stamford respectively, whereas in 1874 the Northampton, No. 360 was the only one in the Province. Northumberland, with twenty Lodges, has six Chapters, of which four are located in Newcastle, one of the said four and the Wellington Quay Chapter (No. 991) having been consecrated since 1874. Nottinghamshire, which had but a solitary Chapter in that year, has four now, three of them meeting in Nottingham and one at Newark, while North Wales and Salop has five Chapters to some six and twenty Lodges, not a single addition having been made to the R.A. roll, though there have been seven new Lodges consecrated in the last seven years. It is time, we think, some progress was attempted: five to nineteen is a far better ratio than five to twenty-six. Of the nine Oxfordshire Lodges three have Chapters attached to them, one—No. 1399, Woodstock—being newly constituted. As yet, however, it has no Provincial R.A. organisation.

[To be continued.]

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in London from their brief sojourn in Paris early on Monday morning. Later in the day, the Prince left Marlborough House for Eridge, on a visit to the Marquis of Abergavenny, in order to enjoy a few days' duck shooting; while the Princess with her daughters journeyed to Sandringham, where they arrived in the course of the evening.

The Earl of Huntingdon, Prov. Grand Master Midland Counties, Ireland, was present at the meeting of landlords, tenant-farmers, and shopkeepers held at Parsonstown, on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Earl of Rosse, for the purpose of raising a fund for the relief of persons who have been "Boycotted," and supporting the Government in their measures for the restoration of tranquillity.

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OCCASIONAL PAPERS.—No. II.

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WOMEN IN FREEMASONRY.

By BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

Read before the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.

FROM time to time attempts have been made, with more or less of non-success, to introduce women into Speculative Freemasonry. All such attempts have hitherto resulted in failure, and usually with disaster to the Masonic bodies which have been parties to, or permitted, such experiments.

In the spurious Freemasonry of the Ancients it was, especially in its latest days, the practice to admit women, and the result was that ceremonies once solemn and intended to convey lessons of truth and virtue, became debasing orgies of the vilest description, and clokes for systems of grossest immoralities.

In Mediæval Freemasonry women were admitted into the Guilds at some period, for in one of the Old Charges mention is made of "he or she" that is to be admitted; but we do not know on what terms these admissions were made, how early they were practised, and when they ceased.

Bro. Hughan thinks that the "dames" (widows) were allowed, as widows, to carry on the work when the husbands had been regular Masons in their lifetime and up to their decease; but they were not admitted to the knowledge of the real secrets of the Operative Masons, which he believes consisted of the manner of working the stones in the Lodges, or covered houses.

From English Speculative Masonry, dating from somewhere about the close of the 17th century, women have always been excluded, and, with the exception of the admission of the Honourable Mrs. Aldworth, in Ireland, in the last century, and of a Mrs. Beaton, in Norfolk, which were accidental circumstances, there has been no authenticated instance of a female gaining admission into our Lodges through the door.

It is in France that systems have most frequently been founded having for their object the admission of women into a quasi-participation in Freemasonry, and French society in the last century probably offered a congenial stage for schemes of this kind. The French called the system "Maconnerie d'Adoption," because each Female or Adoptive Lodge was obliged to be adopted, or appended to an ordinary Craft Masonic Lodge. Clavel tells us that the system arose in 1730, and no doubt it did take its rise between that date and 1750. The system went through many changes, though always preserving a tone of conviviality, and being secret in its ceremonies. Several rituals are to be seen in Masonic libraries, and from them, and the accounts given by contemporary writers, we are able to form a pretty sound idea as to their modes of working.

One of the earliest Societies was formed in Paris in 1743, and was called the *Ordre des Felicitaires*, a name which sufficiently indicates its festive objects. The terms and emblems were all nautical. The female members were supposed to be on a voyage to the Island of Felicity, in ships navigated by the brethren. The four degrees of the Order were called *Cabin Boy*, *Captain*, *Commodore* and *Vice-Admiral*, and the Grand Master was called *Admiral*. In 1745 a new Society swarmed out of this one, and called itself the "Knights and Ladies of the Anchor."

In 1747 a certain Chevalier Beauchaine, a very prominent Mason, founded an Order called the *Ordre des Fendeurs*, or Woodcutters, whose ceremonies resembled closely those of the well-known political society of *Carbonari*, or charcoal burners. The Lodge was called a *Woodyard*, and the members were styled *Cousins*. This Society became highly fashionable, and most of the leaders of society of that date in France were initiated into it. This created a rage for *Androgynous* Masonry, or *Masonry for both sexes*, and similar societies were floated by the dozen, and all had their supporters.

Eventually out of this chaos arose the system of the Lodges of Adoption, which became highly popular, and found support in the best quarters. Clavel tells us that the Masons embraced them as offering a door by means of which their wives and daughters might share in their

Masonic pleasures; and, whatever else they were, these Lodges were most charitable, and have left records of their good deeds of practical benevolence. It may be well to mention two or three of these Lodges to show the position they took. The first was established in Paris in 1780, by Count de Bernouville; another at Nunnegen, in Holland, in 1774, with the Prince of Waldeck and the Princess of Orange as its heads; in 1775 one was appended to the Lodge St. Antoine, and was ruled over by the Duchess of Bourbon and the Duke of Chartres. In 1777 there was an Adoptive Lodge of *La Candeur*, over which the Duchess of Bourbon presided, assisted by the Duchess of Chartres, the Princess Lamballe, and the Marchioness de Genlis; and there was another governed by Madame Helvetius, the wife of the illustrious philosopher.

The Grand Orient assumed the protection of these Lodges in 1774, and ordered that no males, save regular Freemasons, should attend them; and that each Lodge should be attached to a regular Lodge of Masons, and should be ruled by its Master, assisted by a female President, or Mistress. This has been the rule ever since that date. I am not aware if any Lodges of Adoption are now in existence in France, but if there are, they are still governed by the same laws, which have never been altered. The Rite of Adoption contains four degrees—(1) Apprentice; (2) Compagnonne; (3) Maitresse; (4) Parfaite Maitresse; and in some Lodges (5) Sublime Dame Ecosaisse. The first degree is the Initiation, when the candidate is presented with a white apron and gloves, the symbolical meaning of which is explained. In the Charge in the first degree occurs the following passage:—

"Your sex, my dear sister, having for a long time been denied admission to our Society, alone has the right to think us unjust. What satisfaction must you therefore now enjoy in perceiving that Freemasonry is a school of decorum and virtue, and that our laws are intended to restrain the violence of our passions, and to make us more deserving of your confidence and esteem. We have hitherto frequently found ourselves at a loss in our meetings for the agreeable conversation of your amiable sex, and hence we have at length determined to invite you into our Society by the endearing name of sisters, with the hope that we shall hereafter pass our time more delightfully in your pleasant company, as well as give additional respect to our Institution."

In the second degree the Lodge is made to represent the Garden of Eden. The candidate represents Eve. In the middle of the Lodge is the tree of good and evil, with fruit hung from the branches, and a serpent coiled round the stem. An apple is plucked and given to the candidate, who is persuaded to eat it by the assertion that otherwise she cannot gain a knowledge of Freemasonry. She takes the fruit, but no sooner bites it than she hears a clap of thunder. A curtain is dashed aside, and she finds herself in the presence of the assembled members of the Lodge, detected in the very act of eating the forbidden fruit. The Master lectures her on her conduct, but finally pardons her on her promising to show the same forgiving spirit to others.

In the third degree of *Mistress*, the Tower of Babel and Jacob's ladder are introduced, with a long explanation of their symbolical significations.

In the fourth degree of Perfect Mistress, the Mosaic Tabernacle is supposed to be represented by the Lodge, and the liberation of the soul of man from sin is symbolised by the liberation of a bird from a cage. In a portion of the ritual of this degree the candidate is plainly told that the ceremony is "a virtuous amusement, by which we recall a part of the mysteries of our religion."

The Lodge rooms of the Rite of Adoption in France were often splendidly furnished, and were emblematically disposed to represent the world, the west end being called Europe, the south Africa, the north America, and the east Asia. The members sat in rows on each side, the ladies in front.

In 1775 the Duchess of Bourbon was installed the first Grand Mistress, with great splendour, and the Empress Josephine, wife of Napoleon I., presided at a meeting of one Lodge at Strasburg in 1805.

The French *Freemason* has given us an interesting account of the installation of Madame Cesar Moreau as Grand Mistress in the Lodge *La Jerusalem des Vallées Egyptiennes* in July 1854, which was a most elaborate and spectacular ceremony. After the introduction in due form of a number of brethren and sisters, the Grand Mistress elect was announced, and she entered, preceded by the five Lights of the Lodge, and escorted by the Inspectress, Depositress, Oratress, and Mistress of Ceremonies.

Monsieur Boubee, the W.M. of the Lodge, conducted her to the altar, where, having installed her into office, and handed her a mallet as a symbol of authority, he addressed her in a series of doggerel stanzas. To this she replied, and then proceeded to the reception of a young lady, part of which ceremony is thus described:—"Of the various trials of virtue and fortitude to which she was subjected, there was one which made a deep impression, not only on the fair recipient, but on the whole assembled company. Four boxes were placed, one before each of the male officers; the candidate was told to open them, which she did, and from the first and second drew faded flowers and soiled ribbons and laces, which being placed in an open vessel, were instantly consumed by fire as an emblem of the brief duration of such objects; from the third she drew an apron, a blue silk scarf, and a pair of gloves; and from the fourth a basket containing the working tools in silver gilt. She was then conducted to the altar, where, on opening a fifth box, several birds, which had been confined in it, escaped, which was intended to teach her that liberty is a condition to which all men are entitled. After having taken the vow, she was instructed in the modes of recognition, clothed with the apron and scarf and gloves, and presented with the working tools, and the Grand Mistress gave an explanation of the symbols and ceremonies. After further addresses, an Ode was sung, an alms box handed round, and the Lodge was closed."

Lady Morgan, in her famous Diary, has recorded her reception in the Lodge *La Belle et Bonne* in Paris in 1819. The Lodge was held at the Hotel la Villette, and amongst those present were Prince Paul of Wurtemberg, the Count de Cazes, the Bishop of Jerusalem, and the actor Talma. Lady Morgan describes the scene when the doors were opened as most magnificent. A profusion of crimson and gold, busts in marble, a decorated throne and altar, abundance of flowers and incense, music, and all sorts of aids to scenic effect. After Lodge there was a grand ball.

In Italy Adoptive Masonry found a home at Naples at the beginning of this century, a Lodge being presided over by the Queen of Ferdinand II.

In Germany, in 1738, a Society of Freemasons was formed under the strange title of the *Mopses*. It was derived from the German word *mops*, a mastiff, and was intended to imply the faithfulness of the members. It was formed in consequence of the condemnation of Freemasonry by Pope Clement XII., by some brethren who were unwilling to give up the Order, and so hid themselves under the guise of a new name. It was patronised in the highest quarters, and as early as 1745 became androgynous. I have an old French work on the Order, which gives the ceremonies, signs, &c., and which has an illustration of the ceremony of reception of a female, in which the candidate is blindfolded, hands chained together, and is surrounded by a circle of brethren holding in their right hands swords, and in their left stuffed dogs.

I have previously made allusion very briefly to the initiation of Mrs. Aldworth (or rather Miss St. Leger), in Ireland. It was in or about the year 1735, at Doneraile, that this lady received the first and second degrees. She was then about 22 years of age. Her brother, Lord Doneraile, was Master of Lodge 44, which met at Doneraile House, and this young lady concealed herself in such a manner as to command a view of the Lodge at work, and witnessed the first and second degrees. Endeavouring to retire in the dark, she stumbled against a chair, was discovered, and fainted with terror. As soon as she recovered, she was compelled to confess what she had seen, and after a long and angry discussion it was resolved to confer on her the two degrees, which was done. She lived many years, and married a Mr. Aldworth, but never forgot the lessons of charity she was taught on that occasion, and she was always a liberal contributor to the Masonic Charities.

The case of Mrs. Beaton was somewhat similar. She died at Norwich in 1802, aged 85, and for the major portion of her life she was known in the neighbourhood as the Female Freemason, she having by stealth witnessed an initiation, and being discovered was compulsorily initiated. These initiations may be regarded as acts of necessity, but the case of Mdme. de Xanitrailles, related by Clavel, was a wilful violation of our laws. It took place in Paris at the close of last century, in the Lodge of Freres Artistes, at the eve of a festival, at which a young Officer presented himself for admission. Being asked for his certificate, he presented the commission of an aid-de-camp

which had been granted by the Directors to the wife of general de X., a lady who had notoriously fought in several actions in masculine attire. Then it transpired that this was the lady herself, and, Frenchman like, the brethren excitedly passed a resolution to confer the first degree on the brave woman. She, when told of the resolve, said, "I have been a man for my country, and I will be a man for my Brethren," and was forthwith introduced and initiated, and frequently attended the First Degree workings of the Lodge.

In America attempts have been made to introduce Androgynous Masonry, the most successful being the Order of the Eastern Star, invented by Bro. Rob Morris in 1855. It consists of five degrees—(1) Jephthah's Daughter or the daughter's Degree, (2) Ruth or the Widow's Degree, (3) Esther or the Wife's Degree, (4) Martha or the Sister's Degree, (5) Electa or the Christian Martyr's Degree. There are also in America certain Androgynous Side Degrees conferred on both Males and Females, the conditions being with regard to the latter that they shall be female relatives of Masons. Thus "Mason's Wife" can be conferred only on Master Masons, their wives, single daughters, sisters and widowed mothers. "Heroine of Jericho" can only be conferred on R.A. Masons, their wives and daughters; and "Good Samaritan" is conferred on R.A. Masons and their wives.

A system of Female Freemasonry was invented in 1777 by the impostor Cagliostro, who found many dupes in London and the Continent. His system was very curious and elaborate, but, of course, had no foundation whatever or claim to antiquity, and lasted but a short time, the inventor being very soon exposed as an unscrupulous charlatan. His life and his Masonic swindles would alone occupy an entire paper.

On the Continent the idea of admitting women seems to have been to secure the pleasures and advantages of Female society in the Lodges. In America the idea is to furnish the female relatives of Masons with the means of making themselves known and thus claiming the assistance of the brethren, and many instances are related where these means have conduced to the succour of members of the Eastern Star in circumstances of peril or distress.

It was not until the first Book of Constitutions, compiled by Anderson, was published that any explicit law was promulgated excluding women from Masonry, but there it is laid down that "no women" can be admitted members. We have often been accused as a body of want of gallantry in thus excluding women from our meetings, and most Masonic writers have cudgelled their brains to find reasons in justification of the law as it stands. For my own part I think it is apparent that the presence of the fairer sex would be so constantly distracting that work could not progress in the Lodges. Conversations and flirtations would engross the attention of the brethren, to the detriment of business.

As for the Androgynous and Adoptive systems, they are not really Freemasonry, and are no part of any genuine system, and women who join them under the impression that they are becoming participants in Masonic secrets are utterly deluding themselves.

Perhaps the most graceful explanation I have seen given as to the exclusion of women from Masonry is that of a leading American Mason, who has said that Freemasons are symbolically a race of builders, hewers and squarers of stone, toilers in the heat of the day, and it would be out of all character with such an idea to permit the fair and fragile frames of our sisters to be subjected to the rough labour and weariness which must ever attend manual toil.

Freemasons however will I hope always be amongst the staunchest admirers of the excluded sex, and the truest defenders of Female honour and fame, and that character they already hold. A man was never an unkind husband, a careless father, a boorish brother or a faithless lover, *because* he was a Mason, and I trust we shall all unite in proving the truth of poor old Bro. Birkhead's lines, dogged though they be—

"No Mortal can more
The Ladies adore
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason."

But although woman have not been admitted into English Masonry it has been reserved for an English woman to write one of the most able of modern treatises on the Craft. I can heartily recommend Mrs. Blake's

"Realities of Freemasonry" for the purchase of any Lodge Library. The authoress has studied every available author, and has produced not only a readable, but a learned work. It is easy to see that she has had no assistance from any member of the Craft, because there are technical errors which an outsider would naturally fall into, but it is most marvellous to notice how few she has made. Her great authorities are Findel, Clavel, Lyon, Hughan, Steinbrenner, Mackey, and others. But she has made the blunder of appealing to Carlile as an authority, and she seems also to be a believer in the American Morgan fable. However, much valuable matter is collated in Mrs. Blake's pages, and although not exactly a friend to the Order, she certainly cannot be counted as one of its foes.

ROYAL ARCH.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening. General Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey, occupied the chair of M.E.Z.; Capt. N. G. Philips P.G.S.N., the chair of H.; and Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer, the chair of J. There were also present Comps. Col. S. Clerke S.E., Robert Grey S.N., General Clerk P.S., Rev. Ambrose W. Hall 1st A.S., J. Samson Peirce 2nd A.S., H. C. Levander Swd.B., James Lewis Thomas P.G.S.B., A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., Rev. C. W. Arnold P.A.S., Joshua Nunn P.A.S. P.G.D.C., C. A. Murton P.A.S., Magnus Ohren P.G.D.C., H. J. P. Dumas P.G.Swd.B., Raphael Costa P.G.D.C., Wilhelm Ganz P.G. Organist, J. Henderson Scott P.A.S., James Glaisher P.A.S., H. G. Buss P. Standard B. A.S.E., Thomas Massa Z. 1293, Hugh E. Diamond J. 435, Benjamin Fullwood Z. 328, T. Mount Humphries P.Z. 539, W. H. Lee P.Z. 1524, Neville Green P.Z. 1524, William Dodd P.Z. 1194, H. Massey P.Z. 619, W. H. Perryman Z. 1348, Edward F. Storr Z. 1044, John Tomkins J. 945, H. Sadler Z. 169. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Charters were granted for the following new Chapters:—The St. Bede 1119, Jarrow; Castle of Harmony 26, London; United 1341, Victoria, Hong Kong; West Kent 1297, Anerley; Chapter of Industry 48, Gateshead. Charters of Confirmation were also granted to the Otago Chapter 844, Dunedin, New Zealand, and the Chapter of Harmony 300, Fareham, Hants, the original charters of these Chapters having been destroyed by fire.

Brunswick Chapter, No. 159.—The annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Stonehouse. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, and a brother of a neighbouring province having been exalted, a Board of Installed Principals was opened, and herein Ex-Companion Anthony R. Lethbridge P.Z. as H., and Ex-Companion Benjamin S. Johns as J. Amongst those present who assisted at the ceremony were Companions E. Aitken-Davies, Samuel Jew, Rev. T. W. Lemon, R. Lose, J. R. Lord, James Bartlett, J. R. H. Harris, J. N. Page, T. Searle. After the installation, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Comps. Aitken-Davies S.E., C. A. Nicholson S.N., C. F. Williams P.S., R. H. Carter 1st A.S., A. Soper 2nd A.S., J. Hardy Treasurer, J. Bartlett Jan. Other business consequent on the close of the year was satisfactorily disposed of, and the Companions adjourned to Comp. Pinney's Hotel, where a very substantial dinner was provided, and under the presidency of the newly installed Principals, a very pleasant finish to an attractive meeting was made.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—Held its weekly meeting at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Thursday, 27th ult. Present—Comps. W. M. Stiles M.E.Z., H. Stiles H., T. C. Edmonds J., Osborn S.E., W. Cook S.N., C. Sparrow P.S.; also Comps. Parkes, Hunter, Sheffield, Percy, Ferguson, Gregory, Gillham, Kidder, Knight, Gibbs, Hyland, Cusworth, Fysh, &c. On this occasion the members of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, having accepted the invitation to work the ceremony of exaltation, the whole of the Officers' positions were occupied by them. After the Chapter was declared open, they proceeded with and rehearsed the ceremony so efficiently as to give general satisfaction to the members present, all of whom expressed their gratification at having spent a very pleasant evening. Comps. W. M. Stiles and H. Stiles, of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, were elected members. Comps. Cusworth, Osborn and Hunter were appointed to the chairs of Z., H. and J. respectively; Comps. Parkes as S.N., and Sparrow as P.S., for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously passed to Companion W. M. Stiles as M.E.Z., and the members of the Metropolitan Chapter, for their kindness in accepting the invitation of this Chapter of Improvement, and for the very able and efficient manner they had discharged the duties of the Chapter that evening. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the Skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbatic affections they are especially serviceable. Scurvy and eruptions, which had resisted all other modes of treatment, and gradually become worse from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.

SINGAPORE.

ZETLAND IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 508.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET TO R.W. BRO. W. H. READ,
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

AT the regular meeting on the 12th September 1881, present—W. Bro. Clipperton W.M., Joaquim S.W., Harrington J.W., Frigg Secretary, Gleeson S.D., Creeland J.D., Grant I.G., Woodworth Tyler, twenty-five members and twenty-four visitors, including members of Lodge "St. George." Bros. Fontaine, Ganno, and Tilley, were passed to the degree of F.C., and after labour they retired for refreshment. At nine p.m., whilst the brethren were at labour, the R.W. D.G.M. was announced, accompanied by Wor. Bros. S. Dunlop D.D.G.M., Braddell P.D.G.M., R. B. Read P.D.G.M., and Officers of District Grand Lodge, who were received with the usual Masonic honours. At ten p.m., the business of the evening being over, the whole of the brethren filed into the Banquet room and sat down, to the number of over 70. Among them were many distinguished visitors, both Military and Civil. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. Bro. H. Clipperton called upon the brethren to charge their glasses, and he proposed the health of the Queen and Craft, which was responded to in the most Loyal and Masonic manner. Bro. S. Dunlop then proposed the M.W. G.M. of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He spoke in the highest terms of the M.W. G.M.'s distinguished accomplishments and the interest he at all times took in Freemasonry. The brethren drank his health with loyal cheers. Bro. Emmerson, who acted as toastmaster, then called upon the brethren to charge their glasses, and Bro. Braddell proposing the health of Bro. W. H. Read, said:—

W.M., PAST MASTERS AND BRETHREN,—We have met this evening to celebrate two events, first, the return of our R.W. D.G.M. from Europe after an absence of some time, and second, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his first arrival in the Colony, on the 12th September 1841. The Lodges under his guidance had therefore met, and, like good Masons, they had not forgotten work. We had that evening seen the work of Lodge Zetland in the East conducted in such a manner as to reflect the highest credit on the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge, and effectually to maintain the high reputation of Masons in Singapore. We owe much of the excellence of this work to our R.W. D.G.M., who was the second Mason initiated in Singapore, the first having been our late respected brother Wm. Napier. Our G.M., since his initiation, has worked zealously and indefatigably in the cause of Masonry, and has long held the highest position in the Craft, in which position he has secured the respect, love and veneration of all the brethren, as a just, honourable, and upright Mason, qualities which mark him equally as a member of the community of Singapore.

We rejoice, therefore, greatly at having him again among us to occupy that position of honour and dignity in the Craft which he had so long illustrated by his many good qualities, and we have now to show to him, as I doubt not you will do, the high estimation in which you all hold him, by the manner in which you respond to my toast.

On such an occasion as this, it would have been fitting to have given a short sketch of the Masonic life and doings of our R.W. D.G.M. here. I regret greatly that I cannot enlarge on this subject, from want of time and opportunity, as it was only as we were sitting down just now that I was asked to propose this toast. I cannot therefore do more than refer generally, as I have done, to the many good qualities of our G.M., and ask you now to join in drinking to the health, happiness, and prosperity of William Henry Read.

Bro. Clipperton read a telegram from Penang, "Congratulations to D.G.M. on his safe return to Singapore, from Lodge 1555, Penang."

The D.G.M. rose amidst much cheering, and in reply spoke somewhat to the following effect:—

He was excessively proud of the honour that had been done to the toast which had been so eloquently proposed. He was glad to find himself once more among the brethren of the Lodge, where 36 years ago he had first seen Light, and he could assure them that he highly appreciated the compliment they paid him when a deputation of the brethren had waited on him and welcomed him back to Singapore.

Allusion had been made by his worthy friend and brother to his forty years residence in the island—a long time to pass in one place, perhaps, but one he could look back to with pleasure and regret. Singapore, when he first arrived, was not a place of varied amusement. Fives was the only game played—cricket was almost unknown, and lawn tennis a thing of the future. But soon after, Singapore seemed to awake as from a dream, and races, theatricals, and other amusements contributed to make time pass pleasantly, till telegrams and telephones and all amenities of civilization kept one constantly stretched on a bed of thorns. Still, however, the young hands persevered, and long might they do so, to relieve the monotony of desk life. He then congratulated the brethren on the perfect performance of the evening's duties, and entered upon sundry Masonic matters, and resumed his seat amidst much applause.

The next toast on the list was the joint health of the W.M.'s Lodge Zetland in the East, No. 508, Bro. H. Clipperton, and Lodge St. George, No. 1152, Bro. N. B. Dennys, which was proposed by Bro. W. H. Read, who in high terms paid a graceful compliment to these Officers for the thoroughly efficient manner in which they did their work. The former, in reply, gratefully alluded to the valuable assistance he at all times received from his colleague, Bro. Dennys, and to the efficiency of the Officers of the Lodge, to whom he was indebted for their untiring efforts to support him, and said that during the eight months he had occupied the chair, his duties, however manifold, had always been those of pleasure. Bro. N. B. Dennys, replied in suitable terms, thanking Bro. W. H. Read for the kind and hearty manner in which his health had been proposed by him, and the brethren for the way they had drunk it. The next toast was that of the Visitors, proposed by Bro. Vaughan, P.M. of

No. 508, who said that in that Lodge they had had visitors from every country in the world which could boast of a Masonic Lodge. He himself was an old Past Master of 508, and was delighted to see so many and such distinguished visitors present. He felt sure the brethren would drink their health with all enthusiasm, and he begged to couple the toast with the name of Bro. Major Harrison. Bro. Major Harrison responded in an appropriate speech, saying he was sure that whilst answering for himself, he was echoing the sentiments of the visiting brethren present, and begged to thank Bro. Vaughan and the brethren for the kind and hearty manner in which they had drunk their health. The usual Tyler's toast followed, and brought the proceedings to a close at an early hour. The Committee are to be congratulated for the excellent arrangements they made, one of the least of which was the exceedingly pretty manner in which the Lodge was decorated with evergreens and flags.

An Emergent Meeting was held on 5th September when, there were present—Bros. Clipperton W.M., Harrington S.W., Rao J.W., Cann Secretary, George S.D., Schulze J.D., Davies I.G., and Woodworth Tyler, five members and four visitors. Mr. J. J. Hudson, being in attendance was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

Another Emergent Meeting was held on 23rd September, Bros. Clipperton W.M., Beal S.W., Allen J.W., Mackie S.D., Smith J.D., Dehush I.G., Woodworth Tyler and two members. Mr. H. Dimsdale being in attendance, took his first step.

Lodge St. George, No. 1152.—Held 21st September 1881. Present:—Bros. Dennys W.M., C. Dunlop S.W., Joaquim J.W., Beal Secretary, Joaquim S.D., Gubbay J.D., Emmerson I.G., Norris Tyler; five members and two visitors. Messrs. F. G. Bernard and R. A. Gubbay were balloted for, accepted, and being in attendance initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. It was unanimously agreed that this Lodge meet monthly on the third Wednesday of every month.

NEW ZEALAND.

Our Auckland correspondent writes as follows:—

Lodge Eden (E.C.)—The installation of Officers of this Lodge took place on 26th July, at the Lodge-room, Newton, under circumstances of extraordinary prestige. There was a very large attendance, including the dignitaries and representatives of all the Lodges of the various constitutions in Auckland and suburbs, and the handsome, well-lighted, and well-furnished Lodge-room was filled to its utmost capacity. The district Grand Lodge of England attended in regalia. In the absence of Bros. Lodder D.D.G.M., who sent an apology, W. P. Moat D.G. Registrar officiated as Installing Master. The other Officers of the Grand Lodge present were H. G. Wade D.G. Sec., Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain, Dr. Dawson D.G.J.W., Leors D.G. Director of Board of Works, Hesketh D.G. Organist, Cole D.G. Director of Ceremonies, and Rattray D.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies. Amongst those present were the following dignitaries:—Bros. Chapman P.M. Eden, Wright W.M. Waitemata, Morrow P.M. Cawnpore, Rattray P.M. Prince of Wales, Suiter W.M. United Service, S. Young P.M. Lodge of Light, Fenton P.M. Waitemata, E. Jones W.M. Northern Light, and a number of others. The Waitemata Lodge attended as a Lodge, and was received accordingly. Bro. the Rev. W. Tebbes P.G. Chaplain Somerset was also present. The Lodge was opened in the first degree by the W.M. Bro. Carlow, and after the transaction of ordinary business it was passed to the Fellow Craft degree. The Grand Lodge was received with due honours, and Bro. Moat assumed the chair and proceeded to install the W.M. elect Bro. Joseph Warren. The ceremony was most impressively conducted. The W.M. then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. W. Kitt S.W., Young Warren J.W., T. Faulder Treasurer, Chapman P.M. Secretary, C. M. Newson S.D., Frederick Stephens J.D., C. Brooke I.G., W. Johnson Tyler. Congratulations were received from the representatives of the various Lodges present after which the Lodge was closed, and those of the brethren who could make it convenient to attend adjourned upstairs to an excellent banquet. A number of speeches were made and toasts proposed. The evening passed very pleasantly.

The Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on 29th July, at the Lodge-room, Masonic Hotel. It was presided over, in the absence of the P.G.M. Bro. Whitaker, by Bro. Anderson D.P.G.M. A large amount of routine business was transacted.

A meeting of Magistrates for the county of Cork was held on Saturday last under the presidency of the Earl of Bandon, Prov. G. Master Munster, and G. Secretary Ireland, for the purpose of taking such steps as might be deemed expedient to support Government in their efforts to maintain law and order in the country.

It is rumoured that Earl Cowper, K.G., Viceroy of Ireland, has tendered his resignation, but has been requested by Mr. Gladstone to retain office till the present excitement has subsided.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Mrs. Wotton of High-street, Brecon, begs to return her grateful thanks to those Electors who voted for her daughter, Millicent Flora, on the 5th October; she was one of the successful candidates, having polled 1531 votes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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MASONIC IMPOSTORS—A WARNING.

[Charles Warden Couch, alias Charles Southwood, initiated 1868 in St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 951, Devonport, then aged 24, has expended not more than one pound sterling in fees and quarterage. In 1869 was relieved in Grand Secretary's Office. In 1870 was in bad Masonic repute, under circumstances known at Liverpool and elsewhere; and is now tramping the country and obtaining money under false pretences.]

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take the responsibility for the correctness of the above particulars relating to the individual who was the subject of my two former letters, and only hope that the opportunity might be afforded me of proving the facts in his presence. Having given the warning (in yours of the 1st instant), I would not have pursued the matter further as against him but for his continuance in imposition on other brethren.

The Rev. Bro. C. W. Arnold, of Woking College, writes to me that he has had a visit from this man en route to Portsmouth. He was assisted; our worthy brother expressing, what is the feeling of most of us, that he "would rather give a man who might not deserve it a trifle than run the risk of sending away one honest man unrelieved." After the assistance had been rendered, and the impostor out of reach, Bro. Arnold learned that he had been tricked. I maintain that it is our bounden duty to stop this fellow's malpractices if we can, for he not only wrongs the few he swindles, but the "poor and distressed" who have honest claims on our sympathy and brotherly help.

Will the brethren who see this letter kindly refer to those inserted in your impressions of the 1st and 22nd instant respectively, and be good enough to make the subject known in their Lodges? Doubtless such a course of action would result in preventing other members of the Craft suffering from this fellow's machinations. Many districts are yet I dare say open to him.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, 26th October 1881.

DELILAH A PHILISTINE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the article taken from the *Keystone*, on "The reason why Ladies have never been made Freemasons," it is stated that "Sacred History is silent on the subject" of Delilah's origin.

In the 14th chapter of Judges we find that Sampson told his father and mother that he had "seen a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines," and that he asked them to "get her for" him "to wife." They expostulated with him, saying, "Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines?"

This is, I suggest, conclusive, and it is to be wondered at that it escaped the attention of the writer of the article.

Yours fraternally,

W.M. 416.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel J. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, A. H. Tattershall, H. A. Dubois, E. M. Money, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, James F. Corben, Charles Pugsley, and R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for £1247, and the daughter of one petitioner was placed on the list for election in April. The Committee then adjourned.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, held at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., on the 17th November, by the Preceptor, Bro. Geo. King P.M. of the Old Concord Lodge.

On and after Wednesday, the 9th November, the meetings of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, will be held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30 p.m.

The Earl of Rosebery, who is President for the year of St. Andrew's Society of Manchester, has consented to take the chair at the annual banquet on the 30th inst. (St. Andrew's Day).

Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at the Black Horse Tavern, York-street, on the 27th inst. Bros. George Boulton (I.P.M. of the mother Lodge) W.M., W. Brindley S.W., G. Gibson J.W., George Musson Secretary, T. W. Harris S.D., Adamson J.D., Duncan I.G. After Lodge had been opened and minutes confirmed, the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing in a manner which gave general satisfaction; Bro. Lee was candidate for the former, and Bro. Glover for the latter, ceremony. Lodge was then resumed to the first degree. Bros. John Mason 309 P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., P.Z., &c., G. S. Recknell 1728, E. Winter 1567, A. Hayes 1425, Charles Clarkson 1604, H. S. Lee 1563, and L. Nathan 205 were elected members. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the Worshipful Master for the very able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. Bro. Brindley was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. The Lodge closed, the members formed themselves into a charity organisation, and resolved that the same be styled the "Wray" Masonic Charity Association, in connection with the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction. The following Officers were elected:—Bros. Wray P.M. 1604 President, T. W. Harris 1604 Treasurer, George Musson 1604 Secretary. The brethren having passed Bye-Laws, &c., separated, after having enrolled themselves to the number of 27.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.

A meeting was held on Thursday last at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Geo. Coop W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S.W. J. Green J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary, J. A. Smith S.D., Cunningham J.D., C. O. Walter I.G., Bro. H. Stephens. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. E. Tucker candidate. The W.M. delivered the charge in this degree. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Cunningham candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Andrews was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.

Held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell. At a meeting of this Lodge, on 27th October, there were present Bros. Cummings W.M., J. Rothschild S.W., Rest S.D., J. W. Tillett J.W., J. S. Fletcher I.G., George H. Calderwood Acting Preceptor, H. Halliday Secretary, and many other brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which Bro. Cummings vacated the chair of K.S. in favour of Bro. Payn, who opened the Lodge in the second and third degrees, and worked the ceremony of raising very impressively, Bro. H. Pratt being the candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the W.M. for the ensuing week elected. Bro. Tillett, the W.M. designate, appointed officers in rotation. Bros. Fletcher, Home, and Tillett were then chosen Auditors, and other business, having reference to the annual general meeting, which takes place 3rd November, being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.—The first regular meeting since the installation was held on the 2nd instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. Crossland. Bros. Daret S.W., Livermore J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, F. Green S.D., A. Lloyd I.G., Green jun. D.C., B. Swallow P.P.G.D. Middlesex W.S., Nathan A.W.S.; P.M.'s J. Docker I.P.M., J. Hancock, and a numerous attendance of the brethren. Visitors—Bros. G. Festa S.W. 1900, L. Taino 209, O. Cousins W.M. 209, Baron Theotokay 766, J. E. Shand W.M. 1563, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Read P.M. 733, Maxted 180, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Wallace, Green jun., and Nathan were invested with the collars of I.G., W.S., and A.W.S. Bros. Hawkins and Stevenson, being in attendance, were duly passed to the second degree. The W.M., in feeling terms, alluded to the death of a respected member of the Lodge, Bro. Farr. Bro. Docker proposed, and Bro. Green seconded, that a letter of condolence should be sent to the sorrowing widow and family. The Lodge was then closed, and the W.M. informed the brethren that his business avocations would prevent him being present until the meeting in March, as he was obliged to go to Nova Scotia. Bro. J. Docker said the interests of the Lodge would be carefully attended to by him, and the Officers, he was sure, would render him every assistance. This wish the brethren cordially endorsed, and wished the W.M. God speed, and a safe return to them in health and prosperity. The brethren afterwards met, at the invitation of the W.M., to pass an agreeable hour.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The regular meeting of the above was held on the 30th ult., at Mrs. Copelin's, Adams Arms, Hampstead-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. L. Solomon W.M., N. Vallentine S.W., E. Harvey J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, Robinson S.D., B. Kauffmann J.D., Proctor I.G., J. Hemming Preceptor, L. Jacobs Asst. Sec. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Elvin acting as candidate. The first and 4th sections of the lecture were worked by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Harrison acting as candidate. Bro. N. P. Vallentine was elected W.M. for next meeting.

RHEUMATISM.

THE only real remedy for this complaint is the Northern Cure (patent). In bottles 1s 1d each, to be had of all Chemists, Proprietors and Manufacturers, Edwards and Alexander, 29 Blackett-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

The Masonic Reception at York. On Monday, September 5th, 1881. under the auspices of the York and Eboracum Lodges; with a full Report of the Addresses given, the Ancient Documents and Relics exhibited, and an Alphabetical List of the Brethren present. By Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Printed at the Yorkshire Gazette Office, High Ousegate, York, 1881.

It is with very great pleasure we acknowledge receipt of a copy of the full particulars of this Reception. Bro. Whytehead points out, in his short prefatory note, that having regard to the incomplete reports that were published at the time, the publication of a full official, and therefore trustworthy, record, was most desirable. We endorse this view most cordially, though at the same time we take the liberty of remarking that the incompleteness of the published reports was a matter of necessity—at least, as regards this journal, and we should imagine all other journals—that reported the meeting as well. Space is always a matter of grave consideration, and to have given the Report as now made public by Bro. Whytehead, would have touched too seriously on the limited amount at our command. We have, however, to a certain extent, made amends for such unavoidable shortcomings in the first instance by quoting freely from the pages of this pamphlet, so that our readers might have an opportunity of reading those papers, or parts of papers, which for the consideration aforesaid, were either omitted or curtailed. We are, however, well satisfied that the Masonic reception at York of the Masonic members of the British Association is an event as important, as it is unusual, in the history of our Fraternity. It is not every year the British Association visits this famous city so intimately associated with the fortunes of our Craft; and it is not every city in England that would have offered so many and such varied attractions to Masonic visitors; nor shall we be exceeding the limits of just encomium if we say there are few Lodges which can point to so strong an array of able, cultured, and energetic brethren as those which hold their meetings within a stone's throw of the venerable York Minster.

As to the contents of the pamphlet we need say little. We published a lengthy report of the meeting at the time of its occurrence, and have since, as we have already intimated, quoted freely from its pages. We shall content ourselves, therefore, with advising our readers to secure for themselves copies of the report as it appears in its entirety, with the papers that were read printed in full, and with complete lists (a) of the relics exhibited, and (b) of the brethren present.

INAUGURATION OF THE ROYAL UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 382.

THE Royal Union Lodge is the oldest Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, it having been established in 1826. The necessity for a Lodge of Instruction has long been felt, and is now rendered more necessary from the fact that several members are joining the Lodge from the town and district of Uxbridge, where the Lodge is held. At the usual meeting in July, steps were taken to obtain the sanction of the Worshipful Master and the brethren in order that a Lodge of Instruction, in connection with the Mother Lodge, might be obtained, the same to be held in Uxbridge. The sanction was obtained. The brethren in the district have held meetings to discuss details, frame bye-laws, &c. They have also succeeded in securing the services of a very efficient Preceptor in Bro. Tucker, of Ealing, who is also Preceptor to the West Middlesex Lodge. The first meeting of the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction was held on Monday, 31st October, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when 15 brethren from Uxbridge, Ealing, &c., attended to meet Bro. Tucker as Preceptor. Bro. Nicholson was voted to the chair, and appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Gray S.W., Garrard J.W., Porter S.W., Botley J.D., Poole I.G. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meetings and bye-laws were read by the Honorary Secretary (Bro. Brooks), and were, on the motion of Bro. Nicholson W.M., carried. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sugg being the candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. worked the second section of the first lecture. This closed the work of a very successful evening, profitable and enjoyable. The visitors from Ealing added much to the success of the evening by their presence and assistance. May so good a work prosper, and be the means of diffusing true Masonic light to those who need it.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673.—The annual supper was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday evening. There was a strong muster of brethren, to the number of between seventy and eighty, among those present being Bro. Langton, who occupied the chair, first as W.M. and then at the festive board, Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D., Sudlow (Preceptor), Smallpeice, &c. Lodge having been opened, the ceremony of Installation was rehearsed by Bro. Fenn, who, it is needless to say, performed his part ably and impressively. A vote of thanks to Bro. Fenn having been proposed and acknowledged, Lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, such as reflected the greatest credit on the proprietors of the hotel. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Langton gave the customary toasts, referring in connection with that of the Grand Master to His Royal Highness's zeal and interest in the Craft, as well as to his thorough knowledge, both theoretical and practical, of all its working. With the toast of the Grand Officers was connected the name of Brother Fenn, who thanked all present for very great heartiness with which they had drunk the toast. The duties and responsibilities of the Grand Officers were heavy, but they all experienced the greatest possible

pleasure in fulfilling them to the best of their ability. In conclusion, he proposed the health of Bro. Langton, who had taken so prominent a part in the establishment both of this and the parent Lodge, and who had so worthily presided on the occasion. In his reply Bro. Langton, after acknowledging with much warmth the cordial reception which the toast had met with, briefly explained how it was the Lodge had come to bear his name. He was one of those who had taken part in the establishment of the Lodge, and the fact of its being named after him was due rather to his connection with the Masonic Club than to any merits to which he himself could justly lay claim. The other toasts having been disposed of, Bro. H. E. Frances Prov. G.D.C. Surrey, returned thanks for the Visitors. The brethren separated at an unusually early hour; indeed, so early did the party break up that we are unable to come to any other conclusion than that what should have turned out to be the most successful meeting of the year was a failure, owing to great mismanagement on the part of those charged with the conduct of the arrangements. We do not remember to have been at any similar meeting where everything seemed to hang fire so conspicuously. It was evident that Bro. Langton was greatly concerned, as well he might have been, seeing that this lack of the geniality, which is so marked a feature of our Masonic gatherings, showed, unintentionally no doubt, a certain amount of disrespect towards him as W. Master. It is not a pleasant duty to play the part of censor, especially when one feels it incumbent on him to find fault. But with a capital supper, a strong muster, and several musically disposed brethren among the company, the evening ought to have passed off admirably. Instead of this, the miserable atmosphere of outside appeared to have made its way into the assembly-room, and a generally chilly feeling prevailed everywhere around. One bright exception must be noted. Bro. Haycock recited Artemus Ward's story of the "Strong-minded Women," who wanted free passes to his show of Waxworks, in a manner which drew forth loud manifestations of applause from all present. This was the one set-off against the otherwise funereal aspect of the meeting. We did not, on leaving, follow the memorable example of this same Artemus Ward, and "drown our sorrows in the flowin' hole," but we certainly felt as if we should have liked to do so.

We are desirous of drawing the attention of our readers to the announcement contained in our advertisement columns with reference to the Special General Meeting, on Wednesday next, the 9th instant, of the governors and subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The chair will be taken at a quarter to four p.m., and the business will be to take into consideration the "revisal of the Rules and Regulations of the Institution, as agreed to by the sub-Committee appointed for that purpose, with a view to the improvement and further development of its objects." If it should be found necessary, the meeting will be adjourned from time to time until all the proposed alterations have been fully and fairly considered, while such law or laws relating thereto as may be deemed expedient will be enacted, subject, of course, to the approval of Grand Lodge, as provided for by the laws of the Institution. The announcement is somewhat oracular in its character, but there is evidently business of unusual importance to be considered, and we advise all governors and subscribers who can do so to attend at Freemasons' Hall on the occasion.

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 bers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen
 Street, London, on Wednesday, the 9th of November inst., at a Quarter to Four
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 may then be brought forward for that purpose, and if found expedient to
 adjourn the meeting from time to time until all the alterations shall have been
 considered; and also to enact such law or laws in respect thereto as may be
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By Order,

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
 Secretary.

2nd November 1881.

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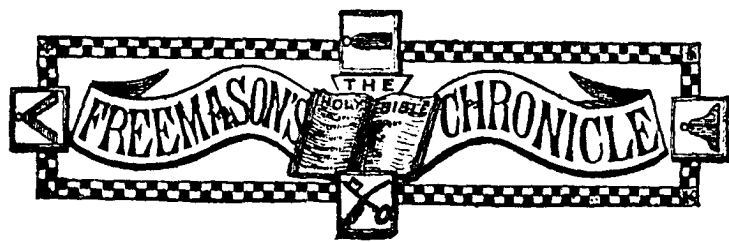
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THE LATE MASONIC RECEPTION AT YORK.

DR. J. P. BELL P.G.D. D.P.G.M. G. Sup. of North and East Yorkshire,

After returning thanks for the fraternal greeting which had been so cordially given to him, remarked that it was not his intention to make a formal address, but after he had personally thanked his excellent and distinguished Bro. Deputy Grand Master for the Province of West Yorkshire for the very kind and flattering way in which he had just expressed himself towards this Province, he would in a familiar and brief manner explain some of the more interesting contributions which he had had the pleasure of submitting to the notice of that influential and distinguished gathering of the Craft. Whenever, as a Mason, he visited the good old city of York, he always felt as if he were treading upon sacred ground—probably from a consciousness of the important part which this city played at a very early period after the arrival of the Romans, and up to the present century. He regretted to find that within the last few years it had been the fashion with a certain class of Masonic students to ignore all traditional or legendary accounts of either events or circumstances relating to the early history of the Craft, and to treat such accounts as myths; forgetting the marked distinction which obtains between these definitions. For his own part, until evidence was adduced to the contrary, he was of opinion that Grand Lodges had been regularly held in York, and only in that city, from the year 926 until the reign of Queen Elizabeth. These meetings of the Craft were dignified by the title of "Assemblies," which were to all intents and purposes "Grand Lodges," and there is every reason to believe that they were held in York, long antecedent to their being held in London, previous to which latter period (namely, A.D. 1567) he was not aware of any Grand Lodge, or "Assemblée," having taken place in that city, although no doubt "Lodges" were held in London and different parts of the kingdom; but the "general assembly" was held in York, where all the records were kept; and Preston informed us that to this assembly appeals were made on every important occasion. The disposition to treat traditions and legends simply as myths, had led, and would lead, its advocates into difficulties. If they considered how much the history of the Craft differed from perhaps that of any other institution, they need not wonder that they had so few documents or other direct evidences of long by-gone transactions and ceremonies, the transmission of which they all knew was only by oral communication. Nevertheless, now and then tangible and undoubted records unexpectedly presented themselves. For instance, they had been told over and over again that no Masonry of a speculative character existed prior to the year 1700, and some even assert not until 1717; but he now shewed them a photograph of an old brass square, presented to him by Lodge No. 13, Limerick, which he thought indubitably proved the existence of speculative Masonry as early at least as the year 1517. What was speculative Masonry but a symbolizing of the operative art in its various aspects, and amongst them that of spiritualizing or symbolizing our working tools, and applying them to our morals? That old brass square, much corroded, was discovered in 1830, under the foundation stone of Old Baal's Bridge, which, in that year, under the superintendence of the late Bro. Pain, was removed and replaced by the present structure. He was in possession of a full account of its discovery. There could be no doubt of the genuineness of the square—which was carefully preserved by Lodge 13, Limerick—neither could there be two opinions as to the speculative character of the couplet engraved upon it 200 years before 1717, namely:—

"I will strive to live with love and care,
Upon the level, by the square."—1517.

It would not become him that evening to impose upon the visitors even a brief history of that Province. He could not, however, but remark upon the graceful terms in which Worshipful and excellent Bro. Tew alluded to the character and Masonic position of N. and E. Yorkshire. He would remind him that it was in the year 1738 that the first deputation was appointed for Yorkshire, when William Horton, Esquire, was appointed Provincial Grand Master for all Yorkshire. He died in 1740, and was succeeded by Edward Rooke, Esquire. At that time there were only two private Lodges in the whole Province, namely, one at the Three Tuns, at Scarborough, whose warrant was dated 1729, and which was erased 29th Nov. 1754; and another at the Black Bull, in Halifax, warrant dated 1738. He might inform the visitors that the entire Province of York was under one jurisdiction from that time until the year 1821, when it was divided; Viscount Pollington (afterwards Earl of Mexborough), being appointed to preside over the West Riding, and Lord Dundas, the father of our late venerated and distinguished Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, being appointed under the title of "Provincial Grand Master for the City and Ainsty of York, and for the North and East Ridings of the County of York." The former Province, he believed,

now numbered 66 Lodges, with 3000 members, and their own Province 27 Lodges, and about 1800 members. The D.P.G.M. then exhibited and described a folio copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Athol Masons, or, as they styled themselves, "Ancient" Masons, composed in the first instance of a few seceders from the Grand Lodge of England, London, in or about the year 1710. They ultimately became a formidable rival of the Grand Lodge of England itself, but in the year 1813, chiefly, if not entirely, due to the sagacity and influence of the late Duke of Sussex, the well-known and happy union was effected, and from that date arose the United Grand Lodge of England. This book was remarkable, as containing, in print, the official declaration that Masonry consists of four degrees. The D.P.G.M. next exhibited a portion of the Temple of Jerusalem—a piece of the Holy Edifice itself, which he had procured through the kindness of the Palestine Exploration Fund. It was only of late years that we had been able to understand how the stupendous stones of which the Temple was composed could have been got to the top of Mount Moriah, especially as some of those monoliths measure 6 feet in height and 30 feet in length. We were told in our lectures that the stone was brought from the quarries of Tyre, and in all probability some stone did come from those celebrated quarries—stone possibly peculiarly proper for arches, keystones, &c. We had now found that there was an immense quarry underneath the Temple, and we had good evidence from those who had visited the quarry that all the stones were there hewn, squared, and made ready for their respective places. As a matter of fact it had been ascertained that the quarry had been so skilfully excavated that its floor was higher than that of the Temple itself. A distinguished brother present, the most Worshipful Bro. Hyde Clarke, assisted in the formation of a Lodge which is held in a room in this quarry hewn out of the rock, and another distinguished brother present was a member of the Lodge held there, the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, under the Grand Lodge of Canada. The stone, they would observe, was of a calcareous nature, and indeed was marble. It was rather soft and friable, but became harder on long exposure to air, and took a good polish. He also shewed a beautiful little piece of tessellated pavement from Solomon's Temple. Some said that the Mosaic was composed of variegated precious stones; these, however, appeared to be rather of a vitreous nature. Those brethren who took an interest in Mark Masonry as it was called, or in Masons' Marks, and who had never seen them before, would be gratified to examine the photographs of the marks discovered (some incised and others painted) upon the foundation of the Temple. They were indebted to the Palestine Exploration Fund for this interesting discovery. A shaft 70 feet deep below the present surface of the ground had to be sunk through accumulated soil and debris before the lowermost stone was reached—and upon it and others in the immediate vicinity these marks were found. Bro. Col. Warren, who had command of the Palestine exploration, described some of the marks, which he says are in red paint, apparently vermillion, and put on with a brush. The colour easily rubbed off on being touched with a wet finger. The larger letters were above five inches high. The marks were examined on the spot by the late Mr. E. Dentsch, of the British Museum, and who pronounced them to be certainly Phœnician, and that they were the marks of Phœnician workmen employed by Hiram, the great Master Mason, who in all probability stood on that spot and superintended the lowering of the stones. To those who might be sceptical with regard to the preservation and fresh appearance of the paint, after a lapse of nearly 3000 years, he would remark that since he read an account of the scribblings or "graffiti," found, after 2000 years, on the walls of the ruins of Pompeii and other places, he could not doubt the truth of the statement. Why might not the peculiarly worked bevel, and these marks, which undoubtedly indicated the work of the builders of the Temple, serve to prove that the same band of workmen, or their immediate descendants, after finishing the Temple and erecting other edifices in the east, travelled westward, which tradition declared they did, as far as Hercules' Pillars on the west, and China on the east, and the Old Constitutions affirm to Germany and Gaul, leaving, as they went along, the above vestiges of their footprints. As a believer in what was called by some the Guild theory, and consequently having for many years taken particular interest in Masons' Marks, he did not yet despair of being able to trace, by the Jewish bevel, or draft, and the letters or marks he had described, some of them Moabite and some Phœnician a connexion between, if not a continuous succession of, Hiram's builders, and those of that glorious Cathedral under whose immediate shadow they were then assembled, and which was such a proud monument of the skill and daring and ingenuity of their ancient brethren. The D.P.G.M. next exhibited a drawing of an earthenware jar (about 8 inches high), found in a hole scooped out of one of the foundation stones of Solomon's Temple, and said—Are we to suppose that it was placed there at the time of the laying of the foundation stone, and then covered in, just as in the present day we are in the habit of embedding a bottle containing coins, &c., in the foundation stone of a new public building? Mr. McGregor (Rob Roy) visited the excavations, and in company with Bro. Captain Warren repeatedly descended the shaft at the south-east corner. He saw the Masons' marks, and the place where the little vase had been found at the base of the wall. In conclusion, referring to the beautiful address delivered by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Dr. Bell said he felt assured that so long as the first Ancient Charge remained on the pages of our Book of Constitutions, whatever might be the case with other societies or institutions, either at home or abroad, no person would be admitted into our Order unless he firmly believed in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, in whose hands were the issues of life and death.

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A DEED OF DARING.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Daily News* writes:—"At a quarter past three on the morning of Sunday, the 23rd October, a coastguardsman on the look-out near the quiet little seaside town of Clacton saw a signal rocket fired from the Gunfleet Floating Lightship, which told of a wreck on the Gunfleet Sand, and asked for a lifeboat's aid. The man ran for the Freemasons' boat that has been recently stationed here, and by a quarter before four o'clock the crew were together and the boat was being run down to the beach. But wind and tide were both dead against a boat that had only oars and sails to propel it, and it was therefore a quite hopeless task to attempt direct approach to the wreck; it was, however, suggested by one of the crew that they should row across the tide into the fairway, and trust to the chance of a passing steamer to tow them down. This proposition was readily agreed to, and after a heavy pull of about six miles through the Spitway into the East Swin the bowman sighted a steamer coming down, but she either did not or would not notice the Samaritan of the Sea. Shortly after, having in the meantime pulled farther out into the Channel, another steamer was sighted, which proved to be the *Consett*, of Sunderland, whose captain did not require much persuasion to give them a rope. And, learning what they were after, he put on all steam, bringing them pretty quickly within sight of the wreck. Cutting rapidly along in the wake of the steamer against wind and tide kept the men in the boat drenched with spray. As they got into rougher water, however, the captain of the *Consett* bade them haul in closer to receive a stronger rope, and took the opportunity to pass them down a bucket containing biscuits, beef, and a bottle of brandy. This warmed and cheered them, but they had to stand up to eat and drink, or they would have swallowed more sea water than biscuit. Having towed them as close to the wreck as he could with safety to his own ship, he let them go, and they took to their oars. Having reached within about twenty yards of the wreck, on the weather side, they dropped anchor, but a huge roller coming lifted the wreck and carried it further on to the sand. They were obliged, therefore, to pay out more cable, and were just successful in making connection by a line with the wreck when another roller again lifted the wreck and carried her quite out of reach. They had paid out all their cable, and it was therefore a question whether they should abandon the wreck or voluntarily encounter the only real danger that threatens the splendid self-righting Craft built by the National Lifeboat Society. This is the danger of being stove in against the side of the wreck, and the crew unanimously and with a ready courage which is beyond all praise determined to risk this, in order to attempt the rescue of the woe-begone beings that they could see on the ill-fated vessel. They therefore let go the cable, and the next roller cast their boat right on to the deck of the vessel, which proved to be the *Madeleine*, of Boulogne, a new steam fishing vessel, with a crew of 16 hands. After some buffeting, losing their rudder, breaking an oar, and otherwise damaging their tackle, they were enabled to make fast to the side of the wreck, and the Frenchmen one by one jumped, fell, or were pulled into the boat. One poor boy, starved with the cold wind and drenching spray, fell into the sea, and was rescued with a boat-hook; and one of the men, falling into the sea, just managed to seize the fortunately long beard of one of the crew, and was actually sustained and partly pulled into the boat by this means. The result was that the whole of the sixteen were safely brought to land, and placed in charge of the local agent of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. The way the Frenchmen embraced such members of the lifeboat's crew as they could get at on the pier was something to witness. As already stated, the boat was damaged, losing rudder, boat-hooks, anchor, cable, &c. But this was really a splendid service, deserving something more than the mere formal and local notice that it has received. With no hope of praise, and with but slight reward, the crew of the Clacton lifeboat has done a right noble duty."

To-day (Saturday) is the 276th anniversary of the infamous plot to blow up King, Lords, and Commons in Parliament assembled, in which one Guido Fawkes is always set down as occupying the central figure, though, as a matter of fact, he was only a subordinate to whom was entrusted the dangerous task of firing the powder secreted in the cellars of the Parliament House. In these enlightened days, however,

Remember, remember, the fifth of November,
Gunpowder treason and plot.
I know no reason why Gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot,

is, after all, a mere matter of form, in which, with a few notable exceptions, only the idle and irrepressible rough plays a conspicuous part. The "Guys" are effigies of people who happen at the moment to be unpopular, while the fireworks, so many of which are let off in the public thoroughfares, are mostly a nuisance, and oftentimes a cause of terror, to nervous old ladies. Is it not nearly time that "Guy Fawkes," who was hanged—as he deserved to be—in 1605, was at last buried once and for ever? His burial need not involve the discontinuance of the firework displays, which are always attractive.

Bro. J. H. Jennings, the courteous manager of the Oxford Music Hall, announces his annual benefit for the 26th inst.

CHALDAIC RECORDS AT UXMAL.

Dr. de Plongeon, a Mexican antiquarian, announces some interesting discoveries among the ruins of Uxmal, in Yucatan, and he believes that Chaldaic words form an inscription on a stone which, he thinks, forms part of a Masonic Lodge. Of the supposed Masonic remains it is not safe to speak until further details are published, but it would not be surprising if, through stone records at the Isthmus, the early civilization of America, now long extinct, were traced to the far East. At present all theories about the source of this civilization must be based on mere conjecture, but as the Mediterranean was full of ships and sailors in the days when the Chaldean language was in daily use in Egypt and Asia Minor, and as the legend of Atlantis, the island in the Western Ocean, seems to have existed even at that time, it is not at all improbable that other navigators may have been as thoughtful and venturesome as Columbus. Vessels in the Mediterranean twenty centuries ago are believed to have been quite small, but so were two of the little fleet of Columbus. In short, there would have been nothing more wonderful about an Atlantic voyage in the days of Cæsar, when Carthaginians seem really to have sailed from the Mediterranean to England, than a similar trip in the time of Columbus, whereas there were good reasons for the lucky discoverers not returning to their native land. Elbow room, and the right to do as one chooses, has not been easy to find on the Mediterranean within two thousand years. *Fac similes* of the Uxmal records will be awaited with great interest.—*New York Herald*.

The Prince of Wales M.W. G.M., completes his fortieth year on Wednesday next, having been born on 9th November 1841.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, has intimated his inability to be present at the Wilts County Ball on Tuesday, the 15th instant. His Royal Highness, however, will, notwithstanding, pay his promised visit to Mr. and Mrs. Coleridge Kennard at West Park, near Salisbury,

Viscount Ebrington, P.G. Master Devonshire, will stand in the Liberal interest as a candidate for the seat at Tiverton, vacant by the death of the Hon. W. N. Massey.

Sir T. D. Acland, M.P., presided on Tuesday at an important meeting held at Bude in favour of an extension of the London and South-Western Railway from Holsworthy to that pleasant watering-place.

The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon left Highclere Castle for London, on Monday, the 31st ult.

The health of the venerable Marquis of Donegall, Prov. Grand Master Antrim, is spoken of more favourably by his medical advisers.

Bro. Alderman Ellis, Lord Mayor elect, in consequence of the continued indisposition of the Lord Chancellor (Lord Selborne), was sworn in on Wednesday before Lord Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of England.

Bro. J. L. Graydon, No. 749, announces his annual benefit at the Middlesex Music Hall, Mogul Tavern, 167 Drury-lane, on the 8th November, when, in addition to the usual attractions, several novelties and improvements will be presented.

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Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See *Times* of July 24th, 1873. Bottles 1s 1/4d, 2s 9d, 4s 6d, 11s, and 20s. Sold by all Chemists.

TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoun, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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 Meeting, &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
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinni Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquiss of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moor-gate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction)
 M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 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
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Evertan, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, 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
 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
 1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

TUESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blids., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 890—Dalbousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Bridge, Boston.
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 882—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddle
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junc., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Marc-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
 1791—Cretan, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, 143 Bow-road, Bromley
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1305—St. Marylobone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesham-street, Rochdale
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Toimorden
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-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, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1503—Francis Bardett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewhithen Arms, Llanidloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwaite
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 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.
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 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.)
 531—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 880—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1821—Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1791—Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

- 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, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1093—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
 1291—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Deana House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colchell.
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hedden Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermit.
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 K.T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

- 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (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)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd., N. Kensington, at 8. (In)
 R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolo.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,
 1037—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
 1239—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
 K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street

SATURDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

- 103—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Marc-street, Hackney
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 S'nai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1558—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 902.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, 24th October, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. George Wale W.M., presided, supported by his Officers, Bros. Charles Taylor I.P.M., and several other P.M.'s, including Bros. S. Poynter Treasurer, Henry Charles Jefferys Secretary, N. Field, Smith, and a number of Visitors. The usual formalities having been gone through and the minutes of the previous Lodge read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was performed, and after a somewhat lengthened experience in Freemasonry, without any exaggeration we can say, that we never witnessed this solemn rite conferred in a more careful, correct or impressive manner than upon the present occasion; every one, from the W. Master downwards, being well up to his duties. At its conclusion the W.M. received the congratulations of all the Visitors present. The next business was to pass Bros. Crone and Walls to the degree of F.C., and in this case the work was equally well done. There being nothing more before the Lodge, it was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the pillar-room, where a splendid banquet was provided, served in Bro. Clemow's best style. The formal toasts having been given and responded to, Bro. Taylor I.P.M. said he had great pleasure in asking the brethren to join with him in drinking the next toast—a toast that was always received with great cordiality in the Burgoyne Lodge. He was sure that it would be drunk with the same heartiness and good will that night. It was the health of their W. Master, who had endeared himself to them, not only by his able conduct in the Lodge, but by his genial conduct in the chair in the fourth degree. He had won not only the admiration of the brethren, but the Visitors included, and he was sure the toast would be cordially responded to on that occasion. Bro. Field P.M. here gave, in an impressive manner, Henry Russell's "Ship on Fire." The W. Master, in responding to the toast, said—Brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the very kind manner in which your Immediate Past Master (Bro. Taylor) proposed the toast of my health, and you, brethren, for the hearty and cordial manner in which you have received my name. I can only say, that in the Lodge I do my duty to the best of my ability, and I can also sincerely say that whether inside or outside the Lodge my thoughts are always with you, and anything that I can do to advantage the Lodge is always at your command. The W.M. said the next toast was one that the members of the Burgoyne Lodge always proudly responded to; it was the health of the Visitors. No Lodge could give a more cordial reception. They were always proud to see them; and he hoped they would come again. Bro. H. Thompson was the first called upon to respond; he said that words almost failed him to describe the excellent working of the W.M. in the chair. He felt assured that if their progenitor, one of the most talented Masons who ever sat in a Lodge, could again come amongst them, he would find that the bright future he predicted for the Lodge had been fully realised. The Burgoyne Lodge had made its mark in Masonic history, and would go down in future as one of the best-worked Lodges in the Craft. The name of Burgoyne was also inscribed on the military annals of the country, and this hero's victorious exploits formed a long page in the enduring rolls of fame. Still there was no pleasure without its alloy, for another Burgoyne, engaged in the service of his country, with the band of brave fellows under his command, found a watery grave, and not one remained to tell the tale. In conclusion, he said that as long as the name of Burgoyne was held in esteem, so long would the Lodge maintain the reputation that it had hitherto borne. The other Visitors returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Past Masters, of whom they had a goodly array, both as to quality and quantity. The members were all aware of their good working. There were few Lodges where they had such reason to be proud of their Past Masters. Bro. Taylor, as the youngest Past Master, was called upon to respond to the toast. It was his duty and pleasure to assist the W.M. in the well ruling and guiding the Lodge. The Lodge was prosperous, and the Officers ably performed their duties. He could assure them that the Past Masters' places were not sinecures; however, they one and all thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk the toast. The next toast was "the Health of the Treasurer and Secretary;" few members of the Burgoyne Lodge were aware how much they were indebted to these Officers; without their efficient co-operation the Lodge must soon come to grief. Bro. Poynter Treasurer said he had had to reply to this toast for nearly seventeen years; he was "poor in thanks," and had spoken to the toast so often, he knew not what to say. He had for five months been moving about, and had been unable to go through the accounts; but he thought there was nothing of which they might be prouder than to find that their finances were in a prosperous state, leaving a good balance for the great objects of the Masonic Association; they had been well supported. As a member of the Grand Lodge, and also of the Colonial Board, he had always heard the Burgoyne Lodge spoken of with the greatest respect, and not long ago Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary, told him that he had always heard this Lodge spoken of in the highest terms. Having referred to the zeal of their Secretary and Past Masters, and the services rendered by them, he said the representation of the Burgoyne Lodge was second to none. Bro. Jefferys Secretary briefly returned thanks, and the proceedings were soon afterwards brought to a close. During the evening Bro. Wells delighted the company with some excellent songs.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The opening meeting of the season of this old Lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ultimo, at Colchester. Brother W. Richey presided, with Bro. W. Sowman S.W., and E. Hennemeyer P.M. Past Prov. Grand S.W. as J.W., T. J. Ralling P.M. (Prov. Grand Sec.) Secretary, R. Haward Ives J.D., and Joseph Grimes I.G. The principal business of the meeting was the Auditors' report (which was received and adopted) and the election of a representative to the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, the choice of the brethren unanimously falling upon W. Bro. Charles Cobb P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works. The brethren then adjourned to the social board, and a couple of hours of pleasant enjoyment was appreciated by all.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 29th ultimo. Present:—Bros. T. Cull W.M., D. Moss, S.W., R. W. Pearcey J.W., Gillham I.P.M., A. W. Fenner Secretary, Wolf S.D., Stroud J.D., J. A. Powell I.G.; also Bros. Killick sen., Killick jun., A. Clark, D. Somers, Crawley, Ross, Brasted, Spencer, Gribbell, R. W. Jones, Marks, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Money, Birch, Fysh, I. P. Cohen, R. W. Pearcey, Horley, Bird, E. Payne, Everett, G. H. Clark, O. Von Holtorp, Hagger, C. Weeden, Carter, Catlin, Reeve, Spencer, R. P. Forge, and others. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Stroud, T. E. Horley, G. H. Gillham, A. W. Fenner, D. Moss, C. Lorkin, and J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. A. Clark, R. Pearcey, C. Weeden, C. Lorkin, and R. P. Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Lorkin, D. Somers, and F. Brasted. Bros. A. Clark, W.M. of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, O. Van Holtorp, Citadel Lodge, 1897, S. J. Hagger, New Concord Lodge, No. 813, H. W. Carter, Citadel Lodge, No. 1879, and Reeve, Bayon's Lodge, 1286, were elected members. Votes of thanks were cordially voted to the W.M., the S.W., and the brethren who had so efficiently aided in working the Sections. Bro. D. Moss was elected an honorary member, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—The Fifteen Sections were worked, at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., on 23rd ult. The chair was ably filled by Bro. W. Musto P.M., the Preceptor of the Lodge. The W.M. was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. J.W., B. Cundick P.M. I.P.M., I. P. Cohen P.M. S.D., T. Wooding J.D., A. Abrahams I.G. The Lodge was numerously attended, and the sections were worked in a very satisfactory manner by the following brethren:—First lecture—Bros. Stewart, Macgregor, Cohen, Wooding, Barnes, Cundick, Stephens. Second lecture—Bros. Stewart, J. Taylor, Job, Cundick, Macgregor. Third lecture—Cohen, Myers, Barnes. Bro. G. H. Stephens S.D. Hon. Sec. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Musto was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bros. W. J. Musto, Friars Lodge, 1349, and J. C. Trueman 184, were elected members.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the Morland Hotel, Dean-street, Oxford-street, W., on Wednesday, 26th ult. Bros. W. H. Richardson W.M., J. Paul S.W., J. Hemming J.W., J. Hurdell Preceptor, L. G. Langdon Hon. Sec. Lodge was duly opened, and the Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. J. Hurdell, J. Elvin, T. S. Cooper, E. Child, W. C. Smith, E. Carlstone, and J. Ash. Second Lecture—Bros. G. A. Cundy, J. Skinner, J. Hemming, J. Paul, and J. Hurdell. Third Lecture—Bros. L. G. Langdon, Sillis, and W. H. Richardson. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. H. Richardson for his able working, and the honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred upon him.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 28th October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. W. Goss P.M. W.M., F. Botley S.W., A. Kent J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary, Gunner S.D., Maton J.D., B. Blasby P.M. I.G.; P.M. Bro. E. H. Sugg. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to the second and third, and resumed to the second degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gunner candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. gave the lecture on the second tracing board. Lodge resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Botley candidate. During the evening it was incidentally mentioned that Bro. Akhurst, formerly D.C. of the mother Lodge, had been drowned in the wreck of the Clan Macduff, together with his two daughters.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Smyth W.M., Catling S.W., Glass J.W., J. Lorkin P.M. Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor, Clark S.D., Edwards J.D., Lawrence I.G.; also Bros. Wardell, Brasted, Bunker, Christian, Dignam, Baker, Lamb, Brown, Boyce, Carr, Young, Allen, Forss, Larter. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker acting as candidate. Bro. M. Christian gave the charge to the candidate in a very able manner. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties, the W.M. worked the first and second sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Catling was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this Lodge on the 26th ultimo. Bro. D. Moss S.D. 1275 was Wor. Master, and was supported by Bros. J.

Andrews P.M. 1227 as S.W., A. Clark W.M. 1227 as J.W., John Taylor S.D., Horley J.D., Pearcey I.G., A. W. Fenner P.M. and Preceptor I.P.M. Among those present were Bros. R. Defriez, W. B. Ford, J. F. Dupree, W. Serjeant, T. E. Horley, A. M. Marks, D. Legg, T. Wooding, J. Stroud, C. Lorkin, J. Wilson, T. J. Barnes P.M., I. P. Cohen P.M., A. Leoffler, W. Bassett, A. Benabo, A. Marks, J. Siegenberg, A. G. Clements, C. Richmond, A. Turbelfield, J. Pinder P.M., A. M. Ellingford, H. Cotter P.M., J. H. Pringle, E. M. Money, A. P. Levy, J. T. K. Job, A. Gieseke Treasurer, C. J. Free Secretary, G. H. Stephens, &c. After due formalities, the Sections were worked by the following:—First Lecture—Bros. Stephens, T. E. Horley, R. W. Pearcey, T. Wooding, J. Taylor, and T. J. Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. J. Andrews, A. Clark, C. Lorkin, J. Pinder, J. H. Pringle, and G. H. Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. I. P. Cohen, A. W. Fenner, and J. Taylor. At the conclusion of the working, votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Moss (also conferring the honorary membership upon him) and to the working brethren. Seventeen brethren were elected members of the Lodge, and a highly successful meeting was brought to a close.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—Held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction, G.E.R., Wednesday, 2nd November. Bros. Clark W.M., Jones S.W., Brittain J.W., Clements S.D., Ohlson J.D., Ward I.G., Christian, Hand, &c. After formal business the W.M. rehearsed the initiation ceremony, Bro. Chitson as candidate. Bro. Hand answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was duly entrusted. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, and worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Hand acting as candidate. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the third degree, and closed to the first. It was proposed by Bro. Christian, and seconded by Bro. Brittain, that Bro. Jones take the chair as W.M. next week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287.—The members met on the 27th ult., at the Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-street, where there was a numerous attendance, nearly sixty brethren being present. Bros. J. Hemming 1287 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., G. West P.M. 1287 J.W., W. Cleghorn S.W. 1287 Preceptor, T. H. Staton P.M. 1287 Secretary, W. C. Smith S.D., Cane J.D., Paul I.G. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were then worked as follows:—First lecture—Bros. Cane, J. B. Lancaster, G. Tribbel, T. H. Staton, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, A. Christie. Second lecture—Bros. G. Edwards, W. J. Burgess, J. Forbes, W. Cleghorn, A. Christie. Third lecture—Bros. W. Blundell, Birrell, and Paul. The members of the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, adjourned their meeting for the purpose of being present. They were much gratified at witnessing the excellent working of the brethren. Bro. Hemming was made an honorary member. Special votes of thanks were recorded on the minutes both to him and to the brethren who worked the Sections.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—The usual meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on the 25th ultimo, at Bro. J. H. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, Canning Town, E. The evening had been set apart for the working of the Fifteen Sections, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge, Bro. R. Durell, who was well supported, both as to numbers and ability, by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Musto P.M. and Preceptor as S.W., F. C. D. Fenn J.W., B. Cundick P.M. I.P.M., G. H. Stephens S.D., Jones J.D., Bailey I.G., Willoughby, Loane, Pavitt, M'George, Cope, Tannahill, Rodham, Calver, W. J. Musto, J. Taylor, Stewart, W. H. Myers P.M., A. T. Ives acting Secretary, &c. The Sections were capitally rendered throughout, fully maintaining the character of this Lodge for efficient working. First Lecture—Bros. Loane (2), Musto (2), Myers, Calver, and Cundick. Second Lecture—Bros. Stewart, F. C. D. Fenn, Pavitt, Musto, and Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. Stewart, Taylor, and Myers. Bros. W. J. Musto 1349, Fenn 171, Tannahill 171, Calver 933, and Jones 193 were duly elected members of this Lodge, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., and the honorary membership of the Lodge conferred upon him, in recognition of the eminent services rendered that evening. Bro. Durell having returned thanks for these marks of appreciation, expressed his gratitude to Bros. Musto S.W., and B. Cundick I.P.M., and all those brethren who had given him such valuable assistance in carrying out the duties of the evening. Lodge was closed in harmony, and adjourned.



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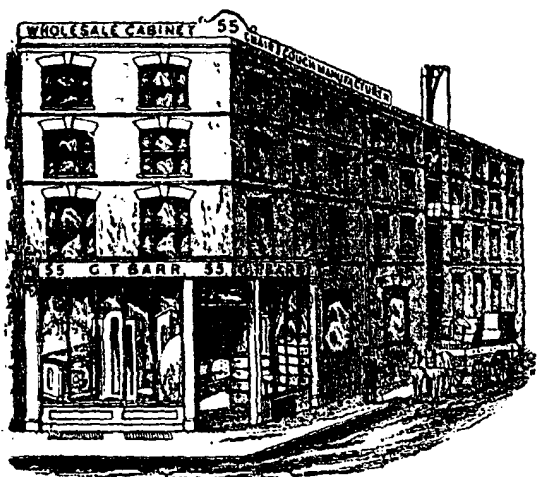
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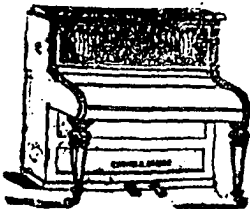
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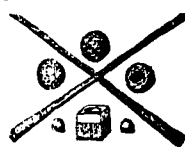
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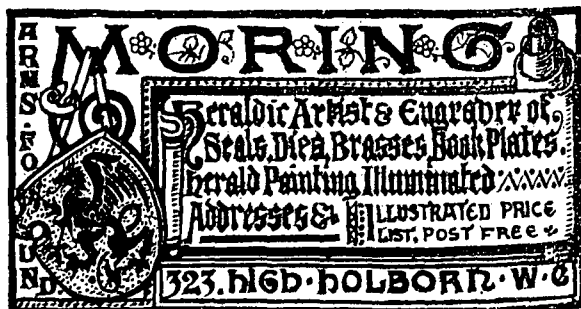
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