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ALMOST everybody has heard of the Irishman in the story, who when twitted with having been nowhere in a race, retorted, with bland Hibernian complacency, "Begorra! and didn't ye see I druv them all before me like a flock of sheep?" The simile may well be applied to those lethargic brethren who, after the first flush of enthusiasm aroused by their entrance into the Craft, cool down to the conclusion that they "see nothing in Masonry." Their philosophy is on all fours with that of Mr. Weller, who after marriage was fain to declare that "whether it was worth while going through so much to learn so little" must ever with him remain a problem. No amount of example can stir the apathetic Mason to emulation in discovering the hidden mysteries of nature and science; no sermonising will stir the impulses and keep alive the resolutions so well formed when the candidate is vouchsafed the predominant wish of his heart. These remarks are prompted by our having met, in the course of a provincial holiday tour, with brethren whose erstwhile patriotism is a matter of agreeable recollection, but who appear either to have lost heart, by disappointment, or to have become satiated by blushing honours that have been thrust upon them. There is no royal road to distinction, any more in the Craft than out of it; and the rule applies to all gradations of human existence. Without work ye shall not eat; and it is only by the utilisation of opportunities and the development of industry that true worth is rewarded. Let us cite a couple of examples we recently encountered during our peregrinations in the country, and both bearing on the motto that heads this article. An estimable brother, possessed of intelligence and administrative ability, rose rapidly, like a Saul amongst his fellows, and in the race for position was soon shoulder-high above them all. In the various grades through which he passed his duties were performed in manner which stamped him as a promising ornament to the Craft whose tenets he loved and whose principles he espoused to the very letter. His zeal was tempered with discretion, and on reaching the pinnacle of his ambition, he ruled his Lodge with fervency and wisdom. With solid satisfaction we watched the opening of a career which promised to blossom into riper fruits, to the benefit and building up of the Lodge to which our friend belonged, and in the promotion of whose interests he evinced such zealous activity. But he seems to have been unable to look beyond the chair, and almost immediately after the Past Master's jewel glistened on his breast he relapsed into an unaccountable lethargy from which no advice, no recollection of past ambition, could arouse him. "Couldn't stand the corn, you know," mournfully suggested those who saw that he had been spoilt by inordinate prosperity. Nor was the effect of this "falling away" for his first love lost upon those whom he had hitherto assisted and led in the mastery of the beautiful symbols of the Craft. The Past Master was "conspicuous by his absence" at the future meetings of the Lodge, his attendance at which was more honoured in the breach than the observance. Instead of maintaining its high prestige and growing influence, that Lodge became almost a dead letter, and the members seem to have caught the depressing influence of the lukewarmness displayed by one who had been looked up to as a pattern

of industry. Is not this an example which finds a parallel in many other branches of our Institution? The other case over which we might well utter a deploring sigh is that of a man who was initiated into the same Lodge, and on the very evening on which our first-named brother saw the light. It was a reproduction of the old fable anent the hare and the tortoise. Whether or not he was dazzled by the sublimity which always impresses itself upon the mind of the novice, or whether from innate modesty or slothfulness, we need not enquire, but he never essayed a step beyond those through which he was led until he arose from the figurative death. His foot was placed upon the first rung of the Masonic ladder, and he kept it there, never for a moment aspiring to a pace beyond, nor caring to inquire below the surface of that Pierian spring whence flow the rippling fountains of knowledge and power. Proffers of instruction were evaded by flimsy excuses, and invitations to accept office were in like manner rejected. The inevitable and painful sequence was that these two brethren, whose social position and acquirements would have rendered them valuable acquisitions to the Lodge, became a wet blanket, retarding instead of encouraging the aspirations of those by whom they were surrounded. It is not our desire or purpose to hold up these examples as indicating the general rule of those who are admitted within the pale of Freemasonry, though many there are who, wise after the event, carp at their fellows and proclaim that there is often a lack of discrimination on the part of those who recommend candidates for initiation. It is not at all times possible to discern the peculiarities of temperament belonging to men who of their own free will and accord present themselves for participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Nor can we foretell the duration of that aptitude and zeal which are almost invariably displayed by those whose early steps we watch along the chequered floor. As a rule, we believe that the sponsors of candidates are actuated by a sincere wish to benefit the Lodges to which they belong, and who would not knowingly introduce members that might ultimately turn out to be drones in the Masonic hive. There is no accounting for the manner in which early aspirations may be diverted from their original channels, and a keen sense of the beautiful blunted by natural indolence and apathy. It is the same in every walk of life, and a counteracting agency it may at times be difficult to discover. The best antidote, to our mind, is in the effort to keep alive the spirit of quiet and progressive industry which is fostered in our Lodges of Instruction, and to make these nurseries of thought and action as attractive as possible. In London and the other large centres of Masonic activity this laudable endeavour is, we are happy to say, carefully encouraged by discreet veterans of the Craft, whose plodding example and steady industry cannot fail to produce a salutary effect upon the Lodges to which they are attached. Thus, in many of our Lodges of Instruction brief and interesting lectures on the history and symbolic beauties of the art are delivered at intervals as a relief to the monotony of the ritual, which to some capacities becomes wearisome, and this practice of interspersing the ordinary routine of intermediate work cannot be too highly commended. In the country, we admit, the difficulties of arranging for these concordances, so to speak, are greater than in towns, for the simple reason that it is rare to find in a small Lodge—having no frequent oppor-

tunities of interchanging thought and information—men of sufficient courage and research who are disposed to set themselves up as mentors or preceptors. Nor is it easy to impart this interest and instruction by means of books or periodicals, for it is a fact, proved by painful experience, that members of Lodges, though they will listen attentively and applaud appreciatively a discourse of half-an-hour's duration, are seldom gifted with a sufficient passion for inquiry as to read for themselves the result of deeper and more radical research. In the storehouses of Masonic literature are "gems of purest ray serene"—splendid passages of traditional and archæological lore, raked out from the dusty pages of the remote past,—but which are doomed to "blush unseen" or not even dreamt of in the philosophy of ordinary Masons. Only those who intelligently grasp the important bearings of literature upon the life and vitality of the Brotherhood can realise and appreciate the valuable services which have been rendered to the Craft by the few writers who have become eminent amongst us; but we have reason to fear that to the vast majority of our brethren the deeper springs of intellectual enjoyment are as unknown as the unexplored bed of the ocean. For all that, it is expedient that constant effort should be exercised in the direction of sustaining the flagging interest and keeping alive the flame of ambition of those who without such aids would relapse into a backward or lukewarm frame of mind. When we hear a brother exclaim that he has retired from the regular meetings of his Lodge, and that he does not "see anything" in Masonry, one can only commiserate with a mind whose moral faculties have become disorganised, or with an ambition that is very easily satisfied. In either case such brethren are better away from the Lodges than in them, for apathy is as catching as a cough before a sermon, and insidiously works incalculable mischief. There is little hope of reclaiming the class of men to which we refer, who have retraced their steps in the science, and forgotten what little it was the honest intention of their superiors to teach them. But the increase and development of this indifference may be stayed in a great measure by infusing additional attractiveness into Lodges of Instruction, and we are glad to notice many evidences of this determination on the part of our brethren to sustain the fervour and cordiality with which such gatherings should always abound.

THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

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IN the next chapter, which, though a brief one, is replete with interesting matter, Bro. Hughan discusses the "Extension of Additional Degrees." Having pointed out how fortunate the Royal Arch Degree was in having secured the recognition of the "Atholl" and "York" Masons, Bro. Hughan expresses his agreement with Bro. Carson that "the desire for a return to the exclusively Christian basis of the Fraternity was one of the chief causes which led to the fabrication of additional degrees." The passage quoted from Carson is as follows: "Some time between 1723-1745 (the exact time will possibly never be known, the movement going on by evolution), some of the brethren who wished to preserve the Christian features of the old Order formed themselves into Societies, adjuncts, however, to the Lodges. . . . It must be admitted that the present cosmopolitan or latitudinarian character of the Symbolic or Craft Degrees of Freemasonry (*i.e.*, the first three) dates only from 1721. Prior to that time its members were required to believe in Mother Church (*i.e.* Christian Religion)." This view is so reasonable that we imagine most people will endorse it, especially as it is exemplified by the fact that of the extra-Craft degrees those have achieved the greatest distinction which have a Christian basis to rest upon. But Bro. Hughan does not think it necessary to occupy his time in discussing this conjecture at length, and having contented himself with stating it, at once lays before his readers the information he has succeeded in collating about other degrees. The senior of these, of which any records have been preserved, is that of the "Royal Order of Scotland," and respecting this Bro. Hughan repeats the suggestion that it is probably the degree referred to under the designation of "Scotts Masons"—not the "Scots Masons

"Lodges" mentioned in Pine's and other lists, but the "Scotts' Masons" noted by Bro. Goldney in his "History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire" under date the 19th October 1746. Other Degrees are mentioned, among them being the Excellent and Super-Excellent referred to in a minute dated 16th August 1763 of a "Modern" Lodge at Great Yarmouth, and the Knight Templar, which, singularly enough, occurs for the first time, so far as is known, in a minute of the St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., of 28th August 1769. Of course, the Warrant granted by the Earl of Eglinton as Master of Mother Kilwinning to the "High Knights Templars of Ireland, Kilwinning Lodge" to assemble in Dublin from 8th October 1769 is introduced. It seems the records of this Lodge, which was constituted the 27th December following, have been recently discovered by Bro. Neilson, and they disclose the extraordinary fact that "the Charter was used as the authority for conferring the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Rose Croix Degrees in 1782 and since, though that document only provided for the rights and privileges of 'a regular Lodge,' the Scottish 'Kilwinning' Brethren never at any time working other than 'St. John's Masonry.'" The Mark, too, receives its just share of attention, having regard to the limited extent to which Bro. Hughan has considered it necessary to confine his remarks. The result of these investigations is thus summed up:—"Of the several degrees worked in England last century, the only ones actually recognised were the Royal Arch by the 'York' and 'Atholl' Masons, and the Knight Templar by the former Body. Since the *Union* of December 1813 the Royal Arch *only* has been authorised by the 'United Grand Lodge,' and then, strictly speaking, not as a separate degree, but as the completion of the Third, including, of course, the special ceremonies peculiar to the installation of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters."

In our next paper we shall traverse the Seventh Chapter, in which is considered the "Constitution of the Grand Chapter," and offer some few remarks on the documents furnished in the several appendices.

(To be continued.)

The Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the Province of Essex, of which M.E. Comp. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, is the Grand Superintendent, will be holden at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Wednesday next, the 19th inst., at 2.45 o'clock p.m., when the attendance is required of the Provincial Grand Officers, with the Principals and Past Principals of the Chapters in the Province. All R.A. Masons are invited to be present. The Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened punctually at three o'clock.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, on Thursday. Companions Gregory M.E.Z., Kidder H., Radcliffe J., Sheffield S.E., Brasted S.M., G. W. Knight P.S. There was a large gathering of I.M. Masons on the occasion, and a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent. R.A. Masons are kindly invited to attend the Chapter of Improvement, which is always well supported. Companion T. C. Edmonds is the Preceptor.

At the meeting of the Industry Chapter, No. 186, held on 21st ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, Comp. Jas. Terry installed Bro. J. G. Horsey as M.E.Z., Comp. Geo. Allen as H., and Comp. J. J. Taffs as J. The Companions afterwards partook of a Banquet, but the Most Excellent Comp. Horsey was suffering so acutely from neuralgia that he had to retire at a very early stage of the evening.

The *Evening News* states the testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Senior Deacon since 1878, in recognition of his extensive services to Masonry, as a Masonic historian, archæologist, and student, will be presented on the afternoon of Wednesday, 3rd December, at a banquet to be given at the Freemasons' Tavern. There is a long list of subscribers to the testimonial, and, as a large number of brethren will be in town for the purpose of attending Grand Lodge the same evening, the meeting is expected to be well attended.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ASAPH LODGE, No. 1319.

WITHOUT questioning the desirability or otherwise of class Lodges, which is a subject that seriously exercises many of our brethren, we may at once state this is one that has been established especially for the members of the Theatrical and Musical Profession. The brethren always assemble at an early hour of the day, and the custom of but one banquet a year finds favour among its supporters. The annual meeting took place on Monday, the 3rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, when Brother Charles E. Tinney, the Senior Warden during the past year, was installed in the chair by his predecessor, Brother F. Delevante, the retiring W.M. The ceremony was carefully and impressively performed, and Bro. Delevante was highly complimented by the many distinguished Masons who attended to do honour to the occasion. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Ashley S.W., Kemp J.W., Coote Treas., Chamberlain P.M. Sec., H. J. Tinney S.D., Woodridge J.D., Smith I.G., Hitchins D.C., Fairchild and Beveridge Stewards, Konig Organist, and Gilber Tyler. The following brethren were present as Visitors:—Littlejohn 780, Randolph 1373, Pilcher 442 Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden, Stevens Inner Guard 501, Cummings Senior Warden 1077, Lloyd P.M. 1201, Stevens W.M. 1793, Andrews 201, Massey P.M. 1277, Fitzgerald W.M. 1364, Innes W.M. 795, Bottrell 706, Bailey 1719, Hobbs 1351, Brander W.S. 1563, Stone 704, Tyler S.D. 59, Rosenthal S.D. 585, Moore P.M. 862, Brongh 1609, Hensen 1706, Schway 1348, Money J.D. 1585, Jones P.P.J.D. Middlesex, Moy P.M. 780, Douglas 1475, Morgan W.M. 211, Kennedy S.D. 1430, Warner, Maybury, Bishop J.W. 231, Holmes St. Albans, Addison 987, Williamson, Sutton 231, Stedman W.M. 1765, Clemow W.M. 1589, Johnson P.M. 134, Harker 1987, Taylor 409, Duffy 53, Hanson 1706, Tayler W.M. 1852 P.P.G. Superintendent Works Surrey, Keogh, Binckes Past Master [Steward, Mackintosh P.M. 4, Kempton 1706, Livett P.M. 1351. The banquet was admirably served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), in the Large Hall of the Tavern; 120 guests sat down, the service being superintended by Brother Dawkins. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due form. The new Master, Brother Tinney, in opening the after proceedings, said that considering the attractive programme of music that had been provided, he should limit his remarks upon the toasts. After full honour had been paid to Her Majesty the Queen and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Grand Officers. Unfortunately, as they had heard in Lodge, the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary, who had both been invited, were unable to be present in consequence of illness. They had with them, however, Brother Binckes and Brother Mackintosh, who were Past Grand Stewards, and he would therefore ask them to reply on behalf of the Grand Officers. Brother Binckes, in reply, said that the position of brethren who had the honour to wear the red apron was somewhat anomalous. No one could be a Grand Steward at an expense of less than £50, while five guineas covered the expense of brethren who were honoured with the purple, and, notwithstanding this heavy outlay, Grand Stewards were only Grand Officers while they held that position, and did not rank as Past Grand Officers afterwards. In their case therefore there was this anomaly—that they could be present G. Officers, but not Past G. Officers; it had, however, been stated that though they were not Past Grand Officers, yet, in the absence of any Present or Past Grand Officer, there was no great deviation from propriety in calling upon a Past Grand Steward to respond on behalf of the Grand Officers. He had great pleasure in returning thanks for the honour that had that evening been done the Grand Officers. Bro. Delevante next proposed what he considered as the most important toast of the evening, namely, the health of the W.M. They had not many opportunities in Lodge of expressing their loyalty to their Master, as they only had one banquet in the course of the year, but what they lost in quantity he hoped they would make up for in quality. Their Master came to them with no strange name; his father had been well-known for many years in the professional world of music; he graced the position he held. One son of his was a dearly loved Past Master of the Lodge, and another was worthy of being a Past Master of any number of Lodges; while their present Master, the youngest of the three brothers, had made an honourable position in an excellent profession. In the profession of music he had made such a position as rendered him not unworthy to hold the Mastership of the Lodge of Asaph. He was the right man in the right place; and the brethren of the Lodge of Asaph had reason to be proud of their choice. In his reply the W.M. very sincerely thanked Brother Delevante and the Past Masters and brethren for the honour they had just done him. It was a proud day for him when he was made Master of the Lodge. He had thought it a proud day when he had been initiated into Masonry by Brother William Tinney in 1877, but this was a day of crowning honour. He assured them he should do his very best to carry out the work of the Master's chair. He had had very good examples before him, and if he could only follow in the footsteps of his predecessors he should, he was sure, give satisfaction to the Lodge, and he should feel satisfied himself. The next toast that he had the pleasure to submit to them was the health of Bro. Delevante. The brethren who had attended their Lodge meetings could not but have noticed in what a splendid way Brother Delevante had gone through the ceremonies in the three degrees; he had never been wanting in any point or points. He now came to a very pleasant part of his duty, which was to present Brother Delevante with a jewel which had been voted to him by the members of the Lodge. He had to ask Brother Delevante to allow him to fasten the jewel on his breast; he did this with a great deal of pleasure, and he trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare their brother

many years to wear that jewel, and afford the Lodge the benefit of his Masonic experience. Brother Delevante said it was so sinecure to hold the Mastership of the Lodge of Asaph. He had had to follow in the footsteps of very worthy Masons. During the past year they had had eleven initiates of the right stamp, who had more or less—and generally rather more than less—made a mark in their career in an honourable profession. It must do such men an immense amount of good to be brought in contact with men of the same profession as themselves, and men who could do them an immense amount of Masonic good. He must say to the young men in particular that they should come to the Lodge regular; they must rely upon it where prudence and honour and charity met together in their purest form, they must have a beneficial influence on their career. As Immediate Past Master he must say for his Officers that no man had better Officers in a Masonic Lodge; there never had been a more loyal body than the brethren by whom he had been surrounded. He thanked them very much for the beautiful jewel they had presented him. He hoped he should maintain the good character that the W.M. had given him. He might say that since he was initiated there was only one meeting of the Lodge that he had missed, and then it was compulsory. In his position of Past Master he should use his utmost endeavours to do everything for the good of the Lodge of Asaph and for Freemasonry in general. He thanked them very much for the kindness shown to him. For the Past Master's toast Brothers Weaver and Freenoir responded. The Visitors was acknowledged by Brothers Mackintosh, Jones, and Livett; and for the Officers of the Lodge, Brother Kemp Junior Warden. During the evening an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was performed. The vocalists included Miss Edith Umpleby, Miss Marie Gray, Miss Maud Hayter, Miss Florence Winn; also Brothers Brown, Hausou, Bracy, Stevens, Prenton, Kempton, and Maclean. Brother Stedman's choir boys also assisted. The instrumentalists were Brothers Louis Konig and Hamilton; the conductor being Brother Tinney Senior Deacon. Two very effective recitations were delivered by Miss Annie Maclean, a young lady apparently who possesses considerable talent that should, and doubtless will, be further developed.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE brethren of this Lodge started another year on Thursday, 13th instant, and opened it in such a way as to give every promise of continued success in the future. There was a goodly assemblage of brethren and visitors, and as usual the work of the Lodge, and the pleasures of the banquet which followed, were carried through in a most satisfactory manner. Bro. F. C. Frye, the W.M. of the past year, having regularly opened the Lodge, and transacted the formal business of the day, proceeded to initiate a gentleman into the mysteries of Freemasonry, after which Brother Smout raised a brother who was awaiting the benefits of the third degree. Brother Samuel Parkhouse then assumed the chair, and in a most impressive manner installed Bro. James Bartle as the ninth Worshipful Master of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge; he being assisted in the ceremony by Brother Smout. The brethren having saluted the new Worshipful Master, the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Woodmason Senior Warden, Buckland Junior Warden, Parkhouse P.M. Treasurer, Murlis P.M. Secretary, Wood Senior Deacon, Whitaker Junior Deacon, Lander P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Rev. P. M. Holden Chaplain, Delevante Organist, Crabb I.G., Hook Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Green Steward, Newland Assistant Steward, Scholfield Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed, the addresses being given in a very pleasing manner. Bro. Murlis formally moved—as he has done at each of the former installation meetings—that a sum of fifty guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, in the cause of Charity; to be presented to the Benevolent Institution, that charity having this year been chosen as the one to be supported by the Lodge. Brother Frye, the Immediate Past Master, having undertaken the office of Steward, the amount, when voted, will head his list. Some matters of a routine character, including the election of a brother as honorary member of the Lodge, having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The Visitors were Bros. Markland 144, D. P. Cama 1159, H. D. Cama 255, Briscoe 1929, Thomas 753, Humfress 733, Mason 300, Davis 167, Frye 1694, Dehane 1543, Chandler 1656, Vincent 1624, Morse 1257, Conway 1891, Horton 1744, Britton 22, Unite 144, Ball 1567, Brown 1567, Capt. Nicols 1974, Pearson 1567, Gillingham 1238, Webster 1637, Jefferson 1637, Harding 1238, Cooper 1637, Smith 523, Davey 1507, Harling 30, Gold 1615, Glazebrook 342, Welford 733, Potter 1987, Dillon, &c., while among the members present was Bro. Henry Holmes, on whom has recently been conferred the collar of Assistant Secretary to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire.

The usual toasts followed the banquet, and were interspersed by some excellent songs. Her Majesty the Queen, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., having been honoured, that of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. came next. The brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge could but feel, year by year, the increased honour enjoyed by them in bearing the name of so distinguished a Mason as the Earl of Carnarvon. It might truly be said that much of the success of Freemasonry was due to his Lordship, who at all times evinced the greatest interest in all that concerned the Order. The toast was heartily responded to, and was followed by that of the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. They were that evening honoured in having among them a distinguished Past Grand Officer in the person of Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G. Chaplain. Bro. Woodford was well known in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, his services to it dating as far back as its consecration, for his assistance on which

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CONSECRATION OF ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY
LODGE, No. 2063.

WHEN we take into consideration that the rapidly rising township of Clacton-on-Sea was selected as the place where the "Albert Edward," one of the two lifeboats presented to the National Lifeboat Institution by the Freemasons of England, as a thankoffering for the safe return of H.R.H. the Grand Master from his tour in India, should be stationed, we can scarcely express surprise that the Masonic element is in full force in the locality. Under these circumstances, and taking into consideration that the nearest Lodge is located some seven or eight miles distant, and that attendance there, or elsewhere in the neighbourhood, involves a long and somewhat tedious drive after the proceedings, the Clacton brethren naturally felt a desire to have a Lodge of their own. With this end in view several meetings were held to consider the matter. A chief point to be considered was the choice of a first Worshipful Master, and the Committee were greatly gratified when, in response to a cordial invitation from them, Sir John Johnson, of St. Osyth's Priory, a P.M. of Lodge Shakespeare, No. 99, consented to act in that capacity. Sir John also gave permission to name the Lodge after the world-renowned St. Osyth's Priory, of which he is the owner, and which he has preserved in such excellent taste. Two old and experienced P.M.'s—Bros. J. Nunn and C. R. Young—were chosen as first Wardens, and Bro. Wallis, of the Royal Hotel, having placed a handsome suite of rooms at the disposal of the promoters, a petition for a warrant of constitution was forwarded to the M.W. the Grand Master, backed by a strong recommendation from the R.W. P.G.M. of Essex (Lord Brooke, M.P.) The following brethren signed the petition:—Bros. Sir John H. Johnson P.M. 93, Walter J. Nunn P.M. 1592, White 1088 P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk, C. R. Young P.M. 13, Abel Penfold P.M. P.Z. and Treasurer 913, Chas. Hempson P.M. 1799 P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex, John Mann P.M. 51 P.P.G. Sec. Essex, W. M. Foxcroft W.M. 177, Frederick J. Nunn 433, 697, and 1799, W. W. Daniell 51, 697, W. Wrench Towse 1799, H. Finer J.W. 1799, Fred. Wallis S.W. 1799, W. Agate 918, P. B. Harris 1799, Jacob Phillips 861, G. H. Riches 1799, and T. H. Baker 133, 1391. In due course the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and on Tuesday the Lodge, numbered 2063 on the Register of Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated by Lord Brooke, assisted by his Provincial Grand Officers, in the presence of a large number of Craftsmen. Lord Brooke, accompanied by his Deputy V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and a number of brethren, reached Clacton by the ordinary train at 12.8, and, having lunched at the Royal Hotel, proceeded to the Public Hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. His Lordship was assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.S.G.W. as S.W., Wm. Sowman P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W. as J.W., the Rev. W. Morgan Jones P.G.C., Ralling P.G. Sec., Albert Lucking P.G.D.C. and Bartlett P.M. 1343 P.G.P. as I.G. The music was performed by the following brethren:—Smith Junior P.G. Organist, Osmond P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., Gowers S.W. and Organist 1024 P.P.G.O. and Spurling J.W. 51.

After the Lodge had been formally opened in the three degrees, the R.W.P.G.M. addressed the brethren:—This was the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of being at Clacton-on-Sea, and he need hardly express what great delight it gave him to be present on this important and auspicious occasion—an occasion which undoubtedly would be remembered for some time in the annals of Freemasonry in the town of Clacton-on-Sea. Especially it gave him the very greatest pleasure to consecrate another Lodge in this important Province of Essex; and still more so when he could state, what probably the brethren knew already, that the first Master would be his friend Sir John H. Johnson—one whom he had every reason to believe would be acceptable in the highest degree to the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge members. It is most satisfactory to find Freemasonry in this Province is increasing and finding favour with such rapid strides. It was always a pleasure to consecrate a new Lodge, especially when, as in this case, he found that the want was so earnestly desired, and when one has every confidence that the Lodge will be supported in a suitable and becoming manner. He was confident that his friend Sir John Johnson would prove himself a most efficient Master, and would have the confidence and zeal of those who will have the pleasure of serving under him. It was always his endeavour, and always would be, to accede to the wishes of the brethren in the Province; and when the necessity and desirability of a new Lodge is clearly shown, he should never hesitate to come among them and consecrate it. During his term of office—a very short one—he had not only had the pleasure to consecrate one Lodge, but that consecration was one which was very agreeable to him. He could assure them he had for some time been looking forward with the greatest pleasure to coming amongst them, and consecrating this important Lodge. He might also say how gratified he was at the support which had been given to him on the occasion. It was very satisfactory to find that the brethren of the Province took such deep interest in matters of this kind. As far as he could see, nothing could be more satisfactory than the arrangements which had been provided, and he congratulated the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge, most heartily, on their first gathering, and upon the kind and excellent reception they had accorded to Provincial Grand Lodge.

The oration was delivered by the Rev. W. Morgan Jones (Rector of Marks Tey), Provincial Grand Chaplain, who spoke as follows:—

BRETHREN,—It is impossible for me, in the brief space of a few minutes, to say anything that can at all adequately describe the many high and ennobling principles upon which Freemasonry is founded. Happily, however, it falls to my lot to offer these few and very imperfect observations to those, and to those alone, who know those principles, and who have pledged themselves to maintain and carry them out. What, then, is assigned to me is the pleasing duty, not of informing the ignorant, but of reminding the instructed; so that, by being reminded, we may be helped to carry into practice what we know and believe. And among those principles which we

acknowledge and believe are—The Supremacy of God as the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe; the duty and privilege of dedicating all our actions to His glory; and the fulfilling of all right claims from our fellow creatures, chiefly Masous. As an art, doubtless, Masonry derives its great antiquity from the first building up of the heavens and the earth; and it is with us a belief, beyond all possibility of doubt, that the Builder of the Heavens and the earth is the First and Grand Architect, whom we reverently worship, whose works we admire, and whose aid we constantly invoke. But when we think of the grandeur of that vast structure; when we see everywhere the perfection of adaptation in every part, and mark the supreme wisdom of this Divine Master Builder, a feeling of awe, wonder, and admiration comes upon us. We who, in our meaner sphere, are also builders, are convinced that any imitation is impossible. There can be no excellency of structure such as He has shown; and the nearest approach we can possibly make must consist in this, and only this, that the meaner buildings which we erect are heartily, duly, and properly dedicated to Him who is alone in power, and who has no equal as the First Builder. No Mason, wise and ingenious, skilful and diligent though he may be, can find any pleasure or reward in his work, or in his reflections upon it, unless that work is thus heartily and sincerely dedicated to Him who is the first and incomparable Builder. In this respect, then, we may dedicate work where we cannot possibly copy work. We may do that which, because of its nature, we are sure we may dedicate, and which we are as sure He will accept and approve. Foremost in the traditions and annals of our Masonic history we have the name and the example of the highest earthly architect and builder—the Royal Solomon. Of him we read that he "built a house to the name of the Lord his God." Assuming no claims as an imitator of the Great Architect, and impressed with the infinite skill and wisdom of that Divine Builder, our chief architect built and dedicated this house. Human architect and builder though he was, this building of his cannot be fitly or fully described. It is far beyond my power to tell fully of the wisdom and strength of its solid foundations. But this we do know that in the work there were, under him, those superior officers who had the chief work to do in the carrying out of the magnificent design. They were men fitted for the work, of great skill and science, of firm will, of persevering spirit, and without them the work could not have been carried out. They were as essential in their higher sphere, as, in their lower one, were the hewers of wood and the drawers of water. And these superior officers directed the work. They exercised their authority, they maintained among all subordinate officers all due obedience, in order that the grand scheme might be carried out, and which, when finished was dedicated to the glory of God; and though, in the mind of the Royal Architect, there was the sense of filial satisfaction in his mind from having carried out the wishes of David his father, there can be no doubt that the prominent idea with him was, first of all, that what he did was for the glory of God, and, further, that in doing as he did he was securing the truest and highest happiness of his people. These were the worthy motives that actuated him in his grand undertaking, and these were the unquestionable ends which he secured. It is in this respect that this kingly builder is a true exponent and a bright example of the exalted principles and virtues of Freemasonry; and occupying, as he does, an exalted position in our traditions, he is for us all a most worthy pattern to imitate. It is impossible, brethren, for any one of us seriously to ponder the whole structure of our mysteries and secrets without observing how constantly we are led to contemplate and admire the works of the Creator; how, in this erection of the heavens and the earth his evident aim is the happiness and well-being of mankind, and also, how, in the vows we take, and the conditions we accept, we consent that we will do the same. In few words, among the many good purposes of Freemasonry, there are three most prominently set before us, namely—The Glory of God—the maintaining and increasing of self respect, and the securing, by right means, the happiness of our fellow creatures. It is impossible to abide firmly by the instructions we receive without finding our minds constantly occupied in looking at and admiring the skill and goodness of the great and Almighty Builder, and seeing the glory that surrounds his Throne, striving earnestly to make that glory even more manifest by dedicating all our works to Him. And equally impossible is it seriously to contemplate the principles of our Order without seeing how they all aim at disposing a man to cultivate and intensify a worthy self-respect, which is so necessary to a solid foundation, and a worthy superstructure. Its contemplation leads a man to examine every stone in the building up of his own character and destiny. And chiefly it is most clear that at the very threshold, as well as in the inner circle, we are taught the grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. We are taught the duty of scrupulously seeking, by every means, the happiness and comfort of others, and chiefly of Masous. These, Brethren, should be the distinguishing and the essential characteristics of every Masonic Lodge. If a brother be overtaken in a fault (and who may not) and wanders from the straight path of virtue and rectitude, let there be a general anxiety to restore such an one in the spirit of meekness and with the tenderest spirit of compassion. If a brother is in distress (and there are always some who are so), let us be ready to enter into, and feel for his troubles. As he is taught to look to us in his distress let him not look in vain. In so extensive a brotherhood as ours is, there are always some who need help, keeping quietly, perhaps, the sorrow which is sapping away their life. Let us not fail to help them. Thus, by a reverent contemplation of the first great Builder, and by seeking His glory, whether in the Consecration of a Lodge, or the Consecration of a Life and all its actions—by aiming continually at a true and growing self-respect, and by a kind and pitiful spirit, we shall truly proclaim and carry out the principles of our Order, we shall lay a good foundation and raise a superstructure worthy of its builder. As a body of Masous, brethren, and under the rule of our estimable Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, we may most truly congratulate

ourselves upon the proceedings of this day. The spread of true Masonry is the spread of light and blessing. We do hear of opinions to the contrary, but they are few, and are the result of ignorance. Our principles claim respect from all, for they are the principles of truth and virtue; they are wise and good. And because they are so, we who range under its banner, are thankful that Masonry, instead of decreasing in influence, is increasing in power and might. Its strong arm of support is waxing stronger every day; its heart of pity finding increased exercise, and its true and beneficent sympathies spreading further and wider. And to us, who know and appreciate the exalted principles of our Order, it is especially gratifying that they are extending in our own Province. We are thankful that this new Lodge is being consecrated to-day, and heartily wish it God-speed. May the principles of our Order be thoroughly and heartily maintained in it. May brotherly love, relief, and truth ever prevail among its members; and while we trust that they may never know for themselves the bitterness of sorrow, or feel the sharp arrows of adversity or misfortune, may they ever extend the hand of brotherly love and pity towards all those brethren who are feeling those adversities. And finally, brethren, maintaining those principles, each for himself, may we carry them out with confidence and perseverance until we are summoned from our labours below to higher service above, in that grand and heavenly Temple, where the Sublime Source of all Love, Virtue, and Truth—the World's Great Architect—lives and reigns.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. designate, Brother Sir John Henry Johnson, P.M. 99, was impressively installed into his office by Brother Philbrick D.P.G.M., and the following brethren were invested Officers for the year:—Bros. T. D. Hayes P.M. P.Z. 913 acting I.P.M., W. J. Nunn P.M. 1592 Z. 1008 P.P.G.D. Suffolk S.W., C. R. Young P.M. 13 J.W., John Mann P.M. 51 P.P.G. Sec. Essex Treasurer, Fred. J. Nunn 1799 Secretary, W.M. Foxcroft W.M. 177 S.D., W. T. Hook J.D. 1642 J.D., W. Cattermole 1663 I.G., Finer J.W. 1799 and T. H. Baker 1333 Stewards, Henry Hart Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the R.W.P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Officers for the part they had taken in the proceedings of the day, and they were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and two or three candidates for initiation. The visitors present having offered their congratulations, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where 109 sat down to banquet, elegantly served by the host, Bro. Wallis. The new Worshipful Master presided; he was supported by the R.W.P.G.M., V.W.D.P.G.M. and a distinguished array of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. Grace was said by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Brother the Rev. W. Morgan Jones; and after dinner, "For these and all Thy Mercies," was beautifully chanted by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, and Sparling.

The W.M. gave the first toast—The Queen and the Craft. Sir John said it was a great many years since he gave the toast of the Queen from the Chair of a Masonic Lodge, and therefore it was with the greater pleasure he gave it now. He believed the Queen had no more loyal subjects in her kingdom than the people of East Essex, and particularly the Freemasons of that district. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Sir John said he did not think it had ever been sufficiently appreciated what an enormous benefit it had been to Masonry that His Royal Highness should have accepted the high position he held in the Craft. The Prince of Wales had for them, however, a local interest, the lifeboat at Clacton-on-Sea, which had already done such excellent service, was one of two presented by the Freemasons of England as a thank-offering for the safe return of His Royal Highness from his tour in India. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, specially alluding to the fact that Lord Lathom had twice done signal service for Freemasonry in that neighbourhood, as his Lordship had launched the lifeboat to which allusion had already been made; he had also consecrated the "Arnold Lodge" in the neighbouring town of Walton. Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P. responded. The W.M. said he had now extreme satisfaction in proposing the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Lord Brooke. He was not at all surprised at the enthusiasm with which the brethren received the toast. Lord Brooke, ever since he was installed at Colchester by the Duke of Albany, had evinced the deepest interest in Freemasonry. It might be truly said that he had considerable influence in promoting the increase of Masonry within this Province. I learn (continued Sir John) that this is the fourth Lodge that has been consecrated during his term of Office, and in two of the cases his lordship has personally performed the ceremony. There is no doubt, therefore, that since Lord Brooke was installed the Craft in Essex has steadily increased. It also shows the interest and influence Lord Brooke wields in Freemasonry that, at the recent Festival of the Girls' School, the almost unprecedented sum of thirteen thousand pounds was subscribed by the Craft, of which no less than a thousand pounds came from the Province of Essex. But I may now come to matters which have happened to-day. In Lodge I have endeavoured feebly to express the thanks we all feel we owe to Lord Brooke, not only as a high official, but personally for coming amongst us. I can only repeat what I then said, that we are all extremely delighted at the manner in which his lordship performed the ceremony. It was essentially able, and well done. On behalf of every member of the Lodge, and the Province generally, I am sure I can wish his lordship hearty good health.

Lord Brooke, on rising, said he was overpowered with emotion at the cordial and hearty reception they had given their Provincial Grand Master on this occasion. He assured them he felt he had the strongest and the deepest ties connecting him with the County of Essex, and with his Masonic brethren of the Province. He could only feel that the kind words which had been uttered by their Master, were words which he felt he had hardly as yet earned, but which he hoped, in the course of time, he might earn to the very fullest extent. It was unfortunately impossible for him to be amongst them so often as he

could wish, but it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to be sitting on the right of his worthy friend their Worshipful Master. He wished him most sincerely many days of happy office. He might say that he thought it was one of the principal merits of Freemasonry that after he had been night after night in the House of Commons, where so many hard words were said, one came down to the peace and harmony of a Mason's Lodge, and to one of these meetings, where they dropped entirely political questions, but where the one great thought was that of emulation—the intense wish to do good to our fellow-creatures in every possible way. Whilst these banquets were very enjoyable, they were not the primary objects of Freemasonry. They had to look back upon a great past, and if he might speak of that lifeboat of which mention had been made, it was to such ceremonies that they had to look back upon. It was with great pleasure he learnt that there was to be another ceremony of the same nature in the immediate neighbourhood in the course of a few days; he greatly regretted that a previous engagement would prevent him being present. I do, concluded his Lordship, most earnestly ask you to put up with my shortcomings, for I know they are many. Whenever it is possible for me to be present at your meetings, I will be with you, and I trust this will not be the last time I may be at Clacton-on-Sea. The W.M. then gave the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. He could truly say that for the past six or seven years, since Bro. Philbrick was appointed Deputy P.G.M., Masonry had received very great advantages at his hands. Bro. Philbrick was not only an old Mason, but he had taken great pains to perfect himself, and he had now reached a position which very few men could aspire to; there was no doubt his knowledge of Masonry had influenced Grand Lodge in giving him one of the most important appointments it was in the power of Masonry to confer—he alluded to that of Grand Registrar of England. He had already alluded to the admirable manner in which Bro. Philbrick had performed the office with which he had been entrusted that day, and every one he (Sir John) had spoken to since had endorsed his opinion, and had expressed the same admiration for their V.W. Brother.

V.W. Bro. Philbrick, who was received in a very hearty manner, returned thanks. He expressed the great pleasure he felt that the cause of Masonry was advancing, and that a new addition had been made to the roll of Lodges in the Province. Although the consecration of a new Lodge might mean that some of the members would not be so constant in their attendance at other Lodges, yet it formed a new point of attraction, and brought an element of strength to the Craft. It was, therefore, with peculiar pleasure they saw the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge inaugurated, because they felt that the ship they had just launched was a well-built ship. They hoped that no unpropitious gale would fill her sails, but if it did there were brave-hearted mariners aboard her who knew how to handle their Craft. Brother Philbrick went on to speak of the great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth upon which Masonry is founded, and which, through dark and evil times, as well as in prosperity, had had such power to bind together man and man. Lord Brooke said the next toast he had to propose was one which he was sure would be received by all present with a great deal of enthusiasm; and although he feared he could not do justice to it in eloquent terms, the excellence of the toast would be a sufficient apology. He alluded to the health of their Worshipful Master. It was only a few minutes since that he was talking to his brother Sir John Johnson about his past Masonic career, and found that he was Master of a Lodge in 1851. It was a great thing to think that a man like Sir John Johnson had always had so much at heart the interests of Freemasonry; and although for a time he had abandoned his Masonic pursuits he had now taken them up again with great fervour and facility, and with the greatest pleasure to all those who listened to him; further, with the assurance that he would bring success to St. Osyth's Priory Lodge. It was a great pleasure to him (Lord Brooke) to consecrate the Lodge to-day, and he hoped that its future might be as happy and prosperous as its commencement had been. The W.M. rose with the consciousness that he was about to undertake the most difficult task that he had ever had to perform, viz. to return thanks, for the first time as Master of this Lodge, for the kind way in which his health had been received. And in the first place he must offer his most sincere thanks to his noble friend and brother for the extremely flattering manner in which his Lordship had alluded to himself. This occasion recalled to his mind many sweet and bitter memories. His noble brother had already let them into the secret that he was a very old Mason. He was initiated as long ago as 1850, and he passed out of his first chair in 1851. He then for some few years was a member of the Shakespeare Lodge, and had the honour of passing through several offices in that Lodge, and could boast the very high honour of having been its W.M. He left that chair something like 12 or 14 years ago, and had since then been relegated to the dignified but not very active life of a Past Master. Then when the most overwhelming calamity of his life came, two years ago—he felt it was impossible for him any longer to remain in that Lodge, and moreover he thought that he could never be induced to take any part in Masonry again. However, when a deputation waited upon him and preferred the very flattering petition that a Lodge might be established, to be named the St. Osyth's Priory Lodge—a name with which so many memories in his life were associated—and that he should be the first Master of that Lodge, his resolution was broken down and he consented to both requests. Having regard to the circumstance he had mentioned, he trusted the brethren would excuse his shortcomings in the performance of his duties, and believe that if he failed in the ability to do all the Masonic work which fell to him he would at least be faithful to his Lodge. Sir John went on to say that the manifold claims upon his time and his advancing years, might render it impossible to be with them always, but, the brethren might rely upon it that whenever it was possible he should be present at their meetings. He earnestly trusted that the Lodge which

had been so successfully inaugurated, would be prosperous, and would be free from anything like disturbance or disagreement. The most important thing to ensure prosperity was that they should be united. They were told in that beautiful Psalm which formed part of the ceremony, that it was a sweet and pleasant thing for brethren to dwell together in unity, and the Psalm went on to say that unity was "like the dew of Hermon that fell upon the Hill of Zion." He trusted this would be most true of St. Osyth's Priory Lodge. In speaking of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. highly eulogised them as evidences to the outside world that Freemasons did something more than think about themselves and their own interests. Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who was warmly received, responded. In the course of an eloquent and interesting speech, Bro. Binckes said he felt a pride in the Institution which he represented, and he thought he was entitled to feel pride, for it was now one of the most flourishing Institutions in the country. When he first became associated with it its income was £1600 a year. They now averaged fourteen or fifteen thousand pounds a year. Then they had no home of their own, but in the course of a few years they felt able to set aside a sum of £15,000 to build new Schools. They had since expended up to £60,000 in Schools, in which they could educate 215 sons of Masons, and they were about to spend fifteen thousand more in order that they might receive fifty additional boys. In conclusion, Bro. Binckes made an eloquent appeal to Masons to loyally help an Institution that was so well worthy of their support, in the service of which he had spent his Masonic life, and in the service of which he trusted he might die. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Surgeon Major Helsham W.M. 1803; the Founders, proposed by Bro. Philbrick, and responded to by Bro. Mann Treasurer, and Bro. Nunn Secretary of the new Lodge; the Wardens and other Officers, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Nunn S.W. In due course the Tyler's toast was given. During the evening some capital vocal music was contributed by Bros. Clowes, Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Sparling, and Bland.

Among the brethren present were the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke R.W.P.G.M., V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., W. Bros. Fredk. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. P.G. Stwd., Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., A. Lucking W.M. 160 P.G.D.C., Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.S.G.W., the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276 P.P.G.C., Wm. Clarke P.G.P. England P.G.D.C. Suffolk, George Corble P.M. 453 P.P.J.G.W., John Mann P.M. 51 P.P.G. Secretary Essex, William Herbage W.M. 2005 Provincial G.R., T. J. D. Cramphorn I.P.M. 1024 P.G.J.D., W. V. Wilson I.P.M. 160 P.G.S.B., Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.D. 697 P.G.C., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C., Alfred Buck P.M. 453 P.P.G.W., H. Harper P.M. 160 P.P.G.S.B., Robert Martin P.M. and Treasurer 453 P.P.G.D., J. Child P.M. 453 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., D. Bartlett P.M. 1343 P.G.P., Thomas Rix P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., Edmund Gowers S.W. 1024 P.P.G.O., F. Whitmore P.M. 276 P.P.G.W., A. C. Veley P.M. 276 P.P.G.W., J. E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., George Motion P.M. 453 P.P.G.D., R. D. Poppleton P.M. 433 P.P.G.D., Thomas Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., Alf. Richardson W.M. 1977 P.A.D.C., G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 Secretary 1977 P.G.S.B., R. Haward Ives W.M. 51 P.G. Steward, John Hutley W.M. 1024 P.G. Steward, Adam Smith W.M. 433, J. W. Hair 276 P.P.G.R., Surgeon-Major H. Helsham W.M. 1803, Robert Smith W.M. 697, F. Suthery W.M. elect 276, G. Harvey P.M. 697, Frederick Wiseman Past Master 1733 P.P.G.W., W. W. Morgan Wor. Master 211, F. Reichter 51, H. J. Skingley 51, J. H. Miller 51, F. H. Williams 697, E. G. Lewis P.M. 754, R. Turrell 913, W. Agate 913, J. G. Potton 697, John Clark 697, W. P. Collins 240, A. F. Hart 697, W. M. Foxcroft W.M. 177, Chas. E. Bland 51, James Salmon 1339, George Ralling 51, Joshua Street P.M. 697, F. E. Morris 51, W. Beasley 1524, R. C. Pollard 1799, E. J. Acworth P.M. 133, W. J. London 1339, J. Hanly 51, W. Wood 276, R. Ford 697, W. S. Ling P.M. 433, J. T. Bailey J.W. 697, John Howe 697, J. Coates 1312, W. Carter 1799, F. Wallis 1799, A. G. Rickarby W.M. 1799, S. Manson Tyler 51, Henry Hart Tyler 2063, &c., &c.

Several letters of regret at inability to attend were read, amongst them being communications from the Right Hon. the Lord Lathom D.P.G.M. England, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., James Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., F. R. W. Hedges Secretary R.M.I.G., N. Tracy P.G. Secretary Suffolk, Donald Baynes Prov. G.S.W., J. C. Earle Prov. G.J.W., &c.

MARK MASONRY.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 244.

THIS Mark Lodge met on the 3rd instant at Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place W. Bro. Martin W.M., Gabriel S.W., Turner J.W., Hammond Treas., Hoare Secretary, Biddlecombe J.O., Shirley J.D., Stark P.M. Lodge was opened; Bros. Oldknow and Stark were advanced, in a very excellent manner by the W.M. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 15th November:—

Monday—St George and Corner Stone Lodge. Tuesday—Drovers' Benevolent Institution, Urban Lodge, Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Lodge of Regularity, Pilgrim Lodge, Polish National Lodge, University of London Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Bedford Lodge.

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could but wish some other Officer of Grand Lodge had been present to bear the way in which this toast had been proposed and received, and to reply to the hearty sentiments which had been tendered by the brethren. On both public and private grounds he had desired to avail himself of his honorary membership of the Lodge. On public grounds he desired to congratulate the Lodge on the position it had gained for itself during the few years it had been in existence. The hearty way in which its members had entered into the work of Freemasonry and the harmony and good feeling which had existed in the Lodge were proverbial, but above all shone out their efforts on behalf of the Charities of the Order. What they had done for the Masonic Institutions had earned for them a name and a reputation few, if any, other Lodges enjoyed. Although the Lodge was comparatively a young one, he could but call to mind that he and Bro. Holden were the only two now left of the brethren on whom was conferred honorary its membership at the time of consecration. His presence there that night forcibly called to his mind the faces of Bros. John Hervey, John Boyd, and others who were present at the first meeting of the Lodge, and warned him that he was getting towards the close of his Masonic career. On private grounds he had desired to be present, expecting to witness the initiation of an old and esteemed friend of his. The brethren had heard that the very severe illness of that gentleman's mother kept him away that night, but he would no doubt avail himself of an early meeting on which to come forward. In receiving him they would be admitting one who would reflect credit on them, and their Lodge. Brother Woodford, in conclusion, referred to some of the more recent attacks on Freemasonry; to the increased demands which were being made on the benevolence of the brethren, and to the way in which the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge worked for any candidates for the Charities, whose cases they took in hand. In this latter they were very fortunate in having among them one of the most energetic and persevering brethren he knew—Bro. Parkhouse—who might truly be denominated a host in himself. Brother Frye then assumed the gavel, and proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. The brethren all knew his estimable qualities. On a previous occasion when referring to him, he had said his was the sort of face one saw in *Punch*, and he thought that that was as great a compliment as he could pay him. He did not mean it was a face to make fun of, but a real old John Bull sort of face; one of the sort they delighted to see at the head of a Masonic Lodge. Brother Bartle was the first initiate of the Lodge who had been elected to the chair, and could but add additional lustre to its reputation. He was a most zealous supporter of the Charities, seldom a year passed but his name appeared on one or other of the lists, and then for a good round sum. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast; he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to govern the Lodge as successfully as their Bro. Frye had done during the past year; if he could only follow in the footsteps of that brother, and have such a happy and prosperous year as he had had he should be satisfied; he should do all in his power to make his year of office a prosperous and happy one, and hoped his efforts would be crowned with success. Before sitting down he had a most pleasing duty to perform—to propose the health of Bro. Frye—he felt he could not find words sufficiently flattering to describe his exertions during the past year; he had done everything a Master could do to advance the welfare of the Lodge and render his year a year of prosperity and success; it afforded the W.M. much pleasure to be called upon to present to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and with it a vote of thanks on vellum; both were richly deserved, and he hoped would long be prized by Bro. Frye.

The jewel bore the following inscriptions:—

On the obverse,

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.
OCTAVUS.

On the reverse,

Presented to
BROTHER FREDERICK CHARLWOOD FRYE,
by the members of the
EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642,
in recognition of his services as W.M.
November 1884.

The testimonial was engrossed as follows:—

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

This Testimonial,
together with a Past Masters jewel,
was presented to

BROTHER FREDERICK CHARLWOOD FRYE P.M.,
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November 1884.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

JAS. BARTLE W.M.
JOHN WOODMASON S.W.
W. W. BUCKLAND J.W.
SAMUEL H. PARKHOUSE Treasurer.
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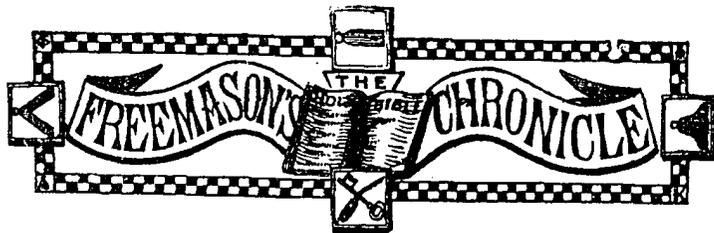
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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE
AND RUTLAND.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Corn Exchange, Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, the 6th of November instant, under the banner of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, for the transaction of the general business of the Province and for the special purpose of installing the newly-appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. 523 P.P.S.G.W., when a large gathering of brethren, comprising representatives from every Lodge in the Province, assembled under the Presidency of the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, who was supported by the present Provincial Grand Officers, viz.:—R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., &c., and P.P.G.M., G. Toller jun. P.G.S.B., P.D.P.G.M., J. T. Thorp P.S.G.W., W. S. Allen P.J.G.W., Rev. A. P. Dawson P.G. Chaplain, R. Waik P.G. Treasurer, A. H. Burgess P.G. Registrar, Rev. C. Henton Wood P.G. Secretary, S. Cleaver P.G.S.D., E. Watson P.G.J.D., J. Young P.G.D.C., C. Gardon P.G.A.D.C., T. B. Laxton P.G.O., R. R. Cole P.G.A.P., D. Challis P.G. St. B., R. R. Bellamy and L. P. Chamberlain P.G. Stewards, J. Tanser P.G. Tyler. In addition, the following brethren were present—Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., William Adcock P.P.S.G.W., C. E. Stretton P.P.S.G.W., M. J. Walker P.P.J.G.W., J. Barber P.P.G.R., F. J. Baines P.P.G.S.D., J. Halford P.P.G.S.D., J. O. Law P.P.G.J.D., S. Weaver P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Captain Richardson P.P.G.S.B., E. H. Butler P.P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Hassall P.P.G.P., W. A. Musson W.M. 779, A. H. Marsh W.M. 1130, J. Metcalfe P.M. 1767, B. A. Smith W.M. 523, R. S. Toller W.M. 1560, G. Matt W.M. 1391 and R. Michie W.M. 279, C. Oliver S.W. 1007, J. H. Marshall J.W. 1007, J. Harrison S.W. 1391, J. D. Harris S.W. 1560, E. J. Foxwell S.W. 50, H. P. Brown J.W. 523, F. B. Wilmer J.W. 2028, and many other members of the several Craft Lodges in the Province. The Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, having been opened by the W.M. Bro. A. H. Marsh, assisted by his Officers, the Provincial Grand Master

and his P.G. Officers entered, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the usual preliminary business, including the confirmation of minutes, disposed of, after which the Reports of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes and the Provincial Charity Committee were read, confirmed and adopted. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes, after referring to the satisfactory state of the P.G. Lodge funds and the position and progress of Masonry in the Province, made special mention of the recent addition to the roll of Lodges by the constitution of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, which, under the special care and management of its W.M., Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, to whom the entire credit for its formation was due, had already met with most encouraging success, the Lodge now numbering nearly thirty members, of whom fifteen had been initiated in it since February last. The probability of the early establishment of additional Lodges in the rapidly-increasing County town of Leicester was also alluded to. The report then dwelt at some length upon the recent extensive and costly alterations and additions to Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, including the entire rebuilding of the Lodge Room, which, it was hoped, would greatly increase the comfort and add to the convenience of the members of the Lodges and other bodies meeting within it. The revision of the Provincial Bye-laws had made but little progress, the Committee deeming it desirable to delay proceedings therewith for a short time in order that opportunity might be taken for corresponding with other Provinces which in consequence of the recent revision of the Book of Constitutions, were intending to revise their own Bye-laws. As a temporary measure it was recommended that the additional fees sanctioned by Rule 104 of the Book of Constitution be added to the table of fees in force in this Province and further that fees of honour be charged in respect of the new offices of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer and Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary. After referring to the presentation to the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M. of a life-size portrait of himself, and treating upon certain matters of local interest, the Report concluded by alluding in very complimentary terms to the appointments of Bros. S. S. Partridge as D.P.G.M. and the Rev. C. Henton Wood as Provincial Grand Secretary. The Report of the Charity Committee was as follows:—"During the past Masonic year, your Committee have to report that no candidate from this Province for either of the Great Central Masonic Charities has claimed our support. This has enabled them to clear up all debts and lay up a store of over five hundred votes for the Benevolent Institution, to be used at future elections. The alliance of our small Province with those of Wilts, Somerset, Monmouthshire and others for voting purposes has hitherto worked in a most advantageous manner and resulted in the return of their candidates, and your Committee hope it may be adhered to in the future. During the year small grants of money have been made to the widow of a late member of the Loughborough Lodge, and also to a brother of St. John's Lodge, to help him in his removal from the town, and your Committee very much regret that owing to the fact of the Loughborough brother not continuing his subscriptions to a Lodge under the English Constitution that his boy is ineligible for the Boys' School. The case is a bad one, and they are very anxious that something further may be done. To Bro. S. S. Partridge D.P.G.M. are justly due the thanks of the Committee for his most energetic and successful services as Steward of the Province on the occasion of the Benevolent Institution Festival for Aged Masons and their Widows, when his list reached the magnificent sum of £353 14s, being one of the largest brought up to this Festival. And your Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the great pleasure with which they have heard of the appointment of Bro. Partridge to the honourable post of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and offering him their most hearty congratulations. The Girls' School this year prefers its claim for support from the Province. Hitherto it has been our custom that one of those who had previously held a Stewardship for the Boys' should be appointed—therefore, from the list of those willing to serve, your Committee have nominated Bro. Captain Richardson for the Girls' School Festival, with a very grateful remembrance of the list he presented on a former occasion. The Secretary having tendered his resignation of the office, which he has held for six years, your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that Bro. Miles J. Walker has succeeded to that office, the duties of which your Committee are convinced he will carry out with the same energy and enthusiasm as he has shown in the Charity Association Secretaryship. Before closing their report your Committee wish to place upon record their great regret at the resignation of Bro. Rev. W. Langley, and their obligations to him for his past services. To his untiring zeal and energy are due the successes that have hitherto attended all the work in connection with the Masonic Charity voting organisation of this Province, while to his genial manner and brotherly principles may be attributed our kindly relations with other Provinces, by whose assistance we have always been enabled to secure the election of any of our selected candidates." The Prov. Grand Registrar's report was read, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were duly passed, after which Bro. Robert White, who has efficiently discharged the duties of the office for several years past, was unanimously re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer, a vote of thanks to him being at the same time passed for his valuable services. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master nominate having been duly announced, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master directed a deputation, consisting of the two Provincial Grand Deacons, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, with two Provincial Grand Stewards, to receive him. On the Deputy Provincial Grand Master nominate being introduced, his patent of appointment was read, after which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren on the subject of the appointment, and subsequently obligated and installed Bro. Samuel S. Partridge as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland. The usual salute having been given, the newly-installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren, expressing his thanks, firstly to the Right Worshipful

Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had conferred in appointing him to so honourable a post, and in the next place to the brethren generally, not only for their cordial congratulations on that present occasion, but also for the invariable kindness and consideration he received at their hands during the twelve years he had occupied the important position of Provincial Grand Secretary, and which had rendered the somewhat onerous duties of the office pleasurable and agreeable to him. After briefly touching upon various matters of local Provincial interest the Deputy Provincial Grand Master expressed his determination to uphold the honour and dignity of Prov. Grand Lodge to the utmost of his power, and announced his intention of periodically making official visits to the several Lodges of the Province. The Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, referred in very eulogistic terms to the distinguished services of Bro. G. Toller jun., Past Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and proposed a vote of thanks to him for the able manner in which during the past four years and a-half he had discharged the duties of that office. The motion was seconded by Bro. Rev. W. Langley, and carried with acclamation. Bro. Captain Richardson Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer was elected to represent the Province at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. Dr. G. T. Willan P.M. 1130	...	Prov. G. Senior Warden
J. Barber P.M. 50	...	Prov. G. Junior Warden
Rev. W. Langley P.M. 50 and 1130	...	} Prov. G. Chaplains
and W.M. 2028	...	
Rev. A. P. Dawson M.A. (re-app.)	...	} Prov. G. Treasurer
R. Waik P.M. (re-elected)	...	
R. S. Toller W.M. 1560	...	Prov. G. Registrar
Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., P.M. 1560	...	Prov. G. Secretary
W. A. Musson P.M. and W.M. 779	...	Prov. G. Senior Deacon
R. Michie W.M. 279	...	Prov. G. Junior Deacon
J. Metcalfe P.M. 1767 S.W. 2028	...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works
J. Young P.M. 523 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies
A. H. Marsh W.M. 1130	...	Prov. G.A.D. of Cors.
A. McIvor Tindall W.M. 1330	...	Prov. G. Sword Bearer
W. Wilkinson W.M. 1007	...	} Prov. G. Standard Bearers
B. A. Smith W.M. 523	...	
T. B. Laxton 1391 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Organist
G. Matt W.M. 1391	...	Prov. G. Pursuivant
L. P. Chamberlain W.M. elect 1265	...	Prov. G. Assist. Pursuivant
C. F. Wike 279	...	} Prov. G. Stewards
E. J. Foxwell 50	...	
H. P. Brown 523	...	
J. Tuckfield 779	...	
C. F. Massie 1330	...	
F. B. Wilmer 2028	...	} Prov. G. Tylers
T. Dunn 523	...	
J. Tanser 279	...	

The remaining business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. The annual banquet, at which the newly-installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, was served at the George Hotel by the worthy host Bro. J. Selby.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer Past Grand Standard Bearer. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry, the Sec., reported the death of four annuitants. On the list of candidates to be placed among those who desired to become annuitants of the Institution there were nine males and five females. One of the male cases was rejected. Five London male cases and three country were accepted; also two London and two country female cases, but one female case was deferred till next meeting. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. G. B. Abbott, who has recently written a history of the Institution, which has been printed and circulated. This having been seconded and carried, notice of motion was given for next meeting for conferring a Vice-Patronship of the Institution on the writer. Considerable advantage was derived at this meeting from the new rule, adopted by the Committee of the Benevolent Institution, that a printed list of the brethren and widows seeking to become candidates for the annuity should be printed and placed in the hands of each member of the Committee. The list was admirably drawn up, and gave all the particulars of each case. By this means considerable time was saved in dealing with the cases. This is a step in the right direction, and we shortly hope to see the plan adopted in the scholastic institutions, where fuller particulars as to the parents are so often deemed requisite.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

PRINCESS OF WALES LODGE, No. 570.

ON Monday last, 10th November, this military Lodge, which is associated with the 5th Dragoon Guards, held its regular meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at seven p.m. by the W.M. Bro. Knights, Staff Sergeant of the Regiment. The minutes were read and confirmed, and then the ballot was taken for Captain Harkness. This having proved unanimous, the candidate was prepared, and initiated by the W.M. in a most efficient manner, every part of the ceremony of the degree being gone through by the W.M. to the delight of each brother present, including the visitors, who, on this occasion, mustered over seventy. This being the election night, the ballot was taken for a W.M. elect, and in a few well chosen and truly Masonic terms, the W.M. submitted the name of the Senior Warden, Major Baldrey, as W.M. elect. The announcement was received with applause, while, we may add, the vote was unanimous. Bro. Major Baldrey, in very graceful terms, acknowledged the honour he had received. Bro. Hicks, schoolmaster of the Regiment, was then admitted as a joining member. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visiting Brethren, amongst whom were Bros. P.M.'s Salmon, Nathan, Edwards I.P.M. Wolsley Lodge, No. 1993, and seven others from the same Lodge; P.M.'s Benson, Jupp, Aldred, Senior, and about seven others, whose names were not noted at the time by our correspondent. Lodge was then closed in military style, and in true Masonic order, at half-past eight p.m., by the Worshipful Master. With the usual courtesy of military men all the Visitors were urged to join the brethren at the festive board, and an excellent programme of music, singing and reciting was gone through. Bro. Saul, Troop Sergeant Major, sang a humorous song, "Noah's Ark," and rendered it right merrily. Bro. Gifford P.M., Riding Master of the Regiment, who possesses a stentorian voice of good volume, sang the "Warrior Bold," and Bro. Jupp rendered excellently "Dearer than Life." Bro. Senior P.M., in a most pleasing and effective manner, sang "Love's Request." The Worshipful Master then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and in his remarks mentioned that his first toast would have been our newly-made member Captain Harkness, but as that brother had been obliged to leave he should defer the pleasure of proposing his health until the next meeting; he, therefore, had much pleasure in submitting the toast named, and in doing so thanked the Officers for the very liberal support they had given him during his year of office. His thanks were especially due to his Senior Warden Major Baldrey, who he was sure would make a Worshipful Master second to none of his predecessors. The toast was responded to by Major Baldrey, who expressed a hope that, at the end of another year, his brethren might not regret the choice they had made. Several songs were afterwards sung, in excellent style, by Visitors, when the Worshipful Master having handed the gavel to his S.W., that brother proposed the health of the Visitors in a warm and enthusiastic manner. The toast was responded to by Bros. Salmon, Riddle, Aldred, Senior, Gouldrey, Edwards and Hine, each one expressing his delight with the Masonic and musical treat all present must have enjoyed. Bro. Darbyshire P.M. asked permission from the W.M. to give a recitation, in order somewhat to vary the programme, but more especially to show his gratitude for the very kind manner he, along with his seven brethren from the Wolsley Lodge, together with the rest of the Visitors, had been entertained, and to mark the fact that at the special invitation of the W.M. the brethren of the Lodge bearing the honourable name of Wolsley had attended so numerously. They, one and all, cordially invited the members of the Military Lodge to the next, or any meeting of the Wolsley Lodge, which, he remarked, assembled on the first Tuesday in every month at the Lodge-rooms, Town Hall-buildings, King-street, Manchester. The brethren concluded the proceedings at 10.45 by singing the National Anthem.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 11th instant, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Richardson W.M., Triggs S.W., Tongue J.W., Snodin Treasurer, Simpson Secretary, Cornu S.D., Saunders J.D., Coleman I.G., Fox Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. Brown, Dodson, Gush, Gladwell; Bros. Main, Parsons, Sayers, Trinder, Underwood, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Parsons answered the usual questions previous to passing, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the first and fourth sections were worked by P.M. Brother Brown, the second section by P.M. Bro. Dodson, and the third by Bro. Snodin. All performed their work in a very efficient manner. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Parsons acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed. Bro. Triggs was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesdays, 26th November and 2nd December, at seven o'clock. Brethren are cordially invited.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Rich W.M., Schadler, Ferry, Walker Hon. Sec., Dyson, Haller, B. Haynes, Hills, Buggin, Steed, Stafford, Ruse, Marshall, Weil, Fellheimer, H. Haynes, Valentine, Maidwell, and Moss Preceptor. After the preliminaries of Lodge being opened and closed, the brethren sat down to a most excellent supper, provided by the esteemed Treasurer Bro. Maidwell, after which the following toasts were proposed:—Queen and Craft; the W.M.; Success to the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, responded to by Bro. Moss. A small compliment was then paid to the wife of Bro.

Moss, the brethren having subscribed and purchased an album, which the W.M. presented to Bro. Moss, who suitably thanked the brethren. The Officers' toast was given and replied to by the Treasurer and Secretary. A most enjoyable meeting was then brought to an end. During the evening Bros. Stafford, Valentine, Hall, Maidwell and Hills gave some capital songs and recitations.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 31st October, at 7 p.m. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Turner S.W., Taylor J.W., Houghton 2032 S.D., Sapsworth 1656 J.D., F. Botley I.G., C. E. Botley Secretary; also Bros. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, E. Monson jun., Courlander, P. Monson, Sherrin, Cammell, Sperring, G. Thomas, V. Wing, G. Gardner, &c. Visitors—Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., Col. J. Mead 1971, Garner 1602, Hunt 1656, Cutbill 902, 795, Cox 780, &c. This being the night set apart for Bro. Jas. Stevens "Knobs and Excrecences," the W.M., in a few graceful words, introduced the Lecturer, expressing his cordial agreement in the value of such lectures to zealous students of the Craft. Bro. Stevens then commenced, prefacing his remarks by an apology for hoarseness he was suffering from; he only lately having recovered from an attack of bronchitis. Proceeding, he explained that he had no authority for the uniformity of ritual which he advocated, but wished to ventilate the subject by laying his ideas before the brethren; from his point of view he considered it essentially necessary when one saw the diversity of working in many Lodges. Tracing the history of Freemasonry, Bro. Stevens expressed his opinion that Speculative Masonry, as we now know it, cannot be traced further back than the year 1717, although there is no doubt that the Guilds of Masons existed for centuries before, and probably the ritual existed in manuscript anterior to this date, since which time it has been transmitted orally. After noticing many ancient works which had been written on the subject of Freemasonry, and the erroneous ideas which prevailed among the general public concerning our rites and ceremonies, the Lecturer explained that a Lodge could be opened in one place and closed in another, and expressed his approval, where it was possible, for the Lodge to be "called off" for the banquet to be held, and then for the Lodge to be "called on" again and closed; this, he explained, was an advantage in case it was necessary to remind brethren that, although at the banquet table, they were expected to observe the order and decorum of open Lodge. Bro. Stevens expressed his high approval of music as an adjunct to the ceremonies when it was properly carried out, but pointed out the ridiculous anomaly in some Lodges where an Organist is appointed who does not know a note of music. He also condemned the indiscriminate use of the gavel, and said when it was used it should be used gently, and not as though it was intended to show how much force could be expended without breaking it. The Lecturer particularly referring to the first degree, the proper method of opening a Lodge was gone through and explained, and a preference was given to asking each Officer his duties instead of through the Wardens. It was also pointed out that each of the three principal Officers had a particular Officer appointed to attend on him. Thus the S.D. is the Officer of the W.M., the J.D. that of the S.W., and the I.G. that of the J.W. The initiation ceremony was then touched upon through its minor variations: while the correct way of working was pointed out and explained, also the pass words. Bro. Stevens excited the mirth of the brethren by an account of some working he saw in the West of England, where theatrical effects of a startling character to the candidate were introduced; these only required a little blue fire to make them as weird as the witches in Macbeth. Bro. Stevens, who had been attentively listened to, and frequently applauded, then concluded, with an earnest appeal to the brethren to think over the matters he had brought before them, so as to secure such working as would expunge what was meaningless, and at the same time enhance the beauty of our ceremonies, offering to explain the ground he took to any brother who was desirous of information. Bro. Stevens then resumed his seat, having been speaking for two and a-half hours. He received the hearty congratulations of all present. Bro. C. E. Botley proposed that a hearty vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, be given to Bro. Jas. Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., for his most interesting lecture, and that the members further confer on him the honorary membership of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. F. Botley, and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks for the honour the Lodge had done him. Bro. J. Hunt 1656 and Bro. H. Sapsworth 1656 and 2032 were elected members. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge adjourned until Friday, 7th November, at eight o'clock.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington. Present—Bros. Mason W.M., Purdue S.W., Green J.W., Rev. M. Haine Chap. 205 Chaplain, Read Treas., Dehane Secretary, Laurence S.D., Cruttenden J.D., Brown I.G., Batley Steward, P.M.'s Spiegel, Andrews, Capt. Nicols, Chalfont, Levy, Morgan; also Bros. Lichtenfeld, Le Clair, Simpson, Dickinson, Day, Ferrier, Cliburn, Fowler, Mote, Robinson, Laundry, Eastgate, Monson, Webb, Wood. Visitors—C. L. Boswell 1339, H. W. Boswell 1339, Blake 1834. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren were then called off and on. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wood candidate. Bro. W. W. Morgan was then introduced by the W.M., and delivered his popular lecture on "The Masonic Institutions." Bros. Haine Chaplain 205, C. L. Boswell 1339, A. G. Boswell 1339, Blake J.D. 834 were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks and honorary membership was unanimously voted to Bro. Morgan for his services. Lodge was then closed until 17th November at 8 p.m.

Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.—A meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Criterion Hotel, Piccadilly. Present—Brothers Coleman W.M., Jacobs S.W., Kedgley J.W., Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, Bourne P.M. Sec., Dixon S.D., Bower Solomon J.D., Bassett W.S., Reynolds as I.G.; Visitors—Bros. Churchley P.M. 615 P.P.G.S. Kent, Jordan 1590, Levy P.M. 188, Moody 1580, Hayes 1318, Charton W.M. 1259, Renaut 1623. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Archibald Bryan, who was duly initiated into the Order perfectly and impressively. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and then Lodge was closed until the second Tuesday in December. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, and superintended by Bro. Bottini, that gave great satisfaction. The Rev. P. M. Holden having said grace, the W.M. in very eloquent terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. Jacobs then rose, and said: A pleasing duty devolved on him in proposing the health of the W.M. Many of them had seen Bro. Coleman initiated in the Lodge; he had performed his duties in the chair. He trusted when the time came for him to leave it they would think equally well of him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate. Bro. Bryan was one the Lodge was proud of. He had been introduced by Bro. Frank Gulliford, a son of a respected P.M. who was unavoidably absent. Bro. Bryan by his attention to the ceremony showed his appreciation of our ritual. The Initiate expressed the great pleasure he felt in responding to the toast. His great aim and ardent wish had been to become a Mason; he hoped in future years to show the brethren that he would be a credit to the Order, and assured them he would ever strive to uphold this ancient Institution. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which compliment Brother H. M. Levy Past Master 188, and Brother Churchley Past Master 615, severally responded. The toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge came next. They were all experienced in Masonry; with pride the W.M. announced that they had the Father of the Lodge and Treasurer, Bro. E. Jacobs P.M., present. Also Bro. Bourne P.M. and Secretary, a respected member; Simeon Jacobs P.M., one whose heart is in the right place may be accepted as the type of those brethren. All he (the W.M.) would ask was, the brethren to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. G. Jacobs P.M. and Treasurer, responded. The Past Masters appreciated the recognition of their services; they had been presented with jewels to wear on their breasts; this was an incentive to work for the interest of the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers; he mentioned their names seriatim; no better working brethren could be found. He was pleased to see among them an old and valued brother, the Rev. P. M. Holden, their respected Chaplain; he trusted his visits to them would be more frequent. Bro. J. Jacobs S.W. having responded, the Tyler's toast was given. The brethren enjoyed an agreeable musical evening, Bros. Ralph Thodey, Essex, and Unwin contributed, while Bro. Bassett exhibited some marvellous illusionist tricks. Great credit is due to Bro. S. Jacobs P.M. for his unremitting attention to the comfort of the brethren and visitors.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday 13th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Prior W.M., Stringer S.W., Williams J.W., Speight P.M. Sec., Banks S.D., Cooper J.D., Penrose I.G., Hutchings Preceptor; also Bros. Bolton, Good, Freeman, Dundridge, Pitt, Vint, Green, and Emblin. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pitt candidate. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and the chair was vacated by Brother Prior and taken by Brother Good, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother Freeman personating the candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Brother Stringer was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 13th instant, at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road. Present—Bros. Hammond W.M., Pringle S.W., Saint J.W., Horley Secretary, Oxley S.D., Wakeham J.D., Moss I.G., Fenner P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Pryce-Jones, Powell, Jones, Smith, Hirsch; Visitors, Bros. Geddes 1278 and Vickery 1475. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Pryce-Jones candidate. Brother Pryce-Jones answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pryce-Jones acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Brother Fenner worked the first and second sections of the first lecture assisted by the brethren. The Visitors named above were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and Brother Pringle was appointed to preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Worshipful Master for his able services in the chair. Nothing further being offered, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, at Bro. Bakers', Cock Tavern, High-bury, when there were present—Bros. Brock W.M., Turner S.W., Townsend J.W., Forge (Acting Preceptor) Treas., Collingridge Sec., Cusworth S.D., Baine I.G., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Atterton answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Western

acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when Bro. Snook as candidate for passing answered the usual questions. Lodge was resumed to the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as candidate. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till Monday, Nov. 17th, when Bro. Turner will occupy chair. Two members—Bros. Kirk 1767, and Batteru 163—were elected.

TRADITIONAL HISTORY OF THE ORIGIN OF ELLAN VANNIN MASONIC LODGE.

When King Orry invaded our fair Ellan Vannin,
The fog was so thick he could not get a man in;
Lighthouses and buoys
Were scouted as toys,
And the foghorn at Languess, which makes such a noise,
Was not yet set up in the land of the Manx,
With its dark frowning reefs, and its dangerous banks.
So this terrible rover,
Who just had come over
By the steamer which crosses from Calais to Dover,
And after a week in far-famed "Leicester Square,"
Whilst he sought in the "city" the sinews of war,
Had come to the Mersey, embarking again
At the docks all his powder, beef, biscuits, and men.
Then ahead by New Brighton,
Which then had no light on
The end of its long iron pier to invite one;
Then over the bar they went tossing and rolling
Like a horse which gets too much old oats caracolling.
But there, I'm no sailor, and cannot relate
How the tide was against them, and kept them so late
That the "bobbies" got tired, and the cabs wouldn't wait,
And the postmen and porters and touts left the pier—
That's they would, but it was not then standing, I fear.
A fog then arose
Such as London oft shows,
When you can't see a thing at the end of your nose,
And the king, who was qualmish, and peevish, too, swore,
By Odin, by Thor, by some dozens gods more,
That he'd pay off the Manx when he once got ashore.
Then he called out, "Aho!
Pass the word there, my boy,
To the pilot to come, his best skill to employ
To get us ——" Here Tom Taut, the pilot, stood by
With his "quid" in his cheek and his glass to his eye,
Touched his hat, made his scrape, and took several hitches
At his narrow-hipped, wide-angled, tarry, duck breeches.
And he said, "sir," said he,
"I am here as you see,
Now what do you want me for, great King Orree?"
"Why confound it," the King said, "you stupid old son
Of a long-rifled breech-loading, eighty-ton gun,
Don't you see, sir, that we
Are befogged here at sea,
And can't land in Douglas to go on the spree;
But I swear by great Odin, by Freya, by Thor,
By the piper that played before Moses begor,
That I'll skin you alive with a man-of-war cat
If you don't take us in; so mind what you are at."
When a viking so wild
As King Orry got riled
Very few of his crew looked too happy, or smiled,
But Tom Taut, the brave pilot, just turned his "quid,"
And proceeded at once to do what he was bid.
You may ask how on earth he could manage to steer
Though a fog thick as soup to the Battery Pier?
'Twas, you see, that Tom Taut,
As every man ought,
Had become a Freemason, and so had been brought
To the knowledge that either by day or by night
A Mason who once has discovered "the light,"
And acts on the Square, will be sure to steer right.
I won't take up your time,
Nor spin out my poor rhyme,
As I think that a long-winded tale is a crime,
In relating the wars by which Orry succeeded
In subduing the Isle, as we all know that he did.
Suffice it to say
On a subsequent day,
A long time after this, when just going to pay
The last debt of nature, he thought of the way
His fleet had been guided
By "Craft" he derided
To a land where his gains had been very decided;
So sent for an advocate trusty and skilled
To write out his testament. In it he willed
That his subjects of Mann,
Under pain of his ban,
Should found, and should consecrate, set up, and plan
A Lodge of Freemasons when he was no more
For a full thousand years, in eighteen eighty-four,
And should call it, when laid down with level and line,
The Lodge Ellan Vannin—two nought forty-nine.

25th October 1884.

G. H. S.

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, 15th NOVEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 1708—Orphous, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-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)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burlett R. W. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
 R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
 R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 189—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 564—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stopney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 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, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

- R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 469—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

- 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llanelw
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley

- R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
 R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
 R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
 R.A. 691—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
 R.A. 761—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
 R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
 M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, at 6

- Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 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)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.

- 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
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 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester

- 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse

1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Du ham House Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
 R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
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 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
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 M.M.—Newstead, Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 740—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—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)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
 R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Batlle
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 706—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)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Louth-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 K.T. 49—Komeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
 433—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 518—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 621—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.O.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 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)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerside, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

EARLY ARCHITECTS.

WE extract the following from the *Texas Freemason*, published at Fort Worth,—which has reached No. 10 of Vol 1:—

Thirty years ago our school histories used to tell us that Assyria was the oldest of nations, and that Nineveh was founded by Asshur, the son of Shem, about 2200 B.C., or two hundred years before Abraham, and the inference was that the first historical edifice, the Tower of Babel, was built by that people. But histories of to-day tell us that there was an earlier Chaldean kingdom, of a race akin to the Egyptians, a Hamitic race, who founded Babylon 2500 years B.C. Then we had wonderful accounts of a ruined tower which was plainly the Tower of Babel, showing evidences of destruction by lightning; but we now know that travellers were deceived by the ruins of the Temple of Nebo at Borsipar—Birs-i-Nimrod—of which the different stories were of different colours, to represent the sun, moon, and planets, and one story having been vitrified by heat might well appear to have been struck by lightning. But now comes a new discovery of a library dug up—a library of books written with a pen of iron, such as Job had in mind, and may have seen, for he lived across the great river nigh into Chaldea and in that day—and those books prove that there was a still earlier kingdom there, a Turanian race. But it is not even certain that this race built the Tower of Babel, for in Genesis we find that the people who found a plain in the land of Shinar "journeyed from the East." Now the Turanians, as well as the Noachites from Ararat, would have journeyed from the north or north-east; and looking east from Babylon we find the land of the Aryans. But whatever may have been the race who builded it, they evidently had no trained architect to direct them; their bricks were probably unburned, and slime was not the substantial cement which Nebuchadnezzar used, for that holds to this day.

But there is no question that in the reign of King Uruk (2326 B.C.), they built many fine temples, for in the British Museum is an inscribed stone from one at "Ur of the Chaldees," which Abraham doubtless read when he was a boy in that City, and his father Tarah was Captain of the King's Guards. Everything in that alluvial soil was builded of brick, which did not allow that scope for ornamentation that is found in stonework, but architectural genius demonstrated, and some day our savants will tell us who the builders were. Doubtless they were high officials, in favour with the priests and with the king. In later days, in the neighbouring kingdom of Assyria, where stone was used, we find wonders of art, which have been found worthy of transportation to the uttermost parts of the earth, and of being pictured forth to all the world. But even of artists so famous as these must have been, we have no record, and there is no trace of an organized guild of builders, as in Egypt. This is the more remarkable since we find such evidences of civilization. The people lived in great cities, in comfortable dwellings, transferred their lands by written deeds, at a time when the Jews simply plucked off a shoe as a testimony, and, withal, were akin to the Phoenicians who sent forth trained bands of builders to foreign parts. A great body of builders there must have been, and the trade must have descended from father to son, because that was the custom in early days with all nations. Some organization is therefore probable. Even if the workmen were serfs, the leaders were of consequence, and somewhere among the ruins some traces of them must sooner or later appear.

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