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**R.A. MASONRY IN NEBRASKA.**

**T**HE Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was held in the Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 20th and 21st December 1881. The Companions assembled at three o'clock in the afternoon of the former day, there being present—

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| Comp. H. Baxter Nicodemus | - | Grand High Priest         |
| Samuel P Davidson         | - | Grand King                |
| Edwin F. Warren as        | - | Grand Scribe              |
| Christian Hartman         | - | Grand Treasurer           |
| William R. Bowen          | - | Grand Secretary           |
| Robert W. Furnas          | - | Grand Lecturer            |
| Jefferson H. Foxworthy    | - | Grand Captain of the Host |
| Francis E. White, as      | - | Grand Principal Sojourner |
| Alfred G. Hastings as     | - | Grand Royal Arch Captain  |
| Jesse T. Davis as         | - | Grand Master Third Vail   |
| Charles A. Holmes as      | - | Grand Master Second Vail  |
| James A. Tulleys          | - | Grand Master First Vail   |
| Oren N. Wheelock          | - | Grand Steward             |
| John McClelland           | - | Grand Sentinel            |

together with representatives of eighteen out of the twenty-three Chapters in the jurisdiction, and also of nine of the Grand Chapters in N. America. The several Committees on Returns, Jurisprudence, Finance and Accounts, &c. having been appointed, the M.E. Comp. Grand High Priest Nicodemus proceeded to give his customary address, in which he reviewed the events of the past year, and congratulated those present on the healthy and prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Nebraska, and the harmony which had prevailed throughout the entire jurisdiction. Dispersations for two new Chapters had been granted, and the old Chapters, with a solitary exception, remained in a healthy state. The address was referred, as usual, to a Committee, and the Grand Secretary then read his Report. Other business having been transacted, the Grand Chapter adjourned till the evening, when the Companions reassembled under the presidency of their chief, and a Report by M.E. Companion William R. Bowen General Grand Priest of the United States was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The following morning the session was resumed, and the Report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts was submitted, the statement showing that, after the payment of the various appropriations that had been approved, there remained in hand a balance to the credit of the Grand Chapter amounting to close on 659 dollars. The following were then elected Officers for the ensuing year, namely,

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|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Comp. Samuel P. Davidson 9 | - | Grand High Priest        |
| William H Manger 8.        | - | Deputy Grand High Priest |
| James A. Tulleys 19        | - | Grand King               |
| Henry E. Palmer 3          | - | Grand Scribe             |
| Christian Hartman 1        | - | Grand Treasurer          |
| William R. Bowen 1         | - | Grand Secretary          |

while, at the afternoon sitting, Comp. the Grand High Priest elect announced that he had made the following appointments, namely :—

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|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Comp. Frank E. Bullard 15 | - | Grand Chaplain            |
| Robert W. Furnas 4        | - | Grand Lecturer            |
| Oren N. Wheelock 10       | - | Grand Captain of the Host |
| Parley M. Hartson 1       | - | Grand Principal Sojourner |

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| James Tyler 6          | - | Grand Royal Arch Captain |
| Ithamar T. Benjamin 17 | - | Grand Master 3rd Vail    |
| Walter J. Thompson 16  | - | Grand Master 2nd Vail    |
| John D. Moore 11       | - | Grand Master 1st Vail    |
| Emanuel Fist jun. 21   | - | Grand Steward            |
| Wilson M. Maddox 5     | - | Grand Steward            |
| Francis S. White 3     | - | Grand Sentinel           |

The newly-elected and appointed Officers having been duly installed and sixty dollars having been appropriated towards obtaining the customary testimonial of an engraved portrait to Past Grand High Priest Nicodemus, Grand Chapter was closed.

As regards the strength of the degree in this jurisdiction it would appear that there has been an increase in the membership of the subordinate Chapters amounting to 91, the number on the table of returns in 1880 being 841, and for 1881 932. This gives an average of about forty members per Chapter, and justifies the congratulatory tone adopted by Comp. Nicodemus in his address already referred to. We can only express a hope that the year 1882 may prove as satisfactory in extending and strengthening Capitalar Masonry in the State.

**GRAND COUNCIL OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

**T**HE annual assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 14th December 1881. The following Grand Officers were present, namely :—

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| Comp. Albert L. Richardson | - | Most Illustrious Grand Master |
| William A. Farnsworth      | - | Deputy Grand Master           |
| Sylvanus Cobb jun.         | - | Grand Pr. of the Work         |
| Charles W. Romney          | - | Grand Treasurer               |
| John Haigh                 | - | Grand Recorder                |
| Eugene H. Richards         | - | Grand Master of Ceremonies    |
| Rev. John W. Dadmun        | - | Grand Chaplain                |
| Charles G. Brooks          | - | Captain of the Guards         |
| M. Perry Sargent           | - | Grand Steward                 |
| E. A. Holton               | - | Grand Lecturer                |
| Benj. F. Nourse            | - | Grand Sentinel                |

There were also present a number of Past Grand Officers as well as the representatives of sixteen Councils. The M.III. Grand Master, in his review of the events of the past year, expressed himself well satisfied with the past and present condition of the degree, and hopeful of its future. Peace and prosperity had reigned throughout the entire jurisdiction. They were on terms of friendship with other Grand Councils, while as regards their financial state, though he could not speak positively, owing to the lack of returns, he knew enough to be in a position to say they were satisfactory, there being a balance in hand of over 143 dollars. After a sympathetic reference to the virtues of the late Comp. H. Chickering, to whom he expressed his intention of devoting a memorial page in the Proceedings of the Grand Council, the M.III. Grand Master closed his address by resigning his office, which he had unfortunately been unable to fulfil as he should have liked on account of his health. The following were then elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely :—

**EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.**

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| Comp. John Haigh, Somerville, Mass. | - | Most Ill. Grand Master |
| John B. Whittaker, Fall River       | - | Deputy Grand Master    |
| Charles G. Brooks, East Boston      | - | Grand Pr. C. of Work   |
| Charles W. Romney, Boston           | - | Grand Treasurer        |
| Alfred F. Chapman, Boston           | - | Grand Recorder         |

and these, having been installed, the following appointments were announced:—

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| Comp. E. H. Richards, Boston, Mass.          | - | Grand Master of Cer.    |
| Rev. J. W. Dadmun, Winthrop, Mass.           | - | Grand Chaplain          |
| A. G. Pollard, Lowell, Mass.                 | - | Grand Captain of Guards |
| Charles F. Merrill, Ware, Mass.              | - | Grand Conductor         |
| G. M. Rice 2 <sup>d</sup> , Worcester, Mass. | - | Grand Steward           |
| E. A. Holton, Boston, Mass.                  | - | Grand Lecturer          |
| B. F. Nourse, Cambridge, Mass.               | - | Grand Tyler             |

It appears there are twenty-four Councils in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership—one Council having, however, failed to make any returns—of 2,427—a return which cannot be looked upon as otherwise than most satisfactory.

### THE FUTURE OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

AT the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Bro. Clabon, who then appeared for the first time since his resignation of the post of President of the Fund of Benevolence, made some few remarks as to the position of that Fund, pointing out that something like £2,000 had been spent last year in excess of the income. While he did not oppose, but rather supported generous gifts, he reminded Grand Lodge that a continuance of such practices must of necessity lead to the ultimate extinction of the Invested Fund (which now amounts to something like £45,000), and he therefore felt it was time some provision was made to meet the deficiency. He personally suggested the increase of the quarterages paid by brethren to the Fund—in the case of London brethren from four shillings to six shillings a year, and in the case of Provincial brethren from two shillings to three shillings—but as no notice had been given to Grand Lodge of any alteration being proposed, and further, as Bro. Clabon was desirous that brethren in all parts should have time to consider the question, he had adopted the course of mentioning his intention to bring the matter under the notice of Grand Lodge at the June Communication, by which time he hoped the members of Grand Lodge would be in a position to discuss the subject.

That some alteration in the Constitutions which affect the Fund of Benevolence should be made, the experience of the more immediate past would seem to demonstrate, but whether the course now proposed by Bro. Clabon is the right one is matter for consideration. We, like the brother who has given notice of his intention to bring the question formally before Grand Lodge, should be sorry to deprive the Fund of Benevolence of its power to relieve applicants in as tangible a manner as their circumstances might warrant, but at the same time we very much question if the time has come for an increase in the amount of quarterages—not because the additional tax would be begrudged, but because we think it a mistake to offer further inducements to unprincipled persons to join the Craft. It has long been urged on behalf of Freemasonry that it is not a Benefit Society, while, on the other hand, it has been argued in many quarters that the exceptionally large grants recently made from the Fund of Benevolence really places it on some such basis. Personally, we question the propriety of the course taken by the brethren who form the Board. Some few months since, or to be more precise, since 1880, Brother Clabon himself was troubled as to what could be done with the accumulation of the Fund of Benevolence, and now he comes forward to advocate the opposite course. At that time he submitted a proposition to Grand Lodge as to the disposal of the then annual surplus, but he did not appear to know his own mind: for, after formally proposing his motion, and allowing it to be seconded, he withdrew it, and that, too, in a manner which we at the time remarked was something more than unbusiness-like—simply childish. After a lapse of but twenty-four months he again brings forward a proposal which has the appearance of being as hastily conceived as was that which, after short reflection, he thought fit to with-

draw, and to this last suggestion he invites the consideration of the Craft. In doing so we think he would have done well to put forward some arguments to induce the brethren to believe he was better informed on his subject, as well as more at heart in his proposition, than was the case when he last figured at Grand Lodge as a would-be reformer of the Fund of Benevolence. Had he done so, we hardly think he could have justified the step he now proposes. All he could have urged was simply what he did, viz., that the Lodge of Benevolence had in its expenditure exceeded its income by some £2,000 during the past year. We ask,—Why was this? Was it not in consequence of a feeling existing among some members of the Board that there should not be a surplus after the proposition brought before Grand Lodge in March 1880? Such is the opinion of many brethren, and if we take the trouble to compare the grants recently made with those of the past, it would appear that figures are in favour of such an argument. During the whole of the four years prior to Bro. Clabon's proposition, there were but thirty-five grants recommended to Grand Lodge of sums of £100 and upwards, viz., one of £200, four of £150, one of £125, and twenty-nine of £100, while during the two years which have succeeded it, thirty-six such recommendations have been submitted, viz., three of £250, five of £200, eight of £150, and twenty of £100. Thus we see that not only have the recommendations for large grants been more than twice as numerous, but they have also been for much larger amounts, facts which, of themselves, will account for the additional expenditure. If the income of the Fund of Benevolence is insufficient to meet the expenditure, the proper course, in our opinion, to adopt is, to lessen the grants either in number or amount, but as the former course might be deemed inconsistent with our Masonic teaching, the latter alone remains. Previous to March 1880, when so much was said as to the excessive surplus of the Fund of Benevolence, grants of £100 each were looked upon as the maximum to be given, there only being six cases in which that sum was exceeded in the course of four years, but immediately it became known that the income of the Fund was in excess of the expenditure to a large extent, the whole scale was altered, and the grant of £100 which was previously considered a handsome amount was at once relegated to third and even fourth place. We do not wish to question the judgment of the Board, but we do say that the brethren who have proposed and supported such large sums have erred—they have really been carried away by the arguments used by Bro. Clabon in March 1880, and we think the best course to adopt, in order to relieve the pressure on the Fund, is for Grand Lodge to refuse to confirm anything more than the income derived from present quarterages and other existing circumstances will allow. To imagine that an increase in the dues in 1882 will act as a permanent relief is absurd. It is well known that the more money there is to spend, the more applicants will there be for it, and if the procuring of even £100 is rendered easier than at present—without taking into consideration such grants as £150, £200, and £250—we feel sure the increase suggested by Bro. Clabon will not be sufficient to meet the increase in the number of applicants. Every brother or widow who is relieved remains a lasting advertisement of the generosity of the Craft—their own thankfulness alone should act as such—so that an attempt to supply the funds for continuing the large grants recently made by the Board would, in our opinion, be unwise, as it is offering an additional inducement for men to join the Order in the hope of one day securing a £200 or £250 grant should they need it.

The Freemason is to be commended for having adopted a plan which will give the Craft an admirable insight into the chronology of Freemasonry. Every month it is publishing a Calendar which it styles an Historical Calendar, in which is put down for every day in the month some noteworthy Masonic event which occurred on that day. The Calendar for the present month contains, among other events, the record of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Master, at the Albert Hall, on the 23rd of April 1875, and has a side note to the effect that His Royal Highness was initiated in Sweden in 1868. In 1869 the rank of Past Grand Master was conferred on him. In 1874, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, he accepted the office of Grand Master. The editor adds that it is a singular coincidence that the installation of His Royal Highness should have occurred on the very day on which, 137 years previously, the famous Bull of Pope Clement XII. was fulminated against Freemasonry.—*Evening News*.

## THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THERE is little doubt that our Correspondent R. L. H., whose letter we publish elsewhere in our columns, has entered on a very unthankful task in suggesting that the executive of the Girls' School are entering on a serious matter in proposing a further increase in the number of its pupils. But, with all our loyalty to the Craft, and with every desire to promote the interests of this, the oldest of our Institutions, we must not shut our eyes to the fact that if the benefits are made too common there will be an overwhelming increase in the number of applicants for the receipt of help from our Institutions. As our correspondent states clearly enough, the Girls' School, like our other Charities, has made an amazing advance in strength within the last few years. When the Prince of Wales became our G. Master there were 150 pupils, it is now proposed there should be 236. Again, as our correspondent points out, there has been an abnormal expenditure during the same last few years of about £20,000, so that in a brief period we are compelling the Craft to provide for this Institution alone an increase of over what it was in 1876 something like 60 per cent. We do not for a moment say the Craft is unequal to this task, but we do advise caution as regards the future. There has been a very remarkable enlargement in the number of Boy Pupils and Old Men and Women beneficiaries, so that we are committing ourselves to an ever-increasing expenditure, and what is more to the point, committing the next generation of Freemasons to the provision of a sum which, with all the will in the world, it may not be in their power to provide. We consider that points of this kind are well worthy of the gravest consideration. If our Institutions were stronger in respect of permanent funds, we should not deem it necessary to offer any remarks.

## "THAT ANGEL, KNOWLEDGE."

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE Masonic Craft is no "Paradise of Fools," for, as our ancient Grand Master, King Solomon, declared, "fools hate knowledge." When an applicant for the mysteries of Freemasonry petitions for initiation into the Fraternity, he states that he is drawn towards it by a "desire for knowledge." If he states the truth he is not disappointed; if he does not, he is, and deserves to be. We worship at the Altar of Truth, in the shadow of the tree of knowledge. Freemasons in all ages have been apostles of knowledge. They created one of the noblest of the arts—Architecture, and the liberal arts and sciences have ever been fostered by them. Intelligence is a pre-requisite for a candidate for Masonry, and once made a Mason, he is, or should be, perpetually a seeker for "more Light."

In one of the earliest and most sprightly of Shakespeare's comedies—"Love's Labour Lost," which has, throughout, sparkles of wit like a blaze of fireworks, the poet pictures the courtiers of King Ferdinand of Navarre in pursuit of "that angel, knowledge." Knowledge is an angel,—an angel of delight. It lifts man above the brute, Freemasons above the profane, and the angels of heaven above all. The Light that comes from above is the brightest and best, and Masonic Light introduces the initiate to the choicest knowledge of Freemasonry.

The candidate who is made a Mason receives Light, but not all at once. Just as man could not endure the blaze of the midday sun were it suddenly flashed upon him, so the knowledge that Masonic Light personifies is our Fraternity's gradual gift, that comes to the Craftsman as he seeks it. True it is, that he, and only he, that seeketh, findeth. It is to be entreated, it is the reward of the seeker. Many brethren will testify that Freemasonry introduced them to a new world, supplied them with fresh and noble incentives to thought and action, opened to them treasures of learning to which they would have remained strangers had they not been Craftsmen. There is more in Freemasonry than the profane dream of. To many a brother it has been a ladder of learning.

Take the art of architecture, which is indissolubly connected with Freemasonry, and who can say how many brethren are led, almost unawares, to regard, admire, familiarize themselves with, and enjoy it. We are no longer operative Masons, but we are students and admirers of operative Masonry. The art of architecture appeals to the eye, and through the eye to the mind. Skillfully designed and executed columns, capitals, arches and façades, please even the uncultured; and when one can identify himself with the old and mediæval builders and find in Freemasonry instruction in the present, and a key to the past, it is not surprising that the Freemason derives a pleasure from an ordinary walk through a large city, or from a visit to the architectural remains of the middle ages, abroad, that few other persons have in equal degree. "That angel, knowledge" furnishes him with a new sense. Where others stare, he studies; while others see nothing to admire, he sees a present beauty, a past

history, and a means by which he gains the purest and most delightful mental exhilaration. We can agree with the poet Grey, that

"Where ignorance is bliss,  
'Tis folly to be wise,"

but where is ignorance bliss? There is more enjoyment in an hour of an enlightened man's life, than in the entire period of a savage's existence. Freemasonry is to be commended for ministering to the happiness of its brethren by increasing their stores of knowledge, stimulating their desire for learning, and enabling them, by means of freshly awakened senses, to see facts, truths and beauties that they never saw before, or would have seen had it not been for their connection with the Craft. The light dispensed from the centre to the circumference of the Craft by "that angel, knowledge" is the proudest possession of which Freemasonry can boast.

The perfectly rounded character of Masonry is, when one studiously contemplates it truly wonderful. It is not for one, but for many; not for a class, but for all the better classes; not for persons holding singular opinions, but for those having catholic views, agreeing to differ with others, decided, and yet at the same time tolerant in their judgments. The founder of Pennsylvania said, "Knowledge is the treasure, but judgment the treasurer, of a wise man." Freemasons, as a rule, are men of judgment, who know how to use knowledge, without abusing it. One Brother is of a convivial temperament, and finds the Craft meets his desires by the hearty social good feeling that prevails among its members. Another is a moralist, and he finds in the elevated symbolic teaching of the Fraternity that which satisfies him. Another craves knowledge, and finds in the wisdom bequeathed to us by the ages, that is inseparable from Masonry, that which ministers to his intellectual needs. Another is a student of history, with antiquarian tastes, and what a treasury of delight does the past of Freemasonry open up to him! How he can read, and study, and investigate, and speculate. Let every one esteem the mystery of Freemasonry at its true value, for surely it has for its presiding genius "that angel, knowledge."

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), F. W. Ramsay, M.D., S. Rosenthal, G. P. Britten, L. Ruf, George Motion, Joyce Murray, Don. M. Dewar, W. Maple, C. G. Rushworth, John L. Mather, A. J. Duff-Filer, F. Adlard, A. E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, and F. Binckes (Secretary). One petition was placed on the list of candidates for the October election, and an outfit was granted to a former pupil of the Institution. The following notices of motion were given for the Quarterly Court next Monday:—

By Bro. J. S. Cumberland—

"That the day of election for the Boys' School be altered to Friday instead of Monday, as at present, except when the Friday falls on Good Friday, then on Thursday, and that the rules of the Institution be altered accordingly."

By Bro. R. W. Stewart—

"That the House and Building Committee be authorised to purchase the remaining four plots of land opposite the Institution at Wood Green, comprising nearly half an acre, at a price not exceeding £650."

## REVIEWS.

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

*Cassell's Concise Cyclopædia.* With numerous Illustrations. Part I.; and *The Life and Work of St Paul.* By F. W. Farrar, D.D., Canon of Westminster. Illustrated. Cassell, Petter, Galpin, and Co., London, Paris, and New York.

AMONG the most recent serial publications of useful and high class literature which are being brought out in cheap form by this eminent firm of publishers must be enumerated Canon Farrar's "Life and Work of St. Paul," and the "Concise Cyclopædia," both of which are fine specimens of typography, while the illustrations are both numerous and well-drawn. The merits of Canon Farrar's work are too generally well known to require any comment from us; but the "Cyclopædia" is a new compilation, and to judge from the specimen part before us, bids fair to be a most useful addition to this class of work. Great care appears to have been exercised in the collation of the materials which are put together concisely and clearly. The information also, so far as we have tested it, would seem to be thoroughly trustworthy. When complete the work will be of great use for reference.

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## HARMONY IS STRENGTH.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

IF the reader will take the trouble to review the history of any organization that has ever existed, either as a religious, political or social one, this fact will be very plainly manifested, viz.: That those organizations which have exerted the most influence, or that have been looked up to and considered as worthy of the confidence and patronage of man, or that have withstood the tests of age and experience, are those who have always and at all times and in all places closely followed the maxim that "harmony is strength." They not only said it, but practised it, especially amongst themselves; their every act, especially before the world, has been that of the utmost harmony. It will be found, also, that petty discords, insane jealousies, and unpardonable confusion, never were allowed to gain a foothold amongst them, for they fully realized that if they would exist as a body harmony *must* prevail and discord must be unknown amongst them.

The same line of thought may be safely applied, not only to social organizations, not placing the constructions of conviviality on the word social, but upon all political powers or governments. Take, for instance, the history of any of the ancient powers or governments which have partially, if not wholly passed away. But studying their history one will find that as long as they were content to "dwell together in unity," and were undisturbed by dissension or strife their career was onward, and they were prosperous in the fullest sense; but just the moment that strife, envy, discord or lack of harmony began to show itself, especially amongst its leaders, their prosperous days began to wane. If discord began to exist amongst its leaders it was quickly communicated to their friends—there is no one, be he ever so low, but what has his friends—and there sprang into existence different parties or factions, each one thinking and claiming, even at the point of the sword, that they were right and the other party or faction wrong. They pursued their scenes of discord unmindful of other nations or governments, until, almost before they were aware that they had a foreign foe, that foe was approaching their borders. The result can easily be portrayed; defeat, overwhelming defeat was their portion; their once powerful nation was overrun by the invaders; scenes of blood, pain and woe followed, for a magnanimous foe is not always found in the victorious party. Such was the result of a lack of harmony. Now the result might have been different had they been united, or had they been governed by the maxim that harmony is strength, instead of having been a nation divided against itself, had they been an united one the foreign foe would have hesitated before attempting to make war upon them, and even if they had they would have been ready to have met them, and could successfully have resisted their inroads. Dissension amongst their own numbers has been the means of many a civil war, and causing many times the overthrow of many a powerful government. Rome fell when confusion and discord were the prevailing elements. Ancient Greece, with all her splendour, her works of art, her learning, her talent, was no exception. Even in modern times the results of confusion amongst other powers have been the same. When confusion reigns peace and harmony depart.

Had the once powerful nations of the Ancients been harmonious, had their leaders been actuated by a common feeling of love of country instead of self, had each one been working for the common good instead of furthering their own selfish ambitions, the results, perhaps, might have been different from what they were. Instead of confusion there would have been harmony, instead of working for self; had each one been actuated by one impulse, that of the best interests of their country, they might have successfully resisted the inroads of the common enemy; their splendour would have been untarnished, their power would have been unbroken, they would have "held their own" and might have continued as a power for ages. But, no! some particular one aspired to the leadership and he must push forward his own particular designs in order to gratify his own selfish ends, or rather, his ambition to stand at the head, to be the ruler, even if it was at the sacrifice of his country by so doing. He promulgated discord, forgot harmony, and the consequence of his act was not only his own downfall but the downfall of his country. To gratify SELF he must needs sacrifice all.

The same idea can be truthfully applied to many of the ancient religious creeds. As long as the people worshipped "the ever living and true God" they prospered and continually added new members to their numbers, but just as soon as they began to worship "strange gods" and allowed discord to mar their heretofore peaceful assemblies, their downfall commenced.

History but repeats itself, and in all such instances "Harmony is Strength;" discord is ruin. If it is so in the affairs of the Church or State, why not so in other affairs? If it hold goods in any one particular society or organization, why not in the whole? If it has proven true in the history of both Church, State and social, why will it not prove the same in the Masonic Fraternity, if it allows the evil demon of discord to enter its ranks? Surely Masons are but men and are, as other men, prone to evil as well as good.

The Masonic Institution has amongst its members all classes and condition of society. We call as brothers men of all countries, sects and opinions. If "harmony is strength" in one class of men, it is more particularly so to us as members of the time-honoured Institution of Freemasonry. If we have amongst us the good and "pure in heart," we have the bad, and "him who thinketh evil." If we have in our ranks those whom men delight to honour, we have also those in the humbler ranks of life. If we have the learned, we have also the unlearned. The poor as well as the rich are found associated together as brothers on the checkered floor of Masonry. In fact, the Masonic Institution is a heterogenous mass of human beings, and being so composed it, of all other organizations, whether

political, religious or social, should ever bear in mind that "harmony is strength," in the fullest sense of the term.

Our enemies would like nothing better than to see us divided. They would glory in the fact that confusion existed amongst us instead of "peace, unity and plenty." The *net-work* of the *pome-granate* is too closely woven around the *lily* of Masonry for the shafts of anti-Masonry to even penetrate the outer door leading to our Temple, if we live in harmony. Let us continually guard our lily and keep it as pure as its symbol denotes peace. Let no discord, confusion or envy get even a chance for a foothold amongst us, and we will all of us be in the future as we have been in the past—*proud of being Masons*.

"A small Lodge, with harmony existing amongst its members, is better than a Lodge with a large membership where strife exists." Now, my brethren, there is a vast amount of truth displayed in that short sentence, more so, perhaps, to those who have made Masonry a study and have watched the transactions of the Craft for the past few decades. A small Lodge, whose members are all working for the common good of Masonry, is one that stands in the front rank of Lodges. A Lodge that lives up to the principles it teaches is indeed a model Lodge, for "peace doth dwell within its walls." No need of the power of the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, being invoked to settle petty discords amongst its members; no appeals to grievance committees comes from that Lodge; no long, laborious trials to be heard; no brother disappointed because he or some particular friend was not elected as its chief; no vexations arising from unpaid dues to try the patience of the Master, perplex the Secretary, and increase the burden of the remaining portion of its members; no teasing, begging, threatening on the part of the Master to bring out enough of its members to perform the work; no laggardism in the esoteric portion, but all is peace, and all are proud to say, "I am a Mason." Ah! that is indeed a picture of bliss that I wish was the portion of us all.

The influence of such a Lodge in the community where it is located is almost untold. The poor, the needy, the lonely brother, or it may be the widow or orphan of the deceased brother, look to that Lodge as one of perfection, as indeed it is. Why is it so? Because "they dwell together in unity." Let us compare that Lodge with one having a large membership, but whose members are not lovers of peace and unity, and mark the result.

We find generally, unless it is at the annual, that the attendance of the Lodge at its communications is small, although it has a large list of members on its roll. The Master, by dint of hard coaxing, with a few threats thrown for "spice," may get together a sufficient number to perform the work. The list of those who are in arrears for dues comprises a large per centage of its members. The "work" goes on with innumerable jars, and why? Because a portion of the Lodge is arrayed against the other. Questions arise that the Master, to do his best, cannot decide without causing one faction or the other to be dissatisfied, until finally it requires the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge to step in and decide it for them, and, even then, there will be a few who if they do acquiesce in it, do it reluctantly and show their dissatisfaction by remaining away from the meetings of their Lodge. They may have a richly furnished and commodious room, and may have all the paraphernalia to do "good work," but to their shame it must be said, that their work is anything but "good and true work," and is not such work as is fit for the overseer's inspection.

The influence of that Lodge for good has departed. It is a by-word and reproach amongst men, and all good brothers hang down their heads in shame at the "works" of that Lodge.

Our particular friends (?) the anti-Masonic element, are happy in the thought that there is one Lodge that is *not* Masonic. They say, "Behold your boasted Brotherly Love. You prove by your acts that your assertions are false; that you do not dwell together in unity and harmony." They delight to hold that Lodge up as an example of Masonry; but, mind you, they are very careful to avoid all allusion to the harmonious Lodges. Oh no! they wish only the worst side to be seen.

Let me assure you that our enemies are not all dead yet; they are not even sleeping. They may be overpowered or outnumbered, but they have a faculty of giving us some pretty hard kicks. They are by no means slow in taking advantage of any circumstance, no matter how small, that they may bring discredit to our names as Masons. Let us candidly bring the question home to ourselves and take warning of the past. Let us "dwell to gether in unity" and remember that "harmony is strength." If by chance there are any of us who belong to the unharmonious Lodge, let us "about face." "open ranks" and "march" to the rear. Let us put our own private feelings and pride "in our pockets," and come out like men and Masons. Let us meet our brothers not half way, but the whole of the way if necessary. Let us throw aside our own fancied wrongs and dwell together as a band of brothers "among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention or emulation of who best can work and agree." Let us forgive as we would wish to be forgiven. Let us follow these teachings that Masonry gives its followers. Let us be brothers in deed and fact as well as in name. Let us see to it that these principles that we profess to teach are inculcated in our own hearts before we attempt to teach them to others, and then, and not until then, can we teach the new comer those beautiful lessons which Masonry teaches in every portion of its work.

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## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see from your advertisement columns of last week, that it is proposed, on the motion of Bro. Col. Creaton, to increase the number of pupils in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to 236, and consequently that the whole of the girls on the list of candidates will be declared duly elected. Now I am very sensible of the fact that whoever raises his voice against a proposition of this kind runs the risk of being charged with a want of liberality. He, it will be said, who grudges the additional annual outlay thus incurred—some £220 more or less—must be naturally ungenerous. But there is an old saying, to the effect that people must be just before they are generous. Had this been the only proposition of its kind that had been made for some considerable time, I should not dream of raising a word of opposition. I cannot, however, shut my eyes to the immense increase of responsibility which the Craft has assumed during the last five or six years, and this responsibility, be it remembered, is not limited only to the present, but must be handed on to the next and the next and the next generation of Freemasons. The mere additional outlay of £220 per annum may seem trifling enough if taken by itself, but it is an addition to some £880 per annum made a year or two ago, which, in its turn, was an addition to an additional £1,760 per annum over and above the expenditure as it stood about the year 1876. In other words, having increased our liabilities since that year by 50 per cent., and having in the same period paid away quite £20,000 in hard cash for new buildings, &c. &c., we still continue the policy of increasing our responsibilities, and leave the future to take care of itself. About 1876 the sum actually required for the support of the School at its then strength was about £5,300—I am speaking roughly and from memory—whereas with a School of 236 girls, considerably over £8,000 must be raised every year, while the permanent income of the Institution remains at the same figure. This, I admit, is a policy of generosity, and as such looks admirable; but are we quite just to those who come after us in committing them to an annual provision of over £8,000? Are we quite sure that, having the will to do this splendid work, they will always be in a position to find the means? Nor must we quite lose sight of another fact which must have an important bearing upon the case. The liabilities of the Craft in respect of the other Institutions—the Boys' School and the Benevolent Fund—have also been very largely increased, and no material increase, at least in the case of the latter, has been made in their permanent means. Will it not be better for us to move "slowly yet surely?"

Fraternally yours,

R. L. F.

## A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am about to make a suggestion; I do not expect it will be met with favour; at the same time my views may induce some of your readers, more fluent with the pen than ever I can hope to be, to express their sentiments. It is the general opinion that our worthy Grand Treasurer's proposal—"That the twenty-eight approved candidates now on the list be declared duly elected"—will meet with unanimous approval on Saturday next, and, as a consequence, the list of applicants for election to the Girls' School in October will be a small one.

Now, Dear Sir and Brother, would it be too much to ask the executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls whether, under the circumstances, they could not help their brethren of the Boys' School by doing something for the numerous applicants for the benefits of that Institution—say, by providing for the education and maintenance of six or ten of these destitute lads? I am fully aware there are many objections that can be urged to such a course, but we are—or should be—one united family, and the needs of the female portion of that family may one day press as heavily as do those of the males to-day. Moreover, there is, after all, but one feeling that should actuate us—to relieve our distressed brethren and their belongings. If anything can be done in the way I here suggest, I am convinced the Institution that would thus lend a hand would not be forgotten on a future day, should its claims be equally pressing.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

## GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I imagine there must be small difficulty in arranging what your correspondent "ELECTOR" speaks of. I fancy no one will object to receive Girls' votes, for the simple reason that all the Girls are to be elected, and therefore, whatever votes are offered, the candidates, one and all, will be elected. There are,

doubtless, many difficulties to be encountered, but, under any circumstances, it is necessary we should be considerate. We must be in a position to speak forcibly, and we feel sure the supporters of the Girls' School will do their utmost to support their own venture. In this belief,

I remain, fraternally yours,

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## WOMAN AND MASONRY.

PAST Deputy Grand Master Bro. the Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury was the champion of the ladies at the last "Grand Feast" of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and responded to the toast proposed in their honour in the following humorous style:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: Why am I selected for this toast? Is it because, in my state of innocence, like Adam "waiting in the garden for the coming Eve," a presumption arises that the idealised and perfect woman is present to my imagination? Woman, as she is, lives a glorious institution! Does this Grand Lodge wish she was better? I can throw no light on such a conundrum. Woman followed Adam into the Garden, and drove him out, and made him work, toil and moil, until those creations of modern civilisation, the dry-goods shop and the jewellery store, arose in grandeur to minister to her æsthetic taste.

The apron which she gracefully wore after the fall, has given place to the silks and laces, gold, jewellery and precious stones, that Paradise did not furnish for her aspiring sense of the beautiful. Conservative man still wears the apron, and cherishes the tradition of the fig-leaf; but her memories of that primal state are most prominent in her rage for birds of Paradise. Has not woman gained in power by her transmigration from Paradise to earth? There a wriggling snake was wily enough to humbug her, but here the fascination with which "the serpent on the rock" lures the bird within its mysterious influence is not as subtle or subduing as woman's power. Our first Grand Master King Solomon was beguiled out of heaps of presents by that charming widow, the Queen of Sheba. Even his own wives, say the prophets, conquered his wisdom and led his soul into captivity. Solomon's Masonic successors have undergone a similar lot. In their homes woman is a pervading deity of love and government.

The French Masons say, "What woman will, God wills." She is irresistible! She is not here because she has not willed to be here. It is by her generous sufferance that Masonry exists. Of what consequence to us are these foreign women? Solomon had no Yankee girl among his wives. He never saw one.

I am of those who think our fair countrywomen are peerless among their sex; but I ought also to say that American Masons have an unerring instinct that guides them to select for better halves the most reasonable among them, those least tinctured with that fatal curiosity which drove the sex from Paradise, and most endowed with those admirable qualities which adorn the relations of a wife, mother, nurse, and daughter.

To woman as an object of adoration for all good Masons my humble offering has been made. But some women reach that state of life where they become oftener objects of objugation. Had you wished words of wisdom concerning that transcendent climax of moral development, you should have remembered that our first father, Adam, when he was a happy man in Paradise, had no mother-in-law; that Eve was expelled before she grew to be a mother-in-law; that, in fact, there is no record of a mother-in-law in Paradise; and that it is still uncertain whether woman's influence shall lead me to a mother-in-law, or that I shall escape into Paradise. I shall hazard at this time no imprudent remarks.

Having astonished his auditors with these and sundry other unexpected and startling cogitations upon the theme assigned him, Bro. Woodbury suddenly "switched off," and closed with a grave and stately discourse as to the influence of Masonry upon the State, showing how the quiet dissemination of its moral and humanitarian ideas might be traced in the amelioration of the constitutions of governments, and the aid afforded in the struggles of man for his place of nobility under God and the right to enjoy all divinely planned institutions.

The Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, will meet on Saturday, and has a fair proportion of work before it, viz., a raising, four passings, and an initiation. All the members of this Lodge, with the exception of the honorary members, belong to the newspaper press, the majority belonging to the reporters' gallery in the Houses of Parliament. The Lodge has made considerable strides since its consecration on the 13th August last, and is doing some excellent Masonic work in connection with the Charities of the order.

On Boat Race day a numerous company assembled on board the Maria Wood, which was moored at Mortlake, near the winning post. A sumptuous and *riche* luncheon was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, who personally superintended. Mr. Wellington's 2nd Light Cavalry Band discoursed sweet music, and the company enjoyed several dances while the boat was being towed up to Kew by a steam launch. The umpire's boat, with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on board, stopped while the Band played "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Among the company were Bros. T. Beard, C.C., Foster, J. Gow, Langton, Ridley, A. Painter, H. M. Levy, &c.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Jones, the W.M. of the year. There were also present the following brethren:—Bros. F. H. Clemow I.P.M., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles P.M. Sec., F. W. Sillis D.C., J. W. Smith I.G., J. C. Smith Steward, H. Dickey Assistant Steward, and the following, among other Visitors:—Bros. W. Jones P.M. 765, W. M. Robinson W.M. 87, John B. King S.D. 27, W. J. Burgess P.M. 1472, J. Heaton D.C. 1260, G. Emblin 147, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, James Bass 1305, J. E. Saunders 1506, Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward, R. Fraser 1307, John Jones 1278, and John McMillan 421. Having opened the Lodge in due form, Bros. J. Pratt and W. E. Greaves were raised. Bro. A. Brett, F. Jackson, and A. W. Fletcher were passed, and the ballot being favourable, Mr. Richard Ross was initiated. Previous to the Lodge being closed, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. Willing, who is a Steward for the next Festival of that Institution. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Tavern to banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured. Bro. Willing considered it a privilege to have the opportunity of proposing that of the W.M. He felt that Bro. Jones yielded to no one in desire to please the brethren of his Lodge, or in doing everything which might add to their comfort. Since he had been in the chair, the Lodge had greatly prospered—some twenty or twenty-five new members had been admitted, and in other respects everything had gone on well. Bro. Jones briefly replied. He had been very pleased to fill the office of Master during the past half year, and was glad to think his efforts had been approved of. He hoped he might continue to rule over the Lodge with as much success during the remainder of his term of office, and that he might always merit the approval of his brethren. Brother Willing once more assumed the gavel, this time to propose the toast of the Charities. It had always been the practice in their Lodge to spend the funds in such a way as to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren—a course he considered the proper one to adopt, as the truest Masonry consisted in making brethren better known to each other. Having done this to the best of their ability—and he felt those connected with the Royal Savoy Lodge had succeeded in the past—it became necessary for them to do what they could to promote the welfare of others—and this they were able to do by helping to support the Girls, the Boys, and the Old People who were cared for by the three Institutions connected with the Order. It had been the custom in the Lodge to send up a Steward each year to one or other, and to vote so much as they were able from the Lodge funds to place on his list. By this means they hoped the Lodge would eventually become Vice-President of all three. Having enjoyed themselves for some time past in the Lodge, he felt the members would respond in a hearty manner to his appeal on behalf of those who was really in need of help, adding such amount as they felt able to his list on behalf of the Boys' School. With the toast, which was heartily received, Bro. Willing coupled the name of Bro. Binckes, who responded. He need hardly say how very highly he appreciated the compliment paid him in coupling his name with the toast, more particularly as on this occasion it had been placed so early on the list as to enable him to address a few words to all present; unlike the usual course, when many who might have done something had left. An old Mason and a persistent advocate for the Boys' School during the past twenty-two years, during each of which he might say he had made some 250 or 300 speeches on the same topic, he felt he could not plead any of the usual excuses, such as want of practice, or anything of that sort. Of those around him he might say, all—with the exception of a small number—were comparative strangers to him, and therefore he felt that any remarks he might be able to offer on the subject of the Charities would be new to them, however much worn they might appear to him, and that in replying to the toast so ably proposed by Bro. Willing, he felt sure he should not be voted wearisome. Every Mason on the night of his initiation is thoroughly indoctrinated with the main object of our Order—Charity; and although in no respect must the Order ever be looked upon as a benefit society, it yet became a duty to assist those who appealed for relief. Every initiate, honestly or otherwise, had given a promise to relieve the distress of others, and he would now ask, as he often did ask, how many of the, say 9,000 members of the Order, had redeemed their pledge. He would venture to say that not more than 2,000 names could be found enrolled among the supporters of the three Institutions, by whose means nearly 1000 persons were provided for at an annual expenditure of some £45,000 or £50,000. For this reason he felt he must still use every endeavour to stimulate younger brethren to emulate those who had gone before. The ranks of Freemasonry had greatly increased during the past few years, and so had the number of applicants for assistance, so that it behoved all to do their utmost to relieve some part of the distress which prevailed. With this object in view the Committee of the Boys' School had projected a Preparatory School, and whether this should accommodate 50, 100, or 150 boys, or indeed any at all, would entirely depend on the liberality of the Craft. The Boys' School lacked advantages which the sister Institution enjoyed. The Girls' School always had been, and he supposed ever would be, the pet institution, and he would be the last to attempt to remove one particle of the sympathy which was really due to the weaker sex, still it made the work all the harder for the advocates of the Boys' School. He appeared now as Secretary of upwards of twenty-one years' standing, and he had always laboured

under the difficulty which he recognized at starting—that if any one tried for ever, they would never make a boy as fascinating as a girl, still he thought the Boys' School was worthy of a first place in the affections of the brethren and of their liberal support on all occasions. If boys were properly brought up and started in life in a prominent position, they might in years to come become the supporters of many of the other sex, either in the form of mother, wife, sister or daughter. Bro. Binckes concluded one of the best speeches we ever remember having listened to by hoping that Bro. Willing might be supported better than any Steward had ever been before. Bro. Willing next proposed "The health of the Visitors," to which toast Bro. Binckes also responded, being followed by Bros. Robinson, McMillan, Best and others. The remaining toasts usual on such occasions having been given and acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Willing's list, after it had been passed round the table, amounted to close on £60, a sum which will no doubt be considerably augmented before the day of the Festival.

**Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.**—The usual convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Among those present were Companions Land M.E.Z., J. Kerby P.Z. Treasurer as H., Elsley J., Shand N., Platt S.E., Deaton P.S., Taylor 1st Assistant, Wilson P.Z., Denton P.Z., Smith W.S., and others. Visitor—Companion Smallpeice P.Z. The Most Excellent Zerubbabel elect was unavoidably absent. Companions Elsley and Shand were duly installed in the respective chairs of H. and J. Companion W. Kerby was re-elected Treasurer, and the following were appointed Officers:—Companions Platt Scribe E., Deacon N., Taylor P.S., Lidner First Assistant. Bro. Joseph Pommeroy, of the Kennington Lodge, was elected, and duly exalted. A Past Z.'s jewel was presented to Companion Land, and then the Chapter was closed. The Companions afterwards dined together, the customary toasts being honoured in due course.

This day (Saturday) the Installation Meeting of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, will be held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Nelson Reed, who was the first Master of the Lodge, will instal Bro. R. A. Morgan as W.M., in succession to Bro. E. L. F. Carl Schmidt.

## HOW TO DESTROY A LODGE.

THERE is no demand for a recipe to destroy a Lodge. It is a subject that many seem to thoroughly and fully understand, and having this knowledge they put it at once to a practical test. A strange charge this, we grant it, and a serious one to make, but its truth must be an all-sufficient apology for the statement. It is true that no one starts out with the cool, calm, deliberate intention to carry out a well-conceived plan to destroy the Lodge of which he may be a member, but he pursues a course which might indicate such a proceeding and such a preconceived intention. Carelessness in attending is one of the prime causes of the slow decay and final death of many a once flourishing Lodge. One or two members fail to go to the Lodge meetings regularly, and their example proving contagious, first one and then another drops out; it soon grows difficult to get a quorum, and what might have been a live, active Lodge, in splendid working trim, has become the reverse. Another fatal symptom is an undisguised haste to get through with the work and an abandonment of everything but the regular routine of the Lodge. For this the Officers are responsible. The proper men do not fill the offices, or if they are the best the Lodge has, then it was a mistake in the Grand Lodge to grant a charter.

A third way to thoroughly do the work, and the one that is at the foundation of all others, the primal cause, is that the Lodge has not not been properly "tyled." Men who have no relish for the teaching of the Institution, who have never really and truly gone through the first preparation supposed to be consummated by all who have taken the first degree; who have been induced to join the Fraternity through base and selfish motives—such men as these have found their way into the Brotherhood, but their eyes have never beheld the beautiful light of Masonry, nor have their ears heard, nor their hearts received its grand precepts and teachings. They are members but not Masons. They are indifferent because they are out of their proper element, and they never should have been allowed to pass the Tyler, because they can never become Masons. They are the rough, undressed stones which mar the beauty of the building, and far better would it have been had the builders rejected such crude material. But the prevailing idea that to "make Masons" is the one end and aim of the Lodge, is working an infinite amount of injury, and the sooner such an erroneous idea is eliminated from the Fraternity, the better. Real success is measured not by the quantity, but by the quality, and a dozen true, sincere, and real Masons, will work more for the good of the Order, and be a far greater honour to our ancient Institution, than three score of indifferents, who are members but not Masons.

The ballot-box is the place to begin the reform, and it should commence at once. Take nothing for granted, but receive into the Lodge none but that which is known to be the very best material, and the result must eventually be gratifying. Though you cannot boast of numbers, yet your little Lodge will be composed of earnest and faithful workers; your meetings will be pleasant and harmonious, and the stumbling-stone will have disappeared. Brethren, your first duty is to zealously and faithfully guard the portals, and keep a diligent watch upon the outer wall.—*Mystic Tie.*

A MASONIC RELIC OF WATERLOO.—At the meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held on 24th Nov. 1881, a curious and very interesting letter was read from Brother Alexander Banks, engraver, Edinburgh, offering for the acceptance of Grand Lodge a diploma of the Union Lodge, No. 331, York, issued in the year 1811, to a sergeant of the First Dragoon Guards, who fell in action at Waterloo, and from whose body it had been taken by a comrade in arms the day after the battle. The Committee agreed to accept the blood-stained parchment, for preservation in the repositories at Freemasons' Hall, and recommended to Grand Lodge to specially thank Brother Banks for his gift. The document had forty years ago come into possession of the donor's father, Mr. William Banks, of St. James' Lodge, No. 97, through his brother, Mr. Robert Banks, of Celtic Lodge, No. 291, who in parting with it gave particulars of its history, of which the following is the substance:—Sergeant George King was shot through the heart at Waterloo, in one of those charges that decided the fate of Napoleon. On the day after the battle, a trooper of the 18th Hussars, who was a Mason, while with others engaged in examining the dead, came upon the body of King, and observing a mark upon the breast of his jacket of the size and shape of a Spanish dollar, close to the spot where the deadly bullet had penetrated, he tore the dress open—but instead of money he found a Masonic diploma. Mortified at finding he had been rifling the body of a Brother Mason, the hussar hastily wrapped the corpse in a cloak, and giving the grand honours returned to quarters. He carried the diploma about with him for many years, and subsequently settled in Edinburgh, where he died. [The First Dragoon Guards is named in Wellington's despatches after the battle of Waterloo, as one of the regiments of Lord E. Somerset's Brigade which highly distinguished itself].—*Keystone.*

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To elect as members of the General Committee, 12 life or annual subscribers;  
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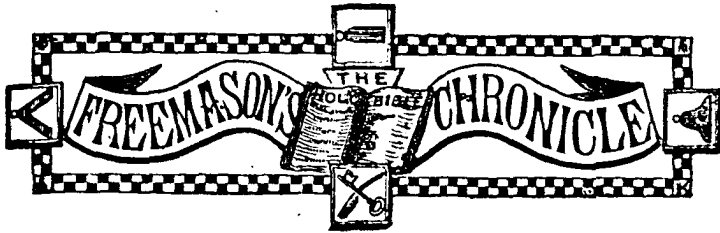
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ST. MARGARET'S CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX,  
No. 92.

THE consecration of this, the youngest on the roll of Rose Croix Chapters, under the authority of the Supreme Council 33°, took place, under distinguished auspices, at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. The Illustrious brethren and Ex. and P. members of the Order assembled in goodly numbers in the spacious Chapter-room, and at half-past three o'clock received the Illustrious and distinguished members of the Supreme Council 33°. The Most Ill. Lieutenant G. Commander Bro. Captain N. G. Philips 33° assumed the seat of the M.P. Sovereign G.C., and Illustrious Brother Hugh David Sandeman G. Sec. Gen. 33° filled the chair of P.M.P.S.G.C. Illustrious Brothers Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke S.G.I.G. 33° as H. Prelate, C. J. Banister 33° I.G.N.D. as First G., C. A. Newham 32° as Second G., Charles Fendelow 33° I.G.W.C.D. as Grand Marshal, Ex. and P. Brother C. J. McBride as Captain of the Guard. There were also present Illustrious Bros. F. Campion 30° P.M.W.S., S. S. Partridge 30°, J. T. Thorp 30°, T. Worthington 30°; Ex. and P. Bros. C. Wragge M.W.S., J. S. Cumberland P.M.W.S., M. Vowles P.M.W.S., T. Hawkins P.M.W.S., Rev. A. A. Bagshawe H.P., William Randall H.P., C. B. Truman First G., J. Wigglesworth Organist, R. Ingram G.M., W. L. Ball, R. S. Taylor, H. J. Atkins, S. Wood, F. J. Baines, C. A. Spencer, W. C. Crofts, H. Deane, W. Hanger, W. A. Fielding, J. H. Thompson, and others. The acting M.P.S.G. Commander then proceeded to open a Supreme Council Chapter Rose Croix in ancient form, after which the ballot was taken for the fourteen candidates as enumerated on the circular convening the convocation; which proving unanimous the following eleven brethren, who were in attendance, were then duly perfected, and impressively received into the Order. (Illustrious Brother H. D. Sandeman 33° in the chair as M.W.S., and Illustrious Brother C. Fendelow 33° acting as Raphael) viz.:—Right Worshipful Brother William Kelly Past Provincial Grand Master and P.G. Supt. Leicestershire and Rutland, W. Bros. Thos. Wright, Joseph Young, W. W. Wartnaby, R. Taylor, S. Cleaver, Dr. W. Hammond, M. J. Walker, W. J. Freer, W. A. F. Hall, and T. G. Charlesworth. At 4.30 the M. Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, assuming the seat of the M.P.S.G.C., proceeded to consecrate the St. Margaret's Chapter No. 92, and having addressed the assembled Illustrious and Perfected brethren present, called upon the Ill. Bro. C. Fendelow 33°, as Acting Grand Marshal, to read the Warrant which had been granted by the Supreme Council 33° to the petition, which had been signed by Bros. Samuel S. Partridge 30°, T. Worthington 30°, Jno. T. Thorp 30°, Frederick J. Baines 18°, Clement Stretton 18°, C. A. Spence 18°, W. L. Ball 18°, and W. A. Fielding 18°. After the completion of the ceremony of consecration, the Illustrious Brother H. D. Sandeman G.S.G. 33° proceeded to instal the M.W.S. Designate, viz., the Illustrious Brother Samuel Steads Partridge 30° P.P.S.G.W., Provincial Grand Secretary Leicestershire and Rutland, the installation ceremony being admirably worked by the Grand Secretary-General 33°. The Treasurer and Equerries of the Chapter having been duly elected, the following brethren were appointed as the Officers of the Chapter by the newly installed M.W.S., with appropriate addresses to each:—

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| H. Prelate    | ... | ... | Ex. and P. Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders ( <i>in absentia</i> ). |
| First G.      | ... | ... | Ill. Bro. John T. Thorp 30°.                                      |
| Second G.     | ... | ... | Thos. Worthington 30°.  |
| Grand Marshal | ... | ... | Ex. and P. Bro. W. L. Ball.                                       |
| Raphael       | ... | ... | W. A. Fielding.   |
| Treasurer     | ... | ... | F. J. Baines.   |
| Recorder      | ... | ... | Joseph Young.   |
| M. of G.      | ... | ... | W. C. Croft.  |
| C. of Guard   | ... | ... | J. H. Thompson.   |
| Steward       | ... | ... | M. J. Walker.   |
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Votes of thanks and honorary membership of the Chapter were subsequently passed with acclamation to the presiding Officers of Supreme Council 33°, and those illustrious members who had assisted in the ceremony of consecrating the Chapter, viz., M. Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips 33°, Ill. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke 33°, and Hugh D. Sandeman 33°, with Ill. Bros. Chas. Fendelow 33°, C. J. Banister 33°, and Ill. Bro. C. A. Newham 32°. The Lieutenant Grand Commander acknowledged the compliment. A committee was appointed to frame bye-laws for the Chapter, and a nomination for future perfection having been submitted, the Chapter was subsequently closed in accordance with the ancient usage of the Rite. The Illustrious and Excellent and Perfect Brethren then adjourned to a Commemoration Banquet, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful Sovereign, at which thirty visitors and members sat down, many having had to leave prior to the banquet to enable them to reach their distant homes the same night. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In responding to that part of the toast list which referred to the Supreme Council 33°, the Most Illustrious Lieutenant-General Grand Commander Captain N. G. Philips said, that although the Supreme Council consisted of nine

members, yet they were but one in purpose, and concluded an eloquent speech by referring to the generous support given by the Ancient and Accepted Rite to each of the three Masonic Charities, the amount contributed by which annually reached three figures. The Illustrious Brother Shadwell H. Clerke expressed the great satisfaction it had given him on this, the anniversary of his birthday, to be present and assisting in the consecration of a new Rose Croix Chapter. Illustrious Brother H. D. Sandeman stated the pleasure he felt, as Grand Secretary General, to add one more Chapter to the roll, especially as during the past year no less than four Rose Croix Chapters had already sprung into existence, and the petitions of two more were under consideration. The Illustrious Brother concluded an interesting speech with some very pertinent and valuable remarks relative to the mistaken opinions some brethren occasionally formed, without the slightest foundation, on certain portions of the ceremonies of the Rite; and which remarks were warmly supported by the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe High Prelate of the St. Mary's Croix Chapter. Illustrious Brother Charles Fendelow 33°, who had been called upon by the Most Worshipful S. to respond to the toast of his health, as Inspector-General of the Western Central District, said that it was seldom a new Chapter started under such auspicious circumstances; indeed, during his experience of over twenty-five years he did not remember one which bid so fair to become a strong and influential Chapter of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and he strongly exhorted the members to be earnest and careful in the selection of those whom they admitted into the Order. Before resuming his seat, the Illustrious Brother proposed the health of the members of the 32°, 31° and 30°, to which Ill. Bros. J. T. Thorpe 30° and Thos. Worthington 30° briefly responded. The Most Ill. Lieut.-Grand Commander Captain N. G. Philips, in proposing the health of the M.W.S., congratulated the Chapter upon having the Illustrious Brother Partridge as their head; he quite believed him to be the right man in the right place. The M.W.S. replied by acknowledging the very hearty manner with which the toast had been proposed and received, and stated that he considered it a very great compliment, indeed, to be elected to fill the chair of the Chapter during the first year of its existence, the more especially as the future of the Chapter appeared to bid fair to become so prosperous and influential. The Illustrious Brother concluded by proposing the healths of the Visiting Brethren from a distance, many of whom had travelled from far distant Provinces to be present on this interesting occasion, and he begged to associate with that toast the names of Illustrious Brother Banister Inspector-General of the Northern District, and Ex. and P. Bros. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, J. S. Cumberland, and C. J. McBride. Illustrious Brother Banister expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to come from the Great North, or what was sometimes known as the "Dark Corner" of England, although the Light of Masonry there was as bright as ever it was in the East, West or South. Bros. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, C. J. McBride and J. S. Cumberland respectively acknowledged the hearty welcome they had received from the Chapter, the last mentioned Brother expressing the wish that a catalogue of the books, jewels and antiquities (in which the rooms at Golden-square were so rich) might some day be published by the Supreme Council. The Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, in giving the toast of the eleven newly perfected members, expressed his gratification at seeing so many and such good men admitted into the Order that day, and he hoped that he might not bring the blush to the face of Ex. and P. Bro. Young, if he referred to him in particular as one to whom much of the success of the Chapter was to be ascribed. The Illustrious Brother went on to say that he had come down from London on the previous day to make all necessary and needful arrangements for the ceremonies, but found to his surprise that, everything having been already anticipated, there was really nothing for him to do; indeed, instead of being a candidate for perfection, Bro. Young's experience of the arrangements for successfully carrying out the ceremonies could not have been more complete had he been a member of the Order of many years' standing, and in appointing that brother to the office of Recorder the Chapter was happy in its selection. The Recorder, in responding, stated the pleasure he felt in being permitted to reply to this toast, although, in the presence of such distinguished brethren, he could only do so with considerable diffidence. The Ex. and P. Brother then gave a brief review of the gradual development by time of St. Margaret's Rose Croix Chapter, and alluded to the origin of the name of its patron saint, the frequent and valuable information he had received from Illustrious Brother Fendelow, and the felicity it had afforded him in being a humble instrument in bringing about such a happy consummation of events as the formation of a Rose Croix Chapter in this ancient borough, and referring to the future, stated that, in the language of Homer, "it is by mutual confidence, mutual aid, that great deeds are done, and great advances made." This would no doubt be the wish of every Officer and member of the Chapter. The toast to the health of the Officers of the Chapter was finally given by the M.W.S., and duly acknowledged in appropriate terms by Ill. Bro. J. T. Thorp, after which the company separated, apparently well satisfied with the result of this, the first meeting of St. Margaret's Rose Croix Chapter.

At the regular meeting of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, held at Windsor, on Tuesday evening, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the Master of the Lodge, Brother A. Pears, presented Bro. J. O. Carter with a silver epergne, a tea and coffee service, and a handsome bracelet for Mrs. Carter, in token of appreciation of the services of Bro. Carter as Secretary of the Lodge during the past six years.—*Evening News.*

## PUNCTUALITY.

FROM THE MASONIC REVIEW.

**A**MONG the little things that do great harm to our Fraternity is "want of punctuality." We could all name Lodges in which the Worshipful Master generally made his appearance in great haste, breathless, excited, from half to three-quarters of an hour late. What is the result? The Officers and brethren, noticing the habits of their Master, soon fall into similar ways, and the brethren being summoned at seven seldom put in appearance till after eight. The hour is then late, business has to be rushed through "helter skelter," the "work" is abbreviated as much as possible, and those attending, instead of enjoying a social, pleasant evening, find all haste and confusion, whilst the candidate is disgusted at the evident hurry there is made to put him through. And thus the beauty of our ceremonies is marred, and the impressiveness of the ritual destroyed, because the Worshipful Master is regardless of time, and will not be punctual in his place in the Lodge.

How annoyed we have seen visiting brethren, and felt ourselves, at waiting in a cold ante-room forty or fifty minutes before anybody but the Tyler made his appearance. It is thorough misery, and very seldom will a visitor return to a Lodge in which he has been so treated. Now, when it is so easy to be "on time," and when the effect is so pernicious, no brother has the right to keep others waiting, and thus delay the business and work of the Lodge. Besides it is not well to keep the Lodge open till the "we sma' hours" of the morning appear, or even late at night. Men that work during the day, and have to rise with the dawn, like to retire to their slumbers early; but what is more important, the fair sex do not like their husbands and brothers to be "out till all hours at the Lodge," and brethren, when they find that they cannot get home early, are apt to drop off in their attendance. Thus the want of punctuality drives many from us; many a good and enthusiastic brother is thus lost. Let such a Mason first make up his mind he will go every second night, and then once a month—after a little while it is every two months, and finally, wearying of the negligence and unseemly haste in business and work caused by this want of punctuality on part of officers and brethren, he loses all interest in the thing, and either asks for his dimit or allows himself to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

The habit of punctuality is one that should be cultivated by every person, but it should be especially so by the Freemason. In olden times Lodges were in the habit, it is said, of fining members who came late, and it would not be much out of the way if the plan were adopted in some Lodges at the present time that we could name. We have seen the brethren waiting till past nine for their Worshipful Master, and then have to send for him. There is no surer or speedier way of "running down" a Lodge than this. It is both discourteous and ungentlemanly for any brother to thus keep a number of others waiting. Would he be late if the President of the United States had notified that he desired him to wait upon him at a certain hour? Oh, no! But, yet, he has the impudence to allow a number of gentlemen to "suck their thumbs" at the Lodge room for an hour or so, while he, perchance in his slippers and dressing gown, is puffing away at his cigar at home.

All business men that ever have succeeded in life have been men of the most precise and punctual habits. Punctuality is as necessary in Masonry as it is in business, and no brother will succeed in life, or in Masonry, who is negligent regarding it. The want of it is the sure forerunner of slovenly and careless habits, and tends to produce a callousness with regard to the wishes of others that is sure to denote the selfish man. No Freemason can be selfish; it is contrary to the very spirit of our Institution. No selfish man can ever understand the key-note of Freemasonry, viz.: *Charity*, and consequently every brother, the moment he notes within himself any characteristics growing upon him that has a tendency to selfishness, should strive to correct it as quickly as possible. It is the little things in life that conjointly form and create our characters. The following couplet exactly expresses our thoughts upon this subject:

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean and the beauteous land."

Yes, it is the little grains of sand and the little drops of water that prove the turning point in our life's career, in our life's history. The want of punctuality may appear a very "weeny little thing." "Ten minutes late, what difference?" "It is the first time I have kept them waiting, and Bro. Smith, the Senior Warden, is always later. I'll just read the speech of Guiteau's before I go;" and thus the brother stills his conscience, and then in a hurry he hastens off, half dressed, and, on arriving at the Lodge, finds himself an hour behind time, and that two or three of the brethren have left. He determines then and there to correct the fault, but next Lodge night it is very snowy, cold and bleak, and the fire is tempting, and he determines to take one more cup of coffee before leaving, and then the evening paper comes in and he must take a glance at that, and—but it is the same thing over again, and by-and-bye this becomes a habit with him, and after a time the brethren notice it, they come late, and the Lodge, instead of closing before ten (as Lodges should do) is frequently not through with its preliminary business by that hour. Late hours destroy the harmony of the Lodge; good-natured, middle-aged gentlemen begin to grumble; hard-working artisans, who have to rise with the sun, express an opinion that "they don't care about being out half the night;" busy clerks and accountants find it breaks upon their routine habits—a blow has been struck at the Fraternity by a Master of the Lodge, and all through a reckless and wanton selfishness that is perfectly inexcusable; for there is no excuse in the generality of cases for want of punctuality.

Let brethren, therefore, cultivate punctuality in all the affairs of every-day life. Every man's time, if he likes to occupy it, is worth

something, and the loss of time is oftentimes a pecuniary and a mental intellectual loss, consequently every brother should so arrange his time that he would be able to keep his engagements. It is all habit, and it is as easy for a man to be punctual and prompt on time as it is to be unpunctual and an hour or two late. Remember the want of punctuality is a small and sneaking species of selfishness.

We have great pleasure in drawing attention to the balance-sheet of the Second Tottenham, Enfield, and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association, with copy of which we have been favoured by Bro. James Garrod W.M. 754, the Hon. Secretary. From this it appears that there was a balance brought forward from last audit of £63 5s 10d, which together with the aggregate of receipts during the year—namely £203 15s 6d, made up a total of £267 10s 4d. Out of this the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has benefited to the extent of fourteen Life Governorships, ten guineas each, or £147; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has received five Life Governorships, equal to £52 10s; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the same number, and consequently a like sum. Thus, during the year that is past this Association has contributed twenty-four Life Governorships, or £250 for our Charities, the cost incurred—for printing, postages, &c. being the very trifling sum of £4 5s. The balance in Treasurer's hands is £10 6s 4d. We have also received copy of prospectus—the "Third Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association," which will be carried on in connection with the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, held at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, and of which Bro. John Maller P.M. 754, Bro. Ebenezer Poore W.M. 1237, Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 1707 P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, and Bro. A. G. Fidler Senior Deacon 754 and Junior Warden 1237, are respectively President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary; the Committee, consisting of Bros. J. Garrod W.M. 754, H. V. Clements P.M. 754 H. 1237, E. J. Everdell J.W. 1579, W. M. Tegg S.W. 754, E. J. Lewis J.W. 754, G. Tegg J.D. 1579 I.G. 1237, A. Bryant S.W. 1237, C. Droscher W.M. 212, W. J. Meek D.C. 754, J. D. Birkin 754, E. F. Day 534 and 1237, J. Steer 1579, G. Rowe J.D. 754, and J. M. Rudd S.D. 1579. The rules of the newly incorporated body are similar to what are usually framed for the regulation of these Associations, and need no comment; but if any one doubts of the expediency of establishing such organisations for the purpose of raising funds for our Institutions, let him bear in mind this plain fact, that the "Second Tottenham, and Masonic Charitable Association," now closed, during the four years of its existence subscribed no less than £685 13s 6d. We are sure this will be accepted as sufficient testimonial on their behalf.

We extract the following from a paper forwarded to us from the Mauritius:—

Some years ago, the Grand Orient of France was on friendly terms with all the great Masonic powers of the globe. Since the modification wrought in Article I. of the Constitution of 1877, the situation has experienced a change; the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of the United States of America, those of Canada, New Brunswick, Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, &c., &c., have severed all relation with us. The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and United States have done more; they have ordered their Lodges to be closed to French Freemasons. To these anti-brotherly and anti-Masonic defences the Grand Orient of France has recommended, and still recommends, to its Lodges to reply by a contrary process. These great powers do not receive our Masons; we do receive theirs.

Whilst we expect this happy moment, let us not lose sight of the fact that the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland still close mercilessly the doors of their Lodges—in number 2,600—and that the different States of North America, where they number 9,800, follow their example, making a total of 12,300 Lodges into which French Masons cannot get admittance as visiting brethren; without taking into account the Lodges of Canada, Sweden, Denmark—and we might add those of the German Empire; but we should not forget that if these have not parted with us, we have had the dignity of parting officially with them.

How is it the English, Irish, and Scotch Lodges in the Mauritius are not compelled to follow the example as above?

## RHEUMATISM.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of 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, 8th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)  
 1416—Mount Edgumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea  
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

## MONDAY, 10th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.  
 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 29—St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields  
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan: The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Fredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
 431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
 1060—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield  
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1471—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
 R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.  
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 11th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City  
 549—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Cister, W.  
 900—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel  
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1014—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 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. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
 R.A. 145—Prude at Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton  
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Welnesbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup  
 892—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  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1411—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks  
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex  
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc  
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 12th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
 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, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1280—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood  
 1308—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1415—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Inst. unction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (I struction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea  
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct  
 1768—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch  
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
 759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.  
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.  
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.  
 1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.  
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes  
 1638—Browarigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne.  
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 13th APRIL.

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)  
 97—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)  
 233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 754—Iligh Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 860—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.)  
 1218—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)



1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 1611—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)  
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyyn.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill.  
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.  
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley  
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

#### FRIDAY, 14th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)  
 R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Oura-street, Goole.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.  
 697—United, George Hotel Colebrook.  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate  
 1087—Beaudebert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 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. 236—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

#### SATURDAY, 15th APRIL.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1278—Burdett Cont's. Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Marc-street, Hackney  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pitalico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

#### CAXTON LODGE, No. 1853.

THE annual meeting of this favourite and rapidly increasing Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W., on Monday, 3rd April. Lodge opened at 5 p.m., under the presidency of Bro. George Joseph Dawson W.M., supported by Bros. Arthur Woods S.W. (W.M. elect), F. Butterworth J.W., J. Oakman S.D., J. F. Beck J.D., W. Richards I.G. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree. The candidates for raising having answered the usual questions, retired, and Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a most excellent and impressive manner. On being resumed in the first degree, the Audit Committee handed in a highly satisfactory report as to the financial position of the Lodge, which reflected the greatest credit on the manner in which the esteemed Secretary, Bro. T. H. Meredith P.M., had carried out his duties, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to him, and recorded on the minutes. The ceremony of installation was then commenced by the Worshipful Master, and carried out with the greatest success. The new W.M., Bro. A. Woods, then appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. F. Butterworth S.W., J. Oakman J.W., J. F. Beck S.D., W. Richards J.D., T. J. Gilbert I.G., H. L. Diprose M.C., S. Morby Steward, Henri de Solla Organist, Lackland Tyler. After hearty good wishes had been given to the new W.M. by the various visitors, and other

business concluded, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the Banquet Hall. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Dawson, on resuming the gavel, proposed the health of Bro. Woods W.M., and wished him a happy and prosperous year of office; he felt sure that he would carry out the duties of his important office to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Woods, in returning thanks, said he was deeply impressed with the honour that had been done him in placing him in so high a position, and also by the very able manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed. It should be his highest endeavour to carry out his duties in a proper manner, and to follow the example of that excellent Mason Bro. Dawson I.P.M., whose health he had the honour to propose, and on whose breast he now placed the handsome jewel which had unanimously been voted to him by the brethren of the Lodge, and which he had so well earned. Bro. Dawson having replied in suitable terms, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, of whom he was glad to see so goodly an array. This toast was responded to by Dr. Corrie Jackson, W.M. Polish National Lodge. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. Dr. Corrie Jackson W.M. Polish National 534; Past Masters W. G. Hanson Royal Naval 59, W. J. Hiscox Earl Spencer 1420, E. Spooner Earl Spencer 1420, F. J. Wray Wanderers 1604, W. Saegert Wellington 548, T. C. Pratt Leigh; Bros. W. D. Wingfield Organist Royal Arthur, C. F. Luckhurst Wanderers 1604, N. W. Duncan Royal Albert 907, J. Hughes J.W. City of London 901, J. Vale City of London 901, G. Ward St. Luke 144, W. Alexander Ebary 1348, J. Kendal, J. Wilkinson Earl Spencer 1420, A. Martin J.W. Joppa 188, F. Thomas 87, F. J. E. Young and J. Esson St. Dunstons 1589, and C. Jones Alexandra Palace 1541.

**Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. Nicholson took the chair as W.M.; Bros. Taplin S.W., Cotton J.W., Brooks S.D., Rowles J.D., Phillips I.G. and Tyler, Andrews P.M. Preceptor. After the preliminaries of opening the Lodge, reading, confirming, and signing the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Rowles J.D. was interrogated, and entrusted; Lodge having been advanced, he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren, worked the second section of the lecture, for which he received a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks. Bro. Taplin was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the 17th of April.

**United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.**—Held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, 31st ult., at 7.30. Present—Bros. James Stevens P.M. Preceptor as W.M., J. N. Bate S.W., F. Thurston J.W., J. S. Terry P.M. Hon. Sec., W. H. Harris W.M. of St. Mark's Lodge S.D., F. G. B. Wells J.D., H. Williams I.G.; also A. McKay, E. James, J. Wilmot, C. H. Phillips, Chambers, F. B. Sargeant, C. Lewis, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and others. The Lodge being opened in the first degree, the second section was worked, followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, and the working of the third section. The W.M. then introduced to the brethren Brother Morgan, who had attended to deliver his lecture on "The Masonic Institutions; their establishment and development," which proved to be of very great interest, full of historical and statistical information, which to nearly all present had the charm of novelty, and made them acquainted with particulars which should certainly be known to all who profess interest in the charitable works of the Order, and desire to learn the most efficient modes of carrying their professions into practice. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Morgan, and, at the proposition of the W.M., he was unanimously elected an honorary member. In thanking the brethren, Bro. Morgan expressed his willingness to assist in carrying out the arrangements lately made by this Lodge of Instruction, by now and then delivering an Essay on Masonic subjects during "question time." Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight (there will be no meeting on Good Friday), and having appointed his Officers, notified that the work of the evening would be the first section, the ceremonies of initiation and passing, and the charges (by Bro. F. B. Sargeant) during "question time." Lodge was closed in due form.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—On 31st March, at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, W. Present—Bros. W. Heath W.M., Fromholz S.W., A. Jones J.W., G. Tribbel S.D., G. Hart J.D., Chambers I.G., G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Bros. A. Braun P.M. P.Z. 766, Halley, Smith, Batson, &c. Lodge was opened in due due, and the minutes of last meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary, confirmed and duly signed by the W.M. The Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. Halley being the candidate. Bro. A. Jones 1612 gave the charge, his impressive rendering of which gave the brethren very much pleasure. The W.M. for the next meeting was elected, and the Lodge closed in due form and adjourned to the 14th April.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—At the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, on Wednesday evening, Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered his Lecture, Explanatory of the Entire Ceremony of the First Degree. Lodge was opened by Bro. Samuel J. Tarquand P.P.G.D. Surrey, P.M. 890, 1556, and the following brethren filled the respective offices:—Robinson S.W.,



Ould J.W., Breden P.M. Secretary, Money S.D., Davis J.D., Pringle I.G. We have repeatedly had to speak of this Lecture by Brother Stevens, and shall therefore content ourselves by stating that this was the first time it had been delivered at an East End Lodge. The brethren, of whom there were between forty and fifty present, were deeply interested in what the lecturer had to advance, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stevens for attending. The compliment of honorary membership was also conferred on Bro. Stevens, and the hope was expressed that he, on a future occasion, would favour the members with the result of his investigations in the other degrees. After a suitable response from Brother Stevens, who seemed greatly to appreciate the attention that had been vouchsafed him, the following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Knight 233, Stone 1635, Dixon 1259, Weige P.M. 860, Kiniple 1816. Bro. Past Master Breden took the opportunity of urging the claims of the Masonic Institutions, and drew the attention of the newly-made members to the Charitable Association for obtaining Life Governorships which is an outcome of this Lodge of Instruction, and which we are gratified in being able to state is pursuing a most successful career. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed, and adjourned till the 17th inst., Wednesday next being the day for Installation Meeting of the mother Lodge.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Bros. Glass W.M., Smyth S.W., Corble J.W., T. Clark S.D., Robinson J.D., Edwards I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Christian, Purvis, Gosling, Bunker. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Purvis acting as candidate. This brother afterwards answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the W.M. worked the first, and Bro. Christian the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Priory Lodge, No. 1000.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 30th ult., at the Terminus Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, and was well attended by members and visitors, among whom were Bros. T. F. Barrett W.M., W. D. Merritt S.W., Dr. F. Donell Grayson J.W., F. Wood P.M. Treasurer, A. Lucking Provincial Grand D.C. Secretary, W. G. Brighten W.M. 569 S.D., G. R. Dawson J.D., J. H. Harrington P.M. 160 I.G., H. Beecher and J. R. Brightwell Stewards, G. Berry I.P.M.; P.M.'s G. F. Jones, E. E. Phillips, J. C. Johnstone, S. J. Weston G, W. H. Bingham 777 P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, W. Waterhouse, C. Floyd S.W. 1817, H. Hotblack, L. Warren jun., John Taylor jun. J.D. 1817, W. J. Chignell, H. Luken, J. Drummond, W. Wallis, H. Hassell, W. H. Lookey, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. Pissey P.M. 160 1734 Z. 1000 P.P.G.W., J. A. Withers 211, Hon. O. G. Lambart S.W. 1460, G. Lingwood 160, G. Goodman 160, W. Kilpin 160, R. M. Beeson 160, John Allen 1734, and W. F. Webb 569. After the usual routine business Brother Herbert Hotblack was raised, and the ballot having been unanimous in their favour, Messrs. W. Gregson and S. Penny were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the work in each degree being admirably done. A brother having been proposed as a joining member, and hearty good wishes tendered by the visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.**—At the Lamb Tavern, opposite the Bethnal-green Junction G.E.R., on 5th instant. Bros. Hand W.M., Clark S.W., Brittain J.W., Ford S.D., Stewart J.D., Bonner I.G., Moss acting Preceptor; Sturtevant, Bromley, Chitson, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Ford candidate. Bro. Stewart worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark was appointed W.M. for next meeting. It was proposed and seconded that this Lodge of Instruction meet every Saturday in lieu of Wednesday, as heretofore; carried unanimously. A proposition was likewise carried that the funds should be balloted for amongst the members when the same reaches the sum of £5 5s. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Saturday, the 15th inst.

**Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, Liverpool.**—The regular meeting of the members was held at Masons' Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when a very large assembly was again the order of the day. Lodge was opened punctually at half-past two o'clock by Bro. John Atkinson, who was supported by Bros. B. B. Marson P.M., W. Savage J.W. acting S.W., W. W. Sandbrook I.P.M. acting J.W., J. P. Mackenzie P.M. Treasurer, J. M. Boyd Secretary, H. P. Squire S.D., J. L. Shrapnell J.D., O. W. Sanderson I.G., R. Burgess Org., J. J. Monk Assist. Org., H. Round, J. O. Marples, C. Buchanan Assistant Stewards, W. H. Ball Tyler. Among others present were Bros. Witty Watty Walton, John Walton, Walter Hillyard J. Cantor, Lieut. Hawkesworth, W. M. Anand, D. Cumming, L. Neubert, W. Addiss, E. Graham, Webster, Williams, Boardman, Duncan, Hines, Pilcher, J. Ballard, E. Brammall, E. H. Thomson, and G. Martin. The visitors included Bros. Jacobs, Spiers, Roberts, Ellison, Callow 1094, Barrows, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three initiates, and afterwards Messrs. George Redmond, Rawsthorne jun., and Harrison were admitted into

the privileges of the Order, the ceremony of initiation being admirably performed by the W.M. and his Officers. Bros. Cooke, Boardman, and Pilcher were subsequently raised to the third degree in an equally efficient manner. Before Lodge closed, Bro. Atkinson W.M. called attention to the testimonial which was being got up as a compliment to Bro. Richard Brown P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer (a member of the Dramatic Lodge), in recognition of his eminently valuable services as Honorary Secretary of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for nearly ten years; and he (the Worshipful Master) warmly advocated the claims which the proposed testimonial had upon the liberal support of all the brethren. Labour being concluded, about sixty members and visitors adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served. In the course of the pleasant after-dinner proceedings the W.M. presented one of the principal Officers with an appropriate testimonial, as some slight recognition of successful services in a sphere which he had long occupied with admirable self-devotion and success. The gift was acknowledged by the "Dramatic" Officer in a manner which showed he fully appreciated the thoughtful kindness of his brethren. An excellent programme of music and recitations was given by Bros. Webster Williams, Josef Cantor, Witty Watty Walton, Jacobs, E. Brammall, J. J. Monk, and G. Martin.

## MASONIC FAITH.

**F**AITH is one of the golden links in the Masonic chain that has bound us together in our vast Brotherhood. Our Fraternity could not exist a day without it, for faith in a Great Deity is the chief corner-stone of the Temple. The Freemason, above all others, has reason to be proud of his peculiar faith. It matters not in what clime or what language they speak, he would find a ready welcome and ample aid, should he ever require them. The home of the Freemason is everywhere, such is one of the peculiar characteristics of the Order, that this vast army of men, unknown to each other except by certain mystic signs and tokens, can and do place implicit faith in each other's honour and uprightness of character. But the Mason's faith, which so astonishes the outside world, is his great faith in his God; not the miserable god of a sect or class, but a God full of mercy and love, who hears the prayers of all good men alike, watching over them with a father's care. A Mason has faith also in his brother's truth and honour. He has joined the Fraternity, believing that its members are men whose word he can rely upon; and he places his faith in them, and how rarely is he deceived. He leaves those near and dear to him in the care of a strange brother, he knows they will be safely protected, what need he fear? He has faith in his brother. Have they not both knelt before the same altar, and symbolically passed through the Valley of the Shadow of Death? They are brothers, and each has faith in the other. In times of danger what faith the Freemason has in certain little signs and words! They appear as nothing to the outsider; but they are symbols of a faith that proves the wondrous power of our Institution. Even the name of Christ on the lips of a fallen foe would not save him from the bayonet of his fellow-Christian, but the son of Hiram need but mutter the words or give the sign, and the hand of his foe would drop. The man who has no faith in anything, who looks upon all men as scoundrels, can never really become a Freemason. He may have the degrees, but he knows nothing of them, because he has lost one of the keys that open the vault in which lie our hidden treasures. Faith is the God-given principle upon which our Institution is founded; that has made men honourable, that has given the pure bloom of truth, and of goodness and virtue to woman, that has built up within us that holy belief which is the joy and life-spring of the living, and the happiness, trust and hope of the dying.—*American Protestant.*

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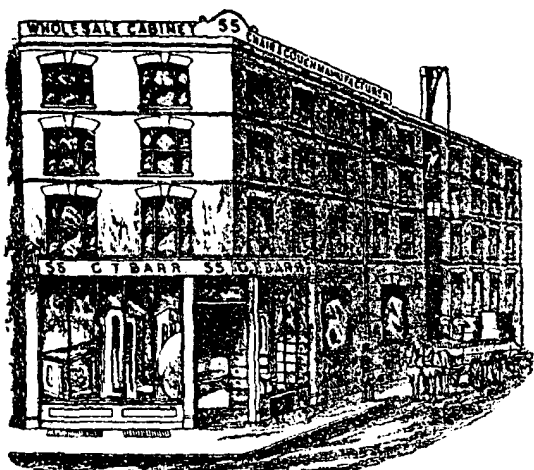


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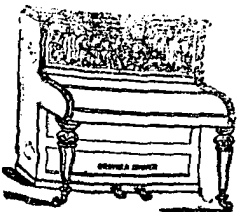
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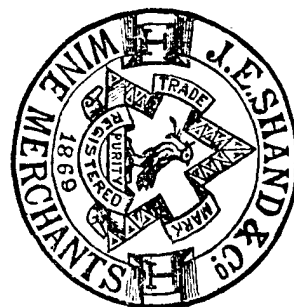
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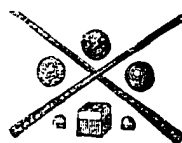
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