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## THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from page 226.)

IN the hurry of closing our last article we made what many will no doubt consider an important slip. We said that "Kloss, according to Findel, included this"—the grant of privileges to G. Stewards' Lodge "among the causes of the Schism." Now, "Kloss, according to Findel," see p 173 of the latter's "History of Freemasonry," expresses it as his opinion that "this" and another innovation he specifies of still earlier date, "although totally opposed to the Masonic spirit of equality, were not by any means a sufficient reason for disunion in the Fraternity." We shall not stop to palliate our slip by suggesting—what indeed was in our mind at the time of writing—that matters which "were not by any means a sufficient reason" may nevertheless very well have been among the *contributing* reasons. Judging from the context, Kloss probably did not think they were, and to his shade, therefore, as well as to his interpreter, Findel, we offer this apology. But the slip does not seriously affect our theory, the principal objection to which will not improbably be that the period of time which elapsed between such grant of privileges and the establishment of the schismatic G. Lodge was too great for the latter to have been directly the outcome of the former. In order to meet this objection, we must repeat a statement we made in our last paper, to the effect that the angry feelings excited by the grant of these privileges cannot have come to an end with the close of the angry debate which took place in Grand Lodge on the 11th December 1735 and resulted in "so much confusion," when the question whether the grant should be confirmed or not was put to the vote, "that it was not possible for the Grand Officers to determine with any certainty what the numbers on either side of the question were." We must also again point out that the so-called "Ancient" Lodges, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, whose Masters were "authorised" at the General Assembly at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, on the 17th July 1751, "to grant dispensations and warrants and act as Grand Master," did not spring into existence all of a sudden in a state of complete organisation. Thus the angry feeling would be carried onward from December 1735, while the existence of the schismatic Lodges enumerated must be carried back to some as yet unknown date of irregular constitution prior to July 1751. Then there is nothing extravagant in suggesting that the anger thus aroused, even though it might have remained dormant for a year or two, would break out afresh, and even fiercer than ever, owing to the greater stringency shown in 1739 and later against "irregular makings." But the date commonly assigned by trustworthy authorities for that secession from the ranks of the Regular Grand Lodge of 1717 which culminated in 1753 in the establishment of its "Ancient" rival is "about 1738"—see Preface Gould's "Atholl Lodges," &c.; and, though it may not be capable of proof for lack of positive evidence in favour of the proposition, there is nothing unreasonable in attributing the origin of a secession which began "about 1738" to a circumstance which stirred up so much angry feeling in December 1735. The dates are proximate enough for the events which belong to them respectively to be associated together as cause and effect.

Then, if we take the other end of the interval, namely, 1753, when the schismatic Grand Lodge was formed, it is possible to work backwards, though not, perhaps, to any great extent. The official Calendar says that "for some few years prior to 1753, the 'Seceders' were governed by a Grand Committee." We have already shown, by a quotation from Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," that a General Assembly of the schismatics was held at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, on the 17th July 1751, when the W.M.'s of Lodges Nos. 2-7 were "authorised to grant dispensations and warrants and to act as Grand Master." In the same work it is shown how Laurence Dermott was elected Grand Secretary on 5th February 1752 in succession to Bro. Morgan, and that on 14th September 1752, there occurs, in the "Transactions of the Grand Committee," the following passage, namely:—"For Dermott never received any copy or manuscript of the former 'Transactions' from Mr. Morgan, late Grand Secretary. Nor does Laurence Dermott, the present Grand Secretary, think that Bro. Morgan did keep any book of Transactions. Though there is no certainty that he did not." Thus it is on record that on 17th July 1751 there were six schismatic Lodges fully organised, though for how long a time they had been in such a condition it is impossible to say; as Bro. Gould expresses it in somewhat grandiose fashion—"the *Constitutions*" of these Lodges "range beyond historical investigation." In Bro. Northouck's note, quoted by Bro. Hughan, relative to the year 1739, we read that the decision adopted in that year to stringently enforce the laws against "irregular makings," so far apparently from having the desired effect of stamping out the irregularity, "irritated the brethren who had incurred the censure of the Grand Lodge; who, instead of returning to their duty, and renouncing their error, persisted in their contumacy, and openly refused to pay allegiance to the Grand Master, or obedience to the mandates of the Grand Lodge. In contempt of the ancient and established laws of the Order, they set up a power independent," and from what we read a little further on, they seem to have presumed so far as "to claim the right of constituting lodges." Preston, speaking of the same year, writes—we are quoting from the passage as given in Findel—"Lord Raymond was succeeded by the Marquis of Carmarthen in May 1739; and under his lordship's auspices the lodges were numerous and respectable. Notwithstanding the flourishing state of the Society, however, irregularities continued to prevail, and several worthy brethren, still adverse to the encroachments on the established system of the institution, seemed to be highly disgusted at the proceedings of the regular Lodges. Complaints were preferred at every succeeding Committee, and their conferences were fully employed in adjusting differences and reconciling animosities. More secessions taking place, it became necessary to pass votes of censure on the most refractory, and enact laws to discourage irregular associations of the Fraternity. This brought the power of the Grand Lodge in question; and in opposition to the laws which had been established in that assembly, Lodges were formed without any legal warrant, and persons initiated into Masonry for small and unworthy considerations." There is nothing to show how soon after the measures taken in 1739 by the regular Grand Lodge this claim of the seceders to establish Lodges was acted upon. What we know is, that six Lodges which did not derive their existence from the Grand Lodge were in full constitu-

tion on the 17th July 1751. The attempt to trace these Lodges to their creation would be useless. It is sufficient for us to know that the seceders organised themselves into Lodges and that in July 1751 there were six of them already in full working order.

Thus, then, stands our theory. At the close of 1735 the special privileges assigned to the newly constituted Grand Stewards' Lodge caused such a commotion in Grand Lodge that the question whether their grant should be confirmed or not had to be left undecided. It is reasonable, however, to suppose that the angry feelings thus engendered did not die out, but that, on the contrary, they would be fanned into a fresh flame every time that a fresh subject of strife, or an old one revived, made its appearance in Grand Lodge. "About 1738"—or to give Brother Hughan's date, in 1739—the squabbles in Grand Lodge attained to such a degree of intensity that a large number of the brethren, rather than put up with the encroachments of Grand Lodge on the freedom of private Lodges, seceded and began, sooner or later after their secession, setting up Lodges in defiance of the authority of Grand Lodge. This course of hostility progressed so far that in 1751 there were already six such Lodges fully constituted, to whose Masters was delegated the duty of granting dispensations and warrants, and acting as Grand Master. There was also a Grand Committee with a Grand Secretary (Brother Morgan), who may or may not have kept a record of the transactions that occurred; and in December 1753 the schismatics elected Brother Robert Turner, of their Lodge No. 15, to be their Grand Master. Brother Hughan has shown, as far as it is possible, that the differences of ritual between the regulars and schismatics were of no great account, while it is clear that the grant of special privileges to any particular body under Grand Lodge would involve a clear and emphatic departure from the fundamental principles of the Society. Other causes of dissension would, as we know they did, arise from time to time, which would have the effect of slowly but surely widening the breach which the tendency on the part of Grand Lodge towards a more absolute and supreme authority over the Lodges was causing, but to all such must be assigned a place among the effects. There had been "irregular makings" before 1735, but the differences created by them had disappeared after a time, especially when there appeared to be anything like a tendency towards conciliating the goodwill of the Craft. But the establishment of a Lodge such as the Grand Stewards', and its endowment with unheard of privileges, was an outrage on the principles of Freemasonry, and we find that, after its establishment, the grievance as to "irregular makings" broke out afresh and was not amicably determined, as it had been previously. On the contrary, the authors of the grievance, so far from showing any disposition, as they had before done, to accept the censure of the authorities, boldly turned round and set them at defiance, and, as an illustration of the length to which they were determined to carry their hostility, they claimed the right to form Lodges to such purpose that within a dozen years from the date ordinarily assigned for the secession they had half a dozen Lodges fully organised, with a Grand Committee charged to administer their affairs, and a Grand Secretary to communicate its measures to the brethren. In the circumstances as we have described them—and we have done our best to describe them as accurately as possible—we believe we are justified in formulating the theory that the great cause which led to the Schism was the grant of these special privileges to the Grand Stewards' Lodge in direct contravention of the principles of our Fraternity.

We trust Brother Hughan will excuse our having for the moment lost sight of the main purpose of this series of articles. Our excuse, and we hope he will allow its validity, must be that it is the collation of his "Premonitions of the Schism," which has induced us to say a few words about the Schism itself.

(To be continued.)

¶ An Emergency Meeting of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, will be held on Monday next, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, for the purpose of passing a resolution, congratulating Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., on the completion of his hundredth year, and will be followed by a representative Masonic banquet, which the five Jewish Lodges of London have united to secure a success for. We hope to give full particulars in our next issue.

## WORK AND LECTURES.

THE following sentences pertaining to the Ritual, which fell from the lips of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, J. Edward Simmons, in June last, were received with evident gratification by the large assembly, more especially as they felt the importance and truthfulness of the language which awoke a feeling of pride—Grand Master Simmons said,—“It cannot have escaped the notice of the brethren that the jurisdiction of New York is the only one that has succeeded in making the State ritual a success. Yet such is the case, for go where you will throughout the State you will find the several degrees represented in absolutely the same form, and that a brother from any Lodge in the State can take part in the work according to the standard fixed by the Grand Lodge. There are, however, some peculiarities about the work that have excited unfavourable comment, and the question of a revision of the ritual has frequently been considered by Grand Lodge.”

Grand Master Simmons then announced that in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the preceding Session of the Grand Lodge, he had appointed a Special Committee of seven, consisting of Bros. R. T. Griggs, C. T. McClenahan, Reon Barnes, Floyd Clarkson, Robert Bouynge, Charles W. Brown, and William Sherer, who with the Grand Lecturer, George H. Raymond, should make it their duty to carefully consider the whole subject of revising the ritual and report to the Grand Lodge. For six months that Committee faithfully discharged its duties, meeting frequently, holding lengthy sessions and thoroughly digesting the entire subject. The result has been made known but not as yet felt, the advantages are coming.

The exoteric portion was separated by the Committee from the esoteric, and the Grand Lodge in pursuance of a recommendation ordered the same to be printed for the use of Lodges, for which a small charge is to be made. It is anticipated the aggregate will not immaterially benefit the Trust Fund. Absolute uniformity will result throughout the State from this important step. The Committee reported that the present system of exemplification of the esoteric work would insure unanimity, and recommended that the Grand Lecturer be continued in his excellent work.

The Committee did not report that the ritual was without defects and faults, but that radical changes were not necessary and the minor difficulties were important, that personal preferences had been yielded to the common good and a hearty unanimous report was the result. No changes were recommended. The Committee trusted, however, that a less forcible symbolism would be exercised at the South, West and East gates. Furthermore, that while the Constitutions prohibited other than the Standard Work under pains and penalties, many "honoured, studious, intelligent, and devoted members of the Fraternity at times practise work other than that approved and determined by the Grand Lodge." And "inasmuch as it is desirable that brethren be permitted to teach moral and instructive lessons in their own language that permission thereto be given under certain prescribed limits and conditions and in connection with the Standard Work, provided such teachings are in harmony therewith." The Committee accordingly considered how liberty might be given without endangering the Standard Work, and "earnestly recommended that authority be given brethren to point out moral, instructive or interesting lessons, provided such teachings or recitations are clearly in addition to, and not in conflict with, the Standard Work adopted and determined by the Grand Lodge."

All these matters the Grand Lodge approved, and further, continued the Committee until the next Annual Session to the end that the Grand Lecturer may have the efficient support of said Committee in the enforcement of the will of the Grand Lodge regarding Work and Lectures.

It was a matter of great surprise to the Committee to discover that so few changes had occurred in the last two decades, while in consequence of Grand Lodge differences many and important were the changes that had theretofore continually occurred.

Changes will naturally take place in time in the phraseology and illustration of the Lectures of the Lodge in order to conform to the advance of philology and literature in the many departments of learning, but the course pursued by the Grand Lodge at its last session has been

one that will be most effective to prevent them; for there is filed with the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the exoteric or monitorial portion of the Work, and the constant schooling of the Grand Lecturer and his Assistants will bar changes in the balance of the Ritual. Of course no one looks for any change in the symbolism, the philosophy or the mystic teachings, nor can there readily be a change in a sentence or scarcely even a word.

We, however, give an example of a change in the early ritual of the Fraternity; say the middle of the last century, when the following question and answer were invariable:

"Ques. What does Geometry teach?"

"Ans. The Art of Measuring, whereby the Egyptians found out their own Land, or the quantity, which they had before the overflowing of the River Nile, that frequently used to water the country; at which time they fled to the mountains till it went off again, and this made them have continual quarrels about their land."

Contrast this with the following from the Lectures of the present day: "Geometry treats of the powers and properties of magnitudes in general, where length, breadth, and thickness are considered, from a point to a line, and from a line to a superficies, and from a superficies to a solid. By this science the Architect is enabled to construct his plans and execute his designs; the General to arrange his soldiers; the Engineer to mark out grounds for encampments; the Geographer to give us the dimensions of the world and all things therein contained, to delineate the extent of seas, and specify the divisions of empires, kingdoms, and provinces. By it, also, the Astronomer is enabled to make his observations, and to fix the duration of times and seasons, years and circles. In fine, Geometry is the foundation of Architecture and the root of the Mathematics."

When Calcott, Hasletine and Entick, about the middle of the last century, commenced formulating Ritual, system and uniformity followed. The first systematic form of degrees came into use about 1772, when the bright Masonic student Preston gave to the Fraternity in England his version, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge. These were favoured by Ireland and Scotland; and so, materially stood, the ritual until the United Grand Lodge in 1813, conformed all difficulties and ritual matter as well. As to our American system, the paternity belongs to Webb, who added to and eliminated from the Preston work until it was scarcely "a chip of the old block."

The times change, men change, and ritual is not and can not be more stable than man, for man is superior to all institutions. Let us close with the version of the Universal daily prayer as recited in the eleventh century, and observe if there is any change there:

"Our Fadir that art in hevenys, Halewid be thi name, Thi kingdom come to, Be thi will in erthe, as in hevene. Give to us this day our breed iver other substance, And forgive to us our dettis, as we forgive our dettouris, And lede us not into temptacioun. But lede delyuere us from evyel. Amen."—*Hebrew Leader.*

## SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

THE *Edinburgh Review* says: The skill, the art, the mighty toil that have been devoted to the adornment and the decoration of this ancient place of worship have been of extraordinary magnitude. The grandest legacy of Egyptian antiquity, the Great Pyramid, demanded, indeed, a large amount of naked human labour; But in Moriah there is a compulsion of the features of nature herself to the service of the builder. In the actual bulk the Great Pyramid is to the Temple Rock as five to nine, if we descend but as far as from the sills of the five double gates of the mountain of the house. If we carry the comparison to the level at which the lowest foundation of the walls is inlaid in the rock at the angles of the enclosure, the bulk is three times that of the Great Pyramid. The cubic contents of the Masons' work may not amount to a tenth part of that piled up by Sophis. But the hill has been honey-combed by chambers and galleries; and the declining part to the south, covered with vaults and arches, to which Gheezan can show no parallel. No merely artificial structure could have so successfully resisted the resolute efforts of the two greatest military nations of the ancient world to destroy its existence and

obliterate its memory. No other monument, long surviving the era of Asiatic and Italian power, can over, like the noble Sanctuary, mark by its very ruins the successive periods of its glory and its fall! If we regard not so much the evidence of the labour devoted to the work of the Temple as the effect produced on the mind by its apparent magnitude, we may suggest the following comparisons:

The length of the eastern wall of the Sanctuary is rather more than double that of one side of the great Pyramid. Its height, from the foundation on the rock at the south, and near the northern angles, was nearly a third of that of the Egyptian structure. If to this great height of one hundred and fifty-two feet of solid wall be added the descent of one hundred and fourteen feet to the bed of the Kedron, and the further elevation of one hundred and sixty feet attained by the pinnacle of the Temple porch, we have a total height of four hundred and twenty-six feet, which is only fifty-nine feet less than that of the great Pyramid. The area of the face of the eastern wall is more than double that of one side of the Pyramid. Thus, the magnitude of the noble Sanctuary of Jerusalem far exceeded that of any other temple in the world. Two amphitheatres of the size of the Colosseum would have stood within its colossal girdle and left room to spare.

The Colosseum is said to have seated eighty thousand spectators, and accommodated twenty-two thousand more in its arena and passages. For such a number to have been crammed within its circle, the space for each person must have been limited to seventeen by twenty inches. Allowing two cubits each way, or four square cubits for each worshipper in the Temple, the Sanctuary would have contained thirty thousand; the Chel, excluding the Priests' Court, twenty thousand more, and there would yet have been room in the great court and the cloisters to make the total reach more than two hundred and ten thousand.

The October meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. J. H. Matthews Grand Standard Bearer as Junior Vice-President. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke the Grand Secretary was present, and there was a large gathering of brethren. The first business was the confirmation of recommendations to the Grand Master made at the September meeting to the amount of £235. The new list contained the names of no less than forty petitioners. The localities from whence they came were Barton-on-Humber, West Hartlepool, Jersey, Warrington, Mottram, Worcester, Grantham, Gateshead, Sutton Coldfield, Constantinople, Dunstable, Poonah, Salford, Todmorden, Alershot, Ilminster, Guernsey, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newnham, Newark, Calcutta, Windsor, Falmouth, Exeter, and London. Five of the cases were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1160. This was composed of four grants of £100 each, one of £75, six of £50 each, four of £30 each, eight of £20 each, ten of £10 each, and one of five.

A warrant has been granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for a new Masonic Lodge, for Portsmouth, which will be conducted on temperance principles, at the Soldiers' Institute.

The Winter Number of *Society*, which will be issued in the first week in November, promises to be about the best sixpennyworth ever yet known. Besides a Cartoon by Phil May, entitled the "Seven Ages of Society," and containing about 200 Portraits of Celebrities in all sections of life—dramatic, scientific, artistic, musical, literary, clerical, political, &c., the Winter Number will contain "Julian Vanneck," an Original Story, specially written for *Society*, by Hugh Conway, author of "Called Back," "How Will It Be," a Poem by Clement Scott; "A Marriage in Heaven," by Henry Herman, joint author of the "Silver King," "Claudian," &c.; "The Ghost's Love," an Original Story by George Manville Fenn; "The Seven Ages of Society," a Poem by Horace Lennard; "The Heiress," a Story by W. Outram Tristram, author of "Julian Trevor"; "Hands All Round," a Christmas Story by C. Haddon Chambers; "How I Found Her," a Poem by T. McDonald Rendle; "Should Ladies Dine in Public?" by Howard Paul, &c.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps, One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

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## BRO. HUGHAN'S BOOK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was sorry to read a letter written in such questionable taste and exhibiting so much of the silly petulance of a spoiled child as that of Bro. Gould, which you quoted a fortnight since from the pages of the *Philadelphia Keystone*. I endorse every word he says in praise of Bro. Hughan's new work, but I consider that in stepping out of his way to criticise thus patronisingly the production of a brother author, he has shown an amazing want of delicacy of feeling. There is in Masonry no *censor literarum* as there was in ancient Rome a *censor morum*. By this I mean there is no one entitled by prescription or officially to decide off-hand whether a book which is submitted to our reading public is good, bad, or indifferent. This duty—if indeed it can be considered a duty at all—is fulfilled by a body of men recruited from all parts, and exhibiting a greater or less degree of competency for their task according to the attainments, abilities, and experience they severally possess—I refer to the "Reviewers of the Craft" upon whom Bro. Gould has been pleased to bestow the distinction of inverted commas. I believe it is pretty generally allowed that, though by no means infallible, these "Reviewers" do what is required of them conscientiously, to the best of their ability, and with an exceeding tenderness for the reputation of those authors whose writings they are invited to criticise. Indeed, I am given to understand they are mostly gentlemen as well as critics, and that if ever they forget themselves and say in haste what they would rather have left unsaid, they are always willing, and even anxious, to make atonement for their forgetfulness. This much I think I may venture to say generally in their behalf.

Bro. Gould's apparent object in writing this letter is to let the world know his opinion of Bro. Hughan's work, notwithstanding he disclaims all idea of wishing to anticipate the verdict of the *Keystone* critic, and he seems to have done this so ostentatiously that I confess if I were Bro. Hughan I would rather have been pitched into by him. But his real object, I take it, is to proclaim everywhere that he has a grievance against the "Reviewers of the Craft," because they have had the presumption to condemn unanimously some of the conclusions at which he has arrived in his "History of Freemasonry." I judge also from the concluding paragraph of his letter that they, or some of them, have not exhibited that "tone and temper," which is, or should be, part of the critic's stock in trade. I shall not follow Bro. Gould's example and constitute myself the mouthpiece of the "Reviewers" as a body, as he appears to have constituted himself the absolute and unimpeachable authority on the Masonic literary productions of the day. But, speaking for myself only, I have to state that I cannot call to mind one passage in my review of his work, though it extended to several articles, in which, if I had occasion to differ with him in opinion, I forgot the respect due to him and myself. I am not conscious of having anywhere exhibited any want of fairness or of consideration for him personally, neither can I recal a single instance in which the "tone and temper" of my remarks were in anywise incompatible with the requirements of polite discussion. As I am speaking from memory, I may of course be in error in saying this; but in any circumstances I shall be glad if Bro. Gould will specify those portions of my review which are justly liable to any other charge than that of containing opinions on debateable matters which are at variance with his. I must also ask him to modify, so far as I am concerned, the statement about the "unanimous censure" he has incurred from the "Reviewers of the Craft," by pointing out that while, in the honest exercise of my judgment, I may have felt it necessary to differ with him about the Wren tradition, and it may be some other points of comparatively small importance, I have expressed myself in terms of almost unqualified admiration of the greater portion of his work.

I hope I shall be excused for suggesting further that, as Bro. Gould has been most unfortunate in the manner of his criticism, so likewise has he been unfortunate in the selection of his medium for making it public. His want of delicacy in ostentatiously patting Bro. Hughan on the back I have already noticed, but I would also point out that it is no part of a critic's duty to measure out praise and blame as a chemist measures out the constituents of a pill or powder, so many grains of one to so many scruples of another, and so on. The critic damns a thing off-hand which is worthless, but he praises what is worthy of praise generously, without troubling himself about those minor shortcomings which the best among us are sometimes guilty of. Just imagine a man remarking, for the sake of example—"Mr. A. B. C. is a man of noble disposition; but unfortunately he has a wart on his nose." As to the want of an index to Bro. Hughan's book, I fancy he would be puzzled to furnish a better substitute for one than he has furnished already in his "Table of Contents." Lastly, if we are to understand that Bro. Gould is writhing under the "unanimous censure" of the "Reviewers of the Craft" in this country, has been treated by them unfairly and disrespectfully, and has, in short, been condemned without benefit of clergy, why, in the name of all that is reasonable, does he write to Philadelphia to say so? Why has he not addressed himself to you, Sir, and the Editor of the *Freemason*, complaining of the unjust and ungenerous treatment he considers he has met with at the hands of your and his reviewer? I feel morally certain both you and he would afford him every opportunity for resenting aspersions that may have been cast upon him, as well as for defending his own theories. I can only express my surprise and

regret that so obvious a way of meeting the censure of the "Reviewers" has not occurred to him.

I remain,

Faithfully and fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER OF BRO. GOULD'S "HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY."

## THE LATE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The result sheets of the late elections show a greater waste of votes than I, a constant Scrutineer for some years, have ever seen. For instance, out of 35,330 votes issued for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 4,522 were not recorded; and out of 51,613 for Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 6,138, out of 87,000, in round numbers, were wasted. 11,000 were thrown away. This shows two or three things; either indifference of the owners, or want of energy on the part of those who undertake the conduct of cases; or, perhaps even worse, a dog in the manger policy;—they are no use to me, and nobody else shall have them without a quid pro quo.

The changes which will take place in the Schools by the end of January next are as follows:—Boys—London 52-51, Berks and Bucks 2-1, Channel Islands 2-3, Derby 3-4, Devon 3-5, Dorset 7-5, Durham 5-4, Gloucester 3-4, Kent 6-5, Lancashire (East) 9-12, Lancashire (West) 5-6, Lincoln 5-7, Norfolk 2-4, Northumberland 3-4, Somerset 4-5, Stafford 2-3, Sussex 4-5, Warwick 7-5, Yorkshire (West) 22-19, North Wales and Salop 5-3, South Wales 3-1. The others remain the same. Girls—London 79-73, Hants 13-14, Herts 2-3, Kent 13-14, Lancashire (East) 9-8, Lancashire (West) 7-6, Northumberland 1-2, Somerset 7-5, Stafford 2-4. There are some Provinces which ought to bestir themselves, and bear their fair share of the expense, and not leave all the burden upon others' shoulders.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

8 Thurloe-place, S.W., 20th October 1884.

## REVIEWS.

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*Principles of Physiognomical Hairdressing.* With Illustrations. By Joseph Lichtenfeld, author of "Modern Hairdressing." Published by the author, 39 Great Castle-street, Oxford Circus, London, W. Price 2s 6d.

PEOPLE will not unnaturally ask "What next?" when they read so formidable a title in connection with so ordinary a process as that of dressing the hair. Many indeed will be inclined to ridicule the idea of hairdressing being treated scientifically. However, if they will only be at the trouble of reading Mr. Lichtenfeld's treatise, they will probably see good reason for retracting their opinion. Mr. Lichtenfeld has worked his subject up admirably. The reader will have no difficulty in following him, his instructions are so reasonable and so clearly expressed. The illustrations are numerous and well executed, and as they and the letter-press have been fitted together in such a manner that each illustrates the other perfectly, it will be a task of some difficulty for the reader not to master the author's theory. We commend the work, especially to our fair friends, for whose special benefit indeed Mr. Lichtenfeld appears to have reduced his ideas to a regular and sensible system.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, 21st inst., at the White Hart, Cannon Street, and notwithstanding its removal from its old and well-known quarters at the Jamaica Tavern, so far from suffering from its removal additional interest is felt in its prosperity, as is evinced by the large numbers who attend and the new members constantly added to that honourable roll of those embraced in this supreme degree. This may readily be accounted for, as in this Chapter all who aspire to distinction in this degree, by attending to the pure instruction here freely given, cannot fail to attain to the highest honours which this supreme degree can confer. Companion Brown is the talented Preceptor, and his genial manners, not less than his intelligence, renders instruction in this Chapter anything but an irksome acquirement. On Tuesday last the Officers were Comps. Daniel Z., Smart H., George J., Wells S.N., and Webb P.S.; also Comps. Beedell, Forss, Fraser, Anderson, Powell, Veal, Roberts, Haynes, Brown and Langdon. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Roberts being the candidate. A telegram was received from Comp. Child (who was to have occupied the chair of Z.), expressing his inability to be present. A very cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given to Comp. Beedell for having presented to the Chapter cards announcing the meeting, and also the time and place. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed and the convocation adjourned until Tuesday, the 28th inst.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge having been advanced, Bros. Harry Howe, Josiah G. Carter, and Frederic Stutfield were raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. T. Markland, the I.P.M. of the past year performing the ceremony, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Cox the W.M. The same brother also worked the second degree on behalf of Bro. George Edwards, and then the ballot was taken for Mr. David Charles Tyrie, who was a candidate for initiation. The result proved unanimous in his favour, and he will doubtless be initiated at an early date. Mr. John Donnelly, another candidate for initiation, who had already been balloted for, being present, was admitted to a participation in the benefits of Freemasonry, Bro. Markland again acting as W.M. Bro. H. Cox now assumed his place in the Lodge, and having had the W.M. elect—Bro. Alfred Charles Rawlings—duly presented to him, proceeded to install that brother into the chair, the Board of Masters comprising eighteen members. On the readmission of the brethren the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, and then he appointed the following Officers:—Bros. F. Coughlan S.W., O. D. Ward J.W., J. G. Unite P.M. Treasurer, E. Witts P.M. Secretary, R. Coulthard S.D., W. J. Forscutt J.D., W. R. Brown I.G., J. Maples P.M. D.C., H. Mann jun. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, R. J. Taylor Past Master, and H. Barham Stewards, R. Hughes Org., T. Bowler Tyler. The ceremony of installation was completed in the ordinary manner. The name of a candidate for initiation was handed in. The Charity votes belonging to the Lodge were apportioned. Bro. Cox, the I.P.M., made an appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which Charity he announced his intention of acting as Steward at the Festival in February next; a sum of ten guineas was voted, on the proposition of Bro. R. J. Taylor, from the Lodge funds, to head Bro. Cox's list. Other matters of detail were disposed of, and then the Lodge was closed. Among the visitors were Bros. J. W. T. Chapman W.M. 1922, B. Kershaw I.P.M. 733, J. R. Peile 198, J. H. Matthews 1947, M. L. Larham P.M. 1216, G. W. Evans S.W. 1922, J. J. Marsh W.M. 1326 P.G.P. Middlesex, C. Tayler W.M. 1624, Clifford White P.M. 299, J. J. Thomas J.D. 753, F. J. Wray W.M. 1257, A. Brooks 749, W. G. Dickens P.M. 860, C. J. Brown S.D. 733, Horace White 1257, John Chapman A.W.S. 1257, H. Baldwin S.W. 1949 P.G. Std. B. Middlesex, W. Bennion 173, R. Baker P.M. 1257, C. Arkell P.M. 192, J. Mason P.P.S.G.D. Middlx., J. H. Howard 72, T. J. Woods 1475, L. Barnett 105, G. T. Carter P.M. 382, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, &c. The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, when a full toast list was done ample justice to. The several toasts were interspersed with songs, glees, and duets, the whole being so arranged as to give general satisfaction to those assembled. Bros. Chapman, Clifford White, Carter, C. Tayler and T. B. Dodson being among those who contributed to the harmony.

## UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. R. Norris W.M., who was supported by Bro. F. Low the S.W., and a fair assemblage of members and visitors. Bro. J. N. Maskelyne was passed to the second degree, and, at the conclusion of the business of the Lodge, the company adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern to banquet. After the repast the W.M. proposed the customary toasts, which were interspersed with some capital songs, given by Miss Madeline Hardy, Miss Mary Horton, Bro. Henry Taylor, Bro. Theodore Distin, and Mr. Lovett King. Having honoured the toast of the Queen, the W.M. gave that of the Prince of Wales. This was at all times a toast welcomed by Freemasons. Owing to the manifold duties the Grand Master had to perform, it was impossible for him to give so much attention to Freemasonry as he desired. He did all that lay in his power to maintain the prestige of the Craft, and add lustre to the Order. The next toast was that of the Grand Officers. By the enforced absence of the Grand Master from Grand Lodge most of the duties attached to the office fell on the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon. That nobleman was one in whom the brethren had the greatest confidence. They owed him a debt of gratitude for his punctual reply to the letter of the Pope of Rome. He was ably seconded by the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, while the Grand Officers generally were men entitled to respect and esteem. The W.M. felt that Freemasonry would never have gained its present high position had it not been for the ability displayed by those to whom had been entrusted the ruling of the Craft in the past. The next toast he had to propose had reference to that distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—Charity. It had often been asked, What is the good of Freemasonry? and while many brethren were unable to give any very definite answer to the question, they could always refer to the three great Institutions connected with the Order. The Universal Lodge did its best to support these great Charities, but the only fund they had from which they could contribute was the subscriptions to the Charity box, which was sent round after each of their meetings. The W.M. therefore hoped that the brethren would liberally support it. The appeal of Bro. Norris met with a hearty response, the total contributed being £2 4s, an amount which, considering the number present, reflected the highest credit. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master. Once more he had the privilege of submitting this toast. The brethren knew what their present ruler had done in the past, and could imagine he would continue his efforts in the future. He had been a

credit to the Lodge, and an honour to the offices he had held. Bro. Norris replied. He thanked the brethren very much for the way in which they had honoured the toast. He felt he hardly deserved all the good things which had so often been said about him. He had one great regret—that he had not had more work to do during his year of office. Ever since the time of his initiation he had never missed a single meeting of the Lodge, although on one occasion a severe domestic affliction had kept him away from the banquet which followed it. During the short time he had to stay with them as Master he should do his utmost to advance the interests of the Lodge, while it would always be his endeavour to assist in maintaining its reputation. The toast of the Visitors next received attention. Hospitality was very dear to the heart of every Freemason. The brethren of the Universal Lodge were never so happy as when visitors attended their meetings. The Lodge had a reputation for hospitality, which he thought they had maintained on the present occasion, but of that he would leave the guests to speak. In the name of the Lodge he gave the visiting brethren a hearty welcome. Happy had they met, happy might they part, and happy might they meet again. Bro. Davis had to thank the W.M. for the exceedingly kind manner in which he had put the toast before the Lodge, and the brethren for the reception accorded it. Hospitality was, as they all knew, proverbial with Freemasons, but the "Universal" hospitality they had experienced struck him as being even more cordial than was customary. Bro. Wylenski followed. He had been absent from Freemasonry for the past five years. He was pleased to have again attended a Masonic meeting, but particularly so such an enjoyable one as they had that evening spent in the Universal Lodge. The W.M. was very proud to propose the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They deserved well at the hands of the members. They were usually honoured with many, but on that occasion three only were among them. The Past Masters were ever ready to do what they could for the Lodge. Their willingness and ability had that evening been demonstrated by the unavoidable absence of the Junior Warden, throwing his work on one of the Past Masters, who undertook it both readily and successfully. Their Secretary—Bro. Reed—another of their Past Masters, was kind and courteous to all with whom he came in contact, his advice being at all times most valuable. It was only on attaining to the office of Master that a brother was able to fully appreciate the working of a good Secretary, and in Bro. Reed the Lodge had a thoroughly good one. Of Brother Fryer, the I.P.M., much might be said. The brethren, however, were well acquainted with his ability and kindly disposition, his term of office having left both fresh in their memory. Bros. Reed and Fryer having replied, the Officers were toasted. This toast was one dear to every Master. Brother Norris had the good fortune to be supported by a band of Officers well able to perform the duties attached to their respective positions, and that, too, in a manner which reflected great credit on the Lodge of which they were members. The Senior Warden replied. In the name of his colleagues and on his own behalf he desired to express thanks. There was not one among them but considered it an honour to be entrusted with office in the ancient and honourable Universal Lodge. The Tyler's toast having been given, the Lodge was called from refreshment to labour, and then closed in due form. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. G. McEwan 1507, J. Arnold 1491, H. Davis 860, H. Wyleuski 188, H. Taylor 580, and T. Distin 173.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, when there were present Bros. Edwin Melrose W.M., Peter Bradburn S.W., Charles Crompton J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, James Walker S.D., William Siddon I.G., R. Cuerden and H. J. Briscoe Stewards; P.M.'s John Isherwood, J. Boothroyd, J. M. Rutter, Thomas Morris; Bros. R. J. Chirnside, Draycott, Crompton, Forrest, Halliwell, and W. H. Brown. Visitor—Bro. W. E. Bardsley S.D. 1723. Lodge was opened at five o'clock. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bros. Draycott, Brown, and Stirling were raised to the degree of Master Mason, by Bro. Boothroyd, who explained the working tools. Lodge was closed to first degree, when Mr. D. W. Stevenson and Mr. Frank Jackson were balloted for, elected, and initiated by Bro. Isherwood. The working tools of the degree were explained by the J.W., and the customary charge was given by Bro. Brockbank. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

## STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 14th instant, and passed off most successfully. The principal business of the day was the installation of Brother Frank Hales S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony incidental to which was most ably and impressively performed by the D.P.G.M. of the Province, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested as under:—Bros. H. G. Everard P.G. Assistant Secretary I.P.M., M. L. Sanders S.W., T. Dunn J.W., Rev. Eustace H. Crute P.P.G.C. Chaplain, W. Groom Treasurer, Richard Clowes P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, A. C. Parsons S.D., G. Helsen J.D., Thomas Jennings P.P.G.D. D.C., Salter Organist, Went I.G., Howard and Hutchinson Stewards. A hearty vote of thanks having been passed by acclamation to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, for his kindness in attending, and duly acknowledged by Brother Philbrick, a handsome Past Master's jewel was, by unanimous vote of the Lodge, presented to Brother H. G. Everard, in acknowledgment of his eminent services to the Lodge as W.M. during the past year, and previously as Secretary. The presentation was made in felicitous terms by the new W.M., Bro. Hales, who

spoke of the self-denying labour Bro. Everard had bestowed upon the affairs of the Lodge, and leaving a bright example for succeeding Masters to follow. Bro. Everard, in returning thanks, said he should always wear the jewel with great pride, and it would remind him of the many happy hours he had spent amongst his brethren. At the close of the Lodge business, which took place at the Institute, Harwich, an adjournment was made to the Pier Hotel, where a most *recherché* banquet was served by Brother Rule, the host. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In responding for the toast of his health, the D.P.G.M. made an eloquent speech. He congratulated the brethren upon the progress Freemasonry was making, under the beneficent rule of Lord Brooke. This was not only shown in the number of Masons now on the roll, but in the desire there was to form new Lodges in various parts of the Province. The authorities were willing and anxious to give every encouragement to the laudable desires of those who wished to promote the growth of the Order, where they did not trench upon the ground occupied by existing Lodges, and it could be shown that there was a fair prospect of local support; but no good could result in having a number of weak Lodges. The D.P.G.M. also alluded to the splendid position Essex occupied at the last Girls' School Festival, where they rallied to the support of their Provincial Grand Master to the extent of £1000, remarking that he never felt more proud of his Province than on that memorable occasion. In the course of the evening Bros. Goodwin, Clowes, Osmond, Turner, and Amos kindly contributed some excellent vocal music. Among those present during the day besides those already mentioned were—Bros. T. J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51 P.G. Secretary, Arthur Mead W.M. 276 P.G.S. of W., Alfred Richardson W.M. 1977 P.G.A.D.C., J. Dean P.M. 433 P.G. Std. Bearer, G. A. Enstace I.P.M. 697 P.G. Standard Bearer, Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Charles Osman P.M. P.P.G.O., R. H. Ives W.M. 51 P.G. Steward, Adam Smith W.M. 433 S. Lord P.M. 433, John E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., W. S. Ling P.M. 433, J. M. Franks S.D. 376, F. C. Atkinson 376, W. Strutt Treasurer 1977 P.G. Steward, Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.D. 697 P.G.C., A. F. Amos Organist 697, J. Gibson J.D. 1816, and the following members of Lodge 650:—Bros. Rixon, Ford, G. W. Pickering, J. T. Lacey, H. Shedlock, D. Howard, W. Went, G. Derry, &c.

#### CRUSADERS' LODGE, No. 1677.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Lodge was opened at half-past four by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Pigot, who was supported by a large assemblage of the members and the following Visitors:—Bros. J. McLearn S.D. 2054, F. S. H. Wilson 1239, W. Tindall 7, G. J. Barnett 1929, S. A. Da Cimbra 1364, S. H. Moore 1194, F. Toombs 1791, I. Botibol 188, H. T. Sandy 228, Frank Jesse 453, Larkins 1677, W. Shurmer J.W. 1471, and J. H. Leipold 1929. After preliminary business, the report of the Auditors was presented and adopted. This showed the Lodge to be working on a substantial basis, and that a balance remained in the hands of the Treasurer. The credit to the Benevolent Fund was recorded at £40 19s 9d, which amount was in the hands of the bankers. Bro. G. J. Defriez, who during the past year has served the office of S.W., but who is more generally known as the Secretary of this Lodge, he having fulfilled the duties of that important post for many years, was now presented as W.M. elect to Bro. Frank Rothschild, who had taken the chair for the purpose of installing the new Master. Bro. Rothschild's abilities as a Master of Ritual have frequently been recognised, and on this occasion he conducted the ceremony in a manner that gave the utmost satisfaction to all who were present. On the readmission of the brethren who had not taken part in the work of the Board of Installed Masters, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. R. D. Cummings S.W., A. Goode J.W., Jarvis Maples P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Goode P.M. Secretary, Rev. W. H. W. Casely Chaplain, J. J. Stockall S.D., T. M. K. Gilbert J.D., W. F. Garraud I.G., W. Moorhouse D.C., U. J. Upton Steward, William Mackie W.S. In due course the addresses were delivered, and the Installing Master took his seat amidst the applause of the brethren. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till the third Wednesday in November. The banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Alfred Begbie, whose exertions met with that amount of commendation we are now so frequently called upon to record in his favour. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed the routine toasts; the Queen and the Craft; the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and then the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. After the first of these toasts the National Anthem was sung, and a capital musical selection was contributed by Bro. Leipold, while Bro. Shurmer sang, with some amount of spirit, "I will stand by my Friend." Bro. Pigot in graceful and complimentary terms next proposed the health of the W.M. He was followed by Bro. Wilson, who recited a Scotch story, and then came the reply of the W.M. Bro. Defriez was much gratified at the reception given to the toast. He had been associated with the Crusaders Lodge since its formation; he would strive to advance its interests, and he trusted the good feeling that at present existed would continue to prevail throughout the Lodge. He again thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. Bro. Hurford here favoured the brethren with a song. The health of the Installing Master was next brought under the notice of the brethren. The W.M. remarked that he had been present at a great many installation meetings, but he thought he might say he had never seen it better performed than on this occasion. He had great pleasure in asking the brethren to drink the health of their esteemed brother. Bro. Ashenden here sang a humorous ditty, and then Bro. Rothschild acknowledged the compliment paid him.

He, with the W.M., had been associated with the Lodge since its formation. The present W.M. was the last of the Founders, and he trusted he might have a prosperous future before him. Bro. Rothschild urged the brethren to work harmoniously together; if they did this, he was assured the Lodge would go on and prosper. The health of the I.P.M. was next proposed by the W.M., who had great pleasure in placing on Bro. Pigot's breast the jewel unanimously voted him. Bro. Defriez trusted he might live long to wear it amongst the members of the Lodge. Bro. Garraud gave the favourite recitation of the "One Legged Goose," and then Bro. Pigot thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. Next the Visitors were complimented, Bros. Tindall, Sandy, Jesse, Wilson, &c., responding. Bros. Maples and T. Goode replied to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the W.M. next made reference to the Masonic Institutions, and expressed his regret that no official representative was present to give details of what was being achieved by the three Charities. In replying to a special toast, given in honour of the Masonic Press, Bro. W. W. Morgan said, with the W.M.'s consent, he would recount, for the benefit of some of the younger members, a few facts in reference to the Masonic Institutions. After giving some particulars of the Elections to the Girls' and Boys' Schools, the results of which had just been announced, Bro. Morgan particularised the work each Institution was engaged in, and urged the Lodge to appoint a Steward or Stewards to represent it. Bro. Morgan claimed that the Press was doing all in its power to advance the best interests of Freemasonry, and tendered his thanks for the honour done him by the W.M. Bro. Cummings now sang a most humorous ditty, he was accompanied by Bro. Pingston, and both brethren were heartily applauded. Several other toasts followed, and it was a late hour before the Tyler (Bro. H. Thomas) was summoned to close the proceedings.

#### CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, 18th inst. The afternoon being exceptionally fine, a goodly number of the brethren journeyed down by rail. Bro. J. Osborn, the W.M., after opening the Lodge, had the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, and then proceeded to pass Bro. Peter Young, the ceremony being carefully and impressively rendered. The ballot having been taken for Mr. William Walter Lee (son of the respected Secretary), Bro. Osborn vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Lee P.M., and remarked that it gave him extreme pleasure to do so on the occasion of so interesting an event. Mr. W. W. Lee was then initiated in a faultless manner by his father, the brethren paying the most marked attention to the ceremony. A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late S.W., Bro. H. W. Gregory, a beloved member and founder of the Lodge, was then passed, and Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to an enjoyable and well-served banquet, presided over by Bro. Osborn, who in proposing the usual toasts made brief, but happy allusions to each, stating it as his wish that the brethren should have a long and social musical evening. Songs and recitations followed in quick succession, by Bros. Bayne, Woodman, Sheffield, Lee jun., Bird, Wigley, &c. Bro. Bayne Organist, and Bro. Collings accompanying. With the Tyler's toast came to an end another gathering of this united Lodge. The Visitors were—Bros. C. Newell 1423, A. Clark P.M. 1227, G. R. Pugh 1790, W. C. Wigley S.W. 1348, J. H. Hoit 856, N. L. Western W.M. 1693, C. Hammond 1471, J. A. Collings Org. 1693.

#### CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their regular meeting on Monday, 13th inst., at the Bolton Hotel, Duke-road, Chiswick, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. George Everett. He was supported by Bros. C. H. Everett S.W., George Gardner J.W., H. Price Secretary, R. Harvey S.D., W. Gomm D.C., a goodly assemblage of the brethren, and the following visitors:—G. T. N. Farmer 1257, E. R. May 177, H. J. Davis 1373, C. Coombs 780, H. Jackson 780, A. Freeman 1614, G. H. Cutbush 198, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, P. Monson 1194, D. King 1445. The Lodge, as its number on the register testifies, is of but recent formation, but the progress it has already made, and the prospects it presents for the future, place it high on the roll of successful Lodges. On Monday the business was of an exceptionally heavy character, there being no less than eight candidates for the several degrees—three for the first, three for the second, and two for the third. Bros. Charles Coward, Edward Wrixon Bayly and William Clowes were the candidates for raising. Bros. William Davy, Harry Fruen, and Thomas Hoodless those for passing, and Messrs. Charles Henry Motley and Carew Packer the gentlemen seeking initiation. In all cases the ceremonies were well performed, Bro. Everett's well-known ability as a ruler in the Craft being maintained on this occasion. Previous to the closing of the Lodge, reference was made to the death of Bro. W. Rippin, the late Steward of the Lodge, and a vote of condolence with his relations was passed. The death of Bro. Daly, the late Tyler of the Lodge, was also spoken of, it being stated that an appeal to the Lodge of Benevolence on behalf of his widow had resulted in a grant of £40 being made to her. It was mentioned that the son of the late Bro. Cooper, a candidate for admission to the Boys' School, in whom the members of the Lodge were interested, had that day been elected, and other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, and here, as in Lodge, Bro. Everett showed his ability to conduct the affairs of his Lodge. The usual toasts were honoured and an enjoyable evening spent.

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We have to acknowledge receipt of the Report for 1883 of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, 11 Fitzroy Square, W., together with sundry papers prepared by the Director, Mr. William Van Praagh. The purposes of the Association are highly to be commended. To judge from the evidence furnished by the Director, there can be no doubt the scheme has been attended with marked success, and that many poor people of both sexes are now in a position, by its means, to converse with one another who would otherwise have remained in that pitiable condition always hitherto associated with the deaf and dumb. The Association is doing good work, and will in time attain a far higher position. Unfortunately, the support accorded it, though on a liberal scale, does not as yet seem to be commensurate with the worthiness of its objects. The receipts for the past year are stated to have reached close on £1962, but of this sum £600 is a loan from the Bankers, and £106 an overdraft on ditto on 31st December 1883. The expenditure stands at the same figure, namely, £1962; the various items being "Salaries and Commission" £1220; "Rent, Rates, and Taxes" £174; Stationery, Postage, &c. £213; Furniture and Repairs £6 10s; Interest on loan; overdraft on 1st Jan. 1883 £318. Of the incomings, £617, or about one-third results from "School and College Fees," the Dividends on invested moneys being £178; Subscriptions £252; and Donations £128. It is most desirable that a more flourishing balance sheet should be forthcoming at an early date. There is every reason why it should be, for the cause is one that should command the sympathy and assistance of the benevolent.

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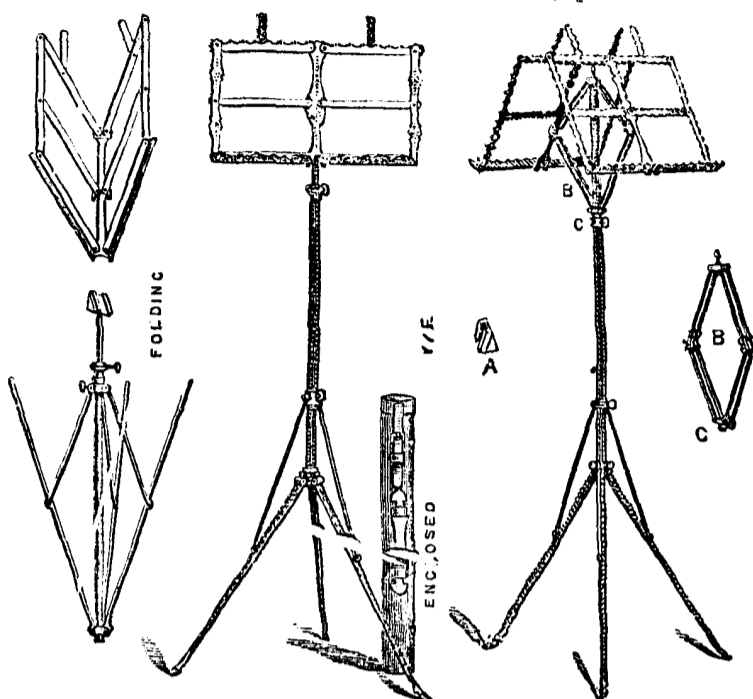
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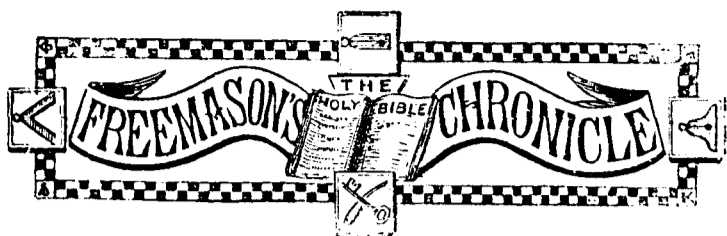
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### CONSECRATION OF LODGE LA FRANCE, No. 2060.

AN application having been made to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for a warrant for a Lodge wherein the membership should be confined to those who claimed French Nationality, the prayer, after receiving full consideration, was granted, and Monday last, the 20th instant, fixed as the date for the ceremony of consecration. The Café Royal, Regent-street, will be the headquarters of the Lodge, and Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, was nominated as the Consecrating Officer. On Monday he was assisted by Bros. T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, as S.W., Robert Grey P.G.D. as J.W., Rev. A. Hall P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies. Amongst other brethren who were present were Bros. E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. Middlesex the W.M. designate, E. Montenuis P.G.S. S.W. designate, H. Bué J.W. designate, L. A. Mesrouze (Secretary pro tem), E. Condelot and other Founders, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, Levander P.G.D., Cabitt P.G.P., Kenning P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Dunn P.M. 72, James Stevens P.M. 1426, Marston P.M. 55, Wright 1839, Pendlebury 1056, Baume 63, Barney P.G.D., Coates 1922, Matthews Grand Sword Bearer, Dodson P.M. 72, Cooke P.M. 222, Hosken W.M. 1820, F. Binckes P.G.S., Vialls P.M. 1820, Jervis W.M. 14, Hopkinson P.M. 14, Turner 222, Lake P.M. P.P.G.R. Cornwall, Bevan 1706, Coiffier 291 (Celtic, Edinburgh), and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees the Grand Secretary explained the special reasons which had induced the Grand Master to grant the warrant for the Lodge,—there being so many brethren of French nationality permanently residing in London. The usual ceremonial was then proceeded with. The oration, delivered by Rev. Bro. Ambrose W. Hall P.G. Chaplain, was as follows:—

Brethren,—I hail with feelings of unmingled pleasure the advent of your Lodge to-day, and I rejoice that through your courtesy I am permitted to address a few words to the Brethren and Founders upon the auspicious occasion. My friend the very excellent Grand Secretary has (as he always does) spoken to you so ably and so well upon the nature of your general duties, that but little seems left for me to say; still I am here as officiating Grand Chaplain, and my office is to point out to you the nature and principles of our noble Order. These you have to carry out at home and abroad, in your hearts and among your Masonic brethren; and I consider it a source of congratulation that there should be found a number of Masons from our sister country to form a Lodge under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England. We live so near together, separated only by what is called the little "silver streak," that there should be at all times (as two great nations) those amicable feelings between us which are generated in our beautiful rites and ceremonies; it is true (and I may speak it here);—for the very circumstance of your forming a Lodge where the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe is all in all, shows that you do not join their views;—it is true that in your great country many, and some of the most influential of our Masonic brethren, have made such changes that can but fill our hearts with sadness, and have withdrawn from their Masonic teachings and their Masonic work a Name which should be above every name. But, who knows? even what we are doing to-day may at some future time be a help towards their return to the allegiance of the Great Architect. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." The tiny mustard seed grew into a mighty tree, and the birds, we read, nestled in its branches, and the small beginnings of to-day may produce Masonically a like effect in the changes we deplore in your bright land. God grant they may! Although at present our guests in Britain, you doubtless, from time to time, visit your own country, and however occupied here, you all, like good sons, look forward to end your days in your mother land; and when you go back, and as you go back, you will I am sure carry with you confirmed opinions of what the Great Architect does for us, and how, under his Almighty care, we are permitted to diffuse and carry out some of the purest principles of piety and virtue ever entrusted to the care of finite beings; and who knows but that you, Masonic brethren of Lodge La France, may have before you a glorious future, in pouring balm upon the now troubled waters of Masonry; that you may be the "little leaven," the "grain of mustard seed," to call back our wandering and mistaken brethren to their fathers and their rest.

But, as I said before, my duty is to point out to you the nature and principles of Freemasonry, though I feel sure you would not seek to build up the superstructure without first making yourselves well acquainted with the foundation upon which you erect it. Masonry teaches you the evil effects of infidelity; its foundation is a belief in the Creator; it goes on to enforce the duty we owe to God, our neighbours, and ourselves. It shows us the value of time (as in the twenty-four inch gauge); it shows that we must cultivate "brotherly love"—the glory of the Institution; that we must relieve the necessities of others. In fine, that we must practise not only that "Charity" which thinketh no evil; but that Charity also which inclines our hearts (out of the abundance which God has given us) to succour the wants of others. And here I would, as in duty bound, call your attention to the three noble Institutions of the Order—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Asylum for the Aged; do

what you can for them in your Lodge, both by furnishing Stewards at the respective Festivals, and strengthening their hands by liberal contributions. Do what you can both collectively and individually to carry out these principles; cultivate Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Then may you hope, when finally summoned, you may hope to be transferred from your Lodge on earth to the Grand Temple above, there to enjoy for ever the brightest of all Freemasonry, viz., perfect Light, eternal Charity, and everlasting Peace.

And now to yourselves a few words of friendly caution. You create to-day another important band of brothers, who are, as years roll on, and I hope for many, to meet and work together in harmony and good will. There must be no differences, no jealousies, no envyings. You will have from time to time to fill up gaps among your number, as outward circumstances take some, sickness others, or the last catastrophe of life claims its prey; and you place the acacia sprig upon a brother's grave. You will have, I say, to choose others in their places; be careful how you make the choice; see that the candidate's moral and physical conduct render him likely to be a kind-hearted companion; and look also to his general position, i.e., whether he is likely to leave those belonging to him in poverty or distress. I say this because I feel, and with regret, that too many join us under the idea that Masonry is to a great extent a "Benefit Society," and that they may take less concern about their own personal affairs because the Brotherhood will look well after their widows and children. And so the Brotherhood will, in all cases of unforeseen calamity and distress; but this should never be relied on. We have, it is true, opulence and wealth among us; we have grand and noble Institutions; we have private deeds of Masonic benevolence done daily; but the applications, as you will see from studying the statistics, exceed the means at hand, and many to our sorrow must be and are passed over. And now, *vive* Lodge La France! May God speed you in your work to-day! You, my French brethren, descendants of an ancient warlike race, have pitched your Masonic tent in a land of commerce. May you increase and prosper in those great truths and teachings which are so well calculated to cement the harmony of two great nations. There have unfortunately been times when the links in the chain of harmony have been broken. I trust it may not be so again; the rivets that secure them seem more strongly welded now. I read a few days ago in the *Times* newspaper a letter signed by Mr. M. Bentham Edwards, where he says:—"It has been my privilege to spend months, nay years, at a time under French roofs, alike in Eastern and Western France; among Catholics and Protestants, advanced Republicans, faithful adherents of the Empire, and of the House of Orleans; and I have never found (setting aside political and commercial interests) any feeling but that of the warmest sympathy for England." And he concludes thus:—"We are better liked because we are better understood than formerly; that is the simple truth of the matter. But we must live in France, and break bread at many a hospitable French board before we realise how alike in matters moral, intellectual, and social, the great, generous, unforgetting heart of the noble French nation is with us, knit in bonds which neither false steps in diplomacy nor selfish commercial interests can ever displace, much less sever." And I agree with him, and I believe that Freemasonry will do more to connect and continue this interchange of good feeling and social intercourse than other means that can be offered. But I feel that I have now claimed your attention long enough, and I thank you for giving me your ear a little space. I have spoken to you with every desire to impress upon your minds the fraternal good will which actuates us as English Masons in greeting brethren from another land. I shall always cherish and look with interest upon your efforts for the Craft in this your English Lodges. For half a century I have been attached to the Order, and I have seen nothing connected with it to exceed in interest our labours of to-day; and in heart and soul my benison is with you. In conclusion, as your Lodge goes on, speak no angry words, for life is too brief for aught but Brotherly Love. Seek to hide a brother's faults; remember, gentle words revive the heart, and oftentimes mend friendship's broken chain, and cause the afflicted to forget his sorrows. Thus walk, my brethren, in your Masonic course;

"And live in Love, and do  
To all what good you can;  
And if a brother's heart's sincere  
Give him your hand; be not severe  
On little faults or trifles here:  
The Heart's the Man!"

The other portions of the Consecration ceremony were gone through in regular order. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the W.M. elect presented for Installation. A Board of Masters was opened, and Bro. E. H. Thiellay was duly inducted in the chair by the Consecrating Officer. There were 28 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the readmittance of the brethren the W.M. invested as his Officers Bros. C. Montenuis S.W., H. Bué J.W., Mesrouze Secretary, Dubois S.D., and Cadot J.D. The election of Treasurer and the appointment of I.G. and other minor Officers was postponed. Bro. Charch was elected Tyler. The W.M. had much pleasure in testifying the high appreciation of Lodge La France at the honour which it had received by the presence of the eminent and distinguished brethren commissioned by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master for its consecration. He had the inestimable privilege of proposing as Honorary Members W. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, T. Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, Robert Grey P.G.D., Ambrose Hall Past Grand Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D., and H. C. Levander Past G.D., this proposition was seconded by Bro. Montenuis and carried unanimously. The Grand Secretary having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. begged to offer the most sincere and heartfelt thanks of the members to W. Bro. Frank Richardson for the great personal interest he so kindly took in the formation and successful advent of the Lodge. He also begged to offer their warmest thanks to the W.M.'s and brethren of the Tuscan and St. Andrew Lodges respectively, for their valuable support, and proposed the election, as honorary members, of Bro. W. Jarvis G. Steward W.M. of the Tuscan Lodge,

No. 14, and Bro. Finnis W.M. of the St. Andrew No. 231. This was seconded by Bro. Montenuis, and carried unanimously. The Secretary then read a list of applicants for joining and initiation, after which Lodge was closed until the 3rd Monday in November. The brethren, forty-four in number, adjourned to banquet. The first toast which the W.M. had the honour to propose was that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, with which he coupled Prosperity to the Craft. The next was that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master. Unfortunately, he had not the eloquence adequately to dwell on such an illustrious name, but he could assert that H.R.H. gloriously reigned, not only in every Englishman's heart, but also in every right thinking Frenchman's breast. The toast he desired them to drink was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The next toast he had also great honour in proposing—Our Country, La France—with it coupling the name of the President Monsieur Grevy. He trusted that the Union Jack and Tricolour as there presented might ever be entwined with the closest bonds of honour and intimate Brotherly love. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past, was next given, the name of the V.W. Bro. Ambrose Hall Past G. Chaplain being coupled with it. That brother, in an eloquent speech, replied. There were many Grand Officers present, but he felt that no one of them could say with greater sincerity that he wished the Lodge every success. He considered the meeting an auspicious one in Freemasonry—leading to the banners of the two great countries, England and France, being blended in such peace and harmony as then prevailed. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on them, and wished the Lodge prosperity in all it undertook. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Consecrating Officer. It was superfluous for him to appeal for appreciation of such an imposing ceremony as they had that day witnessed, for he was convinced that every one present fully recognised its solemnity and impressive dignity. They owed a debt of gratitude to the distinguished brethren who had attended and consecrated their Lodge, and could now express it by honouring the toast proposed on their behalf. The Grand Secretary replied. He had had great pleasure in undertaking the work which had fallen to his lot, and as no I.P.M. had been appointed would take upon himself to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. The Founders of the Lodge had selected a brother to fill the chair who was in every way capable of performing the duties required of him. Bro. Thiellay had been known to the speaker for many years, and he was pleased to see him in the position of first Master of this Lodge, over whose destinies he was quite competent to preside. His ruling could but prove an advantage to the brethren. The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren most heartily for the honour bestowed upon him that day. He trusted that his appointment would inaugurate a perpetual and uninterrupted existence of brotherly love and prosperity to La France Lodge. A toast was then proposed, and duly honoured, on behalf of the Worshipful Masters of the Tuscan and St. Andrew Lodges, to both of which Lodge La France was deeply indebted. Bro. Jervis W.M. 14 had great pleasure in responding to this toast, on behalf of the Tuscan Lodge; as also had Bro. Finnis W.M. 222 on behalf of the St. Andrew. The Visitors was then given from the chair, the W.M. coupling the names of brother Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, and Bro. Hopkinson Past Master of the Tuscan Lodge, with the toast. These two brethren having responded, the toast of the Officers was given. The W.M. hoped to see his S.W., Bro. Montenuis in the East when his time came round, so that the Lodge might have the benefit of his Masonic abilities. The J.W., Bro. Bué, was a constant attendant at the Lodge of Emulation, and might be expected to closely scrutinize what was done, while his knowledge of the ritual must be of benefit to the Lodge. The Secretary had been most attentive to the affairs of the Lodge, and most assiduous in his efforts to secure the success of their opening meeting. The Deacons were equally worthy of their regard. Bro. Cadot, J.D., was the originator of the Société Nationale Française, in London, with a roll of 1400 members, and from which Society only, according to bye-laws, they anticipated to receive aspirants to Lodge La France membership. There was also Bros. Coiffier, whom the W.M. hoped to invest as Treasurer at the next meeting. He concluded by asking the brethren to respond enthusiastically to the toast, because the brethren comprised in it represented the actual and future vitality of La France Lodge. The toast of the Charities followed. The proposal of this always made a benevolent Mason's heart glow with delight, especially when, as in the present instance, they had one of the well-known representatives of the great Masonic Institutions present to reply. He had great pleasure in calling on Bro. Binckes to acknowledge the toast. He was respected by all who knew him, and, as the indefatigable Secretary of the Boys' School, was known throughout the country. Bro. Binckes replied in his usual forcible manner, after which the Masonic Press was toasted. They had representatives present of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the *Freemason*, and the *Chaine d'Union* of Paris—to these publications the Masonic world was greatly indebted for the protection of Masonic truths, as well as for the dissemination of its mysterious lore. Bro. Levy, responding, was pleased to be associated with the toast. It had always been his endeavour to give a proper report of the proceedings of the Lodges he visited. The Masonic Press always kept the great cause of Charity to the front, and, if supported, would continue to do so. The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Czerns, who was assisted by Bros. Ashton, Coates, and Bevan. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by Bro. H. E. Frances P.G.D.C. Surrey, on Monday next, the 27th inst., at the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall P.G. Chaplain has kindly promised to attend and assist. A supper will afterwards be supplied.

## MARK MASONRY.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire was held at the Town Hall, Chorley, on Wednesday, the 15th instant. The Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Lathom Past Grand M.M.M. presided.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master proceeded to consecrate the Lawrence Mark Lodge, No. 313, which was done with due solemnity. The Rev. T. B. Spencer (owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw Provincial Grand Chaplain), was unexpectedly called upon to act as Grand Chaplain, and after the first part of the processional anthem he delivered an oration. In the course of an earnest address he rejoiced in the spread of Mark Masonry, and said he believed that in a proper observance of Masonic principles would be found the best means of maintaining its success and vitality. The anthem was then concluded, and the consecration prayer followed, the Provincial Grand Master subsequently pouring out the emblems according to the ancient Masonic ritual, and dedicating and constituting the Lodge.

The following were appointed the first Officers of the new Lodge:—Bros. J. Lawrence W.M., J. Corbitt S.W., J. M. Kerr J.W., J. Heald M.O., R. Irving S.O., A. Hall J.O., T. F. Jackson S.D., J. Bradshaw J.D., L. Eccles Secretary, J. Hopkinson I.G., and J. B. Whitnell Tyler. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with. The roll of Lodges having been called, it was found that five were unrepresented. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. J. T. Milnes 123	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
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T. J. Jackson 313	...	
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It was proposed and resolved that the following sums be granted: £10 10s to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; £10 10s East Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Institution; and £5 5s to the "Dewar" Fund. Bro. H. G. Bell W.M. said he was authorised, on behalf of Lodge 143, to extend to the Provincial Grand Lodge a cordial invitation to visit Preston next year. Bro. A. Beattie, in supporting, assured the Provincial Grand Master that if Preston was chosen a warm welcome would be extended. The decision rests with Lord Lathom, and will not be made known for some months.

Earl Lathom having been thanked for consecrating the Lawrence Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, after the Provincial Grand Master had stated that, acting on the advice of his physician, he should be compelled to return home before evening, and therefore must deprive himself of the pleasure of dining with the brethren.

The banquet was well served to about seventy brethren at Stansfield's Hotel, the chair being occupied by Brother Hargreaves, of Accrington, acting Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master.

### ALFRED LODGE, No. 247.

THE festival and installation of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when the W.M. elect, Brother J. M. Dormor P.P.G.A. Sec., was installed to the government of the Lodge for the coming year. The ceremony was carefully rendered by Bro. Christopher Park P.P.G.W., the other chairs being filled by Bros. Rev. J. H. Jukes

P.G.C., F. Ryman Hall, J. M. Dormor, A. Rowley, H. G. W. Drinkwater, T. Lucas, J. A. Acock, C. A. Bacon, and C. Phillips; Bro. W. R. Bowden presiding at the organ. At the close of the installation the newly-installed Master appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Ryman Hall I.P.M., J. J. Hughes S.W., A. Rowley J.W., A. Wheeler M.O., H. O. Crane S.O., Drinkwater J.O., Lucas Treasurer, C. A. Bacon Secretary, Dr. Edward Horne Registrar of Marks, J. A. Acock S.D., W. R. Bowden J.D., Charles Phillips D.C., R. H. Hodgson Organist, G. H. Osmond and John Seary Stewards, George Norwood Tyler. The brethren dined together in the banquetting room of the Lodge after the above proceedings, under the genial sway of the newly-appointed W.M.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia will be held, by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in the Library of Colchester Castle, under the banner of the Constantine Lodge, No. 145, on Monday next, 27th instant. The use of the Library having been kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. James Round, M.P., Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at half-past two, and a banquet will be served at the George Hotel, at five o'clock, tickets for which, including wine and dessert, are fixed at 10s 6d each.

## SYMBOLS.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

**THE TABERNACLE.**—About fifty days after the children of Israel left their bondage in the land of Egypt. Moses was, by divine command, led up to the summit of Mount Sinai to receive the law, which embodied the building of a tabernacle for worship, according to a plan given him by the Almighty.—(Exodus xxv. 8, 9.) The relation of the tabernacle's position to the points of the compass is not definitely stated in the original command, but the inference is strong that it was situated due east and west, as seen by the command for the building of the different sides.—(Exodus xxvii. 9-13.) Masonic symbolisms teach that it was so situated that it might "receive the first rays of the rising sun, and to commemorate that mighty east wind by which their miraculous deliverance was effected." It was the pattern of the temple subsequently built by Solomon, in which all the apartments of the tabernacle were faithfully preserved.

The symbolisms of Masonry speak of the apartments as representing "the three great elementary divisions of the universe—the land, the sea, and the air." Whether these symbols are drawn from biblical authority, or are the offspring of the writer's fancy, are matters for others to settle; but it is safe to say that the symbolisms of these matters were well understood by the people to whom they were given. Paul, in his writings, represents the human body as a temple, hence it may not be amiss, in using his representation, to so consider it. The outer court of both temple and tabernacle was used by the people, the first or larger one of the temple or tabernacle was for the common priests, whilst the innermost court, or holy of holies, was only for the annual visits of the high priests. The uses of the different apartments are good representations of the uses of the different elements of the human system. The body is the seat of all the ordinary passions, which properly used, are in exact accordance with duty and the divine command. Improperly used they are the causes of all sin, bringing us under the necessity of sorrow and repentance. The mind, or the second element, is the designer of all the plans to meet the necessities or the exigencies of the body; it is therefore the administrator of the laws that govern the body. The innocent and most important element of man, the soul, is that part which holds, in its highest relation, communion with God, as the high priest did in presenting his annual offering to the Most High.

Paul presents, in 2 Corinthians v. 1, a beautiful figure of the tabernacle in its relation to the human system at the time of death, representing it after dissolution as having a "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The tabernacle being made of canvas of very fine and beautiful texture was so erected that upon each movement of Israel from place to place it was dissolved, or taken down, and erected again in another place. It is, therefore, a representation of the temporary dwelling of man upon the earth, and of his probationary state. It being only the preparatory place of worship, pending the time of the building of the permanent temple, indicates that human

life is only the condition preparatory for a more permanent dwelling in the grand temple on high. This being true, the real temple, man's body, with all its high functions should be kept in a state of purity as great as that of the temple and tabernacle, in order that when the time of our earthly dissolution comes we may have an entrance into the eternal tabernacle.

The outer courts being designed for the uses of men, the holy of holies was peculiarly consecrated to the worship of God; so, while man is allowed the uses of body and mind, the spiritual or soul nature should be dedicated to God. It is unnecessary, in this place, to speak of all the symbolisms of the tabernacle, as they more properly belong to another branch of Masonry. Both the tabernacle and temple symbolize also the protectorate of God in his dealings with man, wherein he watches over the general affairs of man and necessarily demands from him an implicit faith.

The existence of the tabernacle and its origin is a matter of much importance. Bible readers generally have understood that its peculiar construction was by divine command, but the Egyptologists have shown us, "that the very idea came from the banks of the Nile;" that the Israelites were indebted to the religions of Egypt for the breast plate of the high priest—the Urim and Thummin. Here then are two well defined theories. First, that all matters concerning the tabernacle, and the Israelitish form of worship, were by the express plan of the divine mind. Second, that all these were merely borrowed from Egypt, and incorporated by Moses in the law because he "was learned in all the wisdom of Egypt." Now they were either one or the other distinctively, or they were a blending of the two. The Bible being true they were by divine command, for God could not borrow from a heathen to establish a divine religion. If they were merely borrowed then the divine writing cannot be true.

May there not be such a thing as the establishment of those forms of tabernacle and worship somewhere in great antiquity and their subsequent incorporation into the Egyptian religion, and therefore may they not be divine in their very incipency, and then by divine command committed to a written religion by the hand of Moses. In the absence of direct history it may be hard to trace this theory, but there is sufficient presumptive evidence to make it plausible, at least. It must first, then, be accepted as a fact that Adam had some form of a religion, but that form is not given us in Bible history, nor is it stated through what line of his descendants it was perpetuated. Passing over a vast period of time, we meet the event when Abraham, after his return from the battle with the five kings, met Melchisedec, who "was the priest of the Most High God" (Gen. xiv. 18), and who conferred his blessing upon the worthy patriarch."

Previous to this time there seems to have been no regularly organised form of religion observed by Abraham, and there seems to have been no form commanded until the time when God was about to establish his covenant with him, when he commanded a sacrifice (Gen. xv. 8, 9), and when he confirms the covenant (Gen. xvii.) Egypt was at that time a well organised people (Gen. xii.), while Abraham and his people were a nomadic tribe; but Melchisedec was the King of Salem, Jerusalem (Gen. xiv. 18), the land afterwards promised to Abraham. His being a priest indicates a form of religion. Being from the Most High God indicates a divine religion. Conferring the blessing upon Abraham indicates, with the divine command of a sacrifice, the conference of a form of religion. The covenant of God embraces the rite of circumcision (Gen. xvii.) Now, is it probable that God would thus have established so important a covenant without accompanying it with some form of worship?

It may be possible that Melchisedec was observing the ancient form of divine worship which was now conferred upon the Hebrew patriarch, but here we lose sight of Melchisedec. May it not be that the true religion of God was at that time observed in the whole land among the organised governments, Egypt included, and that subsequently becoming corrupted it drifted into idolatry?

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

## MONDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 46—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).  
 1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Peabury 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, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Barlett Row. (Inst.)  
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1110—Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1891—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.  
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle  
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare  
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

## TUESDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 92—Moina, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 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)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.  
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.  
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)  
 160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 621—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent  
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire  
 996—Hewketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley  
 1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking  
 1358—Torba, Town Hall, Plaignton  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

- R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland  
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley  
 R.A. 621—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent  
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canetbury  
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 534—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, Pinner-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eva Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Grafton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hackmondwike  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
 430—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire  
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester  
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

## THURSDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 293—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe  
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
 897—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon  
 164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.

1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1376—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 13 Stramondgate, Kendal  
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton  
 M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray  
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

### FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

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)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
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 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford  
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
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 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
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 R.A. 1486—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
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 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
 1667—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, Bros. Prior W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Catt J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, J. W. Freeman S.D., Banks J.D., Ingram I.G., Hutchings P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Penrose, Nunn, and Emblin. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penrose candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Penrose then answered the questions leading to the third degree in a very satisfactory manner, and the Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Thomas Nunn W.M. of the Chiselhurst Lodge was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Penrose for the very able manner in which he had worked the three ceremonies. Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 17th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, present Bros. Jas. S. Edmeston W.M., C. Andrews (Preceptor) S.W., W. J. Sperring J.W., F. Botley Secretary, C. E. Botley S.D., E. Monson J.D., V. Wing I.G. Past Masters Bros. Gnnner, Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Backs, Sugg P.P.G.O. Surrey, Beckett W.M. 780. Visitors the Rev. P. G. Pickering, M.A., W.M. 35 P.P.G. Chaplain Hants and I. of W., Garner 1602. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the fourth and first sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Pickering was elected a member. Announcement was made that Bro. Jas. Stevens would give his Lecture on the 31st inst., and that Bro. W. W. Morgan would deliver one of his Lectures on Friday, the 14th November. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. The meetings of this Lodge of Instruction are now well attended, and visitors at all times receive a cordial greeting.

**Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.**—A meeting was held on the 20th instant, at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, W., Bros. W. A. Vincent W.M. 1139 W.M., J. Cruttenden S.W., W. J. Mason J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Preceptor and Treasurer, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 Secretary, H. Purdue W.M. 834 S.D., E. F. Ferris J.D., W. Middleweek Steward, C. J. Morse I.G. Past Masters Bros. W. H. Chalfort 1425, Capt. A. Nicols 1974; H. Curtis 1425, S. J. Hamfress, F. Chandler, C. G. Wetzler,

D. Stroud, J. Stephens, C. S. Mote, E. J. Day. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Hamfress and Wetzler candidates. The first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Curtis was elected a member, and Bro. Cruttenden W.M. for next meeting. On Monday, the 10th November, Bro. W. W. Morgan, W.M. 211, has consented to deliver his popular Lecture, "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development." The business of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, until 27th inst.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 20th instant, at Brother Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Rhodes W.M., Western S.W., Stretch J.W., Neison acting Secretary, Parkes S.D., Snook J.D., Turner I.G., Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Atterton acting as candidate. Bros. Potter and Atterton answered questions leading to second degree. Bros. Turtle and Ryan were elected members. Bro. Western was appointed W.M. for next week. After the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren spent a few hours most harmoniously together, several of them giving songs, and otherwise contributing to the enjoyment of the company.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, 18th inst., at the Hampshire Hog Tavern, Hammersmith. Present:—Bros. G. Gardner W.M., F. R. Hayes S.W., J. Brown J.W., G. Gardner Treasurer, H. Furze (acting Secretary), W. H. Wilson S.D., A. Williams J.D., A. Stroud I.G. Past Master Bro. E. Ayling Preceptor; W. Johnson, W. H. Notley, R. Wimpey, J. Davies, Sims, Horton, Smither. The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Notley candidate. Bro. Notley answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies being the candidate. Lodge was resumed, when the Preceptor worked the second section of the first lecture. Upon the Master rising, Bro. Notley was elected a member of the Lodge, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. W. H. Wilson, for presenting the Lodge with two P.M.'s aprons. The Lodge furniture is now complete, with the exception of collars. This reflects great credit on the various brethren who have presented different articles; the Lodge has only been working for a short period.

We congratulate Bro. Seymour-Smith on the marked success of his Annual Benefit Concert on Saturday last. It was held, as we announced it would be, in the South Place Institute, close by the Moorgate Street Station, E.C., and we have seldom seen a hall better filled, or filled with a more enthusiastic body of the friends and well wishers of our talented and popular brother. The Concert was in two parts, and from beginning to end gave entire satisfaction. Among the numbers which were most applauded, and most deserved the applause bestowed upon them, may be mentioned the musical sketch, "Lord Mayor's Day," and a new part song, "Ye Catte," both of them being the composition of Bro. Seymour-Smith, "The Children's Home" (Cowen), by Miss Meta Russell; Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," by Mr. W. Morrow; "Auld Robin Gray," by Madame Agnes Ross; and Mr. Michael Watson's new song, "Little Sue."

At the weekly meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, near the Highbury Station, the several chairs were filled as follows:—Comps. Brasted M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Shaw J., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds (Preceptor) S.N., Knight P.S. There was a good attendance, and the ceremony was rehearsed most creditably.

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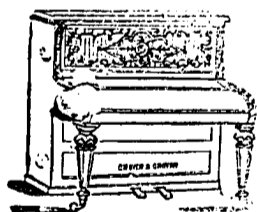
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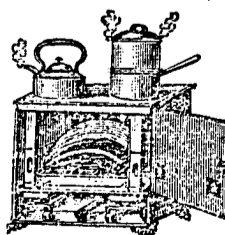
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