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EXHIBITIONS OF MASONIC RELICS.

THE Masonic Exhibition which was opened last week at Worcester proved even more attractive than its most enthusiastic advocates could have anticipated, and it is more than probable that the success which has attended this, and the two similar Exhibitions at York, will lead to other collections being organised in various parts of the country, and eventually, perhaps, to a permanent museum being erected, where relics associated with Freemasonry, which are now only generally available for a few days, and on such occasions as the three we have referred to, may find a lasting home, and be at all times accessible for inspection to the brethren and others particularly interested. We do not think the general body of English Masons would offer any objection to the establishment of a permanent museum under the auspices of Grand Lodge, and if the governing body of the Craft in this country would undertake the supervision of such an Institution, we feel sure that Provincial Grand Lodges, Private Lodges and individuals, would supply sufficient funds to enable its Committee to purchase relics which, from time to time, might be offered for sale, and which, without such an organisation as that we now suggest, would in most cases find their way to the United States of America. Should a proposal be made that Grand Lodge officially take the matter in hand, there would have to be an annual vote for the expenses attending the custody and supervision of the exhibits, which should be placed under the care of a regularly-appointed Curator, part of whose province it would be to search for additions to the Museum, and to take the charge of such exhibits as might be loaned by Provincial or other Committees, who might have it in contemplation to get up a collection of such relics. A permanent Museum under the auspices of United Grand Lodge of England would have to be located in London, and Provincial Committees might be organised for the purpose of collecting any mementoes of Freemasonry which might exist in their neighbourhoods. It would, moreover, be the duty of the Curator to place the claims of the central Institution prominently before each local exhibitor, and it would be fair to expect that a large addition to the exhibits of the permanent museum would accrue after each temporary one held in the country, the one acting as a source of supply for the other. For this reason also, if not for others, we think it would be desirable to arrange for the occasional loan from the London centre of rare relics to all properly organised exhibitions held in the Provinces. However, the question is one which need not be hurriedly considered, and in the meantime we may take the opportunity of congratulating Sir E. Lechmere and the Mayor of Worcester on their liberal encouragement and support of the recent display at Worcester. We would also be glad to hear the opinions of brethren on the subject.

FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

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IT was at this time, however, that English influence, which in spite of the severance of its English ties, had never wholly deserted Grand Orient No. 1, began to

make itself felt. Re-united in one compact body, in order to resist the common enemy, and the persecution that was dealt out to them all in common, the Spanish Freemasons gave their allegiance to one Supreme Council, a Council that had become one by reason of the difficult circumstances in which Spanish Freemasons was placed, and which had its quarters in Madrid in a bye-street off the Calle Mayor, and under the direct protection of England and English Freemasonry. Among the members of the Supreme Council were the Infante Don Francis of Bourbon, the General San Miguel, the Ministers Lopez and Gonzalez de la Serna, Bro. Olozaga, afterwards Spanish Ambassador at Paris, the Bros. Magnan, Couder, Mozo, and others. In 1849 Don Francis was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of this sole Supreme Council and Grand Master of Grand Orient No. 2, which then absorbed within itself Grand Orient No. 1. Thus, of the two Spanish Grand Orients, one founded in 1780 and the other in 1809, there remained in 1829 but one, while as to the two Supreme Councils, founded in 1808 and 1811 respectively, but united since 1818, it was not till 1829 that the surviving Grand Orient and Supreme Council were placed under the rule of one and the same Grand Master, Don Francis de Bourbon, to whom the ex-Queen Isabella and her son Alphonse XII. are indebted for the crown, seeing that it was in consequence of his firm attitude that Ferdinand XII. maintained the abrogation of the Salic Law, which took away from women the right of succession to the throne.

In 1846, during the administration of Marshal Narvaez, took place the fourth persecution of the Freemasons, which, if not as sanguinary as those of 1751, 1814, and 1824, was certainly as cruel, and Don Francis, excommunicated by Pope Pius IX., was compelled to seek safety in flight. At the time General E. San Miguel was a member of the Supreme Council. The Infante, on quitting Spain, delegated his authority as Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander to Bros. Charles Magnan and Pinilla, the former as regards the Grand Mastership and Grand Commandership, and the latter in respect of the Grand Secretaryship, with the rank of Deputy Grand Master and Lieutenant Grand Commander. Bro. Pinilla thereupon established throughout Spain a formidable politico-Masonic power, constituting in all directions, and to the number of 350, Lodges consisting of only seven Masters, each new initiate on his reception into a Lodge being presented with a musket and a hundred ball-cartridges. Success attended this plan up to the year 1854, when Queen Isabella's Consort, King Francis d'Assisi, father of Alphonso XII., became Honorary W. Master (*Vénérable*) of a Lodge held in the palace, the titular W.M. of which was General San Miguel, while the S.W. was the Matador Pucheta. The official favours now shown to our institution, which hitherto had been accustomed to little else than war *à outrance* and without quarter, introduced elements of corruption, and Spanish Freemasonry led a very tame existence until 1865, when once again she became the heart and soul of those liberal aspirations which made themselves felt throughout the length and breadth of Spain. Then followed a period of anarchy, and after a succession of conspiracies against her life and throne, Isabella was expelled her kingdom on the 28th September 1868.

At this time the recognised chief of Spanish Freemasonry residing in Spain was Bro. C. C. Magnan. The revolu-

tionary measures of the day had greatly excited Brother Calatrava, a Masonic veteran, who had sought rest, but had found it only for a brief period. Influenced by the prayers of a certain Bro. Castillo, a traveller in the wine trade, Calatrava took the initiative in resuscitating the famous National Grand Orient of Spain, which had been established in 1840 at Bordeaux, out of the remains of a Spanish society founded in 1812, and bearing the title of "Los Comuneros"—the communists. These "Comuneros," so called in memory of the brave Spaniards Padilla, Bravo, and Maldonado, who had been the first to protest against the Flemish tyranny of Charles V., adopted in 1812 the same method which in 1820 found favour with the Carbonari. Their Lodges were named "Tours," their Chapters "Chateaux," their chambers "Louvres," their consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret the "Grand Encampment of Villalar," a place celebrated for the massacre of the "Comuneros" by the Walloons of Charles V. It was, however, the illustrious patriot Argüelles, who, in moments of difficulty taking for his guide the maxim of his enemies that "the end justifies the means," hurled these essentially political and revolutionary bodies against the positions held by the deadly enemies of liberty. Thus resuscitated by Bro. Calatrava, the National Grand Orient of Spain took its place among the governing bodies of Masonry in Spain in 1869, when liberties of every kind and without a single exception had become veritable rights. In April of this year was held, in No. 13 of the street "Las Infantas" in Madrid, a gathering of some dozens of well-known Masons, who constituted a triad of Lodges, namely, "La Lealtad," "La Mantuana," and "La Francos Caballeros de San-Andrés de Escocia (the Free Knights of St. Andrew of Scotland). These Lodges constituted themselves first of all a Chapter, then as a Grand Orient, and lastly, thanks to the number of S. I. Generals who took part in the proceedings, as a Supreme Council under the presidency of Bro. Magnan, the legitimate successor of the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Supreme Council which had been founded in 1811, and which in 1818 had absorbed that founded in 1808. Bro. Magnan was better calculated to wage war than organise, and at the commencement of 1870 he left for Santander in company with the Grand Secretary and Grand Chancellor. On this the members of the 33rd degree remaining in Madrid despoiled him in a fraternal and kindly manner of his authority, in consequence of his inability to carry out the honourable views by which he was animated, and appointed in his stead as G. Commander Bro. M. R. Zorrilla. This Bro. Zorrilla had been made E.A.P. in Lodge "la Mantuana," the day following F.C. and M.M. in Lodge "La Caridad," then Knight of the East in the Iberian Grand Orient—an offshoot which the schismatic G. Orient of Portugal had set up at Madrid in those days of Iberian hopes and aspirations—and on the fourth day, the 20th July 1870, Grand Commander. Hence having been President of the Council of Ministers in 1871 and 1872, and having during that time honoured Freemasonry with a protection which was benevolent and fraternal rather than enlightened and practical, Bro. Ruiz Zorrilla found himself under the necessity of voluntarily resigning his charge of G. Commander, and restored it formally to the Craft in an instrument dated Palencia, 1st January 1874. Thereupon Bros. Avalos and Panzano, who had been raised to the 33rd degree under the rule of Zorrilla, took counsel with the deposed Brother Magnan, with a view to his having the acts of government of Zorrilla declared null and void. This was accomplished, and the dismissal of Zorrilla having been accepted, Bro. Magnan resumed his old position of S. G. Commander, as though he had never left it. He at once appointed Bro. Carvajal as Lieut. G. Commander, and at the same meeting abdicated in his favour as S. G. Commander. Bro. Carvajal was succeeded in turn by Bros. Ferrer, Couder, Avalos, Oriero, and Panzano y Almirall, the actual S. G. Commander of that body entitling itself the Grand Orient of Spain, and to which, for reasons that will appear hereafter, we shall add the qualification of "Primary."

(To be continued.)

The *Voice of Masonry* announces the death, on 21st June last, in the forty-ninth year of his age, of M.W. Isaac B. Sharp, Past Grand Master of Kansas.

FREEMASONRY IN YORK IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

AS TOLD BY AN OLD NEWSPAPER FILE.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, YORK.

(Continued from page 139).

ETHERINGTON'S York Chronicle of Friday, 3rd January 1777, has a paragraph registering a meeting of the Grand Lodge:—

"Friday last being St. John's Day there was a very respectable meeting of Free and Accepted Masons of the Most Antient Grand Lodge of All England at the York Tavern and at the Provincial Grand Lodge at Nicholson's Coffee House in this city. The brethren of both lodges attended Divine Service, the former at St. Helens and the latter at St. Martin's, Coney-street, where discourses suitable to the occasion were delivered by the Rev. Brethren John Parker and James Lawson. The brethren dined together at their respective Lodges and the day was spent with that harmony and decorum the distinguishing characteristics of the Society."

The York Tavern was selected by Grand Master Siddall as his place of meeting on 24th June 1778, and on the same day Sir Thomas Tancred Provincial Grand Master summoned his brethren to meet at Nicholson's Coffee House, in Coney Street. William Siddall was a York woollen draper. He was made a Mason in 1770 and served the office of Sheriff of York in 1765, and was twice Lord Mayor, in 1783 and 1793. In the latter year he died suddenly in the Mansion House whilst in the act of robing himself on Sunday morning for the purpose of proceeding to the service in the Cathedral.

On 22nd December 1778, the *Courant* has the following:

The Most Antient Grand Lodge of all England.

SIDDALL, Grand Master.

Free and Accepted Maceons are desired to meet the Grand Master at the York Tavern, on Monday next, the 28th December, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from thence to forward to St. Helens Church to hear Divine Service, where a sermon will be preached on the occasion by the Rev. Brother John Parker, Grand Chaplain.

COUPLAND

T. BEWLEY

} Grand Wardens.

Dinner on the Table at 2 o'clock.

Coupland was an energetic brother, and he with others moved the Grand Lodge at York at a late period of its existence to grant a Constitution for a subordinate Lodge in York, which does not, however, seem to have been granted. Brother Parker, Grand Chaplain, was made a Mason without fees in 1776, it being considered that his services would be of great value to the Lodge.

The next advertisement is:—

SIR THOMAS TANCRED, Bart.,
Provincial Grand Master.

The Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, are desired to meet the Brethren at Nicholson's Coffee House, in Coney-street, York, on Monday next, the 28th of December, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and proceed from thence to attend Divine Service at St. Martin's Church, Coney-street. A sermon will be preached by the Rev. Bro. Wm. Johnson, Prov. Grand Chaplain. Dinner at 2 o'clock. Tickets to be had at the bar of the said Coffee House."

On 24th June 1779, Grand Master Siddall summoned his brethren to meet him at the York Tavern, and on the same day Sir Walter Vavasour, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, called his brethren to meet him at Nicholson's Coffee House. Again the Grand Lodge was called to meet at the York Tavern, on the 27th December, and to hear a sermon at St. Helens by the Rev. John Parker. On the same day the Provincial Grand Master called his subjects to meet him at Nicholson's Coffee House and hear a sermon at St. Martin's by the Rev. W. Johnson.

The *York Chronicle and General Advertiser*, published by Blanchard and Co., Coppergate, of 16th July 1779, says:

At a very respectable meeting of Freemasons at the Lodge in Wolverhampton to commemorate the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist the conversation turned chiefly upon the present state of national affairs, and many loyal toasts being drunk on the occasion, Sir John Wrottesley, as became a soldier and patriot, offered his services to the public by leading a body of his brave countrymen to any part of the globe. The Lodge immediately rang with repeated shouts of approbation, and every brother, with a zeal and ardour which ever characterize that Society in the promotion of any good design, most cordially wished for an immediate execution of so laudable and indispensable undertaking.

In 1780 the June meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was called by Provincial Grand Master Vavasour for the 26th June, at Nicholson's Coffee House, and Smyth, Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge, called his summer

meeting at the Tavern on the same day, the notice being signed by T. Beckwith and R. Bewlay Grand Wardens, and J. Browne Grand Secretary. I find no notice given of a winter meeting, but in June 1781, Smyth summoned his brethren to the York Tavern.

Francis Smyth jun. was made in January 1778. He does not seem to have come of a York family, though he was born in York in 1737. His father was Francis Smyth, of Crosby Temple, in Essex, and Sutton Hall, near Thirsk. Francis Smyth jun. became the owner of New Buildings, in the parish of Kirby Knowle, in Yorkshire, and he married a Mary Plummer in 1762. New Buildings is a curious old place, and its history is connected with the ancient families of Constable, Scrope, and Neville, who successively were owners before the purchase by Colonel Elsley, in 1827. Its present owner is Bro. Charles Elsley.

In December of that year the Provincial Grand Lodge met in the Merchants' Hall in Fossgate, and the advertisement announced a "Sermon to be preached in the Chapel by the Rev. Bro. W. Johnson Prov. Grand Chaplain." Tickets for dinner to be had of Bro. Frobisher, in the Pavement. (Frobisher was a bookseller). The Merchants' Hall is a very curious old relic of the past, and was, and is still, the property of the ancient Guild of York Merchant adventurers. The chapel referred to is a most quaint place, under the floor of the "Hall" proper, and approached by a flight of stairs and a huge trap-door.

In the *Courant* of 18th June 1782, Sinclair, Grand Master, summoned a meeting of the Grand Lodge of All England for the 24th June, at the York Tavern, his Wardens being R. Dodsworth and E. Wolley, and this is the last public notice of any meeting of this ancient body that I find in the *Courant*.

Robert Sinclair was proposed as a joining member in December 1776. He was a barrister, and was Recorder of York. He lived in Coney Street, in a house now occupied as a linen shop. His portrait, life-size, in oils, by Jackson, R.A., is in the possession of Bro. J. Wilkinson, Town Clerk of York. His arms are emblazoned on one of the windows of the Council Chamber in the Guildhall of York.

The Dodsworths had been for many years connected with commerce in York, and this Ralph Dodsworth served as Sheriff in 1777, and Lord Mayor in 1792.

Wolley, a solicitor, came into possession of considerable estates in the North Riding. He changed his name to Copley, and lived at Potts Hall, near Stokesley. The York Lodge has his engraved portrait, and I presented a copy to Grand Lodge a short time since.

Meetings, however, were held, and, although we find no entries in the minute book now at York, yet minutes of some kind must have been kept, for they were seen by William Hargrove, who, in his "History of York," published in 1818, Vol. 3, speaking of this Grand Lodge, says: "We find it recorded that 'On the 24th of June, 1783, the Grand Master, with all the officers, attended in the great room of the Mansion House, where a Lodge in the Third Degree was opened, and Brother Wm. Siddall, Esquire, at that time the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Grand Master Elect, was installed according to an ancient usage and custom *The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of All England*, and was thus saluted, homaged, and acknowledged.'" And then he goes on to say that Mr. Blanchard, the last Grand Secretary, told him that about 1787 the meetings of this Lodge were discontinued. We have, however, evidence that in 1792 there was a meeting, on which occasion Brother E. Wolley, the York solicitor, was elected Grand Master, the memorandum of the election being in Blanchard's handwriting. Probably Wolley was never installed; but it appears to me quite plain that we may add to the list of Grand Masters at York the name of Siddall as Grand Master in 1783-4, at any rate. Blanchard was a printer and proprietor of the *York Chronicle*.

I have looked through the files of the *York Chronicle* from 1782 to 1793, and have found the advertisement calling the meeting at the Mansion House in June 1783, on which occasion there was a procession to St. Martin's, Coney-street, and a sermon by Parson Parker. By the way, the Rev. Mr. Parker lived in the Beddern, York, and kept a private school there at his residence. The *Chronicle* of the 27th June gives a brief account of the affair at the Mansion House, and adds that the brethren were entertained by the Lord Mayor after the ceremony.

The Grand Secretary's paper, of the 26th of December 1783, has the following advertisement:

"GRAND LODGE OF ALL ENGLAND.

"The Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR, Grand Master

"Free and Accepted Masons are desired to meet the Grand Master at the York Tavern, on Monday, the 29th inst., the Feast Day of St. John falling on Saturday.

"WOLLEY, } Grand Wardens.
"CLUBLEY, }

"W. BLANCHARD, Grand Secretary."

On the same day the Masons under the Grand Lodge of England were advertised to meet at Merchants' Hall, and hear a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

Siddall was Grand Master next year, for the *Chronicle* advertises the Grand Lodge of all England to meet under his rule at the York Tavern, on the 24th June 1784. The Minerva Lodge, Hull, called its meeting for the same day.

There is no later advertisement of any meeting of the York Grand Lodge, but about this time our brethren seem to have begun to cease advertising their gatherings. Nevertheless, there are a few announcements of other bodies. In June 1785, the Minerva Lodge invited all Masons to meet at Mason's Arms, Chapel-lane, Hull. In December 1785, Milnes again called a gathering at Merchants' Hall, and Rodney Lodge invited all visitors to the Bull and Sun, Hull, and to hear a sermon at Holy Trinity by Chaplain Clarke. After this comes a dearth of Masonic announcements of all kinds.

There are, however, in the *Courant* several advertisements of the Provincial Grand Lodge and other Lodges still to be mentioned. In the last-mentioned number of the *Courant* is the announcement of a meeting of "Rodney's Lodge," at Hull. I quote it as it stands, because it is peculiar from the fact of the Master styling himself "Grand Master."

"Hull, June 14th, 1782.

"RODNEY'S LODGE.

"EDWARD COULSON, Esq., Grand Master.

"The Free and Accepted Masons are desired to meet the Grand Master at the Bull and Sun, in Myton Gate, on Monday, 24th June instant, being the Feast of St. John the Baptist, at nine o'clock in the morning, to proceed from thence to the Church of the Holy Trinity, and after Divine service to dine at the Bull and Sun."

Summer meetings seem to have been abandoned in York for a time. On 27th December 1782, Sir Walter Vavasour summoned the brethren to the Merchants' Hall, to hear a sermon by Bro. the Rev. Johnson, and again for a similar purpose on the 27th December 1783.

The Minerva Lodge, Hull, advertised its meeting at the Masons' Arms, Chapel-lane, Hull, on the 24th June 1784, and the Rodney's Lodge called public attention to its meeting on the 27th December 1784, with sermon at Holy Trinity, Hull, and dinner at two p.m. On the same day Richard Slater Milnes, Esq., Provincial Grand Master, ordered the brethren to meet the Apollo Lodge at Merchants' Hall, York, to hear one of Parson Johnson's sermons.

On 28th December 1785, the Rodney Lodge again invited attendances, and announced a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, M.A., the notice being signed by J. P. Hendrey Secretary.

In the *Courant* of 20th December 1784, Milnes Provincial Grand Master summoned the Apollo Lodge to the Merchant's Hall to a sermon by Johnson, and in the number for 19th December 1786, is an announcement by Rodney Lodge of a sermon at Holy Trinity Hall, on the 27th, by Rev. P. Rogers, Chaplain, signed by Anth. Atkinson jun., Secretary. The Rev. W. Johnson, who must have been a very prominent brother, was advertised to preach at Merchants' Hall at the summer meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, under Milnes in June 1787, C. Wilson signing himself Grand Secretary; and in June 1788 there was notice of the usual meeting at the same rendezvous.

The latest Masonic advertisement I have come across of the last century is the following, in the *Courant* of 21st June 1791:

MILNES—Provincial Grand Master.

"The brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 410, held at Mr. John Seller's Golden Lion, Thursday Market, are desired to meet on the 21th inst. at 10 a.m., and go to St. Sampson's Church, where an occasional sermon will be preached by the Rev. Bro. Johnson, Prov. G. Chaplain. Visiting Tickets 5s each, to be had of Bro. Seller. Dinner at 2. L. Lund Secretary."

This Union Lodge was warranted in 1777 from London, and is now the York Lodge 236.

York has always been a musical and theatrical centre, and the Masons of last century were not backward in patronising the talent. The Eboracum Lodge has an old

playbill of 1791 announcing the patronage of the Freemasons, and a performance at the Theatre Royal. The name of the Apollo Lodge would seem to point to some regard for music; and as early as 1764 the Grand Lodge ordered "that the Freemasons' songs, set to music, be bought for the use of the Lodge. Bro. Camidge, Organist of York Minster, was an active member of Apollo Lodge in those days. His portrait in oils is now in possession of the York Lodge 236.

Judging from the specimens of the Masonic muse that have come down to us, it must be admitted that poets must have been scarce in the Lodges; and in looking through a curious collection of old broadsides and tracts from the York Press, collected by Mr. J. H. Carr, of Fossigate, I stumbled the other day upon an extraordinarily rude sample, called the "Mason's Song," from the press of "J. Kendrew, printer, Colliergate, York." I could well suppose that it was first heard at the York Tavern on the occasion of the great gathering I have mentioned, in 1770:—

When Adam in the garden was
Along with his companion, Eve,
And all the time of their innocence
I cannot tell how long they liv'd;
In the cool of the day to her he did say,
Why could you thus break my command?
She was not asham'd, who could her blame?
To kiss her love with his apron on.

It was on the twenty-first of June,
When all things were both fresh and fair,
With fifes and drums we march'd along,
Our hearts being light and free from care.
Then to the church we all did go
Where the Scriptures were made known,
In unity we did agree
Each brother wore his apron on.

See the sun, with his bright beams,
He shines o'er all the verdant plain;
The moon by night she gave her light
To all the free born sons of men.
All things were fair and beautiful:
Just when the season does come on
A pretty maid was very glad
To kiss her love with his apron on.

Did you hear the Mason's word
Was whisper'd round the other night?
No girl at all doth us annoy,
Or cares to put us in a fright;
Brethren dear, be of good cheer,
Our brandy comes both stout and strong,
Twelve times a year you must appear
Before us all with your apron on.

When winter frost and snow comes on
The fairest flower will decay;
Mortal man when his glass is run
See how he lies in the earth's cold clay!
The pretty maid, as well as Eve
Must leave this world and soon be gone;
And in short time she will not mind
To kiss her love with his apron on.

Brethren dear, I beg your leave
All for to end my simple song,
Eight hundred and two, both just and true,
Unto this loyal Lodge we do belong.
There are five steps we must take,
Before the jewels can go on;
Our Master fair sits in his chair,
God save him with his apron on.

Is it possible that the number (802) may refer to the returns of Lodges acting under Grand Lodge of York at this period?

The few comments I have thus strung together hinge upon the public advertisements and newspaper notices I have observed, and do not pretend in any sense to give a history of York Freemasonry during the last century. Far more information is to be had from the Grand Lodge minutes now in the custody of the York Lodge, 236, and to which I have referred for many facts and dates given above. Still, it is interesting to note the peculiar fashions of our Masonic forefathers, which differ so widely from our present ideas of the best way of conducting our Masonic work, and this must be my excuse for presuming to occupy so much valuable time. Probably if brethren would take the trouble to examine old files of Provincial papers we might come into possession of many facts connected with Masonry that are at present hidden away in dusty corners of sub-editors' rooms.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E

BRO. JOHN SCOTT, P.G.D.

BRO. JOHN H. SCOTT is a native of Brighton. He was born here exactly fifty-five years ago. He was educated in one of the many schools with which Brighton abounds, and he has resided here ever since; he is therefore fast becoming an old inhabitant of the town, and as such we are justified in placing his portrait in our Album of Brighton Notabilities. Bro. Scott comes of an artistic family. His grandfather came to reside in Brighton towards the close of the last century as portrait painter to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV. His father, Mr. William Scott, also lived here, and was well known as a water colour painter and teacher of drawing, and since his death, thirty-four years ago, Bro. John Scott has well sustained his position as head of his profession in Brighton. This year Bro. Scott will be represented at the forthcoming Exhibition of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours in London by a large drawing of "Rouen from Bonsecours." Bro. Scott has never taken a prominent part in local politics, his professional duties requiring his personal attention. Besides which, the sturdy independence of his own character has disinclined him, perhaps unfitted him, for co-operation or alliance with party movements. He is, however, active in doing a good turn to his friends and neighbours when the opportunity presents itself to him of serving them. He has worked energetically and to some purpose on many testimonial committees—notably the Kuhe, Cordy Burrows, Dr. Griffith, and the Gavin Pocock testimonials. He has served as Steward to the Artists' General Benevolent Institution on three occasions, and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and for the Masonic Boys' School, always presenting a handsome list of subscriptions and donations. On the presentation to the Rev. Dr. Griffith, on 20th February 1872, he was selected as one of the gentlemen who were to speak only for five minutes on the worth of the Rev. Dr.'s character in its different aspects. The Rev. J. H. North spoke of him as a friend; Mr. Douglas Fox spoke of him as a teacher; the Rev. R. S. Smith spoke of him as a clergyman; the Rev. J. B. Figgis, on his non-sectarian character; Mr. F. Merrifield, on his connection with science and art; Mr. Edward Maitland, as a man of high attainments; Mr. Albert Creak, as an old schoolfellow; Mr. W. J. Smith, on his Christian philanthropy; and Bro. John H. Scott on his social qualities. When it was proposed to place a monument over the grave of the Rev. H. Christopherson, Bro. Scott was requested to second the resolution at a public meeting held at the Royal Pavilion. At the commemoration of the Sir Walter Scott Centenary, on the 10th August 1871, Bro. Scott was called upon to return thanks for the toast of Prosperity to the Town of Brighton, which he did in a short but striking and ingenious speech which was much applauded. It is, however, as a Freemason that Bro. Scott has most distinguished himself. Of course, it is impossible to follow him in his doings amongst the mystic brotherhood; but it is well known he has attained the highest Masonic honours, not only in the town of Brighton but in the Province of Sussex, and that the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has conferred upon him high office in the Grand Lodge of England. That these rewards have been well merited is evident from the spontaneous and splendid acknowledgment of his services by his brethren in June last, when he was presented with a purse of 700 guineas, a silver goblet, and a beautifully illuminated and handsomely bound record of this magnificent testimonial. Of that event the *Freemason* of 9th June 1883 says;—"Our brethren will read with deep interest of the notable testimonial of regard and affection presented to Bro. Scott, of Brighton, P.G.D., by his Sussex and Brighton brethren. It must have been a most gratifying presentation to Bro. Scott himself, and one that many of us will feel sure no one has better deserved. We congratulate him and all concerned on this most striking evidence of Masonic sympathy and goodwill." Although, as stated, Bro. John Scott has never cared to take part in local administration, he has, in his own particular sphere, rendered Brighton many invaluable services, which he is too modest to detail, but which entitle him nevertheless to the liveliest gratitude of his fellow-townsmen.—*Brighton Times*.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held two Special Communications in February, and one in March, in addition to the regular Quarterly Communication on the 12th of the latter month, when arrangements were made for striking a medal to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into Massachusetts, and a Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to M.W. Bro. Samuel C. Lawrence, P.G.M., in testimony of his grand work in behalf of the Temple at Boston.

From the Report of Proceedings of the twenty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, held in August 1883, in Denver, Colorado, it appears that in the jurisdictions constituting this General Grand Chapter there were 112,589 members in 1882 as against 109,540 in 1880. The total fund amounted to 9,764 dollars, and the disbursements to 2,790 dollars. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, Massachusetts, is the General Grand High Priest, and Comp. Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, New York, General Grand Secretary. The next Triennial Convocation will be held in Washington, D.C., 28th September 1886.

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REV. BRO. JOHN ENTICK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Within six months a history in five volumes, by the Rev. John Entick, was sold here at auction. I spoke about that work to Bro. Nickerson (our Grand Secretary and Librarian), but he declined to buy it for the Masonic library. The other day I happened to consult Bro. Kenning's (or Woodford's) Masonic Cyclopædia, and by pure accident the article on Entick attracted my attention, which I herewith reproduce, just to show how little the compiler of the Cyclopædia knew about the life of Bro. Entick. Bro. Woodford says:

"Entick, John, Rev., was an English clergyman of the Church of England, of whom not much is known, except that he was a Freemason, and edited two editions of Anderson's Constitutions, 1756, 1767, and Mackey says also that of 1769. One octavo edition of 1769 has no mention of Entick, and we do not think, 'pace' Mackey, that he had anything to do with the 1769 edition. Oliver only credits him with those in quarto of 1756, 1767. He preached several Masonic sermons, some of which were published; and delivered a lecture, 'A Free Representation of Freemasonry,' at the King's Head Lodge, Poultry, London, 1751, printed in Cole's Antient Constitutions, &c., 1751. Oliver says, in his 'Revelations of a Square,' that his habits were grave and sober, that he was a good master and a fair disciplinarian, popular among the Craft, an expositor of Masonry in many printed works, and at the same time he preserved his status in the Grand Lodge. The Doctor concludes, 'which ought to have been preserved, as they did honour to his head and his heart [Query! If they were not preserved how did Dr. Oliver know about doing honour to his head and his heart?] He also, as is known, published more than one dictionary, and few of us who have used either his Latin or English dictionary will, perhaps, have remembered that it was the work of our old Masonic teacher.'

It is evident from the above that neither Dr. Oliver, Mackey, or Bro. Woodford were aware of Entick's (above referred to) history in five volumes.

In Alibone's Dictionary of English Literature, I found the following notice about Entick.

"Entick, or Entinck, John, 1713-1773. Speculum Latinum, London, 1728, 8vo. New Naval History, 1758, folio. General History of the late War, by Entick and others, 1763, 5 vols. 8vo. Relates principally to the war in America. See London Monthly Review. Survey and History of London, &c., 1766, 4 vols. 8vo. Not much valued. New Latin and English Dictionary, 1771, 12mo. Many editions 1786, by W. Crackelt. This Dictionary has been republished within the last few years. Present State of the British Empire, 1774, 4 vols. 8vo. New Spelling Dictionary, 1764, 12mo. By Crackelt, 1784, 12mo. 1788, 4to; 1795, 12mo. New edition, 1850, sq. Other works, he was engaged in some theological, and some political publications."

We see now that something more than his being a Freemason can be known about Bro. Entick. According to the above brief notices Entick was born in 1713, and died in 1773; his first work, ascribed to the year 1728, is evidently a mistake, for in 1728 Entick was only fifteen years old; however, it is not impossible that he may have published something in 1728. Besides which, he was the author of several other works. But the last words in Alibone's paragraph, viz. "and some political publications," rivetted my attention. I remembered having read, about twenty years ago, in May's Constitutional History, something about John Entick, but never suspected that it referred to our Bro. Entick, for as a rule Reverends of the Church of England in those days were the most bitter haters of popular liberty. However, I find now that Bro. Entick was a decided exception to the rule of his order; he was indeed one of the most successful champions of popular rights, for which his memory should be dear to every Englishman, or at least to every English commoner. Bro. Entick may be called the forerunner of Sidney Smith; he was most probably an associate of Horne, Tooke, and other patriots of that time, and was a decided thorn to the would-be despots of the period, as the following quotation from May's History will show:—

"The liberty of the subject was further assured at this period by another remarkable judgment of Lord Camden. In November 1762, the Earl of Halifax, as Secretary of State, had issued a warrant directing certain messengers, taking a constable to their assistance, to search for John Entick, Clerk, the author, or one concerned in the writing, of several numbers of the 'Monitor or British Freeholder,' and to seize him, together with his books and papers, and to bring them in safe custody before the Secretary of State. In execution of this warrant, the messenger apprehended Mr. Entick in his house, and seized the books and papers in his bureau, writing desk, and drawers. This case differed from that of Wilkes, as the warrant specified the name of the person against whom it was directed. In respect of the person it was not a general warrant, but as regards the papers it was a general search warrant, not specifying any particular papers to be seized, but giving authority to the messengers to take all his books and papers according to their discretion."

"Mr. Entick brought an action of trespass against the messengers for the seizure of his papers, upon which the jury found a special verdict with £300 damages." (Vol. 2nd, p 249, &c.)

It is only necessary to state that in 1765 Lord Camden severely rebuked the Secretary of State for issuing warrants, and Lord Mansfield and the other law dignitaries coincided with Lord Camden's

opinion, and all condemned the practice of the Secretary of State as dangerous and unconstitutional.

Now, with all due respect to the opinions of Dr. Oliver about the high merit of Bro. Entick's sermons, I think that the patriotic stand he made during the most critical period of English history entitles Bro. Entick to a higher degree of veneration from every Englishman, or at least from every English Commoner, than all the Masonic and other sermons Bro. Entick preached during his lifetime. That there exists sufficient materials for the compilation of an extended and connected biography of that distinguished Bro. Mason I have not the slightest doubt; and if our brilliant Masonic writers could be persuaded to give up searching for the connection of Freemasonry with Adam, Noah, Moses, Pythagoras, De Molay, Rosierucians, &c., &c., and devote a little time for collecting materials for the purpose above indicated, I think they would do a great deal more good to Freemasonry and to their own reputations. Should a worthy brother be inspired with a desire to follow my suggestion I would recommend him not only to examine the books alluded to in Mr. Alibone's paragraph, but also to read the preface to Alibone's Dictionary, whence he will learn the sources of Alibone's information.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 19th Aug. 1884.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

Picturesque Wales. A Handbook of Scenery accessible from the Cambrian Railways. By Godfrey Turner. Published officially. London: W. J. Adams and Sons, 59 Fleet-street. Simpkin, Marshall and Co., Stationers' Hall-court. 1884.

THIS is an admirable Guide Book, and we heartily congratulate the Editor on the materials he has collated, and the manner in which he has arranged them. Prominent among the places which are described at some length is Aberystwyth, which is admirably situated for a health resort, being on a gravelly slope, and "sheltered, without being shut in, on all but its western or Atlantic side." So sparkling is its water and so pure and invigorating the air that Sir James Clark, we are told, is credited with the declaration "that a fortnight in Aberystwyth is equivalent to a month at most watering places." As to its attractiveness, we read—"Past and present, town and country, sea and mountains, lake, stream, and waterfall, invest the spot with charms for the health-seeker, the vacation-tourist, the angler, the boating man, the artist, and the antiquary. The mild salubrity of its atmosphere is so well-known that many have made their winter quarters in a place which holds forth such palpable recommendations as a genial temperature, small rainfall, sheltered situation, and cheap lodging." There is one other reason given which ought to induce people to flock to it in preference to visiting foreign parts: "As complete a change for English visitors is afforded in the manners, customs, and even language, of the people as would be found abroad, so that the element of strangeness, which is one of the main essentials to enjoyment and recreation in travel, enters as much into a stay at Aberystwyth as into an extended European tour." Other particulars equally interesting are furnished, and certainly give one a most favourable idea of the place and the country round about, the Devil's Bridge being a very conspicuous feature in the description. Dolgelly is another spot to which particular attention is devoted, and which we are told is "a charmingly quaint place in itself, little, if at all, spoilt by contact with the civilisation due to its excursion popularity." Among its principal attractions is the Torrent Walk, "one of the finest ferneries" in the district, and known, too, for the variety of its mosses; it is "considerably more than a mile long, and ends with a fall of crowning beauty and a picturesque bridge." Other places selected are Harlech, Portmadoc, and Criccieth, of all which, as well as of those we have not enumerated, detailed accounts—within reasonable compass of course—and written in an easy and most agreeable style are given. Those who may intend availing themselves of the Cambrian lines during their autumn holiday will do well to provide themselves with a copy of this "Picturesque Wales."

Bro. Thomas M. Pomeroy, Past Grand Master of Montana, had barely completed the ceremony of installing the newly-elected Officers of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction when he was taken suddenly ill, and died after a brief illness of only four days' duration. Our deceased brother appeared to have had a kind of premonition of his approaching end. At the close of his annual address, as Grand Master, he remarked: "Something within me seems to admonish me that my work is ended; that I shall never meet you again in Grand Lodge assembled. So feeling, I now invoke upon the Grand Lodge, and every brother here assembled, the choicest and richest of Heaven's blessings. May you each and all so work that the Grand Master above shall approve your work, and welcome you to the Celestial Lodge with a 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'" Four days later he was dead.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 3rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, London. In the absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the throne was occupied by General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey. He was supported by the District Grand Master of Natal as Deputy G. Master, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. as Senior Warden, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chap., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, as Junior Warden, Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., G. Chap., Horace B. Marshall Grand Treasurer, T. Fenn President Board General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Dr. Ernest Wendt Grand Secretary German Correspondence, Baron de Ferrieres S.G.D., T. Davison S.G.D., J. S. Eastes J.G.D., Sir Albert W. Woods G.D. of C., A. Richards Deputy G.D. of C., E. Locock G.S.B., Lt.-Col. S. E. Taylor G. Std. B., J. H. Matthews G. Std. B., E. M. Lott G. Org., H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., W. Stephens G. Purs., H. Garrod Assist. G. Purs., and the following among other Past Grand Officers:—Revs. A. W. Hall, C. W. S. Stanhope, Sir W. Hayes, C. W. Arnold and W. K. R. Bedford Chaplains, Bros. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, J. M. Case, R. Grey, H. G. Sandeman, C. W. C. Hutton, C. A. Merton, Ralph Gooding, H. Maudsley, and R. W. Wheeler Deacons, Magnus Ohren and Raymond H. Thrupp A. D. of C., J. Nunn and Col. J. Peters Sword Bearers, Edgar Bowyer Standard Bearer, J. Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, Thomas Cubitt, and L. F. Littell Purs. General Brownrigg, before the commencement of the business, referred to the great loss the Craft had sustained by the death of Bro. John Havers, Past Grand Warden, who had for many years been indefatigable in his exertions to promote the welfare of the Craft. Later on a motion was made by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, expressive of the regret of Grand Lodge at the event, and condoling with the deceased brother's family, which motion, seconded by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, was agreed to. In the meantime the Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, explaining that as one brother to whom a grant of £150 was then made had died since his receipt of the £50 usually paid on account, the minutes would not have to be confirmed in respect of the balance, and with this exception they were confirmed. The Report of the Board of Benevolence, recommending grants as given in our last issue, was then read and agreed to, after which the Report of the Board of General Purposes was ordered to be endorsed on the minutes. Bro. Thomas Fenn P.B.G.P. then moved the proposition standing in his name, "That a donation of fifty guineas be made to the fund being raised for the restoration of the Church of St. Giles's in the Fields." Brother Fenn said that this church, in which parish the premises of Grand Lodge were situated, entirely depended on voluntary contributions for its repairs, there being no fund applicable for that end. It had been the custom on former occasions to vote small sums for this purpose, but a larger sum being now required, and many of the parishoners having subscribed £50 and £100, it had been the unanimous opinion of the Board of General Purposes that Grand Lodge should be recommended to add fifty guineas to the list. They thought such a donation would be a fitting sequel to the protest which was unanimously agreed to at Grand Lodge last Quarterly Communication against the unfounded charges which had recently been brought against the Craft. Brother James Stevens seconded the motion, and said the whole matter had been thoroughly discussed, and many more excellent reasons than the worthy President had stated were adduced in favour of the proposition. Bro. C. W. C. Hutton said he very seldom, as a Churchman, much less as a Mason, intruded himself upon Grand Lodge, but he thought it was the duty of Masonry to uphold that very high position which had made it the distinguishing feature and bond of friendship in the world. He thought that it was the bounden duty of Masonry to hold itself free from any sectarianism. He was a Churchman himself, and he should feel pleasure as a member of the body to subscribe his quota individually, but not as a member of Grand Lodge, to any fund that might be required for the restoration of the Church of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields; but he took a very strong stand and a very strong position upon that which Masonry had achieved in the world, and which

he hoped it would ever maintain in the world, and that was an utter unsectarian position. They might be called upon to-morrow to subscribe for the repairs of this, that, or the other place of worship, no matter what, and he thought it was their duty as Masons to hold themselves aloof, and to recollect that grand characteristic of their Order, a universal system of morality which had pervaded the whole of humanity. If they connected themselves in any way, and Grand Lodge in any way connected itself with sectarianism, he thought Masonry would lose its position and character very much. He should not bring forward any motion in opposition, but he stood up there as an Englishman, and as a member of Grand Lodge, and as a Churchman, to say that he should feel it his duty to oppose the vote. Col. Somerville Burney said one of the principles of Freemasonry was obedience to the laws of the land. The law divided the land into parishes. Grand Lodge was situated in the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and as a parishoner it was asked to support the fabric of the parish church. Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson opposed the vote. If they subscribed in this case they would not only probably do an act which might mislead Masons into the idea that they had taken up what was commonly called a sectarian ground, but they would be bound in honour to support any works, whatever they might be. It would be better for them to subscribe as individuals. Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn supported the vote. He agreed that Masonry ought to hold itself aloof from denominationalism. They were not asked to give as Masons, but as landlords. It was a recognised rule that the owners of property in various parishes were asked to contribute to any good work, whether Dissenters or Church people. Brother Fenn having replied, a division was taken, when the proposition was declared lost, the votes being 110 to 92. Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. 205 moved—

To add to paragraph 19 of the Book of Constitutions—
Election of Grand Treasurer—the following words:—

"In the same manner as the elected members of the Board of General Purposes."

He explained that the nomination of Grand Treasurer would take place at the December Quarterly Communication, and the election in March, when the names of the different candidates would be printed on the balloting papers and the voting would be scrutinised. In this way time would be saved and confusion avoided. Brother Controller S. G. Bake seconded the motion. A Brother objected. Grand Lodge would be deprived of one of its privileges if this motion was carried. Instead of the members of Grand Lodge having the election of a Grand Treasurer, the election would be in the hands of the Board of General Purposes. Another Brother explained that the last brother entirely misapprehended the purport of the motion. It was only to simplify the method of election, which would still be by Grand Lodge. The Board of General Purposes would have nothing to do with it. Bro. Hogard said if his motion was carried, paragraph 19 of the Book of Constitutions would read, "The Grand Treasurer shall be nominated at the Grand Lodge in December, and be elected at the Grand Lodge in March, in the same manner as the elected members of the Board of General Purposes." The confusion at the election last March was so great that the Deputy Grand Master had to deviate from the Book of Constitutions, as it was found impossible to tell with exactitude the number who voted. The motion was put and carried, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction will resume their meetings at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, Kingsland, on Saturday evening, 6th of September. We learn that the Masonic Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction has had ten ballots in as many months, thus benefitting the Institutions to the tune of one hundred guineas.

The North London Chapter of Improvement held its weekly meeting at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Edmonds M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., George J., G. W. Knight S.N., Shaw P.S. The ceremony was rehearsed in an able and masterly manner. Comp. Captain Nicols has kindly consented to work the sections of the R.A. degree on Thursday, 11th September, at eight o'clock.

In Memoriam.

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HORACE S. ALPASS P.G. STANDARD BEARER.

Death is "running a muck" among our Provincial celebrities. It is only the other day that we chronicled the death of Bro. Hickman P.G.A.D.C. and D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight. On Sunday, Bro. Alpass, Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire, passed away, to the regret of a numerous circle of friends and the Craft at large. Bro. Alpass was a most indefatigable worker, a distinguished member of all degrees, and a hearty supporter of our Institutions, as well as of the Charitable Association connected with his Province. The duties of Secretary of so large a district as that comprised within the limits of West Lancashire must be heavy, and it will be no easy task to find a successor to our deceased Brother. To the Province of which he was so distinguished a member, to his family, and to his large circle of friends, we tender our most respectful sympathy.

THE LATE ALDERMAN HICKMAN, J.P.

AT noon on Thursday, 28th ult., the remains of Alderman Hickman, J.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Freemasons, were interred in the Southampton Cemetery, amid many marks of respect. The coffin was of polished oak, and when placed upon the four-horse hearse was entirely hidden by wreaths sent by societies and friends of the deceased. Mrs. Hickman and the near relatives were the principal mourners, the procession being joined by the Mayor and Corporation, representatives of local bodies and societies, with a large number of Freemasons, amongst whom were Bros. J. E. Le Fenetre Prov. G. Sec., R. J. Rastrick Prov. G. Treas., C. A. Jellicoe, G. Snelling, T. P. Payne, J. W. Willmott, W. Walters, J. Robertson, H. Lashmere, R. R. Rosoman, A. J. Miller, J. B. Thomas, and J. S. Pearce. Many of the shops in the leading thoroughfares were partially closed, and there was a large attendance at the Cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Bradley, Vicar of All Saints.—*Portsmouth Times*.

We have been favoured with copy of the authorised "Report of Proceedings in connection with the Establishment of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia." It is a full record, and confirms the opinion we have before expressed as to the regularity of the steps taken both before and at the establishment of the Grand Lodge. Everything appears to have been done deliberately and in order, and it is impossible for any body of brethren to have shown greater respect for the parent G. Lodges from which the Lodges in S. Australia derive their origin than our South Australian friends. We shall describe the contents of this Report in some future number, but as we have seen it suggested considerable minorities of the members of several Lodges were unfavourable to the change, we lose no time in declaring that such a suggestion is the reverse of true. Of the 1288 English, 373 Irish, and 411 Scotch brethren, or together 2072, no less than 1633—namely, 1029 English, 277 Irish, and 327 Scotch—gave their adhesion to the movement in writing; 392 gave no answer to the circular letter addressed to them; and only 39 declined to be parties to the change. As regards Lodges, 18 out of the 20 English, 4 of 7 Irish, and all of the 6 Scotch Lodges voted unanimously for the Establishment of the Grand Lodge; 1 English and 1 Irish voted in its favour, but with 1 and 2 dissentients respectively; 1 English Lodge sent no official return of the result, but the majority of the members have already joined the S. Australian Masonic Union, and are pledged to the movement; 1 Irish Lodge sent no official return, and 1 other Irish Lodge did not muster in sufficient numbers, but the majority of the members are favourable. Thus our brethren in this colony appear to have been practically, if not literally, unanimous in behalf of independence.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of California was held in San Francisco in April last, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Leon. E. Pratt, Grand High Priest, as many as fifty-three Chapters being represented. From the Report it appears that the Receipts, including Balance forward, amounted to 13,848 dollars, and the expenditure to 7,073 dollars, the fund in hand being 17,638 dollars. Companion Jon. D. Hines was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell re-elected Grand Secretary.

We have to acknowledge receipt of copy of Brother Hughan's new work on the English Rite of Freemasonry, especially in connection with the Royal Arch Degree. We have just had time to glance through its contents, and have seen enough to convince us of its great value, and that it deals thoroughly, if not exhaustively, with a subject of recognised difficulty. A review of it will appear at an early date.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the Earl of Kintore, G.M. of the Mark Grand Lodge, has declared his intention of issuing to Bro. A. F. Godson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Craft) Worcestershire, a patent of appointment as P.G.M.M.M. of the same Province. Bro. Godson is deservedly popular, both within and outside Worcestershire, and the whole Craft will be delighted to hear of this additional honour which is about to be conferred on him.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure relief.—The weak and energetic suffer severely from nervous affections, when electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pains, and flying muscular pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part, after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and replenish the impoverished blood with those richer constituents which result from thoroughly assimilated food—in the absence of which the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible.

IMPROVEMENTS IN RAILWAY CARRIAGES.—The London and North Western Railway Company have recently brought into use a number of new carriages which have been built expressly for the Fast Trains between London and Manchester, and between London and Liverpool. These carriages, which have provision for first, second, and third classes, and differ from the ordinary carriages heretofore used in being considerably larger and heavier, are constructed on steel underframes with eight wheels (the front and trailing pairs being fitted with Mr. F. W. Webb's radial axles), and are forty-two feet in length and eight feet six inches in width. They run with great steadiness at the high speed maintained by this line in its Express Services by which the journey from London to Manchester is covered in four and a quarter hours, and that from London to Liverpool in four and a half hours. In order to comply as far as possible with the different views entertained by railway travellers with regard to the question of saloons and compartments, the London and North Western Railway Company have, in the construction of the first class carriages of this new stock, produced an ingenious combination of both systems, whereby compartments suitable for small and large parties, as well as saloon accommodation for those who prefer it, are provided. Corridor passages afford easy access to all parts of the carriage. Lavatory and toilet accommodation is made a special feature, and there are also separate smoking compartments for gentlemen as well as a boudoir for ladies. An attendant accompanies the saloons, and refreshments can be obtained en route. The whole of the carriages are fitted up in a luxurious style, and are now running on the trains leaving Euston at 10.10 a.m., 12.10 noon, and 4.0 p.m.; Manchester at 7.45 a.m. and 4.15 p.m., and Liverpool at 11 a.m. each day.

The voting papers for the October Elections to the two Schools will be sent out next week. There are 30 candidates and 13 vacancies for the Girls' School, and 57 candidates and 27 vacancies for the Boys'. For the Girls' School there are eleven candidates from London, one from Norfolk, one from Middlesex, one from Hants and the Isle of Wight, two from Staffordshire, two from Kent, three from Northumberland, one from British Barmah, one from Ducham, two from North and East Yorkshire, one from Somerset, one from the Eastern Division of South Wales, one from West Yorkshire, one from Herts, and one from Devon. For the Boys' School there are twenty candidates from London, three from Norfolk, four from Devon, two from Somerset, one from the Eastern and one from the Western Division of South Wales, two from Lincoln, two from Surrey, one from Dorset, one from Durham, one from Hobart Town, one from North Wales and Salop, one from Jersey, two from Northumberland, one from West and three from East Lancashire, one from Gloucester, one from Stafford, one from Middlesex, one from Sussex, one from Kent, one from Derby, one from Cumberland, one from Cheshire, and one from Nottingham.—*Evening News*.

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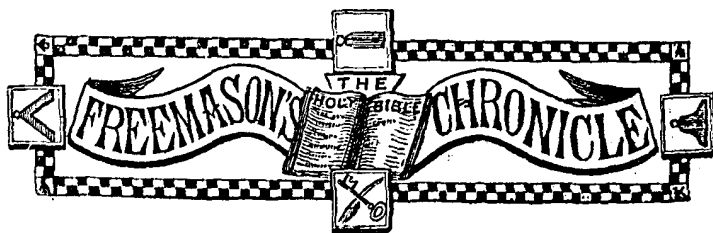
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THE members of this Province held their Annual Meeting on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, at the College Hall, Worcester, the use of which had been kindly granted for the purpose by the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester, Lord Alwyne Compton. The duty of receiving and entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge devolved on the Worcester Lodge, and the efforts made by its Worshipful Master, Bro. Herbert Goldingham Budd, gave every satisfaction to those who attended. The brethren of No. 280 were summoned to attend a special meeting of their Lodge at 12 o'clock noon, and by the time fixed for the assembling of the Craftsmen of the Province with their Visitors there was a very full attendance. The Right

Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., together with his Deputy, Wor. Bro. Augustus F. Godson P.P.S.G.W., then entered the Lodge, accompanied by the following brethren:—

J. Randle Buck P.S.G.W., Thos. Hobbs P.G.J.W. 529, C. F. Pidcock and Walter Holland P.P.G. Wardens, Rev. C. Black P.M. 1204 P.G.C., A. Sayers, W. A. Hill P.G.C. of England, J. B. Wilson P.M. 280 P.P.G. Chaplains, A. Brown P.S.G.W. P.G.T., Edwin Turner 252 P.G.R., C. E. Bloomer 573 P.P.G.R., J. Fitzgerald P.M. 377 P.P.G.R., W. Barkley P.M. 280 P.S.G.D., Thomas S. Smith P.J.G.D., G. J. Westbury P.S.G.D., F. G. Russell P.M. 1204, C. S. Faram P.M. 280 P.P.G.J.D., Frederick Henry Lingham P.M. 280 P.P.G.S.D., T. E. Lucy P.M. 1204 P.P.G.S. of Works, J. H. Whatley P.M. 1204, R. R. Godfrey P.M. 1097 P.P.G.S. of Works, W. E. Walker P.P.G.D.C., J. T. Meredith P.M. 560 P.P.G.D.C., R. S. Blundell P.G.S.B., W. Haynes P.M. 1204 P.G. Organist, Thomas T. Troman, Mus. Bac., P.M. 573 P.P.G.O., W. C. Green P.M. 377, 560, 1874 P.G.P., Edward H. Metcalfe, P.M. 1204 P.A.P.G.P., Henry Wilson P.M. 1204 P.P.G.P., G. M. Wynne P.M. 529 P.P.G.P., W. N. Evans P.M. 529 P.P.G.P., Norman May 1204 P.G.S.

Amongst the large body of visitors who attended we may enumerate:—

Æ. J. McIntyre P.G.W. of England, W. Waldron I.P.M. 573, Sir F. Burdett P.G.M. of Middlesex, J. E. Stone P.M. 377, T. Vale I.P.M. 560, D. Dawes 1874, E. Lay S.D. 560, G. Hodgkiss 529, A. Marsh 573, C. Mytton S.W. 560, H. M. Jackson 573, C. E. Pipe 529, W. Dorrell Secretary 560, F. Everill 529, J. Mossopp S.D. 1874, J. S. Wood 280, A. Cookson S.D. 573, T. F. Howett J.D. 560, G. P. Brotheridge 1694, J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick W.M. 377, 560, P.P.G.S., G. Baggott I.P.M. 252, E. Putness W.M. 573, A. Sayers I.P.M. 1097, T. Clulee 564, E. A. Hicks W.M. 529, T. Price J.W. 573, E. Lorne J.D. 573, T. Taylor I.G. 573, W. J. Jackson 529, R. S. Blundell P.G.S.B. P.M. 560, C. Evans 529, G. Scriven 564, W. M. Roden W.M. 1874, H. Coldicott 529, J. Turner I.G. 252, C. Virgo 280, T. H. Pike P.M. 1204, R. Godfrey P.M. 1074, J. Kissing 573, F. Webb 564, H. Hill 280, R. V. Vassar-Smith P.G.W. Gloucester 1204, H. C. Tombs P.G.D. P.P.S.G.W., W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. of England, T. Francis P.S.G.D. of Sussex, J. A. Lloyd P.G. and Chaplain Oxon, T. Ranger P.G.A.D.C. Wilts, Rev. W. K. R. Bedford Past Grand Chaplain, R. Lack Past Provincial G.R. of Durham, G. W. Sillitoe P.J.G.W. East Lancashire, Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, A. P. Purey Cust P.G. Chaplain P.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., J. Stevens P.M. 720 1216 1426, F. Garner Tyler 252 and 498, S. Spittle 252, H. Scott 564, W. C. Butler 498, T. M. Humphries P.M. 539, E. J. Hobson Tyler 529, F. Binckes Past Grand Steward, J. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, J. Smith P.G. Tyler 280, F. W. Knott 280, Robert Eagar P.M. 564, F. W. Underhill W.M. 2034, J. C. Robinson P.M. 425, W. Lockwood P.M. 425 P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire, J. Mead 1971, T. Lane P.M. 120 Hereford, J. H. Gaunt 529, T. Harris 689, J. Jordan W.M. 498, C. M. Collins P.M. 529, C. Lowe 753, T. Vale I.P.M. 560, T. Price J.W. 513, B. Robinson 564, R. Stevenson 252, E. J. Chambers 252, H. Goldingham 529, G. J. Deprill I.P.M. 1412 Torquay, W. Ellewes W.M. 74, C. E. Botley W.M. 1996, A. Comber P.M. 317 W.M. 560 P.G.D.C., J. Fitzgerald P.M. 377, T. Johnson 1204 P.P.G.R., J. H. Lawson P.M. 1235 P.P.G.S.D. Derby, J. Chadwick P.M. 44 P.G.S. East Lancashire, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, W. Underwood 1204, J. Fawcett 560, R. C. Buck 498, W. Mills Tyler 564, J. S. Cumberland Eboracum 1611 P.G.J.W. North and East Yorkshire, T. B. Whytehead 1611 P.P.G.W., H. Parry S.D. 573.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the customary salutes of honour were given, and the minutes of the last Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, as well as those of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Moseley, on 3rd October last, were read and confirmed. Letters of apology for non attendance were then read and considered, and the muster roll of the several Lodges comprised in the Province was called. This latter proceeding elicited a spirited competition, each body of representatives desiring to appear to the greatest advantage, and the announcement of the respective numbers who were in attendance was more than once challenged. The Treasurer's accounts, which at an earlier stage of the proceedings had been formally audited, were, on motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by the Senior Grand Warden, unanimously adopted. Brother A. Brown P.P.G.S.W. was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Brothers J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, J. Jordan and F. Underwood were appointed members of the Benevolent Committee. Bro. G. Taylor, Provincial Grand Secretary, read the following report of the Charity Committee of the Province:—

"Your Committee herewith present their fifth annual report. Operations during the past year have been uneventful, although marked by continued prosperity.

"In April of this year they have received 278 girls' votes, and 49½ boys'.

"The girls' were used in further discharge of a debt, and the boys' were loaned.

Every vote in the Province was received except those of Bros. G. R. Godson and H. Gibson.

"This result displays such unity of action and purpose as to render comment needless, and is believed to be unrivalled by any other Province.

"For the annual election of the male and female annuitants for the Benevolent Institution there were recorded 206 widows' votes and 148 male votes. Without specifying details, which you have had supplied in former reports, your position is briefly thus:

"You have three boys and two girls in the Schools, and one widow annuitant. You are not only out of debt, but have a balance owing to you of 1,800 votes. These may be needed at any time, and hence it is hoped the brethren will not waver in their support.

"Your financial aid to the Charities continues as satisfactory as ever. The guinea subscriptions to the annual ballot scheme in April last amounted to £126—13 gs. from Lodge 252, 9 gs. from Lodge 280, 12 gs. from Lodge 377, 3 gs. from Lodge 498, 27 gs. from Lodge 529, 6 gs. from Lodge 560, 1 g. from Lodge 564, 11 gs. from Lodge 573, 2 gs. from Lodge 1097, 19 gs. from Lodge 1204, 17 gs. from Lodge 1874.

"In October last, your Secretary received 275 girls' votes and 459 boys' votes. The girls' were used to repay a debt, and the boys' were loaned. Every vote in the Province was received, except those of Bros. G. R. Godson and J. F. Roberts, the latter on this occasion having promised a friend.

"Life Subscriberships of 5 gs. each: 1 member Lodge 252, 1 Lodge 280, 3 Lodge 377, 1 Lodge 498, 6 Lodge 529, 4 Lodge 573, 4 Lodge 1204, 4 Lodge 1874.

"This sum of £126 has been increased by the donations and labours of the following Stewards:—Bros. A. F. Godson, J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, J. E. Stone, H. Rowe, and H. Wilson, representing the Benevolent Institution; their united lists amounting to £120 15s; Bros. A. F. Godson, G. W. Grosvenor, and J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick acting for the Girls' School, with a total of £105; Bros. A. F. Godson, W. B. Williamson, J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, T. F. Bland, and G. Taylor supporting the Boys', with £201 17s, making for the year a total of £427 12s; and a grand total of the six years your organization has been at work of £2,857 12s.

"A large number of subscribers to the ballot scheme have completed, and will complete next April, their £5 5s qualifications. An appeal is made to these, and others who have not yet subscribed, to continue this easy method of securing votes in our Institutions by the payment of £1 1s a-year.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge, then presented the "Charity Jewel" to Bro. Jas. Ed. Stone and Bro. J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick, of Lodge 377, Bro. H. Rowe, of Lodge 280, Bro. T. F. Bland, of Lodge 564, and Bro. H. Wilson, of Lodge 1204, they having served as Stewards at two of the Charity Festivals. In doing so Sir Edmund expressed the hope that the spirit of emulation as regards charitable work would continue as paramount amongst the members of the Province as it now appeared to be, and after Bro. George Taylor had been re-appointed Secretary to the Charity Committee, and graceful allusion made to his many and valuable services, the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—

Bro. G. W. Grosvenor 377	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
W. B. Williamson 529	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
H. Wilson 1204	...	Prov. G. Registrar
Rev. C. Black, M.A.	...	Prov. G. Chaplain
Rev. H. Sayers	...	Prov. G. Asst. Chaplain
G. Taylor	...	Prov. G. Secretary
J. Foley 564	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
J. E. Stone 377	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
Hy. Rowe 280	...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
A. Comber 377	...	Prov. G. Director of Cers.
W. Waldron 573	...	Prov. G. Assist. D. of Cers.
T. Vale 560	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
H. G. Budd 280	...	Prov. G. Standard Bearers
G. Bagott 252	...	
W. Haynes	...	Prov. G. Organist
E. A. Hicks 529	...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
R. Eager 564	...	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
A. J. Beauchamp 280	...	Prov. G. Stewards
R. C. Smith Carrington 280	...	
H. F. Dale 280	...	
A. B. Rowe	...	
W. B. Hulme	...	
J. V. Stallard	...	

Bro. Taylor, P.G. Sec., in bringing forward the motion that stood in his name—"That the sum of £5 5s be voted from the Funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the Fund now being raised in honour of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., and called the "Hughan Testimonial Fund"—remarked that he need only say two or three words. Bro. Hughan had served the Province well, and on many occasions. He might especially refer to his recent labour in connection with the Catalogue of their Exhibition, just issued. He thought the Province could pay their worthy brother no higher compliment than that he now had the pleasure to suggest. The motion was seconded by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and was unanimously agreed to. A notice of motion that stood in the name of Bro. T. M. Hopkins P.P.S.G.W., wherein it was proposed to vote a sum of £10 10s to the widow of a deceased brother, was ruled out of order. It was agreed that votes of thanks be sent to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester Cathedral, for the accommodation they had afforded; to the Mayor

and Corporation of Worcester, for the use of the Guildhall for the week; and also to those brethren who had taken part in the organisation and arrangement of the Exhibition. To the Dean of York, also, was tendered a similar compliment, and it was recommended that immediate steps be taken to establish a permanent Museum in connection with the Province. During the proceedings Bro. Binckes bore testimony to the earnestness and consistency with which the brethren of Worcestershire were supporting the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and arrangements were made that Kidderminster should be the place for next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Shortly afterwards the brethren went in procession to attend Divine Service in the Cathedral, where a sermon was preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Bro. A. Purey-Cust P.G. Chaplain. at the conclusion of which a collection was made, which realised £17 2s 8d, and this amount is to be presented to the Worcester Ophthalmic Hospital and to the Worcester Society for Providing Literature for the Poor Blind. On the return of the brethren to the College Hall, routine work followed, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at the Guildhall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by most of those enumerated above. It has been a regular custom in this district that in the procession to church the volume of the Sacred Law should be carried by four Lewises, who on this occasion occupied a central position at the banquet table. At the conclusion of the repast they received bibles at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master, with suitable inscriptions in each referring to the services for which they were presented. The Lewises having retired, the toasts of the evening were proceeded with. The first on the list, that of the Queen and the Craft, having been honoured, the Provincial Grand Master proposed that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master. Sir Edmund referred to the earnestness displayed by His Royal Highness in all that concerned the welfare of Freemasonry and of the country at large, specially mentioning his recent visits to York and Redhill. Bro. Godson gave the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge, speaking of the zeal displayed both by the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. They had among them Bro. Æ. McIntyre, a Mason who was well known throughout the Craft, and especially to the inhabitants of Worcester. Bro. McIntyre's services to the Order were of the highest character. Other distinguished Grand Officers were among them, and they felt greatly honoured by their presence. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., responded. It gave him great pleasure to acknowledge this toast; and at the same time he did so with great diffidence, as there were so many distinguished brethren present. The eulogy which had been pronounced on Lord Carnarvon by the proposer of the toast was fully deserved. The Earl of Lathom was universally beloved by Freemasons. In no district was he more respected than in his own Province of West Lancashire. The Grand Officers were ready and willing to do all that might be required of them. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke also replied to the toast, and was followed by Bro. McIntyre, who spoke of the interest taken by the Grand Officers in the meeting, and the gratification they would feel at its success. The Dean of York proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master. They had been staunch friends for many years past, their acquaintance dating back to their college days. He looked upon their Provincial Grand Master as a man who was accomplishing an immense amount of good in his generation, and doing all he could to advance the interests of Freemasonry and his fellows generally. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere briefly replied. In Masonry as in many other matters he and the Dean of York had studied together. They had both been members of the Apollo University Lodge when they were resident at Oxford. He then made retrospective allusion to the Masonic work of the Province of Worcestershire, and expressed himself as satisfied with the working of the past. He hoped to have the support of his officers and the brethren in the future, and assured them that he should not relax his efforts on their behalf. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master and the other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge; he spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Godson, and paid well merited compliments to others embraced in the toast. The Province had put itself in the front by its recent action in organising a Masonic Exhibition, and in connection

with this matter the name of Bro. Taylor, the Provincial Grand Secretary, stood out prominently. Bros. Godson and Taylor having responded to the toast, Bro. Grosvenor gave that of the very Rev. the Dean of York Past Grand Chaplain of England. The Dean explained that his many other engagements had prevented his giving as much attention to Freemasonry as he should have wished. The present meeting had brought him to a city where he was not exactly a stranger; he was pleased to be among them. He could but be impressed with the dignity, regularity, and precision which had marked their proceedings, and was especially pleased with the ceremony of presentation of Bibles to the Lewises, which had taken place that evening. The Prov. G. Master proposed the toast of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bros. Hughan, Whytehead and Stevens. Bro. Bedford, P.G. Chap. England, gave the Masonic Press, for which Bro. W. W. Morgan replied; then the Masonic Charities were referred to, Bro. Binckes responding. A special toast was made of the Mayor and Corporation of Worcester, which compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Williamson. Other toasts were given; the proceedings, which were of a most enjoyable character, were brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

THE VALUE OF FREEMASONRY.

THE Masonic Exhibition held at Worcester this week has proved a brilliant success. It was natural that so ardent a Freemason as the Mayor of Worcester should desire to associate his year of office with some special celebration in connection with his ancient and distinguished Craft. Sir Edmund Lechmere, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, seems to have been responsible for the precise form which the occasion assumed; and although a ball might have been a more popular diversion, an Exhibition of Masonic Antiquities and Literature upon a scale never before exceeded in this country is an event of greater permanent importance and interest. Sir Edmund Lechmere and the Mayor of Worcester are to be heartily congratulated upon the success of an occasion which has not only delighted Freemasons but has interested outsiders by bringing to their view a dazzling display of what may be called the historic wealth of the Order. One of the many indirect benefits which Masonry has conferred is, that it has kept in constant movement amongst the upper and middle classes of society a high standard of art and beauty. We are no advocates for "mau millinery," but the notion that it is unmasculine to admire gorgeous costumes and brilliant colours has been carried to a great excess. The wearing of scarves and medals for the mere sake of appearance is not consistent with the somewhat severe restraints which Englishmen are accustomed to impose on themselves in all matters of dress. But it must be remembered that in the case of Freemasonry such decorations are intended to symbolise the great principles upon which the Order rests, or else to mark various degrees and distinctions which can only be gained by skill and perseverance in mastering the mysteries of the Craft. It has been said that next to the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer—which, apart altogether from their sacred character, are unrivalled in point of literary beauty by any writings either classic or modern—some of the formularies used by Freemasons are without equal in loftiness of ideas and sublimity of language. The jewels and medals now on display in the Guildhall testify to the instinctive alliance between art and Freemasonry. The latter can fairly claim to be a great force in encouraging skilled workmanship and artistic ingenuity. Freemasonry was an æsthetic influence in a very legitimate sense long before the reign of yellow china and the sunflower.

These are some of the indirect influences to the Order. But as the Dean of York insisted, in his excellent sermon, in these days, when every institution is on its trial, Freemasonry must have more solid and serious reasons to justify its existence. Men, the Dean added, were forming their opinions "as to whether the Craft was worthy to be preserved, or whether it ought to be relegated to the fripperies of the past." Those persons who sneer at it as a huge association of diners-out, forget the sweeping and wholesale character of such an indictment. Everybody who moves about in the world at all must recognise the fact that the Order is not confined to the *bon vivant*. Great statesmen, great painters, and celebrated men of letters, have considered it a distinction to belong to it and to make progress in it. They have been attracted by the almost unfathomable antiquity of the Craft; by its quaint usages; by its impressive ceremonials; by the chivalry which even in this prosaic age ought to be its leading characteristic; by the good it does in bringing men of different opinions and different degrees together upon a neutral ground; and by its utility as a vast charitable agency. This last point alone is sufficient to vindicate even in this age of utilitarianism the existence of the Order. The stream of charity would be deprived of a very powerful tributary if Freemasonry were to be withered up. Of course there are many important objects in life which Freemasonry does not profess to cover. It is not supposed to be the serious business of existence, nor does it pretend to bring happiness and prosperity to all who belong to it. But it does profess to be not only an ancient and an honourable, but also a useful Craft. While maintaining the quaint ceremonials of the past, it adapts itself to the necessities of the present, and is an ever active force in the promotion of charitable enterprise.

The Dean of York, in his eloquent sermon on Thursday, drew a somewhat highly-coloured picture of the scepticism of the age. It is very doubtful whether Atheism in any active or aggressive form is

on the increase, and if it be, is it either in the power or the province of Freemasonry to contribute towards the solution of the intellectual doubts upon which Atheism rests? There are high and worthy functions for Freemasonry to fulfil apart from the pretension to modify or regulate the theological tendencies of the age. It is earnestly to be hoped that a belief in the Great Architect will always be maintained. Indeed such a belief underlies and is essential to the principles and doctrines shadowed forth in the symbols of the Craft. But while holding firmly to faith in a Supreme Being who guides the course of the suns as well as the destinies of the tiniest of His creatures, it is no part of the business of Freemasonry to associate itself with politico-theological agitation. Its main purpose, to use one of the Dean's happy phrases, is to provide "a neutral ground where, without any unreality or compromise, man meets his fellow man and learns to know him apart from those distinctions which prevail without." Freemasonry has a claim to general respect if only because in an age when the tendency of men is to multiply religious, social, and political distinctions, and to withdraw more and more into distinct groups, it supplies a "neutral ground" upon which all may find a standing.—*Worcester Herald*, 30th August 1884.

CATALOGUE OF THE MASONIC SOIREE AND EXHIBITION, WORCESTER, AUGUST 1884.

OUR Worcester brethren are to be congratulated on the success of their Exhibition of last week. It is not, numerically, a strong Province, neither can any of its Lodges boast of a very great antiquity. But it is fortunate in having for a chief a brother of long standing and high distinction in the Craft, a most energetic Deputy, and a hard-working and courteous Provincial Grand Secretary. The Exhibition was well-timed, so as to fall conveniently with the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The invitations to brethren outside the Province to do all in their power to make the gathering a success were responded to most cordially, so that we are well within the extremest limits of justice when we say that few meetings of such a character have passed off more agreeably or with greater eclat. There was a goodly company present, and among the brethren were men of high standing and great learning and judgment, who could view the rare exhibits brought together in an appreciative spirit. But after all only a limited company could be gathered together on such an occasion, and for the benefit of those who may have longed to be there, but could not, we purpose laying before our readers some particulars of the principal exhibits as set forth in the admirable Catalogue prepared by Bro. Taylor, Provincial Grand Secretary of Worcestershire, and annotated by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England.

The premier place is rightly assigned to the exhibits shown by Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, M.P., Bart., P.G.M. Worcestershire, whose kindly interest in the gathering will ever be most gratefully remembered by the brethren of his own Province, as well as of other districts and the Metropolis. Conspicuous among his contributions to the display will be found a copy of the "Ancient Charges," known as the "Lechmere MSS.," assigned by Woodford to about 1650, but regarded by Bros. Gould and Hughan as "late 17th century." This is numbered "8" in the Catalogue, Nos. 9 and 10 being also interesting, the former comprising a series of Masonic Calendars from 1792-1813, which belonged to George IV. when Grand Master, and the latter a collection of Lodge summonses extending from 1780 to 1800. No. 10a is also worthy of note, being an Engraving of Freemasons' Hall in 1808, and representing the Festival of the Girls' School, the Chevalier Ruspini heading the procession of Girls, George Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and three of his brothers, the Dukes of York, Kent and Sussex, being present. Nos. 11-50 and Nos. 51-67 are the exhibits sent by Bro. James Newton P.P.G.S.D. East Lancashire, of Bolton. The former group consists entirely of Medals and Tokens, several of which are pronounced by Bro. Hughan to be of great rarity. As regards the tokens numbered 14 and 15 respectively, we would suggest that the "I. Schichle," of the former, and the "J. Sketchley" of the latter are probably one and the same person, and that a clue to his identity may possibly be found in the letters "R.A. and P.G.S.," which are also present in No. 15. The group Nos. 51-67 are Masonic Books, No. 51, a Pine's Engraved List for 1734 being the most valuable, in the opinion of Bro. Hughan.

Among Nos. 68-80, sent by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe will be found an old illuminated Certificate of the year 1764; an old scroll, in two parts, of about the year 1680—copy of the old Operative Constitutions, and specially valuable, according to Bro. Hughan, from its containing "the rare Apprentice's Charge;" some old Minute Books and Aprons; and an Old Jug (No. 71) of about a century old.

The York Lodge (No. 236) and the Eboracum (No. 1611), both of York, contribute between them Nos. 81-101, several relics of the Grand Lodge of all England being among the former exhibits, while among those of the latter are a large Flagon with Masonic emblems on it, of 1694 (No. 91), and the Bible of the Grand Lodge of all England (No. 97). Nos. 100 and 101 are Aprons, one linen and the other leather, with engraved emblems on them. Nos. 102-113 are contributed by Bro. Whytehead of York, and include photographs of a Punch Jug of the very sensible capacity of 18 quarts.

Bro. W. Kelly, Past P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, sends Nos. 114 to 136, among them being several mementoes, in the shape of aprons, jewels, &c. worn by them, of the late Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., and the 1st Earl Howe, both predecessors of Bro. Kelly in the government of the Province. No. 121 is a certificate from the Atholl Grand Lodge, dated 10th September 1764, and having the signature of Laurence Dermott G. Sec. No. 137, exhibited by Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, is an ancient brass seal, supposed by Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis to have belonged to a Templar Preceptory, probably of foreign origin. No. 142—one of a number of exhibits sent by Bro. Chas. Williams of the Moseley Lodge, Birmingham—is de-

scribed by Bro. Hughan as "an exceedingly rare and valuable medal, unknown to Dr. Merzdorf, but Bro. Marvin describes one impression of it (No. 32) in Mr. Appleton's collection." Only two of this are known to be in this country, and both were to be seen at Worcester.

Bro. J. C. Robinson P.M. No. 425, Chester, contributes the warrant of an extinct Chester Lodge of the year 1766; and the Royds Lodge, No. 1204, Malvern, two old prints, which Bro. Hughan speaks of as "curious and rarely met with." No. 163 and 164, sent by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, are a balloting box and silver snuff box respectively, both the property of the Dinner Club of that Institution, while the former, which is sphinx-headed and very handsome, was presented in 1755 by the Duke of Richmond—G.M. 1724—to the Egyptian Society, and in 1852 by the late Bro. R. G. Alston to the said Club. No. 166,—one of several exhibits by Bro. John Hirst, of Saddleworth, is "A Book of the Ancient Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons, by Benjamin Cole. Dedicated to Lord Kingston, Grand Master." Of this Bro. Hughan remarks: "This is one of the rarest Masonic Books known, and was printed from engraved plates. It is the First edition, and is a reproduction of a version of the Old Operative Charges." The half dozen exhibits of Mr. J. H. Carr, of York, Nos. 191-196, are old York newspapers, dated from 1764 to 1779, in which are advertisements relating principally to the Grand Lodge at York. The contributions of Bro. M. W. Clarke P.M. No. 57, Hull—Nos. 208-238g, are Masonic jewels of various kinds, one of them, 238f "of gold and silver enamelled under glass, representing H.A.B. presenting the Plan of the Temple to King Solomon and King Hiram, set with large stones." Bro. Hughan dates it about 1800, and considers it "a valuable jewel"—apart from its intrinsic worth. Bro. C. G. Wragg, Prov. G. Secretary Nottinghamshire, sends a number of certificates of different degrees, with a minute book and ancient seal—Nos. 239-248. Bro. T. Fenn, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, figures as the contributor of three most interesting mementoes—Nos. 249-251, of which the first is the Grand Lodge Clothing of the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV.; three ivory gavels presented by Lord Manser; and the Sword of the Duke of Cumberland, of Culloden fame, presented by the Chevalier Ruspini, founder of the Girls' School. The Worcester Lodge, No. 280, is a liberal contributor, its principal exhibits being valuable engravings and Books of the Constitutions, one of the former (No. 260) being said to represent the Initiation of the poet Burns, though Bro. Hughan suggests it represents his inauguration as Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge. No. 284, is a scrap book, with reference to which Bro. Hughan writes—"A most interesting and unique set, simply impossible to be procured now at any price, because many of the uniques have long ago disappeared." Bro. T. Lamb-Smith, a Past Master of the same Lodge, is also among the exhibitors on an extensive scale, his contributions—Nos. 285-317—consisting principally of medals and jewels, many of them being of great rarity and value. No. 289 is described as a "Master Mason's jewel, Chelsea enamel, date about 1750;" No. 298 a "Silver Gilt Circular Jewel, Masonic Emblems, 'J' and 'B' on sides, square, compasses, level and letter 'G.' About 1790." Bro. Hughan remarking of the latter that it is "entirely original in its arrangement of the emblems, and a fine impression." Some of the jewels are old Scottish, and on that account will have been the more welcome in an English Exhibition.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, under the banner of the Watling Street Lodge, on Saturday, the 30th August. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg presided, and was supported by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Frederick Binckes, and other distinguished Visitors. The Lodges of the Province, consisting of the St. Barnabas, Linslade; the SS. Peter and Paul, Newport Pagnell; and Watling Street, Stony Stratford, were well represented. The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. J. Williams, of Aylesbury, was re-elected, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, J. R. Wilmer, of Newport Pagnell, re-appointed. The Provincial Grand Lodge unanimously voted the sum of £1 1s to the fund being raised for the family of the late Bro. Dewar, the brethren expressing regret that their funds did not permit of a larger donation. After the business of the Lodge had been completed, an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent, Bro. Revill, the landlord of the Hotel, having spared neither time nor trouble in rendering the meeting a success. We predict for the Mark Province of Buckinghamshire a brilliant and distinguished future.

We have been favoured with copy of full size drawing of the jewel presented to the daughter of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P. on the occasion of her marriage with her cousin Mr. Herbert Lloyd Watkin Williams Wynn. It conveys a very accurate and pleasing idea of the style and character of the original. The body of the jewel is a double triangle, set with turquoises, and the spaces between the points of the jewel enriched with diamonds, the intrinsic—as distinguished from the far greater extrinsic—value being about 70 or 80 guineas. The design is most artistic, and the whole reflects the greatest credit on the jeweller from whose laboratory it proceeds—Bro. J. J. Caney, of 44 Cheapside.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1824—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)
Sinal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7. (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
539—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1582—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Aveney
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In).
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30,
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wellesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
828—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
863—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Pockham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
289—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
686—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Checkheaton
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1084—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Horse-shoe, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7. (Instruction)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1159—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

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)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 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
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trodegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
 1389—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
 M.M. 1—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Pannure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 56—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
 K.T. 126—De Wrenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon
 R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 R.A. 1423—Era, The Albany, Twickenham
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

THIS excellent working Lodge held its meeting at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Jas. Ridge W.M., H. Kent S.W., W. Anderson J.W., H. Beaumont Sec., G. R. Godfree S.D., R. T. Nye D.C., Jas. Terry I.G., W. H. Gibson

P.M. Prov. G. J.W., Jas. Eborall P.M. P.P.G.P., G. R. Lookyer P.M., T. Chandler, T. Hughes Tyler. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and various matters of business were considered. Bro. Gibson P.M. intimated to the brethren that it was his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the next Festival, when he desired to represent this Lodge and the Cecilia, No. 1636; he trusted he should receive the hearty support of the brethren. The W.W., Bro. Ridge, assured Bro. Gibson he might rely on the members of No. 315. Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Bentley Haynes W.M., Walker (Secretary) S.W., Rich J.W., Pitt S.D., Buggins I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. H. H. Haynes, Fellheimer, Hawkins, Ruse, and Weil. After preliminaries, Lodge was opened in second degree, and Bro. H. H. Haynes answered the necessary questions leading to the third. In due course the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Weil answered questions leading to the second degree. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. Bro. Haynes, of the Egyptian 27, was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present:—Bros. Coen W.M., Stringer S.W., W. T. Hunt jun. J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Thomas J.D., Banks I.G., Hatchings P.M. Preceptor, Penrose, and several others. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penrose personating the candidate. The Lodge was then called off, and on resuming Bro. Penrose answered the usual questions, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed. Bro. Stringer S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, and Lodge closed in due form.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on Monday last at the Fountains Abbey, Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington W. Bros. R. E. Cursons W.M., H. Purdue W.M. 834 S.W., C. Dapson J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Treasurer and Preceptor, H. Dehane I.P.M. 1543 Secretary, H. Gilbert S.D., C. G. Wetzler J.D., W. J. Stratton Steward, E. J. Brown I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Captain A. Nicols P.D.G.S. of Works Panjaub P.M. 1974, G. Davies P.M. 167, C. S. Mote, C. Webster, M. J. Green, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Webster candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Brother Brown was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, when Bro. Purdue was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until 8th September, at eight p.m.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Western W.M., Turner S.W., Richardson J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Parks S.D., Rhodes J.D., Robinson I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor; and several other brethren. Lodge was opened, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. After Bro. Turner had been elected W.M. for Monday, 8th September, Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

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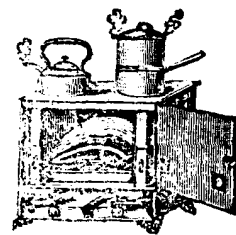
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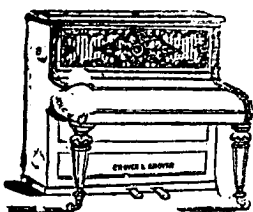
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